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### Provincial's Programme:

#### November 18

3 Visitation - Jilling  
8 - 9 Visitation VJ  
10 - 11 Visitation Ahmedabad  
12 - 13 Visitation - Pune  
19 - 21 Visitation – GJR & TJR  
23 GB XITE  
24 GB Loyola JSR  
25 Annual Sports Chaira  
30 Province Consult

#### December 18

1 GB cum Finance Commission – GJR (9 am)  
1 GB DNJ (PM)  
4 Visitation – Tangrain  
5 Visitation – Kalijharan  
7 GB – XUB  
8 - 9 Visitation – Loyola BBS, Kalinganagar  
10 - 11 Visitation – Loyola Bhawan, HLC, Puri  
12 - 14 Visitation – XIMB/XUB/Padanpur  
16 Alumni Gathering – Loyola JSR  
17 - 18 Visitation – XITE  
19 GB - LCE  
22 Province Consult

### Across the Bridge

23 Oct - Mr KJ Xavier (95), f/o Fr Joseph Xavier, SJ  
23 Oct - Fr Kurien Kunnumpuram, S.J. (KER, 87/68), Kerela  
28 Oct - Mr George Anthony (56), b/o Fr Joseph Anthony, SJ

### Across the Bridge

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### BOOK RELEASE

'ESTABLISHING PEACE BETWEEN INDIA and PAKISTAN' -  
By Fr Joseph Kalathil, SJ  
Date: December 3, 2018  
Venue: St Stephen's School, Chandigarh

## YOUNG PRIEST FORUM

### XUB

### Managing Jesuit Life and Resources in 4Cs

### Bipin & Tony John

23 young priests of Jamshedpur province gathered at Xavier University Bhubaneswar from 15-18 October for recollection cum a workshop on legal, financial and HRM issues. **Fr Alwyn Rodrigues** welcomed all the participants on behalf of **Fr. Paul** and the community. The program started with an address by **Fr. Provincial** who highlighted the significance of four pillars of Jesuit Education and Spirituality: Competence, Conscience, Compassion and Commitment, and also the need to be well-informed and better-equipped with spiritual, intellectual and administrative competencies for effective religious and spiritual leadership. This was followed by a half day recollection guided by **Fr. K.M.** His points on the theme "Our Identity as Priests" was full of inspiration.

**Fr Donald** took two sessions to clarify our misconceptions on financial issues. He brought out

the clear distinction between personal money and public money and stressed that the money we are dealing with is public money, so we are accountable for every paisa. He clarified a good number of concepts and the difference between Account and Finance, and how to maintain good record and face income tax scrutiny.

Important legal matters pertaining to Minority rights, land issues, fundamental human rights, rights of minority educational institutions, legal issues and harassment by public servants were discussed in detailed by our Jesuit advocate **Fr. K.M. Joseph**. He urged young priests to go beyond our comfort zones to help those in need and his message for all the participants was to have sound knowledge on legal issues.

The HRM session was conducted by Mr. B. B. Das who dealt on the overall function and responsibility of our organization highlighting the issues on Employee-

employer relationship in charitable, social and educational institutions and clarified our doubts.



The workshop ended with an outing to Puri beach. The workshop has enlightened and enriched us to face challenges in our ministries. All of us were highly appreciative of the entire program. Kudos to Frs. Alwyn and John Mundu! All were impressed by the hospitality of X I M B - X U B community...Thanks to one and all.

### COJET

### SA Treasurers Pitched their Tent at XLRI

### CL George

**Fr. C L George** organized the annual conference of all Jesuit treasures of South Asia at XLRI Jamshedpur where **Fr. Tom McLain**, the treasurer and **Fr. Charles Lasrado**, the Assistant treasurer of the Society and also **Fr. George Pattery** were present. They were extremely happy with the outcome of the meeting, the personal sharing and the comfortable and generous hospitality at XLRI.

The Provincial of Jamshedpur welcomed the Treasurers and the special Officials mentioned above, at the beginning of the inaugural Mass. In his homily, he highlighted the

importance of the ministry of financial management and the great contribution the treasurers are making for the smooth functioning



of the provinces and the Society. After the mass, **Fr. Jerry Cutinha**, welcomed all to XLRI and then **Fr. Abraham**, Director of XLRI, made a power point presentation showing the growth

and development of XLRI over the years and its future plan to establish three new campuses in Delhi, Mumbai and Hyderabad.

We are grateful to **Abe** for making the International Center available to conduct the meeting and Jerry for making all the arrangements and hosting a special dinner at Tome Jesuit residence. A special thanks to **Ozie Mascarenhas** for his captivating session on Corporate Social Responsibility for the Jesuits in India: Some Ministry Imperatives.

**CHAIBASA AREA**

**Amda**

Connecting Through Healing & Preaching Ministry

**John Sumbrui**

In October, the Fathers, Sisters and others gathered together at SRA convent every evening for the Rosary and prayed for various intentions. The awareness programme for general health and leprosy was conducted at Buditopa government school, Buditopa Ashoka International School, TRTC for coaching students, Basahatu for School students, Burudih government school, and

Kuchuhatu village. We had our community mass in two places – Basahatu and Amda. On Oct 12, **Fr. Gyan** attended the Basahatu school managing committee meeting. On Oct. 14, people from Amda joined Basahatu faithful for pilgrimage to Khutpani. There, five priests – Joe Surin, John Sumbrui, Gyan, James Samad, Junas Purty, and Junas Bhengra were available for confession and joined the Eucharistic celebration officiated by Junas Bhengra. **Fr. Gyan** preached a three days retreat to LPG candidates at Basahatu from Oct. 14-18, and a

Video show on leprosy to three MSW girl students who came from the North East for their study tour. On Sept. 30, Fr. Manohar, while returning to Odisha, took rest and left Amda early morning by the Samleshwari Express. Fr. Gyan and John began the Novena prayer to St Alphonsus Rodriguez on Oct. 22. Sr. Prema and Jayamma made their annual retreat here in this month.

**Basahatu**

**Jiren Shares Family Gospel**

**Joseph Surin**

**School:** The School had **Managing Committee** meeting in the second week of October 2018. **Joe Surin**, the new secretary of the school, was welcomed in the meeting. 58 Christian students went for the **Krusveer Rally** organized at St. Xavier's English School, Chakradharpur. The boys' and girls' teams of St. Xavier's Middle School Basahatu took part in the **Muna Munnii Tournament** in St. Xavier's School, Chaibasa.

**Hostel:** One SCN sister and two other Loyola B.Ed students came to inspect the hostel to verify the existing facilities following a check list as per the requirement. Following their visit we got **8 CCTV Cameras** installed in the

hostel under the guidance of Fr. Pawan Toppo. **Parish:** 9 children were baptized on a Sunday Mass. The Basahatu parish celebrated the **Jomnama Feast** in the first week of October. We had the usual monthly meeting of the catechists. The Basahatu Parishioners went for the **Pilgrimage to Khuntapani** in the second Sunday of October 2018. There they had Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass and the *Darshan* of the *Khuntpaani ki Maata Mariam*. **A marriage course** was conducted from October 15 to 20 for the 15 newly married couples whose marriage will be solemnized in the church after their marriage is registered in the court. **Fr. Sunil Xess**, a lawyer, is helping them with the court procedures. Thanks to Mr. Jiren Topno and his wife, who visited Basahatu during the marriage preparation course and shared their 18 years of married-life experiences with the newly married.

**Fr. Joe**, was away at Upasana, in the second week of October for making his annual retreat. **Fr. James Samad**, was away for the annual retreat in Rengra after attending the Treasurers' course at Loyola School, Jamshedpur. **Fr. Pawan** too was away for the young priests' programs in Bhubaneswar. The Jesuit Candidates from Lupungutu had their **Triduum** under the guidance of **Fr. Gyan Prakash Kujur** at Basahatu during the *Durga Puja* holidays. Our distinguished visitors in the month of October were Fr. Sushil Balmuchu, Mr. Jiren Topno, his wife and his daughter Liza. The new and fast development here is the hostel dining hall.

**Divya Bharati**

**Learning & De-learning ....**

**Anil Dang**

**Fr Anil** and Fr Valerian went to National catechetical seminar in Jalandhar from 11-13 Sept. Anil came back on 17 Sept. and on 1 October left for PDV Pune to attend a Seminar on PWPN and was back on 9. He gave a retreat to 164 students of Lupungutu from 13-15.

Meanwhile, conducted a Bible Quiz for the participants of Krusvir at St. Xavier English School Chakradharpura. 42 faithful of Sini Parish also had the spiritual renewal as Anil preached a three days retreat from 18-20 Oct. at Sini parish church. On 21 along with Sunil Xess, he went to attend the 12th National conference of PMI from 23 to 26 and returned on 29. On 23

while Anil and Valerian were away, Fr **John Nag** had a fall due to high BP and High Sugar. **Fr Woolsie**, the Superior, took him to Jamshedpur. Now, he is in the safe hands of Mercy Hospital and Province infirmary.

**Lupungutu**

**Swachh LPG Abhiyaan**

**Ranjit Roshan Minj**

To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2 October, the entire school went round the village with the Band group in *Prabhat Pheri* to spread awareness on clean India. As a part of *Clean*

*India* drive, they cleaned the vicinity of the school as well as *Lupungutu Jharna*. A three day retreat was organized for the Christian students during the Puja Holiday from 13 to 15 Oct. having Anil Dang from Divya Bharti as the preacher. This year 47 High School students had

gone to Darjeeling for the education tour from 17 to 21 October under the guidance of **Staney, Kishore** and Sr. Aruna. St. Xavier's High school and Inter College won three football cups in the Chief Minister

Invitational Football Tournament which was held in Chaibasa. The Boys and girls hostels celebrated Hostel day *Umang –Tarang 2018* from 30 to 7 Oct. A weeklong celebration was organized with sports, arts and cultural events. Gifts, as tokens of appreciation were given to the hostel care takers and workers. Prizes were awarded to the outstanding boys and girls and to the leaders of all the groups. A team from B Ed College came to inspect our boys and girls hostels as well as the candidate house with a check list as per the present requirement.

During the Puja Holidays the community members went to different places for their programmes. **Alex** went to Ranchi for REGAE. **C G Thomas** gave a retreat to the SCJM sisters in Daltongunj. **Ranjit** and **Sanjay** went to Bhubaneswar for the Young Priests Forum. **Cajetan** went to Jamshedpur for recollection, followed by mission tour to Bhubaneswar. **Woolsie** guarded the house. **Maxi** went to secunderabad on 19 Oct. for the Brothers' Retreat. **Staney** and **Kishore** are making their vows-retreat at Guidera Residence and **Fr. Paneer** from Tepasai came to our community to make his retreat.

The candidates went to Basahatu for their three days retreat from 14 to 18 Oct. under the direction of **Fr. Gyan Prakash**. The candidates

greatly benefited from this retreat. We are grateful to the Basahatu community who welcomed the candidates and made their stay comfortable. After that the candidates celebrated their Community Days from 20 to 25 Oct. with the theme *READY and ALWAYS READY*. **Alex Misquith** inaugurated their celebration and they played various outdoor and indoor games showcasing their hidden talents in sports, arts and literature.

### DHANBAD AREA

#### Digwadih

On 27 September, the Jesuits attached to the Digwadih Jesuit Community, met to discuss the Memoriale of the Provincial. The focal point was Faith Formation in De Nobili Schools.

The activities of the month: The Math Club conducted a Quiz under

#### Walking with an Extra Mile

the guidance of Mr. Sojan A.C. and Mr. Naveen Pandey. Chandan Sarkar and **Emile** took a group of DNS students to Tundi to hand over stationery in St. Xavier's School. Remedial Classes have been started on Saturdays for the boys and girls who are weak in English, Math and Science.

On 6 October, **Michael Fernandes** brought **Fr. Charles Lasrado**, Treasurer in the Roman

#### Emile Coelho

Curia, on his visit to Dhanbaad. **Greg D'Silva** and **Francis Ezhakunnel** made their annual retreat here during the Puja Holidays. The latter was joined by **Savari**, and the duo undertook visits to local schools of Dhanbaad, advertising XITE College.

#### Tundi

Mr. Promod and Sr. Sushila from Loyola B.Ed. College, Jamshedpur, came with a check list to inquire about the facilities and records of the hostel. On 13 October, the school and hostel were closed for Puja holidays and reopened on 22 October. During the holidays **Fr. Jayaprakash** went to attend the treasurers' meeting in Jamshedpur,

#### Women in the Church & their Role

**Fr. Amos** to XUB for YPF and **Pravin** to Jamshedpur for a day of recollection and thereafter went to Orissa for the Regent's get-together, while **Fr. Sushil** was taking care of the community and parish. On 14, around 250 women were present at Tundi for the Deanery level gathering. It was well arranged by Fr. Valerian Lobo and Fr. Nicolos, the neighboring parish priest, gave a talk on the importance of women in the church. **Fr. Jaya Prakash** is busy

#### Pravin Jose

now in registering the names of the students in the Education Office for the next Board Exam. The white wash of the school building is over and now the hostel building is getting a face lift with new colors. The students came back after the vocation and now busy in preparing for the sports day.

### JAMSHEDPUR AREA

#### GJR, XLRI

**Jerome** spared some time to give a two-days seminar to the Superiors and Heads of Sisters Sacred Heart on leadership and governance at Amar Jyoti, Mango. **Gulshan** went to Jharna to participate in REAGE. **Niral** with his companions explored Jesuits institutions of Kandhamal with a check list to survey the hostels as per the social

#### GJR & Mercy Collaboration

audit introduced by the Province. On 6, ERC consortium had its core committee meeting here at GJR. On 20-21, four regents of Jamshedpur diocese made their recollection at GJR under the guidance of **Jerome**. **Br. Francis Tiru**, landed in GJR for health check-up due to stomach pain but diagnosed hernia. Yet he had to wait for the operation to go through physical fitness test for the operation and finally was operated on 22 in Mercy. Still he needs rest here

#### Gulshan Kujur

at GJR. The members of GJR had the faith sharing on 24 October. It was a good experience to listen to each other's spiritual experiences and understand each other better as Jesuit companion. **Fr Raphael** is recuperating well and is looking forward to give company to Fr Saleth.

Jesu Bhavan	Renovation & Painting Underway	Felix Tellis
<p>Jesu Bhavan had two retreats for the diocesan priests given by <b>Fr. Ronie D'Souza</b> of Goa Jesuit Province. The first group had 45 and the second 37 priests and was well appreciated by all. Joseph Njarakulam went to Padampur Minor Seminary to conduct a Yoga retreat soon after the priests' retreat. <b>Ajit Soreng</b> gave a retreat to a Sister and then he went to Ranchi to give a retreat at the Provincial house of St Anne's group of 25 Sisters. The Novice Master took nine Second Year Novices to Bhubaneswar on 29 September and</p>	<p>returned on 2 October. The Jesuit Community at XUB took great care of them. They enjoyed swimming in the sea and seeing temples at Konarak-Bhubaneswar. The birthday of <b>Fr. Kalapura</b> was a big occasion for the Novices who enjoyed the day with various games. The First Year Novices were in Kurkutdungri Parish to celebrate the Karam festival on 14 October under the guidance of <b>Ajit</b>. They put up a tribal dance and had sung songs for the Parish crowd who enjoyed their performance. Jesu Bhavan is having the renovation work now. All around painting, maintenance and repair work is going on. On 10 October our Assistant Treasurer from Rome paid us a short visit just before noon and enlightened the novices after lunch with his short talk.</p>	<p><b>Fr. Joseph Surin</b> made his retreat at Jesu Bhavan in the third week of October while <b>James Bara</b> celebrated his birthday on the 12 October. He was busy getting things for the celebrations the whole day. Felix Tellis and Ajit Soreng went to Gande Dundri for the Revisor's job and found the road shortest through Karandi and well maintained. Our novices put up heavenly choir for the final vows celebration of our seven Jesuits at Loyola School. They sang in all Province mission languages and their confident performance was approached by all.</p>
LCE	Re-living the life of Gandhi	Gautam C
<p><b>College:</b> Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated on 1 October at LCE to commemorate the <b>150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary</b> of the father of our nation. A couple of programs were anticipated in view of this celebration and a <b>Report on 150<sup>th</sup> Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti with photographs on various activities was sent to NCTE as a requirement.</b> On this occasion a <b>Bhajan competition</b> was organized in which Gandhi's favorite Bhajans "<i>Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram</i>" and "<i>Vaisnava Jana to tene Kahiye</i>" were sung. Ten of the trainees participated in the competition and was judged by the faculty of music from other colleges. The groups as a whole enthralled one and all with their</p>	<p>skills and sang songs using instruments which created deep emotions and feelings. A week ahead of Gandhi Jayanti, several well prepared <b>morning assemblies</b> were conducted through the week, each day the theme unfolded with creative ideas on Gandhi's philosophy and messages like Swachh Bharat, communal harmony, tolerance and Peace. In this context the library was decorated by the trainees themselves with various <b>quotes, symbols and implements</b> signifying Bapuji's life. A <b>bilingual essay competition</b> was conducted with a topic, based on the beliefs and principles of Mahatma Gandhi. The main focus was on the relevance and influence of Gandhi on today's cultural life in India. <b>Tony</b> attended JHEASA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018 on a theme "<i>Transforming our world together</i>" at Dhyana Ashram, Chennai and visited Satya Nilayam. He is closely following the departmental matter with KU, but with no response. Now he is busy</p>	<p>completing his minor Research Project (MRP) for UGC. A one-day seminar on <b>Effective Teacher</b> for the first year student was conducted by <b>Mrs. Barnali Chatterjee</b>, a motivational speaker, on 9 Oct. and on the same day in the morning assembly, <b>Mrs. Jayanthi Sheshadri</b>, the best teacher awardee, was felicitated by the college. 15 of our students and 2 professors have conducted the Hostel Audit of 13 units from 6-12 Oct. They did a thorough job of collecting data following the guidelines of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR). The College remained closed from 15-24 October, 2018 for the Puja Break.</p>
Loyola School	Host of Hosts - A month of Celebration	CL George
<p>While hosting a special dinner for the treasurers at Loyola community, <b>Fr. Rector</b> welcomed them and briefly mentioned about the various apostolates the community is involved in. <b>Ozie Macrenhas</b> made the evening an enjoyable one with his songs and got all the guests sing, laugh and relax. The climax was <b>Abe's</b> Bible song. <b>Fr. Michael Fernandez</b>, and</p>	<p><b>Br Benjamin</b> served a delicious dinner enjoyed and appreciated by all. <b>Fr. Gerald D'Souza</b> conducted a three-day workshop on basic accounting and "Tally" at Loyola School for the treasures of our province. They were very happy with the workshop and we are grateful to Gerry for helping the treasurers of the units of Jamshedpur Jesuit Society to improve the standard of keeping proper accounts. <b>Fr. Charles Lasrado</b> made an official visit to</p>	<p>Loyola while Michael Fernandez took him around. It was hectic and tiring for both, still Mike volunteered to accompany Charles to various communities. <b>Fr. Dayanidhi</b> organized the annual poem recitation competition for the students of Loyola Hindi School. It was conducted in the Fasy Auditorium with 85 boys and girls who participated in this</p>

competition for a wonderful experience in a big auditorium. Loyola will be hosting the final vows function of 7 of our fathers on the 31 October, the feast of St Alphonsus Rodrigues. An inspiring

ceremony with than two hundred guests for the Mass, followed by the felicitation of the vowants and a fellowship dinner under the sky in the basketball court. **Fr. Pius Fernandes** made a quick trip to Kolkata to inspect an ICSE school on behalf of the ICSE

Board, Delhi and returned with a urinary infection. **Br Benjamin** went to Hyderabad for Brothers' meet.

### XITE

### Industrial Visits - Finding Relevance

### Hilary Lobo

**Community:** Francis left for DNS, Digwadiah on 13 October for his annual retreat and thereafter he and Savari visited schools for advertisement. **James** travelled down to Chennai to attend the meeting of Higher Education Colleges while **Amal** left for Secunderabad on 21 October to attend brothers' meeting and the joint retreat. **Tony Bara** from Chaira came for his annual retreat here.

**School:** Second terminal exams began on 3 October and ended on the 13<sup>th</sup>. **Fr. Charles Lastrado**, Assist Treasurer General visited the school on Monday 8 October. School Managing Committee

meeting was held on Saturday 6 October 2018 after a long gap. The Child Protection Committee consisting of teachers held its first meeting on Friday 12 October. Application forms for K.G classes are available online from 25<sup>th</sup> October. The outside plastering work of the new school building is going on in full swing. To prepare for the Trtiya Sopan testing camp to be held from 28 to 2 November, the Scouts and Guides had special classes from 22 to 24 October. Seven students have registered their names for the National Talent Search examination to be conducted later. A good number of students have applied for minority scholarship from government.

**College:** BBA I went for an industrial tour on 9<sup>th</sup> October under the guidance of Prof Amit Chaubey at the Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research at Khasmahal,

Jamshedpur. BBA and B Com students visited Rangamati village on 13 October for their social outreach programme under the guidance of Prof Tony Castleton. On 25 October, Prof Susmita Basu accompanied the B Com I students for the industrial visit. Amal Raj led XITE Badminton teams to KU inter college Badminton tournament on the 11 October held at the Mohan Ahuja Stadium while Hilary escorted the boys Basketball team to Tata College, Chaibasa for KU Basketball tournament. Abhishek Hasda, Yugant Pingua and Prince were selected for KU Badminton and Basketball teams respectively.

## ODISHA AREA

### Kalijharan

### Hockey Tournament Unites Youth ...

### Pascal Dhanwar

With the double power connectivity, hydro and solar, we are missing the good times of living in darkness. Now, no excuses possible to postpone office work. Hockey tournament went on for seven days among 26 teams, and at the end the winners and the runners up took a khassi each, whereas the others had Rs. 1500 each.

Kalijharan parish is a pilgrim Centre, were two parishes came in groups, one from Thakurpali and another from Sambalpur on different days. We had a solemn Nawakhani celebration in our parish on 21 October. The parish priest's birthday fell on the same day. **Fr. Benedict** from Kendrapara graced the occasion with an inspiring sermon. After the Eucharistic celebration, we arranged birthday cake cutting which was the first experience for many of our

parishioners. **Pascal** went to Bhubaneswar to attend YPF program. On his returned we had a gathering with 62 children from all walks of life. All of them got something to remember and wait for the next gathering!

### Kalinganagar

### School Building is set to Launch

### Augustine Surin

The month of October began with the visit of **Fr. Charles Lasrado** who was accompanied by Frs. Michael Fernandes, Gerald Ravi D'Souza and Shantinandan Mundu.

**Fr. Gerry** made a quick arrangement for a "Darshan" of the Tata Steel plant! On 11, we joined the Charity Brothers in their celebration of the feast of Our Lady of the Poor at Jajpur Road. On 25, classes resumed after the Puja

holidays. The building work at Gobarghati is in progress and most likely the work will be completed by December.

### Loyola School

### Std VI Arya the Poet

### Gilbert Menezes

A six year Child prodigy of Std. II, Sayeeda Arfa was crowned as 'Top Child Model of the Planet- 2018' at the capital Tbilisi of country Georgia on 21 September. Another eight year old student of Std. III,

Ojaswi Pathak was awarded as 'Top Child Miss Photogenic Model International- 2018. That is not all. Our Std. VI student, Arya Mohapatra, got her first book of 60 poems, "Delving Deep" published by Cyberwit.net, Allahabad. The Parent-Teachers meeting was held on 27 October

and Progress Reports were distributed, and the Odia School conducted their half yearly exams from 13 to 23 October. During the Puja Vacations 116 students and the staff of St. Xavier's

College, Simdega pitched their tent at the school premises, and went around visiting Puri, Konark, Chillika and other places. The school also hoisted 136 youths for Cuttack- Bhubaneswar Deanery Youth Convention- 2018 on 17 and

18. On 1 October, nine second year novices with their Novice Master visited our school and community as part of their Bhubaneswar 'darshan'. On 2 October, Fr. Charles Lasrado visited our community to interact with the Superior and the Directors of works and then joined us for the evening dinner. Holidays

provided our hard working Administrator, Shanti to take time off and make his annual retreat at XUB residence. At the same time Sylverius came from Rutugja and made his retreat in our community.

### Loyola Bhavan

Under the able direction of **Gerry**, our House is reconnected to the main road and our kitchen is becoming a homely kitchen. While conducting a Workshop for the Province Unit Treasurers in Loyola School, Jamshedpur, Gerry experienced pain and numbness in his right leg. After all the tests in Jamshedpur and Apollo Bhubaneswar, he was advised surgery which was done on the 25<sup>th</sup>. He was discharged on the 28<sup>th</sup> and will go for the next checkup after

### At the Table - "Holy Mackerel"

two weeks. Thanks to Loyola School, Bhubaneswar community for all the care and support. A special thanks to **Fr. Sylverius Lugun**, who after his retreat, was there by Gerry's side for the Operation and post-operation care. He is bouncing back well, continue to pray for him.

**KM Joseph** continue to shuttle in and out of Loyola Bhavan, due to various official engagements as well as PCF. Second half of the month he spent meeting scholastics those in South and returned with great satisfaction after seeing never-die attitude of our scholastics. **Br. Tony Stevens** had his hands full extending

### George Anthony

hospitality to the numerous guests during the Puja Holidays, coming to Loyola Bhavan.

**George** attended REGAE 2 in Jharna, Ranchi and went to Pajikeri with **Fr. Sanay** where he enjoyed the hospitality of the Pajikeri Community and also the ill effects of "Titli" Cyclone in the Kandhamal Hills. He attended the various Review Meetings in North and South Odisha and came back on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October.

### Puri

The PSD (Puri Sea Darshan) is increasing day-after-day. The Novice Master Fr. James Kalapura brought nine II year novices for a PSD on 30 September along with Frs. Donald, Kiran and Alwyn from XUB and Bhincant Bhengra from Kendrapara. They enjoyed visiting the beach which is close by, just ten minutes walking from HLC. Puri.

### PSD with Kalathil

On their return they relished the Sea-Food-lunch prepared by Mr. Bipin and Mr. Sushant. The second PSD from CKP. Sr Tulika Tirkey OSU came with 15 of her companions on October 15 and returned on the 16<sup>th</sup>. More PSD always welcome, provided ready to adjust and are happy to manage life with minimum.

On request of Fr. Pradeep SVD, the Parish Priest, I gave a talk during 'all religions prayer meeting', organized on the occasion of Gandhi

### Joe Kalathil

Jayanti. Seven religious leaders from different religions participated in it, along with over 50 participants who appreciated the programme. Inter-religious dialogue is on process and connections are increasing day-by-day.

### Tangrain

The construction of the School building is on in full swing under the close supervision of Fr **Charlie** who is making sure that everything is in its place. The roof casting on the ground floor was done on 27 September and on 4 October to complete the work. It was delayed a little due to excessive rain. **Fr Rajesh** is working hard for bringing up the English Medium School to a new height and to progress in terms of number.

### Mission Land to Holy Land

**Fr Cyril** and **Deacon Santosh** participated in the SCC 3-day convention in Hamirpur-Rourkela, organized by the Odisha regional SCC committee from both the places. The delegates participated were from all the six dioceses of Odisha. Santosh accompanied about 221 youth of the parish who participated in the Annual Deanery Youth Convention in Nuagaon. They secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> position in cultural dance and one of the girls was awarded the best youth of the year. A big number of mothers participated in the annual deanery Mother's convention in Barilapta. Three Catechists were sent to

### Santosh Minj

Kalunga for animation program. Cyril and Santosh are working hard to make the faithful to get into the spirit of SCC through training organized by Cyril for the lay leaders of the parish. During the Puja vacation, Cyril made a visit to the Holy Land while Rajesh went for Goa and Mumbai Darshan with the people of the Parish. Charles and Santosh stayed back to take care of the spiritual needs of the faithful.

### Tumudibandha

One of the disheartened shareholders escorted **Fr. Biranches Soreng** to the paddy fields and narrated the ordeal of the

### Titli Regenerates Poor Farmer's Crop

current degenerating crops. The recent cyclonic storm, '**Titli**' has devastated the southern part of Odisha striking down its very lifeline, agriculture, with some mysterious disease. **Titli**

### Biranchi Soreng

could never dampen the spirit of OCI team as it ushered in numerous activities. According to **Fr. Blacius Ekka**, "Odisha Lok Manch Unit

organized Gram Sabha with 750 participants, the Executive Officers and PRI members for the renovation of village roads, ponds, vermin-compost pits, proper education in government schools, regularization of public distribution system, etc.” With a sense of fulfillment, he further maintains that Lok Manch has already gained momentum and is now decisively marching towards becoming a people's revolution.

Under the aegis of Odisha Lok Manch, a district level public convention was organized at Phulbani with 200 leading figures from 14 NGOs from Kandhamal on

19 September. On this occasion, the chief guest, Mrs. Pratyusha Rajeshwari Singh, highly lauded the initiatives and interventions of Odisha Lok Manch towards the empowerment of the disadvantaged through its advocacy programme. Mr. Raj Kishore Mishra, the State Advisor to the Supreme Court on food and nutrition encouraged Odisha Lok Manch to continue its movements for common good and pledged his support in future.

On 24 September, **Fr. Blacius Ekka** proceeded to ISI, Delhi for the core team meeting while **Fr. Biranchi Soreng** made for Berhampur for his MA final examination in Economics. From 3 to 6 October, Fr. Blacius Ekka participated in the National Workshop at ISI, Bangalore along with the representatives of 92 other NGOs. All the young priests of Tumudibandha community

were at Xavier University, Bhubaneswar for their Young Priest Forum from 15 to 18 November. They are now better equipped for effective administration.

Without lagging behind, our Livelihood Mission has initiated several activities for the betterment of its priority groups. By now, as many as 20 applications have been dispatched to ITDA Baliguda for the construction of check dams. For the promotion of *Banaraj* poultry farming, ITDA will soon provide 500 chicks to our beneficiaries free of cost.

### XIMB

XUB organized its first management and cultural fest- *Jamboree '18* from 4-6 October. Students from 33 Management, Engineering, Arts and Science colleges participated in the event which ended with a celebrity night on 6 October. Rapper and singer Badshah and talented Ms. Astha Gill attracted more than ten thousand people from the city and entertained the crowd for more than 2 and half hours with singing, music and dance.

On 1 October, the Centre for Compassion studies and Humanities organized a daylong conference on Gandhi. Xavier School of Communications had a

### Jambooree -18, Consortium of 33

symposium on 7 September on “Passions and Pursuits: building the gap between learners and practitioners”. It was well attended by school students from Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.

**Donald, Kiran** and **Alwyn** conducted sessions on spirituality, media and leadership for nine novices. During the Dusserah holidays, Young Priests' Forum was organized at XUB from 15-18 October with meticulous plan and conducted by John Mundu and Alwyn Rodrigues. 23 young priests participated in the program and three resource persons helped the young priests to understand issues related to Finance, Legal and Human Resources of our ministries.

Our regents as part of their relaxation joined XIMB Jesuits for a dinner on 18 October. **Paul Fernandes** went to Boston for international collaboration. XUB has tied up with WCD & DMS, Govt. of Odisha to Promote Leadership

### Alwyn

Excellence for Advancing Progress among 2000 women for Block level facilitators from different districts of Odisha... a program for the entire year.

**Shanti** made his retreat at Faber House XUB...**Donald** and **Kiran** made their retreat at Tome Residence at XLRI. **Jerry Cutinha** visited XIMB-XUB for some official work. On 28, **Fr. Jesurajan** left for XIMR Mumbai to teach a course in communication. **S Tony Raj** lost his maternal uncle on 5 October...visited the family during the Puja vacations.

## FORMATION HOUSES

### Premlal Jyoti

The last couple of months seemed to be tough on us since half of the scholastics were down with Dengue, malaria, typhoid and jaundice. The death of 24-year-old, Sch **Christopher Baraik** on 22 September was the darkest period at Premal Jyoti. God our creator

### Darkest Moment – Losing a Companion

blessed all of us with wisdom, knowledge, understanding and acceptance of the mystery of life and death. How fortunate we were to be comforted by **Fr. K.M. Joseph** on the third day after the burial of Bro. Christopher. This year we witnessed a street play by **Sauhard** on October 2, 2018. We are deeply enriched by the monthly recollection guided by Sr. Mary James, having

### Anjum Lomga

the theme “**Role of Mother Mary in my life**”. As we are in Navratri-holidays, we are busy preparing for our mid-semester examinations. It was worth attending Navratri celebrations on the 13<sup>th</sup> in Loyola school. Every one enjoyed dancing GARBA on this occasion.

### Vidyaniketan, Kerala

The months of September-October witnessed an array of exciting activities. On 8 September, we

### Steps Towards Maturity

celebrated the feast of BVM. Since this feast is celebrated in a grand manner in Karnataka, we joined our scholastics for the celebration. We had

### Asheesh Beero

Kannada Mass offered by **Fr. Anthony**. On 17 September, we began our 1<sup>st</sup> term examination.

Soon after, we went on a three-day cultural tour to central Kerala. We visited the tomb of St Alphonso as well as many historical places. On

23<sup>rd</sup> we began our Psycho sexual integration course given by **Fr. Jossy Rodriguez**. It gave us an understanding of the complexity of human body and our behavioral attitudes towards

people of the opposite sex. PSI really helped us to accept our feelings and showed us the way to lead a well-integrated life.

**Vidyajyoti**

**Prabhakar Towards Inter-Faith Dialogue**

**Nelson Castelino**

On 28 September, **Prabhakar** along with the first year theologians went to Varanasi for a course on Popular Hinduism guided by **Fr. R. John**, the Principal of Vidhyajyoti. The two week program was well arranged and coordinated in collaboration with the regional theologate of IMS, Varanasi. They also had an

experience of *Matredham Ashram*, run by the IMS Fathers, where thousands of people experience the healing power of God which is true to the spirit of Indian culture and the message of Jesus Christ. They also visited some places like Saranath Museum, the Buddhist monastery, the Cathedral, Vishwanatha Temple and the ghats on the bank of river Ganges, Benares Hindu University, Kabir Mutt, which inspired many in different ways...and came back

with a rich multi religious and cultural experience of the holy city of India. On 5 October, **K M Joseph** our PCF was with us on his official visit to Vidyajyothi. **Mike** is recuperating fast and takes daily walk in the evenings.

**SPECIAL MISSION**

**ERC**

**Consortium is Seeing its Light**

**P Tony**

A meeting was convened for the think-tank of Consortium attended by 15 members on 6 October at Guider Residence to study the MoU of Jamshedpur Minority Institutions. The Draft was passed and **Peter Martin** was nominated

to take it forward in getting the legal standing. Once it is done, an Executive Meeting could be convened. The ERC textbook is reaching the final stage of approval and the teachers involved are engrossed in completing the project. The ERC is yet to receive the school history

from the concerned institutions, reminders have been sent with no response. This is the only way the history could be written and preserved. Kindly give a thought to your contribution towards the project.

