



### General Curia

Fr. General has appointed ...

**Fr. Christie Maria Joseph (MDU)** the Secretary of Higher Education of the Society of Jesus.

**Fr. Jerome Cutinha** the new Provincial of Jamshedpur.


**Fr. Peter Mclsaac** the new Regional Superior of Guyana and Jamaica.

### Fr. Provincial's schedule – July 2020

<b>30 June to 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Tempo Forte + Province Consult
<b>2</b>	Campion community
<b>3</b>	Snehasadan
<b>9 – 11</b>	St. Xavier College
<b>14 – 16</b>	Manickpur
<b>21 – 23</b>	Holy Family
<b>31</b>	Feast of St. Ignatius

**Notice:** Fr. John Mezsia has been appointed the new webmaster of the province website (<https://jesuitsmumbai.org>). We are grateful to the former webmaster Fr. Learoy Rodrigues and his team for running the website so well over these past years.

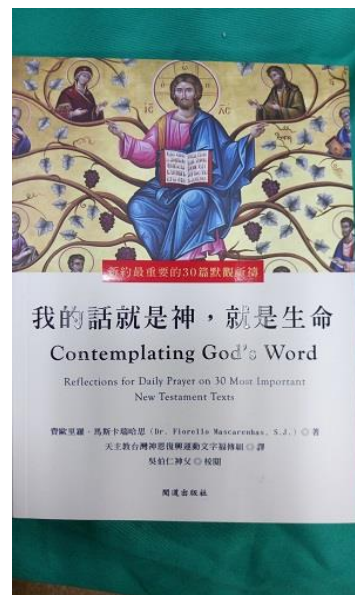
**Pope's Intentions**  
July 2020



**For Our Families**  
We Pray That Today's Families  
May Be Accompanied  
With Love, Respect & Guidance  
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network  
Mumbai INDIA

### New Book in Chinese Mandarin:

The recent best-seller of Fio Mascarenhas, CONTEMPLATING GOD'S WORD, has been translated into Mandarin and published by the Charismatic Renewal in Taiwan. Though many of his books have translated and published earlier in 6 Indian and 8 foreign languages, this is his first in Mandarin.



*Congratulations Fio! May you continue to minister to many more who are hungry for God's Word.*

### SERVING THREE GENERALS: FR. LISBERT D'SOUZA'S MISSION

Fr. Lisbert D'Souza is leaving the General Curia after nearly 16 years of service as Father General's Assistant for South Asia. Few Assistants, in the modern history of the Society, have held this type of responsibility for so long. And very few had the opportunity to offer their advice to three Superiors General. We asked him about his experience.

#### **Father Lisbert, when did you arrive at the General Curia and in what circumstances?**

Fr. Julian Fernandes, my predecessor, could have continued until GC 35 after nearly 13 years of distinguished service; he asked to be relieved for health reasons. I was completing my term as Provincial of South Asia and President of the

Conference. Fr. Kolvenbach appointed me Regional Assistant and Assistant *ad providentiam*, one of the four Assistants who



oversees the global “life” of the Society. Arriving in September 2004, I assumed office on 1 January 2005. With GC 36, I should have stepped down. However, Fr. Sosa asked me to stay on. My successor took over on 3 December 2019.

Circumstances, not competence, explain my long tenure.

***Have your responsibilities evolved over the years?***

Indeed, yes. With Fr. Kolvenbach we were primarily Regional Assistants and somewhat secondarily General Counsellors. Fr. Nicolás created intra-Council Committees, which made my role as General Counsellor more prominent. Fr. Sosa’s commitment to follow expeditiously up the GC 36 mandates (*Universal Apostolic Preferences*, protection of minors, relationship between Superiors and Directors of Works, etc.) and the creation of the Expanded General Council, which included Conference Presidents, the Apostolic Secretaries and General Treasurer, further strengthened the General Counsellor role.

***You have served as Assistant under three Generals. What would you say was the most striking characteristic of each one of them? What has inspired you the most in each one of these three men, Fr. Kolvenbach, Fr. Nicolás, and Fr. Sosa?***

Fr. Kolvenbach’s profound scholarship manifested in his letters stands out. His phenomenal memory for persons and contexts and acute grasp of complexities made his guidance extraordinarily helpful, as I was new to my role. Fr. Nicolás’ personal warmth and down-to-earth wisdom inspired me. There is also his grasp and appreciation for Asian

religious and cultural realities, and his support for Asian theologians striving to develop an Asian theology. In Fr. Sosa, I sense and feel challenged by his strong social commitment, which flows from his firm grounding in our spirituality and his socio-political academic and experiential orientations.

***Is there a special moment you remember, an experience you have had, here in the Curia that you will treasure for the rest of your life?***

In a Council retreat, the director used the *Autobiography* of Ignatius as the “basic text”. Suddenly, Ignatius’ devotion to the Holy Trinity came alive deep within. Meditating each morning on Andrei Rublev’s icon of the Holy Trinity, on opening my computer, and repeating the *Trisagion* (*Holy are you, God...*) throughout the day has made me more “contemplative” than I was. This devotion challenges me to go out in love, a readiness I greatly lack as an introvert and one who finds it hard to go beyond my comfort zone



***During these past few years, is there a “Letter from the General” or a document of the Society that has nourished you as a Jesuit and as an Assistant to Father General?***

No single text comes to mind. However, here are some perspectives I deeply cherish. The convictions of Ignatius that God directly addresses us and that apostolic effectiveness derives not from human effort but from the omnipotent hand of God. Fr. Nicolás’ call to seek spiritual, intellectual and human depth. Three “sayings” of Fr. Sosa: *missio Dei*, never ‘our’ (Jesuit mission), vital for genuine collaboration; *life-mission*, not life ‘and’ mission which tends to insinuate a distinction, if not separation; *maintaining the tensions* and never seeking to

favour one over the other (contemplation-action, personal care-apostolic care, institutional-charismatic/prophetic.)

***Finally, what advice would you give to the Jesuits who are appointed to the Curia, so that they can both benefit well from this experience and serve the Society in the best possible way?***

“Advice” is too grand a word. I invite these Jesuits to enjoy the privilege of being at the hub of the Society’s life-mission, sharing the successes and struggles of our companions worldwide. This joy balances out the weariness that the volume of work can cause. Further, to cherish the cultural diversity of our community and its mission of hospitality. Visiting Jesuits take back a deep sense of belonging to the universal Society if they find us gracious and available; our record has been very good.

(Taken from

<https://www.jesuits.global/2020/06/24/servin-g-three-generals-fr-lisbert-dsouzas-mission/> )

### Manmad Khabar

“It is in giving that we receive”. Ever since the lockdown, the Manmad Jesuits have been at the forefront in reaching out in various ways to the poor and cooperating with Civic authorities. In the initial phase, shelter was given to 40 migrants in the primary section. Soon it was turned into a quarantine center and about fifty people from the town were quarantined in the school. As the patients increased, more were offered shelter and basic necessities. The Jesuit community was almost living next to corona patients and yet it was an experience of divine protection. Now we have moved residence to the boarding side for time being. The school teachers were involved in calling up the families of our two thousand students, inquiring about their wellbeing and creating awareness regarding the pandemic. They also conducted online classes for students to the extent possible. Food ration was given to the families of our poor and deserving students.

As the need increased, we conducted a Survey in the slum areas of Manmad, interacting with



daily wage workers and other underprivileged people. We reached out to nearly 1100 poor families with ration and *Kiran*. In this outreach we were fortunate to get the help of our alumni, teachers and other lay collaborators from all faiths. It was an experience of interfaith dialogue, youth ministry, lay collaboration as well as collaborating with alumni.

We also had a fruitful spiritual sharing with our lay collaborators. They were touched by the beautiful venture carried out by the Jesuits and we Jesuits also felt enriched with their spiritual conversation. They came up with some practical suggestions for our ministry at Manmad. The civic authority has been taken up by our selfless outreach and thus the Chief Officer along with his team paid a courtesy visit to our community on Saby’s birthday. This became an occasion to discuss further ways of collaboration.

Today, the Manmad St. Xavier’s Society is recognized at the national level as a Covid Care Center and has a very good reputation here. Br. Wenscel undertook two fruitful weeks of experience with the MPSM community Nashik in order to help the landless farmers in and around Manmad. We are also grateful to Sch. Wellington who has been a part of our community. The mission continues ...

➤ **Manmad Jesuits**



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**COVID-19, MIGRANTS & CYCLONE FOOD, MEDICAL & SHELTER RELIEF**

3890 families (around 19450 people) reached so far...

<b>NASHIK</b> 755 Migrants, Housemaids...	<b>MALEGAON</b> 300 Daily Wage Labourers	<b>PETH</b> 545 Adivasi Families
<b>TRIMBAK</b> 1815 Adivasi Families	<b>SURGANA</b> 475 Adivasi Families	

Relief services are carried out in collaboration with

**YOU**

Our two Relief Centres  
MPSM, Nashik  
MPSM, Ambatha

We reach out to the Adivasis whose names are not on Ration Cards, Landless Labourers, Widows, Handicapped People, Ragpickers, Slum Dwellers, Migrants from Vidarbha Region, Jharkhand, UP, MP, Chattisgarh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Construction Workers, Housemaids, Stranded Students and Rickshaw Drivers

AND THE DEMAND FOR FOOD, MEDICAL AID, RELIEF STILL CONTINUES...

**THANK YOU**  
**GOD BLESS**

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## FALL IN LOVE, STAY IN LOVE

We, the second year Novices of Xavier Training College are very grateful to God for calling us to be companions with his son our Lord Jesus Christ. The theme was an invitation to **“FALL IN LOVE. STAY IN LOVE”** and introspect on our own lives as we pronounced our first vows on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2020.

We were all very excited to become a part of this Universal Society. The main celebrant was Fr. Ronnie, Rector of St. Paul’s, delegated by the four Provincials to receive our vows. Also present were the consultants of Goa Provincial, Fr. Menino Swami and Fr. Augustine Fernandes. Other concelebrants included our Novice Master Fr. Anil and Socius Fr. Vijay and

other Jesuits from the surrounding accessible areas. Due to the ensuing situation we could not have our families here with us, but were accompanied with all the love and prayers from our neighbouring parishioners especially the Gyan Niketan community.

The choir, comprising our first year brothers, was trained by Fr. Elvin. The inspiring words of Fr. Ronnie led us deeper into our theme to reflect on ‘The Principle and Foundation’ to ‘The Contemplation to attain Love’. The most awesome moment was when we pronounced the vows giving ourselves to the Lord who gave Himself to us. The post communion hymn was based on the theme and composed by us. Fr. Swami read the letter of the provincial congratulating us and handed us the Crucifix, Constitutions and the Spiritual Exercises.

We are filled with gratitude when we look back upon this journey of love, faith and hope. We thank our Lord for the many blessings he showered on us especially through the love and concern of our formators – Fr. Anil, Fr. Vijay and Fr. Drago. We are also grateful to all those who have contributed to our formation over these past two years. May the good Lord bless us all.

➤ **Ashley, Joel and Rohan**

**Note:** The nine novices who took their vows at Belgaum have reached Vinayalaya and have begun their Juniorate. Fr. John Rose Santiago and Fr. Arun Lobo did a lot to facilitate their travel to Mumbai. Thank you John and Arun!

## In Christ’s Peace

+ **Fr. S.A. Alphonse (AND)**, 69/51, passed away at Alwal on 10 June.

+ **Fr. Marcus Murmu (DUM)** 63/38 passed away at Dumka on 20 June.