

FR. SANJAY EKKA C.Ss.R.

Province of Bangalore (3800)



Fr. Sanjay Ekka C.Ss.R. was born on 22nd February 1977. He was born of Mr. Francis Ekka and Mrs. Philomena Lakra in a village named Bondamunda situated in the district of Rourkela (India). He finished his schooling and joined the Congregation of the Most Redeemer in the year 1993.

He spent one year of English learning in the minor seminary at Kalunga Juvenate and did his PUC (+2) from Vedvyas College. He finished his Orientation year in 1996-97 at St. Gerard's House, Bangalore. He finished his philosophy studies at Sadupadesa College, Bangalore from 1997 to 2000.

From the time he joined the Redemptorists he proved himself to be a man of promise with his jovial and helping nature. He made his first Profession on 8th June 2001 at St. Joseph's, Longwood, Kotagiri. Later he was ordained a priest on 1st May 2006.

From the time of ordination, as he served in the northern part of the Country, he exhibited great missionary zeal in all the responsibilities that he held – either as a Superior or Parish Priest. Because of his closeness to people, we could say, he was truly a friend of the poor. The last responsibility that he held was to be a Parish Priest at Pandripani (Simdega).

As he went around in ministering to the people, he contracted the deadly virus – COVID, was hospitalized on 26th April 2021 and succumbed to it on 30th April 2021. To lose a Confrere who was so young (44) and energetic was so painful. However, God has his plans. Amidst a few Confreres and family members, on the same day, he was laid to rest in the diocesan cemetery at Rourkela.