



## GENERAL APPOINTS

**Fr. Christie P. Maria Joseph** (MDU)  
Secretary for Higher Education in Rome.

**Jerome Cutinha**, Provincial of  
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## PROVINCIAL APPOINTS

On being presented by Provincial Fr. Jeera,  
Bishop Raphy of Allahabad has appointed  
**Fr. Jose Elampassery** (PAT) as Parish  
Priest of Queen of the Apostles Church in  
Allahabad with effect from June 1, 2020.

**Fr. George Manimala**, SX, Raj Niwas  
Marg

**Fr. Nicholas Suzath** (PAT), Socius to  
Novice Master

**Fr. Jinesh**, Assigned for PhD, Xavier  
University, Bhubaneswar

**Dn. Antony Arul**, Ropar

**Dn. Leo Arockiaraj**, Kharar/Morinda

**Dn. Joseph Kurapati**, Almora

**Dn. Sahil Gill**, Biblicum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle

## EXTENDED CONSULT

As part of the process of arriving at a terna  
an extended consult was held at NRC on  
June 20-21. The following members  
attended this meeting: Sebastian Jeera,  
Mathew Padayatty, Scaria Panthamackal,  
Augustine Perumalil, Soosai Mani,  
Sebastian Assarikudy, Jose Philip, Glenn  
Menezes, J. Dayal, Rakesh Toppo, T.J.  
Jose, S. Arockia Swamy, John Ariapilly,  
Jose Kuriakose, Gyanprakash, Victor  
Edwin, John Ravi, Xavier Ignatius,  
Pradeep Indwar and Arunmozhi. Fr.  
Thomas Kuriacose was exempted on  
health grounds; his place was taken by Fr.

T.J. Jose. Besides these Delhi Jesuits, Fr.  
M.K. George, Regional Assistant and Fr.  
George Pattery attended the meeting as  
Observers. The meeting started at 6 pm on  
20<sup>th</sup> and concluded at 7:30 pm on the next  
day. An atmosphere of prayer and silence  
was maintained during the whole process.  
At the Canonical Consult held on 22<sup>nd</sup>  
besides the consultors Fr. M.K. George  
was present as Observer.

## Final Vows

**Fr. Nelson D'Silva will pronounce  
Final Vows at Loyola School,  
Jamshedpur on July 31, 2020.**

**Fr. Rakesh Toppo and Fr. Jugal  
Kindo also will pronounce their  
Final Vows on July 31, 2020 at 6  
pm in NRC Chapel.**

## Congratulations to

**Sch. Sahil Gill** who was ordained deacon  
along with 17 companions, on June 27 in  
the Church of Gesu.

**Chrisostone Anthony and Rezin Romero**  
who pronounced their First Vows on June  
21.

## Welcome to

Adwin Randhawa, Angels Toppo, Darshan,  
Jermey Joseph, Jeyin Jacob and Wilson  
Arul Dass who joined the novitiate on June  
27.

## FROM THE DIASPORA

*Tony:* Early May I went to Bishop's House  
and stayed there for three weeks to cater  
to the spiritual needs of four nearby  
convents. For nearly three months they

didn't have any spiritual direction and confessions. At the Bishop's House I had net facility and so I could help many congregations in the island and in the mainland to make their online retreat and recollection. In mid-May Port Blair was declared green zone; it became a little easy to move around. When the lockdown was removed, Port Blair diocese started regular Masses in various parishes observing all the guidelines given by the local administration. At last after four attempts my flight took off to Delhi on June 12 via Kolkata. With all the precautions at the airport I reached Delhi safely. At Delhi I observed six days of quarantine at NRC. I enjoyed those peaceful days in solitude with the Lord. After spending ten days in Delhi I proceeded to Jaipur to visit our fellow Jesuits there. About my going to Pune, I have to wait at least till Oct-Nov since the situation there is not conducive to reopen DNC. I'll move there only when they inform me. Till then I'll be in the Province.

### SAHAYOG

The monotonous and indoor restricted lifestyle created by the pandemic was broken by the birthday celebrations of **Fr. Arun Panackal** on May 19. The celebrations began with the Eucharist in the evening followed by a grand dinner. Our Shahabad brothers could not come due to the night curfew restrictions. Five Juniors (three for Delhi and two for Kerala) who had arrived from Patna had a lunch with Sahayog Community. On June 7 our Regional Assistant Fr. M.K. George arrived from Jamshedpur. He interacted with some Jesuits in person and with many others through video conferences. He along with POSA Fr. George Pattery were Observers at the Extended Consult. **Fr. Soosai Mani** arrived on June 11 from Allahabad and took charge as Superior next day. At the welcome meal he assured the community that everything is to carry on as usual and his work for now will be to 'entertain' the entrusted ones. On 14<sup>th</sup> in a special agape meal the outgoing Superior **Fr. John Chathanatt** was given farewell with 'the best of luck' wishes in the days to come. A bouquet of gratitude and a token gift were given to him for all the loving service he rendered to everyone in the community.

**Sch. Anish Raj** came to Sahayog on 9<sup>th</sup> in order to go to Allahabad. But because of his prevailing backache, he was asked to remain here and receive massage from Mr. Bijoy for 21 days. Anish feels better now. **Fr. Rakesh Toppo** and **Fr. Anil Minj** also are undergoing massage treatment. Responding to the prevalent situation Fr. Provincial decided to create a Quarantine Block in NRC for our men coming here by public transport. The first two to be quarantined were Fr. Tony Andrade and Fr. Anil Minj; after a week they joined the community. The Extended Consult towards the preparation of the Terna for a new Provincial was conducted on June 20-21 in NRC. **Fr. Ed Daly** came back from Jivodaya on May 18 after three months of stay at Jivodaya. He was taken back to Jivodaya on 22<sup>nd</sup> since he had a blackout. Ed's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated in Jivodaya on 29<sup>th</sup>; several members of the community greeted him at different times of the day. Provincial Fr. Jeera read out General Fr. Arturo Sosa's personal message to Ed on his birthday: "*A Very Happy Birthday on your 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. I am extremely happy to be sending you, the last surviving missionary from the United States in the Delhi province, these wishes. I am grateful for all you have done for the Patna and Delhi provinces. Your commitment, dedication and love for India has not gone unnoticed. I am inspired to note, that in spite of your age, you are still active as a Confessor, a Writer and in the area of Faith education. Do continue your good work as long as you can. You have been and are an inspiration to many. God bless you with His love and His grace. Do pray for me and for the Society.*"

*K.P. George & Mathew*

### ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

**School:** Our teachers and students were given a break from online classes from June 1 to 21. Online classes resumed for higher classes on June 22 and for junior classes on July 1. Our school office is fully functional. All the Class IV employees are coming regularly. We note down their temperature before they enter the campus. If the temperature is more than normal, they are sent home for 7 days. Face masks

and sanitization are made compulsory for them. The school now has a new sign board at the front gate. Parents are reluctant to pay the school fees. They are waiting for a clear direction from the government department. Now we are giving a reduced amount of salary to our employees. We may be able to continue it for another month.

**Parish:** We have not started regular Sunday Masses. We are waiting for direction from the diocese. The only activity we had was a farewell program for Sch. Anish by the youth of the parish on one evening.

**Community:** The birthday of **Fr. Sebastian A.** was celebrated by the community. Due to lockdown we did not invite other communities for the celebration. It was a lowkey celebration. We bid farewell to **Sch. Anish Raj** on June 6. The community thanked him for his services to school, parish and house. He was reached to Sahayog on 9th. **Fr. Shaju Kalathingal** joined the community on 10<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Scaria and Bro. Gyan came along with Shaju to reach him to Behror. We welcomed him on the same day with a special lunch. He has settled down in one of the ground floor rooms. Presently he is busy with kitchen shopping and taking care of the food arrangements in the house.

### *Sebastian*

#### **ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI**

**School:** Despite the fearful atmosphere because of Covid-19, the maintenance, office staff and the security guards do come and keep the campus clean and safe. All the teachers and students put their heart and soul to keep up the spirit of academic temper using online as the medium of instruction under the guidance of the Principal **Fr Sangeeth**. On June 11 his birthday was celebrated amidst a few staff members in the school. Indeed, a memorable birthday wearing a mask! After the holidays, the online classes resumed on 22<sup>nd</sup> and the preparation for PT-1 was in full swing. The children went through a mock test for each subject in order to be better prepared to face the PT-1. School bid farewell to Sr Ajaya FSLG and Sr Jancy FSLG acknowledging their valuable

contribution to the school and children. The students and staff were unable to say goodbye and see them off in this context of COVID-19. The CBSE announced the cancellation of the remaining exams of Classes 10 and 12.

**Community:** Covid-19 made all the Fathers to remain indoors. Daily mass and prayer services mainly had the intention of praying for COVID-19 victims and for the healthcare workers. **Fr. Sebastian** was regular for his evening exercises as usual. **Sch. Prakash** visited Bhiwadi and continued to stay here sharing his knowledge occasionally with the candidates at Maria Sadan. **Sch. Pawan** and Sch. Prakash had their annual retreat from May 18 to 26 under the guidance of Fr. Sebastian. On June 11, Fr. Sangeeth celebrated his birthday with the community members. **Fr. Manimala** has been transferred to Raj Niwas Marg, Delhi; he was already in Delhi for his treatment and rest. We offered a thanksgiving mass for Sr. Ajaya and Sr. Jancy on the eve of their farewell. **Fr. Glenn** and Fr. Sangeeth went to Nevta to attend the inauguration of the new house on 29<sup>th</sup> and also for treatment.

**Maria Sadan:** May-June remained very hot and humid; the 6 freshers felt it very much. Despite that fact, the candidates are busy with online classes, putting their mind and heart to learn the subject matter. Indeed, it is first time experience for them. **Fr Amalraj** arranged the devices to access the internet during the first phase of classes and monitored them closely. The two super seniors were into their subjects as their exams were postponed by the CBSE. In the absence Sch. Pawan, Fr. Amalraj arranged for the necessary provisions in the house. Our co-worker, Mrs. Manjula regularly came and took annual leave in June. This gave a good opportunity for the candidates to experiment with their culinary skills. They were on and off in the kitchen, learning new ways of cooking. With the help of Fr. Glenn, six computers were installed for online classes. The candidates were seen getting ready for PT-1 by their active participation in online classes and mock tests. The



Board Exams of the super seniors have been cancelled. They would be leaving Bhiwadi soon. The COVID 19 has a strong impact on the candidates inspiring them to pray well, stay strong and maintain good health and hygiene.

*Subodh Lalra*

### **ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR**

**College:** The Covid-19 lockdown affected the functioning of the College in May-June. The office started functioning again on May 11. With great precautions admission process started in mid-May. The Admission Committee held a meeting on June 2 to frame admission policies and online process. The dates for the online admission forms were finalized. On 15<sup>th</sup> the online admission forms for the first year UG and PG courses were live on the College website. Counselling session through ZOOM is also being conducted for students. The students are eagerly waiting for the dates of their exams to be announced by the University. Principal Dr. Sheila Rai's tenure, which ended on 15<sup>th</sup>, was extended till the appointment of the new Principal. The interviews for the new Principal were conducted on 17<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Augustine, Fr. Varkey, Prof. A. K. Nagawat and two Educationists appointed by the VC comprised the Selection Panel. Fr. Rex Angelo from Andhra Loyola College (Autonomous), Vijayawada, was selected for the post. He took office on 30<sup>th</sup> from Dr. Sheila Rai in a well organized welcome cum farewell ceremony. On behalf of the Management, Staff and Students, Manager Fr Varkey thanked Dr Sheila Rai for her role as Principal for the last two years and for the overall development of the College during her tenure. He welcomed the new Principal Fr. Rex and wished him all the best. Fr Rex thanked everyone for the warm welcome and pledged to keep the flag of Xavier's high and make the Xavierites as trailblazers in every field.

*Jose V. K.*

**School:** Normally May-June witness shrills and shrieks of children as they engage themselves in sports. Alas, due to Covid-19 the children missed the most awaited period of school life, the Summer Break. At

present one witnesses deserted fields, occasionally peopled with maintenance staff pruning and weeding. During un-lockdown period the teachers could complete the evaluation of the Board papers and submit the results to the CBSE Regional Office at Ajmer. The maintenance department could restart and complete those initiatives which had come to a grinding halt during lockdown. The out of sight and sealed well at the front of the school was traced and silted and was connected to a web of water channels. This will help the capture of maximum amount of rain water and redirect it to mother earth so as to replenish the aquifers. Trees in the campus are subjected to a bit of pruning for better foliage. As online classes are to stay for some time teachers are given training in MS Team App and the classes got restarted after the so-called summer break on June 22. **Fr. Packiam** and Vice Principal Mr. Biju are closely monitoring the progress of these classes by pitching in at proper times with guidance, training and complaint redressal.

*Sobin*

**Parish:** Even though the church was closed to the public in May-June, on every Sunday at 8 am there was Eucharistic celebration in the church which was streamed to all the members of the parish on their mobile app. In addition to this the Jesuit Community celebrated Mass in the church at 6 am on all week days and prayed for every family of the parish, diocese, nation and the whole world that God may be merciful to liberate the world from the scourge of Covid-19. Since all the people were confined to their homes and many lost their jobs, some of the families found it hard to meet the basic need for food. So our Bishop made arrangements to supply them with dry food packets; a few of the parish council members reached these food items to the deserving families. Four rounds of supply were given to 46 families of our parish during the course of these three months. One of our alumni through his NGO and a few of the families of the parish came forward to supplement this food supply with additional dry food packets. In May-June there were two deaths and the funeral rites were

conducted as per the SOP of the Govt. In response to Pope's request to observe May 14 as a Day of Prayer, Fasting and Charity in view of the pandemic an hour-long adoration was held.

### *Varkey*

**Community:** In May-June a few Jesuits dropped in to the community. On May 22 **Sch. Ruban** and **Sch. Deepak** arrived here by train from Ahmedabad to spend their summer holidays. They were home quarantined for 14 days as per the state government Covid-19 policies. On 26<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Varkey** complained of breathing problem and immediately he was rushed to SDMH. First he was tested for Covid-19 but the result was negative. He was kept under observation for a couple of days with medication and then he was discharged. Now he is hale and hearty. **Fr. Tony Chelakat** had his routine check-up and spent a couple of days with us in the beginning of June. The JXEA General Body meeting was held in C-Scheme on June 14 and many issues related to Schools and Colleges were discussed. **Fr. Arockia Swamy** was elected as the new Secretary of JXEA. On 20<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Augustine** left for Delhi to attend the Extended Consult. **Fr. Dominic** accompanied Fr. Augustine to Delhi and from there went to Almora to relax for a fortnight. **Fr. Rex Angelo** of Andhra Province arrived Jaipur on 25<sup>th</sup>. He was warmly welcomed by the community but was home quarantined for 7 days. Fr. Rex has been appointed Principal of St. Xavier's College, Hathroi Fort. On 29<sup>th</sup> the entire community, except Fr. Mani, was present at the blessing and inauguration of the new Jesuit Residence at Nevta.

### *Packiam*

#### **ST. XAVIER'S, MAHWA**

Due to a few pre-monsoon showers, the campus looks fresh and green. The School is continuing with the online classes through social media like WhatsApp and You Tube. The teachers take classes through power point presentation. Though only a few students are benefitting from it, the teachers are at it. White washing of the Sister's and Teachers' Residence is done.

Now, they can move in any time. A few teachers who were victims of lockdown, finally managed to go home, though only for a few days. After obtaining an NOC from the Directorate of Secondary Education, Bikaner, online application to get affiliation from CBSE has been submitted already. It has been decided to cultivate millet in the field this year. A few unwelcome guests (snakes) were gotten rid off. Our dogs have become experts in dealing with them. The community was happy to receive a few guests this month. All of us are enjoying good health.

### *Arvind*

#### **ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA**

**College:** The college commenced to function again with limited staff on June 1. From every department one faculty was assigned to give counselling and manage the admission process for the new academic session 2020-21. **Fr Arokya Swamy**, the new manager of the Nevta Campus joined the institution on June 4. He was welcomed by **Fr. Augustine**. From 16<sup>th</sup> onwards all the teaching, maintenance and non-teaching staff joined the college. On 18<sup>th</sup> planning for the new academic session, different methods to conduct online classes, how to boost admissions and various other ideas were discussed. It was decided that for the first, second and third year students the session will commence on July 13 through online teaching platform. As per the instructions from the Principal, the session on how to use Google Meet was arranged on 23<sup>rd</sup> to educate the staff about the App and its functioning. All the staff worked with full dedication to enhance the admission process. Using the E-Learning platform as the new pedagogy to conduct classes during this pandemic situation the staff is working on making of online study materials and PPTs for the upcoming academic session. In June five National and one International Webinars were conducted using Zoom Meeting Platform. The seminars were well appreciated and the response from the participants was excellent. One-week Faculty Development Program was also organized. Despite Covid-19 and related limitations, the

college is trying to meaningfully organize various academic programmes.

**School:** After the declaration of the results of the academic year 2019-20, the school could not reopen for the new academic year due to Covid-19 pandemic. Making use of the available internal resources, the school launched its first round of online classes using various online teaching platforms from the first week of April. During the summer vacation, the school management decided to conduct the online classes in an organized manner with an appropriate teaching platform. After wide consultation with competent people, we decided to go with Microsoft Teams as the teaching platform for the online classes. Teachers were called in small groups for the hands-on and online training by the Microsoft Team. The second round of online classes for Classes 9-12 commenced on June 17 and for Classes 1-8 on June 25. The Principal and all the Vice Principals have been assigned with the duty of daily supervision of online classes along with the school IT Team. The school bid farewell to the Academic Vice Principal, Mr. C.K. Punnoose and Teacher Coordinator, Mrs. Renu Agarwal on June 13. Due to government restrictions, an online farewell program was organized by the coordinators during which both were honoured with tokens of love and appreciation. On behalf of the school management, **Fr. Arock** and **Fr. Ravi**, thanked both of them for their selfless service right from the inception of the school. On the same day, Fr. Ravi, introduced Fr. Arock, to the staff as the Superior of the Jesuit Community and the new Manager of the School. The collection of fees continues to be a big challenge. The teaching and the office staff are being paid only 50 percent of their salary from April 2020. However, all other supportive staff are being paid the full salary.

**Community:** Due to Corona effect, Fr. Arock arrived in Nevta only on June 3 after long holidays at home and he officially took charge on June 4 as the Superior of the Community. Nevta community bid farewell to **Fr. Amal** in the second week of June and reached him to his new destination Jhajjar. Frs. Ravi and Arok went to Delhi for the

extended consult and on the way back Fr. Arock brought his luggage with him. Fr. Tony Andrade is with us, spending some quiet moments enjoying the campus beauty and the heat of Rajasthan as well. The Jesuit Residence was inaugurated and blessed on the June 29 before a small gathering. Bishop Oswald Lewis solemnized the function and offered the first mass in the new Community Chapel. From July 1 onwards the community plans to live under one roof.

*Nevta Jesuits*

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

During the month of June, some of the senior members of the Xaverian family spanning across the globe came on the social media platforms and conducted career counselling webinars for their younger Xaverians on a wide range of career opportunities. They were Dr. Samir Parikh (1989 batch), (Head of Dept. of Mental Health, Fortis Hospital) on Positivity and Wellbeing in Present Times, Akul Dewan (2007), (MS in Artificial Intelligence, presently working in the US) on 'Career in Artificial Intelligence', Ms. Ashith Dev (2010) (presently working in Canada as a Social Worker) on 'Career in Social Work', Dr. Simon Thomas (1995), (DNB Ortho, M. Ch. (Ortho) Zimmer Fellowship Joint Replacement) on 'Career in MBBS', Amit Goel (1981) and Bhupendra Chaubey (1994), on Career in Media, Rajneesh Mathur (1983), on 'Career in Commerce', Capt. Abhinav (2009) and Wg. Cdr. Himanshu Kulshreshth (ex-IAF Pilot) (1991) on 'Career in Aviation', Ashish Chawla (1992), on Career in Fashion Photography, Karan Trivedi (2008), (Fitness Entrepreneur) on Career in Fitness Industry, Shalaut Jain (2000), (Head Piramal Enterprises Ltd, Mumbai), on Career after MBA, Mr. Jatin Jogi, (1993), HSBC Bank, on Careers in Banking Sector, Rahul Dave, (1976) on Careers in Judiciary and Law, Dr. Sandeep Chatterjee (1990), (USA, PhD Hospitality) on Careers in Hospitality, Varun Gupta, (2001), Corporate lawyer, on Careers in Judiciary and Law. All these eminent Xaverians spoke passionately about their respective career and how they climbed up the ladder

of success. They reminisced their school days with awe and respect for their teachers and the Jesuit Fathers. They all exhorted their juniors to imbibe values like passion for excellence, honesty in life, know yourself, challenge yourself, identify your strengths, think laterally, read passionately, etc. We also tried to reach out to experts beyond the Xaverian family and organised a few more sessions for our students during the summer break. Dr. Prerna Mathur conducted a session on 'Career in Medicine'. Mr. Amritanshu from Jazba Theatre Group gave our students a session on 'Career in Digital Film Making'. On June 27 a session was held for our students on 'Career in Sports' by Dr. Rakesh Tomar of Physical Education Dept, King Fahd University, Saudi Arabia. We organized two online sessions for the students of Psychology on the topic 'Growing Scope of Psychology' by Ms. Prakriti Sharma and Mr. Vishnu Digambhar, scholars at Gwalior Mansik Arogyashala. Some of the students of Psychology enrolled themselves on the Summer Internship Program on 'Mental Health Awareness' organised by Fortis Mental Health. Our teachers ensured that the students are kept engaged in a healthy and productive manner. The Senior School Xavier Times Editorial Department came out with their first e-magazine 'Expressions' for the month of May and the Junior School is getting ready with their version of the same 'Spectrum', getting ready to be released in July. Throughout the summer break, our teachers attended various webinars and faculty development programmes. Ideas learnt in these webinars will help them to make their online classes more effective. They have used this portal of new knowledge in creating study materials for students. The teachers teaching GK to Classes 2-4 conducted preliminary rounds of GK QUIZ on June 15, 16 and 17. Final round will be conducted in July. Junior School has come up with another new initiative, 'Efulgence' – an array of online competitions. The first category of competitions will be held in July. On June 23 we bid adieu to Sr. Naveena CMC who charmed everyone with her gentle and pleasing personality in the short time she served in the Junior

School. Senior School staff bid farewell to Mrs. Rashmi Sethi who guided generations of students in our school.

*Tom*

### **ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD**

**School:** The school felt proud when it received the 2019 award from the Delhi Minority Commission as one of the "Outstanding Schools" in the city. Mrs. Maria Rodrigues was decorated with "Teacher of Substance" Award for her valuable contribution as the Academic Coordinator of Xavier's. Online classes continued till June 6 and online assessments were conducted for all. Special classes and activities were arranged from June 1 to 27 for the physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of the students. The participation of the students was really heartening as many enrolled for the classes. A webinar was organized by the Commerce Dept on June 16 for Classes 11-12 on "How to avoid common mental blocks in career path". It was conducted by Mr. Saurabh Singh, assistant professor in IP University and an ex-student. An online spiritual program was conducted for the Christian students of Classes 6-8 on 26th by Fr. Britto and Miss Kirti Bodra, school counsellor. International Yoga Day was celebrated enthusiastically using digital media platform by all students on 21st. The ministry of Ayush has started a campaign 'Yoga at home, Yoga with family'. The students also participated in the online Yoga quiz by registering on DIKSHA Portal. Webinars were attended by teachers on various topics to keep themselves updated in the academic field and to strive for excellence.

*Britto*

**Parish:** Parish continued to be active during the May lockdown through various Marian family devotions. Further, we made it a point to pray for each other. We communicated with each other through WhatsApp messages and telephonic conversations. We started Novena to the Holy Spirit on May 22. Parish Priest **Fr. Scaria** kept on sending mass readings, reflections and novena prayers to the



members regularly. Many parish members were active in Jesus Saviour Ministry in spreading the good news through their singing and Gospel proclamation by using YouTube app. In June too there were no common gatherings. We continued with WhatsApp messages and online masses. However, we had one baptism officiated by **Deacon Anthony Arul** on 18<sup>th</sup>. Parish priest took an opinion poll whether we should start the parish Sunday masses during the month July or not. Majority opinion was not to start immediately so it was decided to continue with the online masses for the month of July too. But it was suggested to have small group masses and administration of the sacraments if there is an urgent need. Two of our parishioners were awarded by Delhi Govt Minority Commission. Mr. Victor Sequeira was awarded for his active participation in social activities for the benefit of the minorities and Mrs. Anna Pinto for her involvement in human rights activities. Though Mr. Robin Kumar's community kitchen stopped functioning on June 1 he continues to take care of the poor migrants through supply of dry rations. Through his help Fr. Scaria managed to give rations to 12 Catholic families of the parish.

### *Scaria*

**LVI:** In spite of the lockdown, with the help of Lokmanch, LVI distributed ration, sanitizers, handwash or masks to nearly 100 families in Sector 26 & 27 of Rohini. Our tailoring girls of Sector 27 made hundreds of masks in the last month and earned Rs.200/- per day. During the LVI Staff meeting I explained the poor financial situation of LVI, with no fees coming in for 3 months, and so they readily agreed to forgo their salary of June. Thanks for their generosity. Our Bawana Centre, with few students and no project-fund to continue, is slowly closing down. In fact we have already closed down the Computer Centre. Last week I animated the Triduum for the CJ Sisters in the school campus.

### *George Peter*

**Community:** Since workers started to come for work from May 5 our works outside was reduced and so we have enough time for ourselves. Community

members busied themselves with physical fitness activities, reading and praying. Our cook Gopal prepared good and tasty food for us to keep us healthy. Yet **Fr. Shaju** felt sick and **Fr. Scaria** had to take him to Jivodaya Hospital on 15<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Tenzin prescribed a lot of tests and Shaju had to spend two days in getting all of them done. Seeing that Shaju is getting a lot of TLC in Jivodaya **Fr. George Peter** also went to consult the doctor with complaint of swelling and pain in his big toe. Dr. Tenzin gave him all the needed attention and asked him to do a lot of tests. At the end both the doctor and patients were equally satisfied. Fr. Remy called us from Bettiah at least once in three days and kept us informed about his sojourn there. Though we had only one community meeting and another with collaborators, we had special community prayers four times in May. On 6<sup>th</sup> May we prayed for the corona victims, on 14<sup>th</sup> we joined the Global Day of Prayer announced by Pope Francis, on 30<sup>th</sup> we joined the South Asian Conference in the Pentecost Vigil Prayer and on 31<sup>st</sup> we joined the United Christians of the Archdiocese of Delhi in praying for the nation. On 31<sup>st</sup> we had the prayer from 12:00 to 12:30 pm led by **Fr. Anil Kispotta**. On June 1 in the presence of the community and the office staff Fr. Anil Kispotta took charge as Principal of the School. After experiencing the hospitality of the K.R Community, Bettiah for seventy days **Fr. Remy** reached Shabad on 2<sup>nd</sup>. On 3<sup>rd</sup>, after combined meeting with the collaborators, community officially welcomed Fr. Anil with a grand dinner. On 8<sup>th</sup> a few Jesuits and the local communities of Sisters joined us for a farewell dinner for Fr. Shaju. On 10<sup>th</sup> Br. Gyan and Fr. Scaria reached Fr. Shaju to Behror. On 12<sup>th</sup> **Deacons Joseph Kurapati and Anthony Arul** joined the community. Regional Assistant Fr. M.K George visited us on 15<sup>th</sup>. He met each one of us and spent the day with us. All are in good health and spirit so far.

### *Scaria*

### **ALMORA**

In May, during the lockdown, SEVA Almora reached out to ten poor and struggling families in Barechina and a few other



villages with some basic grocery items. On June 18, **Fr. Rakesh** and **Fr. Pradeep** along with **Sch. Cyril** went to Delhi for the extended consult. Rakesh stayed back in Delhi to get some much needed massage treatment for his backache. Sch. Cyril and **Sch. Manish** are making good use of their free time in honing their culinary skills by making different types of cakes, wines and dishes. They also put in lots of time in perfecting their ability to play different musical instruments like tabala, harmonium, triple and drum. Fr. Dominic is here with us in the hills to unwind himself by spending some quality me-time. As he crossed over to Uttarakhand he was asked by the officials to home quarantine himself for 14 days. Thus he is forced to extend his seven-day stay to fifteen days now. During the unlock-1 we started to make a four-foot-wide 'kacha' road in our Gaijol property all the way down to the water pump room near the Kosi river. The work is in progress and it may take another week to complete it. Thanks to Fr. Pradeep for taking the lead and initiative. Thanks to Cyril, Manish and **Fr. Joshy** for extending their helping hands in this project. Fr. Dominic is our engineer cum supervisor and his presence has indeed given us much impetus. The hard physical labour, the use of spade and pickaxe, has left us with blisters all over our hands. Province members are most welcome to take a stroll on the newly built road enjoying the beauty of the land when you visit us. The braver and healthier ones can even have a bike ride all the way down to the river!

*Joshy*

### **KHARAR/MORINDA/GSSSC ROPAR**

In May our animators started going to the villages but the SHG women told them not to come for the meeting till the lockdown is fully lifted. So they restricted their visits to Kotla Village for the SHG meetings. On 23rd **Deacon Leo** stayed with us at Morinda House. Next day we visited nearby parish at Bassi Pathana. It was our long time wish to see the beautiful church there. Our dream came true on this day. During the lockdown period we managed to distribute dry rations for about 32 poor households in six different hamlets of

Morinda and Ropar sub-divisions. Our volunteers helped out in repairing a partially collapsed house of a daily wage migrant labourer in Village Chounta Khurd, Ropar. The migrant labourer recently returned from Maharashtra. On June 5 Ropar Community visited our Mohali land and had sumptuous lunch with us at Morinda. On 11<sup>th</sup> we gave farewell to **Fr. Jinesh** and **Sch. Ruben** at Morinda. On 24<sup>th</sup> afternoon there was heavy rain and water entered our Kharar house. Our Sankalp Society Website is in the making - [www.sankalpropar.in](http://www.sankalpropar.in). We are grateful to the communication team of the province for gradually putting it together in the virtual medium.

*Viren*

### **SHANTI SADAN, ALLAHABAD**

The months of May and June were extra months added to our pre-novitiate program due to the lockdown. We thoroughly enjoyed the two months with different activities. The first of the items was preparation for Superior Fr. Soosai Mani's birthday. We practised a dance, a skit and songs and presented them in the evening on May 5. In the morning we had the Eucharist celebrated by **Fr. Soosai** and in the evening we had dinner together. From the 2nd week on we had English, Hindi and computer classes. On his birthday on 15<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Robert Athickal** presided over the Eucharist under a neem tree near the rose garden. Greetings and sharing of cake followed. On 22<sup>nd</sup> we prayed during a Eucharist for the eternal rest of Fr. Adolfo Nicholas in heaven. Our special work in the month of June was preparing firewood by splitting large logs of wood of a tree that had fallen down during a storm. On 5<sup>th</sup> evening we arranged a short program to express our deepfelt gratitude to Fr. Soosai Mani for accompanying us and teaching us English, Hindi and tabala. He was an inspiration for all of us to do well. On 7<sup>th</sup> we invited St. Paul's Community to celebrate a Mass in our chapel on the occasion of Fr. Pankaj Kandulna's untimely demise due to heart attack. Our Community joined them and prayed for the departed soul. On 9<sup>th</sup> morning we gave a tearful send off to Fr. Soosai Mani. Before we left for the

Novitiate we spent three days in prayer on June 22-24; we were guided by **Fr. Jose**. On 22<sup>nd</sup> evening our new superior, **Fr. Joy Pulikunnel**, flew in from Pune. The same evening Patna Provincial Fr. Donald Miranda arrived from Lucknow after receiving the first vows of the novices. He called for a meeting with all the Fathers on how to manage the finance here at Shanti Sadan. On 25<sup>th</sup> morning he left for Varanasi. A farewell was arranged on the same evening in which every candidate presented an item - a song, a speech, flute recital, etc. On 27<sup>th</sup> morning 12 of us pre-novices said goodbye to Shanti Sadan and left for Lucknow by a special bus. A 13<sup>th</sup> candidate will join us in Lucknow after completing his degree exam in Kerala.

*Angels & Chacks*

### LOYOLA SADAN, LUCKNOW

At the beginning of May we took up new jobs. We had Bible passage presentation. We have initiated province-wise recreation on Sundays. On 10<sup>th</sup> two Patna Jesuits Fr. Joyson and Deacon Rajesh were with us for a short while on their way to Patna. We had two weeks of holidays. It was a good time for us to get into the mood of fun, creative games and bonding with each other. Moreover we learnt new skills. We thoroughly enjoyed our holidays. On 18<sup>th</sup> **Fr. Vimal** came back from Patna after two and a half months. We had Psycho-Sexual-Spiritual Integration classes by Fr. Vimal.

*Barnabas*

### XAVIER NILAYA, BENGALURU

In May the new regent **Sch. Gnana Muthu** reached Xavier Nilaya; he was home quarantined for a few days. **Sch. Ashwin** made his annual retreat under **Fr. Mani Poovakot** in XN. Amidst all the panic and fear we kept aside two days for Community Days. It was meant to bring awareness of community life through various activities. This was followed by a day of recollection. On June 20 we celebrated Fr. Mani's birthday with a grand cultural evening. Both the regents went to Mount St. Joseph for the first vows of six novices. One of the Delhi candidates preferred to join Kerala

Province and has already left for Kerala. Right now fourteen candidates are here, eagerly waiting to move to the next stage of formation. Sch. Ashwin left for Punjab on June 29.

*Alam Arpit*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July	August
03 Kunnunkal, Thomas	01 J., Dayal
04 D'Souza, Stanley	01 Tirkey, Manoj
05 Minj, Manish	02 Xavier, Shekhar
05 Panthamackal, Scaria	06 Kochackal, Joshy
10 Baa, Praveen	Kuruville
10 Minj, Arvind	08 Menezes, Glenn A.
11 Padayatty, Mathew	08 Sah, Remy C.
15 Francis, Devadoss	10 Kispotta, Anil
16 Perekkatt, Varkey	18 Madalaimuthu,
21 Raj, Antony Anish	Packiam
22 Dhanwar, Barnabas	28 Xess, Rohit
23 D'Silva, Nelson A.	30 Rosario, Abragam
25 Faulstich, Paul J.	
28 Joseph, Victor Edwin	

### Request for Prayer

Fr. George Mla's sister Mariyakutty, 84, with left side paralysed because of blocks in the brain.

Fr. Job's brother Jose Kozhamthadam, who has been diagnosed with myeloma.

### Gone for their Eternal Reward

**Fr. Thomas Anthraper** (KER 90/70) May 6  
**Fr. Adolfo Nicolas**, former General, (JPN 84/67) on May 20.

**Fr. George Pulparambil** (MDU 91/71) on May 22.

**Fr. S.A. Alphonse** (AND 69/51) on June 10.

**Fr. S.M. Xavier Irudayaraj** (MDU 79/61) on June 16.

**Fr. Marcus Murmu** (DUM 63/38) on June 20.

Sch. Antony Arul's cousin's wife Deepa on May 7.

Fr. Jose Vattakuzhy's aunt, Mrs. Lilly Joseph, 72, on June 17.

Sch. Anish Raj's maternal uncle on June 25.

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