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Lives of great men draw admiration, evoke reverence and certainly trigger inspiration. And Jesus' life is one such sublime life which had a great impact on humanity. His short yet fruitful life on earth is a legacy compiled of a treasure trove of values for His followers to emulate. The very feast of Easter itself is a commemoration of His self-emptying love, perhaps, the noblest of all virtues. Bearing witness to the gospel values, more precisely, to Christ himself is easier said than done today, as one may find oneself enveloped by an atmosphere of religious-cum-social intolerance, disregard for the poor, increasing terrorism and hypocritical life. Rightly, at this juncture, the Catholic Church has given its faithful, a golden opportunity in the form of the 'Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.' Indeed, a chance 'to be merciful like the Father.' Do we avail ourselves of this?

Rector Speaks....



"Do not be afraid for I knew that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, He has risen (Mt 28 : 5-6)."

The Easter mystery, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central mystery of our faith. Our faith stands on the historical truth of this event. This resurrection event is the source and fountain of hope for an uncertain Church and a world in turmoil. Beyond the darkest night there is a brighter dawn. This is the assurance given by the mystery of resurrection. Paul, a staunch Jew making every attempt to destroy the followers of Christ would finally say in his letter to the Philippians 3:10 – 'Well, I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the sharing of His sufferings by becoming like Him in His death.' This is the power of His resurrection. The resurrection is not a theory, but a historical reality revealed by the man Jesus Christ by means of His 'Passover', His 'passage', that has opened a 'new way' between heaven and earth (Heb 10:20). It is neither a dream, nor a vision, nor a fairy tale but it is a unique and inimitable event. Jesus of Nazareth, who was taken down from the cross on the twilight of Friday and buried, victoriously left the tomb on Sunday brought us all redemption for ever.

Wish you all a very 'Happy Easter' and may the peace and joy of the Risen Lord empower you to sing 'Alleluia.'

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. – Pope Francis

A Day out to Refresh

Our joy knew no bounds when we moved on 4th December 2015 for a day's outing into one of nature's abodes to experience its wonderful enchantment at the *Gudhgudha* waterfalls. After some quiet moments of refreshment, relaxation and rejuvenation, we paid a flying visit to the new OCD house at Kuchinda. On our way back we stopped at Catholic Church, Gudrapara, an SVD founding. We were spell-bound by the manner in which this mission with its humility and simplicity caters to the inhabitants through faith-formation, education and running hostel for tribal children. After a sumptuous *desi* meal, we visited the High School, Sahajbahal with residential facilities and interacted with the teachers there. Our journey was a mixture of fun and laughter, jokes and smiles, singing and silence and sleep.



Dn. Dixon L D'Souza

St. Arnold's School Day

School is the formal place of learning, where children learn to read, write, talk, act etc. St. Arnold Kindergarten in the Divya Jyoti campus provides opportunities for the children to develop their talents and display them on various occasions. This academic year's annual day celebration on 18th December 2015 was one such occasion. It was indeed a grand day for them, as the children in colourful costumes did the school proud by wowing the audience by exhibiting their various talents magnificently on the stage. Dr. Rajaram



Das from Community Health Centre, Majhipalli was the chief guest of the day. The Divya Jyoti SVD community led by the JPIC President and team had actively involved in organising this function. They facilitated a smooth and successful presentation of the programme by taking up the tasks of stage management, attending to the guests and also anchoring the programme. It was indeed a pleasure cum privilege for us to assist the staff and students of St. Arnold's Kindergarten.

Fr. Sanjib Dung Dung

Christmas Celebration

Christmas season was a joyous time with numerous activities. We began our Christmas celebration by decorating our house and arranging singing practices. We were invited to different places for carol singing. We were really passionate about it and gave our best performance possible. Some of us prepared an assortment of sweets for our guests. Sisters and fathers from other communities came with Christmas wishes and shared their joys with us.

In spite of our packed schedule, we prepared ourselves spiritually by meaningful silence and reflections. I was greatly thrilled as I celebrated "Christmas" for the first time in the state of Odisha. We

❖ *The person who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears.*

- Paulo Coelho

attended the Christmas Vigil in the cathedral parish of Sambalpur. As a community we cut the cake and wished each other. The Christmas season was indeed a time of grace and blessing.

Fr. Anil Kumar Gadidam

Called to Loving Service...

We are moving today with a digital world where people look for their self comfort in every way possible; they seek happiness in the created things such as electronic gadgets, carnal desires, drugs and many other temporal things. On the other hand there are also people who deny and renounce the petty pleasures and search for deeper meaning in life by committing themselves to the welfare of the global society. In the Gospel of Matthew 7:13-14, we see Jesus instructing His disciples saying, “Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” It was inspiring to see the aspiration and commitment of our brothers Dixon, Prem, Silva and Sunil who said *yes to the Lord* in spite of knowing all the challenges and demands on them to life their *fiat* today. On 1st Jan 2016, they pronounced their final vows in the presence of Rev. Luis Ronald Pereira, the Provincial Superior of INE province and on the next day they were ordained deacons by Most Rev. Niranjan Sualsingh, the Bishop of Sambalpur Diocese. It was a joyous moment for the SVD family particularly for Divya Jyoti Community and also for the deacons, their families and especially for their parents. It was a moment of grace and pride for all who have been constant companions of the newly ordained deacons on their march to *the Altar*. The Diaconate ordination programme was a grand success which was the result of our active involvement and hard work. We thank the Almighty who is working wonders in and through us. Praised be His Holy Name!



Fr. Remejius Soreng

Annual Seminar in KJM

On 28th and 29th of January 2016 a two day seminar was held in KJM where the second year students of theology presented their field study on “Superstitions among the Chotanagpur Tribals” with a Special Reference to Rabga Panchayat. The different topics dealt with by the brothers are as follows: Superstition among the people in general, World view of tribals, Rituals and beliefs of rites of passage and Theological response to the superstitious belief of Chotanagpur tribals. Despite the diverse range of subject matter, it all seemed to fit together well, turning outdated beliefs on witches and witchcraft creating reactions and thought processes within the audience. Dr. Nabor Soreng, the speaker of the first day with his presentation on ‘practice of withcraft and its consequences: a challenge to modern society’ threw light on the world of witchcraft. Rev. Fr. Freddy Santhumayer SVD, the speaker on the second day highlighted the possible risks and very real harm posed by the belief in spirit possession and witchcraft. The session closed with an interactive session focusing on the skills necessary to explore and analyse cases involving belief in

❖ *All your dreams come true, if you have the courage to pursue them.*

- Walt Disney

possession and witchcraft. Overall, the seminar was very informative and enriching as it gave us a chance to learn more about the tribal life and society.

Fr. Luis Antony Swamy

Ecclesio-Eucharistic Exposure

Ecclesio-eucharistic exposure is one of the integral programmes of our contextual formation. The very purpose and dynamics of the Ecclesio-eucharistic exposure is to have the ecclesial and eucharistic experience in a family by incorporating ourselves as one of its members. We, nine third year students and nine first year certificate students of Khristo Jyoti Mohavidyaloyo accompanied by Fr. Bartholomew Bilung as our guide had gone to reflect the Ecclesio-eucharistic life among the local ecclesia of Patua, one of the thirteen substations of Jhorabahal Parish of the diocese of Rourkela from February 6-21, 2016. Jesus identified himself with the poor and the marginalized, sided with the oppressed and the persecuted. We learnt that the Eucharist which is the commemoration of that sacrificial act of Jesus can be vividly reflected among the people who daily sacrifice themselves for the cause of their faith in Christ. Also, Eucharist well lived creates a dynamic ecclesia. Our life in the families have truly enriched us and the lessons on suffering, love and community life will for sure stand us in good stead in the days and years to come.

Dn. Prem Prasad Nag

Exposure in the Slum



“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Mt 25:40). We the first year students of KJM Theologate got another golden opportunity to experience the life of the marginalized people through our *slum exposure*. We, 11 students of theology accompanied by our guide, Fr. Ajay Sabhasundar went to a slum named Jamtoli in Rourkela and spent 12 days with the slum dwellers. Many of us were not used to life in the

slums; there were lots of queries and uneasy feelings before going there: how the days will pass and how to adjust to slum life? Struggles and hurdles were many in the initial days as there were fewer facilities in the slum. The first four days were hard to live in the slum but as the days passed we took the challenge, accepted, adjusted and gave our best because every cloud has a silver lining. By living amidst the slum dwellers and interacting with them, listening to them, observing their life style, background and social life touched and transformed us. This experience has brought an attitudinal change in our life style too. Many of us had a negative attitude towards the slum dwellers but through this exposure we came to know that they are good, loving and hard working people. In the light of this exposure now we can say that we are marching ahead with our KJM motto of “*Action-Reflection-Action*” which is forming us for a greater cause.

Fr. Agnel Rebello

❖ *Where there is love, there is no fatigue; or if there is fatigue, the fatigue itself is loved.*
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