



Delhi Jesuits

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### SAHAYOG

On Nov 1 all the community members actively participated in the Jubilee celebrations of Frs. Joe Manna, Mla and Kochu at SX Raj Niwas Marg. On 2nd we paid respects to our elder brothers who have gone before us. VJ Minister Fr. Sunil, **Fr. Arun** and **Sch. Pawan** along with our co-workers did a commendable job in whitewashing and decorating the graveyards with flowers and candles in the Nicholson Cemetery. **Fr. Mathew Padayatty** left for Lucknow on 3rd to give Long Retreat to SRA tertians. **Fr. Augustine Pantha** had a fall on the corridor while he was on his way to refectory for his tea on 10th. Due to this unexpected fall, he sprained his wrist and has slightly injured his ribs. Our PHI is treating him and his wrist is much better now though it is under plaster even now. **Fr. Soosai** left for Jaipur, Nevtia and Mahwa on 11th for visitation and came back on 28th night, just in time to celebrate his 18th ordination anniversary with his community members on 29th. He was the main celebrant of the mass on that day and the community had a short gathering in the evening to celebrate this occasion. Our Revisor Fr. Peter Mulluparambil (KER) was with us for a few days going through our province accounts. During the month **Fr. Xavier** organized a Webinar for the COJET members through Zoom. He seems to have become an

expert in conducting webinars now. Meanwhile **Fr. Jeera** too was busy attending various webinars of COJET, PDD, New Jesuit Treasurers of various provinces from all over the world and regular weekly meetings with his colleagues in Rome. Though he is still in India, he has already started his work from here as Assistant Treasurer of the Society of Jesus. A Work from Home indeed! As the office of the Nuncio is lying vacant, he has to wait for the new Nuncio to assume office to get a recommendation letter in order to apply for visa to Rome. But this long waiting did not dampen his spirit, as he is making good use of the time at hand to learn some good Italian. Fr. Thomas Kuriakose is with us as he is recovering from food poisoning and some other minor ailments. He is under the observation of PHI and is recovering quite fast. The birthday of **Fr. Job** was celebrated in the company of fellow Jesuits on 30th. We had a few of our province men visiting us during the month and we are grateful to them for their visit.

*Arun*

### ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

**School:** The compartment exams took place in the school smoothly. We completed the process of registering the names of students of Classes X and XII. A staff meeting was organized on Oct 19 to take stock of the various activities taken up by the teachers. In order to update the teachers with recent happenings in and around Principal **Fr. Joe Vila** conducted a quiz for them. Since Oct 26 our teachers are present in the school and take online classes from their own classes and end it with an evaluation by the Principal individually and sometimes in a group. This has brought better results and appreciation. The winter schedule for classes has begun. A lot of confusion and misunderstanding are going on among the parents on payment of school fees. School finds it extremely difficult to pay salary when fees do not come in. The school staff wished Fr. Principal

birthday greetings on Nov 19 during a simple function in the staff room.

**House:** We are in the process of cultivating some vegetables in and around the house under the supervision of **Fr. Kochupura**. We constructed a fishpond in front of our residence. We are looking for the right type of fish to grow in it. Fr. Kochu visited a doctor in Behror to consult about some fungus on his tongue. Fr. Joe Vila went to Delhi during Dussehra to visit his friends and celebrate the feast. Fr. Kochupura also went to Delhi to make his Jubilee retreat along with his jubilee companions and returned on Nov 3 after jubilee celebrations. We celebrated Fr. Kochu's jubilee on 12th along with Frs. Joe Manna and George Mla. Around 25 Jesuits from the neighbourhood communities joined us for the function. Fr. Anil, Mathew and Mr. Aniyam (a Sanyasi) from Dharuhera visited us on their way back from Narnaul. On 19th we had the birthday celebrations of Fr. Joe Vila. Around 16 Jesuits joined us to wish him. At noon teachers and friends of Joe from Delhi joined us for lunch and celebrations.

**Parish:** We re-started Holy Eucharist for the parishioners on Oct 25. The attendance is very poor. Recently one of our parishioners tested positive with covid-19 virus and so we again called off the Sunday Mass.

*Sebastian A.*

### ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

**Community:** **Fr. Glenn** had to rush to Jaipur for some official work with regard to the upcoming school building. **Schs. Prakash and Nitish** attended the triduum organized in C-Scheme from Nov 13 to 16. We were 9 scholastics for the program. We enjoyed the companionship of each other. On 17th we played a match with junior students of the school. On 16th **Sch. Paul Mickey Tete** joined the community and has started learning driving. He also attends his classes online.

**School:** This month was filled with academic activities such as project work and oratory competition for Classes I-II and rangoli competition for Classes VI-XII. For the projects all the students were provided with appropriate topics to work on. All the students were busy doing their projects and teachers guiding them. The students were given two weeks for the project. A meeting was held with regard to the projects, their meaning and purpose. The celebrations of Deepawali and Children's Day were quite simple taking into consideration protection of the environment and the present

situation. The online classes resumed after the Diwali holidays.

**Maria Sadan:** All the candidates are keeping well and were busy with their project works. These days they come for exercise and games to the school ground. Director **Fr. Amalraj** keep them busy and closely monitor their studies and spiritual life. Deepawali celebration was very simple; we lit up a few diyas to feel the festive mood. All the candidates had a chance to see the illuminations in the town, as they got an outing on the Diwali Eve. A little bit of gardening work makes them feel in touch with the soil. A small fish pond has been set up and candidates like to see it often.

**Parish:** The Sunday Masses are celebrated with only a small number of faithful, keeping corona guidelines in mind. The feast of Christ the King was celebrated in a simple manner.

*Nitish*

### ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

**College:** On Oct 18, Ms. Akanksha Singh, an MHRM final year student, along with four other mountaineers, completed her expedition to Mt. Friendship Peak and created a record by hoisting a 50-feet high tricolour. A webinar on "Cost of COVID Treatment in India: Who Bears the Burden"? was organized on Nov 3 by The Economics Society, Dept of Economics. The resource persons for the event were Prof. Indrani Gupta from Institute of Economic Growth and Dr. Sakthivel Selvaraj from Public Health Foundation of India. The Dept of English organised 'Perceptions' – a PowerPoint Presentation Competition for the students who are pursuing graduation and post-graduation in literature on 5th. Lots of students participated in this competition which was surely an encouraging effort. The Dept of Commerce organized a virtual industrial visit of Jaipur Rugs on 5th. The Dept of Economics and Psychology organised a virtual session on self-awareness "Exploring Self-awareness in Mental Health Practice" on 6th. A large number of participants took part in the webinar 'ENVISION X VENDESTO', an economic fiesta, organised by the Dept of Commerce in collaboration with the Dept of Management on 9th and 10th. Students from educational institutions such as Narsi Monjee, Manipal, SKIT, DU, Amity, JKLU, Bhowanipore, Maharani, Mithibai and our very own St Xavier's, Nevta, participated in the event. To make the young minds conscious of the alternatives that lay ahead, the Training, Internship and Placement Cell organised an illuminating and interactive session

on 'Post-pandemic Challenges and Opportunities for Students' on 19th. The Dept of Management, in collaboration with the E- Cell, organized a National Webinar on "Design Thinking: Igniting Innovative Minds" on 21st. The Dept of Political Science organized a Guest Lecture on "Understanding the Importance of Peace in Contemporary Times" on 21st with Dr. Snehil Kacker of Lady Shri Ram College for Women, New Delhi as the resource person. The Economics Society organized a donation drive 'Ek Abhilasha – An Effort towards Making Dreams Come True' in remembrance of Late Dr. Sapna Newar and her family on 22nd and 23rd. Dr. Sapna Newar was the former Head of Economics Dept and served the institution diligently for more than 10 years. The institution lost her services in a sudden road accident. The Freshers' Day "The Fireside" was organized online on 23rd. Manager Fr. Varkey Perekatt blessed the students. This was followed by a cultural extravaganza put together by the seniors for the freshers. The Investiture Ceremony was organized on 24th in which the Student Council for the academic year 2020-21 took oath to faithfully carry out their duties and responsibilities. The Chief Guest was Fr. Soosai Mani, President JXEA. Fr Soosai blessed the students and made them realize the significance of their role in the college and the society. On 26th the Dept of Political Science organized an event on the auspicious occasion of 71st Constitution Day. Caricature making and letter writing competitions were also a part of this event. On 27th the Dept of English organised a National Symposium on "Changing Dimensions of Literature: From Real to Reel to Digital" to re-conceptualize our understanding of its gradual evolution from folklore and story-telling into its written forms of prose, poetry and drama further evolving into cinema and in the present culminating in various digital forms.

*Rex*

**Parish:** Covid-19 atmosphere continued throughout Nov. On All Saints Day attendance for Mass was very poor. On All Souls Day the annual gathering for the blessing of the graves with solemn Eucharistic celebration at Ghat Gate Cemetery was called off. Families were encouraged to visit the graves of their near and dear ones as per their convenience. Some of the community members visited the graves of our brethren gone ahead of us and conducted the Office of the Dead. In the parish there were two deaths due to Covid-19, and a case of heart attack during Nov. A wedding too was solemnized with

minimum number of guests. Our Church was opened for the public after a period of six weeks when the community was sure that all the corona affected members of the community were back to normal. Regular Sunday Masses with winter schedule were announced from the beginning of Nov. Though the morning Mass is attended by forty to fifty faithful, the evening celebration could gather only a handful. Each family was exhorted to observe the World Day of the Poor by reaching out to the poor around in whatever way possible. Due to the restriction on public processions, on the feast of Christ The King each parish was asked to organize programs in the parish itself. We organized adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for half an hour prior to the morning Mass. Mrs. Elikutty Thomas proved her mettle again in the knowledge of the Scripture as she won the prize in the diocesan level online Bible Quiz. Two MC Sisters, Sr. Tessie Marie and Sr. Prissie from Mother Teresa Home, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their Religious Profession on 26th with a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Parish Priest **Fr. Varkey** and concelebrated by most of the community members. It was a beautiful celebration with soul-elevating singing by the choir under the Tansen style music spell of **Fr. Raymond Cherubim**. Communio India Sunday was observed on 29th; Communio India is an initiative of CCBI India to raise funds so as to help those dioceses which suffer from want of monetary resources in their work of the Kingdom.

*Varkey*

**School:** Prior to the Diwali break all the classes celebrated the festival of lights in their own creative ways virtually filling everyone's life with joy and peace. Provincial during his visit to the Jesuits made it a point to address the lay collaborators online thus boosting their morale in our common mission. The Private School Federation staged a half-an-hour silent stand up protest in front of the gates of the school urging the school to express solidarity with them by suspending online teaching as fee payment by the parents had become a vexatious issue. Principal had an online interaction with the staff to take stock of the online mode of teaching-learning process and invite suggestions to improve the scholastic activity. He apprised the staff of the harried times which necessitated the amendments regarding leaves and career advancement matters. On Nov 26 children actively participated in the Constitution Day celebration by reading the Preamble of the Constitution and engaging in debates and essay writing on matters

pertaining to the features of the Constitution of India. Though physical competitions are missing yet children are busy with various sorts of competitions in areas such as painting, photography, quizzes, and documentary making on varied topics. Remedial classes for the students of Classes I-VIII have been initiated to accelerate the learning process of the ones who are staggering. The school grounds are not completely bereft of the shrieks emerging from sports as Jesuits make use of the Tennis and TT facilities to the envy of the alumni and students who pass by the school.

*Sobin*

**Community:** In Oct the community sprang back to its original status as all of us regained our health after being affected by Covid-19. **Fr. Mani** was brought back from Delhi by Fr. Augustine when he returned after the consult. **Fr. Tony C.** accompanied Fr. Soosai Mani, as he made his maiden visit to the community as provincial. He had come to attend a combined managing committee meeting of both the colleges at Nevta. This special meeting was held in view of the shifting of the college at Jaipur to Nevta campus and merging both the colleges into one. **Frs. Raymond, Joshy, Dominic and Sobin** made a visit to Almora and stayed there for a week to relax and rejuvenate themselves after the trying times of corona. Fr. Varkey convened a few meetings to plan for the shifting and merging of colleges in which many of the community members, especially those who are in Higher Education apostolate attended. **Fr. Rex** went to Vijayawada to formally retire from service at his former institution. His birthday was celebrated by the community without inviting any guests as we were cautious not to spread the virus. The birthday of our superior Fr. Augustine was celebrated on 28th in which Jesuits in Jaipur, Nevta and Mahua participated. Provincial Fr Soosai Mani was with us for annual visitation from Nov 23 to 26. A few of us travelled to Behror to attend the jubilee celebration of Fr. Joe Kochu on 12th and for the birthday party of Fr. Joe Vila on 19th. **Fr. Jose Vatta** made a quick visit to Delhi to be with one of his sisters. Fr. Rex came back from Vijayawada after ceremoniously getting retired from service at his former institution on turning 60 last month. Later he flew to Trichy to bless the marriage of one of his nieces. During the Diwali holidays, nine scholastics stationed in Behror, Bhiwadi, Mahwa, Nevta and Jaipur made a fruitful triduum and renewed their vows. Fr. Mani and Fr. Augustine facilitated the process.

*Sherry*

## ST. XAVIER'S, MAHWA

**School:** The month of Nov caused disturbance for online classes because of internet ban in our area over the Gurjar agitation. This shutdown went on for 13 days. The classes have resumed. We observed a day of token strike by not taking online classes on 20th in support of the striking non-aided private schools.

**Community:** The scholastics here joined the Triduum during the Deepawali holidays in Jaipur along with the other scholastics in Rajasthan. Fr. Provincial came on visitation on 26th. Quickly he finished the visit and left Mahwa as other pressing matters were to be attended to. Fr. Provincial got a chance to meet **Fr. Jugal** in Behror. **Fr. Dayal** who had gone to drop Fr. Provincial at Behror brought Jugal home. On 29th Fr. Ravi and three of his office staff visited us. These men were appreciated with a friendly meal for their contributions toward getting the CBSE Affiliation for our school. Prior to that they went to Hindon to say hello to Fr. Michael MSFS.

*Ruben*

## ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA

**Community:** Nov was a month of joy and grace in many ways. Three members (**Fr. Jeba, Fr. Jijimon and Sch. Alan**) of the community had their birthdays one after the other. However, we celebrated these birthdays together along with neighbouring communities in a simple but in an enjoyable manner. We celebrated Diwali by lighting lamps in front of the house and praying for the country. On 15th we had a newly ordained priest Fr. Remejus Tirkey of Delhi Archdiocese to offer mass for all the believers. The scholastics had their Triduum at C- Scheme. **Fr. Ravi** organized a friendly basketball match on 17th with the alumni. To give a good fight we borrowed scholastics from Behror and Bhiwadi, as they were around. Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani arrived on 19th and spent four days with us. He gave enough time to each one and also spent sufficient quality time with the college and school staff. He also gave some time to be with the supporting staff. The small Christian community was also happy to have him for a Sunday mass. Fr. Soosai met our collaborator Sisters on 21st who arranged a delicious dinner for all in honour of the provincial. On the final day of his visitation Fr. Soosai shared his observations quite decisively and shared his future dreams and plans for Nevta campus. In between Fr. Soosai also spent a day of outing with the community at Ranthambhore tiger reserve.

**School:** We have successfully completed the half yearly exams for all classes through Microsoft Forms. Almost all the children took the exams except for a few due to medical reasons. Re-exams are scheduled for the absentees in the first week of Dec and the next PTM for Dec 4-5. The online classes and the Diwali celebrations seemed to have taken a toll on our teaching staff. A dozen of them are down with corona. A few of them are hospitalized due to their related medical conditions. They are slowly limping back to normal life. The fee issue continues to haunt all the private schools. We are eagerly waiting for a favourable judgment from the High Court soon. Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani had an online interaction with the staff on Nov 21 and exhorted them to be brave and hopeful at this time of pandemic. He appreciated their services to the children through education and invited them to be more compassionate and understanding towards humanity. In his interaction with the supportive staff he recognized their services for the wellbeing of the institution and urged them to be sincere and faithful to their duties. The supportive staff accorded a traditional Rajasthani welcome to Fr. Provincial.

**College:** Nov proved to be a more fruitful month as the admissions rose from 160 in the previous month to 187. Online classes are running smoothly. Two of our BCom Part I students bagged fourth position in Rangers and Rovers Club, District Level Quiz Competition. The BBA enrolment form filling was conducted in the latter half of the month. Diwali holidays were given from Nov 12 to 16. Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani met the staff on 21st and had a fruitful interaction with them. The final year students got their results. BA students secured 100% results in the final year exams. The teaching staff was asked by Principal **Fr. Augustine** to discontinue counselling duty as major admissions have already taken place. This month had regular online classes but no major activities. In Dec we have Xavier's Day and Christmas celebration listed in calendar. Planning is underway for a meaningful celebration of the feast of our patron St. Francis Xavier.

### *Neeta Community*

#### **ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG**

**School:** Eight months of adversity spread by the corona pandemic could not take away the brightness of Diwali lights from our minds and hearts. The staff and students celebrated the occasion in a befitting way. The Prep students left no stone unturned in the festivity spirit, and

dressed up beautifully in their lehengas and sherwanis, dancing to the rhythms of popular celebratory Diwali songs and singing bhajans in their sweet, melodious voice. The tiny tots also enacted scenes from Ramayana and recited poems in English and Hindi, highlighting the significance of this lively festival. All the students of Prep and Class I took part in this grand celebration in their respective class assemblies, conducted by their class teachers and subject teachers. After the assembly, the young learners coloured worksheets and decorated diyas. On Nov 10 a special assembly was conducted to celebrate Diwali by the Junior School students. They reminded each other not to burst crackers. Children's Day was celebrated in the Prep School in the form of a virtual competition. There were four categories to choose from, namely, Singing, Poem Recitation, Fancy Dress and Talent Hunt. Children participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. Many beautiful songs were sung where even parents accompanied them by playing the instruments. Hindu mantras were also recited in the form of bhajans. Some of the musically talented among the teachers of the Junior, Senior and Prep School came to school campus to record a song for the Children's Day. On Nov 11 a special assembly was prepared by teachers and conducted for the students of the Junior School to mark the Children's Day. There were dances, songs and messages prepared by teachers. Special messages were also shared by Rector **Fr. Jose Philip** and Principal **Fr. T.J. Jose**. Children were ecstatic to see their teachers perform and many of them expressed that they miss school. Senior School presented a short program comprising a duet song by Mr. A.K. Das and Mrs. K.C. Maya, a self-composed poem by Mrs. Indrani, a story by Mrs. Alka Rosario and an inspiring message by Fr. Provincial. The NCC Cadets, under the guidance of Ms. Jayanti Dewan, presented a beautiful program on the occasion of Children's Day. Numerous activities were planned for the Junior School students in the month of Nov. The Hindi Dept conducted an online Hindi Quiz on Nov 2, 9 and 11 for the students of classes V, IV and II respectively. The English Dept conducted online English Spell Bee Competition on Nov 3, 4 and 5 for the students of Classes VII, VI and V respectively. On 19th a session was arranged for the parents of students of Classes V, VI and VII on Artificial Intelligence. Mr. Vishal Bhasin of Wize Computing Academy based in Dallas, Texas was the resource person. Parents were enlightened about the role of computers in every field. They

were also encouraged to enrol their wards in coding courses which will develop their skills from an early age. On 9th a webinar for the Political Science students was conducted on the US Presidential Elections by Mr. Pranav Gupta, a PhD student, Dept of Political Science, Berkeley, USA. A special assembly on Disaster Management was conducted by students of Classes VIII and IX under the guidance of Mrs. Indrani Bhattacharjee. It included speeches, video presentation and a dance. The cadets also participated in the Swachhata Abhiyan, conducted by the DG, NCC on 18th; the Yamuna Ghat near Majnu ka Tilla was cleaned. Ramanujam Club conducted a Maths Quiz for the students of Class VIII on 24th. On the same day the school counsellor Mrs. Prabhjeet Kaur conducted an interactive session with the students of Class XII. It was an informal session without teachers where the students comfortably discussed mental health issues, their fears, anxieties, insecurities, interests, hobbies and even pets. This was a beautiful platform for students to connect with each other and offer support. The session ended on a positive note with one of them strumming a guitar and singing a song. The Constitution Day was observed on 26th; a special message was shared with the students of Classes VI and VII. A beautiful video presentation explaining the origin and the salient features of the Indian Constitution was presented. The program concluded with reading of the Preamble. This was played in every class. The e-magazine for the month of Nov was released on 30th. When the whole world is reeling under the vicious claws of the pandemic, we too had our share of grief this month. Mr. Ravi ('Ravi Bhayya' for all our students) who ran our school canteen for many decades fell a victim to Covid-19 on Oct 30. The cover page of our Nov e-magazine is dedicated to this great veteran of Xavier's who devoted his life to feeding Xaverians with delicious rolls and samosas since 1974.

**Community:** Fr. Stan D'Souza was not well and was room-bound for about 10 days, but feeling better now. Fr. Joe Manna keeps high the happiness level of the community with his effortless laughter. He has also joined the GYM Club and does exercise with several of the GYM items. Fr. John Chathanatt, very busy with important editing work, finds time to walk over 2 kms on the treadmill and burst over 160 calories. Fr. George Manimala has also joined the GYM Club and does some exercise while not otherwise engaged.

*Tom*

## ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

**School:** Online classes are continuing in full swing even as Covid-19 pandemic continues unabated. The final term syllabus is nearing completion for Classes X and XII while the rest of the classes are keeping up an equally good pace. The enthusiasm of Children's Day was still in the air as teachers used the online platform creating short videos and poems to celebrate the innocence and purity of children who form the lifeline of every school. Diwali was celebrated in a very special manner by enlightening the students about the importance of various festivals through short online programs that were conducted by the students of respective classes with the help of their teachers. They were also encouraged to adopt safer and eco-friendly ways to celebrate the festival by making them a part of the 'Anti-Cracker Campaign'. Students of Classes VI to XII participated whole-heartedly in the 4th International Online Competition in Maths organized by BRICSMATH.COM. It is a venture being conducted internationally among the five BRICS countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Our students also took part in the Aryabhata Ganit Challenge 2020 held from Nov 12 to 25. The program is launched by CBSE. Students of Classes IX to XII participated in the District Level Competition 'Kala Utsav' organized under Samagrashiksha from Nov 18 to 26. Our students performed in the school premises and video recordings of the same were sent to the District Coordinator. Our students also participated in full strength in the Interschool Competition, ENVISAGE 2020 organized by Montfort School, Delhi. A motivational talk was organized for Class X on 20th on the importance of keeping the right attitude towards studies and the need to work smartly in this competitive world. Another online counselling program was held for the students of XI and XII to enlighten them about the various streams and career options available after Class XII so that they can choose a career wisely in keeping with their interests. The students were encouraged to participate wholeheartedly in the 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign initiated by the Delhi Govt. Our Physical Education Dept organized 'FIT INDIA WEEK' for Classes VI-XII; our students took part enthusiastically in yogic exercises, balance development exercises, push-ups, hopping, etc. With a view to deliver better Board results, an action plan has been demarcated. Some practical suggestions and strategies have been mooted to help not only the weak students but also to bring out the best out of

the brilliant and average students. Teachers of Classes VI-VIII took great interest in the training sessions organised for them under the NISHTHA program to keep them upgraded on the entire teaching-learning process. The junior school teachers organised a show for the children on the Children's Day. Each teacher presented an audio or video clip (dance, drama, speech, poem). These video clips were then compiled into a video and presented to children during class assembly. To celebrate Diwali, card making activity was virtually organised by the teachers for Class I; children made beautiful diyas, candles, rangolis, etc. on their cards. During this activity teachers also explained the importance of keeping our environment clean. Students of Classes III-V took part in poster making competition and also in "Say No to Crackers' Campaign.

*Anil*

**Community:** On Nov 1 five of us participated in the jubilee celebration of Frs. Kochu, MLA and Manna at SX Raj Niwas Marg. On 3rd the community along with the collaborators celebrated the birthday of **Fr. George Peter**. On 7th Frs. Glenn and Amal from Bhiwadi made a short visit to the community. On 11th **Fr. Joy John** made a visit to Raj Niwas Marg to consult the Province Health In-charge Mr. Bejoy. On 14th we celebrated the feast of the light by lighting diyas on top of the house and at the entrance gate. On 15th Fr. Manoj and Sch. Paul Mickey arrived from Sikkim. On 16th Paul left for Bhiwadi but Manoj was down with cough and cold and finally had to consult a doctor. On 12th and 26th **Fr. John Ari** had his check-ups and consultations with his doctor in Jivodaya Hospital. On 7th and 28th **Fr. Scaria** had consultations with his doctors in HFH. On 27th **Br. Gyan** fell ill and **Fr. Britto** took him to HFH for getting all the necessary tests done. Since he tested positive for corona Scaria and Britto took Gyan to HFH on 28th and got him admitted there. Rest of us are in good spirit, good health and in good shape.

*Remy*

**Parish:** Unlike in previous years this year on All Souls Day we had only one mass in the evening. We had the parish council meeting on 8th to plan out for Nov-Dec activities. Delhi Charismatic Renewal Services conducted a virtual "Retreat for Healing and Deliverance in Family" from Jeevan Jyoti Ashram, Burari from 9th to 15th in English, and from 23rd to 28th in Hindi. Many of the parishioners benefitted from these spiritual renewal programs. On 29th we celebrated the

Golden Jubilee of Fr. John Ari, the first parish priest of St. Xavier's, Shahbad-Daulatpur. The jubilee mass and the programs were livestreamed by the parish youth.

*Scaria*

**LVI:** In spite of the corona-lockdown, our 40 out of 60 SHGs continued to function. Also our Lokmanch 40 groups had their pocket-wise meetings (15-20 each) in their own locality. Our animators, with the help of pocket-leaders, carried out a detailed survey of 500 families in Sectors 26 & 27 and Deri about the impact of corona-lockdown on their daily lifestyle and attitude to life. The survey also focused on the awareness of people in slums about hygiene, tuberculosis, HIV, etc. The fifty families of leaders were given ration and sanitizers worth Rs. 300/- each. Then the leaders conducted a survey in Sectors 26 & 27 and identified 100 very poor and needy families, and each family was given ration worth Rs. 750/- (through the generous sponsorship received from SEVA-Almora and a magnanimous parent of Junior School). Our Bawana project was closed down after 13 years on account of two reasons, namely, the Gruppo India Project fund was finished, and secondly the number of students in all three courses was too small on account of free vocational training centres run by the Govt and other NGOs. We brought all our equipments to LVI, and we are hoping for a favourable time to reopen in another locality next year. Fr. Manoj Tirkey from Namchi came right on time to help me complete the annual report of Gruppo India Project. Thanks Manoj.

*George Peter*

## ALMORA

On Nov 2 **Fr. Rakesh** went to Ranikhet to give recollection and hear confessions of Canossian sisters. On 9th **Fr. Pradeep** along with **Fr. Joseph Kurapati**, **Sch. Manish** and **Sch. Cyril** went to play an exhibition match in Jeolikot CJ Sisters' basketball court. Since Fr. Rakesh developed very bad cough and cold and a bit of breathing problem, he took twice Covid-19 tests but his results were negative. He was advised to see a cardiologist; his ECG report showed that he had a minor unnoticed heart attack. He is now taking some medicines. He is advised to have further tests. On 22nd Fr. Pradeep was the main celebrant for the feast of Christ the King in Jeolikot and Fr. Rakesh the homilist. On 25th three Jeolikot CJ Sisters came with Fr. Uday to see Almora in the morning and returned back immediately. On the same day evening Fr. Rakesh, Fr. Pradeep and Fr. Joseph

Kurapati went to attend Kathgodam Deanery meeting along with Bareilly Bishop Ignatius D'Souza and returned home after supper. Our cook Roshan has gone to his village for his marriage fixed for Dec 30; in his place we have kept a local boy Harish to cook for us. And he has been doing very well and is interested and ready to go almost every day to Gaijol with Fr. Joseph Kurapati to water our vegetable garden there. Fr. Pradeep is busy visiting centres; he attended two tuition teachers' marriages as well. Sch. Cyril and Sch. Manish are busy with their online classes and assignments. Now they are preparing for their exams before Christmas.

*Rakesh*

### JAHANGIRPURI

**Parish:** In the beginning of Nov **Fr. Anil** participated in a half day consultation-cum-interaction program for the Tribal Priests and Sisters residing in Delhi at CBCI Office; it was organised by the CBCI Office for Tribal Affairs. Good news: Archdiocese of Delhi has agreed to renovate our church; in fact the work already started on 30th. In the meeting with the parishioners on 29th it was unanimously decided that during the church renovation work Sunday mass will be held behind the church in the V-CARE Social Service Centre. We had a special prayer and mass for Fr. Stan Swamy. Regular Sunday Mass has been going on well since Sept 6. We also have adoration on every Friday at 6:00 pm followed by Holy Mass. Presentation Sisters of Bhalswa celebrated Presentation Day on 21st with a solemn mass followed by fellowship meal. Due to Covid-19, this year the Feast of Christ the King was celebrated in very unique way on 22nd. Hymns were played in audio-video mode through the projector. Every 10 minutes video of previous year's celebration of Christ the King was played. The faithful were very happy and appreciated the Parish Priest's creativity and efforts. In this way the parishioners did not miss the usual celebration of Christ the King. **Sch. Dev** is busy in attending online classes and with other activities mostly related to his studies.

**V-CARE Social Service Centre:** In Oct-Nov V-CARE staff regularly made family visits to identify the neediest people in Jahangirpuri and Bhalswa areas. The identified ones were provided ration, sanitizers, handwash, masks, etc. V-Care reached out to more than 700 poor and vulnerable families by providing them with rations and Covid kits. We also gave financial help of Rs. 5000/- to 20 families

towards their livelihood. Due to pandemic, vocational trainings and other activities at V-CARE have not yet started.

*Anil Minz*

### ROPAR

**School:** Nov was a hectic month with online classes using of Zoom App and Google Meet. The teachers had to work hard to take their online classes effectively. Our children participate in them actively. **Fr. Shekhar** keeps running to the offices for getting the CLU certificate. We hope that the season of Advent will bring joy to us in this regard since all the required documents have been submitted and the inspection by the Chief Town Plan Officer is over. On 6th we conducted interview for a computer teacher and a librarian. Administrator **Fr. Antony** is quite busy these days making the campus green and beautiful.

**Community:** Our new priests **Fr. Antony** and **Fr. Leo** were introduced to Bishop Ignatius Mascarenhas by Superior **Fr. Thomas** on 4th. The Bishop welcomed the newly ordained priests to the diocese and wished them meaningful pastoral ministry in Ropar Mission. On 13th Christ Mass was celebrated in our diocese in Kauli; our young priests participated in it. The local Sarpanch and Punch visited our campus in connection with the shifting of the graveyard which is in front of the campus to the common cemetery. They both extended their full cooperation and support to do this favour. Fr. Thomas fell sick on 14th; he was taken to Delhi for better health care and treatment. He was accompanied by Fr. Antony on 24th. **Sch. Prakash** is with us to get his driver's license. Regent **Sch. Ashwin** keeps himself occupied with online teaching.

**Parish:** After the Covid-19 lockdown relaxation, the attendance at the Eucharist is increasing on Sundays. Our youth take active part in the choir and bring devotion to the liturgy by their melodious singing. The scheduled Parish Council Meeting was postponed thrice since the Parish Priest Fr. Thomas fell sick.

*Ashwin*

### KHARAR/MORINDA/GSSSC ROPAR

On Nov 1 Fr. Leo was welcomed by the Ropar Parish with a traditional tribal dance followed by a colourful cultural program on a small scale. On 4th **Fr. Thomas Kuriacose, Fr. Leo and Fr. Antony** had a short meeting with Bishop Ignatius who



permitted Fr. Leo to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation; they also had a fellowship meal with the Bishop in Chandigarh. Fr. Leo preached a 3-day retreat to four Junior CHF Sisters who renewed their vows on 14th in Gurgaon. On 13th Fr. Leo participated in the Chrism Mass in Kauli. On the eve of Diwali, we illuminated our Morinda house with diyas and flickering lights. On 15th we had rains which cleared the dust on the plants giving a fresh look to our surroundings. On 24th Fr. Leo celebrated Eucharist in Gurunagar as Fr. Thomas was accompanied by Fr. Antony to Delhi. **Sch. Praveen** is busy in writing online end-semester exams; he also takes Sunday catechism classes. The Paramedical Classes have resumed in Kharar after the lockdown. We are waiting for the Beauty Parlour to function in full scale. Five nukkads were presented in villages as part of de-addiction sensitization program. Our animators are busy in visiting SHGs. These days during the day we long to get sunshine as biting winter has begun in Punjab.

*Leo*

### SHANTI SADAN, ALLAHABAD

In Nov we felt the onset of winter. Our campus has become verdant with flowers and vegetables. We enjoyed a lot in this month. On 1st we had a change in our portfolios. The new office bearers enthusiastically began their duties faithfully. We had a special mass for the parishioners on All Souls Day. On 10th one of our companions, **Sumit Kullu** thanked God for his gift of life on his birthday. On the same day we watched the IPL final match in the evening. On 14th we had a special prayer service in the evening on the occasion of Diwali. We lit candles and Shanti Sadan was illuminated with candle lights. On 15th, 18 diocesan priests came to Shanti Sadan for retreat. Their retreat was for five days and was directed by **Fr Pius**. On 20th they went back to their respective places. **Fr. Robert** is meticulously planning to develop the nursery with more fruit tree saplings. He is strenuously working to make the campus green. Due to the pandemic rules, on the Feast of Christ the King we could not have the usual procession. Instead, we had the Eucharistic adoration for the parishioners soon after the Sunday Eucharist for 45 minutes. On 28th we pre-novices helped out in planting onion saplings in our farm. For some of us it was a new experience.

*Amit*



### ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE, SITAGARHA

On All Souls Day we had Holy Eucharist in the Jesuit Cemetery along with the parishioners, religious, and seminarians of our parish. On Nov 13 we celebrated with great joy the feast of St Stanislaus Kostka, patron of novices and of the House. The Juniors lost a tough volleyball match to the Novices in the morning and returned them the favour on the football field in the afternoon. In the evening the community came together for a solemn Eucharist to mark the feast. We were saddened by the demise of Br. Lawrence Saldhana (HAZ) on 17th. He breathed his last after spending nearly four years in the province infirmary. He was buried in the Jesuit Cemetery here. We were enthralled by the Inter-Province Quiz competition conducted by Fr. Ranjeet Marandi (HAZ). All the juniors actively participated in the quiz as it helped us to enhance our vocabulary and reading habits. On the feast of Christ the King, the SSC community attended the solemn Eucharist in the parish church followed by procession to the Holy Cross Convent. We were delighted to have many concelebrants including **Fr. Packiam and Fr. Vincent**. It was the first time we attended the Eucharist in the parish. Our Dean **Fr. Francis Kurien** returned home after nearly a week of hospitalization for a series of minor ailments resulting from his previous lung infection. Our prayers for his continued good health! On 26th the air was filled with exuberance as we celebrated the feast of St. John Berchmans, patron of scholastics. We began the celebration with a solemn community Mass in the morning. An exciting volleyball match was organized among the juniorate living groups in the morning and between Juniors and Tertians in the evening. The Juniors bit the golden spoon! We rejuvenated our spiritual strength by spending a fruitful day in recollection on 29th. One of the UAPs, 'Accompanying the Youth,' was the theme of the recollection. We are grateful to the Tertian Fathers for leading us in the recollection.

*Romero*

### LOYOLA SADAN, LUCKNOW

The month of Nov witnessed two major and very significant experiments both for 1st and 2nd year novices. On Oct 26 the 1st years began their Long Retreat and on the same day the 2nd years were exposed to a variety of experiments such as social, intellectual and physical pursuits at assigned places and in different groups. The 2nd years were accommodated at the neighbouring UMI convent chapel for our daily mass till the end of the Long

Retreat. We celebrated the feast of St. Stanislaus Kostka with a solemn mass. The renovation works of the chapel were completed in this month. On 16th the chapel was blessed and inaugurated by **Fr. William D'Souza**. We gratefully thank and appreciate **Fr. Vimal Kishore** for executing the renovation of chapel with his aesthetic plans. This year our hard work in the paddy field bore much fruit as the harvest was comparably satisfactory. Fr. George and Fr. Sudeep from Kaiserganj paid a visit to us. On 25th experiments for both the first and second years successfully came to an end.

*Ajay Mathews*

### **SANJIVAN NIWAS, PATNA**

On Nov 5 we attended the jubilee celebration of Fr. Vadassery, Fr. Mathew Kattathara, Fr. Kunnumpuram, Fr. Njarakulam, Fr. Srampickal, Fr. Chemplany, Fr. Kunnunkal. Fr. Melookunnel, Fr. Veamlunnel in XTTI chapel and we took care of the choir and songs for the celebration. It was a new experience for all of us and we were inspired by the Fathers around us. On 9th we celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Josey Mathias** and on the same day we gave farewell to **Bro. Markus. Sch. Gnana Muthu** went to Bodhgaya for regents' gathering and had 4 days of Ignatian spirituality inputs by Fr. Vimal Kishore, and sharing. This was followed by a day of recollection given by PCF Fr. Edward. On 14th we celebrated Diwali with a meaningful Mass; we also lighted diyas all around and shared sweets. On 21st we again had a jubilee celebration with Holy Eucharist and dinner for Fr. Mathew K. and Fr. Chemplany at Fatima Susamachar community. On 26th we participated in the Constitution Day rally around Gandhi Maidan. On 27th we had our monthly recollection given by Fr. Lawrence and we had confessions on the same evening heard by Fr. Virender. On 28th we enjoyed our monthly picnic to Sanjay Gandhi Park. On 29th we had dialogue and English conversation competition conducted by Fr. Superior.

*Darsan & Gyaneshor*

### **Announcement by NRC Director**

Navjivan Renewal Centre (NRC) has been officially closed and all the programs were cancelled since April 2020 due to the prevalent pandemic. However, the general situation in our country, hopefully, will be better and some programs may be conducted in 2021. Hence, those who would like to conduct programs in NRC from February 2021, please send in the

name of the program/s, a short synopsis, the beneficiaries, the maximum number of beneficiaries and the tentative dates to the Director of NRC (directornc@gmail.com) by 15 January 2021.

KP George, SJ, Director of NRC

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>
04 M, Britto	06 J, Suresh
09 G. Manimala	16 M, Pawan
11 P, Sherry	18 Augustine Pantha
20 K, Jose Philip	22 Kuriacose, Thomas
21 P.T. Augustine	22 Denis Kumar
23 Ignatius, Xavier	24 Muthala, Varkey
25 K, Christopher	27 Dhan, Anupam
	27 Minz, Viren
	28 Ignatius, Rohan
	30 T.K. John

### **In the Embrace of the Father**

**Br. Jeyaraj Annaviar** (MDU 78/57) on Nov 3.  
**Fr. Gonzalez Valles Carlos** (GUJ 95/79) on Nov 9.  
**Fr. A. Antony Pappuraj** (MDU 74/57) on Nov 13.  
**Fr. Rudolph Fernandez** (BOM 86/69) on Nov 16.  
**Fr. Lourdu Susai Irudayaraj** (DUM 74/53) on Nov 16.  
**Br. Lawrence Richard Saldanha** (HAZ 83/58) on Nov 17.  
**Fr. Cipriano Mendía Echániz** (Guj 89/71) on Nov 17.  
**Fr. S. Paul Lourdusamy** (PAT ) on Nov 22.  
**Fr. Augustine Lopes** (BOM 75/49) on Dec 1.

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY  
 CHRISTMAS AND A  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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