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Fr Provincial's Programme - August

1	Visitation Kendrapara
2	Management Board Meeting - XUB
3	AGM XIMB/XUB
4	Visitation Sankhabhanga
6	AGM XLRI
8 – 9	Superiors' Meeting - XLRI
10 – 12	Central Zone Visitation
13	AGM Loyola JSR
16	AGM DNJ
18	AGM XITE
20	CREM (AM)
	Province Consult (4 PM)
21	Consult if required
22	Visitation Gandedungri
23 – 24	Visitation Loyola JSR
25	AGM LCE
26	AGM TRTC (3.30pm)
	AGM LPG (5.30pm)
29	AGM CSWC

Announcements

Catechists' Special Programme

Respected Fathers of all Parishes of Jamshedpur Diocese, please send your catechists for the **Catechists' Special Program on the Jubilee Year of Mercy and Family**. **Place:** Divya Bharati, Chaibasa. **Date:** From Monday August 29, at 5.00 pm to Thursday September 1, 2016, pm. Registration Fee: Rs 150/- per head to be paid at the time of arrival. Resource Person: Fr Philip from Nav Jyoti Niketan, Patna. Please confirm your participation on or before 25 August 2016.

Education Resource Center

Schools that have not submitted the Proforma for JEA-SA and Central Zone are requested to submit without further delay. Heads of schools are requested to submit the ERC approach to Curriculum Design and Training Need Identification and Training Programme Requisition form as early as possible.

Appointment by Fr General: Fr. **Christopher Soh Yeow Fook** (MAS), Regional Superior of the Dependent Region of Malaysia-Singapore.

Appointments by Fr POSA

Fr. Siji Varghese Noorokaiyil, SJ (PAT), Assistency Development Officer & Coordinator PDDs.

Br. Siluvainathan, SJ (PAT), Brothers' Coordinator of the South Asian Assistency.

Fr. Seraphim S. Tirkey SJ (DUM), M.Th, earmarked for JDV residing at DNC.

Fr. Jerome Kerketta SJ (JAM), Doctoral Studies at JDV, earmarked for VJ Delhi, residing at DNC.

Fr. Arul Elango SJ (AND), JRS Sri Lanka, attached to Jesuit Residence, Jor Bagh, Delhi.

Fr. Kurian Emprayil, SJ (CCU), Rector of Regional Seminary, Chandigarh Diocese, extention

Fr. Stephen Ekka, SJ (MAP), spiritual Director, Minor Seminary, Gurugram Delhi.

Br. Kuriakose Vellaringattu SJ (CCU), Guyana Mission

Appointments by Fr Provincial

Fr Gerald Ravi D'Souza, Revisor of Houses in Odisha, wef 28 Jul 2016

Fr Anthony Pancras, Headmaster, Loyola School Chaira, wef 01 Aug 2016

Fr Dayanidhi Bisoi, Headmaster, Loyola Hindi and Loyola English Teacher, wef 01 Aug 2016

Special News of the Month

ERC

On 16 July 2016, 30 Heads of Schools of Jamshedpur Province gathered at MDP, XLRI for a trend setting meeting convened by the ERC with the theme PROSPECTIVE PLANNING FOR FUTURE READY SCHOOLS 2016. Delivering the Keynote address, Fr. Provincial stressed upon facing the emerging challenges in our schools with NEW MIND-SET, TOOL-SET AND SKILL-SET, hence the ERC is born as a new entity to help restructuring of our school governance with well-defined strategic curriculum design and in-service training programmes.

Dr. Pinky Midha, an ERC team member, presented the Jamshedpur Province Education Policy and initiated a session where the Policy was revisited and key tenets recollected. Picking the thread from here, Fr. Tony Raj, the Director of ERC & PCE, deliberated upon ERC's Need Assessment, Objectives and Outcome as a Province-driven body to speed up realizing the twin objectives: Research on School Text Books and In-service training programs for on-roll teachers. He underlined that "Knowledge Banking" and "Knowledge

Education Resource Center is Born

Sharing" is ERC's aim in pooling & tapping resources within and sharing it with our sister institutions.

Based on these initial thought sharing sessions, the heads of English Schools chose to focus on three critical skill training for teachers: a) Counseling Course for teachers, b) Training on implementation of positive discipline in class and c) Communication Skills with a focus on phonetics. On the other hand, the Vernacular School Heads, in an exclusive session in the afternoon, have shortlisted need-specific areas of training for their schools: a) health camps and talks on health and hygiene by physicians. b) Motivational seminar for students c) Counseling for parents and students and d) Session for students on how to face the exams.

On launching IN-HOUSE TEXT BOOKS, the delegates had cautioned ERC to hold the move until such time the ICSE board announces the new curriculum in 2018; however, the body has endorsed the move to textbook composition for KG & Grade 1 as they don't fall within the framework of the board. ERC is entrusted with the responsibilities to head start this project once the schools offer the resource persons from each of the schools. It was voted that the next ERC meeting of Heads of Schools would be held at XUB, BBSR in Jan 2017.

Finally, the Provincial made the following three key observations:

a. ERC to bring in an amendment document of our Educational policy by incorporating policy guidelines with regard to Child

P. Tony

Protection, Sexual Harassment and Corporal Punishment

b. ERC to coordinate the inter-school cultural fest and athletic/sport tournaments

c. ERC to monitor the installation of CCTV as mandatory rather than discretionary.

ERC stands grateful to all our Heads of Schools for enriching the meeting with their presence and strategic suggestions to make our school education system vibrant. Hats off to Mrs. Jayanthi Sheshadri, an ERC team member, to stir the meeting through the dynamics of the day with perfect anchoring of each session. ERC also salutes Our **Socius Jerome** for capturing the proceedings with his canon camera – so candid and so clear. A clear man!

The movement has started cutting rough edges. Tony, as PCE, paid a visit to Xavier School, Gamariah to give a PEP TALK to 56 faculty members on the scope of ERC. On resource person identification trip to St. Xavier's High School, Lupungutu, Tony accompanied by **Jerome** had a lightening review of the new technology of running computer a lab with

single CPU that can support upto 40 users using monitor, keyboard and mouse with a special device called n-computing. This technology looks very effective in terms maintenance, mis-handling of system by the students,

consumption of electricity and without connecting to UPS. In the light of *Laudato Si* and to make computer training cost effective, "It must be promoted in all our schools and it works well" says Jerome! Tony and Dr Pinky undertook a visit to St. John's School, Tepasai and offered a talk to teachers "On teaching with a passion" on 26 July 2016 and on the

following day, 27 July; both of them visited St. Paul Miki School and interacted with teachers on the scope of ERC.

Gurukul

Pre-monsoon rains brought much relief to the burning heat and humidity. The refreshed body has enough fire to network the Peace Mission with the children of the entire country. Three more Church schools (St. Joseph's Sr. Secondary School, St. Mary's School, and Nirmala Convent School) and Fatima College from Madurai, Tamilnadu have become partners of Peace Mission. The enthusiastic and peace loving students and staff of these institutions have already written 49 letters to their counterparts in Pakistan.

Connecting the Dots of Peace

In Kerala His Grace Archbishop Francis Kallarakkal of Verapoly Archdiocese agreed to be a Patron of the Peace Mission and Bishop Joseph Karikkassery of Kottapuram diocese showed his desire that his entire Diocese become part of this noble cause. On his recommendations I addressed the students of two schools: St. Ann's Senior Secondary School in Kottapuram and St. Francis Xavier High School in Thiruthipuram. I had to give the programme twice in St. Anne's School of Kottapuram because the number of the students was too big. Besides students, I also addressed Lawyers and civil society in Ernakulam. At the end of the meeting they volunteered to form a committee to network this mission with other institutions. A South Korean organization called 'Heavenly

Joe Kalathil

Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light' (HWPL) in collaboration with the Institute of Sikh Studies, organized a seminar on 'Peace' to deal with the problems like: How to stop wars and conflicts among religions, what can the Religious Leaders do to promote Peace and Harmony and so on. I spoke on the Christian view of Peace according to Bible which was appreciated well by the audience. Later the Institute of Sikh Studies asked my permission to publish my talk in their periodical.

Sarva Milan

On 3 July, in Cheshire Home Sundernagar, some 60 college girls and boys showed up in spite of pouring rain throughout the day. A simple lunch was provided. I gave them the Ignatian Contemplation to Obtain Love. The college girls

Why not me, Lord?

and boys interacted with the people in Cheshire Home. There was a very deep and serious reflection on the Love of God. I put to them the basic question: why did God make the people of Cheshire Home the way they are; and why am I not created the way these people are? Result: utter amazement and wonder at the patient ways of God being with

Emile Coelho

me. The bottom line: God loves me; created me for a special purpose which only I can fulfill in this world. Marvelous, the way the college girls and boys were led to the Love of God, which they tangibly experienced.

News From Our Communities

Amda

Fr Clement passed through a double shock: his maternal uncle passed away on 2 July and his sister's mother in-law on 5 July. Though, he could make it to the funeral service of his uncle at Lowadih, the other one he

9 Belgian Students Visit CSWC

could not attend because of lack of communication. CSWC had the privilege of welcoming nine Belgium students and briefing them its activities. They had first hand encounter with leprosy patients. Clement attended the meeting on V Schedule in Chaibasa coordinated by Devendranath

John Sumbrui

Champia and then went to Chennai along with the Physiotherapist Bhawanad attended the RCS Action plan and budget planning meeting in Chennai.

Chaira

In the last few months we are living in a changed as well as uncertain scenario, as the Headmaster, **Fr Francis Bodra**,

In Tim's Way

had to be relocated. In his absence **Fr. Timothy Kiro** has been holding the fort in his own inimitable way: silently, patiently and without much ado. Then came the Tsunami

Tony Stevens

of transfers: The young and energetic and most loved by the students Sch. Santosh Minj went to resume his theology

studies at Ranchi, and out of four Sisters three of them were transferred. The kindle of hope reignited on arrival of Sr Angini,

Sr Irma and Sr Manju as the Superior. Our Superior, Fr. Tom, is once again in his black coat and spends his time fighting legal battles in the subdivisional Court in

Ghatshila from June. The Spirit is willing but the clients are few. All the best Tom in your new environment.

Divya Bharati

Fr Cyril Tigga rushed home hearing about the sudden demise of his elder brother Pascal Tigga on 1 July, leaving behind three young sons and his wife. His sister-in-law went into depression and needed to be admitted in the hospital for some days. He had to rush back as there were a lot of activities pipelined for the month. The month witnessed several important events and Divya Bharati was buzzing with the presence of children and adults. Fr Provincial made his annual visitation on 7 July and it was the moment of grace to re-root in our religious life as well as into the mission that is given to us. On 9 July, 2016,

Nurturing Faith of the Adolescents

Divya Bharati Chaibasa held a one day program for the Krusvir Animators of Chaibasa Deanery under the leadership of Fr Dilip Marandi, Diocesan Krusvir co-ordinator, and his team members Srs. Neelam DSA and Michael OSU. From 11 schools of Chaibasa deanery 17 animators participated in this program. The team instilled the skill of SMART in them to lead the children in their respective schools. Once again, on recommendations of Krusvir animators program, a two days Leadership Program for Krusvir Children of Chaibasa Deanery was organized at Divya Bharati on July 23 and 24. 51 children, 13 animators from 12 units took part. Fr Dilip Marandi and his team tried to nurture the leadership qualities among the participants through games and discussions. They came silently and returned in shouts of joy and happiness. The cheerful and generous host of the

Cyril Tigga

community, **Fr John Nag**, is down with fever. Fr Provincial and all the participants cherished the hospitality of Nag as a standby cook of the community. "We can manage without a cook" is his humble answer. Fr Cyril Tigga attended a meeting on Family at Patel Bagan on July 14 and 15 called by Jharakhand-Andamans Regional secretary for Family Commission. He also accompanied; along with Fr Ranjit, a group of teachers for CLC colloquium held at Jharna, Ranchi from July 15 to 17. Being with them Fr Cyril had the joy of seeing the laity applying the Jesuit Spirituality in their daily lives and inspiring others.

DNS – Bhuli

Following the footsteps of St. Ignatius, Jesuits need to be ready to move wherever God calls for greater mission. This time, it was the turn of Fr **Augustine Ezha** to move over to Xavier University, Bhubaneswar after being the Superior of De Nobili Jesuit community for a year. He was given a special farewell at De Nobili Jesuit Residence, Bhuli in the august presence of the Principals, Jesuits, and sisters attached to various De Nobili Schools. During the same gathering, Fr **Pius Fernandes** was welcomed as the acting Superior of the De

We Have Karate Kids

Nobili Jesuit community and schools. **Fr Gregory D' Silva** was welcomed joyfully in the community as well as in the school. He arrived in Bhuli on 15 July accompanied by **Frs. Benedict Soreng, P M Tony** and Mr. Nilesh. He has taken up his responsibilities as the treasurer and the administrator of the school, as well as the minister of the house. **Fr. George Fernandes**, the Provincial, stayed with us during the annual visitation from 20 July to 23 July, during which he also visited all the unit schools of De Nobili. The visitation ended with a meeting of Jesuits at De Nobili, FRI Jesuit community. Two boys of our school secured Silver and Bronze medals at the National level karate championship. The under-14 basketball teams of boys and girls have made the school

Vinod Fernandes

proud by winning the trophies. The girls' team was the joint winners along with the team of Nirmala School, Govindpur and the boys' team, runners up. The school organized various activities along with regular rigorous academics. Inter-class English and Hindi Elocution contests and environment day was celebrated by planting saplings to promote green and clean environment in the school campus. Congratulations, class IX students for taking this initiative!

DNS – Digwadih

DNS community was reduced to five members with the transfer of **Fr Augustine Ezha**, our former Superior. The call came to him to move to XUB when he had just finished one year and 22 days as

Ezha, We Miss Sardarjee Jokes

the Superior of DNS. His new appointment, to him and us was a bolt from the blue. **Fr. Pius** replaced him as Acting Superior, with his existing responsibility as Principal of the School. Augustine's stay here was very beneficial and

Jaison Joshua

rewarding to the Digwadih Jesuit community and to all De Nobili unit schools. His legal background gave much needed impetus to the school apostolate and a new direction

in legal matters. He with fervent dedication and zeal monitored the upcoming building works at various unit schools. He never failed to visit the construction sites especially at odd hours. He also

infused life into DOSTI club and organized many orientation programmes for various unit schools. Thank you **Augustine**, for your small and big contributions to coalfield and its mission.

In a recent basketball match held in Dhanbad our girls' team brought laurels to school. In

the Bible quiz organized by Carmel Dhanbad, De Nobili FRI bagged the first prize. **Fr Provincial** completed his visitation of our community on 18 and 19 July. **Fr Shanti** visited home to see his aligning mother.

Gande Dungri

The month of July was filled with various activities in the school, beginning with our School Feast. We celebrated the St. Thomas Day with great pomp and zeal on 2 July. Students put up various cultural programs beginning with inter-house football tournament finals and then the stage was rocking with Nagpuri, Santhali and Hindi dances. **Fr Hilarius Kongari** once again refreshed the Thomisian button and gave "*Ashir Vachan*" on the life of St. Thomas to the students. In order to double the joy of the students we screened

Learning to Learn to Use Unused Things

a Hindi movie for the hostellers in the evening.

Waste Management Demo was given to our students by two boys from Tamilnadu. It was an eye opening to our students to use unwanted things creatively. Our lay collaborates give us lease of life and time to breathe whenever it is most needed. The hostel staff managed the entire administration when both of us were out of station. The additional English coaching for the hostellers gives impetus to know our children better and guide them well. Fr Hilarius is available 24x7 for them. Besides English learning, students take keen interest in demonstrating other inborn talents. This month, students put up good show in

Sanjiban Tikey

Rangoli, debate and extempore speech competitions. Students from our school went to Loyola School Ground for the "Inter Jesuits School Tournament" on 22 July and lifted the runner up trophy, losing by one goal to St Xavier's Lupungutu. However, Mr. Somay Tudu from our school was awarded with The Golden Boot. On 24 July 28 students from our school went to St. Mary's Hindi School to write the "TCS" exam. Students are gearing up for St Ignatius feast as well as for the first terminal examination.

Guidera Jesuit Residence

James Santhanam, having spent a brief time at GJR, left for JIM, Tirchy, on 4 July 2016, to take up a teaching job. Before he could open his bag and PPT folders to begin his new innings, XIDAS Jabalpur shot an arrow of request to Madurai Provincial for an experienced person to steer its management school. The man of *Magis*, **James Santhanam** made himself available to take over reigns of XIDAS. He reached Jabalpur on July 24 and will take charge as the Director of the institute from August 16. As the expectations are flying high, being from XLRI, we wish you all the best in taking the Institution to its new heights. July 4 was a special day at GJR,

Richie is back on his Feet

where the community joined our 3 Americans – Ed, Carl and Rich – in celebrating American Independence Day. Ozzie led the liturgy and kindled our spirit of freedom with his handpicked hymns and voice. The spirit of freedom probably led our warrior Kenna to surprise us in our Chapel on 7 July 2016 to join his friend Tony Uvari, who celebrated his birthday with Rich as miracle of miracles. During happy hours, Rich had his dinner with all of us. That's the spirit of freedom, Rich!

Our FPM Student and now Dr. Nelson (Del) was given a memorable farewell on 17 July, 2016 as he will sprint into Tertianship at Goa. Three regents, as precious as they are to us, made their recollection under the guidance of the PCF on 17 July 2016. On July 10-15, KM, Preacher of Preachers, directed a 5 days retreat to the Redemptoriest Fathers at Upasana. Unbeatable you are, KM!

Our Roman returned cannon law graduate

P. Tony

Michael is spending a few days with us before he marches into the Petro Arrupe Insititute campus Raia for Tertianship. Jyoti Ranjan Sanga is cherishing the moments of GJR and finding new energy being with veterans of the Province. Our senior citizens, Ed, Carl, Manu, Bene and KC continue to be cheerful and sharing all they have been to the mission. Wally is found where his heart is, i.e. mission stations of our Province. **Bishop Felix Toppo, SJ**, Fr David and Fr Jilson inaugurated the festive mood on the eve of the feast of our Founder Father St Ignatius and brought cheers among our senior members, joining them for the dinner.

HLC – Bhubaneswar

The heat outside could never match the buzz in HLC. The Summer

Reading Room - a Hit

Programs for the Matric students and the school children saw more than 150

Tony John

students learning the knack of speaking English and Personality

Development. After a successful month of various summer events we concluded the programmes on the fourth of this month. The new batch of Spoken English started on 25th. Other courses are going on smoothly with a considerably

good number of students' intake in each of the courses. The Reading room is all-time hit with more than 150 students using the facility and many more in the queue to get admitted. We had a few more fans installed and more books added to the list. After a long wait the much needed Bore-well was drilled to counter the erratic water supply problem.

Now we have fresh sweet water supply 24x7. After its inception and after a gap of 22 years HLC is having a lay Administrator this year - a Catholic young gentleman Mr. Jimmy Kujur. Right now we are venturing into some more courses.

Jesu Bhavan – Mango

On 29 June, the feast day of Saints Peter and Paul, fourteen new novices; 9 for JAM, 2 for DUM and 3 for MAP, entered the Novitiate. The welcome mass was by Fr. James Kalapura. He gave a beautiful sermon referring to the connection between St. Peter and St. Ignatius of Loyola. It was precisely on the eve of the feast of St. Peter, that Ignatius

14 First Year Novices, 9 for Jam

recovered from what was certain death. Carrying out the spirit of visitation of Fr. Provincial and on his recommendations on 6 July, the Jesuit Community met for an evening of Faith Sharing. Emile led the sharing. The proceedings were frank and free. On 10 July, James Kalapura started the long journey to South, to be at home for his nephew's marriage. In the absence of JK, Emile is taking Scripture classes for the novices. On 16 July, the fourteen probationers wore the cassock for the first time and expressed the joy and

Emile Coelho

shared the smell of being called to be a religious. Novice Master R Tony was the main celebrant; and was joined at the altar by Redemptorist Father Daya Kishore; our own James Bara and Emile Coelho. The celebrants presented each new novice with a Bible. KM Joseph preached a 5 day retreat to 18 Redemptorist Fathers in Upassana, mid-July.

Kalijharan

Kalijharan in its inception began getting a physical bridge from Panchayat on the approach road to the Parish. The work is in progress and once it is completed people can commute and connect easily. As the road is being built, we are busy in constructing Presbytery and the basic structure will be ready by the end of this month. Both, the

New Mission is on Making

Bishop and the Provincial are busy in finalizing the apostolic memorandum of understanding. Once MoU is signed Bishop Niranjan will declare the creation of new Parish. The faithful and I are pleading the Holy Spirit to enlighten us with grace filled name to christen the new parish. Now, the Society of Jesus has its own piece of land at Tainser and have completed all the legal process to get the land in our name. After getting the *patta*, we have dug a

Benedict Kujur

borewell and with the support of our PDD, we expect to get a submersible pump soon. The demand for a Jesuit school is making waves, probably this is God's will and plan that we plant not only among faithful community; but among others too.

LCE Telco

The tight and fit; old yet young, Fr Jerome Kujur, celebrated his birthday as well as Golden Jubilee on number of occasions in the campus. A great salute for his selfless and committed service as a religious. Loyola Collegiate School is growing in leap and bounds both in numbers as well as under construction school building. The school administration called PT meeting and distributed answer scripts of their tiny wards. This month, these tiny tots participated in various competitions. To make knowledge easily accessible two Smart Boards are installed in the

Jerome Kujur – the Man of the Month

school. In the college, the new academic session began with the orientation program for the first and second year students in the beginning of July by **Fr. Norbert Menenezes**. We are very grateful to **Fr. Norbert Menenezes** for orienting the students and teachers to become men and women for others. **Fr. Ignatius Topno**, the Principal is busy meeting and guiding the students in the college. With the admission of 100 first year students, the college campus looks more vibrant and filled with life and activities. There was throw ball and basketball friendly

Amrit Kujur

matches among the students and the staff. On 25 July, **Fr. Sunny Jacob**, JEA Secretary, gave an inspiring talk to the students on Jesuits Education in the South Asia Assistency. The whole college is actively and creatively conducting the Novena prayer to St. Ignatius of Loyola. This is something very unique happening in the college this year. Now, the whole college campus is in the festive mood to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This year there are **70** girl students in Arrupe Bhavan hostel. **47** are in the second year and **23** in the first year. All

together there are 7 sisters in the hostel from 4 different congregations. The hostel is running smoothly in the

supervision of **Frs. Ignatius Topno and Jerry Kujur**. They are working round the clock to take care of every need in the hostel. The hostel students are really very creative in

organizing and conducting programmes in the college and hostel.

Loyola School – BBS

A new Loyola star arrived on the firmament of Jamshedpur Province, when on 5 July, 2016, at 4.45 p.m. Mr. Sunil Bhaskaran, Vice President of Corporate Services, Tata Steel, inaugurated Loyola School, Kalinganagar, in its temporary accommodation. A small group of Tata officials, Principal **Fr. Augustine Surin**, Administrator **Fr. Augustine Vatta**, teachers and the tiny tots were present. **Frs. Gilbert, Gerald and George Thana** were the others, present. As of now there are 75 students.

On 2 July, the school organized a felicitation programme for the ICSE and ISC toppers of the school. All who secured 90% and above were given a medal and a certificate. Mr. Tutul Das, who runs the school buses for us and who sponsors the cash prizes every year, was the chief guest and gave away the cash prizes to the first three toppers of ICSE and ISC. **Fr. Amal**, the Principal in his vote of thanks congratulated the students and the teachers for the good results and urged the current

Jugaad Skill Comes Alive

batches to do better. After the unplanned long summer holidays the school had to rework the calendar to include Saturdays as working days. For the next two weeks all the students were engaged in mid-term exams and evaluations. The annual exhibition known as Loyola Synergy 2016 was held on 23 July. Dr. Subendu Pattnaik, Dy. Director (Tech) Pathani Samanta Planetarium inaugurated the exhibition. The students had the opportunity to display their creative talents and skills before their proud parents and visitors. This time the students found novel ways to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius, a week long celebrations. They prepared posters, wrote articles, sayings of St. Ignatius and displayed them on the boards and the walls. Special morning assemblies were conducted giving glimpses of the life of Ignatius and his thoughts through skits, dances, mimes and narratives. Senior students had their theme: "Finding God in all things" and Juniors came up with "Cura Personalis: How School gives importance to Holistic Development of students." A special drive was launched to collect money, clothes and other articles and later some students went to the orphanages to distribute these among the needy. The Staffs of both schools were treated with a festive lunch on 30. Jesuits were felicitated and Fr. Gerald gave

Gilbert Menezes

an inspiring message. Odia School had its first term exams. As part of feast day celebration a special assembly was conducted shedding light on the life of St. Ignatius. Ajit who is without his crutches, now, is still pursuing the renewal of NOC for the School.

Sch. Prabhakar's birthday was celebrated in the community on the 2nd with the city Jesuits wishing him and joining the celebrations. George Thana continued his Diamond Jubilee celebrations, but this time in London. Sponsored by the family members George got a rare opportunity and flew to London on 6th. He returned on 24th. Amal went to Jamshedpur to participate in the Principals' Meet on the 16th. Next he left for Vishakhapatnam on 27th for the annual conference of Odisha region ICSE Principals and was back on 30th. The Jesuit Community hosted the clergy and religious of Bhubaneswar on the feast day for a Benediction and for a grand lunch.

Loyola School – JSR

Loyola senior section put up its annual exhibition prepared by different departments. The students displayed their innovative spirit, talents and creativity. It was appreciated by all especially the parents. Large number of parents visited the school to see the exhibition.

Loyola School organized the first ever St. Ignatius Inter Jesuit Invitational Rural Football Tournament for the English and Hindi Medium Schools of Jamshedpur Province with the support of Loyola Alumni Association.

16 Soccer Teams of the Province Come Together

16 teams participated in this tournament. St. Xavier's, Lupungu and St Thomas, Gande Dugri reached the finals and St Xavier's Lupungutu won the Championship. All appreciated very much this initiative taken by Loyola School.

Fr. Pancras organized the annual valediction function for the Loyola Hindi medium school. Fr. P Tony was the chief guest. The prizes were sponsored by the 1975 batch of Loyola English medium School. Several students were given cash award for

CL George

their excellent performance in the NIOS examination. They also gave cash award to four teachers for their outstanding teaching performance.

The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with great festivity. We started the day with a solemn high mass for the teachers, catholic students and parents offered by **Bishop Felix Toppo, SJ**. The members of the community concelebrated. There were more than eight hundred people for the mass. This was followed by lunch for the teachers and the

maintenance staff. In the evening, we had a special fellowship meal for the clergy and religious of the city. **Fr. Staney Furtado**, our minister served an excellent lunch for the teachers and dinner for the clergy and religious. The students put up skits and plays based on the life of St Ignatius. Loyola Jesuit Community hosted the annual CRI meeting at the request of **Fr. Kuruvilla, SJ**, the CRI president. 65

religious men and women participated in this seminar organized to mark the special Jubilee year of mercy. **Fr Ignatius Tete, SJ**, Professor of Theology and Tertian instructor, was the resource person and the theme was the special jubilee year of mercy. He gave an excellent talk on the mercy of God based on scripture.

Fr Dayanidhi joined the community and he will be the Headmaster of Hindi School, teaching in the school and assisting in the parish. We welcome him whole heartedly to Loyola and wish him many years of fruitful and satisfying ministry in Loyola.

Fr Sunny Jacob visited Loyola School and addressed the English Medium students during the morning assembly and talked about the need to be prepared to face the future with confidence. He talked to the teachers of the Hindi Medium School about the importance of teachers to become multi skilled to be able to attend to the maximum needs of the students.

Lupungutu

The first major event of the academic year 2016-17, a three in one Programme held on 21 June under the supervision of **Fr. Kishore Lugun**. The event included awards to the High school / Inter College toppers, swearing in ceremony of the Student Council and most importantly farewell to **Fr. Paul Hembrom**, the outgoing Headmaster. The staff and students recalled his dedicated service to the school and thanked him for his commitment for the progress of

Two Decades at SXS– Kudos Paul!

the school. The teachers and the students expressed their love by showering him with gifts of various kinds, which speak volumes. Fr. Paul with heavy and grateful heart left the portals of the St, Xavier's High School which was his home for past 20 years. We wish him the very best for his future mission.

Fr. Kishore Lugun conducted a two days orientation program for the teachers of the three schools, Tepasai, Bordor and Basahatu and it was well appreciated. Fr. Thomas C G conducted half a day orientation cum motivational program for the newly admitted 325 Class 11 students of Inter College on June 25.

Fr C L George, the Revisor of the Province

Kishore Lugun

visited our community and school as a preparation for the visit of Fr Provincial and then followed by Fr. Provincial's annual visitation from July 6 to 8. St. Xavier's High School took part in the St Ignatius Inter Jesuit Invitational rural Football knockout Tournament organized by Loyola School. Sixteen teams from our Province school participated in the event and our team emerged as Champions defeating Gande Dungri by 1 – 0 in the final match.

Tepasai

The month of July turned out to be the month of graces in various forms, viz, the visitation of **Fr Provincial**, visit of PDD, torrential rain and participation of our students in various activities. **Fr. Walter** came to see the progress of prayer hall in Potobera and Girls' dining hall at Tepasai. We had several

Clothed in Green Blanket

“*Bhai – Dost*” matches with the football teams of our neighborhood youth of Kebedkera and Tepasai to enhance the spirit of “*Dostana*” in the neighborhood. Our school football team went to Jamshedpur to participate in *St. Ignatius Inter Jesuit Invitational Rural Football*

Niral Deogam

Tournament on 21st and returned with a lot of ground skills, if not a cup. The parched land is fully dressed with green blanket due to regular showers. Despite the heavy rains, **Frs. Sushil Jojo** and **Niral** are committed to their pastoral ministry and visit near and far villages everyday.

TRTC

The new session (2016-17) for matric coaching class for 50 students began on 15 June. **Fr Gregory** serving the *Holland* passionately for 18 years, moved to Dhanbad, the coal capital of the Country, on 15 July. He begins his new innings at Bhuli as the Administrator and Treasurer of the school. **Fr Tony** took initiative to arrange two programmes, sustainable model of

Synergizing the Partners

development with minimum profit and intellectual transformation, for the likeminded NGOs and individuals. **Frs. Mello** and **Mathew** from Patna Province, herbal medicine and solar system experts respectively, conducted a workshop at TRTC. **Fr. Ranjit** is busy in implementing a government project Cluster Facilitating Team (CFT). **Fr. Polidor** is

Polidor

laboring to bring various NGOs together and work for a common goal, justice and human dignity by conducting trainings to partner organizations on partnership and collaboration. **Fr Benjamin**, in collaboration with other senior lawyers in court succeeded in bailing out two prisoners from the Chaibasa jail.

Tumudibandha

While the rainy season has undoubtedly enriched the scenic beauty of the mountainous Kandhamal district, it has also brought along manifold water-borne diseases throwing the life of poor masses out of gear. Highly infected by the seasonal viral fever, **Fr. Gyan Kujur** took to bed almost for a week despite an iron will for carrying out his multiple responsibilities. Before he could properly settle down with the demands of his new ministry, **Fr. Blacius Ekka** unknowingly became an easy prey of viral fever that lingered on for weeks. Now, both of them have bounced back to normalcy radiating greater optimism for our Livelihood Mission and Lok Manch Projects. With the dawn of agriculture season, OCI successfully organized four agriculture

Disciples of *Laudato Si*

training programmes as preparatory measures for SRI (System of Rice Intensification) and line method paddy cultivation in all its four operational areas, i.e., Mundigada, Guma, Madaguda and Subarnagiri GPs. After the brief spell of the sparse monsoon, farmers are now on their toes for the total implementation of modern agriculture methods. For the last few days, **Fr. Biranchi Soreng**, Mr. Jyoti Ranjan Mishra, AAO (Assistant Agriculture Officer), Tumudibandha and Miss. Sushila Minz, the Field Coordinator of Mundigada GP have been camping at Seshargaon, the model village of SRI method cultivation for the surefire achievement of the given target – SRI method paddy cultivation in 25 hectares. Remarkably, educational awareness rallies are on their high tide as altogether six rallies were organized in all the four *Gram Panchayats* with overwhelming response from teachers, children, SMC (School Management Committee) members and parents body numbering more than 500. The salient feature of these rallies was that they were organized in the inaccessible areas where the value of education is dismal and ill-

Biranchi Sorenj

informed parents employ their children in house-keeping and agriculture activities. For the consolidation of the sustainable livelihood source – animal husbandry, OCI initiated vaccination drive in all the four GPs despite some reluctance and rejection by farmers. Since weather-not-permitting due to cloudy weather conditions, vaccination drive came to a grinding halt as per the suggestions of Dr. Kamal Pradhan, VAS (Veterinary Assistant Surgeon), Tumudibandha. As a tangible result of collective efforts with our partner NGOs - RESCUE and SWATI, three of our leading Self Help Groups have been now selected and linked to ITDA (Integrated Tribal Development Agency) for poultry farming and NTFPs (Non-Timber Forest Products) business.

Tundi

The school reopened on 13 June and the Head Master **JP D'Souza** made sure to be present on the opening day, arriving early in the morning before the day break. **Fr. Anil** made sure that after he leaves for Tertianship to Hazaribagh not very far away from his beloved sheep whom he 'smelled' so dearly may not suffer, introduced his successor, **Fr. Fabian** to the sheep well in the presence of Fr. Bipin

Shepherd Leaves his Sheep to be the Compassionate Shepherd

Pani, Director of DSWC who was delegated to erect him to the chair of Parish Priest. **Fr. Raphael** and representative from the parish reached **Fr. Anil** safe and sound, to the school of the Heart right on time. In the beginning of July viral fever came like hurricane and left no stone unturned in this part of the world. The hostel was almost vacant as the parents rushed to pick their sick wards. Now the

Fabian

children are returning slowly one by one. **Fr. Walter Kongari** was here ahead of time to supervise the casting of the roof of the first floor of the new school building which took whole day. **Fr. Provincial** was here for visitation on 24 July, 2016. It was good that he came and saw and exhorted us to excel in our ministry. Thank you Fr. Provincial.

XITE

Jesuit Community: Throughout the month of July, **Bro. Amal** kept himself occupied in identifying the immediate material needs and requirements of the house, the school, the college and both the hostels. The man is on foot and on wheels to make sure there is no gap between demand and supply.

Amal and Savari Make Their Impressions

From mid-July, **Savari** is quite active at the Coaching Centre with the first set of students for the Spoken English Course. He started with an orientation for two groups of interested students. Now both the groups are having regular classes. The first group of six students has the session at 7:00 in the

C. Gautam

morning and the second group of sixteen students at 5:00 in the evening. From this slow pick up it is expected to become a mega programme in the future. The pick experience of this month was the Golden Jubilee celebration of **Gautam**, which was organized by **Bro.**

Amal. The purpose was to get the city diocesan clergy and the religious groups together with the Jesuits on the evening of July 24. This was the biggest gathering so far we had at XITE for which **Bishop Felix** too was present. We all appreciated their presence and enjoyed their company. Bro. Amal provided everything he could to make it a memorable day for me, personally, and for all. We are grateful to him for his generosity and excellent service. Now he is rewarded with a new Hero Scooter of his choice and colour for greater efficiency. **Cheer up Amal...!**

We had a recent and quick visit by **Fr. E Augustine** on his way to Bhubaneswar to take up his new assignment at XIM-XU. After having a quick and his favorite breakfast with Chicken and *appam*, he left for his destination as it was planned.

Xavier School: During the month of July several competitions were held. Hindi Essay competition on July 2 and Quiz for Std. VI-X on July 6, which was followed by Frank Anthony Inter-school debate at Motilal Nehru School on July

15. Some students took part in Albert Barrow Memorial Inter-school creative writing at KS Model School on July 18 and some boys participated in the Inter-Jesuit Football tournament organized by Loyola School Jamshedpur on July 22. Finally the KG students had Fancy Dress Competition on July 30.

On July 9, a good number of parents of Std. I and II were present for the Parent-Teacher meetings. The First terminal examination began on July 11 and ended on July 22.

To motivate the students of Std. VI- Std. X to join the Interact Club, the members of the Rotary Club came and addressed the students on July 8. The objective of the Interact club is to develop leadership qualities among the students and make them conscious of the society's need.

The school has instituted five trophies for the best and cleanest classes. A team will select the best classes for the said trophies. Another trophy is instituted for the best and smartly dressed students, which will be awarded every month. By now all the classrooms are connected with CCTV for the purpose of security and better discipline in the school. A special prayer service was conducted for six consecutive days, starting from July 25 to July 30 in honour of St. Ignatius of Loyola, our Founder Father. And a short cultural programme was organized with the same purpose on July 30 for the Jesuits of XITE community.

XITE: The First and Second Year students will

be writing their university exams from 10 August. There is a change of wind in the university administration that it has arranged both the first and second year exams on the same dates but mornings and afternoons respectively.

Due to admission imbroglio in the university, admissions are affected this year, even after the University has asked the colleges to take off-line admissions. **Joe**, the Principal, made a couple of trips to Kolhan University for Principals' Meeting and also the Principals' Meeting with the HRD Minister, Government of Jharkhand.

We have started the regular classes for the fresh batch of students. The man of joy, **Fr. Emile Coelho** offered the Holy Mass for the fresh batch of students on the first day of Orientation and also passed on his tricks of ice-breaking to our faculty members.

XITE has become a unit of **National Social Service (NSS)**; for a year it will be a self-financing unit.

XUB

Unique UG Programs at XUB in the Country

Paul Fernandes

The academic year began with the arrival of new students in both the campuses of the University. The University as a whole has about 1500 plus students, with in XIMB having a total of about 700 students and the Xavier city campus a total 257 in UG and 610 in PG enrolled students. Not only the student strength is going up, but also the faculty strength has gone up as well to touch 100. The strength of doctoral students has gone up to 67 with the addition of 18 from this year. Xavier University has introduced new and unique subjects nowhere offered in India. This year XUB has introduced three bachelor's programmes BSc in

Human Development and Public Health, BSc in Sustainable Development, and BSc in Sustainability Science and Technology, in addition to the B.Com and BBM. To promote livable and sustainable, smart cities and prepare people to manage our cities, the University launched new programmes in **Urban Management and Governance**, and has a first batch of 17 students in the master's programme and 3 students in the PhD programme under the faculty of management.

The University held a graduation ceremony of the Certificate programme for the 129 Assistant

Executive Engineers graced by the Honor'able minister for Housing and Urban Development, who were on campus for a certificate programme on completion of their three months intensive learning experience and courses. These engineers were recruited for handling the provision of water in different districts of the State of Odisha and conservation of water resources.

Fr. Augustine Ezha is our new community member. **Fr Jaison** accompanied him all the way from Dhanbad. With Fr. Augustine, the number of Jesuits in the University community has gone up to nine. **Fr.**

Jesurajan continues to make his visits to IIM Rohtak to teach a course on Business Communication. **Frs Alwyn, Joshy** and **Kiran** are busy attending doctoral coursework in XIM. **Joshy** says, "It's hard to live student life again."

On a communication mission **Fr Lourduraj** went to Sri Lanka. Fr. Lourdu was invited to be the resource person for four days

workshop on developing curriculum for social media studies by SIGNIS Sri Lanka and delivered his address. On a IAJS mission, **Fr Donald** went to Nairobi and made a scholarly presentation on sustainability and chaired a session of the IAJS. **Fr Paul** went to Rome for a meeting of the Jesuit Digital Network, of its workshop and of its first Board meeting representing India called for by the Secretary for Higher Education. All are welcome to make use of the Jesuit Digital

Network. You may find the resources on e-book Healing the Earth useful. There will be more projects and resources made available to people around the world through Jesuit Digital Network.

It is a happy feeling that on July 6th, the Xavier University completed the first three years of its existence. We can only thank God for that precious gift.

News From Our Formation Houses

Belgaum

The Juniorate session started with a solemn mass of the Holy Spirit on 28 June. There was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm as we began our Juniorate life. We are 24 juniors from 11 provinces, from all over India. **Fr.**

Jesuit Life Begins

Drago conducted a Group Dynamic Program on 28 and 29 June and **Fr. Fermin** took a self-awareness program on 30 June and 1 July. **Fr. Learoy** is the Dean and he is assisted by **Fr. Leo**. Our usual classes began on 2 July followed

Anjum

by the week-end ministries on 7 July. We are settling down with plenty of activities fully knowing what is that expected of us during this stage of formation.

Berkeley

Someone said, "The coldest night I have ever spent in summer is in Berkeley, California." It has been proved so by our lived experience as many Americans make this as a second home for summer.

We successfully ended our second semester and a year of theology. Our experience of the first year has proved to be a stepping stone for our further theological formation. The summer

It is Summer Except in Berkeley

break indeed has been fruitful in various ways. Amit made use of the time by taking online courses from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Both of us took some time off from our studies and visited few Jesuit Houses, the historical places of east coast as well as getting connected with some friends and families from India.

In the second phase of our summer

Neelam Kerketta

vacation, we are going to begin our 'Arrupe Month' (POP) in Sedalia Jesuit Retreat House in Denver from July 24 to August 12. We ask you all to remember us in your prayers for our discernment before we begin the process of advancement to the order of priesthood. Life seems to be cozy and easy; however we have Oceans to cross and miles to go before we sleep.

DNC

The occasion of Province-wise Dinner at DNC, was just right for the 9 Jamwallahs to come together to celebrate **Fr. Eric Cassel's** 77th birthday and to appreciate how well **Sch. Binod Horo** and **Jose Pravin** were able to put together a dinner to satisfy the taste buds of one and all. For the first time we were able to relish the home-preparation of **Fr. John Karu's** beet root wine that had the rich flavour of ginger and cardamom. The voices of **Schs. Livance Ekka** and **Ranjit Kerketta** have earned them membership into the DNC choir that saw them in action for the Golden Jubilee Mass of Fr. Gratian Carlo and

Jamwallahs to the Fore

the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. In preparation for the Founder's Feast at DNC, **Fr. Jerome Kerketta**, Jamshedpur's solitary boast for the Doctoral Course in JDV, presented a well prepared Eucharist on Ignatius "The Comforter". During the week end the seasoned Trio of Frs. Julian Fernandes, R. C. Chacko and I Raj, conducted the SAP programme for all the Jesuits in the campus. John Karu did a splendid job of chairing a delicate session with velvet gloves, while Jerome Kerketta, Ranjit Kerketta and Jose Pravin shone equally well in compiling the findings of the groups and presenting them to the General

Eric Cassel

Assembly. **Fr. Alex Gnanapragasm**, the administrator extraordinaire of JDV, who is the most sought after man in the campus, reports that **Fr. P.T. Joseph** checked into the PG Block and will be taking a course or two at the B.Th. level. The month closed out with an eye-opening interactive session with Dr. Harold D'Costa, the CEO of Cyber Crime Dept for Maharashtra. Since it was quite clear from the group present that without WhatsApp and Facebook we were like a fish out of water, he authoritatively and graphically alerted our JDV campus that cyber-crimes were on the rise surreptitiously. So, be wary!

Rome

Mahesh and I are good and busy learning Italian. Next month we are going to Genova for another month of language learning. We will be back at Gesu in the last week of August. So far we were staying at Bellarmino Jesuit Community. But now we have moved to Gesu, the residence for the scholastics, though the renovation work continues. Lots of work still has

Roman – Still Indian

to be done. The most important thing is that both of us obtained our 'Residential Permission' recently without much difficulty. Now we are legally eligible to stay in Rome. Slowly we are getting into the rhythm of life by learning new culture and language. Fr Michael Fernandes introduced us to Fr Joseph Xavier. Fr Joseph gave us a warm welcome. We had dinner

Basil Sanga

together and we spent some time interacting with one another. Fr Michael, who would be going for his Tertianship, left for India on 14 July. We wish him all the best. Our classes in Gregorain University may start only in October. Our Italian phone numbers, Mahesh: **+393920263412**, Basil: **+393920597611**

Sitagrah

Juniorate: The 12 young Juniors, so to say the 12 disciples, joined the community to begin their academic life after making the first profession in the Society of Jesus. The Juniorate program began with the orientation on the theme, how to build the community totally for the service of the Universal mission. **Fr Tom Keoh** enlightened and motivated the juniors with the skills of IPP to enhance the intellectual capacity through proper pedagogy. As the month of July is coming to an end with the feast of St. Ignatius the juniors went through the process of the recollection

Step in Where Church Requires You the Most

accompanied by two tertians. **Tertianship:** "God to be the Master of one's heart and to be Merciful like the Father" is the theme of the School of Heart at Sitagarh for this year. At the end of June, the Bishop of Hazaribagh, his Excellency Anand Jojo celebrated the Mass with all the tertians and beseeched that each one of us must be courageous to lead the Church where she is needed most being united with the Holy Spirit. Before we are going to enter into long retreat in the month of August, we have been led into intense study of the Ignatian sources

Ajit Soreng

and practice of regular spiritual activities in order to dispose ourselves for the spiritual exercise. During this time, we are also inspired by the studies on eminent Jesuits in South Asia and get the sense of Jesuit History. Being aware of the role of Mother Mary in Ignatius life, we also plan to make a pilgrimage to Dhori Mata to seek her help and plead her to place us with her Son throughout our Jesuit life.

We, 22 tertians, begin our long retreat on 5 August, under two masters. We humbly request your regular prayers during our month long retreat.

VidyaJyoti

Vidya Jyoti started resonating with cheers and hugs from 6 July onwards. Fr Irudaya Raj, ADF, as usual got into action for eye blinding the freshers in order to orient themselves to the important stage of formation and what is expected of a theologian at the end of the theology studies. The community orientation was organized by

Reunion of Companions

seniors very creatively and Fr Rector and his team outlined rules of the house on 9 July. With the renovation of both the buildings, Residence and Academic block, it gives an impression that we are entering a new building. The classes began on 11 July with the Holy Eucharist in the college hall, followed by orientation program by

Alok Minj

Fr Anil and Sr. Shalini. **Fr Francis** has begun his new responsibility as the Registrar of the college and we wish him all the best in his new assignment. As the tradition of the house, the freshers had Delhi *Darshan* on July 23. We also had the privilege and joy of meeting the Apostle of peace, our former Provincial **Fr. Joe Kalathil**.

Across the Bridge - RIP

01 July – Mr Pascal Tigga, brother of Fr Cyril Tigga

13 July – Bro Joe Karakattu, SJ (PUN, 86/59), Shrirampur

16 July – Bro Jesudas Raphael, SJ (MDU, 82/63), Dindigul

31 July – Bro Ambrose, SJ (KER, 83/54), Calicut. (Brother of Fr Emmanuel Parappuram, SJ)

31 July - Fr Henry Nunn, SJ (DAR, 86/65), Mount, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore

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