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## Fr Provincial's Easter Message

Ever since 39 Indians were captured in Mosul in June 2014, their families were waiting for their release and return, living on a false hope given by the Government that they were alive. They too had hope that they would be untied with their loved ones. But announcement by the External Affairs Minister on 20 March that they have been killed, brought down the skies upon all those eagerly waiting for their return, and their hopes were shattered.



Recently while travelling through the war affected areas of Northern Sri Lanka in the month of February, I experienced an atmosphere of sadness and at the same time felt the aspiration of the people for peace and happiness. There are simple people trying to get out of fear and anguish of the days of war and trying to overcome the trauma. There are young people who have grown from their innocent childhood and trying to grapple with the realities, with a deep dent on their emotions. It was not easy to fathom the conflict of emotions in the people of the region, who have experienced extreme violence and oppression, perhaps betrayal too. Thousands of people were simply wiped out and many have been physically affected. One can feel the unspoken anguish and pain behind the smiling faces of children and the grownups. But seeing the people living with past memories, the present with courage and having positive outlooks, fills one with consolation. The peaceful and beautiful surroundings coupled with the efforts of those in rehabilitation brings hope.

Easter gives us hope, following the experience of the Cross. Even before

accepting the Cross Jesus experienced deep anguish, when he cried out, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me" (Mt 26.39) and that cry of anguish includes the cries of thousands experiencing pains – physical, psychological, various oppressions, hatred, discrimination and much more. He did not turn away from the Cross, but completed the journey, as part of his commitment to the mission of the Father. Our pains and anxieties too get a new

meaning and do not exclude the great hope of transformation and new life. The resurrection of the Lord fills us with that hope, strength and courage, and spurs us on to commit to fight the challenges of life and to bring the good news of joy to the troubled hearts. May the Risen Lord fill the hearts of all people with joy and hope of new life!

## Appointment by Fr Provincial

	Name	From	To	Status
01	Prabhakar Od dipali	Tundi	Vidyayoti	Theology
02	Oliver D	Chandankiyari	SN, Chennai	Philosophy
03	Sanir Indvar	Ahmedabad	SN, Chennai	Philosophy
04	James Deep Xabio	Ahmedabad	DNC, Pune	Philosophy
05	Sarjiban Tirkey	Lupungutu	Loyola Chennai	PG in Physics
06	Binod Horo	Tepasai	LCE , Telco	B. Ed.
07	Praveen Jose	HLC	Tundi	Regency
08	Elias Ekka	Rutungia	Tepasai	Regency
09	Cajetan A	Basahatu	Lupungutu	Regency
10	Cyprian Soreng	Satya Nilayam	Rutungia	Regency
11	Naresh Digal	Juniorate	Mangalore	BA, Economics
12	Vital Dungdung	Juniorate	Ahmedabad	BA, Economics
13	Swethan Tirumelasetti	Juniorate	Mangalore	B. Sc. Zoology

## Appointment by Fr General

Fr Mark A. Ravizza, SJ, General Counselor



## News From Our Communities

### CHAIBASA AREA

#### Amda

**Fr. Gyan** convened a Governing Board meeting on Feb. 28...With the exception of Sr. Suchita who was in Ranchi for their Chapter, all the members were present. Fr. Provincial, chaired the meeting. After the meeting special vegetable **Biriani** was served and enjoyed by all. On 1 March, Amda and Basahatu community had a budget meeting in Basahatu. On 2 March, Gyan had gone to Raipur for an urgent work and came back on 5 March. Amda

#### SRA Strengthens Collaboration

Jesuits and the Sisters had gone to Basahatu to celebrate **Fr. Pawan's** birthday on March 13. Again on 14 March, Gyan had gone to Basahatu for the School Managing Committee meeting. On March 17, the Provincial of FC Sisters, dropped in here for refreshment and was picked up by Sr. Emelda, the Superior of Siadih community. Gyan attended the Governing Board Meeting of TRTC on 19<sup>th</sup> evening. The next day Sr. Kavita, the SRA Provincial came to Amda with two Sisters for Basahatu and in the afternoon took them to Basahatu for the formal welcome in their new residence at the girl's hostel. Fr. Provincial and the

#### John Sumbrui

Basahatu Superior, **Alex Misquith** were there to welcome them. On 22 March, Gyan and SRA Sisters had gone to Jamshedpur for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. **Fr. Gyan** was the main celebrant for the Palm Sunday liturgy and **Fr. John** will take on Maundy Thursday. **Anil Dang** had come to Amda on 24 March to give a recollection to the faithful and hear confession in preparation for Easter. He too celebrated the holy Eucharist with them.

#### Basahatu

**Fr. James Samad**, the Headmaster, organized a Parent-Teacher Meeting before declaring the results and report card. The turnout went beyond our expectations and even newly constructed multi-purpose hall could not accommodate the entire crowd. The sea of joy and expectations was visible on their faces to see the performance of their children. After the result, no

#### SRA Opens Another Community

one showed slightest hesitation to readmit their children into the school for the next year and the Headmaster is comfortably sitting with enough number of students to begin the new academic year. A new page in the history of Basahatu has opened. The SRA Congregation opened its another house at Basahatu on March 20<sup>th</sup>. **Fr. George Fernandes**, Provincial and Sr. Provincial of their congregation, graced the occasion. Fr Provincial blessed the new residence of the Sisters and welcomed the

#### Cajetan A

new team consisting Sr. Rosmin, Sr. Savita and Sr. Seema. They will collaborate in school, hostel and pastoral ministry of our mission. **Fr. Alex Misquith**, the Parish Priest and **Fr. Pawan** are on their missionary feet, visiting villages after villages of Basahatu Parish, hearing confessions and celebrating Eucharist to the faithful.

#### Lupungutu

This is the first time ever, St Xavier School, Lupungutu is

#### Board Exam Thrill Denied

spared from being a secondary board examination center. Though the entire

#### Ranjit Roshan Minj

school is on session break, class 9<sup>th</sup> students are sweating it out to

complete the board exams. During the session break, teachers had one-day orientation program, conducted by Fr Sahay, the Principal of St Xavier's Boys school, Chaibasa.

**CG Thomas**, the coordinator of +2 section took 70 students of standard 11<sup>th</sup> for a tour to Kerala, accompanied by **Sanjay** and teachers.

During the session break, first year candidates had intensive English class.

Ranjit is busy in vocation promotion work and organizing vocation camps in different places. He also went to Kolkata pre-novitiate for the four sheet of the Jamshedpur pre-novices.

TRTC	Reaching the Unreached	Ranjeet Kindo
<p>With the spirit of Networking and Collaboration, <b>Tony PM</b> accepted the invitation of TERI, Delhi to present tribal perspectives on development to government officials and students, which was so balanced and appealing that the organization sent four students to TRTC to study the effects of development and the possibilities of developmental alternatives in Guira village from 5-15 of March. On 13 March, Tony attended the District Mining Fund meeting in TRTC organized by the Centre</p>	<p>for Science and Environment, Delhi, in which the CSE clarified the roles of TRTC in getting the District Mining Fund to reach the villages where mining is being done. <b>'Chetna Manch'</b>, Chaibasa, celebrated the Women's Day in CNI, Church, drawing a large number of women from different denominations. Mr. Joe Hill, a friend, along with his family and a couple of others from Ranchi visited TRTC, and having TRTC as their base, accompanied by Tony, moved to different places of West and East Singhbhum where Joe had worked earlier. TRTC sent four farmers to Badlao Institute to Agriculture Management, Ranchi for training on Traditional Agriculture Practices. <b>Ranjeet Kindo</b> went all the way to Delhi to attend the</p>	<p>JESA and the Lok Manch Organization coordinators meetings from 10-13 March in ISI, Delhi where the need for networking and collaboration was emphasized. On 19 March Fr. Provincial came for the budget meetings of St. Xavier's High School and TRTC. <b>Renny Abraham</b> is back from Lonavla with renewed spirit for networking and collaboration. Heavy bookings at TRTC for various training programmes kept the Administrator cum Minister busy and happy.</p>

### DHANBAD AREA

Bhuli	Cashless School Promotes Online Life	Sushil Suman
<p><b>Saby</b> gave his expert inputs to the teachers to plunge into teaching-learning process before all the DNS units began the new academic session from March 7. This year more than 250 students have been admitted and some are still looking for a seat. Five new teachers have been recruited for the two new</p>	<p>sections in lower classes. This year CMRI and Bhuli have taken a modest leap to start online payment and hopefully the other units will follow them seeing the rate of success. On 16 March, two externals came to inspect the school for the final affiliation and indeed were impressed by the infrastructure of the school for the expected affiliation. Now the senior section too has the Teach Next digital boards in all the classrooms. <b>Greg</b> faithfully</p>	<p>supervised all the ICSE exam centers in Dhanbad-bokaro. On March 12, <b>Fr. Amatus</b>, Dean of Dhanbad, arranged a birthday celebration for Fr. Charles in Bhuli, where all the coalfield clergy were invited.</p>

Digwadih	Alumni – Free Health Camps	Oscar Horo
<p>The GB Meeting of Jealgora was held on 3 March to discuss the proposed Budget for 2018-19 for all 9 Units of De Nobili Jealgora in Dhanbad. The alumni association of Digwadih organized a medical camp at Chadankyari where five hundred patients came for treatment and free medicine. <b>Fr. Saleth</b> made all necessary arrangements at St. Mary's centre. Another camp was held on 18 March at DNS Digwadih campus. The alumni association</p>	<p>wants to continue this free clinic every month to help the local people. On 1 March, DNS FRI gave away the Report cards for the session 2017-18, which shows a sustained growth and improved results towards hard and tireless work. The New Academic session begins with renewed energy to fulfil all our plans for the students. The new goals to be identified and dreams to be turned into reality. On 3 March the session commenced with “Teachers Orientation Programme” given by <b>Fr. S. Tony Raj</b> who emphasized the importance of “IPP-Care for All” ...highlighting the trinity of Teachers-Learners-Subject “in them...growth and</p>	<p>development as well as in building the emotional bridges between teachers and students. On 6 March, the teachers had a fruitful “Business Meeting” with the Principal, <b>Fr. A. Amaladoss</b> on the challenges faced by the administration and the teaching staff. The New Admission for the academic session 2018-19 for LKG and UKG were smoothly done. The classes began with vibrant and colorful ambience of the new budding Nobilians. The School</p>

successfully conducted the Board Exam of ICSE and ISC 2018.

Three of our eminent teachers from the Senior Section were given fond farewell on their

retirement, recognizing with appreciation the skills of the teachers and the knowledge they imparted to the future leaders. With heavy hearts we bid goodbye to Mr. Chandan Mukherjee (36 years of service), Mrs. Ravinder Bhatia (20 years) and Mr. Ajit

Lakra (26 years). The new teachers to fill in, have already started functioning with smiles in the campus.

### Gomoh

### DBH Alumni is Born

### Romanus Tete

With 150 old students, the first DBH alumni meet was held on 3 March in the Hindi School, which was graced by **Frs. Saleth, Edward Saldhana, Rocky, Cornelius and Pradeep,** and cherished by all. **Alex** and **Sushil** organized the annual picnic for the staff of

Hindi School on 19 March. The Annual Examinations for the lower classes of the Hindi School was held from 5 March. The Annual Examinations for the lower classes of the Hindi School was held from 5 March and the new academic year began on 12 March. The International Women's Day was celebrated on 4 March at Nirmala Ashram, Gobindpur, for the Dhanbad Deanery.

**Romanus Tete** accompanied 19 parishioners to Gobindpur bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the competition. **Fr. Valerian Lobbo** was invited to preach a three-day Lenten Retreat for the Gomoh parishioners from 23 to 25 March... was well appreciated.

### Koradih

### Saleth urges for Maximum Utility

### Sushil Suman

On March 6, **Fr. Saleth** came to share his experiences for the teacher's orientation day where he emphasized how to assert and utilize maximum resources for the growth of the school and the students, making it an enriching

experience for all. From this academic year standard 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> have been shifted to the senior block, though the Administrative block and the class rooms are still to be completed. At the same time amid noise in the ground floor, Plus Two board exams were condu

cted without any hiccups. The school and all the teachers are busy working for the inauguration cum parents' nite on April 5...you are most welcome!

## JAMSHEDPUR AREA

### GJR

### Season of Home Coming

### Amrit Kujur

The home coming season has begun and our young men in formation are returning to the Province for summer vacation. A meticulously planned summer program by the PCF, makes GJR only a transit house for many of them.

**Fr Ranjit Bilung,** brought Fr Antone of Kerala Province, his co-tertian in Goa for a visit to the province. He was inspired by the many unique frontier missions of our province. **Fr Lourdusamy** was driven to Mercy Hospital

from Ranchi for chest congestion and keep check-on his blood pressure. Staying almost a week in the hospital, he spent a day at GJR and left for Ranchi by OLA. Our philosophers, Schs. **Akhilesh, David and Samuel** are doing a commendable job of setting up the house library for the easy access of books. Next time, you find your favourite books at right place.

GJR hosted Jamshedpur Deanery school heads' meeting called by **Rev Bishop Felix Toppo, S.J.,** for formulating a common policy for faith formation of Christian students. A committee is formed to organize common programs for the next academic

year for the students of class from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. On March 22, **Fr George Cheradayil** called finance commission meeting to discuss the budget for the FY 18-19.

**Maximillian Lakra** made a quick home visit to see his ailing brother. Amrit Kujur is a very studious student and is never tired of studying and completing assignments. For the Curia members, 24 hours seem to be insufficient, and they are into the job with passion.

### Jilling

### Admission Pressure Creeps in

### Sylvester Ekka

In February, we had smooth classes without any interruption for new admissions. The total number now stands at 552, which is higher than the previous years. During the last two months, our students participated in English Spelling, Singing and Drawing Competitions with a lot of

enthusiasm. The most thrilling event of the month was 'Excursion to Kolkata City' on 18 March. Altogether 60 students and 12 staff members were found fit for the excursion, coordinated by the Headmaster. We are deeply indebted to **Fr. Niranjan Minj** who was our guide and made it an exciting tour with boat ride on Hugli River under the famous Howrah Bridge. We are also extremely grateful to the Rector, minister and

Jesuits of St. Xavier's College community, Kolkata, for their hospitality cum accommodation and meals arranged in the college canteen. The experience gained during this excursion will be cherished for a long time. On March 1, **Fr. Provincial** quietly turned up to discuss and give the final touch to our annual Budget.

His personal interest has inspired the community to offer the best. On 22 March, **Frs. Praful and Sylvester** went to celebrate the Chrism Mass at Golmuri and returned with grace and joy. We now have two young bulls for the farm intending to increase productivity in farming.

### LCE, Telco

### Alumni Thrust - 3Rs

### Gulshan Kujur

“Creativity Week” in LCE began with an innovative competition on Model Making and illustrative charts for the first years on the Feb 28 and Mar 1. The panel of judges comprised of Ms. A. Subashini (Srinath College of Education, Adityapur) and Mr. Florence Beck (Co-operative College) and Ms. Kavita Gabri (Loyola School).

Having had two months of teaching practice in the city schools, the senior students resumed their classes on Mar 4, 2018 with an evaluation report. To prepare them to take up jobs, LCE organized “placement week” with a seminar on “How to Face an Interview” on Mar 6. A mock interview was held on the Mar 8 which was followed by two long days of placement

drive. A few candidates were luckier than others and got appointment letters from their respective practice teaching schools.

In order to revive and rejuvenate the alumni of LCE, The Alumni Association of Loyola College of Education, Jamshedpur (AALCEJ) launched a membership drive with a programme titled “Reconnect, Reminiscence and Rejoice” at LCE for the present students participating in various competitions like Ad Mad Show, Funk out of Junk, Rangoli and Lesson Plan competitions. The concept was conceived and executed by a few of our alumni; namely, Nargis Modan, Lalith Sareen, Suman Sarkar, Francis Joseph, Suchanda, Amrit and Pompei Das. Dr. Monika Uppal and Ms. Anjali Kumari Sah coordinated the entire episode on behalf of AALCEJ. The present students enthusiastically participated in a fair spirit of competition and collaboration under the slogan “New Leaves, Stronger Roots”

**Tony** offered several orientation programmes to DNS, CTPS, Xavier School,

Gamharia, VIG School, Chotta Govindpur, MTC, Tata Motors and Department of Education, SXC-Kolkata. In all his orientations, he has focused on Emotional Intelligence.

On the LCS front, the new academic session started on the Mar 12 preceded by an orientation programme for the parents of LKG under the stewardship of **Sunil** on the Mar 8, so as to introduce them to the Jesuit Culture and Legacy. On the Mar 9, Mrs. Sunita Sinha, the Principal of Gulmohar School took the teachers on an educative journey on child psychology with sub-title classroom activities, parenting, methodology and teacher-student bonding.

### XITE

### Set to Host Zonal Athletic Meet

### C Gautam

**Xavier School:** On 3 March, the Progress report card was given out and the Text books cum stationeries were made available for sale. Orientation for the teachers was held on 6 March, and on 7, a workshop for the teachers on 'teacher effectiveness in the classroom' was conducted by **Fr. P Tony Raj** from Loyola College of Education. Thereafter, they spent their time preparing the syllabuses for the new session. Orientation for the parents of L.K.G and U.K.G was held on 9, and for the new students of Std. I to Std. VIII was held on 10 March.

Xavier school is going to host the **22nd ASISC Zonal Athletic Meet** on 6 and 7 of April. About 30 ICSE schools of Jamshedpur zone are expected to participate in this mega event. For this

purpose, the playground is getting ready to host the athletes. The ERC under the leadership of **Fr. Pancras** is organizing a workshop for teachers of Hindi medium schools of Jamshedpur in X.I.T E campus from 3 to 5 April.

The new academic session 2018-19 began on 12 March but the K.G classes started from 15. The election for the Student Council was held on Friday, 23 March and the installation was held on 28. **Fr. Edward Saldanha**, our parish priest from St. Mary's Bistupur, was the Chief Guest for the occasion who advised the office bearers “**always to lead by encouraging the heart**”.

**XITE College:** Prof. Dr. Jansi Rani, from XLRI, has joined XITE in the Commerce Department in place of Prof. Dr. Sonia Riyat who resigned from her job in the first week of March 2018. On 10 March, the annual Parents' Day was organized...and in the absence of the Principal, who was away at XLRI attending an important Workshop (REGAE), the Vice-Principal held the fort and managed the programme well. A

Strategic Planning Meeting of XITE Gamharia was convened by the Principal in the International Center, XLRI, for which **Frs. Provincial, Socius, E Abraham, Jerry Cutinha, P Anthony, and some fathers** from XITE were present. The main point of discussion was to increase the number of admission for the coming session. A good number of plans were proposed and approved for implementation.

Personnel representing Auto Cluster, Adityapur, took sessions on various courses they offer in their campus. Mr. Shubham, an alumnus of XITE and now the State Coordinator of IIT Mumbai online free courses, took sessions for our students to enlighten them about the free courses they offer. Resource persons from the Solar Energy

University conducted a session on Solar Energy Technology cum the certificate courses they offer. A Competition on Power Point Presentation like Computer Application, Commerce, Business Studies,

and Law-Economics was conducted by the Education Group for all our students. Some 60 plus students went for a Science Exhibition and tour of Atomic Energy Resource Center at Sunder Nagar. Our students took part in the Youth Festival organized by the Kolhan University, bagged

5 prizes and stood 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall prize tally of the University. Finally, the B.Com Second Semester Students have begun their First Semester University Exams from 26 March.

### ODISHA AREA

Kalijharan	Bene's Detachment Surprises Parishioners	Pascal Dhanwar
<p>The main architect of Kalijharan parish, Fr. <b>Bene</b> bid farewell to the community and parish on 15 January. The parishioners shared with him the feeling of Jesuit spirit in transfer as it was hardly one year of the establishment of the parish. <b>Alfred Bodra</b> is the new parish priest who is fresh with new ideas and innovation. In keeping with the practice, we have completed the house blessing and hearing confession in all the units. We have two</p>	<p>novices here for their village experience. Our Lenten retreat continues as Anil <b>Dang</b> gave a three days retreat to our parishioners with over 120 participants. This year, the Good Friday way of the cross will be acted out by the people, starting from the church to the Kalwari hill pilgrimage Centre. The Easter Mass too will be offered on the top of the hill. <b>Ranjit</b> came for a camp at Sambalpur parish to cast his net, got eleven aspirants, willing to join the Jesuits. On 10 March we had a fire in the school campus caused by the people who put fire to collect Mahua, as a result all our plants got burnt. Our approach road from</p>	<p>kalijharan village to the Jesuits resident is better and smooth now with new Murum. To carry on the legacy, <b>Bodra</b> preached a three-day retreat to the parishioners and went to Sambalpur to give a recollection to the CRI group of Sambalpur diocese. Now we have a new volleyball court and the youngsters from around come to explore their skills in this game keeping the parish campus alive.</p>

Kalinganagar	Tata Recommits to the Mission	Augustine Surin
<p>On 12, we went to Bhubaneswar, while <b>Augustine Vattamattam</b> met his niece, <b>Augustine Surin</b> attended GB meeting of LES and OJS. On 14, we returned to Kalinganagar along with Vatta's niece. The same day we had a</p>	<p>video conference with Mr. Sunil Bhaskaran, who addressed a few pivotal issues regarding the school. A follow-up meeting was held on 16 with the Head of Admin. On 18, <b>Fr. Provincial</b> on his way to Jamshedpur dropped in and was updated with the latest development on the Kalinganagar mission.</p>	<p>Amidst uncertainties, we began our new academic session on 19 March, having 25 new admissions and with the hope of getting a few more.</p>

Loyola Bhavan	Cheerful Givers - round the clock	George Anthony
<p>Our Superior, K.M Joseph had a packed schedule. He was busy with CZ REGAE Meet, OJS, LES and JJS Finance Meet, Province Consult in Jamshedpur, Meeting the Regents in the Province, arranging for the Scholastics' Summer Programme, Lenten Recollections for Holy Spirit Sisters and the Priests and Religious of Balasore Diocese and attending XUB</p>	<p>Convocation. He juggled the various assignments with a cheerful smile. Benji welcomed guests and we had VIP Guests, Bp.Simon Kaipuram,C.M, Balasore Bishop along with our Provincial for dinner on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Benji plans to go to Kandhamal for the Holy Week services. Gerry having finished the OJS, LES and JJS Finance Meetings, is getting ready for the Audit of the various OJS and LES Units next month. George was busy with the closing ceremony of the 10-month Residential Sewing and</p>	<p>Design Course for 60 Rural Girls in the three VRO Residential Centres of North and South Orissa. All the trainees were awarded VRO Course Completion Certificate and have found placements through the Block in various Industrial Units. May God bless them with a Bright and Happy future with the Skill learnt.</p>

Loyola School	Dos and Don'ts of Victor	Gilbert Menezes
<p>In the beginning of March the teachers from the English School came for paper corrections, promotion meetings and</p>	<p>distribution of report cards. The 3-day Teacher's orientation began on 8 March. The first day was for the Principal to share his plans, expectations, changes and dos and</p>	<p>don'ts for the coming year. The second day was spent in planning the syllabus. On the third day, Dr. Monica Uppal, a</p>

professor of Loyola B. Ed. College, Jamshedpur, updated the teachers on 'Lesson Planning' and other related matters. On 11 March, **Gilbert** was the main celebrant for the Mass of the Holy Spirit for the catholic students, teachers and the parents. On 12 March, the new academic session began with the morning assembly, the

principal's address and then followed the regular classes. The parents of the newly admitted LKG students had their orientation on 14 March and regular classes from 15. After the election of school president, vice president, house captains and vice captains, the new student council was constituted and the investiture ceremony took place on 29 March.

The Odia School began their annual exams on 5 March, and on 18 March had the

entrance tests for the candidates who had applied for admission to Std. II to IX. After the evaluations, the promotion meetings followed...thereafter the Odia School distributed the report cards on 22 March. The community was the venue for the LES and OJS GB and budget meetings, which was chaired by the Provincial.

### Rutungia

### Children adopt a tree

Romanus Kerketta

The month began with the festival of colours. **Frs. Victor** and **Sanay** along with two novice assigned to have missionary experience at Minjaponka began their journey early in the morning from Bhubaneswar to Rutungia to escape being coloured on the way. However, they reached fully coloured. The Provincial, **Fr. George** came to Rutungia for visitation on 15. We are grateful to him for his concern and encouragement. **Sch. Elias** attended monthly recollection at

Mango on 17. **Fr. Sylverius** is glued to his account books to fulfil the demands of OJS treasurer's office.

In the pastoral field **Fr. Romanus** organized two three-day retreats. Even though quite a good number of faithful made their retreat in a meaningful way *Mahua* kept many away from retreat. The SCC groups are being formed to revitalize the faithful. Romanus participated in Portoma feast on 5 March where Holy Mother Mary had appeared to a woman 24 years ago under Daringbadi parish.

School Management Committee met on 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss on appointment of trained teachers so that school may get renewed NOC. Fr Victor

is motivating the students to plant trees and take care of them as part of environment awareness program. From 19 to 23 the students were given special task to improve handwriting in English and Odia. The annual parents' meeting was held on 24. It was a very peaceful meeting. Hats off to **Fr. Victor** for conducting meaningful and peaceful meeting! Happy Easter!

### XIMB/XUB

### Foundation Stone is Laid for 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase

Alwyn Rodrigues

A National Conference on "Remembering Mahatma Gandhi: Compassion and Relevance for our times" was organized by the Centre for Humanities and Peace studies on 30-31 January. The conference was inaugurated by the Honourable Governor of Odisha Dr S C Jamir. There were many paper presentations and intellectual discussions of relevance of Gandhi during the conference. There were two more national conferences organized by the Centre for Urban Management and Governance, and School of Commerce. Students are busy

preparing for their final exams. The foundation stone for the third phase of buildings in Xavier City Campus (XUB) was laid on 9<sup>th</sup> March and the construction has begun.

First hostel day "Xuhotsav 18" was celebrated by the UG students of the University on 17<sup>th</sup> February. It was well organized by the students, staff and Fr Alwyn, the hostel in-charge. Our community members went to different cities to conduct admission interviews for MBA programs for the next academic year; Frs. Tony, Kiran and Alwyn to Mumbai, Frs. Arock, Joshy to Delhi and again Fr. Tony to Bangalore. Frs. Donald and Augustine conducted the interviews in XIMB itself. This year there is a big increase in number of applications for different XUB courses.

Fr Joshy was one of the resource persons for the workshop on "Digital Media for Formation" conducted by CBCI at Nav Sadhna Varanasi. Fr Donald attended the province finance commission meeting at Jamshedpur. Fr. Paul attended the convocation and board meeting of XLRI. Fr Lourduraj visited his ailing mother and attended some course work as part of his doctoral studies in Karunya University, Coimbatore. Two brothers of Fr Kiran visited XIMB and XUB. The 4<sup>th</sup> convocation of XUB (PG programs) will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March in XIMB.

## FORMATION HOUSES

### Rome

### 16 to be Deacons

Basil Sanga

In February, after having a heavy semester exam, we had a break

for a week. As a group we went out for 2 or 3 days...and now begun the second semester.

This year 16 scholastics are going to be ordained deacons on

3 April. They are preparing for this and in retreat now. In the month of February **Fr. Abraham**, the director of XLRI, was here in Rome for 3 days meeting. Four of us met in the Gregorian Jesuit community for lunch and spent some time together. It is a joy to tell that **Mahesh** (Beadle) of the Scholastics at “Collegio Internazionale del Gesu, Rome.” Fr. General Arturo Sosa visited our community on 16 March to interact and share the experience of his recent visit in India.

### Vidyaniketan

### Final Push ...

### Sch. Vital Dungdung

As we move towards the final phase of the academic year, we had the Academy Day on 25<sup>th</sup> February. On this significant day we put up almost eighteen excellent cultural items. In the beginning of March, we paid a visit to Loyola Institute, Sreearyam. There we had a

session on the topic “**Networking and Collaboration**” in the Society of Jesus. This was followed by a short prayer service and a sumptuous dinner hosted by Loyola Fathers. After writing the Standardized Assistancy Test, we celebrated **Ugadi**, one of the major feasts of Andhra and Telangana. The Mass was offered by Fr. Prabhu, the minster and professor, who recently took his final vows.

In this month we had a three-day course on “**Psycho Spiritual Integration**” offered by Fr. Emma (MDU). After an array of activities, Vidyaniketan wears a serious atmosphere of study for the third and final exams.

### Across the Brige. RIP

05 March - Fr. Valerian Vaz, S.J. (BOM, 65/42), Vasai, Bombay

08 March – Fr. Joseph Pinto, S.J. (GOA, 87/66), Goa

12 March – Fr Peter Paul Ekka (RAN, 65/45), Guwahati

15 March - Fr. Cedric Rebello, S.J. (BOM, 77/60),

Nashik, Bombay

### Anniversaries

01	Michael J Kavanag	27	Walter Cook	30	Tharcisius Mariasusai
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### Happy Birthday to you .....

01	Ranjeet Bilung		Mahesh Nayak	20	Raphael Lakra
02	John Karuvelil		Jyoti Ranjan Sanga	21	Anselem Dungdung
	Benedict Soreng	12	Donald D'Silva	24	Pascal Burh
05	Benedict Kichingia	14	David Kullu	26	Stanislaus Lourduswami
	Arjun Lomga	15	Leslie Rethesh Cutinho		Antony Sanay Soreng
	Ashish Kumar Beero	16	Cyprian Soreng	28	Thomas Nelliakunnel
07	Walter Kongari	17	Vikram Kisku	30	Tej Kumar Kullu

### Basahatu Welcomes Sr. Rosmin, Sr. Savita and Sr. Seema.

