



From Rome

The Congregation for Catholic Education has appointed **Fr. Francis Gonsalves (GUJ)** President of Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune.

Father General has appointed

- **Fr. Hermann Rodríguez Osorio** the new Provincial of the Province of Colombia
- **Fr. Victor Hugo Miranda Tarazona** the next Provincial of the Province of Peru

Fr. Provincial's schedule – August 2020

4	Province Consult
6	St. Pius College, Goregaon
11-14	St. Mary, Mazagaon
15	Seva Niketan
18-19	St. Stanislaus, Bandra
26	Retreat House, Bandra

Notice: The Bombay Province has a new member. Rohan D’Almeida joined the Novitiate at Belgaum on 14 July, 2020. We accompany Rohan with our prayers.

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is an annual celebration which focuses on the mystery of creation and the need to care for it. This season is increasingly celebrated by all Christian Churches as well as leaders of different religious traditions.

The season begins on 1st September (World Day of Prayer for Creation) and ends on 4th October (feast of St. Francis Assisi). A theme is suggested for each year. The theme for 2020 is “A Jubilee for the Earth”.

The season is marked by a number of events such as prayer services, cleanliness drives, awareness sessions, solidarity with vulnerable groups and advocacy campaigns.

You can learn more about this by visiting <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Pope's Intentions
Aug 2020



The Maritime World
We Pray For all Those Who Work
And Live from the Sea, Among
Them, Sailors, Fishermen
And Their Families

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
Mumbai INDIA

Our webmaster, Fr. John Mezsia announces that the new province website is ready. Have a look at its informative and attractive layout at www.bombayjesuits.org

You are encouraged to contribute to this website by sending material and photos to johnmezsiasj@gmail.com

You are also invited to visit the new website of MPSM <https://mpsm.in>

G SUITE - A ROYAL ROAD TO NEW GENERATION EDUCATION

Digital Education Project was an idea that dawned upon the dynamic minds of the leaders of WRCFE, (Western Region Catholic Foundation for Education) during the initial days of the national lockdown, when schools were uncertain about how to take the learning process home to the students. It was at this juncture that G Suite Education popped up as a common platform for the Schools of Western Region to impart online education. Our school St. Xavier's High School, Fort, Mumbai was invited to participate in this venture. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Fr. Francis Swamy the Manager, Ms Sharmila Sunny the Principal and the eager team of teachers headed by Sr. Thresia Sini and Ms. Elaine Fernandes, we began our voyage on the ship of G Suite.

➤ **Preliminary documentation:** Our school got registered with G Suite on the 13th May 2020 and after a trial round, we began our online

classes from 18th June. This sounds simple but it was a tremendous task!

➤ **G Suite Team:** We formed a two level team. One team comprised the Super Admin, an external computer expert and two computer experts from within the staff who would do the admin activities like creating IDs for teachers, students etc. The second team comprised four teachers from both primary and secondary and two teachers from pre-primary, who were to study the G Suite programme intensively and impart the knowledge to other teachers.

➤ **Meetings on different levels:** Meetings were held for each section and then joint meetings of staff to understand the new method of teaching and learning. Language teachers and subject teachers met to plan out the lessons. Separate meetings were held with the PTA and the parents of each class to communicate to them the new method of teaching and learning.

➤ **Training sessions:** WRCFE had organized various training sessions for introducing G Suite Education. All of us attended the same very enthusiastically.



➤ **Creation of IDs:** Admin created IDs for teachers and students and the G Suite team of teachers worked very hard to create a platform suitable for both students and teachers.

➤ **Timetable:**

1. Std IX and X have 4 periods of 45 minutes duration with a 15minutes break
2. Std. VII and VIII have 3 periods of 45 minutes duration with a 15minutes break
3. Std V and VI have 2 periods of 45 minutes duration with a 15minutes break
4. Std. III and IV have 2 periods of 30 minutes duration with a 15 minute break

➤ **Virtual online class:** We launched the online classes on the 18th and 19th of June on a trial basis. We took stock at an evaluation meeting of the staff and were glad to discover that all our students were attending the classes. The secret of our success was the dedicated and committed team of teachers.

A word of appreciation: Online teaching was unfathomable for many of us. We faced several challenges such as lack of techno skills, lack of devices, lack of a daring spirit, etc. However, we feel we are champions today! Hats off to WRCFE and Bishop Elias Gonsalves, without whose endeavours G Suite Education would have remained foreign to us. We also express our appreciation to the Google Team for their contribution to the field of Education.

- Sr. Thresia Sini
SXHS, Fort

Manmad khabar

July began with a renewing spirit in the Jesuit community with a recollection on the feast of St. Thomas the apostle. The campus sisters also participated in this. The theme was on emphasizing value education and soft skills training for our students. As the monsoon has already had its joyful beginning, the Jesuits and collaborators planted 25 native trees in and around the campus. The trees that were already planted and grown were also given basic care and protection. With the help of our ex-student, a graduate in Bio-technology, we have begun an eco-audit of the campus. This would help us to keep the surrounding green and ecofriendly.

With the active effort of rowing into the deep and taking up the UAP of walking with the marginalized, we have begun the survey in the neighboring villages especially among

the Nomadic Tribes. The sites chosen are the *Tanda Vasti* of the *Labhan Banjara* tribes who keep migrating to various places for daily wages. The children's education suffers due to their constant migration. The Manmad Jesuits are planning an initiative to



start support classes as well as adopt 15 children in our school and educate them throughout the year. Accompanying the youth is another major initiative here with focus on our alumni. Keeping in mind the importance of social media, we now contact them through facebook and instagram and are planning out various youth activities.

As a part of the planning for the proposed English medium school, the Jesuit community visited a few schools in and around Nashik City. The Covid patients continue to receive treatment and care in our school campus. We continue with renewed hope to bring joy to the people of Manmad in different ways.

- Lloyd Sambrya

In Christ's Peace

+ Fr. George Gispert-Sauch (BOM), 90/73
passed away at Mumbai on 29 July

+ Sr. Adeline Vaz scc, the sister of Fr. Paul
Vaz passed away on 21 July.

*Happy Feast of St. Ignatius!
Happy Independence Day!*