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APPOINTMENTS BY FR. GENERAL

Fr. Miguel Nuno Maria de Siqueira de Almeida (52) as the Provincial of Portugal (**POR**)
Fr. Marc Desmet (63) as the Provincial of Region of the European Low Countries (**ELC**)
Fr. Michael Zammit Mangion (58) as the Provincial of the Middle East (**PRO**)
Fr. Mieczyslaw Smyda (62) as the Provincial of Brazil (**BRA**)
Fr. Luis Gerardo Moro Madrid (48) as the Provincial of Mexico (**MEX**)

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

March 2020

01-03 : Visitation, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
04-05 : Visitation, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
06-08 : Golden Jubilee Celebration of Kohima Region
09 : Archdiocese Consult
21 : GB of St. Xavier's College Kolkata Educational Trust
 and Goethals Indian Library and Research Society

April 2020

01-05 : Visitation, Dhyan Ashram
08-10 : Visitation, Arunoday

APPOINTMENTS BY FR. PROVINCIAL

SCHOLASTICS STATUS (1)

Sch. Sabata Nayak	Philosophy, DNC, Pune
Sch. Suranjan Baskey	Philosophy, DNC, Pune
Sch. Sagor Das	Philosophy, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
Sch. Simon Sagar Tudu	Philosophy, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
Sch. Stephen Kisku	B.Ed., SXC, Kolkata
Sch. Jeffrey Finny	M.A. Sociology, SXC, Kolkata
Sch. Manu Tomy	Regency, Prefect and Teacher, St. Paul's High School, Raghobpur
Sch. Rintu Mondal	Regency, Assistant Director, Pre-novitiate, Arunoday
Sch. Oscar Daniel	Regency, Teacher, Juniorate, Dhyan Ashram
Sch. Rakesh Mondal	Regency, Assistant to Director, Kalahrdaya
Sch. K. Johnson	Regency, Teacher, Asst. Dir. Hostel, SXC, Burdwan
Sch. Sunny A. Costa	Regency, Moran Memorial School, Jhappa, Nepal
Sch. Jobin Naduthottiyil G	Theology, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
Sch. John Paul Royappan	Theology, Vidyajyoti, Delhi



SCHEDULE OF NORTH-ZONE RETREATS IN 2020

(Based on Universal Apostolic Preferences)

PROVINCE	Place	Dates excluding arrival/departure
NEP	Godavari Ashram, Kathmandu	- May 01 (pm) – 09 (pm)
KOH	Arrupe Retreat Centre, Shilong	- June 29 (pm) – July 07 (pm)
DAR	LPC, Matigara	- Oct 18 (pm) – 26 (pm)
CCU	Dhyan Ashram, Calcutta	- Oct.10 (pm) – 18 (pm)
DEL	NRC, Delhi	- Nov 01 (pm) – 09 (pm)

CALCUTTA JESUITS : NEWS AND VIEWS

Navjyoti Niketan, Bangladesh

Fr. Jerry Gomes is running a spoken English coaching class for the lay people who are working as well as pursuing their higher education. This initiative has taken off and ten people are attending it regularly. Fr. Jerry and **Fr. Francis** Dore along with the regional director of JRS Fr. Louie Albert visited the Rohingya camp for the field observation. **Fr. Srijon** organized a vigil prayer service for the migrant people at Navjyoti Niketan. He was also the main preacher in the "Bodo Shobha" in Gournadi and Narikelbari, Barisal diocese. **Fr. George Ponodath** gave an eight day retreat to the Novices of the Holy Cross in their Novitiate at Barisal. He mostly stays in Daripara Parish doing pastoral works and helping the Parish Priest. Fr. Francis and **Sch. Jeffrey** visited the families of our juniors and some of our candidates. The family members were glad and felt encouraged. Sch. Jeffrey went to Mymensingh Diocese and spent two weeks to visit various parishes, schools and hostels for Vocation Promotion.

- *Sch. Jeffrey Finny*

Udayani

Udayani started its project with two days of orientation for the staff on January 7-8. On January 5, there was a huge mass complaint camp for MGNREGA Right to work. Udayani's participation was remarkable for there were 84 women to register complaints against the government. On February 14, the complaints were submitted to the State MGNREGA Commissioner. There was a closed group meeting to deliberate upon the right to work for the members of Right to Food network which was held in Udayani on February 20. The network members decided to work collectively for the rights of the people.

Family Counseling Centre had its sub-committee meeting on January 27. The various activities of the Alipur Women Correctional Home were highlighted in the meeting.

- *Fr. Anburaj Manuel*

Gleanings from Raghobpur

One hundred and twenty-one of our children received the Sacrament of Confirmation on February 9. The children were mentored by Sr Sunanda, DSA and **Fr. Salvatore Murmu**. They were called as the new "Soldiers of Christ" by Bishop Shyamal, who presided over the Eucharistic celebration. That same evening, the new Parish Building was blessed and inaugurated. The Superior, **Fr. Patrick Walsh**, presided over the ceremony.

Fr. Salvatore returned after his surgery and postoperative care in St Xavier's Infirmary, and is almost back to normal. The Annual School Sports on January 22 was another remarkable event in Raghobpur. The local MLA, Sri Dilip Mondol, was the Chief Guest on this joyous occasion.

A Medical Camp in the College premises on January 12, under the aegis of our Alumni, ably assisted by our Parish SVP, was organized where 700 people received medical treatment. Eighteen of them had free eye operations.

For the first time, the Sports Day of our own Raghobpur College Campus was held on February 8. Our Chief Guest again was Sri Dilip Mondol, local MLA, who gave a powerful message to our students. It was a real blessing to have the new Rector, Principal, Minister of St. Xavier's, together with some of the College fathers of the Main Campus with us on this wonderful occasion.

- *Fr. Patrick Walsh*

Arunoday, Pre-novitiate

On February 1, the community of Arunoday went to St. Xavier's University, Rajarhat for the Community picnic. On the same day the pre-novices spent an enjoyable evening at Eco-park. On February 6, **Fr. Vivien's** parents along with other family members visited Arunoday and celebrated the Ruby Jubilee of their wedding. On February 9, the feast day of the Barasat Parish Church, all the pre-novices went to the Parish to attend the holy Eucharist and also performed a skit on Our Lady of Lourdes. On the same day, two of our pre-novices received the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Sch. Rakesh** was out for a few days to help out during his father's operation. On February 21, **Fr. Anmol Minj**, the new priest, came to give a day of recollection to the pre-novices. On February 24, Fr. Ranjit and Fr. Niranjana came from Jamshedpur Province to take the four sheet exams of the Jamshedpur Pre-novices.

- *Sanjit Jojo, Pre-novice*

Jisu Ashram, Pandua

The Community hosted the young priest Live-in group sharing on January 24-25. Pro-life program, marriage renewal course was directed by Fr. Peppin and Sr. Alma on January 26. Many couples attended and benefited from the program. Our budding musicians of class IV and V had gone to St. Lawrence High school to exhibit their talents on February 1-2 during the Annual Sports Meet 2020. It was well appreciated by the staff, students and parents. They mesmerized the audience with their performances. Five of our teachers had the external examination of D. El. Ed. on February 8. On February 9, there was a special mass celebrated for the girls and boys of our parish who were going to write their Madhyamik examinations. Triple birthday celebrations of our **Frs. David, Vivek and Arul** were celebrated on February 18 in Kalna. On February 20, **Fr. Amulya** left for Patna to make his retreat. On February 22, our





Annual sports meet 2020 was held at the school premises. Ms. Swati Chakraborty, B.D.O of Pandua was the Chief Guest. She enjoyed the performances of our students. In her address, she emphasized on the need for Education, and the need for physical exercise. Holy Cross sisters, **Frs. Benny and Augustine** and parents witnessed the program. Two sisters from Little Sisters of the Poor had come to Pandua for vocation promotion. In the month of February twice catechism classes were conducted for 184 New Catechumens.

-Fr. Jeyakumar

Vidyajyoti, Delhi

Fr. Poulouse Mangai organized a seminar for Cycle Rickshaw Pullers at Vidyajyoti on January 12 on behalf of **Fr. Martin Puthuserry** and the Labor & Migration Department of Indian Social Institute, Bangalore. On December 7, 2019, Fr. Valan C. Antony, the staff guide of VJ Parish Ministry, organized a day-long seminar for the Christian Youth of Delhi (60 youngsters) at Vidyajyoti. The theme of the seminar was: 'Youth in the Transforming Mission.' He also directed an eight-day retreat for a group of 31 Apostolic Carmel sisters at their Provincial House, Kolkata. Besides, he animated two sessions of the VI Provincial Chapter of the Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier (Pillar Fathers - SFX) at Bathinda, Punjab on January 20, 2020. The theme of the Chapter was "Baptized and sent for the Gospel". Twenty Eight members of the Delhi Province of the SFX participated in it.

Vidyajyoti in collaboration with ISI Delhi, Organized an International consultation on Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities on January 17 - 19. A galaxy of intellectuals, judges and accomplished scholars participated in the consultation. Justice Kurian Joseph graced the occasion at the inaugural function. He explained to the audience about the current situation of the rights of differently abled persons.

Representatives from 22 Indian States actively participated in it. The focus of the seminar was to bring awareness of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 (RPWD 2016) and disseminate information on what Government ensures for these persons. The second year VJ students helped in different areas such as accommodation, accompanying the visually impaired, and compering different sessions. **Sch. Suresh** did a commendable job of coordinating the VJ team.

The students of VJ, actively took part in a number of rallies in protest against CAA, NPR, NRC, organized by JNU, Shaheen Bagh and other NGOs.

On January 25, we had a Province mass in Bengali celebrated by Fr. Poulouse, to thank the Lord for all the graces

we have received before, during and after the province assembly 2019 and prayed for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Thomas Pullenkav.**

The month of February brought immense joy to our community. Vidyajyoti Jesuit community experienced the joy of the Diaconate ordination of 28 scholastics ordained by His Grace Archbishop of Delhi, Anil. J. Couto. We had a two day National Seminar on February 17-18. The first endowment lecture was organized in honor of Profs. S. Arockiasamy and Samuel Rayan. It was delivered by Fr. Michael Amaladoss on the theme "Seeking God Experience: The Goal of Theology", and on the following day the inputs were given by R.T.C students of Chennai, Ranchi, and Varanasi on the topic "Concerns and perspectives of New Evangelization". The Seminar gave us a new perspective of Evangelization in this Era of chaos and confusion.

-Sch. Antony Suresh

Young Priests' Live-in Group Sharing

On January 24-25, we had our live-in sharing with lots of enthusiasm and joy in Pandua. **Fr. Alphonse Ashirvadam**, the Coordinator was surprised to note that the live-in gathering was dormant while he was away for Tertianship. His initiatives brought many young priests together despite their busy schedule. The sharing was very insightful and worthwhile as it enriched one another to grow with better understanding of companionship. **Fr. Vivek** said, "As Priests we must pray well and make sacrifices in order to bring healing among people." In fact it was a grace to feel with one another and learn from others experiences and knowledge.



Frs. Amulya, Jayakumar and Augustine took care of us very well. Some of us could witness the Independence Day celebrations there as well.

-Fr. Arun Lucas

SXUK – NEW COURSES

1. Integrated 5 year two courses of the Xavier Law School - B.Com LLB and B.A. LLB,
2. Post Graduate courses in M.S.W., M.A. Mass Communication
3. Ph.D. Programs in Mass Communication, English and Commerce.



Kalahrdaya's 20 Year Celebration. "I started Kalahrdaya in 2001 at Satyan Nilayam Chennai, the year I began my Doctoral studies, with some lay students and a group of Jesuit Scholastics learning Bharatanatyam under my guidance. After my PhD, from 2005 to 2007, I was part of St. Xavier's College coordinating some cultural events and taking some classes in the College. In 2007, Kalahrdaya was officially inaugurated by the Province at Santi Nir, Haridevpur, Kolkata. In 2010, it was shifted to the present campus at Bakeswar near Raghbapur."

The aim of Kalahrdaya, "the Heart of Art", is to provide artistic-cultural-human-spiritual-social formation to all. The location chosen, amidst the poor villages of South 24 Parganas in West-Bengal, shows the primary target group: the poor and the less-privileged. The spiritual underpinnings of Kalahrdaya are founded on the very principles of Jesuit Humanism. Children from four years onwards are taught at Kalahrdaya. One Year Diploma in Dance (Bharatanatyam Major) is offered by St. Xavier's College Kolkata at Kalahrdaya and many more courses will be started in the near future.

An Year-Long Celebration began on February 2, 2020 and will be closed in 2021. Bishop Shyamal Bose, the Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Baruipur, inaugurated the celebration. About 100 of our students exhibited their talents on the day. The dance dramas on Bl. Edmund Rice, St. Francis Xavier, St. Teresa of Kolkata, Servant of God Anasthasius Hartmann and Servant of God Fr. Ante Gabric are so far the major productions of Kalahrdaya. Several Biblical, Hindu, Social and Artistic themes are also regularly being presented by Kalahrdaya artists.

On Sunday February 23, KALAHRDAY put up a dance drama ("Fr. Ante Gabric – Sundarbaner Sadhu Sebak") in Mariapolli-Kumrakhali Catholic Parish near the Sundarbans. The dance drama was presented to celebrate his 105th birth anniversary.

-Fr. Saju George

St. Lawrence High School

On January 24, 15 students accompanied by two teachers attended a seminar on "Climate change and global environment: Science and interpretation" held at La Martiniere for boys.

The Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on January 26. The national flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest, Fr. Julian Sahayadas, Rector.

On the February 1, the Annual Sports Day of the secondary Section was held. The Primary Section Sports Day was held on the February 2. The chief guest, Mr. Siddhartha Dudhuria



shared a few valuable words of wisdom on the importance of caring for our environment. Forty three boys and girls from Pandua participated in our Sports Day. These students were also taken on an excursion to Science City and Eco Park.

On February 8, the staff went for a picnic to Nodi Teera Resort, Burul. The view of the river, gardens and foggy weather was mesmerizing and the staff enjoyed a lot.

The School picnic was organized for the students from Classes 5 to 10 to Neeldeep Garden, Baruipur. It was a fun filled day for the students.

- Mr. Shane Herbert Christensen & Ms. Jacinta Sylvia Correa (Assistant Teachers)

Chamrusai Premananda Ashram

On February 4-6, **Fr. Raphael Hyde**, Provincial, came for his annual visitation and listened to all the members of the Ashram and encouraged us. The boarding students organized a short and inspiring cultural program to welcome him. There was more joy by the unexpected visit of **Fr. Charles Pollet** who came along with the Provincial to visit the Chamrusai community.

The annual Sports Day of the Boarding School was conducted on February 14. Ms. Dolam Champa Manna, the School Inspector of Kharagpur Block One, was the Chief Guest for the occasion. The disciplined parade, band troop and drill display were the attractions of the day. The Chief Guest encouraged the students to be good citizens and contribute to Nation building.

The students were made aware of the climate and the environmental changes on February 24. **Fr. Superior** instructed the students to keep the campus clean and make it eco-friendly and plastic free zone. Each student was given an eco-friendly jute bag, which was sponsored by **Fr. Xavier Savarimuthu**.

-Fr. Sebastian Xalxo

Dhyan Ashram

Juniorate: February was packed with many activities. Fr. Anand Pereira, RCF of Kohima, was with us for two days. He took a session on the importance of improving one's handwriting. He shared some concrete, quick and helpful techniques to improve handwriting. On February 28, Fr. Prakash Murmu, the PCF of Dumka-Raiganj, paid us a visit. **Fr. Pierre Jacob**, our spiritual guide, is back to the community after preaching a retreat to the Carmelite sisters in Raipur.

On February 3-7, we had an intensive course on Art and Aesthetics by **Fr. Saju George**. He gave us an input on the history and development of the Indian classical dances, music and

painting. We had a day of painting workshop. We were thrilled to discover our hidden talents in painting. We displayed our paintings in our campus. We visited the book fare in Salt Lake on February 6. We spent the entire day there. We bought a few books for our Juniorate library. On February 15, we celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Vincent Patrick**. On February 18, we wrote the exam on the Charism of the Society which was taught by **Fr Etienne Degrez**. On February 23, together with the students of Kalahridaya and some people from Croatia we, the Juniors, were privileged to act in the dance drama on the life and works of Fr. Ante Gabric in Mariapalli on the occasion of his 105th birth anniversary.

-Schs. Dipak Mandi and Joanies Malang

Novitiate: After our month-long experiments in different places, all the novices came back on February 4. We resumed our Novitiate schedule with a day of integration and recollection under the guidance of **Fr. Master**. On the following day, we had a sharing on the experiments which was enriching and helpful to all of us.

On February 8, we went for a picnic to Alipur Zoo along with **Fr. Socius**. It was a first visit to a zoo for many of us. We also visited the aquarium and were overwhelmed by seeing various kinds of fish.

On February 22, the Dhyana Ashram community, along with our support staff, went for a community picnic to Bakkhali. There we played volleyball, football and cricket on the seashore. Some were very interested in collecting the attractive red crabs and snails in different shapes. At the end of the day, all acknowledged that it was a great day.

-Novice Santosh Murmu

St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

St. Xavier's College Students' Council organized the annual cultural extravaganza, XAVOTSAV. It had various events such as performing arts, fine arts, literature, lifestyle and sports. Fifty Five colleges participated this year from January 22 to 24. **Fr. Joseph Kulandai** was the overall coordinator, managed very efficiently this grand College Festival.

On January 27-28, The Department of Education and Environment Studies organized a Two day seminar on the theme 'The Kolkata Youth Summit on Climate Change - Kolkata City- Our responsibility'. Over 85 schools with 4000 students participated in the Summit. It was initiated and coordinated by **Fr. Xavier Savarimuthu**.

The Department of Sports organized the Annual Sports 2020 on February 1. Shri Meeraj Khalid IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, South Division was the Chief Guest. Multimedia department won the best March Past and Commerce Department (morning) won the best contingent awards.

On February 8, the Department of Education organized a National Seminar for School Principals and Administrators on Artificial Intelligence: Unleashing the Leadership Potential. The Seminar focused on Learning, Unlearning and Relearning. There were 40 Principals and 17 Vice principals and administrators who participated in it.

On February 8-12, 'Sanyog 2020' - an International Torch Light Rally for Peace and Integrity organized the International

Mother Language Day. 'Sanyog' has not confined to a single language or culture. To pay tribute to the Martyrs of Tamil Language Movement, this flame touched St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli on February 11. On February 13, the team reached Barak Valley of Assam, Assam University and Bhasha Shahid Station Silchar to commemorate those holy souls who fought to death in the language movement on May 19, 1961. On February 21, a rally with 2000 participants from St. Xavier's College Hostel, the Torch was brought to Park Street Campus of the College where it was received by **Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy**, Rector and **Fr. Dominic Savio**, Principal. In the closing ceremony, Sri Sujoy Bose, Honorable Minister of West Bengal Government, Janab Toufique Hasan, Honorable Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Sri Arup Kumar Saha, Head of Branch Secretariat of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India and renowned dancer Srimati Alokandara Roy graced the occasion and paid homage to the Martyrs of Language Movement.



Hostel: St. Xavier's College Hostel organized its Annual Sports Day on February 2. COFRADIA 2020, Hostel day, was held on February 23. Fr. Domnic Savio celebrated the mass, and **Fr. Thomacin Arulappan**, preached the homily. The evening cultural program was honored by the Chief Guest Fr. Jeyaraj Velusamy, the Rector and the Guest of Honour, Janab Md. Sazzad Siddiqui, WBCS, Secretary, West Bengal Madrasa Service Commission. All our guests were spellbound by the outstanding performances of our students. The evening came to an end with a sumptuous dinner.



Community: In the month of February, the community celebrated the gift of life of our four birthday babies: **Fr. Joe Kallarangatt**, **Sch. John Paul**, **Fr. Thomacin Arulappan** and **Fr. MS Arock**. The community requests payers from the province members for all our fathers in the Infirmary very especially for **Fr. Aloysius Carvalho** who is not keeping well for the past few days.

The Community went on a Picnic on February 16 to the BSF headquarters at Dakshineswar. Everyone enjoyed the

picnic with various fun games, singing and boat rides on the Hooghly River. **Bishop Linus Gomes** was declared the man of the match for hitting the wicket.

On February 14-15, Fr. Xavier Savarimuthu conducted a Two Day Spiritual Animation Program on “To leave our footprints of change; Teachers as nation builders” for the higher secondary teachers of St. Luke’s Sr. Sec. School under the diocese of Shimla Chandigarh, Solan (H.P)

-Fr. Joseph Kulandai

Prabhu Jisur Girja

Community: The Community celebrated the Triple birthdays of **Frs. Dipak, Pat** and **Cyriac** February 25. Fr. Dipak was the main celebrant. **Fr. E. S. Joseph** joined the Eucharist. **Fr. John Rojerse** returned from Kerela after his home visit. Fr. Dipak conducted recollections to Ursuline Sisters in Lenin Sarini, MC Sisters of Nimtola, and of Shishu Bhavan. He also preached recollections to a Charismatic Group at Nitika (Don Bosc) and MC Brothers at Mansatala.



The Scholastics had their recollection on February 9 at Dhyana Ashram given by Fr. Naren who said, “You are called to be cheerful religious to build bridges so that you reach out to others with generosity.” They participated in the Shishu Mela on February 16 while **Sch. Thomson** had helped in the Volunteering Committee to help out the children of 8 villages of Raghapur Parish and villages from Sundarban.

Church: January 26 was celebrated as “Bible Sunday”. As per the guidelines of the Archbishop Thomas D’Souza, on the Republic Day, the Preamble of the Constitution of India was read out after every Mass of the day. February 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - was celebrated with a solemn candle procession before every Mass. At the 8:00 a.m. Mass special blessings were given to our students who were going to appear for their Board Examinations.

On February 9, a free health awareness and check-up camp was held in Prabhu Jisur Girja by Goethals Memorial Health Centre. The SVP members organized the camp. Over 120 parishioners benefitted from this camp. On February 11 - 28th World Day of the Sick - some of the sick people of the Parish were given Holy Communion and the sacrament of the sick.

Chitrabani: **Fr. P. J. Joseph**, the Director of Chitrabani, attended a 5-days SIGNIS India National Assembly on February 28 March 4 in Kochi, Kerela. He said that it was well organized by brining eminent personalities like Mr. Shashi Tharoor, a popular politician & a Congress MP and Mr. Kurian Joseph, former Supreme Court judge, and the Latin Bishops to discuss some crucial and current issues on ‘Social Media and Democracy’ that are affecting India. Chitrabani went to



Sundarban for a picnic on February 22. Fr. Soumitro Makhhal who organized the picnic brought a lot of happiness to all.

Our Lady of Providence Girls High School recorded their songs and commentaries for their Annual Day program. Another important thing was that The Music Mantra Institute did their T.V. Serial shooting for 5 days. Chitrabani is getting ready to organize the popular ‘Kolkata Short Film Festival’ (KSFF) which is scheduled on March 1-5 at Nandan. **Fr. P. J. Joseph** along with all the staff of Chitrabani is cordially inviting you to Nandan. Kindly send a note to the Director on the previous day of your coming so that it will be a help to make the passes available.

Fr. Arun Lucas

St. Xavier’s Burdwan

On February 7, **Sch. Stephen Kisku** organized a farewell program for the class 12 students of our hostel. **Fr. Mourlin Fernando** offered the holy mass. In his speech, **Fr. Maria Joseph** wished the students all the best for their ISC examinations and offered them some gifts. The ISC and ICSE students have begun their examinations. The exam fever is all around.

On February 17, the College celebrated the International Mother Language Day. On February 22, there was a programme called “ABHAYA” in the College Campus. It was organised for the girls for their self defence. Many girls from other schools and colleges took the preliminary training. Fr. Mourlin went to Pune on February 15 for a five day course on Advanced Accounting.

Sch. Manik Mardy

NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

Pope Francis approves Indian lay martyr’s canonization

Blessed Lazarus, called Devasahayam, an 18th century high-caste Hindu married man who converted to Catholicism. A decree acknowledged a miracle through his intercession that cleared him for sainthood. He will be the first lay person to become a saint in India, where the Christian faith traces its roots to the apostolic times. With his canonization India will have seven natives – all priests and nuns as saints of the Catholic Church. The list also includes eight saints born overseas but closely linked to India such as Mother Teresa and Francis Xavier.

Ignatian Year: To see all things new in Christ

The Society of Jesus has released the official logo of the



Ignatian Year 2021-2022 designed by the Spanish architect Emilio Ortiz Zaforas. It presents in Latin the name of the Founder of the Society of Jesus, "Ignatius", which Iñigo de Loyola adopted years after his conversion in 1521. The cross is visible in the center of the word, and it also points to the classic emblem of the Society, "IHS". The S at the end of the name doubles as the figure 5 at the beginning of the number 500 in a logo that, in a contemporary graphic, connects Ignatius' old signature with our days by means of a new design. Thus, it wants to combine the epoch of Ignatius' conversion with the motto chosen for this celebration: "To see all things new in Christ".

Father Rutilio Grande, SJ, and his companions, martyrs and future Blessed

On 21 February 2020, Pope Francis 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.

Rutilio Grande was born in El Paisnal (El Salvador) on 5 July 1928. He first entered the diocesan seminary before joining the Society of Jesus on 5 September 1945. He followed the Jesuit formation in various nations of Europe and America. He was ordained as a priest on 30 July 1959. While serving as a pastor of a parish, he was also engaged in the formation of young Jesuits preparing for the priesthood. In his active ministry of evangelization in his country, he courageously defended the defenseless. He suffered public persecution and was eventually assassinated on 12 March 1977, alongside the catechist, Manuel Solórzano - aged 72 years old, and the young Nelson Rutilio Lemus - aged 16 years old. They were on their way to El Paisnal from their parish in Aguilares to celebrate the novena of San José. His violent death greatly affected the life of his friend and then Archbishop of San Salvador St. Oscar Romero, who in 1980 would also undergo martyrdom. (SJNEWS)



Our Vow of Poverty and its Evangelical Witness Today

Father General Arturo Sosah has set up a special commission to examine the Statutes on Poverty. The commission will also revise the Instruction on the Administration of Goods – the "bible" for every Province Treasurer. GC 36 asked for this process, but Father General is taking it further. "We need to look at this revision of documents, of our overall poverty and its witness today," said Father General. "Evangelical poverty has a witness that I can offer and so I plan to ask the Society to reflect deeply about the Jesuit vow of poverty and on its evangelical meaning in the world of today."



Father General in Los Angeles: Spirituality, Collaboration & Poverty

Fr. General addressed the combined communities of the Los Angeles Area of the US West Province. He presented his vision for the UAPS. Fr. General once again called Jesuits to see the UAPs not as a checklist of actions or ministries, but as a "call for conversion" – a way to place ourselves where we are most needed by the Church, and where we are being called by the Holy Spirit. (Extracts from) Fr. Stephen Corder, Director of Novices and Superior of the Jesuit Novitiate of the Three Companions in Culver City, offers his reflections on the General's talk and conversation:

"Fr. General highlighted four main aspects: (i) the invitation to trust in the Holy Spirit; (ii) the role and importance of the Universal Apostolic Preferences; (iii) an emphasis on the "mínima compañía colaborativa" (the least Society in collaboration), and (iv) the vow of poverty... He also reminded us that St. Ignatius uses the term "probation" rather than formation in the Constitutions, which relates more to the key role of discernment.... Fr. General assured those gathered that the UAPs invite us to use all of our intellectual gifts that continue to be constitutive of the Society's tradition.

For me, one of the most moving moments of Fr. General's presentation was when he was discussing the Meditation on the Three Kinds of Humility from the Spiritual Exercises. He reminded us of the call in the third kind, which invites us to imitate the poor and humble Jesus. This invitation seemed to run as a thread through his presentation. Someone who is

poor and humble like Jesus is open to trusting in the Holy Spirit and to go where he or she is led. A poor and humble person can see the Society as a servant who wants to collaborate with others. The simplicity of poverty, solidarity with the poor, and dependence on God are friends to the person who desires to move into the third kind of humility.

This emphasis on the poor and humble Jesus also resonates throughout the Universal Apostolic Preferences, which Fr. General offered as a contemporary reflection of the Formula of the Institute with the blessing of Pope Francis. I was mindful of a gathering of formadores last autumn where Fr. Mark Ravizza explained the UAPs as a path with three cries. The path we follow is the way of discernment and of the Spiritual Exercises. Simultaneously we listen and respond to three cries: of the poor and marginalized, of youth and young adults, and of the earth (our common home). This is a very moving way to understand our current collective call, one that resonates with the compassionate heart of the poor and humble Jesus whom we follow."

(From sjweb news)

"The Way of the Heart"

The Continental Coordinators of the Pope's Prayer Network, and their collaborators, had a meeting in Rome (22-25 January). It was the First international Formation Meeting of 'The Way of the Heart'.

Pope Francis told us, The Way of the Heart is the spiritual foundation of our mission and of the Process of Re-creation. This spiritual journey, in light of the Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel", helps us to enter into a mission of compassion for the world, entering deeply into the foundation of our mission to collaborate, by the offering of our own lives, in the challenges of humanity and of the mission of the Church. This meeting helped us arrive at a deeper and more profound understanding that if, in the Pope's Prayer Network, The Way of the Heart is not lived in depth, our re-creation will not be understood or incarnated, at the risk of remaining merely the shell of a good communication image.

A new mobile app for Jesuit and Ignatian Schools around the world

Educate Magis, an online community of educators from more than 2,000 Jesuit and Ignatian schools all over the world, has launched an app to make it easier for them to link-up and collaborate as a global community from their smart phones.

The Educate Magis mobile app contains stories, interviews and updates on what is happening in the global Jesuit education network. It also provides a space where educators can participate in conversations, and exchange perspectives, opinions and ideas to enhance international networking, an important dimension of Jesuit education.

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The virtual colloquium was developed by Educate Magis with the Ateneo SALT Institute in the Philippines as a contribution from the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific. It has three modules, Choosing Purpose, Cultivating Depth, and Building Reconciliation. Each one addresses one or two Universal Apostolic Preferences and begins with a five-

minute animated video intended to provoke thought and conversation about the context of Jesuit education today. The Educate Magis app is currently only available for Android phones but it is coming to iOS soon.

-(From Jesuits in Asia Pacific eNews)

Source of Pope Francis's Serenity:

Here is this prayer, source of serenity and strength for our universal pastor:

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion,
and also something to digest.

Grant me a healthy body,
and the necessary good humour to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul
that knows to treasure all that is good
and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,
but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings,
sighs and laments,

nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.

Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy,

and to be able to share it with others. Amen.

Rest In Peace

Br. Joseph C. Kochukunnumpuram, (PAT, 81/58) expired on 07.02.2020 at Kurji, Holy Family Hospital, Patna.

Fr. Edwin Rasquinha, (BOM, 91/60) passed away on 20.02.2020 at Andheri, Mumbai.

Mr. Israiel Savarimuthu (89), father of Fr. Maria Joseph Israel, passed away on 04. 02.2020 in Tamilnadu.

Mr. Anthony Tigga (96), father of Fr. Eric Tigga, passed away on 07.02.2020 at Chelidanga, Asensol



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