



GUJARAT JESUIT SAMACHAR

Premal Jyoti, PB 4002, Ahmedabad - 380 009



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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

- 09 – 13 : Visitation, Sneh Jyoti, XTI & Anklav
15 : Final Vows, Unai
16 – 18 : Visitation, Vyara-Mandal-Songadh
19 : Sevasi, Meeting Youth Commission
20 – 21 : Consult, Sneh Jyoti, Sevasi
23 – 26 : Visitation, Vijaynagar-Bhiloda-Poshina-Modasa

APPOINTMENTS

► Fr. GENERAL has appointed

Fr. Karrotuvechur T Mathew: Revisor, Province Financial Administration.

► PROVINCIAL has appointed

- **Fr. Ambrose Vedam:** Director, Jesuit Multipurpose Centre; Coordinator for Young Priests.
- **Fr. Anil Severin:** Asst PP, Dadhwada, residing at Katkuva.
- **Fr. Arul Rayan:** Acting Superior, Gandhinagar-Sughad.
- **Fr. Chandresh Christi:** Acting Director, Apostolic School, Sughad.



*let my country
awake!*

PROVINCE HIGHLIGHTS

➔ PREORDINATION PROGRAMME

We, **Jaya Prakash, Felix Raj, Hitesh Parmar, George Victor** and **Jayanti Bhadagi** join the Psalmist in saying “How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?” Words fail to describe the greatness of the Lord to us in this month of the preordination programme (POP). After five days of personal prayer and reflection, we began our POP on 5 June, in Sneh Jyoti, Sevasi. We are incredibly grateful to God for his goodness and grace in these days of preparation. We thank **Fr. Ambrose Vedam** who coordinated the program and the resource persons **Frs. Vinayak Jadav, Lawrence Dharmaraj, Jimmy B Dabhi, Jose Panadan, Melquides Guedes, Patrick Arockiam, Kirit Patelia, Isaac Rumao, Vincent Braganza, Jose Changanacherry, Stanislaus Jebamalai** and Sr. Jacinta who helped us embark on a deeper understanding of Jesuit priesthood. We are also grateful to **Fr. Simon Thomas** who accompanied us during the eight days of the Spiritual Exercises. After a month of preparation, we felt that our relationship with God and with companions has reached a higher level. On 2 July, we concluded the POP with a Thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration presided over by the PCF Fr. James Savarimuthu. (Jaya Prakash SJ)

➔ PREMAL JYOTI GLEANINGS

With the arrival of the newcomers, the Scholasticate is brimming with life! We are totally forty-six scholastics. We had a four-day orientation programme to begin with **Fr. Lancy D’cruz**, the Principal of St Xavier’s College, spoke to us on college and academic life. **Fr. Sunil Macwan** stressed on the responsibility that every scholastic must have towards his studies. The session was interesting and enriching because two students and a professor from our college, shared with us the way they perceived the scholastics in the college campus.

Fr. Vinayak Jadav elaborated on the many ways each scholastic can contribute to make our community genuine, united and vibrant. He made it clear that being a 'Jesus Person' is the only criterion to be communitarian. The newcomers had a special talk on the need of spiritual direction for a meaningful life as student-Jesuits. Fr. Lawrence Dharmaraj underscored openness as one of the indispensable elements of spiritual direction. Fr. Vincent Braganza focused on the Magis in the context of the new normal; doing more is all about reflecting what the world needs today and acting concretely. (Manu SJ (CAL))

On July 15 we had a special Eucharist to celebrate the memory of Fr. Stan Swamy 'The Prophet of our Time.' Fr. Alpesh Macwan the main celebrant gave us an inspiring sermon on Fr. Stan's life and his tremendous work with the Adivasis. (Bikant Kullu SJ (JAM))

➤ JUNIORATE JOTTINGS

We Juniors reached Vinayalaya, on 27 June 2021 and began the Juniorate the next day with the Eucharist of the Holy Spirit, presided over by the Community Superior Fr. Trevor Miranda and with Fr. Arun de Souza (Provincial) and Fr. Joaquim Tellis (Minister) as concelebrants. We are nineteen Juniors from eight different provinces and regions of the Assistency. We have begun the year's programme under the guidance of Fr. Learoy Rodrigues and Fr. Aubrey Fernandes. In the Orientation Week, the sessions included understanding transitions, group dynamics, sharing the stories of our lives and familiarizing ourselves with our Juniorate way of proceeding; we had several inspiring talks and creative activities. On 5 July we began our regular classes with a full load of academic work. (Sumitkumar Jadav SJ)



➤ NOVITIATE NEWS

On 20 June, the XTC community welcomed eleven first-year novices from the Provinces of Bombay, Pune, Chennai, Karnataka and Gujarat (Brian Macwan). We began our first probation (of twelve days), immediate after

the Second-year novices pronounced their first vows. On 16 July the three senior novices began their second year in the novitiate. (Brian Macwan NSJ)



➤ APOSTOLIC SCHOOLS

Sughad: We have twelve boys this year in Sadhana Sadan who arrived here on 25 July. They are from the Parishes of Anklav (4), Bardipada (1), Bhiloda (3), Meghraj (1), Pimpri (2) and Vyara (1). They are in Std. IX (2); X (4); XI (4) and XII (2). The Inaugural Eucharist on 28 July was presided over by the Director, Fr. Patras Mundu. In the absence of Fr. Patras (who leaves for tertianship in Shembaganur on 1 Aug), Fr. Chandresh Christy will be the acting director. (Viju Varli SJ)



Surat: On 25 July, we welcomed eleven boys of Stds. X & XII. Being an Ignatian Month, we had several programmes while the boys were at home which included an online quiz and a drawing competition. On 30 July Sch. Aric



Makwana gave some insights on the life of St. Ignatius and explained the importance of celebrating 500 years since the conversion of St. Ignatius. On 31 July the Eucharist was presided over by **Fr. Robert Mascarenhas**. We had a meaningful celebration on that day. (Aric Makwana SJ)

➔ SCHOOL OF HEART

Fr. Ashvin Pandav reached St. Stanislaus College, Sitagarha on 31 July. **Fr. Sunil Macwan** and **Fr. Patras Mundu** reached Sacred Heart College, Shembagnur on 2 August. We wish them all the best for their tertianship.

➔ CANNONBALL MOMENT

On 17 July, as part of the Ignatian Year programmes at St. Xavier's School Loyola Hall, **Fr. Simon Thomas** addressed the staff on 'Reconcile with Self, Others and God'. Being an alumnus of Loyola Hall Fr. Simon shared a few vivid moments of his school days; the compassionate attitude of the teachers he experienced and his urge to become a teacher. Through an elaborate PowerPoint presentation, he highlighted the importance of this Ignatian Year for Jesuits and their collaborators all over the world. He pointed out the significant contributions of Jesuits everywhere. Jesuits he said have also become victims because they chose to work for the poor and the oppressed classes. He spoke about Fr. Stan Swamy who died recently, his service among the poor Adivasis, being falsely accused, yet with hope till the very end. This is because of their preferential option to help the poor and the oppressed class and also because they experience the foundational experience that St. Ignatius had – 'the cannonball experience'. They stood for truth and justice. Fr. Simon concluded the session by talking about the current situation of the world, our life style which is totally different from the past, loneliness and seclusion that has gripped our lives. The Ignatian Year invites all of us to reconcile with one another, to reconcile with God and with creation but beginning with oneself. The Ignatian Year programmes at Loyola are thanks to the initiative of the Principal, **Fr. Xavier Amalraj**. (Ms. Jancy Victor)



➔ MAGIS DAY

Braving inclement weather, more than one hundred and seventy youth and others from various Jesuit parishes of Gujarat assembled at Sevasi on 25 July for Magis Day. Provincial, **Fr. Durai Fernand** lit the lamp to launch the programme. In his address to the youth, he explained the meaning of 'magis' saying, "it calls for giving something 'more' than ordinary and youth have the capacity to go the whole way". In his keynote address **Fr. James B. Dabhi** focused on the theme of the day to see all things new in Christ. **Fr. Jitendra D'Monte** presided over the Eucharistic Celebration and emphasized that through the magis way we can love our family members and others even more. There were several other programmes like the magis circle that kept the youth engaged and entertained the entire day. GJYM is very grateful to **Fr. Sudhir Chettiar** XTI Director for providing all the facilities and hosting this program. All the participants were presented with a copy of the book 'Sangat' written by **Fr. Hedwig Lewis**. (Raymund Chauhan SJ)



➔ FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Urban flooding in several cities has become a regular and rising phenomenon. Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Delhi, Bengaluru, Guwahati, have been recurring victims of floods. The Centre for Culture and Development (CCD) undertook a study of the floods in Vadodara in 2019 that caused a lot of havoc and misery to those living on the banks of River Vishwamitri and other low-lying areas. The first part of the study by CCD deals with the socio-economic impact of floods on different classes of people. The second



part deals with causes of recurring floods and proposes resolutions of the same from well-known hydrologists, architects, engineers, town planners, builders, corporation officials and so on. The report 'Integrated Urban Flood Management: A case study of Vadodara Floods 2019' edited by Jayesh Shah and **Lancy Lobo** has been published by CCD in printed form. It should interest environmentalists, ecologists, and those engaged in urban affairs including the urban poor. (Lancy Lobo SJ)

➤ CONGRATULATIONS AND GRATITUDE

On 30 July 2021, the Covid Core Group comprising of **Fr. Isaac Rumao** (Coordinator), Sr. Jacinta Canis, **Fr. Manoj Parmar**, **Fr. Fernando Franco** and Mr. Vijay Parmar and the members of the Implementation Team: Ms. Alice Morris and **Fr. Rajendra Vedamuthu** (North Guj), **Fr. John Kennedy** (Anand-Kheda), **Fr. Stany Pinto** (North-South), Fr. Manoj Parmar and Sr. Joma (South-South Guj) were present for the online meeting. The core team and the implementation teams were helped by Ms. Priyanka Christian and Catrinel Dunca from the PDO. The final accounts of the Caritas Germany project and Grant-1 and Grant-2 Gujarat-ALBOAN projects were presented and approved in the meeting. The Coordinator expressed a deep sense of gratitude for the time spent by all the members to carry out the project. All shared a great satisfaction for completing the first participative initiative of this scale where various ministries; Fathers, Sisters and laypersons have worked together to respond to the pandemic. (Fernando Franco SJ)

➤ DHANDHUKA DIARY

On 3 July the ninth death anniversary of **Fr. Jose Gorosquieta**, several gathered together for a Eucharistic Celebration which recalled warm memories of the 'Apostle of Dhandhuka'. On 11 July the mission remembered Fr. Stan Swamy, a warrior who fought for justice for the poor. In his homily **Fr. Leslie D'souza** said Fr. Stan had a special heart for the poor and the oppressed Tribals. On 16 July we celebrated the feast of the Carmelite Missionary Sisters with a meaningful liturgy presided over by **Fr.**



Arokiadass Daniel. The feasts of Bhaleshwari Mata and the Guru Purnima were celebrated on 25 July. The celebration started three days earlier with evening Rosary by invoking the blessings of Bhaleshwari Mata. The feast day Eucharist was presided over by **Fr. Alpesh Macwan**, who insisted on the importance of having a deep faith in these difficult times and as a prerequisite to be a follower of Christ. **Fr. Michael Raj** along with Fr. Leslie, sisters and the parish team arranged and organized the programmes well. (Michael Raj, SJ)



➤ SUBIR 'SCHOOLING'

All through the pandemic the Navjyot School, Subir organized visits to their students in their homes in order to assess the difficulties they face in academic life. These home visits helped us to know the students' growth in the academic matters in order to help, instruct and prepare them for exams, as well as help them to study from/at home. In the new academic year, from 5 July onwards all the teachers of the primary section visited the students from Stds I to VIII according to the cluster of set villages. (Jipson Pereira, SJ)

➤ FR STAN SWAMY

The custodial death of Fr. Stan Swamy (JAM) on 5 July shocked and saddened thousands everywhere both in India and across the globe. The illegal arrest of Fr. Stan on 8 October 2020 had generated waves of protest everywhere. In spite of being eighty-four years old with several physical ailments Fr. Stan was constantly denied bail even on medical grounds. His commitment to the excluded and exploited will never be forgotten. His death has today generated a greater enthusiasm among all sections of society to commit themselves to work for a more humane, just and dignified society. May Fr. Stan rest in peace and intercede for us all from above!



➤ NATIONAL JUSTICE DAY

Following the call by the President of JCSA to observe National Justice Day on 28th July, 2021, Fr. Provincial invited the Bishops of Gujarat, all Jesuits, Parish Priests, Heads of Institutions and Superiors of Religious Communities of Gujarat, requesting them to organize and participate in this Justice Day programmes. He appointed a Coordination Team (**Frs. Isaac Rumao, Francis Macwan, James Vas and Cedric Prakash**) to coordinate the programmes. The team disseminated written resource material.



The response to NJD was overwhelming from everywhere: Parishes, Schools and other Institutions brought together their colleagues and collaborators, their staff and students, religious Sisters and other Priests, their parishioners and others from civil society for a public manifestation to pay homage to Fr. Stan and to pledge that we all will keep working together for justice and ensure that the legacy of Fr. Stan Swamy keeps on inspiring us.

In most places it was a silent assembly either at one place or in a procession. The participants carried lit candles, banners, posters and placards which included pictures of and quotes from Fr. Stan.

COVID-19 SOPs were strictly adhered to, numbers were limited and all manifestations were held on the



campuses or in a hall. In some places Jesuits, Sisters, Staff, collaborators and others spoke about Fr. Stan and his life and the need and importance of working for justice particularly for the Adivasis, Dalits, OBCs, minorities and other disadvantaged sections. There were prayer services with hymns and songs of unity, justice and peace. A Press Statement was read out at the end of some of the gatherings. The next day some of the local press carried news items (with pictures) of the programmes in their area. The 'Navgujarat Samay' had an op-ed on Fr. Stan and his legacy by **Fr. Vinayak Jadav**.

Reports with photos have come in from several areas which include Mandali, Radhanpur, Dhandhuka, Anand, Dangs (Pimpri, Shinghan and Subir), Unai, Zankhvav, Dadhwada, Bhiloda, Premal Jyoti, Adilok, XCD, WGWLO, the Ahmedabad Parishes of Loyola and Xavier. Jesuit Social Centres: HDRC, SXSSS, RSSS, Navsarjan. More are coming in! National Justice Day was indeed a memorable one for all. Fr. Stan's legacy will continue to live in the hearts and lives of many!



➤ US CONGRESSIONAL HEARING

On 13 July, **Fr. Cedric Prakash** testified in a virtual hearing before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission of the US Congress on 'The State of Religious Freedom Around the Globe.' Fr. Cedric's written submission on aspects of Religious Freedom in India (including the incarceration and death of Fr. Stan Swamy) has now been posted on the Commission's website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➔ SUPERIORS' FORUM:

Date: From 14 October, 2021, 4 pm to 15 October afternoon.

Superiors and PCM members joint session: 15 October at 8.30 am

➔ PCM:

From 15 October, 4 pm to 16 October 4 pm

Venue: Sneh Jyoti, Sevasi

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK



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.

JESUIT SAINTS OF THE MONTH



▲ S Peter Faber



▲ S Alberto Hurtado

*Into that heaven of
freedom,
my Father,
let my country awake.*

- Rabindranath Tagore



*Feast of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
& Independence Day of
our Nation.*





FR. VALAPPILA PAUL, SJ (10. 07. 1943 – 21.07.2021)

EVER READY TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

Fr. Paul went to his eternal home with God at 4.45 pm on 31st July, 2021, the 5th Centenary Year of the Conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola. He was 78 years of age, 60 years in the Society and 47 years as a priest. The last 4 years at Jeevan Darshan Infirmary were particularly painful from a stroke he had, which turned into Cancer.

Paul was born as the third son of a large family at Arattukara, Trissur. Their house was opposite the Football field of our Tharakan's High School. The football of the School was kept in their house. The four boys grew to be footballers – the eldest played for the Madras University; the youngest played for India, and some professional teams of Goa, Calcutta, etc. Paul himself was selected, when a Jesuit in Gujarat, to be the Captain of Gujarat University football team; but his Jesuit superior thought otherwise.

With a football at home and the field in front, Paul's studies suffered. The teaching quality of our Tharakan's School then was pathetic – only 3 out of 45 students (15%) passed the SSLC exam. Paul did not. He worked hard, and cleared his exams the following October. Paul used to say that he studied the syllabus twice, and mastered it! His keen intelligence and hard work achieved great results in all his studies ahead.

Another great result was his personal experience of failing in studies. It made him brilliant in re-building other 'failures', all his life. Most of them were victims of very-poorly run primary schools. He became a miracle worker in building up such 'failures'.

Our Jesuit Primary Schools in Gujarat were normally run well. At the secondary level they had to admit many

illiterate/semi-literate students from govt./pvt. Ashram-schools. Many of them were unable to read Gujarati, ignorant of rudimentary mathematics, etc.

Our teachers tended to concentrate on the better educated students, neglecting others. The compulsory passing in smaller standards pushed them forward in the school system. They tended to reach the final school year with little/no grasp of Gujarati, Mathematics, etc. They either dropped out or got dropped out of further Education. Obviously, most of such drop-outs were poor.

Paul was appointed to 17 schools/Parishes in Gujarat, mostly as a teacher. He devised an original and ingenious system to teach those who came with very poor education: the class was divided into a good-enough and below-standard students. Paul left the good-enough students to learn from the normal classes, and he concentrated on the below-standard students, giving them special attention and





systematic tuition, every day till they caught up with the others.

Every day he gave tuitions to the weaker group after supper. When the students saw the interest Paul was taking and its results, they never missed a tuition class; their parents/elders ensured their attendance. He exploded the myth that poor students were not interested in studying in Schools. A year of intensive coaching was enough to bring them to the appropriate level of education. Paul's tuitions were held in all the 17 Mission Schools/Parishes where he was sent, till his health collapsed.

Actually, Paul said that in 2 to 3 months of full-time classes in summer before joining our schools, he could bring the Non-Jesuit School students to the level of our own school students. Paul also trained other teachers in our schools to teach through his methods of teaching Maths, English, etc. Some of them are now earning lakhs giving highly valued tuition classes!

Paul is a man of well-planned and studied choices to which he sticks. His organizational designs are very effective. He will not compromise his principles of honesty, truthfulness and justice. Sometimes he had to suffer for this. Upholding the values of Jesus can cause friction, and suffering. That is very much like Jesus. People who know and appreciate Paul understand his organizational ability and principles.

Paul's love and service were always there, especially for the poor, the weak and the exploited. He did not count the cost of his love and service.

He would go to any length to make it effective. First, he learnt Gujarati well; then he learnt Tribal languages in very original ways – reading it loud, talking to children, etc. His students all over Gujarat remember him with gratitude for all their lives. They pick up very fast his love and service. He got the best out of them.

Paul's creativity was extraordinary. In his regency year, he spent some weeks in Karamsad to practice Gujarati with children, all the time. One day another Regent, Sch. Victor Davamani, came from Anand on a motorcycle. The motorcycle had a puncture on the way. Since there was no garage around, Paul offered to pull the motorcycle tied to his Bicycle, pedalled fast and furiously to cover the 4 kms to Anand, on a poor road.

People stopped to see the spectacle! Trucks and cars cleared the way for him. Some people cleared the road shouting, "VARGHODO AVE CHHE! Emne Rasto Aapo!" (Here comes the Bridegroom's party! Clear the way! Paul brought the Motorcycle to Anand safely. That was quick-thinking and creativity!

Paul lived a full Jesuit life, giving himself to others, those with the greatest need. May he live in God's company for all eternity!

- Fr Rappai Poothukaren SJ



➔ PAP IMPLEMENTATION

Knowing that the implementation of the PAP has slowed down during last months, the APCT had an online meeting on 19 July with the District Coordinators, Fr Provincial and the Consultors. The purpose of this online meeting was to get a feedback from the District Coordinators and the Province Consultors regarding the way in which the implementation of PAP and the participation of all members of the province can be facilitated and motivated.

In the meeting it was observed that the implementation of the PAP has been delayed due to the pandemic and other reasons. The group was convinced that we must move ahead with the implementation of the PAP in order to reap the desired fruits. Taking into consideration the suggestions made at the meeting on 19 July, the APCT had a meeting on 28 July to find concrete ways to re-activate the implementation of the PAP. Accordingly, it prepared the following plan and sent it to the Provincial who found it appropriate and has asked the APCT to ensure the implementation of the same.

1. Action Plans (APs) that need to be encouraged to move ahead. Because of a variety of reasons most of the Action Plans have stopped since the month of March. Some of these APs involve many Jesuits of the province. Rather than urging them to move ahead it might be better to drive these APs ahead and get most of the province involved. In order to achieve this effect, we propose to select the following Action Plans to start functioning immediately:

Mission 5: To share the Good News of Jesus Christ while keeping (being) open to be enriched by other Cultures and Traditions.

Goal 1: After collective discernment and evaluation of Parish activities, evolve new pastoral practices for promotion of faith in the pastoral sector.

Papers seem to be ready, but an effort must be made to organise Workshop/s to present them and start evolving the pastoral policy of the province.

The plan was to have

- One-day workshop for all the Jesuit Pastors in April 2021.
- 3 Zonal (North, Central and South) meetings in July-August 2021.
- JEPASA Commission meeting to draft Pastoral Policy for Gujarat Province in September-October 2021.

Fr. James Vas is the person in charge, and he must be contacted to make plans and move ahead. Fr. Ambrose Vedam will take this matter with him.

(1) Mission 2: To protect children and vulnerable adults against abuse.

Goal 1: Ensuring strict compliance of existing state laws (POCSO)/province directives/CBCI/ in all apostolic activities managed by Jesuit institutions and in those institutions supported by SJs.

The District Teams have been appointed and a Workshop with all of them needs to take place.

Once this has taken place then the audit of our communities and institutions needs to start. A decision about the District Counsellors needs to be formalised.

Fr. John Kennedy and the team need to be contacted and Fr. Francis Macwan will take care of it.

(2) Combined Workshops. Responding to a suggestion of the PCM, Fr. Isaac Rumao was appointed to coordinate a team to combine some of the workshops proposed in the PAP. They have met and the work started and now they must plan the workshops and the dates. Since the theme of Justice has been emphasized recently after the death of Fr. Stan Swamy, these workshops could bring a lot of shared awareness in the province. Fr. Franco will contact Fr. Isaac to re-start the process.

(3) Environmental Issues. Mission 7 started in all the APs but the movement stopped. Since the province is involved in the Ignatian Year it may be difficult to deal with Goal 1. However, Goals 2 & 3 must be re-started. Fr Franco will contact Frs. Lancy D'Cruz and Fr. Anthony Suresh.

2. Involvement of the District Coordinators. At the Webinar, Fr Provincial emphasized the role that the District Coordinators need to play in the life and mission of the communities of their districts. In order to achieve this goal, a draft Note will be circulated among them indicating the role, of different intensities under various Action Plans, they are called to play to increase the province members' participation in the implementation of the PAP. Fr. Franco will prepare this Note, circulate among the APCT and then send to the District Coordinators.

As we commemorate and celebrate the 500th year of the Conversion of our Father St. Ignatius, let us open ourselves to have a glimpse of the same Conversion in and through the implementation of the PAP!

(Ambrose Vedam, SJ for APCT)

R.I.P

- † Fr. Stan Swamy, (JAM), 84/64, passed away on 5 July in Bombay.
- † Fr. Devasia Vellapani, (GOA), 82/59 passed away on 6 July in Belgaum.
- † Fr. Abraham Enthemkuzhy, (JAM), 70/52, passed away on 14 July 2021 in Bhubaneswar.
- † Fr. Stanislaus Miranda, (KAR), 91/68, passed away on 19 July in Mangaluru.
- † Fr. Placido Fonseca, (BOM), 84/62, elder brother of **Fr. Edward Fonseca**, passed away on 31 July in Bombay.
- † **Fr. Paul Valappila** (GUJ), 78/60, passed away on 31 July 2021 in Vadodara.



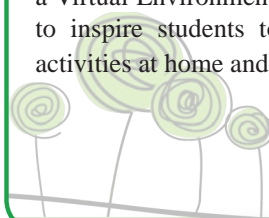
GREEN CORNER

'ECO-AWARENESS PROGRAM'

GJEM is attempting to address the adverse impact of the pandemic through diverse and meaningful activities. To strengthen people's livelihood options, over 170 farmers have been trained in organic farming, kitchen gardens and rainwater harvesting during the last three months. Aadiaushadhi had employed needy farmers in its nursery during the second wave of the pandemic. Over two lakh nursery grown plants are being presently distributed to farmers with a view to improving their health and immunity. GJEM has contributed immensely to environmental education through developing innovative pedagogy, training teachers and reaching out to children in remote villages. Even during the pandemic, our team has engaged 1630 students (893 girls & 737 boys) in South Gujarat. Simple, innovative activities inspire the home-bound children to learn the basics of maths, environmental science and English.

GJEM also helped Rosary and Loyola Hall to set up herbal gardens on campus. Despite the lack of space in Rosary, Fr. Patrick Arockiam and his teachers planted over twenty species of herbal plants in July 2021. We also plan to launch a Virtual Environment Learning Program (VELP) shortly to inspire students to undertake simple environmental activities at home and in their neighbourhoods.

(Lancy D'Cruz, SJ)



BIRTHDAYS & DEATH DAYS 2021

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| 01 Fr Samada Juan – 1994+ | 15 Fr Anthony John Lobo – 1966+ | 27 Vinay Khaniya |
| 03 Br Antonio Rabella – 1981+ | 16 Thomas Kolady | 30 Hector Pinto |
| 05 Anthony Moonnupeedikail | Isudas Cueli – 2018+ | 31 Fr Kulandairaj M Arul – 2010+ |
| Fr Gerald Lobo – 1976+ | 20 Lazarus Parmar | |
| 06 Jils Parrokkaran | M.V. Joseph | |
| Ornellas Coutinho | 21 Hitesh Parmar | |
| Fr Palau Juan – 1995+ | Yowan Sebastin | |
| 07 Pratik Christi | Sebastian Manucheril – 2016+ | |
| 09 Fr Vincentius Carricas – 1967+ | 22 Br Augustus Lobo – 1994+ | |
| 10 Br Eugenio Bastida – 1950+ | 24 Ignace Canis Macwan | |
| 11 Jobin Kaniyarakathu | Fr Pinto Ignatius – 2001+ | |
| Sch. Cheenkallel Scaria – 1993+ | 26 Kirit Patelia | |
| 12 Fr Eduardo Soler – 1987+ | Valerian Dias | |

