



General Curia

Excerpts from a message of Fr. General

The current experience of COVID -19 is showing us many things about ourselves and our world. I want to focus on how it is lighting up aspects of our path to God

First of all, it is showing us that we are one humanity.

It is showing us how overcoming a crisis is possible. It is possible when we begin looking after the Common Good.

It is showing us that there is no difference in age, race, religion or social status within our one humanity.

It is showing us that we want to walk together. We are all concerned, we help each other to overcome fears and anxieties.

It is showing us the competence and generosity of those who are in the front line, caring for those affected, seeking solutions or making difficult decisions for the good of all.

It is showing us the power of faith, the strong bonds that unite believers, the love of Jesus Christ that impels us, reconciles us and unites us. There are so many people praying together on social media.

I encourage you to continue looking for the best ways to be close to those in need, in order to continue to walk the common path together.

May the Lord bless us and keep us as we walk this journey together. AMEN.

(taken from <https://jesuits.global>)

Father Rutilio Grande and companions



Pope Francis has authorized the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints to promulgate the decree on the martyrdom of the Jesuit priest Rutilio Grande and his two lay companions, Manuel Solórzano and Nelson Rutilio Lemus.

Fr. Rutilio courageously defended the defenseless. He suffered public persecution and was eventually assassinated on 12 March 1977, alongside the catechist, Manuel Solórzano - aged 72 years, and the young Nelson Rutilio Lemus - aged 16 years. We shall soon witness the beatification of these three martyrs.

Notice: In view of the current situation, Fr. Provincial has decided to postpone the Province Days that were scheduled for 19 -21 April, 2020.

Fr. Provincial's program for April-May 2020 will be communicated to you once there is greater clarity regarding the Covid-19 situation.

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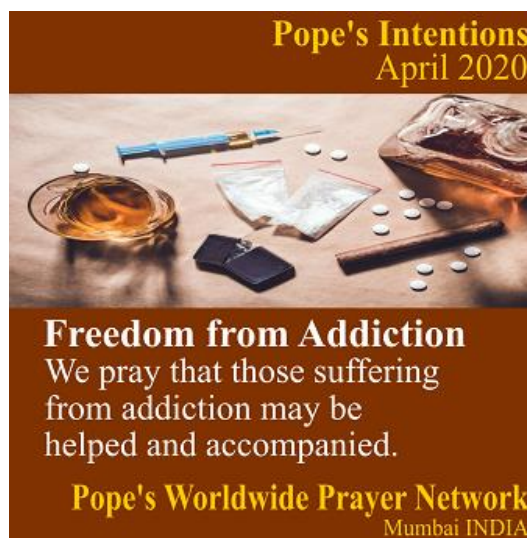
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LOVE (with Jesus) IN THE TIME OF CORONA.

Friday the 13th March, 2020 at 4:00 am the phone was ringing...it was my friend trying to wake me up from my peaceful sleep, so we could board a train from Vasai to reach St. Peter's Church, Bandra to catch our bus which would take us towards the rising sun, the mesmerizing scenery of mountains, and the lush greenery of Stanislaus Villa in Lonavala.

Wait! Do not say "WOW" because I mentioned the breath-taking view above. The true Wow moment was the entire "3-Day Retreat Experience" (Yes, you heard it right!)

We were 25 Youth from different parishes in the age bracket of 20 to 40, all looking forward to a wonderful **Working Youth Retreat**. What an experience it was! Difficult to express, yet I will try. Many youth think retreats are nothing but boring lectures, Bible-reading, loud Worship songs, imposing pious thoughts etc. That's not for me! Excuse us we have better things to do! Wait ... Do not come to such a conclusion before you attend a retreat like this.

We discovered that there is a Hidden Message in the journey of Jesus through the Gospels. A "Time Machine" door through which you can travel into a different dimension. The key is a prayer method called Ignatian Contemplation. Lots of other mysteries will be opened up for you once you attend such an Ignatian Retreat.

Like the **Way of the Cross** at House of Prayer, Khandala—which was never so informative and meaningful as when walking up a mountain and knowing why some stations have a "different looking Cross."

Or the **Passover Meal**—a chance to go back in time and experience a meal served in a similar manner as it was done in the Old Testament or while Jesus was having his "Last Supper". And all along we have been attending Holy Week services without even imagining the riches of what we were experiencing in the liturgies!

And the **Counselling sessions** which are so badly needed for youth due to our corporate pressures or things going on in our families, relationships, etc. Again, nothing mandatory but only if we felt like it.



This retreat met us "where we are". We were given enough time to be in nature, engage in group discussions, have appropriate breaks, experiment with silence or meditation, make new friends, and explore our inner lives at our own pace.

We are grateful to the Villa caretaker, Mr. Giles Fernandes, the cooks, housekeeping staff and others who look after small things which we often ignore. Our experience was nothing less than 5 star! And of course, a big, big 'Thank You' to the priests who accompanied us - Fr. Charles Rodrigues, Fr. Gerard Rodricks and Fr. Francis Juan.

➤ **Prakash D'mello**
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News from XTC

As a part of our hospital experiment, Swapnil, Vishal and Joel visited "Muktajivan Ashram" founded by the Helpers of Mary. The inmates belong to different faith traditions and all of them are encouraged to pray together. These people – excluded from their homes and society - are given a new life through the selfless

service of the Sisters. It was an experience that helped us find God in all things.

Rohan, Joswalt and Noel went to “Shantidaan” in Borivali, a home for the destitute run by Missionaries of Charity Brothers. They worked among the mentally and physically handicapped, HIV, TB, Cancer patients, etc. cleaning, nursing and feeding the patients. Through this they experienced the suffering of the people and tried to bring the consolation of the Risen Lord. It was a time of being immersed fully in mission and helping people to be reconciled to God and one another.

Pradip, Cajetan and Ashley worked in a leprosy home in Surat run by the Missionaries of Charity Sisters. The inmates have been excluded from society and their own families. We would listen to their stories while dressing their wounds, feeding them and distributing medicines – an opportunity to experience the crucified Lord and walk with the excluded.

We resumed our class schedule in March with a course on History of the Catholic Church given by the Bombay Socius Fr. Luke Rodrigues. We were touched by the zeal of the first Christians and could clearly see the hand of God leading the church forward. We also learned about unpleasant events in the church’s history and



this made us realize that ‘God writes straight on crooked lines’. From the history of the Church

we learn that nothing could ever stop us if we sincerely strive to do God’s work.

The next course was on the Suppression and Restoration of the Society, given by Fr. Savio Abreu of the Goa province. This course gave us plenty of matter to reflect upon and integrate in our lives. It was a privilege to learn the rich and touching history of the Society of Jesus along with some of its drawbacks. What struck us powerfully was the attitude of faith displayed by the Jesuits.

We also had the visitation of the Bombay Provincial, Fr. Arun de Souza. He ministered the ministry of Readers and Acolytes to all the 1st year Novices. It is a ministry conferred to us to proclaim the word of God through our words and deeds and also to share Christ to all the faithful. We are happy and grateful to God for giving us the precious privilege to serve him through the Church.

- **Ashely and Unisakhiat**

Ambadi Road – Loyola Youth activities

"Be a part of the Solution not part of the Pollution."

The Loyola youth group went for a beach clean-up on 1st March under the guidance of Mr. Lisbon Ferrao, an environmentalist. Around 60 members of the youth group accompanied by confirmation animators and elders turned up. We headed to *Bhuigaon* beach in Vasai and began the work of cleaning by collecting plastic and other non-degradable waste.

This event was not only filled with enjoyable moments but also gave us two important insights 1) The Care for Our Common Home: The first insight is to be aware and to care more for our Mother Earth. This experience taught each one of us how to become more responsible. Within the span of two hours the amount of garbage collected was

huge. We realize that it is high time we implement the method of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle lest the sea of garbage engulf us all. 2) Humility: During the cleanup drive we had to pick up the garbage by our hands. Obviously we were given gloves but the very act of picking up garbage instilled in us a sense of humility. We often look down upon people who do jobs like sweeping, manual scavenging etc. This drive changed our perspective as we ourselves stepped into their shoes. We are therefore enlightened and humbled after the beach clean-up activity and we look forward to more such activities to make our earth a better place.



Together we can do so much!

The youth of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish successfully organized The Night Vigil on 14 March. The night was bright as our enthusiastic parishioners came in large numbers (around 300 people). We began with an opening prayer by Fr. Bosco followed by Praise and Worship. In which all the people moved and sang praising the Lord. The main theme was "FAMILY". The guest Priest Fr. Ronny Dabre gave an enlightening and realistic talk on family in the present times mainly focusing on the problems faced by families due to the changing era. At 1:00 am there was a short break for tea and snacks followed by another session of praise and worship.

The most awakening part of the whole night was the debate which highlighted the difference in opinions between parents and children. Then followed the Adoration service



which created a peaceful and holy environment followed by the Rosary where we prayed mainly for the victims of the Corona Virus. The celebration of the Eucharist at 5:00 am brought this night vigil to a fitting conclusion and all left feeling refreshed and energized.

Grandel D'Souza & Daniya Dabre
Youth, St. Ignatius Loyola

In Christ's Peace

+ Fr. Felix Tirkey (DUM), 52/28, passed away at Sahibganj on 02 March.

+ Fr. Geoffrey Meagher (HAZ), 77/59, passed away at Kolkata on 05 March.

+ Fr. Petrus Kerketta (MAP), 71/51, passed away at Ambikapur on 09 March.



*Wishing all of you a joyful
experience of the Resurrection!*