



The Daily Examen and Freedom in Christ

This month we commemorate Our Lady's assumption into heaven and our country's Independence Day. We are going through very challenging times with the covid pandemic, flooding in various parts of India, and oppression by the State. If we are not careful, if we do not reflect sufficiently, and if we are not interiorly free, we may jump into action and look "busy."

In his autobiographical memoir, our founder shares with us the fact that as a young man, he was fired with chivalric enthusiasm to engage in daring deeds and to win the approval of a lady of the highest nobility. His dreams of self-glorification and of impressing others came crashing down on the battlefield of Pamplona. While recuperating, he still had fantasies of knightly adventures but Ignatius also paid attention to his inner movements as he read the lives of Our Lord and the Saints.

He found a certain ease within himself as he pondered: "How should it be, if I did this which St Francis did, and this which St. Dominic did?" This ease and lasting peace lingered for a long time. Whereas when he fantasised chivalrous adventures, Ignatius observed, they left him "dry and discontented." As he learned to discern the spirits and understand himself better, so also did Ignatius gradually grow into an insightful spiritual director.

This month of August as we celebrate the freedom that Mother Mary had to follow the Lord through her life, let us renew ourselves with an enthusiastic practice of the daily Examen of Consciousness. (Personally, I struggle to make a proper Examen every night as my tired eyes drop off to sleep.) Let us ask the Lord for the grace to be perceptive, to understand the movements within us: whether we are seeking God's glory or self-glory: whether we listen to our Superiors or Directors or Lay Collaborators, or we prefer to listen only to ourselves; and whether we allow Christ to set us free, or remain comfortable in our un-freedoms.

Fr. Roland Coelho



PORTUGAL CALLING

After a hectic schedule, in addition to the stressful scenario of the Covid restrictions, it is now a time to unwind myself and relax a bit as I completed the first year of my PhD program here in Portugal.

My defense of the PhD thesis project proposal for its approval by the University of Aveiro went well. I submitted my proposal on the case study of the 60 years of the Mando Festival in Goa. The board of jury for the defense comprised of an external observer, Dr. Rochelle Pinto (India), my guide, Dr. Susana Sardo (Portugal) and Dr. Pedro Aragao (Brazil). Now that I have completed my main assignment for the year, I have decided to take a break from books and so planned to visit the Jesuit communities of the Province of Portugal.

What better place to begin with these visits, then the roots of the Jesuit presence in Portugal, i.e.



Coimbra. The first Jesuit residence (“college”) in Portugal was established in Coimbra in 1542. Coimbra also had a massive Jesuit Church and one of the earliest Jesuit novitiates in Europe. These three Jesuit structures existed within the Coimbra State University campus through the patronage of King John III. Coimbra State University is one of the oldest universities in Europe established in 1290. The Jesuit church today is known as “Se Nova” i.e. the New Cathedral of the Coimbra Diocese. Its main altar has the statues of St Ignatius, St Francis Xavier, St Aloysius, and others. The Jesuit influence in Portugal continued, until 1759, when Marques de Pombal expelled the



Jesuits from Portugal.

Presently, the Jesuit novitiate of the province of Portugal is also based in Coimbra, but not in its original structure. The Novitiate has 6 novices. The second-year novices were on “their way,” (walking pilgrimage) to Fatima, while I spent the day with the first-year novices. I too had earlier visited the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima before my defense, and had the privilege of celebrating a private mass at the Chapel of the Holy Family, next to the main shrine.

Besides Coimbra, which is centrally located, I also visited some of the Jesuit communities in the northern and southern regions of Portugal. Besides, I had the privilege of participating in a Jesuit ordination on 18th July. The ordination ceremony was held at the Shrine of the Our Lady of Sameiro, Braga. In the southern region, I visited the communities of Portimao and Evora, almost bordering Spain. Evora is famous for one of the earliest Jesuit universities in Europe, the University of Holy Spirit established in 1559 and closed after 200 years when Pombal expelled the Jesuits.

I have received my results of the first year of the PhD program. The first-year program comprised of two thematic seminars; two projects of specialization; and one investigation project, the thesis proposal being a part of it. I am elated; I passed with a distinction securing 18 out of 20 points.

Fr Kelwin Monteiro

ST. ANSELM CHURCH, SOUTHALL, UK

The Parishioners of St. Anselm's were eagerly awaiting the 19th of July, the day marked to bid farewell to Fr. Gerard, the former Parish Priest. This also coincided with the announcement of the lifting of all restrictions with regards to Covid-19. It was a twin celebration of bitter-sweet memories.

Fr. Gerard served this Parish for 12 years and now has moved to his new place of appointment, at Glasgow, Scotland. Meeting and listening to the sharing of the young and the elderly (in the Parish),



the needy and marginalized (in society) one can sum-up his 12 years in the words of Pope Francis: 'A shepherd with the smell of the Sheep.' Picking up from here is a BIG responsibility on my shoulders to continue and further the good work begun by Fr. Gerard in fostering the Kingdom of God. The farewell theme was: 'Live the Moment', to cherish every moment spend with Fr. Gerard.

At the start of the month of July, we had a 'prayer walk' conducted by the Ecumenical Churches involving only the Clergy. We walked the streets, stopped at strategic places and prayed for different intentions. It was a very spiritual and satisfying experience as we were leaders from different denominations coming together and praying. In mid-July we had an interfaith meeting to plan how to keep our congregations safe, since restrictions related to Covid-19 had ceased.

We have the novena to St. Ignatius at the daily Mass in the Parish. All the Jesuits will meet in the Church of St. Ignatius at Stanford Hill to celebrate

the feast of our Founder.

Fr Jovito D'Souza

XTC, DESUR

The day, 20th June 2021, marked the arrival of 11 novices from 5 different provinces into the first probation. We have Anto Raj and Thaddeus Alfonso from Chennai province; Brian Macwan from the Gujarat province; Tushar Waghmare from the Pune province; Fean Almeida, Daran Cardoza, Anthony Roshan, Lloyd Lobo, and Felix Vinal from the Karnataka province; and Claudius Dsouza and Smith Tuscano from the Bombay province. On 21st June, the feast day of St Aloysius Gonzaga the day of the first vows, the probationers joined the rest of the community in the Eucharistic celebration followed by a fellowship meal. From 22nd June to 3rd July, the probationers were introduced to the Society of Jesus. The entire process was followed through classes, prayer, meditation, and discernment. The first probation ended with a Triduum followed by a candlelight procession. The entire program of the first probation was conducted by Fr. Vijay Chokhar, our Socius with the help of the second-year novices. **Anil Pereira, Vijay Chokhar, Savio Barreto and Augustine Pushparaj** celebrated the Eucharist held on 3rd July. Vijay encouraged the novices through an inspiring homily to persevere and live out the beautiful and meaningful vocation to which they have been called.



The 1st year novices started their journey by planting saplings of avocado and coconut on the pleasant evening of 3rd July. These saplings symbolize their vocation and their commitment to nurture this call. Anil, Vijay, and the second-year

novices assisted them in planting their 'vocation plants'. This was an endearing and nostalgic moment for the second years as well as it called to mind that day, a year ago when they planted their 'vocation plants'. This was followed by a volleyball match between the first and second-year novices. The Fathers in the Novitiate played alongside with the novices. It was a moment of bonding and joy. The second-year novices were introduced to Fr. Tony D'Mello's course on "Freedom, Joy, Love, and Life." This course helped to enhance the awareness of diverse facilitators and barriers that enables or jeopardizes one's vocation. The course was held for 5 days. As we novices started to practice these various exercises, we had a profound experience of prayer and a relentless desire for God.



Xavier Training College, celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Anil Pereira** on 30th June. We are grateful to God for having Anil as our Novice Master and Superior. The second-year novices shared their experiences and feelings for Anil and presented him with a birthday card expressing their greetings and well wishes. In the evening, the novices sang the traditional birthday song for their beloved Novice Master. This was followed by the cutting of the cake and a sumptuous fellowship meal. The occasion filled all with pleasant memories and joy.

NS Neville Gonsalves

XAVIER RESIDENCE, PORVORIM

On 1st June 2021, in the presence of the members of the community, the installing of the new Superior, **Joseph Cardozo** took place at the celebration of the Eucharist. The main celebrant was Joseph Cardozo and the new administrator of XCHR and Minister/Treasurer, **Malcolm** concelebrated. In his homily, **Joseph** spoke on "Community life - a

life lived in Total Communion." He urged the members to be Christ-centred, guided by the Spirit, to have one goal of giving glory to God through one's ministries, so that the community can become a Eucharistic Community.

In keeping with the government directives and lockdown procedures, the two institutions, Xavier Centre of Historical Research and Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr remained closed. Both the institutions did resume regular office schedules from 7th June. As the new academic year was inaugurated, XCHR welcomed **Joseph Cardozo**, the new Superior of the Xavier Residence Community, and **Malcolm**, the new Administrator at XCHR.

XCHR has launched its Ignatian Year Project of preparing a Book of Photos of the early Jesuit Heritage in Goa, particularly related to St. Ignatius and St. Francis Xavier. Photography is in progress and shortly the narrative work will commence. Many Jesuits of the Province are collaborating in this venture, as well as some Diocesan priests. The sponsoring of this project has been sanctioned through the Provincial. At the same time in collaboration with the PDD of our Province, XCHR will receive a three-year grant from a funding agency to digitalise the Library resources, and upgrade the electronic facilities for its readers, researchers, and other users. The staff of both the institutions met together to initiate plans for the Ignatian Year.

The XR community warmly welcomed 7 scholastics of the province (2 Theologians and 5 Philosophers), who are grounded in the province due to the Covid-19 crisis and are residing at TSKK. In the meantime, the scholastics spend their time reading and preparing for their



respective courses. They also setup a vegetable garden, a volleyball and badminton court. They accompany the senior fathers at the HCF on a regular basis and took turns to accompany **Rosario Rocha**, while he was admitted at the J.M.J Hospital.

Shawn D'Silva and **Shawn Cardozo** left for Pune on 18th June to join the community at De Nobili College, and to continue their theological studies. The two philosophers destined for Satya Nilayam began online classes on 1st July.

The community celebrated **Edmond's** birthday on 21st June at TSKK with a special high-tea celebration while **Gregory's** birthday was celebrated on 23rd. The community met for a prayer service, followed by cutting of the cake and singing some traditional Konkani songs, followed by dinner. On 1st July we have the birthday

celebrations of **Joseph Cardozo**. The community celebrated the Eucharist in the evening, followed by a sumptuous dinner arranged by the minister.

The Xavier Residence Community ended the month of June on a spiritual note. **Anderson** gave a recollection to the scholastics on 25th June. The theme of the recollection was: *“St. Ignatius Accepts God's Design – You make your plans, but God directs your actions.”*

On 11th July the scholastics accompanied by Joseph Cardozo and Edmond visited the relics of St. Francis Xavier at Old Goa and offered mass at the Mausoleum to seek his blessings.

Sch Sean Cardozo

BOM JESUS, OLD GOA



From the month of April 2021 onwards, with the announcement of the curfew in Goa, **Patricio** began an online Healing Ministry at the tomb of St. Francis Xavier at the Basilica of Bom Jesus. A number of persons availed of this facility putting forth their prayers. Many have been grateful, and called back to express their gratitude, for the healings experienced.

In the month of May, **Jude** and **Felix**, conducted the Spiritual Exercises (Retreat) for 15 third year theologians of the Pilar Society, at Pedro Arrupe, Raia. The theologians were grateful for the retreat and went back to their seminary with a deep sense of gratitude and joy.

In the last week of May, the Jesuit Community of Bom Jesus bid farewell to **Lindsay**, as he left for Satya Nilayam, Chennai, to begin his teaching assignment for the philosophers. In the 1st week of June, **John**, left for his new community, at Sanjeevan Ashram, Pune to continue his second year of Masters in Spirituality at Jnana Deep Vidyapeeth, Pune.

Apollo, took charge as the Superior of Bom Jesus

Residence, Old Goa on 1st June. He later, guided, **Alendro** and **Velenson**, for their annual retreat. Being the coordinator of the programmes for the 'Ignatian Year 2021 – 2022', he is constantly encouraging and reminding our Jesuit Communities and Institutions to keep sending the programmes they have planned for the Ignatian Year so that other communities can benefit.

From the month of June 2021, at the request of the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of Christ the King (FMCK), **Jude**, celebrates mass for them and administers the sacrament of reconciliation. At the same time some of the sisters underwent the 5-day guided retreat under Jude.

Fermin is conducting the 30 Days Retreats using the 19th Annotation in English and in German, for participants, here and abroad. He uses WhatsApp, email and the phone. He also counsels people in Europe, USA, West Africa, Canada and a few in the gulf countries. **Fermin** uses the 'Twelve Tissue Remedies' of Schuessler, also called Biochemic Remedies, and NLP counselling, to cure sicknesses scientifically thus helping people to save huge expenses from visiting laboratories and doctors.

Fr Jude Carrasco

dedication, commitment and service to the people was greatly appreciated. **Benito** has taken up the reigns with enthusiasm and zeal. We wish him well!

Fr. Motiram Bardeskar

KANNADA MISSION

A new member to the community, **Basil** arrived at Christ Niwas, Nesargi on 17th July. He was accorded a hearty and warm welcome. The following day being Sunday, a concelebrated



SANGARGALLI

On 1st July, **Benito** was installed as the Parish Priest of St Ignatius Church, Sangargalli in the presence of the Dean of Khanapur, Fr Albert. The outgoing PP, **Colman**, did a commendable job in reaching out to the people of Sangargalli; his



Eucharistic celebration was organised at Deshnur Mutt wherein **Menino**, the Superior of the Kannada Mission welcomed **Tom** and **Basil** to the Mutt. The mutt was bustling with life as many people had gathered to participate in the Prayer Service which was followed by the distribution of herbal medicine by **Menino** for different ailments.

The seasonal catch by **Tom**, of exotic rock crabs at the dinner table was the speciality on this occasion wherein **Basil** was accorded a warm welcomed. This year we experienced good rains after a gap of several years. The surroundings have become lush green and our anxiety of water shortage has been taken care of. Water has been overflowing from

the small bunds and we could actually see the excitement on the faces of people since this was a rare sight in this part of Karnataka. The well at Christ Niwas, Nesargi is almost full and **Tom** seems to be the most delighted since he was facing water scarcity for the vegetable and flower garden. We are all positive that this year the efforts and the hard work of the farmers will be rewarded a hundred fold. Another interesting fact is that the Corona Virus and the likelihood of the third wave seems to have been forgotten by the people so much so that wearing a mask, keeping social distancing and using sanitizers seems to have gone for a toss. We need to remind the people to maintain caution and not get overtaken by a disaster.

On 23rd July we at the Kannada Mission had a unique opportunity to visit the Madwal mutt and have a dialogue with the faithful there. We were also treated to a sumptuous meal at the house of Mr. Rudrappa. We have plans to visit the Torangatti Mutt and take stock of the situation there.

Swami Menino

LOYOLA HALL

Short articles by **Pratap** were published by Goanet.org, mangaloran.com, and Veez Konknni e- magazine from USA. Articles titled “50 years of my journey in the Society of Jesus,” “When I die: Reflection on the death of Fr Stan Swamy. A tribute to Fr. Stan Swamy,” and “The parable of two: a short reflection on Fr. Stan Swamy’s mission,” were published.

Fr Pratap Naik

JESUIT HOUSE, PANAJI

In the month of July on our online platform 'Collaborative Learning Café', some eminent persons shared their wisdom and knowledge to willing listeners.

Some of the programmes held were the following: Dr. Denzil Martins conducted six-sessions, on the theme: “Cooperative Learning: The door to successful learning.” He imparted valuable guidelines, suggestions and innovative ideas to



school teachers on how to make the classroom more interesting and productive. He stressed that it is important not to just dump information on students, but to make sure they understand what is taught.

We had the opportunity to listen to Fr. James J Martin SJ, an American Jesuit, who in a very humorous and simple way shared with us, how everyone can have an intimate relationship with God. He focused on the themes: What is prayer? How we can prayer? What happens in prayer? It was indeed an enriching and prayerful experience listening to Fr. James.

Dr. Sanjay Parab, from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, explained the functioning of the Stock Market. Mr. Kishore Rathi, Associate Professor, Xavier Institute of Management & Research and Mr. Sunny Revenkar, also from XIMR, Mumbai, introduced the participants to the world of Mutual Funds.

We had 2 prominent persons in our 'Hobbies' section: Mr. Jason Quadros explained how to learn music like a language and its advantages; whereas Mr. Leonard Fernandes gave an introduction on the fascinating world of Stamp Collection.

Fr Merwin D'Souza

LOYOLA, MARGAO

Our initial plans to have the inaugural of the Ignation Year with the celebration of the Eucharist on 6th May (before school closed for the

academic year 2020-21) at PAI, Raia, fell through due the extension of the curfew period. Finally on 30th June, two masses were held, one for the staff of the High School, and the second for the staff of the Higher Secondary School and the Primaries (Aided and unaided). The reason for the two masses was to enable proper physical distancing between the participants.

The main celebrant for mass of the High School was **Felix** (PAI) and **Willy** rendered the homily wherein he spoke of conversion at the three altars – the altar in the school chapel, the altar (teachers' tables) in the staff room and the altar (tables in the classrooms). At the second mass, **Cedric** was the main celebrant and rendered the homily. At the start of the first mass the plaque inaugurating the 'Ignatian Year' was unveiled by **Felix**. After both the masses, refreshments were served to the staff.

The community conducted the Prayer Service on the 6th Day of the Novena to St Ignatius for the Province. The theme: "Quietude: At Home with God." **Raul** did the videography for the novena. The Eucharist on the 6th day of the novena was offered by **Raul** and the theme: "Ignatius and the call to Quietude in Prayer – At Home with God." On the 7th day of the novena, the Eucharist was offered by **Jimmy**; the theme being: "Ignatius and the call to filial love and devotion to Blessed

Mother." The masses were recorded earlier by the Province Communication team and then forwarded to the various recipients.


Willy attended the JAAI meeting on zoom to pay homage to Fr. Stan Swamy. The POSA (Fr Stany D'Souza), JAAI President (CA S. Chenthil), JEASA Secretary (Fr John Ravi) were present besides other office bearers and PCAs (Province Coordinators for Alumni). The purpose of the meeting was to also endorse a statement by JAAI to the media with regard to Stan. Certain activities are also being planned to highlight Stan's work and the injustices meted out to him.

On 29th June, there was a double celebration of **Pedro's** birthday; two separate functions were held, one by the Higher Secondary Staff and the 2nd by the High school and primary staff. Be sure Pedro came away with two heavy envelopes. In the evening the community was invited to PAI for dinner.


Presently, the novenas to St. Ignatius that have been prepared by the staff of the High school is being uploaded to all the staff members, parents and students. Preparations are now on to celebrate the feast of St Ignatius keeping all the restrictions in mind.

Fr. William Rodrigues

Pope's Intentions
Aug 2021



The Church
Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

 **Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**
INDIA

CONFERENCE APOSTOLIC PLANNING FOR SECRETARIAT OF FAITH

The Jesuit Conference of South Asia, Secretaries of Faith had an online meeting from 1st to 3rd July to share their faith and to prepare a roadmap to guide their activities in the future and to discern an Apostolic Plan for the Secretariat of faith. After the opening prayer, in his opening address Fr. Stany D'Souza (POSA) said that evolving an apostolic plan is a journey towards conversion; and that without a personal, communal and institutional conversion an apostolic plan cannot be complete and fruitful.

The first day was spent gathering information of the Conference Apostolic Planning (CAP). The speakers of the day spoke on Conference Apostolic Preferences, evolving goals and action plans, Conference Apostolic Planning (CAP) and Spiritual conversation. The Secretaries were later divided into groups where they deliberated on the “Apostolic Planning of the Secretariat of Faith.”

The second day was spent trying to get a greater understanding on our role and responsibilities as Secretaries of Faith. There were four panelists who spoke passionately about their ministries: Ignatian Spirituality; Pope`s worldwide prayer network; Interreligious dialogue; JEPASA and CLC. They enlightened the Secretaries as to how they could creatively commit themselves in the new normal. Fr Jossie Lobo spoke on the topic: “To believe is to be vulnerable: A few implications of Christian Faith.”

The third day was spent in discerning the ways and means to collaborate with the universal Secretariat of faith. Fr. James Hanvey, the Secretary for the service of faith gave a talk on, “Collaboration and Networking.” He said that the Secretaries of Faith can build networking by sharing experiences, knowledge, etc. At the end, **Joseph Fernandes** presented the graces received and fruits gathered during the three days.

Fr. Joseph Fernandes

IGNATIAN YEAR

Homily of Fr. Kolvenbach:

FR. KOLVENBACH FOCUSES ON IGNATIUS' EXPRESSION THAT LOVE MUST BE MANIFESTED MORE IN WORKS THAN IN WORDS.

(Church of Saint Ignatius, Rome, July 31st 1995)

Dear brothers and sisters, first of all I would like to express my gratitude for your participation this evening in the feast of Saint Ignatius in the church dedicated to him.

This year Saint Ignatius' figure and the fire he came to bring on earth as Jesus' companion have been particularly present. Ignatius' inspiration guided the long preparation for the General Congregation, his discernment led the Society of Jesus to the renewal of its life and apostolic work; his way of proceeding, of going ahead in the Lord, will vivify our exercising all that the Spirit has led us to discover for the good of his Church in the world. And it is precisely this exercising which Ignatius wanted as the mark of his spirituality.

One very simple word of Ignatius dominates all the decrees and documents of the General Congregation, all this paper and all these words: the expression he used to assert that love must be manifested more in works than in words. Ignatius merely applied the gospel we have listened to this evening, a gospel which

might sound strange. Jesus came to bring fire on earth. He did not offer the world the gift of fine words and a quiet vision of things. He did not bring this fire to make us dream in front of the fascinating flames, to allow ourselves to be attracted by the spell of the magic of fire. No, our God, Father of Jesus and our Father, spoke in the middle of a burning bush and this fire, the prophet unceasingly reminds us, is a devouring fire, not in the sense of a power of destruction but in the strength of irresistible love. Jesus came to bring his Father's ardent passion for his people and for each one of us and, with the same passion of love, He would like it to be lit, even though he knows that this love will not remain of straw but will devour him until his death on the cross, until his heart is pierced by the lance of hatred and division.

Christian love is never theoretical or platonic: like a fire it devours us through painful choices, burdensome decisions which must be made, divisions which we must want in the heart of our intimate life, because the love of Christ can impose grave reasons for disunion. As the gospel says, in a house of five people three will be divided against two, and two against three.

And so Saint Ignatius' call to bring love into effect more in works than words is not merely sensible advice in favour of efficiency and activism, even in a life of faith. Ignatius' call is inspired by the love of God who never ceases doing great things for us, and on the love of the incarnate Son of God who warns us that not all those who say "Lord, Lord" to him will enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the will of the Father who is in heaven. Quite frankly Jesus prefers the son who happens to say 'no' in words but goes to work in the vineyard to the son who promises his whole commitment in words but in the end does nothing. In this perspective Saint Ignatius invites us this evening to contemplate the Lord at work, busy carrying the fire of his love on earth, calling each one of us to be his collaborator not in words but through concrete choices and daily decisions which bear the mark of Jesus' own sentiments and preferences. Through Saint Ignatius' intercession, may this participation in Christ's body and blood transform us into messengers sent to inflame this our dead and cold world with the fire of God's loving passion.

PROVINCIAL'S SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2021

03-04	Visitation – Loyola Hall, Miramar
05	POSA consult online
11	Spirituality & Dialogue Com. meeting
11-12	Visitation – PAI, Raia
13	Province consult
17-18	Visitation – Loyola, Margao
19	Visitation – Bom Jesus Basilica, Old Goa
20	Youth Com. meeting
25	Finance Com. meeting
26 – 27	Visitation – St Britto, Mapusa
28	Visitation – XRH, Baga
31	AGBM – TSKK; <i>Dor Mhoineachi Rotti</i> – meeting

FR DEVASIA VELLAPANI S.J
1939-2021

Fr. Vellapani was born on 13th May 1939 in Mundakayam, a village in Kerala. He entered the Society of Jesus on 11th July 1961 and was ordained a priest on 26th March 1971. As a young priest Fr Vella was sent to Ahmednagar district. In his ministry he had the interest of the poor at heart. He began at Rahata and later ministered in Shevgaon, Shrirampur, Beed, Ahmednagar and Ghodegaon for about 15 years. Zeal and hard work had always been the main characteristics of his ministry. He neglected his daily spiritual duties, time for prayer and energized by it he was missioned to Rosary Church, Anthony's in Gadhinglaj where he full-fledged mission station. In Ajra Church and a large residence for the Jesuits. From 1998 to 2009 he toiled and “earned his daily bread by the sweat of his brow” at Xavier Farm in Santibastiwad. No work was menial to him. Wherever he was posted he identified himself with the poor and labored very hard most of the day with just a break for his noon meal.



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His lifestyle was simple and he adhered to strict poverty in his food, free-time, though not reading more of Marathi literature. He devoted a lot of time and energy to learn and master Marathi in order to be effective in his ministry. His memory to this day was remarkable; he could recount past events, situations, and persons with remarkable details.

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It was rightly noticed that Fr Vella was a man of many trades. In the construction work he was everything from an ordinary labourer, to mason, plumber, mechanic, electrician, etc. He was also a farmer, a well-digger, preacher, teacher, driver... well the list can go on and on. Small wonder that on several occasions he ran a mission station single-handedly. He will be fondly remembered as a man gifted with many trades.

Curia Panaji

God
Bless
You

Happy Birthday Dear ...

August

- 02 Allwyn Cruz
- 03 Malcolm Barreto
- 08 Patricio Fernandes
- 08 Alendro Da Costa
- 09 Amit D'Souza
- 10 Jude Carrasco

August

- 11 Ashwin Fernandes
- 23 Apolinario Cardozo
- 28 Cecil Fernandes
- 28 Cedric Fernandes
- 30 Swapnil Borges
- 31 Augustine P.



LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Fr. Abraham Enthemkuzhy, (JAM) 70/52, passed away on 14 July, in Bhubaneswar.
Fr Stanislaus (Stany) Miranda, (KAR) 91/68, passed away on 19 July, in Mangaluru.

MEN WHO TOILED IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD

August

- 01 Gonsalves J. Manuel
- 07 J. Martins Tavares
- 09 Miranda Joao A
- 09 Rosario Peter de
- 09 D'Souza Vincent
- 10 Coelho Joaquim V
- 11 Menezes Edward
- 14 Arulananda Swami
- 14 de Melo Patrick
- 15 Brand Werner
- 26 Carrilho Francisco
- 29 Amalananda Swami

