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PROVINCIAL'S AUGUST PROGRAM

- 04-07 Jaipur, Nevta
- 08-11 Bhiwadi Visitation
- 13-14 Consult
- 22-31 Visit Fr. Alex; Ordination of Deva

PROVINCIAL'S SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

- 01-04 Ahmedabad
- 05 Delhi Office

Reconstituted Province Secretariats

A. Apostolic Secretariats

I. Service of Faith: Province Secretary: Anil Minj
Desks under Service of Faith

- a) JEPASA: Anil Minj (Chair), Scaria Panthamackal, Sebastian Assarikudy, Sebastian Mukalel, K.P. George, Pradeep Indwar, Vincent
- b) PWPN: Anil Minj
- c) JIGSA: Jose Philip (Chair), George Peter, Mathew, Dayal, Christopher
- d) JSD: Victor Edwin (Chair), T. K John, Tom K., Thomas Kuriacose

II. Ecology & Justice: Province Secretary: Pradeep Indwar
Desks under Ecology & Justice

- a) JESA: Pradeep Indwar (Chair), Anil Minj, Viren Minz, Arunmozhi, Sebastian Mukalel, Robin, George Peter, Jose Kuriakose, Rakesh, Amaldass
- b) JEMAI: Anil Minj
- c) JYMSA: Arunmozhi (Chair), Viren Minz, Joshy, Jose Vattakuzhy, Abraham Amalraj, Sherry

III. Education: Primary & Secondary: Province Secretary: T.J. Jose

T.J. Jose (Chair), Jose Philip, Shaju, Dominic, Sangeeth Raj, Shekhar, Packiam, Glenn Menezes, Sebastian Assarikudy, Scaria Panthamackal, Jugal Kindo, Joseph Vilakkunnel, Jebamalai, Sobin, Anil Kispotta, Britto, Augustine Perumalil, Nelson, Arokya Swamy, John Ari

IV. Higher Education & Intellectual Apostolate: Province Secretary: Rex Angelo

Desks under Higher Edu & Int. Apost.

- a) JHEASA: Rex Angelo (Chair), Jijimon, Sherry, Arokya Swamy, George Joseph, Nelson, Abraham, Thomas Kuriacose, Raymond
- b) JESCOM: Glenn Menezes (Chair), Vincent, Abraham
- c) AICUF: Sherry (Chair), Jijimon, Raymond, Abraham

B) Administrative Secretariats

I. Formation: Province Secretary: Robin V.
Desks under Formation

- a) Men in formation: Robin V. (PCF, Chair), Christopher, Mathew Padayatty, Antony
- b) Vocation Promotion: Antony (Chair), Amalraj, Jijimon, Jugal Kindo, Anil Minj, Jose Vattakuzhy, Denis
- c) PCCP: Arunmozhi (Chair), Robin, Jose Philip, Sr. Asha Paul CHF, Mrs. Alkha Rozario, Mrs. Shilpa Misra

II. Finance: Province Secretary: Xavier Ignatius

Desks under Finance

- a) Finance: Xavier Ignatius (Chair), Joy John, Sebastian Assarikudy, Glenn, Nelson, Arokya Swamy, Peter Mulluparambil
- b) PDO: Arokya Swamy, Nelson, Arunmozhi
- c) Building: Xavier Ignatius (Chair), Arokya Swamy, Joseph Kochupura, Gyanprakash, Glenn

C. Forums

- I. Jesuit Brothers: Gyanprakash (Chair), Ittoop, John Purackal
- II. Jesuit Treasurers: Xavier Ignatius
- III. Jesuit Social Scientists: Arokya Swamy
- IV. Jesuit Scientists: Job K.
- V. Jesuit Artists: Vincent
- VI. Jesuit Psychologists: Robin
- VII. Jesuits in Religious Studies: T.K. John
- VIII. Jesuit Faculty Forum: Victor Edwin
- IX. JAAI/Alumni: T.J. Jose (Chair), Rex Angelo, Joseph Vilakkunnel, Dominic Arockiam, Jose

Philip, Augustine Perumalil, Sangeeth Raj, Anil Kispotta, Sobin

D. Networks: I. **SANKALP:** George Peter II. **JESUITEC:** Nelson III. **LOKMANCH:** Pradeep Indwar IV. **PEACE & RECONCILIATION:** John C. V. **MIGRATION & DISPLACEMENT:** Anil Minj

Province Planning Commission: Provincial (Chair), Anil Minj, Pradeep Indwar, T.J. Jose, Rex Angelo, Robin, Xavier Ignatius, Nelson, Aroky Swamy, Consultors

Revisor of Prov. Fin. Admin.: Peter Mulluparambil (KER)

SAHAYOG

A few of the community members joined in the celebration of Fr George Peter's diamond jubilee in the Society. Fr Soosai, who had gone to Ropar to install Fr Jose Philip, returned on July 2. The whole community joined in the birthday celebration of Fr. Tom Kunnunkal. At the completion of his massage treatment Fr. Tony Chelakat made his annual spiritual journey at Sahayog. **Fr. Chacko** also completed his retreat during the month. Some of us visit **Fr. Ed Daly** from time to time. He is in good spirits and is well cared for by the Sisters at Jivodaya Hospital. We celebrated the birthday of Praveen Baa who was on transit. On 11th, **Fr. Mathew's** birthday was celebrated; men from Raj Niwas Marg, Shahbad, Jahangirpuri and Delhi Jesuits from the common houses joined us for dinner. After the Planning Commission Meeting on 13th and 14th some of the commission members planted some fruit trees at Sahayog and NRC campus as part of the Ignatian Year. Several Jesuits passed through Sahayog during the month. Some stayed for a few days and some for a few hours. **Fr. Dayal** received the sad news of his mother's sudden death on 18th morning and rushed home on the very day; the funeral was on the following day. We had a simple Ignatius' feast day celebration on 31st along with the St. Xavier's community.

Kurapati

ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

School: Teachers are called to come to school from July 5 onwards to take online classes from here. They had a seminar on St. Ignatius as part of the Jubilee celebration conducted by **Fr. Joe Vila** on 9th. A few relevant posters/flexes were put up on the premises of the school. Renovation of the parking area in the school is going on in full swing.

House: **Sch. Gnana** is with us. He will be attending online theology classes from here. All the members of the community are vaccinated

with both the jabs. We are keeping good health after the vaccination.

Parish: We have resumed regular Saturday evening Masses in the parish. We are planning to celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius on Sunday, August 1 with the parishioners. The parish youth is planning various items for the celebration.

Sebastian A.

ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

Residence: We have our usual evening prayers, sharing of our life and mission. We come together for community meetings to know our mission well. Of course, These practices unite us to do everything for the greater glory of God. We had a few guests. **Sch. Anish** has joined us in our community. He is busy attending online classes. **Fr. Glenn** received him warmly. To mark the Day of Justice, we community members came together and shared our views of justice. We ended the day with the resolution of standing up for justice. We celebrated the feast of our founder St. Ignatius. We invited our collaborators and the candidates of Maria Sadan for lunch. We as a community went to Behror for the celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius.

School: We bid farewell to **Fr. Sangeeth**, and warmly welcomed **Fr. Sobin** the new principal. We held periodic online tests for our students. To encourage the students, we organised online fancy dress competition for our tiny ones. It was so wonderful to see them. Fr. Sobin held an online meeting with the staff. He encouraged them and motivated them to attend the workshop conducted by an alumnus of Bhiwadi St. Xavier's. To mark the Ignatian Year, we organised a special assembly in which all the classes came up with creative programs on the life of St. Ignatius. It was wonderful to see them presenting their views on the saint. It was telecast in our YouTube channel. We celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius in the school with a few teaching and non-teaching staff. Our new school building is taking shape under the supervision of Fr. Glenn.

Maria Sadan: After the summer holidays our candidates kept themselves busy with studies since their exams were at hand. They did well in the exams. Soon after the exams, candidates were busy in making a few videos on Ignatian themes for school programs with the help of Rgent **Sch. James Ekka** and under the guidance of **Fr. Antony**. We prepared the novena prayers in honour of St. Ignatius; this helped us to imbibe the Ignatian spirit. We joined the Jesuit community to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius.

Parish: We resumed Sunday masses as the restrictions were eased in Rajasthan. We celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with mass and tea party thereafter.

Aroḡiya Raj

ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

School: The month of July unfurled a vibrant feeling in everyone as the school reopened virtually for the students after summer break. The school was witness to myriads of online activities which were conducted for all. In order to commemorate and celebrate the 500th anniversary of St. Ignatius' conversion, the Society of Jesus all over the world has dedicated this year as Ignatian Year, inviting everyone to see all things new in Christ. In view of this the school organized various competitions with the goal of promoting holistic development of the students. The competitions were a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness. Whether it was English, Hindi Calligraphy, Poems, Yoga, a Pencil Sketch of St. Ignatius or PowerPoint Presentation on St. Ignatius, the activities helped to bring out each individual's uniqueness. Spontaneity and confidence were the hallmark of the competition. Everyone was astounded by the students' ability to present their talent so flawlessly and effortlessly. They were praised for their outstanding performance. The Winners were awarded certificates. The marks tabulation committee for Class 12 meticulously tabulated the results, which were successfully uploaded to the CBSE website on July 24. All the teaching and office staff attended a webinar titled "The Cannonball Moment" organized by JESA and hosted by Karnataka Province on 27th. To commemorate the Ignatian Year, all the class teachers along with co-teachers prepared and conducted a special and meaningful assembly on St. Ignatius' feast day. Much awaited CBSE Class 12 result was out on 30th. 142 students out of 317 students secured 90% and above marks. Vaidik Pariwal of commerce stream is the school topper with 98.40%. Congratulations to all the staff and students for the excellent result.

Packiam

Community: Fr. Rakesh Toppo was here from July 3 to 5 for some medical test and consultation. On 4th we had the anticipated birthday celebration of **Sch. Manish Minj** and the belated celebration of the Silver Jubilee of **Fr. Joshy Kuruvila** in the Society of Jesus. **Fr. Packiam**, Fr. Joshy, Sch. Manish Minj and **Sch. Arvind Minj** had their first dose of vaccination this month. All the others in the community have already received both the doses. On 10th we

prayed for Sch. Arvind Minj on his birthday during the mass. The birthday dinner was at SCJM Convent as it was also the birthday of **Sr. Lilly Pradhan**. Packiam, Jose, Joshy, Manish and Arvind went to Hindon to pay a friendly visit to the MSFS Fathers there. On our way back we stopped over at Mahwa for lunch with the community. **Fr. Nelson D'Silva** went to Delhi on 12th to attend the planning commission meeting and returned on 15th along with **Fr. Tony Chelakat** who was in Delhi for a month for massage and retreat. All the community members participated in the online Ignatian year prayer service conducted by Delhi Province on 17th. **Fr. K.P. George** had a general check-up in Durlabhji Hospital; all the results are normal. We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Nelson along with that of Manish and Arvind on 22nd. Jesuits from Bhiwadi, Behror, Mahua and Nevta, along with Sisters from Nevta, Mahwa and Jaipur were present for the fellowship meal. Fr. Glenn who stayed back after the birthday celebration met his doctors and did some tests before he left for Bhiwadi on 23rd. All the community members attended the online recollection talk by Fr. Edwin Rodriguez on 24th and it was followed up by adoration and confession on the next day. Thanks to Fr. John Paul SVD from Bishop's house for hearing our confession. On 28th, in memory of Fr. Stan Swamy and as part of the National Justice Day, we did a silent protest with placards and lighted candles in front of the school gate. SCJM Provincial Sr. Treasa and Treasurer Sr. Jessy Thomas, who were here on visitation, joined us for dinner along with other sisters of the convent. The celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius in the community began with the Eucharist presided over by Nelson in the morning and culminated with a convivial dinner at Nevta in the evening. Taking inspiration from the fourth UAP, "to collaborate in the care for the common home," we are opting for green/solar energy. The solar panels are getting installed on the roof of our residence and it will be operational in a couple of days. Thanks to Fr. Augustine Perumalil for initiating the process and congratulations to Nelson and Packiam for carrying it out. Under the initiative of our Minister, Packiam, we planted dozens of saplings of fruit trees in our backyard. As all of Rajasthan had received rather good rain in the second half of July, we were blessed to get some much needed respite from the scorching July heat.

Joshy

Church: As the tough days of the lockdown continued, a total of 50 needy parishioners were given dry rations on July 1-2, thanks to some

Parish Council members who organized it carefully. Fr. K.P. George gave a recollection talk to Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in Jhotwara and heard their confessions on 7th. On 16th, Jaipur Catholic Welfare Society held a memorial service for Fr. Stan Swamy in Xavier's Church in which Fr. K.P. George and Fr. Nelson D'Silva took part. The Sunday regular Masses started from 25th with celebrations of the Day of the Grandparents and the Elderly. More than the expected number of parishioners turned up for the celebrations. The Parish Priest with the help of the zonal leaders collected a list of the grandparents and the elderly in the parish. On the feast of Sts. Anne & Joachim special prayers were made for them; rosaries were blessed and distributed to them. Their group photos were taken and thereafter light refreshments were distributed in packets. There are 88 grandparents and elderly parishioners who were specially remembered in the Mass. Parish Priest Fr. KP George has started visiting the families, especially those of the elderly and the sick.

K.P. George

ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA

Community: The month of July was very hectic. On the first day of the Month Fr. Sangeeth Raj took charge as the new principal of the school from Fr. John Ravi. The school and the community bid a very emotional and meaningful farewell to Fr. Ravi. Some of his close friends also joined on that day for the farewell dinner. On July 3 Fr. Ravi was escorted by three of the community members to Delhi. **Fr. Arok** and Fr. Rex attended the Planning Commission Meeting and Arok went up to Almora from Delhi to make an official visit as the Province Development Director. **Fr. Jijimon** left for his tertianship at Hazaribagh on 29th. The campus celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius in a meaningful way; many priests and religious in the city took part in festive dinner as well.

School: The school reopened virtually on July 1 after the summer vacation and the entire school fraternity bid farewell to **Fr. John Ravi**. He, being one of the founding members of the Nevta mission and being the first Principal, has touched every one's heart and it has been a very painful moment to bid farewell to him. Though there was a restriction of number due to Covid19 protocol many staff were present, and the others attended the function virtually. On that very day **Fr. Sangeeth Raj** was welcomed and installed as principal of the school. The ground and office staff were vaccinated free of cost in Jaipuria Hospital thanks to Dr. Ranavat, an alumnus of St. Xavier's, C Scheme. The PGTs in the school

burnt their midnight oil to tabulate the results of the Class XII students and send it to the CBSE. Headmistress **Sr. Ruphina** celebrated her birthday on 28th. The ground, office, some teaching staff, and coordinators made the celebration memorable. The feast day of St. Ignatius was celebrated with a meaningful Eucharist presided over by Fr. Arok who inspired us through his sermon based on the life of the saint. Soon after that we paid homage to Fr. Stan Swamy. In his message **Fr. Rex** highlighted the supreme sacrifice of Fr. Stan. Finally, the Jesuits were felicitated.

College: Amidst the on-going pandemic, the online admission process has started. The First Merit list for the provisionally selected students for admission in Phase I was declared on July 1. Under the guidance of **Fr. Rex Angelo**, the Admission and Promotion Cell organized a Virtual Career Counselling Conclave from July 1 to 6 to help students in taking the right decision for their career. The doubts of the students related to Courses, Certificate Courses, Workshops, Training Programmes, Add-on Courses etc., were cleared by the department faculties. Thanks to the efforts of Administrator **Fr. Raymond** we have a Wi-Fi-enabled College Campus. The Swachhta Action Plan Committee (SAP) and Eco-Friendly Club celebrated No-Plastic Day on 3rd. On this occasion, all staff took pledge to avoid the use of plastic and keep the environment clean and safe to live. IQAC organized an induction workshop on NAAC Assessment and Preparedness from July 7 to 17 for both teaching and non-teaching staff. Prof. A. Joseph Dorairaj from Gandhigram Rural Institute, Deemed to be University, delivered two highly informative and thought-provoking sessions as resource person. On 5th, the College staff and management expressed their deepest condolences and paid homage to Fr Stan Swamy. On 11th, NSS unit of the College organized an inter-collegiate online quiz competition on the occasion of World Population Day to spread awareness about the reproductive health and rights of people and highlighted the issues caused due to overpopulation and spread awareness about how overpopulation might affect environment and development. On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of the Father of Nation and 75th Independence Day, the NSS unit & Institutional Social Responsibility & Extension Activities Cell (ISREAC) organized a Plantation Drive of 1000 saplings on 14th in the college campus. The theme of the drive was *Xavier's Grow Greener Gold - 1K Trees towards Greener Jaipur*. NSS volunteers took part in this

initiative of Greener Jaipur along with the staff. Special thanks to Campus Administrator **Fr Jeba** for having spearheaded the task. On July 16-17, Fr. Rex attended a two-day zoom meeting for Province Coordinators of Higher Education of the Assistency. With our preferential option for the poor, all the poor and the needy students and Christians and Catholics are given 50% concession in tuition fee as a special gesture for the Ignatian Jubilee Year. Students from Jesuit Schools of Delhi Province will be given a concession of 25%. On 28th, students, staff, and management paid rich floral tributes to Fr Stan Swamy and celebrated the National Justice Day with a message from Fr Rex Angelo. Posters were displayed along the College walls. On 30th, College celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola on his Feast Day. To create awareness about the life of our Founder AICUF State Advisor **Fr. Sherry** organized various competitions and encouraged students to participate in them; prizes were distributed. AICUF National Adviser Fr. Jisu Benjamin gave his message.

Nevta Jesuits

ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG

School: The month of July began with an enriching session on 'Stress Management and Coping with Grief during Covid times' for the students of Classes 11 and 12 and for the entire staff. This was conducted by former Xaverian Dr. Deepak Gupta, Child and Adolescent Psychologist, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. A Memorial Service was organized for **Mr. K.J. Devasia** on his birthday, July 17. A group of teachers, along with **Fr. T. J. Jose, Fr. Augustine** and **Fr. Britto** visited Sanjeopuram Village, Faridabad and offered prayers at the grave of Mr. Devasia. English and Hindi Elocution semifinals for Classes 8-12 were conducted. A session on 'Online Etiquettes' was organized for the students of Classes 11 and 12 on 26th. 'Opportunities to Study in IIMs': A career counseling session for the students of Humanities and Commerce stream was organized on 27th. Mr. Jithin George, in-charge of the IT Cell, conducted a session for the teachers of Senior as well as Junior School on how to use Zoom effectively. G.K. Quiz was conducted for Classes 6-8. Children from the Junior School participated in an interschool event 'Jaspalian Arcade'. The prep school children had myriad activities, highlighting the importance of eating healthy foods like fruits and vegetables. Children indulged in making fruit salad with lemonade, sandwich and pizza. Ignatian Year was celebrated with the tiny tots. Teachers

shared with students pictures of St. Ignatius, with which they prepared beautiful collages. On 30th the feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated by all three Departments, with special emphasis on the Ignatian Year. Special assemblies were organized and a video with message of Fr. Rector was shared in all classes.

T.J. Jose

Community: On June 29, the outgoing Rector, **Fr. Jose Philip**, handed over the post to the incoming Rector, Fr. Augustine Perumalil. Fr. Jose promptly departed on the next day to Ropar to take up his new assignment. On the July 24, we attended the recollection talk by Fr. Edwin Rodriguez of Vidya Jyoti, followed by silent prayer and reflection, ending with the Eucharist. Fr. Augustine arranged a large-screen TV in the chapel for all the community members to participate in the Province-wide prayer meeting on the cannonball moment and for the novena to St. Ignatius.

Tom

ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

Community: On July 1 we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of **Fr. George Peter** and Br. John Purakal with a solemn mass in the morning and a dinner in the evening with Jesuits from Raj Niwas Marg and Sisters from two Rohini convents. On 2nd **Sch. Ashwin Kujur** joined the community. He will pursue his 1st year of theological studies staying here. On 3rd five of us participated in the birthday celebration of Fr. Tom Kunnunkal. On 4th four of our Jesuit brethren from Nevta along with Abraham from Jhajjar and Dayal from Sahayog made a visit to us and joined us for dinner. On 5th we celebrated **Fr. Scaria's** birth day. On 7th community met to plan and discern the apostolic activities for the month of July. On 10th Fr. Joy John came here and left after lunch with his things that he could not carry earlier. On 11th five of us participated the birthday celebration of Fr. Mathew. On 13th and 14th Fr. Scaria attended the planning commission meeting in Sahayog. On 14th afternoon Fr. Robin and Fr. Jinesh paid a very short visit to the community. On 16th we celebrated the birth day of **Fr. Varkey Perekatt**. Jesuits from both communities in Raj Niwas Marg, our attached community members from Jhajjar, CJ Sisters from both convents and Fr. Varkey's niece were present for the celebration. On 26th we joined the CJ community for the feast day dinner. On 28th the community participated in the National Justice Day and conducted a memorial prayer service in honor of Fr. Stan Swamy. On 31st we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with a mass with school staff and Sisters,

lunch with staff and dinner with Sisters from both communities.

Remy

Parish: Though we hoped that by July 1 the government will lift the restrictions on religious gatherings, it did not happen. Therefore we continued with online masses on Fridays and Sundays in July too. However from 18th we shifted the venue of the Sunday masses from residence chapel to school auditorium. So we can have more people for singing and for helping out in the liturgical activities. During the month the parish priest blessed many houses on request. On 11th we had baptism of an ex-Jesuit's son and on 17th we blessed the marriage of another ex- Jesuit's daughter. The parish priest sent out the St. Ignatius' novena prayers to the groups through WhatsApp and the novena was conducted in each family. In order to keep contact with the families we are having online meetings with various groups. This month we had the meeting of the catechism teachers and two SCC groups. Good Shepherd prayer group and Francis of Assisi group meet online on every Saturday.

Scaria

School: The month of July began with preparations for the Feast of St. Ignatius. An online workshop on "The Impact of Social Media on Mental Health" was conducted by the school counsellor Mr. Kirti Bodra for the students of Classes 6-12. The students were made aware of how social media affects their lives in both positive and negative ways. An inter class Social Science Quiz competition was held on 7th for Class 6. Another interclass competition, 'Greatness of Maths and Great Mathematicians' was held on 8th for Class 8. The much awaited Personality Contest was held on 9th. All the contestants, teachers and judges did a fantastic job to make this year's online Personality Contest a grand success. A webinar was conducted for teachers on 'Pandemic and Personal Care' by Fr Stanley Kozhichira on 10th. It proved to be very fruitful and effective for everyone to combat personal stress during hard times. The Maths Club organized a Sudoku Competition for Class 7 on 19th. This made them learn how to play with numbers and sharpen their minds. The Tarumitra Club along with Manager Fr. Scaria, Principal Fr. Anil Kispotta and teachers took initiative to plant saplings in the school campus on the occasion of Plantation Week. A calligraphy competition was organized for the students of Junior School. Junior School students participated in various interschool competitions; results are awaited. First PTM of

the academic session 2021-22 was organized for the Junior School on 24th. On National Justice Day on 28th, a memorial service was held in the school in honour of Fr. Stan Swamy. On 30th we had Ignatian feast day celebrations with our co-workers and on 31st we had feast day mass and celebrations with our staff members along with farewell and welcome programs.

Kispotta

LVI: Since Delhi Government had forbidden to open any Training / Coaching Centre, we could not open LVI. We had two Staff Meetings. We conducted the NIOS Vocational Practical Exams of students who had registered in our Institute. NIOS Theory exams are cancelled. Our SHG animator returned from Bihar after cremating both her parents, and she has started regular meetings of 45 SHGs. We had two Lokmanch Leaders' Training Programs in Sectors 26 and 27. The bridal make-up of Denzil Madhavan's daughter was done in LVI Beauty Parlour, and many Jesuits participated in the marriage ceremony. In the absence of students, the LVI staff came together to have a small tea-party on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Fr. George Peter. Praise the Lord.

George Peter

ALMORA

On July 1 **Fr. Rakesh** went to Delhi and then to Jaipur to show his reports to his doctor in Jaipur. He was advised to continue with the medicines prescribed by Fortis doctor. On 5th he came to Delhi from Jaipur and attended the consult. On 7th early morning he left for Almora along with Fr. Anil Valder from Bilaspur Dharuheda. On 8th Fr. Anil went to our Gaijol land along with Fr. Rakesh, **Sch. Ruban** and **Sch. Anupam** and blessed the land with holy water. Next day we buried St. Jude's medals and Holy Rosary in the campus, so that through the intersessions of St. Jude and Mother Mary Koshi Mission may flourish. On 13th **Fr. Pradeep** and Fr. Rakesh along with Fr. Anil left for Delhi to attend Planning Commission Meeting. They returned on 15th along with Fr. Arokia Swamy. On 20th after dropping Fr. Arok at Suchetana, Kathgodam, Fr. Rakesh and Fr. Pradeep went to Bareilly to get marriage dispensation for Vikas David and Indu Arya from Bishop Ignatius. Bishop presented beautiful picture of Fr. Stan Swamy. We celebrated National Justice Day on 28th in solidarity with Fr. Stan. Our parishioners also joined us. These days in the absence of Roshan and his wife we are taking turns to stay in Gaijol at day time and return in the evening. We had triple celebration on 31st - marriage of Vikas and Indu in the Church, two baptisms of Viaan Joy and Eva

David and of course St. Ignatius' feast day. The local religious sisters, fathers, brothers, parishioners and animators were present on this occasion.

Rakesh

ROPAR

School: After a short summer vacation, the online classes resumed on July 19. The result of online unit tests, conducted before summer holidays, was declared on 15th. Our parents have paid 95% of the first quarter fees so far and we were able to pay salary to our staff. The recent torrential rains on 19th damaged our school boundary wall behind the church building. The boundary wall was quite old and was built in 2009. On 24th a number of online activities like Fancy Dress, Patriotic Solo Song, Slogan Making, Extempore Rhyme and Speech Competitions were held which kept the students on their toes. A special assembly in honour of St. Ignatius was conducted on 31st morning in the school premises. The staff, their wards and a few Class 8 children were present for the celebration. On this auspicious occasion **Fr. Jose Philip**, the new manager of the school, was introduced and warmly welcomed to the school in Punjabi tradition. Besides the prayer song and wishing songs by the teachers, the children beautifully presented a bhangra dance and set the stage on fire. **Sch. Cyril** during the function clearly explained the importance and the meaning of Ignatian Year to the staff fraternity. Fr. Robin in his message spoke about the U-turn in Ignatius life and how he surrendered his ego and anger to the Lord and invited the staff to follow in the footsteps of Ignatius. Fr. Jose Philip shared about Jesuit legacy with the teaching staff after the cultural program. It was indeed an enriching experience for the teachers. **Fr. Shekhar** keeps himself busy running around with the required paper work for CLU.

Community: Ropar community continues to be young and vibrant with the arrival of Fr. Jose Philip as Superior, Sch. Cyril and Sch. Pawan as new members. **Fr. Vincent** left for Chennai on 8th to be with his ailing mother in the hospital. Fr. Jose Philip along with Fr. Shekhar, Fr. Viren, Sch. Cyril and Sch. Pawan made a quick visit to our Anandpur Sahib land on 16th. The community wished Fr. Viren all the best as he left for tertianship in Shembagnur.

Parish: After the lockdown relaxation by the Govt, regular prayers, adoration, catechism and Eucharist are conducted in the parish on Sundays. St. Ignatius' Feast was celebrated at the parish level with great pomp and gaiety. After the Eucharist, the parishioners greeted the Jesuits. Parish Council and Youth Group

organized programs adding colour to the celebrations. The celebration came to an end with delicious snacks and tea.

Shekhar

KHARAR/MORINDA

Our animators resumed village animation work at the beginning of the month. However, some villages still follow strict restriction on free movement. With all SOPs animation moves forward. The newly appointed collaborator for social work **Sr. Nirmala CHF** has started moving out into the villages. About fifteen Nukkad Nataks, as part of de-addiction sensitization program, were staged in different villages of Ropar district. **Fr. Viren** could deliver a message during one of such occasions in the municipal playground at Morinda on July 16. Sch. Pawan could get a first-hand experience of the village youth sensitization program on that day. One patient is in contact with our volunteers and is in the process of moving towards test and treatment. We could organize a meaningful National Justice Day along with representatives of various SHGs at the social work office Kotla Nihang. Viren and Mr. Raju one of our volunteers gave short inputs during the gathering. About twenty-five members were present for the gathering. Fr. Jose Philip congratulated Viren and Robin for their collaborative effort to make the day a special one.

We welcomed Fr. Jose Philip at the Morinda house on 8th and had community meeting followed by dinner. Robin and Viren went to Delhi on 13th. Robin attended the planning commission meeting at NRC. **Sch. Pawan** reached Morinda on 15th and started attending his online theology classes thereafter. **Fr. Robin** kept himself busy with some counselling sessions offline, along with his online guidance to the scholastics of the province. We all participated in St. Ignatius' feast day celebrations at St. Xavier's, Ropar. Robin delivered a short message at the occasion. In the evening, we had a grace-filled Eucharistic celebration presided over by the Jesuit community superior and dinner with the religious collaborators at Ropar.

Our building at Kharar had some roof repair works done before the outbreak of monsoon. Urgent wood work too got completed before the onset of incessant rains. Morinda building stands intact requiring only minor repairs from time to time. Viren is all set to travel to Shembag for his tertianship. We wish him all well.

Robin

JAHANGIRPURI

Our Parish was involved in Covid relief work for the last two months. During the last four months,

we helped about 100 families in and around Jahangirpuri in addition to about 15 needy families of our own parish. One beautiful thing about the relief work is that some of our own parishioners came forward to share a portion of their paltry savings for the relief work; this really inspired us to continue the good work. Some youth members of the parish were actively involved in the relief work. We wound up Covid relief work in the 2nd week of July. Due to the Covid restrictions, the parish has not yet started Mass and other devotional activities in the church. However, Mass is offered in the church every day and SD Sisters regularly attend it. **Deacon Devadoss'** birthday was celebrated on July 15 in the parish with Eucharist and sumptuous breakfast thereafter; SD Sisters and Presentation Sisters were present for both. **Fr. Anil Minj, Fr. Arunmozhi** and Dn. Devadass along with some youth members of the parish participated in the national justice day program organized by ISI at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Delhi on 28th.

The social work initiatives have been paused for a long time due to the pandemic. We hope to resume them in the month of August. On July 30 the staff members had an orientation program conducted by Fr. Anil and Mr. Akash. After discontinuing the relief works, Fr. Arun has resumed his legal works.

Anil Minj

LOYOLA SADAN, LUCKNOW

On July 1 six first year novices started their first probation under the guidance of Guardian Angels. On 5th **Fr. Mani Poovakot** joined Loyola Sadan as a new community member. He was accompanied by Fr. George from Bangalore. The 2nd year novices got a chance to help the cook in his work. On 15th we had Mass where we welcomed six Novices and two Fathers into our novitiate community; in the evening we had cultural program in their honour which brought us closer to one another. Next day we enjoyed a basketball match between the first years and second years. Presence of all the Fathers made this event more graceful. Next day 1st years were shifted to their cubicles. On 18th we started the normal routine of the novitiate. We were engaged in classes and presenting The Autobiography of St. Ignatius. On 22nd we began our novena prayer to our founder. We celebrated birthday of **Novice Wilson** and **Novice Anupam**. On the 23rd Fr. George Nedumattam joined us for lunch. He was on his way to Patna. Early this summer we had good rains which helped us in gardening.

For a couple of days **Fr. Nicholas** was down with cough and cold.

Angels

XAVIER NILAYA, BANGALORE

On July 2 **Fr. Mani Poovakot** returned from his short home visit and on 4th he was given official farewell in the community. To thank Fr. Mani for his twelve years of selfless services in Bangalore Provincial of Karnataka Fr. Dionysius Vaz and many other Jesuits from our neighbouring communities joined us. On the following day Fr. Mani left for Lucknow and **Fr. George** accompanied him. On 6th Fr. K.P. Dominic of Patna province came and stayed for a day. Fr. George returned from Lucknow on 7th and quarantined himself for three days. **Fr. Daniel** made a short visit to his native place to visit his sick aunt. He went home on 11th and returned on 17th. We got our first batch of candidates on 19th and on the following day we got the second batch. The third batch of candidates came on 25th. At present we have 23 candidates – 13 for Patna and 10 for Delhi. The candidates are kept under strict quarantine and observation for two weeks. We had a very simple but meaningful feast day celebration of St. Ignatius first with the candidates and then with our neighbours.

Praakash Toppo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August	September
01 J., Dayal	11 Immac, Andrews
01 Tirkey, Manoj	15 Abraham Amalraj
02 Xavier, Shekhar	16 S, Arockia Swamy
06 Joshy Kuruvilla	17 Adwin
08 Menezes, Glenn	17 A, Chrisostone
08 Sah, Remy C.	17 George Mla
10 Kispotta, Anil	22 A, Antony Arul
18 M, Packiam	22 Purackal, John
28 Xess, Rohit	28 S, Periyamayagam
September	29 Arockiam, Dominic
01 Mathews, Ajay	29 K.T. Thomas
02 Arulsamy, Amalraj	30 Joe Kochupura

Gone for their Eternal Reward

Fr. Stanislaus Lourduswami (JAM 84/) on July 5.
Fr. Devasia Vellapani (GOA 82/59) on July 6.
Fr. Abraham Enthemkuzhy (JAM 70/52) on July 14.
Fr Stanislaus Miranda (KAR 91/68) on July 19.
Fr. Paul Valappila (GUJ 78/60) on July 31.
Fr. Placie Fonseca (BOM 84/62) on Aug 1.
 Fr. Mathew's eldest brother on July 17.
 Fr. J. Dayal's mother on July 18.

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