



General Curia

In a letter sent to all Major Superiors, Fr. Arturo Sosa announced the 71st Congregation of Procurators to start on 16 May 2022. It will be held in Loyola and will be preceded by a week of Spiritual Exercises to allow the delegates “to attend more deeply to the Holy Spirit who is active in our Society.” An announcement 16 months in advance, isn’t it a bit early?

No, it isn’t! A Congregation of Procurators brings together delegates from each of the administrative units of the Society - Provinces and Regions. They must be elected in a Provincial Congregation and they have the duty to visit Jesuits and Jesuit works in order to prepare a picture of the situation of the Society in their Provinces and to answer questions that the General suggests to them for further discussion during the meeting. Such an assembly therefore requires a long preparation.

The first role of the Congregation of Procurators is to decide whether a General Congregation should be convoked, after having informed Father General of the “state of the Society.” From the 31st GC, another purpose was added: to deal with important matters at the level of the universal Society. This greatly expanded its role. This meeting allows a representation of the ‘grass roots’ of the Society, since the Procurators are not Provincials.

In his letter of convocation, Father Sosa situates the next Congregation of Procurators within the framework of the Ignatian Year, with the same theme: *Seeing all things new in Christ*. More specifically, he writes: “*the Congregation can be a time when we examine together the lights and shadows of the Society, the particular challenges that face us, and action of the Holy*

Spirit, who calls us to ever greater generosity in the service of Church and our world.”

With regard to the issues that the Superior General asks the Provincial Congregations to deal with, the first is the follow-up given to the broad project of the *Universal Apostolic Preferences*, paying particular attention, according to the wishes of Pope Francis, to the first one, that of “showing the way to God with the help of the Spiritual Exercises and discernment.” And secondly, the Ignatian youth ministry and the link with the promotion of Jesuit vocations.

(taken from Newsletter from Rome, 20 Jan 2021)

Fr. Provincial’s schedule – February 2021

1 -3	Shirpur. Final Vows of Fr. Constancio
18	Budget Mtg, Finance Commission pm – Meeting of Coetus Praevius
19	Province Consult
22 - 26	JCSA Meet online

Fr. Constancio Rodrigues will pronounce his Final Vows in the Society of Jesus on Tuesday 2nd February 2021. The Eucharist will be at 11 am at Shirpur.

**Congratulations to you dear Consti!
We accompany you with our prayers and good wishes.**

Feast of the Infant Jesus, Nashik
Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Feast will be celebrated virtually this year. The Novena and Feast Day Masses will be streamed online.

Ignatian Year

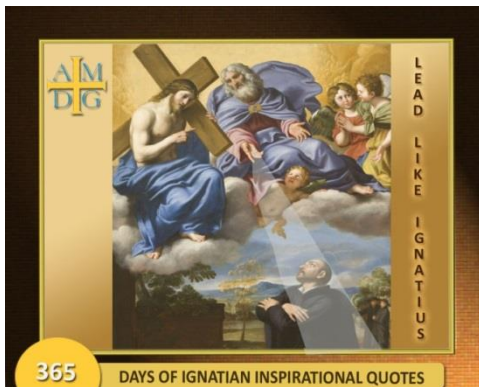
Many thanks for the responses you sent through the Google Forms. There is a strong request for the following.

1. Rediscovering our traditional Spiritual Conversations
2. Reviving Ignatian Practices & Spirituality.
3. The Annual Retreat

Accordingly the Committee met to finalize some programmes. Please mark these dates.

On **12 February 2021** at 6:30 pm we will have an online session by Lisbert D'Souza on Perspectives of Ignatian Leadership.

20 May 2021 marks the anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius. The Whole Day will be spent in Vasai for a Guided Tour, Eucharist at the Fort and a Jesuit Fellowship at Manickpur. Please be there!



We will also be offering a number of other programmes and projects such as Ignatian Retreats, a database of Ignatian courses and books, videos with reflections and Ignatian evenings. We are also preparing an artistic table calendar with Ignatian Leadership Quotes. This can be presented to those in Leadership Roles in our Institutes or as a Presentation Gift. The cost would be around Rs 125/- per copy. Please let me know your requirements so that we have an accurate number for printing.

➤ **Vincent Vaz**

Tertianship at Hazaribag

I am writing this as we are just a few weeks away of our departure from the “School of the heart”. Yes, it’s been six months already since we began our Tertianship at St. Stanislaus College, Sitagarha, a heavenly place indeed. Our house is at the centre of a hundred-acre land surrounded by 10 religious formation houses.

It is in this place that I began my journey into the depth of my heart with two main aims in mind - to have a deep and personal encounter with the Lord and to know the person of St. Ignatius more closely. The initial days were marked with uncertainties due to prevailing pandemic and travel restrictions. Eventually everything fell in place we reached Sitagarha where we went into home quarantine.

Our first few days were of coming to know each other. We had to share our life beginning from our childhood up to this stage focusing on how God has been journeying along with us. Each one’s sharing at depth made these moments precious and holy. These experiences made me feel proud to belong to the Jesuits – men who are ready and willing to dedicate their lives at the service of God and His mission.

Classes on the Autobiography, Letters and Spiritual Diary of Ignatius geared us towards entering into the long retreat. During this time one Spanish word that kept repeating itself in our hearts was “*Acatamiento*”, literally translated as *Compliance* but understood in our context as “*loving surrender to God*”.

Then came the Long Retreat, the heart of Tertianship itself. It was truly a moment of grace and an experience of the living God. Three Divine hugs that I received during the retreat was a deep personal confirmation of God’s unconditional acceptance and Love. God was generously pouring out Himself onto me and I was like a sponge getting soaked in God.

After the retreat, we were unable to go out and give a retreat due to the Covid situation. Similarly, our other experiment involving any task of humble service was also cancelled. The spirit of the experiment was carried out by

undertaking tasks of humble service in our campus itself. The underlying theme for this year was taken from the second UAP i.e. "Walking with the excluded". During this time, we were led into a better understanding of the four UAPs by way of different sessions, presentations and prayer services which helped us to make the UAPs our own and eventually flow into our mission. We also got a chance to offer a Holy Eucharist at the Punya Bhumi of Fr. A. T. Thomas on his martyrdom day. Listening to the thrilling experiences of those who worked with him filled me with a great sense of dedication and courage.



The last phase of our Tertianship is devoted to the study of our Constitutions. This study is aimed at imbibing the Spirit of the Society of Jesus. Soon our Tertianship will be over and we will find ourselves back in the active ministries which will extend till the end of our lives. As the days of our third probation coming to an end, I ponder over this question, "What kind of Jesuit will I eventually become?" The exact answer will be known only in time, but I do not need to wait till then. I know what type of Jesuit I ought to become. I have a clear path before me, the path of discreet charity, and all that I have to do is just keep walking on it....

➤ **Callistus Menezes**

News from St. Xavier High School, Fort
Christmas is that time of the year that all look forward to - the young and old alike. We missed the usual celebrations this year but kept up the spirit through an online programme that included carols and eco-friendly models of Christmas symbols.

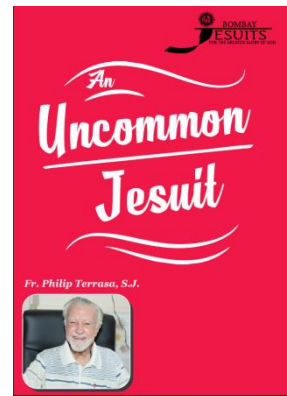
The Secondary staff members now attend school with 50 percent attendance, adhering to the government SOPs to ensure safety of the staff. As we reopened in the new year 2021 we all said a silent prayer for this year to be "Better than the previous", free of Corona and looking forward to interacting with our students once again as beauty of this institution lies in the presence of our ever active and energetic boys.

The test series and remedial classes have begun for SSC students as planned by Principal Sr. Sini Thresia and the core team. Formative evaluation too is on for students of other classes. A few days ago we learned that a member of teaching staff and his entire family are battling Covid. We remember them in our prayers as we move forward together trusting in the power and goodness of God.

Ms. Anneth Fernandes
Teacher, SXHS

The Uncommon Jesuit

'The Uncommon Jesuit' is a booklet that highlights the life and example of Fr Philip Terrasa. Here is a man who even at this age never stops, always wanting to reach out through his spiritual directions, retreats, and emails to countless people in need. He has helped many to grow in their relationship with the Lord and to live out their lives in commitment. The secret of his life is well described in this booklet that has been put together by Fr. John Rose.



The booklet shares with us the timeless insights of Fr Philip's spiritual life. It's truly something that hides within it a pearl of great price. Curious?? Well, to know more, kindly read the

booklet by clicking on the link below and relish those beautiful insights. Happy Reading!!

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- Joshua D'Souza

Manmad Khabar

The new year has begun with many good tidings and new beginnings. The Covid Care Center for Manmad which had been located in our school has been shifted to some other government institution. As per the statistics we had nearly 5000 people who took shelter at St. Xavier Manmad out of which 912 came positive and were healed. As a token of this service done by the Jesuit community, Saby Correia received a certificate of appreciation from the DY. SP officer Mr. Samir Singh.



Once the center had been shifted, we began a thorough cleaning and sanitization of the whole school. The Jesuit community has once shifted to its original community residence. We began the classes for the 9th and 10th Std students with a formal blessing of the students, teachers and each classroom. Keeping in mind the needs of the youth, we have initiated a *reference library* for the youth studying for various competitive exams like UPSC, MPSC, NEET etc. The Library is used by the youth throughout the day.

After a gap of ten months, we had our school ground buzzing with the presence of children on the occasion of the Republic day programme. The chief guest was Mr. Gurudeep Singh Nirala

who along with his Sikh brothers had provided free food services to the Manmad people during the corona lockdown. It was our token of appreciation as well as interfaith sharing to build positive relationships with others. The *Tanda* class units have now increased to seven with more demands coming from the people.

✓ Lloyd Sambrya

Talasari Trainings

Although the Ignatian year is scheduled from 20 May 2021 to 31 July 2022, yet GC 36 has already helped us 'row into the deep' for 'renewal' and 'transformation'. Thus, the UAPs have given us the direction "to see all things anew", with a new perspective driven by Ignatian optimism.

From early December 2020 and now during this year we have been engaged in giving sessions on UAPs to our Parish Council members and Teaching and non-teaching staff in Talasari. We have reached out to approximately 150 school staff from the 11 Primary schools and 4 High schools, as well as Parish Council members. The feedback that we have received from all these sessions is very positive. This has been a lacuna in the formation of our parish members and teachers. They are profoundly grateful for the training sessions and have expressed their desire for more such trainings in the future.



We will now conduct trainings in Ashagad, Ambatha, Manmad and Vasai as part of the first Stage. The follow-up of these sessions i.e the second and third stages will be conducted in the coming academic year.

- Tommy Vaz and Vijay Gonsalves

MPSM happenings

The month of January has been a significant one as two of our brothers, Sch. Wesley and Sch. Wellington were ordained Deacons on the 3rd Jan. at the Shrine by Bishop Lourdes Daniel. The ordination to the diaconate marks a decisive departure in the life of a scholastic as he moves from the lay state and becomes a cleric. The theme that they chose was "Called and commissioned to serve." Keeping in mind the context of the pandemic, it was a rather simple and private affair as only the parents, close relatives and a few religious were present. For all of us indeed it was a moment of grace and an occasion to foster our commitment to Christ.



We have just begun our new semester with full gusto and online classes are keeping us engaged. We are blessed to have 8 second year novices from Belagavi who have come for their hospital and mission experiment. A number of activities at the Mandal keep us engrossed as they bring new insights to us. We were happy to have 3 students from SSL, St. Xavier's College, who came for a rural exposure. They were with MPSM for 5 days, visiting village classes and interacting with teachers, animators and parents. They went back enriched with experiences and concretized their inspiration in the form of a donation drive in Mumbai.

A workshop was organized for the newly appointed supplementary class teachers and the computer instructors. The Nodal Centre with the help of Fr. Godfrey organized a Health workshop for the Jesuit and other religious organizations working in different mission


areas. This workshop was a starting point to revive the herbal medicine production and promotion. We also had a republic day celebration where Fr. Linus D'Mello addressed the gathering and made all of us aware of our responsibility towards the nation.

▪ Vivian Lopes


In Christ's Peace

- + Fr. Anthony A. D'Souza (BOM), 94/77, passed away in Mumbai on 27 January
- + Fr. Lancelot Pereira (BOM), 90/71, passed away in Mumbai on 28 January
- + Fr. Ronald Menezes (KAR), 48/26, passed away in Bengaluru on 14 January
- + Fr. Ambrose Augustine (PAT), 87/58, passed away in Patna on 16 January
- + Fr. Maxim Crasta (GUJ), 54/33, passed away in Baroda on 20 January.
- + Fr. Arwind Minj (HAZ), 42/20, passed away in Hazaribag on 26 January

Pope's Intentions
Feb 2021



Violence Against Women
We pray for women who are
Victims of violence, that they may
Be protected by society & have their
Sufferings considered & heeded.

 **Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**
INDIA

Province Holidays!!

At St. Stanislaus Villa, Lonavala
From 26th April to 3rd May 2021
Booking: contact Fr. Gerard Rodricks