

FR. SUSHIL LAWRENCE SAH, S.J. (67/47)

Died at Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna, India, on 24 April 2021

Born : 26-12-1953 Ordained : 02-05-1987
Entered the SJ : 02-01-1974 Final Vows : 15-08-1994

Formation & Studies:

Secondary Education: Khrist Raja High School,
Bettiah; 1971

Higher Secondary Education: St. Xavier's College,
Ranchi; 1977

Graduation: St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad; 1981

Post-Graduate studies: University of Poona, Pune; 1984

Doctoral study – Ph.D in Clinical Psychology:
University of Detroit Mercy, USA; 2000

Novitiate: XTTI, Digha Ghat, P.O., Patna; 1974-76

Juniorate: XTTI, Digha Ghat, P.O., Patna; 1976-77

Philosophy: De Nobili College, Pune; 1977-79

Regency: Catholic Church, Barh; 1982-83

Theology: RTC, Danapur & Vidyajyoti, Delhi, 1983-87

Diaconate: Delhi, 28-02-1987; Bp. A. Fernandes
Ordination: Chuhari; Bp. J.B. Thakur; 02-05-1987
Tertiarity: Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur; 1991
Final Vows: St. Xavier's, Patna, 15-08-1994

Apostolic Assignments:

Teacher, Sanjivan Niwas, Patna; 1988-91

Director, Sanjivan Niwas, Patna; 1990-91

Counselor, KHF Hospital & St. Michael's; 2001-
Rector, XTTI, Patna; 2002-08

Priest-in-charge, Gopalganj; 2008-10

Administrator, St. Xavier's, Patna; 2011-13

School Counselor, St. Xavier's & St. Michael's, Patna;

Co-Pastor, Kurji Parish, Patna; 2013-18 \2010-15

Parish Priest, Bettiah; 2018-20



Fr. Sushil Sah, SJ was a loving and loveable person, who forged endearing and enduring relationships with people of all age groups and cultural backgrounds. Simplicity, availability and apostolic zeal were the hallmarks of his life.

On returning to the Province after his doctoral studies in Clinical Psychology in the University of Detroit Mercy, USA, Fr. Sushil put to maximum use his knowledge and skills, in the form of counseling people from all walks of life. But, his specialized training abroad did not imprison him in institutional setting. After his term as Rector of XTTI (House of formation with Novitiate and Juniorate) in Patna, he readily went to Gopalganj, a new mission in an interior part of north Bihar, a good 145 kms from Patna and where even minimum facilities were not available. From there he was called upon to serve as Minister (Administrator) of St. Xavier's, Patna and then as Co-Pastor in Kurji Parish, Patna, before being

missioned as Parish Priest of the cathedral parish of Bettiah.

When he was at XTTI, he worked in Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna as a counselor for patients who needed such service and also the family members of certain type of patients. When he was in St. Xavier's and Kurji parish, he functioned as counselor for students, staff and parents of St. Xavier's and St. Michael's Schools and St. Xavier's College of Education. Of course, as Co-pastor and Pastor, he guided the faithful, especially estranged couples and broken families. Through his counseling, he brought very many people close to God, the fount and of fullness of life.

In his life and ministry, it was evident that Jesus was the center and source of his life. His simple orthodox faith and affable personality endeared him to all. On 30 August 2020, he suffered a stroke that paralyzed his right arm and leg, and to some extent impaired his speech. This major health setback did not diminish his apostolic zeal - with faith and fortitude he was slowly bouncing back. But, the second wave of the Corona pandemic was too strong for his fragile physical system which was recovering from the stroke.

Fr. Sushil, your simplicity and zeal for mission will always guide and challenge us. Commend us your companions to the Triune God.

*[All the members of Patna Province are to offer one Mass intention for Fr. Sushil Sah.
Members of Xavier Bhawan community will offer one additional Mass intention.]*