



## Provincial Circular INE

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### From the Leader's Desk...

Dear *Confreres*

The words of our Founder, St. Arnold Janssen, "A good religious person must always practice gratitude. The heart is like an altar on which the sacrifice of thanks to God constantly arises."

These words of our founder impel me to thank a big list of people who were and are empathising with me during this time of struggle and uncertainty.



It is true; that I grieved immensely for having lost *confreres* within a month's time, not being able to give them a dignified burial, **One, who celebrated the Holy Mass many a times in his life and interceded for the souls, was laid to rest without it!** This could be the so called Dark Chapter in the province's history. Amidst all these, I felt the powerful presence of God, which accompanied and is accompanying us always. My lifetime will not be enough to thank God for such great grace and mercy he showed to us.

I felt that entire Province was with me through your prayers and encouraging words. Our Superior General Rev. Fr. Paulus Budi Kleden SVD always spoke to me over the phone and was in touch with the situation through his able guidance and prayers. I was happy to know that after the tragic happenings, each one was well taken care of by your respective community members and all kept encouraging our sick *confreres* through your safe physical presence, moral support, and above all through your intense prayers.

My special thanks to you all and especially to the *confreres* who took care of our sick *confreres* by visiting them in the hospitals. I, along with province's members, remain ever grateful to the following:

#### 1. For the Medical Attention and Treatment

- Fr. Bennychen Peter SVD, and the Community Welfare Society Hospital doctors and staff members
- Mother General of the Society of Handmaids of Mary, St. Teresa Province Sisters, Sr. Prabhasini H.M, and Sr. Scholastica H.M
- Good Samaritan Sisters at Catholic Mission Hospital, Bargarh
- Handmaids of Mary Sisters at St. Mary's Hospital, Jharsuguda

## **2. For the Nutrition and Food Supply**

- St. Arnold's School, Jhartarang
- Sisters of Daughters of the Cross, Hamirpur
- Sisters of the Apostolic Carmel, Hamirpur
- St. Paul's School, Hamirpur

## **3. For the Burial Service**

- Most Rev. Kishore Kumar Kujur, Bishop of Rourkela Diocese
- Parish Priest and Community, Kesramal Parish, Rourkela
- Sisters, Doctors, and Staff, St. Mary's Hospital, Jharsuguda
- Shanti Bhavan Community Members
- Janssen Bhavan Community Members

Now that we are going to begin a new academic year, we learn from our struggles and rise up with new experiences and lessons for life. A few of you are given new responsibilities, others with the same, I thank you all for your great endeavours and your uncomplaining struggle in putting up with the pandemic situation and the financial constraints. As we begin this new academic year let us with renewed vigour do our responsibilities well. Let us entrust all our undertakings to the compassionate Heart of Jesus.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus Bless and Heal the World!

## **Congratulations...**

The Provincial Council and the members of the province congratulate

- Fr. Rasal Xess SVD, on his being elected the ASPAC Zonal JPIC Co-ordinator
- Fr. Zephyrinus Soreng for completing his M.S.W Studies
- Bro. Sandeep Soreng, Fr. Ajay Kerketta, Fr. Fuljames Indwar, Fr. Cladius Soreng, Fr. Dilip Tirkey, and Fr. Naveen Pinto for completing their B.Ed. studies
- Fr. Innocent Kerketta for completing his B.Ed. and M.A studies
- Fr. Dixon Lawrence D'Souza for completing his Licentiate in Spiritual Theology.

## **Gratitude...**

- Our best wishes to the out-going Provincial Superior's Secretary, Fr. Donald Carel Lobo. I, on behalf of the province, thank Fr. Donald for his committed service in the Secretary's Office. We wish him God's blessings and success in his new appointment.
- We, as a family, thank Fr. Stanislaus Vedanayagam SVD for his significant contributions to the Province and to the People of God. As he left for INH Province on 14 June 2021, we pray for his good health and success in his future endeavours.

## **Province Matters**

### **Confreres' Personal Bank Accounts**

This issue of *confreres'* personal bank account came up in Provincial Council (PC) Meeting held on 06 June 2021 against the background of the *confreres* who died recently and had personal accounts but no nominee mentioned. In the light of this, the PC requests and makes it mandatory that the nominee details for that account to which the pocket money and the food allowance is being transferred be updated and a copy of it be sent to the Provincial's Office. Moreover, those *confreres*,

who have the bank account to which their salary is credited, kindly mention one of the province members as your nominee and submit the same to the office.

### Collecting copy of Identity Cards and Updating the Home Contact details of the confreres

The Provincial Council considers it expedient to collect the copies of the Aadhar card, Voter's ID, Pan card, and at least two phone numbers of the home contact of each *confrere* of the Province. This is in view of the future reference and all these documents will be kept in the respective individual's files.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of The Servant of God- Fr. Marian Zelazek SVD

The 15th Death Anniversary of Servant of God, Fr. Marian Zelazek, SVD was observed in Puri with due solemnity on April 30, 2021 with strict observance of Corona Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The inmates of Ishopanathi Ashram began the day with thanksgiving worship in 'Father Marian Chapel' at the Ashram at 6.30 A.M. Father Marian's compassionate love for the people on the margins particularly for those denied of human dignity due to Hansen's disease and his promotion of universal brotherhood through dialogue among believers of different faith traditions in Puri were nostalgically remembered.

At 8.00 A.M. the Staff and representatives of the students of Beatrix School – popularly known as 'Father School' paid homage to the Founder of Beatrix School with floral tributes at his 'bust' in the School. The newly restored and renovated 'first building' of the Beatrix School, built by him was dedicated as 'FATHER MARIAN BLOCK'. The newly installed play facility of the School was dedicated to the memory of Father Marian as Father Marian Children's Park.

The main event of the day was observed at 9 A.M. at the 'Father Marian Memorial' where part of his mortal remains are interned. Sentimental and heart touching homage was paid to the founder of Karunalaya Leprosy Care Centre and Ishopanathi Ashram with chanting of religious songs and 'kirtan' by the inmates of 'Marian Ashraya' - the leprosy colony set up by him.

A moment of meaningful silence was observed in his fond memory. All present paid tribute to FATHER by placing lighted oil lamps and flowers at his *Samadhi*, amidst the singing of the *Kirtans*. The Teachers of Beatrix School sang a song –





“Return Once Again *Bapa* (Father)” in honour of the Servant of God.

A newly made documentary film and a video song in Odia on Father Marian - both produced by Fr. Dixon Lawrence D’Souza, SVD, were officially released and screened in Father Marian Museum.



A short Memorial Service was held at Karunalaya Leprosy Colony mainly for the benefit of the elderly, the sick, and the children. While some of them came in their tricycles, others slowly walked to the statue of Father Marian installed on his first death anniversary in front of the Karunalaya Hospital. The children of the colony joyously flocked around. It was a blissful gathering with singing, garlanding, and incensing the statue of Father. Children offered flowers to their beloved ‘*Bapa*’ and shared ‘*Prasadam*’ as gift from Father.

‘What is important is not to ignore the person in front of you’

- Servant of God Marian Zelazek

### Renewal of Vows

We had the privilege to accommodate four of our young budding scholastics at the Provincial’s House. These enthusiastic men- Frt. Komal Bara, Frt. Anil Tandi, Frt. Vinod Marneni, Bro. Sandeep Soreng, after having prepared themselves through a day’s recollection guided by Fr. Anuranjan Bilung SVD, renewed their vows on 07 June 2021 during the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Petrus Kullu SVD, Provincial Superior, INE, and in the presence of the other *Confreres*, at Shanti Bhavan, INE Provincial’s House.



### Hearty Welcome...

We, the members of the Province, are happy and are joy-filled to welcome five young *fratres* for their Exposure Immersion Programme (EIP) to our province. These *fratres* will be reaching the province on June 17, 2021. They will be in the Provincial’s House and attend the Orientation Sessions on June 18, 2021.



Frt. Peter Tham Tham



Frt. Paul Galipothu



Frt. George Brito



Frt. Susairaj. M



Frt. Rajesh Damor

## **Our Departed Confreres**



**Fr. Ranjeet Barla SVD**

DoB- 03.09.1977

DoO- 27.01.2011

DoD- 03.05.2021

He suffered Respiratory Distress and succumbed to it. He is buried at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda.



**Fr. Binit Kumar Barla SVD**

DoB- 11.03.1990

DoO- 05.02.2021

DoD- 22.05.2021

He is our only newly ordained priest this year from Odisha who is appointed to Zimbabwe Region. He died of COVID infection leading to the collapse of the lungs. He is buried at Rourkela's Diocesan Cemetery, Kesramal due to the denial of permission from the Civil authorities to bury at Shanti Bhavan.



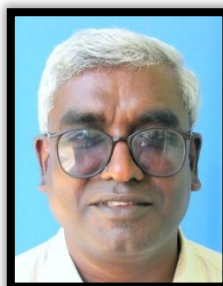
**Fr. Ranjit Kerketta SVD**

DoB- 16.08.1964

DoO- 20.05.1994

DoD- 08.05.2021

He died during COVID treatment, as his blood sugar levels went up to 800. He is buried at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda.



**Fr. John David SVD**

DoB- 16.02.1953

DoO- 29.05.1982

DoD- 27.05.2021

He was sick for long time and had a cardiac arrest and died. He is buried at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda.



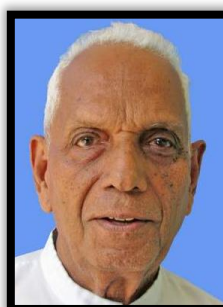
**Fr. Joseph Topno SVD**

DoB- 02.02.1954

DoO- 05.04.1986

DoD- 13.05.2021

He succumbed to the COVID infection and died. Due to the denial of permission by the Civil authorities to bury him at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda, he is laid to rest at Rourkela's Diocesan Cemetery, Kesramal .



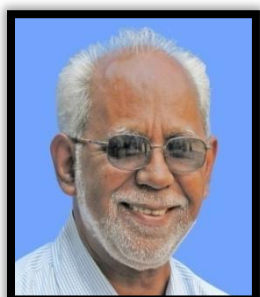
**Fr. James Arackal SVD**

DoB- 26.07.1927

DoO- 02.10.1959

DoD- 28.05.2021

He was the last member of the FIRST BATCH of Indian SVDs. He died of old age complications and is buried at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda.



**Fr. Thomas Panackalody SVD**

DoB- 19.06.1940

DoO- 12.12.1972

DoD- 20.05.2021

He died of old age complications and is buried at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda.



**Fr. Gregory Ekka SVD**

DoB- 16.06.1966

DoO- 01.02.1997

DoD- 08.06.2021

He died of Post COVID complications and is buried at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda.

## **Our Departed Relatives**

- † Mr. Francis Reddy, aged 69, paternal uncle of Fr. Pramodh Kumar Vatti, died on 22.04.2021.
- † Mrs. Lucy Gretta Lewis, aged 79, elder sister of Fr. Rudolf Crasta, died on 24.04.2021.
- † Mr. Patrick Toppo, aged 55, younger brother of Fr. Emmanuel Toppo, died on 25.04.2021.
- † Mr. Joseph Ekka, aged 85, father of late Fr. Gregory Ekka, died on 27.04.2021.
- † Mrs. Mukti Kerketta, aged 85, aunty of Fr. Clement Kerketta, died on 08.05.2021.
- † Mr. Vincent, aged 63, elder brother of Fr. Lancy Gonsalves, died on 08.05.2021.
- † Mr. Gabriel D'Silva, aged 49, uncle of Fr. Dixon Lawrence D'Souza, died on 16.05.2021.
- † Sr. Christina HM, aged 93, aunty of Fr. Joseph Kujur, died on 17.05.2021.
- † Mr. Hobertus Kujur, aged 73, uncle of Fr. Joseph Kujur, died on 18.05.2021.
- † Mr. Prakash Surin, aged 61, elder brother of Bro. Bipin Kishore Surin, died on 20.05.2021.
- † Sr. Josphine FSMA, aged 49, younger sister of late Fr. Gregory Ekka, died on 21.05.2021.
- † Mr. Simplicius, aged 58, youngest brother of Fr. Francis Pereira, died on 03.06.2021.
- † Mr. Chinnabathini Benjamin, aged 52, brother-in-law of Dn. Madanu Praveen, died on 03.06.2021.
- † Mr. Michael Dung Dung, aged 66, brother-in-law of Fr. Petrus Kullu, died on 06.06.2021.





## **Birthdays of Our Confreres**

June 2021			
John Barwa (Abp)	01.06.1955	Francis Soreng	16.06.1948
Marianayagam	01.06.1961	Herman Minj	19.06.1967
Alphonse Bilung (Bp)	05.06.1933	Bulu Birender Kujur	26.06.1978
Lawrence Lakra	07.06.1950	Peter Vattakeril	26.06.1940
P. Justin Jayaraj	10.06.1977	George Karedan	26.06.1951
Paul Galipothu (EIP)	15.06.1995	Kurian T.K.	27.06.1947
George Brito (EIP)	15.06.1996	Paul Moras	29.06.1948
Naveen Prashanth Pinto	15.06.1983	Joseph Kerketta	29.06.1932
July 2021			
Lancy Rodrigues	05.07.1955	Joseph Sarpirasadam	16.07.1967
Jay Prakash Kullu	06.07.1967	Nirmal Lawrence	21.07.1975
Sunil Kujur (Frt)	07.07.1992	Hanson D'Souza (Dn)	21.07.1991
Suman Dungdung	09.07.1967	Christopher Kerketta	25.07.1972
Parash Prasan Kujur (Dn)	11.07.1990	Clement Kerketta	29.07.1975
Joseph Mannampampil	14.07.1943	Tejkumar Lugun	31.07.1965

## Appointments and Transfers

1. Bargarh Parish : Fr. Amalan Joseph, Parish Priest
2. Bargarh Parish : Fr. Zephyrinus Soreng, Asst. Priest
3. Gaibira Parish : Fr. Marianayagam, Parish Priest
4. Bagdehi Parish : Fr. Dilip Tirkey, Parish Priest
5. St. Arnold Vikas Sanchar : Bro. Sandeep Soreng, Staff Member and Teacher at St. Arnold's School, Bagdehi
6. Seva Sadan, Rourkela : Frt. Susairaj M. (EIP)

## My Programme

- 15 June : My brother-in-law's *Nahana* (9<sup>th</sup> day memorial ritual) at Kahuchua
- 16 June : Requiem mass in memory of Fr. Thomas Panackalody, Fr. John David, and Fr. James Arackal at Janssen Bhavan, Jharsuguda
-   **Arnold Regional TV Live Vikas Sanchar, Jharsuguda** at 6:30 a.m.
- 17 June : Requiem mass in memory of Fr. Joseph Topno and Fr. Gregory Ekka at Gaibira
-   **Arnold Regional TV Live Vikas Sanchar, Jharsuguda** at 11:00 a.m.
- 19 June : Vows renewal, Divya Jyoti SVD Seminary, Sason
- 21 & 22 June : ASPAC Zonal PRM Superiors Online Meetings
- 23 & 24 : Managing Committee Meeting, Bhubaneswar
- 04 July : Provincial Council Meeting

Yours in the Divine Word

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Fr. Petrus Kullu, SVD  
Provincial Superior, INE

God loves those who thank him in sufferings.

- St. Arnold Janssen