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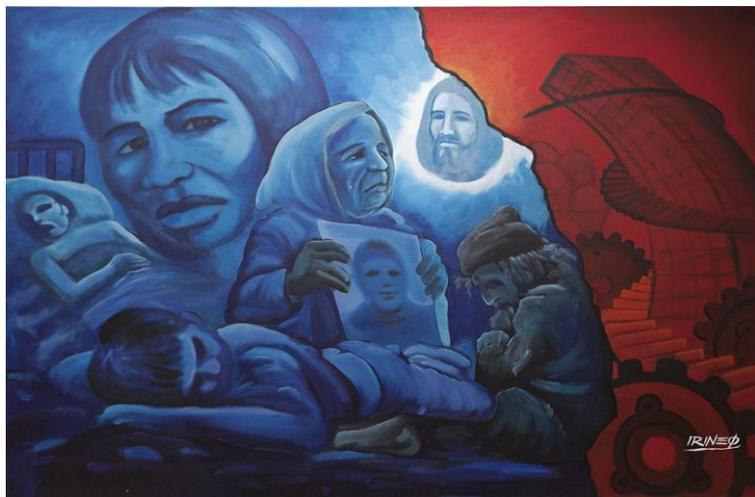
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Christmas Message: In Solidarity with Poor

Pope Francis declared 19 November 2017 as the first world day of the poor on, urging us to show solidarity with the poor not in words but in action. 'Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth', echoing the words from John's letter (1 Jn 3:18). The celebration has a great significance, highlighting the way the Lord showed care and



concern for His people right from the beginning of creation, being part of them, in suffering, in poverty and in struggles through the kings and prophets, finally through His Son Jesus, the concrete expression of his solidarity with those whom he loved. Jesus participated in the mission of Father being born as one neglected and least of the society. For him it was beginning of a transformation of the creation, distorted by the greed and selfishness of few. Ages have



passed, but the sinful tendencies continue, experienced in various realities – be it in the form of economic discrepancies, atrocities against the weak, violence in the name of religion or corruption. The troubled human hearts

Appointments

By Fr. General

Fr. **John Wilfred Lobo**, S.J., Provincial of Darjeeling Province.

By Fr Provincial

Fr R Anthony Raj, S.J., Vidya Jyoti, Delhi

Provincial's Programme for December

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| 1 | Visitation – Jilling |
| 2 | GB – XITE |
| 3 | Silver Jubilee -Loyola Hindi School JSR |
| 4 | GB cum Finance Commission Meeting |
| 5 - 6 | Visitation – XITE |
| 7 | GB – LPG, TRTC |
| 9 - 11 | Visitation – GJR & TJR |
| 12 | GB – DNJ |
| 14 | GB - LCE |
| 15 | Province Consult |
| 16 – 24 | Retreat |
| 29 | GB – Loyola JSR |

are groaning for liberation from within and without. In the words of the Pope, we are called to participate in the mission of Jesus to be part of their struggles and poverty. “We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself.”

The world is technologically advancing, social media is taking control of the lives of people and with the speed of communication the geographical distances are shrinking. On the other hand, the human hearts are experiencing restlessness, always yearning for more. Further, the fractured relationship with God, with people and with nature, has contributed to the anxiety, making us more introvert and self-centered. In spite of material wealth, often the joy and inner peace evade us. In today's world and in our context, the mission of God requires from us to re-establish the relationships, paving way to a lasting joy.

The thought of the birth of Jesus and the celebration of it

through the carols, family greetings, reunions fills us with nostalgic feelings, remembering the wonderful and magnanimous gesture of God. It also reminds us of the beginning of a process of hope, reaffirmed by the life of Jesus. The hopes and fears of the ages are met in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, not just the hopes and fears of those who had waited since the fall of Adam and Eve for redemption, but all the hopes and fears of those in the 2,000 years since, and the hopes and fears of all those yet to be born. The celebrations are neither limited to rituals, nor to external pomp and extravaganza, but calls us to deepen our commitment to convert the hope into a reality and fear into peace.

As we rejoice and celebrate this wonderful season of Christmas, let us not forget to thank baby Jesus for coming into our lives. Let us together prepare ourselves to welcome him into the homes of our hearts. Mav the Child Jesus stir our hearts to be true messengers of peace and transformation.



News From Our Communities

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda	Burudih Leprosy Free Area	John Sumbrui
<p>November started with the feast of all Saints. The faithful joined the Mass offered on this day and prayed for their departed near and dear ones. SRA Sisters joined Fr. Gyan who took them to Rengra for the Annual Sports Day on November 5. On the 7th he and his hospital team went to</p>	<p>Burudih Government School for the leprosy checkup camp. They found the children healthy and free from leprosy. Dr. Jacob was here from November 13 to 17 who performed nine RCS. On November 17th, Nauru Jamuda joined his duty as a ward boy cum driver and cook. He learned driving from TRTC but has no license. On the same afternoon Fr. Gyan left for Bhubaneshwar to</p>	<p>see his doctor for the routine checkup and then to make his annual retreat in Loyola Bhavan. During his absence, Fr. John Sumbrui took care of the house. This year we cultivated paddy in two plots and had good crops.</p>

Basahatu	Impact of Headmaster's Passion	A Cajetan
<p>In the first week of this month we had the 2nd terminal exams for the students and the result indicated a lot of progress in them. The Fr. James Samad, the</p>	<p>Headmaster, showed some impacts in the result of the hostel students. Fr. Alex Misquith had his cataract operation on both eyes, which was successful and is in process of getting clear vision. One of the super-hit programs of this</p>	<p>month was 'Children's Day'. Unlike other celebrations, this event made the children very enthusiastic and passionate because of the various competitions, like</p>



Drawing, Rangoli, Mehendi, Singing, Group Dance, Pyramid, Fashion show, Speech, and recitation, which were held on that day and enjoyed by all. It

was graced by **Fr. Anil Dang**, Sr. Seema, and a layperson. The work on the new Hall and the Hostel building is going on in full swing, which indicates the inauguration is not far. On 26 November, the solemnity of 'Christ

the King' was celebrated with the Eucharistic Procession and High Mass. A big number of parishioners participated very prayerfully.

Lupungutu

On 8 November, our School band won District Championship in Band Display competition. Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm beginning with *prabhat Pheri* around Lupungutu village highlighting the importance of education and clean India campaign. The 2nd semester examination was conducted during 17-28 November. School has got new

Xavierians District Band Champions

office accountant Mr. Ajra Hessa to help **Fr Felix** in treasurer's job. **Br Benjamin Ekka** made his annual retreat in our community guided by **C G Thomas** from 20th to 27th October. After the retreat both went to Sini to address the aspirants of the ASMI Sisters. On 5 November the community went to Rengra for Annual Sports day. **Woolsie** was the chief guest of the occasion. **Ranjit** gave an inaugural talk in Jamshedpur deanery Kurusveer rally held in St. Mary's Bistupur on 28 November. **Woolsie** made his annual retreat in XIMB

Ranjit Roshan Minj

from 18 to 26 November. He also met the doctor in Loyola Hospital for his regular health check-up. Under the supervision of **Br. Pascal**, the old houses of Lupungutu are being demolished paving way for more space around the Jesuit residence. **Charles Pereira** on his way to Jamshedpur from Tangrain spent overnight with us on 23 November.

Rengra

After a month long preparation, the Annual Sports Day was held on 5 November in the school premises. It was a day of showing the competency and agility of our students. They put up such spectacular performances that thrilled our guests and spectators. On this auspicious occasion, **Fr. Woolsie**, the superior of Lupungutu community was our chief guest and Mr. Shakar Laguri, the local manki and Mr.

Woolsie Exhorts Young Athletes

Pradeep Laguri, the munda of Rengrahatu were the guests of honour. A good number of religious were present to grace this day showing their solidarity. In his speech Fr. Woolsie exhorted the students to become good citizens and be the lights in this area. He too spoke to the august gathering about the good works being done here and requested them to extend their support in our endeavours. On 8 November, **Fr. Bernard Bodra** and **Fr. Pascal Burh** represented the community in the celebration at Khuntpani. Never before we witnessed such a big crowd of people for

Pascal Burh

this feast. On 12 November, **Fr. Bernard** had gone to Baripada to visit his ailing sister-nun along with his family members. On the same day we had four unexpected guests - Walter Kongari, Savarimuthu, Jyoti Ranjan Sanga and Renny Abraham - visiting us. On 14 November, children's day was celebrated with great fervor. On this occasion, a singing competition was held for our students.

DHANBAD AREA

DNS - Bhuli

Christian children of three DNS schools, Bhuli, CMRI and Koradih, came together for a day of spiritual renewal on November 4th. **Amos Bage** animated the day, aptly supported by **Greg** and Carmel School Sisters from Dhanbad. The composite **De Nobili Times news bulletin** was launched its first edition in the end of October. Congratulations to Ms. T. Banerjee, the editor of this composite magazine and for willingly taking up this herculean task of networking all the schools. After the revamp of managing committees in all

DNS TIMES is Launched

schools, each unit school has regular meetings. In order to be committed to their students and for making learning classroom centered, the DNS Director has banned tuitions and zero tolerance towards those teachers who take up tuition. The 7th, annual

Sushil Suman



sports day was held on November 25th, Mr. Kuldeep

Chaudhary, IAS, DDC, Dhanbad was the Chief Guest. He was taken up by the superb display of the march past and colourful PT drills of tiny tots. Parents and guests were amazed to witness the rapid growth made by Bhuli in short span of time. Greg and

his teams artistic sportive ground came under a lot of appreciation. Congratulations Greg and Co.

Koradih: In the new campus, the school organized an Achiever's Nite on 10th of November, in which 548 students were awarded the medals and certificates. **Fr. Oscar Horo** was the Chief Guest and **Fr.**

Saby was the Guest of honour. The senior block is getting its final touches and it is getting its due sheen. English teachers attended the seminar on English Teaching Methods held at CMRI on November 11th.

Gomoh

The DBH Alumni Association was inaugurated on October 28. On this occasion batches from 1997 to 2016 have decided next two gatherings for December 30th and March 3rd 2018. The DBH Band won the first prize at the district level Band Drill competition on 9 November in Dhanbad. Well done **Alex** and **Sushil**! New admission for DNS, Gomoh

Another Alumni is Born

seems to be promising for the next academic year. **Parish: Romanus Tete** organized the First Holy Communion and much awaited Confirmation. The First Holy Communion for the four children was held on 8th October, for which **Sushil Ekka** was the main celebrant. **Rev. Bishop Felix Toppo, S.J** gave the Confirmation to 25 children on 15 October. His overnight stay at DBH Jesuit Community was a blessing indeed. Local Jesuit

Romanus Tete

gathered for a fellowship meal in his honour. **Alex A, Romanus Tete, SND sisters** and some parishioners made a pilgrimage to Jharandi Dhory Mata. About 15 Catholic children participated in the *Krusbir* seminar at Govindpur on 20 November and won the 1st prize in quiz. Congrats **Sushil Ekka** and team who had prepared them.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Gande Dungri

The Headmaster, **Fr Polidor Kujur** is running pillar to post for getting the school recognition and permission to write board exams for all class VIII students. The dedicated teachers adhere to their responsibilities and give a wonderful support to him. From 26 to 28 October, the Munna-Munni football team of our school participated in the Munna-Munni Diocesan Football Tournament 2017, held at St. Xavier's School, Chaibasa. Both the teams, boys and girls,

Football Season Fever

came out as champions. On 12 November, the girl's team participated in the Jilling Gora Football Tournament, in Jilling Gora, the hometown of the Saraikela MLA, Champai Soren. The team was defeated in the first round of the tournament. On the same day Gande Dungri community welcomed the girl's football team from St. Patrick's, Gumla who had come to play in the tournament and was the runners up. They were deeply touched by the hospitality given to them. The children's Day was celebrated with a lot of excitement in the school. On this occasion, the teachers displayed their talents by performing various programmes on the stage and the students enjoyed and cheered for

Rakesh Kumar Bara

them. On the same day, the hostellers played football matches among different age groups and had lots of fun. After the match prizes were distributed to the winners and runners up. At least eight teachers from our school appeared in the JSSC CGTTCE exam, which was conducted in two phases, one on 19 and the other on 26 November. The students are beginning their second term examination from 27th onwards.

GJR - XLRI

Tony Raj. R., getting the news of his new assignment at Vidya Jyoti, he reprogrammed his frame of mind and heart. Cancelling his pre-booked tickets, he booked himself in Tatkal and went home to be with his father who is 90+ and bless niece's wedding. **Walter Kongari**, busy in translating the creative messages of children who have received the joy of support from Good Samaritans

Maxi Valued Client at Srijian

from distant land and able to climb the steps of school and get quality education in our schools. Good number of our Province men, savoured generous accompaniment of **Maxi. Alex Misquith** and **Emile Coelho** have new vision after their cataract operation. Since, now they have eyes on and for everything, they plan to adopt Gandhi's three monkeys' philosophy. **Francis Tiru** made sure that his teeth are strong enough as he is. In the absence of the house superior, **James Samad** missed the company of Alex and joined him

Amrit Kujur

in the Guidera Residence and also got treatment for his cough and cold. Guidera Residence hosted some important meetings. On 18 November, **Fr. Ranjeet Kindo**, organized a meeting to brief the commission members on the convention of the JESA Convention 2017, held in Jyana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune from 12 to 15 October 2017. He highlighted the three main

commitments, namely, promoting secular democratic values that reflect justice, equality, liberty; reaching out to victims of environmental exploitation, natural disasters and climate change; and finally, exploring ways and means of accompanying migrants in both

the origin and destination states, engaging with them pro-actively. The Commission chalked out plans to focus and respond to priority commitments through programmes such as awareness campaigns, relevant thematic documentary shows, seminars-workshops etc.

On November 23, The Principal of Loyola College of Education, **Antony P** conveyed a

meeting of both, XITE and LCE, to deliberate the possibility of merging both the institute in order to make it a composite college as per NCTE 2014 Norms and Standards. LCE being a stand-alone institute, it has become mandatory to move in this direction.

Jilling	Door to Door Admission Campaign	Sylvester Ekka
<p>November 14th was the most memorable day with its dual celebrations. On Children's Day, the school organized the Annual Sport Day to make the day very special and learning. Before starting sportive events teacher entertained the students.</p>	<p>Fr R Tony, the Chief Guest of the occasion gave a very inspiring speech and encouraged to be great athletics in the school and then in the nation. The teachers' wishes set the tone for the day and turned on children for the day. Sylvester, the Headmaster attended the meeting of heads of schools arranged by ERC at XITE on 18 November. The</p>	<p>coordinator, Fr Prful Barla and his team, has started house to house campaign to promote school admissions. The wind of promotion is spreading rapidly and we are preparing ourselves for the harvest plentiful.</p>

LCE	Tsunami of Information at LCE	Gulshan Kujur
<p>On November 4, 2017, Tony went to Jabalpur to attend the JHEASA Conference, a follow up of Rio, Brazil. The fruitful outcome was to work out some strategic planning for networking with other Jesuit college of education in India. Gulshan had gone for the funeral of his father who expired on 13 November due to brain hemorrhage at the age of 77. Please continue to praying for his soul and the bereaved family. As per the requirement of NCTE norms and to comply with DEO's request, the 2nd year students went for two months of practice Teaching in different government schools and a few private English medium schools. Their involvement in government schools was greatly appreciated. And their classes resumed from 1 November 2017. The students of the college also participated in the Basketball cum football organized by the Kolhan University in Chakradharpur and Chaibasa.</p>	<p>The students had the spirit of participation but not of winning. The lesson that the players learned was to continue with genuine effort. In November, LCE had a number of events. On 11 November, a seminar on "<i>Teacher Personality Development with 3As</i>" (<i>Attire, Attitude and Approach</i>) was organized for the faculty and students. The Resource person was Dr. Mausmi Das, the Principal of DSMS School, Sidhgora. On 12Nov, a one-day workshop on "<i>Research Methodology</i>" for the faculty of Jamnikant B.Ed. College, Kalyani Mahato College of Management was organized, which the LCE faculty also attended and greatly benefited. The resource persons were Dr. Tony P, Dr. Monika Uppal and Dr. Vikramjit Singh from SXCE, Patna. A guest lecture on "Dealing with Moral Dilemma" by Savarimuthu of XITE was conducted on 25 Nov. and the input was well appreciated. On 20 Nov. Dr. Monika Uppal, Dean of Academics, was the resource person at Sreenath College of Education, Adityapur where she highlighted the importance of "<i>Principles and Practice of Micro Teaching</i>" which was well appreciated. As a part of our outreach programme and social responsibility, the Social Club members spearheaded by Asst. Prof. Chandra Gyan visited the MC old age</p>	<p>home to hand over the proceeds – cash 9000/- and kind – at the end of <i>joy of giving</i> week on 11 Nov. The group spent quality time with the inmates – washing clothes, in cleaning and giving them bath etc. The Maths Club under the leadership of Asst. Professor Mrs. Namrata Srivastava organized a workshop on <i>Learn Maths Easy</i> on 21 Nov for the students of Rajkiyagrit Vidyalaya, Laltand. To upgrade the career, some of our faculty members sat for the JSSC qualifying examination for better placement and good number also appeared for the NET. For the first time, we had <i>Bal Mela</i> on 14 Nov. in the school with an elaborate arrangement of stalls. It was a joint venture of LCS and LCE under the leadership of Sunil. Anselem was at the finance collection. The faculty and the prospective students of LCE were vying with one another to set stalls and make the visitors feel at home with entertainment. This program was a big success and a sign of unity.</p>

Loyola School	Security Becomes Insecurity	C L George
<p>Loyola School organized the annual meeting of the school</p>	<p>management and teachers with the parents separately in groups: Pre-KG to II, III to V,</p>	<p>VI to VIII and IX and XI. The meeting took place in the Fasy</p>

Auditorium for which a large number of parents were present for interactions. **Frs. Rector and principal** addressed them. One of their main concerns was the safety of the children in the context of the happening in Ryan School, Gurgaon. Fr. Principal explained to them the various steps taken by the school management to ensure that the children are absolutely safe in the School. The parents were extremely happy to hear about the proactive steps taken by the school for the safety of their children. The parents too gave some constructive suggestions to take Loyola to further heights and make it absolutely safe. It was a very cordial and

productive interaction.

For the first time, Loyola School had a two day Loyola Fest - **AZIONARE**. It was organized by six students and the activity clubs together. Seventeen top schools from the city participated in this fest which had both high academic and fun loving events. Each School sent 40 participants. The entire two-day's events were planned meticulously and executed neatly by the students. Sacred Heart Convent School won the overall trophy. All participants enjoyed the activity packed fest under the close supervision of the principal, vice principal and their team of teachers.

Xavier Ekka, our parish priest, organized the first Holy Communion for the children of Infant Jesus Parish, Sonari. There were 21 First Communicants. The prayer-hall and the surroundings were full of guests invited by the Communicants. Congratulations to

Xavier for organizing this wonderful and inspiring first Holy Communion service.

Pius Fernandes went to Ahmedabad to attend the annual meeting of the Jesuit Alumni Association of India. **Michael Fernandes** went to Pune for a month to teach Cannon law. **CL George** went to Guidera Residence to make his annual retreat. In their absence, **Dayanidhi** held the fort and managed the school and the community efficiently. Great Job Daya! **Edward** spent the time in the chapel praying for all.

XITE

Campus Placements Picks up 17

C Gautam

XITE College: **Dreamz Investment & Management services** conducted an Aptitude Test & Personal Interviews for the third years. Out of 52 students who appeared, 22 were shortlisted for group discussions and personal Interviews. And in the finally list 17 were selected for training and placements. **Mr. Benjamin Bara**, FPM, from XLRI conducted a session on "Project Report Writing" for the third years. **Prof. Bharat Ashwin Dalal** (CA), HOD, Finance Dept. from Pune Institute of Business Management took a session for third years on varied themes, like, "Opportunities in Financial Service Centre", "Usage of Debt Equity Ratio by Dhirubhai Ambani to grow Reliance Industries Ltd.", "GST and Demonetization". **The first Internal Tests** for the students the old course were conducted in the first week of November.

The members of XITE Rotaract Club visited the Old Age Home at Baradwari and distributed provisions and entertained them with songs. On

25 November, a big number of students together with the faculty members, splitting into two groups, went to visit **Cheshire Home** as well as **Baradwari Home** for the aged. They spent a substantial length of time in providing some essential goods to the inmates and in friendly interaction with them. It was a part of social awareness activity of the college curriculum. Both, **the Principal and Bro. Amalraj** played a significant role in this programme. A Blood Donation Awareness camp was conducted by voluntary Blood Donors Association of Jharkhand organized by the NSS Unit of XITE. **Fr. Hilary** accompanied the college **Basketball teams**, both men and women, for the KU Inter-college Basketball Tournament held at Tata College Chaibasa on 3rd and 4th November. The team reached up to semifinals and lost in the hard fought battle. Hilary represented the college as the coach cum manager and returned with some consolation. Our **Kabaddi Team** lost to Karim City College, but one of the players was selected for the University Team. And the men and women **Football teams** lost the matches, all the same, 2 boys and 2 girls were selected to play for the University Team.

Jharkhand Skill Development Society conducted a session for the third years. Subsequently a tripartite agreement was signed between the JSDS, Nodal Agency and XITE, Gamharia to conduct Excel Program

in Xavier Training Centre for the college students and dropouts. Classes begun and students started coming from outside.

Xavier School: organized an overnight stay annual camp for the Scouts and Girls Guides from 3 to 5 November. Altogether forty-seven of them along with the Scout Master and Guide Mistress accompanied guiding them. Thirty-nine students of Std. IX accompanied by the science teachers went for an educational tour to Purulia Science Museum on 3 November.

On 11 November, **Science-Art-Craft** exhibition was organized and conducted well. Mrs. Sangeeta Sahay, the Block Education Extension Officer of Gamharia, was the Chief Guest for this occasion. The School Interact Club organized a fair on the occasion of Children's day. Mr. Pratimt Banerjee, the secretary of Loyola Alumni Association came as the Chief Guest for the occasion.

Mrs. Diljeet Kaur and Ms. Priya Khalho attended a workshop on

English language teaching organized by the Council in Kolkata from 16 to 19 and Mr. Roshan, Mrs. Mitu Rashmi and Mrs. Poonam Kumari attended a workshop organized by Oxford University Press on 18 November.

The **Grand Annual Parents' Night** was held on Saturday the 25 November in the evening. Mr. Chhavi Ranjan, D.C of Seraikela Kharswan was the Chief Guest for this spectacular show. We too had the privilege of having Mr.

Chandan Kumar, S.P and Mr. Sudipto Lagiri, Sr. G.M of Usha Martin as guests of honour. A gracious welcome was given to all by the **Principal, Vice-principal and the Administrator** of Xavier family, and the ceremonial lamp was lit while a beautiful **prayer-song-dance** on the stage created a prayerful ambience, which truly moved the hearts of the audience. This was followed by a good number of varied items involving 700 children performing on the stage. The credit goes to the **teachers and others** who worked hard and prepared the kids within a short period of time in keeping with the theme of the day **"THE INCREDIBLE INDIA"**!

So, we say...**Congratulations** and keep up the spirit...!

The Education Commission members of Jamshedpur Province had a meeting on 18 November in the first half and the Principals and Headmasters of all Jesuit schools of the Province in the second half at the EDC Block. On 27 **Fr. Kuruvilla** went to Jaipur to attend the ASISC **conference**.

ODISHA AREA

HLC	Number Surprises John & Co	Pravin Jose
HLC witnessed lots of changes and renovation works in and around the campus in the month of November. The renovation work in the western wing of HLC is almost coming to an end. Frs. Tony and Ignatius were busy in making forthcoming course' schedules. Though it was not a very good start for the Spoken English course with 93	students, within a week gradually it raised up to 150 students. Our computer department is making a very good progress in terms of numbers and quality of teaching. A new computer faculty, Ms. Gayatri, has joined HLC on 2 nd November. HLC is very much privileged to have Br. Benjamin as our computer student. His quest for knowledge is very remarkable at this age. He has become the icon of inspiration for all the other students. Fr. Ignatius was down with viral	fever and was admitted in Loyola hospital for a day. Now he is hale and hearty. HLC is blessed with the visitation of Fr. Provincial on 26 th and 27 th of November. The visitation ended with the Holy Eucharist and thereafter a fellowship meal in Loyola Bhavan.
Kalinganagar	Visitation Shapes the Mission	Augustine Surin
On 14 November, we meaningfully celebrated Children's Day. The teachers presented cultural programmes, and the children had dance competition where one could witness the talents of the students. The climax of the day was the games, which was organized for tiny tots.	On 13, Fr. Gerald Ravi D'Souza , the OJS Revisor and Fr. Gilbert Menezes , our superior visited us. Thank you Fathers for the fresh fish and fruits! The highlight of the month was the visitation of the Provincial, Fr. George Fernandes on 20 Nov. His visit was a moment of grace for us and for the mission. Finally, the library facility is made available for the teachers and the students who are happy and quite excited about it	now. Thanks to Fr. Augustine Vattamattam for the fruit of his hard work. Keep it up Vatta! In the absence of Jajpur Road parish priest, Fr. Augustine Surin took care of Sunday liturgy in November.
Loyola Bhavan	Age no Bar - Learning <i>baar baar</i>	George Anthony
Br. Benji , besides welcoming many guests in Loyola Bhavan from the Province, still found time to activate his learning nerves. Everyday afternoon, he went to HLC for computer class and found it a most entertaining hour of the day. His joyful learning experience shows that age is no bar for learning. Benji will be an inspiration to many in the days to come. On the	occasion of <i>chacha</i> Nehru's birthday, George played <i>chacha's</i> role in organizing Children's Festival in various VRO Odisha centers and Hepatitis-B Vaccination, supplied freely by Educare NGO. In VRO Odisha supervises 900 study centers. K.M Joseph accompanied the Provincial to Khalijharan and Tangrain and winded up the month visiting the Jam Juniors and collegians in various places of Jharkhand and consult. He is set for Western Region to meet the scholastics. Though recovering from	sickness, Gerry is busy with Accounts and Revisor's work. He is also much sought after for Accounting trainings by many groups. Book him early! Fr Provincial was with us on 26 and 27 th for the visitation. He recharged us, to move ahead with vigour and zeal in our mission.

Loyola School	Food Fate Another Hit	Gilbert Menezes
<p>The most exciting and eagerly awaited annual event, the 'Children's Day Fate' was held on 11 November. As the Principal declared the fate open, the teachers and senior students took over the stalls and managed efficiently while the family members, teachers, students, parents and former students crowded the stalls. It was fun seeing the food stalls getting cleaned up in no time.</p> <p>The English School began their second class evaluations on 24 November and the Odia School began the half yearly exams for Class IX on 20 November as required by the Board. Victor, as</p>	<p>part of the ongoing training, arranged a day's workshop on 'Phonetics' for all the teachers of the school on 25 November. It was sponsored by the Oxford University Press and Ms. Sonali Bhattacharyya from Kolkata came as the resource person.</p> <p>One of our students, Ms. Sumedha Ray of class 10 was selected to play for Odisha in the National under 17 girls' basketball championship.</p> <p>Fr. Provincial made his annual visitation of our community from 20 – 22. It was a time of blessing and stock taking for the community as well as for the individual members. The community was the venue for the GB meeting of LES held on 26 November and presided by the Provincial.</p> <p>Bhincent Bhengra and George Thana's birthdays were celebrated by the community</p>	<p>on the 1st and 16 November respectively. Fr. Cyril Tigga from Tangrain brought some blessings on the community as he made his annual retreat from 13 – 21 November. Victor went to Gandhinagar, Gujrat, to attend the Jesuit Alumni Governing Council meeting on 19 November. Ajit attended ERC meeting in Jamshedpur on 19 November. Victor again was out in Jaipur to attend the annual ICSE school principals' conference from 28 November to 1 December.</p>
XIMB/XUB	220 Jesuit Educationist Come Together	Joshy / Alwyn
<p>CBCI council for Women had organized a national conference from 30 Sept -1 Oct on the theme: 'Role of Women in Making the Family' at XUB. It was attended by 50 women delegates from different dioceses and four bishops: Rt. Rev. Kishore Kumar Kujur, (Bishop of Rourkela and Regional Chairperson), Rt. Rev Mar Jacob Barnabas, (Bishop of Gurgaon and National Chairperson of CBCI CW), Rt. Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas (CBCI Secretary General) and Most Rev. John Barwa SVD, (Cuttack Bhubaneswar). Our 18 second year novices visited different mission houses and saw some of the historical places in and around Bhubaneswar. They were accompanied by their master Fr. James Kalapura. They also participated in a day's workshop organized by Frs. Alwyn, Donald, Joshy and Kiran.</p> <p>The major event of the month of October was the Triennial Conference of JEA SA, where 220 Jesuit and lay principals and delegates participated from different provinces. Frs.</p>	<p>Augustine, Arockia and Alwyn from XUB and the JEA organizing team headed by Frs. Sunny, Ajith Bahala and Tony P worked hard to make the gathering a grand success. It was the first time, that XUB hosted such a big number in the University Campus. Participants were grateful to Fr. Paul and community for making all the arrangements for their comfortable stay.</p> <p>The 15th Foundation Day Lecture of the Xavier Institute of Management Bhubaneswar was held on October 31, 2017 marking the thirty-year successful collaboration between the Government of Odisha and the Jesuit Society in imparting quality management education. Dr. Naushad Forbes, Co-Chairman of Forbes Marshall, delivered the Lecture. The event was presided over by Mr. Rajive Kaul, Chairman, XIMB-XUB and Fr. Paul Fernandes, S.J., Director XIMB and Vice Chancellor XUB.</p> <p>Fr. Jesurajan went to Mumbai to teach a course on Business communication to the students of XIMR. Fr. Joshy delivered the keynote address and was one of the resource persons at the annual meeting of the Bishops of FABC - OSC (Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences – Office of Social Communication) on the theme 'Challenge to Social Communication in Digital Church' from 13-18, November in Bangkok. Fr. Kiran presented his Comprehensive Exam Seminar as part of his doctoral studies. Frs. Jesurajan, Donald and Arockia are actively</p>	<p>involved in conducting MDPs in XIMB. Frs. Arockia and Joshy went Jabalpur to attend the JHESA conference. Frs. Kiran, Donald and Alwyn took time off to visit two mission stations, namely Kalijharan and Tangrain.</p> <p>Xavier University Bhubaneswar has been awarded 4 Palmes of Excellence by Eduniversal, a Global Ranking and Evaluation Agency based in France, for its outstanding Academic Excellence in Management Education and Research on 9th November in a glittering ceremony at Grand Hyatt, Dubai. Fr. Paul, Fr Augustine and two Professors went to receive the award in Dubai.</p> <p>Vikalp, a festival of cultural diversity and plurality was organized in the University campus this year by the undergraduate students from 17-19 November under the leadership of Fr. Lourduraj and Mr. Subrat Beura. The three-day cultural festival included, story-telling sessions like Dastan Goi by Ankit Chadda, critical thought on Hind Swaraj in Contemporary times by Prof.</p>

Apoorvanandji, Flute recital by Srinivas Satapathy and group, Sarod recital by Abir Hussain and Sandeep Ghosh, Prof. Ram Puniyani on Resisting violence, identifying the strands of violence and finally Kabir Poetry Performance by Neeraj Arya's Kabir Café. Students also got a chance to attend theatre workshop and indigo dying

workshop as part of Vikalp. For the first time, the people from surrounding villages got a chance to participate in cultural events organized by the University. Xavier School of Rural Management organized first international conference with a theme, 'Rural Management for sustainable development on 23-24 November. Shri. Amarjeet Sinha, IAS, Secretary, MoRD, GoI inaugurated the conference and delivered the keyn

ote address. **Fr. George Fernandes**, our provincial, spent three days with us as part of the annual visitation. It was a time of grace for all the community members. Thank you, Fr. George, for your patient listening, understanding, appreciation and encouragement.

FORMATION HOUSES

Berkeley

After the deadly wildfires in Northern California which destroyed and devastated human lives, people are recovering from the pain of loss and now feeling at ease after the much needed showers of rain for the last two weeks. Because of the kind-hearted and generous people as well as the committed government, things are moving back to normal but would take time. However, our life at Berkeley is rolling smoothly. We have almost run through the Fall Semester and still to cover the last three weeks to complete. With the ordination to the diaconate, there is not only a shift in our mindset, but also our approach to life and ministry have changed. As deacons, we are very happy to serve in full capacity through peaching,

Diaconate - Life Changing Moment

assisting in liturgies and administering sacraments to the people here in the dioceses



of Oakland and San Francisco. Truly it is a life giving experience for us. Though "Sky is the limit", **Neelam** starts with the White House. He had the opportunity of attending the annual conference of **Ignatian Family Teach-In** program which was held in Washington DC from November 4-6. The theme of the Conference was 'Rowing into the deep' –

Deacon Neelam

Magis meets justice. He also participated in a panel discussion with the students to engage them in on-going conversation and action for social justice through contextual theology. The theme for the discussion was: "Loving in Deed and in Truth", a perspective in social justice. It was attended by high school kids, undergraduate and graduate students from all over the US, some parts of Mexico and Canada. Since then Neelam has become ultra-active with full of energy. His ministry at San Quentin State Prison keeps him busy adding more grace to his spiritual and academic life. **Amit** is fine and doing well, consistent both in studies and in pastoral ministry.

DNC Pune

The JDV council arranged Interdisciplinary Symposium on Neo-Gnosticism and Neo-Pelagianism on 3rd and 4th November 2017. All the students of JDV and members of other communities were invited for

Not Gabbar but DNC GST

this meeting. There were many intellectuals, who spoke on different topics. It was a really very enriching experience and it oriented us to involve in serious intellectual studies. It also gave us broad understanding on the theme, Neo-Gnosticism and Neo-Pelagianism. On 17 November, we started

Samuel Sanjay Bodra

our community days with the theme "**Growing in Spirit Together (GST)**". It was an experience of sharing our joy and happiness with one another. We ended it on 19 November.

Gyanoday, Patna

The Juniorate life at Gyanoday Patna is active and kicking. We are 19 Juniors, belonging to seven provinces. In the company of our charming professors, we all are having a lot of academic

Charming Formators Charm Juniors

fun. Learning new things has become source of our joy. Learning computers, ecological awareness, knowing history of the Society of Jesus, journalism, media appreciation, etc are learning avenues that we are blessed with. These academic inputs are helping us to have

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great time in our parish ministries, family visits and teaching English to the neighborhood children. Visiting parks and historical places are incentives that we get now and

then here at Gyanoday. We celebrated Diamond Jubilee of Fr Cyriac, along with seven other Jubilarians on October 5th. Fr Vernon D' Cunha, general assistant, was with us on October 15th. We are flourishing in our studies and enjoying our stay at Gyanoday along with the fathers and our other companions by God's grace.

Rome	New Provincials Descend in Rome	Basil Sanga
It was a very good occasion to meet the Jesuits of the South Asia Assistancy on 18 November in Rome. There were 4 new provincials from the assistancy. All together we were	53. The gathering was held in <i>Collegio Internazionale Del Gesu</i> where the Jesuit scholastics stay for their first cycle of theology. Mahesh and Basil are keeping well and busy in their studies. This year the semesters are quite heavy for both. They	have ten courses each semester. Fr. Joe Xavier is keeping a good health too.

Vidya Jyoti	Death of Fr Cornelius . Freezing Moment	Alok Minj
Months of October and November were the months of cultural grasp months. Alok, Santosh and Nelson went a weeklong cultural and educational tour to Rajasthan on September 24 th . On October 10, there was a pastoral sharing and reflection in the college where Santosh who was a part of "Karavan-E-Mohabbat" shared his experiences of people's pain, suffering and struggle during Gujarat riot and other incidents	in the country. On October 15 Alok organized one-day exposure program at Vidyajyoti College for the children of Majnu Ka Tila slum. Fr Mike was in Kozhikide, Kerala for the meeting of Assistancy Commission for Fomation. The sudden death of Fr Cornelius, the youngest member of the staff, brought in freezing environment in the campus. The loss of Fr Cornelius still lingering in all of us. November 19 th was a grand day for many slum children. Children from various slums came together for a day of celebration. On 22 nd VJ participated in the protest rally	organized by All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee. The entire college body got a chance to interact with farmers and know the actual reality of farmers in our country. We are grateful to Fr Provincial for his visitation and also Frs Joshy and Niranjana for their visit to VJ.

Vidyaniketan	Expanding Horizons of Learning	Vital Dungdung
November was buzzing with a thrilling array of activities. After the first semester exams, Vidyaniketan wore a serious academic atmosphere. On 2 November, we had special Mass dedicated to the departed souls of our friends, dear and near ones. We had a meaningful and	compact course on "Media Education and Film Appreciation", generously offered by Fr. George Sabastian , which left us spell bound. On 15, we visited Vikram Sarabai Space Center , to broaden our knowledge on space technology. During the visit we witnessed a Rocket launching, indeed it was spectacular. After five months of productive ministry, we	had an evaluation in the presence of all the parish priests of our ministry centers. Their realistic assessments encouraged us to be more fruitful in our ministries. We, from the northern and central Jesuits provinces have undertaken the ministry to the migrant workers.

Vinalaya	Proud of Indian Heritage	Naresh Digal
Having finished our first semester exam, we had a three-day tour, which was enjoyable and educative. We visited the caves of Ajanta and Ellora, Daulatabad Forts, Bibi-ka-Makbara, Panchayaka and St. Thomas church at Aurangabad. We are indeed grateful to Fr. Abury for his marvelous guidance and what he explained patently. After having known the	significant events of our past history we felt proud of our Indian culture. During the tour generous people helped us in deferent ways. St. Mary's school gave us the school bus for our journey. Fr. Sanjoy, a diocesan priest, and his brother provided us delicious food as well as lodging. Junior Anil's family also provided us a generous breakfast. Apart from this his father also accompanied us throughout the tour for navigating. It was really a great opportunity for us to visit these famous heritage sites of	India. All of us were deeply fascinated by the paintings at caves and at Kailas temple. Now the holidays are over and we began our new semester with the course on "Speech and Drama". All the other courses were very helpful, which gave us new perspectives to the wider world. Our daily classes and ministries are going on well, so keep us in your prayers.

SPECIAL MISSION

ERC	EC Deliberates Triple Statements	Anthonyraj P
ERC team is on job in getting the	textbooks printed by Dec 2017. Several	rounds of meeting were

conducted to perfect the books. Credit goes to our subject coordinators **Mr. Padmanaban** and **Dr. Pinky Midha** for walking an extra mile.

On 18, Nov 2017, The Secondary Education Commission came together for a commission meeting at EDC at XITE premises for strategic action planning in the light of the JEA SA Triennial, Bhubaneswar

statement and the congress of the Jesuit Educators, Rio, Brazil Action Plan Statement. Three major concerns were taken up for methodical implementation: 1. Ecological Awareness should be taken up with a team of experts. 2. The faith formation of our school children 3. Collaboration with neighborhood schools. Details are worked out with the formation of teams to serve within the province.

It was a day of fruitful exchange of ideas and arrival of consensus in taking up issues. ERC

regrets the absence of 9 Principals/HMs absence who could not endorse the action plan and share the best that they practice in their respective schools. The forum also appreciated the ERCs initiative for arranging orientation programmes for vernacular schools at zonal levels at the start of academic year 2017.

Gurukul	Peace Mission in Lahore	Joe Kalathil
<p>I was blessed to visit and concelebrate Eucharist in one of the oldest parish, Church of Anarkali, Lahore. After the Mass, the Parish Priest, Fr. Joseph Arzhad, took me to another Mass center known as 'Chirag Park' for the 2nd mass. During my homily I stressed the need of peace in and around us. After mass, a group of enthusiastic young men met me to assure that they would form a group of 'youth for peace.' While returning the pollution level was so bad that I got an infection in my throat which needed medication.</p>	<p>On 4 November, I addressed the teachers of a Muslim school in Gujranwala and then over a hundred youth at St. Francis Xavier parish. This parish has over 3500 Catholic families. Next day, Next day the Parish Priest took me to Francisabad, which is a sub-station, where I gave a homily to 700 Catholics who participated in the Mass. At the request of the Parish Priest, I baptized a baby. Here I visited the M.C. Sisters Convent in Lahore. They are four: one each from Kenya, Srilanka, Bangla Desh and Spain. As planned earlier, I returned on 9 November. The schools I visited this time, arranged over three hundred replies to the Peace Letters I had taken from India, which now I am trying to sort out. Due to the recent</p>	<p>tension between India and Pakistan, an extra-ordinary and thorough search of my baggage was done at the immigration. The junior officers notified the higher officers, who, after going through the letters, found nothing objectionable and I was allowed to bring all the letters with me. It only made Fr. Kurian Emphrail who went to receive me at the border, wait a little longer. Please keep this "Mission of Peace" and us in your prayers.</p>

Across the Bridge

09 Nov - Fr John Mialil, SJ, (KER, 90/68), Calicut, Kerala	25 Nov - Fr Theruvil Mathai, SJ, (MDU, 94/72), Dindigul, Madurai
14 Nov - Mr Benedict Kujur (77), F/O Fr Gulshan Kujur.	25 Nov - Br Natarajan Joseph, SJ, (MDU, 81/52), Madurai

Happy Birthdays

02	A Amalraj	Bodra	15	Pius Fernandes	21	Shantinandan Mundu
	Staney Furtado	Jaya Prakash D'Souza		Valerian Mendonca		Renny Abraham
05	Anthony Bara	Sunil Lakra	10	Blacius Ekka	16	Francis Perumalil
	Xavier Xalxo	James Samad	11	Michael Thanaraj		Sanket Kumar
	Augustine Surin	Pradeep Ekka	12	Nelson Castelino	17	Niranjana Minj
06	Samuel Sanjay	AAlexander	13	Sushil Suman Kerketta	20	Sushil Jojo

Death Anniversaries

02	Boniface Kujur	09	Richard J Neu	20	John B Murray
04	Herbert J Covely	12	Michael Saldanha	27	Paul Hembrom
08	Oscar Rodericks	19	Timothy Kiro	30	John J Blandin

Announcement

'There will be a meeting of Jesuits in Science and Technology Forum on 24 and 25 February, 2018 at St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad. Kindly contact Fr Ignacimuthu (imuthus@hotmail.com)'

Merry Christmas