



The Transforming Divine Presence Who Makes All Things New

Happy New Year 2021! We look forward with joy and hope. Yes, it was a very challenging year 2020 filled with many uncertainties and fears, and at the same time, as many Jesuits reflected during our online meetings, it was a time of new discoveries (of self, God, others, creation...) and a time of grace. We changed, we learned, we grew.

It is going to be a deeply meaningful year ahead. It is the Ignatian Year 2021-22, celebrated all over the Jesuit apostolic world, with the emphasis not so much on celebration, but rather on renewal, with the objective: “to see all things new in Christ.” For if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Cor. 5.17).

During this Ignatian Year, once again we invite the Divine Presence to transform us—personally, communally, and apostolically. God's Spirit leads us to conversion and renewal. For God, who spoke through the Prophet Ezekiel (11.19), wants to give each one of us:

- a. **An undivided heart** – to let go of the many distractions and to focus on the priorities;
- b. **A new spirit** – to let go of our painful past and to appreciate the fact that God restores us to a right relationship with Him, with our neighbours, and with creation; and
- c. **A heart of flesh** – to let go of a heart of stone (unforgiveness), to rejoice in our humanness, to cherish relationships, and to serve together (as community) with love and compassion.

When we are in touch with the Divine Presence dwelling in us, then we are able to face the challenges ahead with courage. At this time, there are many concerns: The simple women and men who put food on our tables are now protesting in Delhi. Stan Swamy and other activists are incarcerated for standing with the downtrodden. The vaccine for covid will be rolled out but will the poor and needy get them?

Tapping into the power of God's Presence, we can work sincerely and together with our lay collaborators, to bring new life, new identity, new discoveries, new victories, and a new future of hope (Jer. 29.11).

Fr. Roland Coelho

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our newly ordained priests: Fr Lindsay Lobo, Fr Menoy D'Souza, and Fr Nigel Alphonso. We wish them all the very best.

Novice Joseph Fernandes Jr., has made a discernment with the help of the Novice Master and has left the Society of Jesus. We wish him well in life and keep him in our prayers.

APPOINTMENTS BY FATHER GENERAL

New Provincial of USA-Midwest:

Father General has appointed **Fr. Karl J. Kiser, SJ**, 58 years old, as the next Provincial of the USA-Midwest Province. Since 2016 he has been the pastor of the Church of the Gesù in University Heights, Ohio. He had done his regency in Peru and studied for one year at the Comillas Jesuit University in Spain. He has held various positions in the fields of education and pastoral work.

New President for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States (JCCU):

Fr. General has appointed **Fr. Brian G. Paulson, SJ**, 60 years old, as the next President of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States. He will take over from Fr. Timothy P. Kesicki at a date yet to be determined in 2021. Father Paulson is currently Provincial of the USA-Midwest Province. As Provincial of the former Chicago-Detroit Province, he was actively involved in the creation of the new USA-Midwest Province with the former Wisconsin Province. Prior to exercising leadership at the Province level, he served as President and Rector of various educational institutions.

New Provincial for the Euro-Mediterranean Province:

Fr General has appointed **Fr. Roberto Del Riccio, SJ**, 60 years old, as the next Provincial of the Euro-Mediterranean Province. This Province erected in 2017 includes Italy, Albania, Malta and the Mission of Romania. Fr. Del Riccio has worked since 2002 in Naples, mainly as professor of dogmatic theology and as Rector of the inter-regional seminary and other institutions of theological formation. He has also been President

of the association 'Laity and Jesuits for Naples'.

New Regional Superior for Thailand:

Father General has appointed **Fr. Miguel Garaizábal, SJ**, 78 years old, as the next Regional Superior of the Jesuits in Thailand. He will take office on 1 January 2021. Originally from Spain, Fr. Miguel has been in Thailand for over fifty years. He studied spirituality, teaches spirituality, and is known in Thailand for his ministry of the Spiritual Exercises and other types of retreats. Fr. Garaizábal is currently Socius to the outgoing Regional Superior. He offers spiritual guidance to the seminarians of the Major Seminary of Thailand and ongoing formation to the clergy. He also helps taking care of the Latino community in Bangkok.

APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Menoy D'Souza: Assist PP at St Anne's Church, Harnai

Fr Nigel Alphonso: Assigned to work with CCR TV (Content development)

Fr Cedric Fernandes: Superior of PAI, Raia and Animator of Youth Ministries at PAI

Fr Kustas Lima: Coordinator of the Province Youth Commission

In keeping with the new Secretariats at the Conference, Fr. Provincial has appointed the following:

Apostolic Secretariats:

1. Service of Faith - Fr. Joseph Fernandes (encompassing JEPASA, JIGSA, JSD, PWPN)

2. Social Apostolate and Ecology (SJES) - Fr. Santosh Vas (encompassing JESA, JEMAI, JYMSA)

3. Education (JEA) - Fr. Anand D'Souza

4. Higher Education (JHEASA) - Fr. Jose Silveira (encompassing JHEASA, JESCOM, AICUF)

Administrative Secretariats:

5. Development - Fr. Merwin D'Souza

6. Formation - Fr. Simon Fernandes

**IGNATIAN YEAR
(20.05.2021 - 31.07.2022)**

Fr General has announced the Ignatian Year, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius and the 400th anniversary of his canonization.

The following members are part of the 'Goa Province Organizing Committee' for the Ignatian Year (IY 2021-22)

Coordinator: Fr Apollo Cardozo.
Members of the Committee: Fr Merwin D'Souza, Fr Sebastian Pereira, Fr Nigel Alphonso, and Fr Lawry Trinidad.

NEWS FROM DESHNUR

Karnataka State and International Global Peace University awards Fr. Menino Gonsalves.

Fr. Menino's works of uplifting the society by being an interreligious person, a person who has great love for our country India, helping the children especially the orphans through education, rendering his service in administrating in three schools, guiding the youth, healing sick people by giving Ayurvedic medicines and all other works which he has done for the service of the society was recognized by the Karnataka State and the International Global Peace university. He was awarded the Samajrathna Rajyothsav Award by the Karnataka state and Honorary Doctorate by the International Global Peace University on the 29 November 2020 in Mamta Convention Hall in Bengaluru.



NEWS FROM XTC

To deepen our intellectual and spiritual formation, we studied the General Congregations 31st to 36th. We were divided into six groups and each group was given the task to study, to analyze and to present a particular GC. Fr. Socius monitored the sessions posing critical questions. We discovered that every GC had something to contribute to our vocation. This deepened our understanding about the Society by going back to the origins. At this level of our formation we were challenged to practice the Jesuit charism in our daily activities through the GCs. The GCs deepened our knowledge about the history of the Society, the way of proceeding of our fore fathers, the deliberations of the first fathers and the founding principles. The presentations strengthened our vocation.

On 8th December 2020, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Prakash, Motiram, Santosh** and **Augustine P**, pronounced their final vows here at XTC, thereby becoming full-fledged members of the Society of Jesus. **Fr Roland**, the Provincial of the Goa Province, received their vows. In his homily, Fr. Provincial exhorted the community to be happy Jesuits and to be men of Magis. The theme for the Eucharist was: '**En todo amar y server**', – '**In all things to love and to serve**'. In spite of these difficult times, priests from the neighboring communities and from Goa joined us in celebrating this auspicious occasion. The choir sung in absolute harmony and the Mass concluded with a short program congratulating the professed, followed by a sumptuous fellowship meal. This occasion left an indelible impression on us.



Cecil conducted a course for the novices on, '**How to Organize a Holiday Camp**' from 14th to 18th December. Through a series of activities, like fun and creative games, sessions, camp songs, etc. Cecil explained the dynamics of organizing a camp, running even into seven days. In addition, we had several competitions such as cooking, skit presentation, two minute games, etc. The course introduced us to unexpected activities that we never thought of. The activities and the fun changed the 'course' into a camp itself. Competitions like cooking; preparing fruit salad,



etc. will remain memories to cherish. This course besides making our talents surface, also helped build our companionship and boosted our confidence.

The year 2020 brought before our eyes, the crisis of the Corona pandemic that caused loss of lives and jobs, the political struggle between the farmers against the injustice of the ruling Government, the atrocities faced by the prophetic voices of Fr. Stan and the other activists fighting for the rights of the Dalits and tribals, women safety being at risk in Hathras and the minorities being targeted through the CAA and the NRC Acts. The question that surfaces, “Is God really with us?” We believe so and so chose the theme: “**Emmanuel – God is with us,**” for our crib and the backdrop for the altar. The suffering world (through protests), the despair and dryness is shattering the lives of many and testifying to the labour pains one has to undergo. However, as Christians we look back and find similar labour pains which Mary our Mother went through on that cold winter night, finding no place to deliver the Son of God. This shows us that Jesus was with Mary during her labour pains and in a truer sense His birth took place only because of her endurance. Today, as we suffer He also suffers

along with us and through us, and we need not lose hope for He will surely be born in our lives as long as we endure everything coming our way with faith in Him. This reflection made our theme, “Emmanuel – God is with us” so appropriate.

Nov Neville Gonsalves

LOYOLA HALL, MIRAMAR

Scholastics **Glinson, Alendro** and **Velenson** looked relaxed as they successfully completed their first semesters. They did not have to burn the mid night lamp since the assignments and examinations were conducted online.

A week before Christmas, the candidates put their minds and hands together and prepared a meaningful crib. The



community members gave a helping hand to illuminate Loyola Hall and decorate the house for Christmas.

The newspaper, 'The Goan' published the following articles by **Apollo**: “Tulsi Vivah Festival, Traditions, Celebrations in Goa”; “Dindi Festival” in Margao; “Tripurari Poornima Festival” in Sanquelim; “Kelleanchem Fest” in Curtorim; and “The Christmas Crib and the Christmas Platter,” on the occasion of these feasts to bring out their meaning.

Pratap's Konknni research article “Notalanchim Gitam,” which gives the history of famous traditional Konknni Christmas carols was published in 'Raknno' in its Christmas special issue.

Pratap has written a Konknni article, “Fr. Almir de Sousa Konknni Nøket,” for the souvenir issue on the occasion of 60 years of Priesthood of Fr Almir who recently passed away. Fr. Almir worked

with a few others to introduce Konknni in the liturgy in Goa after the Second Vatican Council.

Fr Apollo Cardozo

Pratap was requested by Ashawadi Prakashan, Mumbai to give a Konknni message for their “Ashawadi Prakashan 20, 2020” webinar Konknni programme.

Under the guidance and leadership of Pratap, Christmas hampers were distributed to 14 poor families by “Friends of 3Ls (Least, Last, Lost).” Each hamper contained a variety of Christmas sweets, a Catholic calendar of 2021, a Christmas card, 1 kg Basmati rice and Rs. 500/-. This group helps these poor students throughout the year meeting their educational and other expenses.

Fr Pratap Naik

Christ Niwas we had a fellowship meal with the folks hailing from different faith communities and castes. Some people came with candles and cakes to celebrate the occasion and **Tom** explained to them the meaning of Christmas and later a slice of cake was distributed to all. On 26th we celebrated Christmas at Gunjinmaradi chapel. This chapel was built by **Swami Prabhudar**. Around 40 people were present for mass and the sisters from Hidukal Dam joined in the celebration, after which, we had a community meal. On the same day in the evening we had a mass at Ankalgi in one of the Christian families. **Shawn D'Silva** and **Tom** thanked God for “... hiding these things from the wise and intelligent people and revealing them to little ones,(Lk. 10.21).”

Fr Tom Chenakala

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT NESARGI

Christmas is a celebration the gives meaning to human life. The experience of God among us and with us (Emmanuel) changes our perspective and feelings. We, as a community experienced this in a fresh way during this Christmas in the midst of



Covid 19 pandemic. Internal and external cleanliness and decorations were part of the preparation. The Christmas star invited us to see anew the New Light; “I am the Light of the World,(John 8: 12)” and “You are the Light of the World,(Mt. 5: 14).” On 21st December we celebrated Christmas with our tailoring students. The AC sisters from Bailhongal joined us for the program and sang Christmas carols. Christmas mass was celebrated at 8.00 pm in Christ Niwas in an atmosphere of deep silence. During the day we joined the Jesuit community in Belgaum for the Eucharist and a fellowship meal. In the evening at

ST PAUL'S, BELAGAVI

The feast mass of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated by Fr. Fidelino Araujo, a Paulite alumnus of the 1969 batch as the main celebrant. The staff members, school alumni, benefactors, parents and the Canossian Community of St. Joseph's and Divine Providence, Belgaum participated actively in the festive mass. This was followed by the release of the school magazine, 'The Paulite (2019-20)' and the alumni magazine 'The Paulite Link – (2020)' by Mr. Rajdeep Koujalgi and Fr. Fidelino Araujo respectively.

At the PU COLLEGE, the feast of Goencho Saib, marked the beginning of Lay Leadership at the PU college. Dr Padmini Ravindran was installed as the Principal of Academics during the festive mass. This was followed by a short felicitation program at the College Portico. The school staff was present to witness this installation. **Steven** thanked the interim-Principal **Ronald**, who held the fort till then.

The staff and students of St. Paul's PU College celebrated Christmas-cumFreshers' Day on 22nd December. The Christmas celebration began with a prayer song by PU I students, by lighting of candles and also welcoming of the dignitaries, **Ronald**, **Steven** and Dr. Padmini Ravindran. The College instituted a three-member College Cabinet. The investiture ceremony started with a

march past by the members of the cabinet. The badge to Miss Shanice Nazareth (CR of PU I Science) was presented by Dr. Padmini Ravindran. **Steven** presented the badge to Master Neron Thakur (CR of PU I Commerce) and **Ronald** presented the badge to the General Secretary, Miss Shamal Carvalho.

The Christmas celebrations continued with a skit depicting the birth of Christ and a dance by the students of PU I and the Christmas message was delivered by **Ronald**. The staff of Sunbeam Nursery also joined in the celebrations and participated in the interactive games. The staff entertained us with their marathon carol-singing while Santa Claus stole the show with his dance and the distribution of gifts. The theme of the celebration was, “Accompanying the Youth as Jesus did.”

A beautiful crib with the theme: “Christ's healing during the present pandemic days,” was put up in the school campus. The crib was prepared by Mr. Karu Wagh and the support staff.

On 11th and 12th December, a seminar on the topic: “**Integration of Life,**” for the teachers of our school was conducted by **Felix**. The seminar gave the teachers an opportunity to look into themselves and examine their lives. They also learnt to connect with students, colleagues, parents, shoulder their responsibilities and learn to deal with others. Felix guided them on how to handle and balance their lives in school as teachers and at home as parents. Some of the teachers also took this opportunity to receive personal guidance and counselling from Felix.

Savio Abreu attended the Annual General Body Meeting of the Karnataka Regional Commission for Education held at Regional Pastoral Center, Bangalore. Current educational issues affecting our Catholic institutions were discussed. **Steven** conducted a half-day workshop for Divine Providence staff on 'Fratelli Tutti'. **Joe Chenakala** had undergone successfully his cataract operation and is recovering. **Seby** conducted a meaningful and inspiring recollection talk for the CRI, Belgaum Unit.

The community has been bubbling with various activities with the members being fully immersed

in their ministries: **Savio** at Ganeshpur, **Seby** at Shahpur and **Steven** at St Anthony's Church. The community members helped in making the crib keeping in mind the Ignatian year and the UAPs. The theme chosen was: “Leading People to God through Prayer,” and the scene highlighted the things that bring us closer to God! It was truly a festive season with the Lord at the centre of our celebrations.

Sch Anthony Noronha

KHANAPUR & SANGARGALLI MISSIONS

The Khanapur Holy Cross Chapel that was first built in 1920 was renovated and blessed on 12th December 2020. It was a historical moment for the Jesuits and the laity. This renovation was possible due to the generous contributions of the parishioners and well-wishers. Priests of the Khanapur Deanery were present for the inauguration and the main celebrant for the Holy Eucharist was **Colman**. The P.P. of Milagres Church, Khanapur, **Kustas** preached the Word of God.



Christmas Carol Singing Competition and Sports Day were conducted by the youth at Milagres Church as well as at Sangargalli. The parishioners enjoyed the Christmas celebrations held at the Church. The youth of Sangargalli took part in the Christmas Caption Contest and the Psalm Writing Competition. Miss Jacklene M. won the Prize. The prizes for the Sports Day Prizes were sponsored by Mr. Finton de Souza, former SP of Goa.

For Sangargalli it was a historical moment as the internal road is getting a new lease of life after almost 20 years. The MLA, Anjali Nimbalkar and the PPC Chairman, Mr. Santan Mascarenhas, were instrumental in seeing that this rugged,

backbreaking road sees better days. St. Paul's English Medium School, Sangargalli felicitated Mr. Mascarenhas with a shawl and a Bible after the Christmas mass. The teachers and the collaborators were blessed to receive the letter of Christmas greetings from the Provincial.

Fr. Motiram Bardeskar

BASILICA OF BOM JESUS, OLD GOA

The year 2020 marked the first time that the novenas and Feast of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated online due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

From 3rd December onwards, a limited number of people were allowed to attend masses and avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the morning at the Basilica.

Patricio had taken a proactive step in seeing that we cater to the spiritual needs of the people at the Basilica. During the weekdays, masses are telecast followed by adoration. Lateran English and Konkani mass is celebrated. On Sundays we have adoration at 6.00 a.m., followed by Konkani masses and a mass in English. Each member of the community takes turns to celebrate these masses. **Lindsay** has put in a lot of effort, in raising the bar of telecasting the masses to a professional level, which is highly appreciated by those who view them. In this way we are able to spiritually reach out to the people of Goa and even to people across the globe.

Keeping in mind that the Basilica of Bom Jesus is a place frequented by the faithful and tourists, it is kept open for the veneration of the relics of St. Francis Xavier, after the masses are celebrated.

The scholastics of Goa province attended a Triduum, organized for them by their PCF, **Simon Fernandes**, from 21st to 23rd December here at the Basilica. The scholastics were spiritually rejuvenated, after they renewed their vows and expressed their gratitude to **Jude** for guiding them.

There was added joy for the Youth Formation Movement, at Old Goa, when the team of **Lindsay, John** and **Jude**, organized a half day programme for the Std X students of Lourdes Convent High School, Saligao, on 22nd December.

The topics addressed were: Stress Management, Pros and Cons of online study, and the importance of Motivation in one's life. The programme concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist. The teachers and students were highly appreciative of the programme.

We celebrated Christmas, at the Basilica with a midnight mass at 11:45 p.m. and were touched to witness that a good number of people – keeping in mind the restrictions – attended the service, even at short notice. While **John** celebrated the Christmas mass at Mater Dei Institute, Old Goa, **Jude** was invited to celebrate the Christmas mass for the people who stay around the vicinity of Xavier Retreat House, Baga. Ever since the Basilica of Bom Jesus was opened and even during the Christmas week there have been a number of people, both faithful and tourists who visit the Basilica. The added attraction is the crib with life-size statues.

Fr Jude Carrasco

TSKK, PORVORIM

Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr, held an online series of Konknni talks on the Konkani literature of the Goans in diaspora who had migrated to the other states to escape from the ongoing inquisition. Mr Vally Quadros, a well-known figure of Konkani literature in Karnataka spoke on the KONKANI POEMS written in Kannada script in Karnataka. He highlighted the cultural richness visible in their Konkani poems.

On 30th November, we had Ms Usha U. Rane from Karwar, a well-known personality in the field of Karwar Konkani literature, who spoke on their poetries and the development that took place in this field. She touched upon the various aspects of their traditions and culture featured in their literature. It was a moment of feeling the common thread interwoven in our literatures.

Mr. Elliton Fernandes, a Konkani teacher from Loyola High School, Margao was given the honour to compere both the talks, whereas known tiatr artists, Ms Valency D'Souza and Ms Alcina Rebello introduced the speakers.

On 23rd November, TSKK created its own

YouTube channel that featured online talks, the installation of Thomas Stephen's statue, photos and videos, the TSKK Centre, its library and works. Darshan videos of the Institute are also available on this YouTube channel.



The Institute organised a short darshan to Old Goa and to visit the relics of St. Francis Xavier prior to the feast. This also included a short trip to Monte Hill.

On 23rd December, the two institutes, TSKK and XCHR came together to exchange the joy of Christmas. This event was organized by TSKK.

Fr Jose Silveira

NEWS FROM LOYOLA, MARGAO

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the community celebrated mass with **Raul** as the main celebrant and in his homily traced some episodes in Xavier's life, and reflected on them.

The primary staff (aided) displayed a Wall paper on the occasion of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. They used the themes of the write-ups that were published in the local newspaper to do up the display. The primary staff (unaided) uploaded and forwarded two videos on the life of St. Francis Xavier keeping in mind the level of the students.

To usher in the Christmas event, the community celebrated mass at 11.30 pm on 24 Dec. In attendance was the choir that generally sings for the midnight mass. **Willy** was the main celebrant and rendered the homily wherein he spoke of "The Face of Jesus." The quadrangle was decorated with stars hanging between the arches, giving the place a festive look.

It was a disappointment to many people from the surrounding villages who would generally throng the quadrangle and the corridors for the Christmas midnight mass. The reason we refrained from having the service thrown open to the public was because each parish had made elaborate arrangements for their respective parishioners. We felt it better not to create any misunderstandings with the local parishes.

The Primary (unaided) staff thought it appropriate to usher in the Christmas spirit by engaging in some craft activities involving making Christmas wreaths and decorating the Christmas tree. These were then used to decorate our residence. Their handiwork was uploaded for the students so as to motivate them to participate in the three activities earmarked for them: Solo Carol Singing; Group Carol Singing with the neighbours; and either one of the following - preparing the crib; decorating the Christmas star; decorating the Christmas tree. The two latter activities involved the family members making it a 'family Christmas celebration'. A number of students began uploading their activities on the mobiles of their class teachers to be shared with the others. The keen interest taken by the parents and students was encouragement for the staff to put forth creative suggestions that helped the students expose and develop their talents.

On 21st Dec the primary (unaided) staff in the absence of the students (which was an annual event) visited the 'Home of the Senior Citizens' at the Divine Providence Convent, Benaulim. They sang Christmas carols to usher in the Christmas spirit and offered gifts (linen items) sponsored by



the staff to the 40 inmates of the Home. **Raul** accompanied the staff with his guitar to lend melody to the singing; all this was carried out while maintaining 'social distance'. Mrs. Cassandra Gonsalves coordinated this event. The staff members were in costumes representing the crib scene and Santa Claus was none other than Raul with his black beard covered by his mask. In the absence of baby Jesus, they managed to pick up a lad of 5 years, in the vicinity, to stand in for baby Jesus. The staff felt this was heaven-sent.

The “Fit India Campaign” scheduled for the month of December by the Govt of India was taken up by the School. Exercises were forwarded to the parents by the primary (unaided) to help inculcate in the students the habit of exercising for healthy living. A drawing Competition on the theme: “Fit India, New India,” was held and students had to submit their drawings to the school.

Flag hoisting to celebrate the 60th Liberation Day of Goa was conducted by the High School. The national flag was hoisted by **Basil**. In attendance were the staff of the Institutions. Besides the hoisting of the flag; a prayer service by the Higher Secondary staff; a speech; singing of a patriotic song and the administering of the pledge were part of the programme.

Std X had their FA1 exams offline. It was interesting to see the students trooping in like masked raiders with the generally noisy atmosphere lacking. The students had to be seated observing social distance and surely this made copying an adventure if anyone did try to engage in it. The staff will spend their Christmas vacations with corrections and setting of papers for the next set of examinations. We all hope to see better days in the New Year.

Fr William Rodrigues

**CELEBRATING A LIFE WELL-LIVED
RIP - Bro. Epiphania Dias, SJ
6 January 1921 - 7 December 2020**

Celebrating a life well lived is how one can pay a fitting tribute to Br Dias. Though he lived 99 glorious years, he is gone too soon because he left for his heavenly abode just a month short of his centenary birthday. Had he reached that, we, in turn, would have told him - “Areykyamaara” which was his oft repeated statement.

“We might not be the ones to corners that we live, in the lives should be nothing but what Br Dias was, or rather is, to worked with him.

Many of us take for granted that morning until we have a reason to like such a cliché to say that life is a one is ever guaranteed. We can life, or remember we're fortunate growing through them. Br. Dias of life by living life according to



change the world but in the little that we've played a part in, we unforgettable.” This was just all who have interacted or

we will wake up healthy in the believe otherwise. It can seem gift, but no moment beyond this lament the challenges we face in we're here, right now, capable of showed us how to enjoy this gift God's will.

He trusted and relied totally on God. Even to simple questions as how are you, his reply would be, “I'm fine by the grace of God.” Since he was approaching his 100th birthday, he was asked whether he would celebrate it, he would just say, “God will decide.” Br Dias showed us how to enjoy the gift of life by living according to God's will. He had a very personal connect with the young and the old alike. He would bless the children coming into school, joke with the teachers and also give them words of wisdom and play a gracious host to visitors to our residence.

He was happy and grateful at all times. He was appreciative of little things. Each day and after every meal, he would totter to the kitchen to thank the cooks, Peter and Leo. He would thank the priest who would celebrate mass each day. He missed meeting people coming for mass when the pandemic began and would keep asking when they would return to the chapel.

He really had a heart for others and felt the suffering of people around him. The pandemic and its resultant woes deeply moved him and he would loudly wonder how people would be managing. Nevertheless when he himself faced pains and struggles, the only mantra that kept him going was: Santa Patientia - holy patience - the way to live life peacefully.

Life was not a bed of roses for him in his early days when his family moved to Goa from Burma, his education in Belgaum and his life and works as a Jesuit; yet he appreciated all that life had offered him. He knew that happiness is not about wanting more; it's about truly enjoying what one has. He never complained or grumbled about anything. He would cheer up anyone who looked sad. He endeared himself to everyone with this concern of his and doing all he could to spread some cheer wherever he went. As he advanced in years, he showed us how he took one day at a time and in that span of 24 hours he would only be seen being immensely grateful. "A grateful heart.....simplified life" This is so true of Br Dias and every Jesuit who has lived with him will remember this aspect of his towering personality though he stood hardly 5 feet tall.

The life of Br Dias cannot be summarized if a mention is not made of his one lifeline - his violin. Almost every evening from 5.00 – 6.00 pm, the strains of familiar music would be heard from his room except on those days when his violin went for repairs. He brought joy to all visitors at the residence with his music and warm company.

The Jesuits in India have lost their oldest member in the South Asian Assistancy. Br Dias the jolly good fellow of Britto's has gone to rest with the Lord. His violin has fallen silent but the melodies still resound in the house and in our hearts. His indelible imprint is on every place he has been, in whatever he has done and on every heart that he has touched. May he rest in peace. Adios Irmao Dias!

Fr Anand D'Souza

PROVINCIAL'S SCHEDULE -- JAN. 2021

5	Meeting with house treasurers and ministers, online
8-9	Province consult, Pan jim
13	NEP meeting with Goa Diocese officials, Pilar
15	CLC meeting, Panjim
19	West Zone meeting of provincials, online
19	SWADES annual GBM, Panjim
23	Blessing of the renovated St. Anne's Church, Harnai
24	Visit to Chiplun and Ratnagiri Jesuits
26	Province Commission for Ministries meeting, online

God
Bless
You

Happy Birthday Dear ...

JANUARY

- 01 Sebastian Pereira
- 02 Kustas Lima
- 02 Joseph Nazareth
- 05 Basil Vago
- 08 Vasco do Rego
- 15 Shawn D'Souza
- 17 Simon de Melo
- 30 Anand D'Souza



LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Fr. Augustine Lopes, SJ (BOM), 75/49, passed away on 01 December in Mumbai.
 Br Desmond Dias, SJ (BOM), 87/65, on 02 December, in Mumbai.
 Fr. O.P. Mathew, SJ (KER), 75/54, passed away on 03 December in Kozhikode, Kerala.
 Br Epiphanio Dias, SJ (GOA), 99/77, passed away on 07 December, in Mapusa, Goa.
 Br Basil Tirkey, SJ (RAN), 73/46, passed away on 07 December, in Ranchi.
 Fr Cyprian Andrade, SJ (GUJ) 74/56, passed away on 17 December, in Ahmedabad
 Fr. Stanley D'Souza, SJ (DEL) 88/63 passed away on 19 December, in Delhi.
 Ms Ann Chetukuzhy 90, elder sister of Fr Vellapani, passed away on 25 December in Kerala.

MEN WHO TOILED IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD

JANUARY

- 03 Soares Albert
- 11 D'Lima Charles
- 21 D'Mello Joachim
- 25 Fernandes Massillon
- 28 D'Lima Joseph
- 30 Gomes J.Serafim

