



Province Apostolic Plan (PAP) 2020-25: The Little Joys of Working Together

I was happy to receive Fr General's approval, blessings, and possible areas of improvement of our Province Apostolic Plan 2020-25. Fr Sosa has appreciated the year-long effort and writes: "The group appointed by you [Simon, Augustine, and Agnelo] for the purpose, has done a commendable job. The six preferential options of the province align very well with the four UAPs... The process was participative; each community and every member was encouraged to take part in the process through personal conversion and spiritual conversation. Overall, it is a Plan that is extremely well done" (Fr General's letter dated 18 June 2020).

It certainly was a meaningful process. The local superiors and directors of works took much trouble to put down their goals, objectives, and planned actions. Now comes the interesting part of implementing, monitoring, and evaluating the PAP. Permit me to share three points as we begin this journey:

- 1. We are in this together.** This is our plan for our mission. If we are not careful, these will become isolated action plans for each community/institution, without much concern about the others. With a deeper sense of union of minds and hearts, we can reflect on the plan for intra-community and cross-community fertilization of ideas.
- 2. This is a roadmap, not a GPS.** Be flexible. Covid-19 has taught us that the best-laid plans of mice and Jesuits don't go as expected. The PAP provides the broader picture but not the finer details which will be filled in by the respective community/institution. An organized chaos. We learn from the wisdom of Pope Francis who reminds us to leave space for the Holy Spirit to work. When change is needed, we will.
- 3. Our mission partners are not for show.** Share leadership. Allow our collaborators to be part of the decision-making processes. Alone, we will struggle with limitations of personnel, finances, time, and energy. With our friends on board, they will help us to discern the more important needs and how to achieve the greater good of the masses.

Let us praise God and celebrate the little joys along the way.

Fr. Roland Coelho

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our Fathers having completed 50 Years in the Society: **Fr Justin Borges** and **Fr Rosario Rocha**

50 Years of Priesthood: **Fr Fermin D'Souza**

We thank God for the gift of each one of them to the Province. May God bless them abundantly.

Congratulations to our newly ordained deacons: **Raul D'Souza** and **Lindsay Lobo**.

We, Congratulate our 4 Novices who took their First Vows on 21 June, 2020. **Swapnil Borges, Noel Fernandes, Joswalt Noronha, Cajetan Pereira**. They have proceeded to Vinayalaya, Mumbai to complete their Juniorate studies. We wish them all the best.

HSSC RESULT – 2020- LOYOLA HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ARTS, MARGAO –GOA

ARTS : 100% RESULT FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

SCIENCE: 98.73%

NEWS FROM THE JUNIORATE, VINAYALAYA

Danzil narrates his Juniorate Experience: At Vinayalaya (Andheri-Mumbai), I had a wonderful time in the Juniorate. It was a time of serious learning interspersed with moments of fun. For me personally, I felt it was a continuation of the Novitiate because I encountered similar experiences here but in a different way. There were moments of deep trust, though there were some struggles too, but these struggles looked small as compared to the bigger picture. It was another year of molding with the stress more on studies.

The most incredible experiences were while I was doing my ministry at St. Peter's Church, Bandra, with my companion George (Kom). We were given the task of assisting the special children who would come here for their activities at the Social Outreach Cell and also while visiting families. Besides this,

other tasks like the altar-servers meetings and teaching Catechism were also enriching. Yet, what touched me the most were the social outreach programs and the visits to families.

Besides the ministry I also got the opportunity to read books on spirituality as well as novels. This gave a boost to my habit of reading and I was so enthused that I wanted to just read and read more.

The corona virus that hit us made us feel insecure as there was also panic and uncertainty, but during this time we received a lot of support from our formators who made us not only physically but also emotionally and spiritually strong, thus enabling us to face any eventuality. Right now, though we do not have a solution in sight for this pandemic, we are doing all that we can to provide our assistance to the needy. This pandemic has taught me to give of myself and to be available for whatever task that comes my way. Through all this I experienced the struggles that we all had to go through because of the absence of our staff. In a way I felt more connected to them; their absence made me feel their presence.

Sch Danzil Fernandes

NEWS FROM MYANMAR

After enjoying a well-deserved break, S.A.G. (St. Aloysius Gonzaga Institute of Higher Studies) began in full swing. On the first day, the teachers participated in a half-day orientation programme conducted by the novice master, Fr. Toto. Classes for the new semester began on 5th March. Along with the regular integrated program, the Y.L.P. (Young Learners Program) was organized simultaneously. As the government schools had closed for the academic year, around 250 students had enrolled for the Young Learners Program.



Due to the spread of the pandemic, the education board and local authorities announced that all private institutions were to remain closed until further notice. As a precautionary measure, the 3 hostels affiliated to the school were also closed and the students were asked to return home. However classes were not terminated as teachers conducted online programs using the platforms of Zoom and Edmodo. On their part the students had to submit assignments at regular intervals. This virtual semester lasted for 2 months, at the end of which the students had to answer the final exam.

The National Magis Youth Meet that was planned for April was called off as soon as the government imposed the lockdown. Despite the lockdown, the youth ministry continues. Fr. Wilbert, the candidate director live-streams the Eucharist every evening and virtual youth meetings are conducted from time to time.

Each Jesuit community took upon themselves to reach out to the poor and those in need during this troublesome and challenging time. Some scholastics surveyed the area and noted the number of families that needed assistance. Communities were able to distribute relief packages consisting of essential food items and medical supplies with financial support received from the Mission. We continue to pray for those in need and suffering.

Sch Sean Cardozo

NEWS FROM CASA PROFESSA, OLD GOA

The Jesuit Community at the Casa Professa continues to pray for the various needs of the entire world at the feet of our elder brother St. Francis Xavier. Every morning we come together, at the Mausoleum, for the Eucharistic celebration, taking turns to celebrate the Mass and pray for different intentions. In the evenings, we once again spend time as a community in prayer and adoration.

Fermin gives his time attending to Ignatian retreats, counseling and courses, and treating health problems through the Twelve Tissue Remedies of Schuessler. The lockdown and the pandemic hitting Northern Italy and Europe did not stop Fermin from continuing with his

apostolate. Benefactors and friends in Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, inclusive of Ghana and Liberia (Western Africa), and also in Canada, USA, Australia, and those in India who had just made retreats or courses most recently were contacted via email and WhatsApp assuring them of prayers through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and requesting them to intimate their extended families of the prayerful support.

Many of Fermin's personal contacts approached him for counseling and some even requested if they could undertake the 30 day Ignatian retreat. Though personal contact was not possible, this hurdle was solved by getting them to undertake the 19th Annotation through email, WhatsApp and/or phone calls. In this way retreats and counseling sessions are progressing in English and German languages.

John Fernandes conducted an Ignatian retreat in the last week of May 2020, for a few Junior Sisters of FMCK congregation, as part of their preparation for their Final Profession. They were grateful for the retreat and the guidance received. At present the online classes for the course in M.Th. Spirituality, for which John has registered at JDV, Pune has begun and keeps John on his toes with discussions and submission of assignments that required meeting deadlines. John has his hands full.

Percy (Kohima), is busy preparing for his theology course. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown that followed, travelling back to Kohima was not possible and so Percy eagerly awaits for the restrictions to ease so he can be back in his region.

From Easter onwards **Patricio** continues to celebrate mass daily, which is recorded and telecast online. A good number of persons participate in these masses and call back to share how they have benefited spiritually. There is a lot of maintenance work of the Basilica still pending. A part of the work namely; laying of sheets, tiles and some repair work for the roof which urgently needed attention was attended to before the onset of the rains.

After returning from Tertianship at Kandy, **Jude**

was invited to conduct a month long Ignatian retreat for the fourth year theologians of Pilar Seminary from March to April 2020. This was followed by an extended invitation to direct an Ignatian retreat for the remaining theologians of the Pilar Society. Both the retreats were highly appreciated. Currently as minister of the Jesuit Community, **Jude** is reaching out in service and attending to the needs of the members of the community. The SSC retreats for this year have not yet started due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. Jude and his team wait eagerly to see how things pan out and for further guidelines from the government that would enable them to take a decision on beginning the retreats.

Fr Jude Carrasco

NEWS FROM ST PAUL'S, BELAGAVI

Due to the pandemic and with churches closed, people are participating in the Eucharist through video live streaming. The response has been very encouraging. The Bishop had encouraged everyone to participate in the common Rosary as well during the month of May. During the whole month of May, we had the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament daily. During the time of the rosary we offered prayers for those suffering from COVID-19, those who succumbed to the infection, for all health workers, the leaders of the country, parents, our students, etc. We intend continuing with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the common Rosary.

Due to the lockdown and with the domestic staff on leave, the community members under the leadership of the chef **Fr Pedro** took turns to display their culinary skills. On the menu were cakes, fried rissóis, a variety of exotic starters, baked pizza (double cheese bust) with a variety of toppings, etc. We had a community get together with BBQ of chicken and fish. A seasoned digestive "AamKa Pena" (raw mango), whisked Irish cream, local drinks, cocktails and for the teetotalers, mocktails (Lost in the Forest, Fruit Punch and Virgin Mary) just to name a few and keep your mouths watering.

Cecil was engrossed in watching various YouTube videos on gardening. He has begun to put into practice what he has learnt. Pay a visit and you will

see hanging gardens, vertical gardens, terrace gardens, container gardens all springing up in the campus and in the Jesuit House. The dining room has been given a new face lift with potted plants adding greenery to the place. We need however to be careful of the pure vegans.

During the lockdown four of our students together with Mr. Savio Martins, **Shawn D'Silva** and **Cecil** worked tirelessly to compose a video based on one of the Apostolic Preferences, "Care for the Common Home." This video was released on June 5th, World Environment Day. It can be watched on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/9yykjrktkoq>. The video was highly appreciated by one and all with positive feedback coming from ex-students, parents, students, and well-wishers.

Cecil meanwhile was forced to take a break for a week at the Nirmal Nagar hospital. He was grounded with a severe allergy that was diagnosed as wheat allergy. **Peter, Shawn D'Silva** and **Jimmy** were given a warm farewell by the community, whereas **Savio Abreu, Jacob** and **Ashwin** were formally welcomed to the community of St. Paul's.

Savio Abreu landed in Belgaum on March 23 and since then has been rooted and grounded at St Paul's. He has taken over the reins of the school from Peter. **Savio** began by visiting every staff member of the school. **Jacob** too has taken over as principal of the PUC. Due to the lockdown, classes are yet to begin.



On June 12, the Jesuits of the Belgaum area had an opportunity to meet each other; the occasion was the celebration of Savio's birthday. The Eucharistic celebration at 6 p.m. was followed by

agape. On June 13, all the staff members of the school, KG to PUC met in the school hall to celebrate Savio's birthday and to welcome both the principals Savio and Jacob. **Peter** conducted online training for the staff of St Paul's, St Joseph's and Divine Providence.

Guy is a silent worker, who goes about doing his job meticulously removing the congress grass from the campus and watering the plants. His only cause of concern has been, "Why are people over 65 years of age not allowed to travel during this pandemic?" **Tony** is busy handling the accounts of BXC and made sure that the community did not suffer from water shortage during the summer months of April and May. To add to the joyous occasion of the holidays of the novices from XTC, the school staff of St. Paul's (Mr. Karu, Mr. Anthony and Mr. Arun) together with the Jesuit Community helped to conduct fun games and provide a rich fair of mouth-watering dishes for the novices. **Anthony Noronha** has been draining the house internet account since he is attending online lectures for 3 to 4 hours daily, as well as preparing himself for his online exams. **Steven D'Almeida** arrived from Pune for his diaconate ministry. His first task was to complete his seven days of institutional quarantine.

Fr Cecil Fernandes

XTC PARIVAR

We began our life as a Jesuit in the "School of the Heart". It was a period of 2 years where we were spiritually formed. We were moulded and formed in the hands of our formators - Novice master, **Fr Anil Pereira; Socius, Fr Vijay and Fr Drago**. At the end of these enriching and enlightening years we were invited to profess our first vows in the **Society of Jesus** on 21st June 2020.



The Holy Spirit prompted us to choose this theme for the Eucharistic celebration

"FALL IN LOVE, STAY IN LOVE." The entire XTC community worked hard to make this day a memorable one. The main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration was **Fr. Ronald D'Souza** (Rector of St Paul), along with two of the consultors of Goa province, namely, **Fr. Menino Gonsalves** and **Fr. Augustine Fernandes**; and our formators. The inspiring homily of Fr Ronald, helped us to reflect on our theme connecting it to the spiritual exercises, particularly to 'The Principle and Foundation' and to 'The Contemplation to Attain Love'.



Due to the pandemic our families were not able to attend but we were blessed to have our neighbouring parishioners and Jesuits in and around Belagavi. The liturgy was well organized; the angelic choir of our first year brothers were trained by **Fr. Elvin**. As we pronounced our vows we were filled with the grace of God to carry out His mission and to serve Him under the banner of the cross. **Menino** on behalf of **Fr Roland**, the Provincial of Goa, read out a beautiful message congratulating us, after that we were presented with a crucifix, the book of The Constitutions of the Society and a copy of the Spiritual Exercises. What followed was a sumptuous meal arranged by **Fr Seby**, the minister along with the kitchen staff.

We are filled with gratitude to God for choosing us and for always guiding us to follow in His footsteps to become better instruments in spite of our weaknesses. We are also thankful to our provincial for his approval that allowed us to pronounce our first vows and to be a part of the Jesuit family. We are thankful to our formators for motivating and guiding us during these two years in the novitiate. We are thankful to all those who prayed for us and who were present in spirit with us during this special day. May god bless you all and keep you all safe.

Sch Joswalt Noronha

NEWS FROM XAVIER COMM., KHANAPUR

The months of the lockdown was a good time to get in touch with our inner self and with each other. Boggled down with various ministries, the lockdown time brought a much-needed break. During this time, the parish reached out to some poor families providing them with daily rations. Even though there was no public Eucharistic celebration at the parish, some youth volunteered to record and upload the privately celebrated Sunday Eucharist to the Milagres Parishioners through YouTube. The people were grateful for this gesture as they did benefit from this spiritual intake. This innovation was spearheaded by **Fr Kustas Lima** with help from **Fr Shawn**, **Fr Elvin** and **Fr Anthony**. The parish priest, **Kustas** also visited the families with Holy Communion during the month of April and May so as to offer a tangible presence of Christ to their lives. Milagres School, under the guidance of **Anthony Pereira** distributed food to the families out of the surplus mid-day meal supplies that they had. **Elvin** was busy seeing to the renovations at Xavier Residence and at the same time getting geared up for the next academic year. Besides this, **Elvin** was a great source of encouragement and guidance to the youth of our parish during the lockdown. **Colman**, our oldest member unfortunately got stranded at Jesuit House, Panjim, and experienced the hospitality of the Jesuit House community. **Matthew** at Sangargalli, meticulously followed the government guidelines that had to be promulgated during the pandemic. Yet **Matthew** following the Ignatian charism of Magis, was involved in counseling people online from the safety of the parish house.

Just before the lockdown, St. Xavier's ITI, under the guidance of **Shawn D'Souza** entered into a



MoU with SELCO Pvt. Ltd. and SKIP to set up a Solar Innovation Lab in order to start a new course, 'Solar Technician'. In keeping with the UAPs of our Society and the green energy revolution today, educating the trainees to be responsible citizens towards their environment is a need of the hour. In the month of March, St. Xavier's ITI, Khanapur also saw the release of their new website www.stxavieritikhanapur.in which has proved to be a great tool to conduct online classes and tests for the trainees during the lockdown.

This year, we were happy to welcome three new members to our community, i.e. **Paul Ankush**, **Patrick Viegas** and **Lindsay**. **Ankush** has already arrived and we are eagerly looking forward to the arrival of the other two members. **Jacob** has moved out to greener pastures. He has been appointed principal of St. Paul's Higher Secondary School (PUC). **Shawn** has moved his abode from the parish house to Xavier Residence while **Ashwin** has moved to St. Paul's, Belagavi. A short farewell cum welcome function was held for these members on June 8.

As the lockdown begins to unlock, we hope and pray that everything returns to normal soon. If not, then we need to get used to a new normal! In all this, the Lord will surely show us the way.

Fr Shawn D'Souza



NEWS FROM LOYOLA HALL

The time of Covid-19 has taught us not only to speak about protecting the ecosystem, but also doing something concretely. Besides, preparing and using compost, we have ventured out in planting seeds and saplings of: banana, curry leaf,

pineapple, papaya, girkin, Indian spinach, ginger, tomato, ladyfinger, red pumpkin, mashmelon, chilly, cucumber, and bottle gourd. Besides these we have trees such as coconut, cinnamon, sapodilla (chikoo), sorrel (Bimbli), mango, breadfruit, lemon, and a variety of garden plants. Every bit of open space has been made good use of for vegetation. All this is through the initiative of **Fr Pratap**.

Pratap was invited by the Aldonkars Group on June 18 to share his experiences of horticulture, gardening and preparing compost at TSKK and Loyola Hall. This group promotes awareness in the villages in and around Aldona. Their aim is to encourage the local people to start agriculture, floriculture, horticulture, dairy, animal husbandry, home-made snacks and other products. This is a way by which they can engage themselves in self-employment.

Loyola Hall has a new member called Pinky. Sure, some of you must have raised your eyebrows after hearing that name. Relax! Pinky, is a mixed breed Persian kitten and has become the centre of attraction. Its caretaker and trainer is Pratap and presently Miss Kitten responds only to commands given in Konkani.

After being in active education cum pastoral ministries for the past 38 years, **FrApollo** is now on Sabbatical and rejuvenating at the ideal place - Loyola Hall, Miramar. **Apollo** is not resting with his legs up but spends much of his time working on the vast material that he had collected on Goan traditional feasts and festivals over the years. 'The Goan,' one of the dailies, recently published two of his articles: "Saint Anthony of Padua: *Goan Legends surrounding the Saint*" and "São João Festival: *Fostering the spirit of togetherness*" on the occasion of the feasts of these two saints. Earlier, the same daily published his articles: "Easter, *The Feast of all Feasts*"; "Lent, *40 Days of Fasting*" and "*Purumentachem Fest.*" More articles will flow from his computer during the course of the year.

After superannuating from schools, **Apollo** has been a member of the Vigilance Committee for both Higher Secondary and High School examinations conducted by the Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations

(GBSHSE) for the last 9 years. His role is to visit schools falling under the following examination centres: North Goa, Vasco and Ilhas. This has helped him to keep in contact with the SSC Board and also be conversant with happenings in the educational circles.

Fr Pratap Naik & Fr Apolinario Cardozo

PEDRO ARRUPE INSTITUTE, RAIA

This pandemic had a lot to teach us; we learnt a lot from these difficult times and were humbled by the generosity of the people we also realized that we should be open to change. At the onset of the monsoons and the new academic year, the Pedro Arrupe community witnessed changes as well. We have had a new member added to our community with the arrival of **Pedro**.

Patrick de Melo has been shifted to the Health Care Facility at Xavier Residence, Porvorim from the month of June. During the summer Patrick underwent a hernia operation followed by hip surgery, and was also down with pneumonia. He is responding well to the treatment and is now recovering in the infirmary.

Savio Rodrigues is now on YouTube. He has covered a wide array of topics concerning the Holy Mass and the Catholic faith. The link for the channel is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsQSvKDv_VkwRPQVVtJ_WSQ/videos under the name Savio Rodrigues SJ. Do watch, subscribe and share it with others. **Savio** has also undergone cataract operations for both eyes.

During this time of crisis and difficulties the Provincial had requested the province men to respond to the needs of the people. Under the guidance of **Felix**, a team was formed to render assistance to people in the psycho-spiritual and emotional areas through online counseling and spiritual guidance. **Alendro** has begun his preparation for theology. He is missioned to the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in the USA. Due to the current situation; the fall semester classes will be conducted online commencing from September. **Orville** continues his mission with Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) attending online

meetings and conducting synchronous training programs for the JWL staff in Afghanistan.

With regards to the youth ministry, the current pandemic compelled us to cancel all our programmes at the institute from March 22. Gradually, we are trying to restart a few of our regular programmes with a limited number and with due precautions in place. The new COVID-19 cases in and around Raia are hampering this process. Since we could not organize in-house programmes, **Agnelo** offered an online retreat for beginners. With the help of a couple of our lay collaborators about 60 adults and youngsters followed this retreat. **Felix** and **Orville** volunteered to offer guidance to some of the participants over the phone. Later, some of those who had benefited from the first retreat encouraged another 20 to do the same. It was very encouraging to see how those who had profited from the retreat invited others to go through the same. We hope to offer more online retreats in the future. The Pope has invited everyone to take part in the 'Laudato Si' Year,' which runs from May 24, 2020 to May 24, 2021. Taking heed to this invitation the community has planted around 130 different fruit bearing trees.

After days of meticulous planning and working



under the guidance of **Nigel** and **Orville** the solar power plant at the Institute is nearing completion. It has been designed as a protective roofing structure and also more importantly serves as a green energy plant. It will generate electricity for the entire institute as well as it would benefit two other houses namely Jesuit House, Panaji and Loyola Hall, Miramar, taking care of their energy needs for the next 25years. The surplus power

produced will be exported to the grid which will be compensated for by the electricity department on a yearly settlement basis through a power purchase agreement signed for a period of 25years.

The 40kw solar power plant is designed with minute detailing to ensure maximum efficiency of the plant. It is designed to generate about 200-260 units of electricity per day and a total of 65-70MW of power per year. It is not only cost effective but also contributes towards saving the environment by reducing carbon emissions by a whopping 72 tons and saving over 150 trees. The major benefit is that the maintenance cost for this on-grid system is literally zero, the only maintenance would be the cleaning of the solar panels.

Sch Alendro Da Costa

FR. DENZIL - HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD 2019

Fr Denzil Fernandes, the Executive Director of Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, was conferred, "The Delhi Minorities Commission (DMC) Human Rights Award 2019," for being a



"reputed social scientist working for the human, civil and minority rights in the country and for having served as a member of a DMC fact-finding committee. The citation for the award stated: "Your contributions and role in society go a long way to create the secular, egalitarian and inclusive India." He received the award from the DMC Chairman, Dr. Zafarul Islam Khan, at a simple ceremony on June 10, in the premises of the Delhi

Minorities Commission in VikasBhawan, ITO, Delhi.

Denzil is a member of the Christian Advisory Committee of the DMC and Indian Social Institute is one of the NGOs empanelled by DMC to support its activities. During the last three years, he has been actively involved in organizing various programmes for the dissemination of Delhi Government schemes for the welfare of minorities in the premises of Indian Social Institute as well as in schools and different parts of Delhi. On June 24, 2019, he was appointed by DMC as a member of a fact-finding committee to inquire about the allegations made by Members of Parliament that illegal mosques were mushrooming in Delhi. After about a month-long inquiry, the Committee submitted a report titled: "The Legal Status of Religious Spaces in and around West Delhi," which was released at a Press Conference called by DMC at its premises on August 1, 2019. Denzil has been active in supporting social activists and human rights activists in their struggle to protect the Constitutional values in our country. Besides, Indian Social Institute has raised human rights issues at the international fora since it enjoys Special Consultative Status at the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Fr Denzil Fernandes

REPORTING FROM HARNAI

On 8th of June, 2020, Frs. Joseph, Allwyn, and



Shain from Ratnagiri Parish visited Harnai. After a short break we decided to visit Catholic families of Harnai Parish along with Fr. Benito. Several houses in Harnai were damaged by the cyclonic storm. The tin roofs of the church and several buildings were blown away by strong winds caused by the cyclone. Many huge Mango and Pimple trees were uprooted and fell on the road and on roof tops. Electricity iron poles were twisted and bent and the cement poles had fallen. The transformers were damaged. The village of Harnai was in total blackout-no electricity, no mobile network, and no water supply. It would take a month for all these basic facilities to get started.

We visited the Catholic families of Harnai Parish and talked to them. According to the people, Fr Benito was very quick in getting the damaged Church and roofs of the Catholic houses repaired. With the non-availability of workers, the people were surprised to see their parish priest on top of the roof helping them repair the damages that were caused. The people were very grateful to Fr Benito for the immediate help that he had given them. Harnai village has been badly affected by cyclone Nisarga.

Fr Benito has registered the names of the church, convent and all the Catholic families to the Gram-Panchayat for help. Fr Allwyn made his little bit of contribution with some financial help as well as providing the people with blankets, bed sheets, clothes etc. Thanks to the people from his parish.

Fr Joseph Fernandes



God
Bless
You

Happy Birthday Dear ...

July

01 Joseph Cardozo
10 Savio Rodrigues
12 Jaeison Monteiro
13 Patrick Viegas
15 Augustine Fernandes
16 Anderson Fernandes
17 Jovilton Afonso
19 Anthony Noronha
21 Lawry Trindade
25 Cajetan Pereira
28 *Gito George



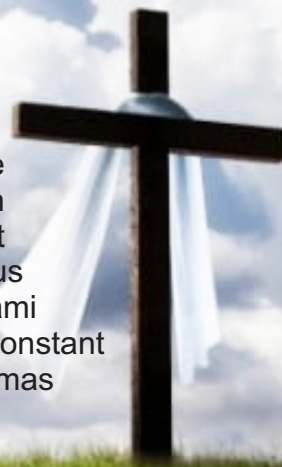
LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Fr. S.M. Xavier Irudayaraj, S.J. (MDU) 79/61 passed away, 16 June 2020 at Beschillam, Dindigul.
Fr. Marcus Murmu, S.J. (DUM) 63/38 passed away, 20 June 2020, Dumka.
Ms. Leticia Pinto, the sister of Fr. Patrick Viegas, S.J., passed away on 18 June 2020, in Pune.

MEN WHO TOILED IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD

July

02 D'Souza Sylvester	24 De Sa George
08 Castellino Emmanuel	25 Beirao Joseph
10 Menezes Celso	26 Pinto Innocent
12 Le Tellier Adrian	27 D'Cruz Aloysius
17 De Sa Ubaldo	27 Mariadas Swami
19 Alphonso John	27 Prabhudhar Constant
19 Chokhar Jacob	28 Kottaram Thomas
21 Mgr Lima Joaquim	



PROVINCIAL'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2020

07th – Education Commission meeting (Online)
09th – Communications Team meeting
11th – Province Consult (Online)
14th – Higher Education Commission meeting (Online)
17th – Formation Commission meeting (Online)
21st – Pastoral Commission meeting (Online)
24th – Social and Ecological Commission meeting (Online)
29th – Meeting of Province Safeguarding Team
(Agendum for Commission Meetings: Implementation of the PAP 2020-25)

REMEMBERING FR. ADOLFO NICOLÁS

Father Adolfo Nicolás was born on April 29, 1936 in Palencia, Spain. His parents were Adolfo Nicolás Rico and Modesta Pachón. The political turpitudes of that time in Spain forced his family to leave their region of origin and to move often. Adolfo spent a large part of his childhood in Barcelona. After thinking about a career in education among as a member of a congregation of Brothers, he was put in contact with the Jesuits by his brother and he attended a Jesuit school in Madrid.

He entered the novitiate in September 1953 in Aranjuez. During his philosophy, he responded to a call from the then General, Father Jansens, who invited Jesuits to volunteer for missions abroad. This is the origin of his vocation as a missionary in Japan. He graduated in philosophy in Alcalá and Madrid, then went to Japan to learn the language and do his regency. He continued his theological studies in Tokyo where he was ordained a priest on March 17, 1967. He then completed a Master's degree in Sacred Theology at the Gregorian University (Rome), and was Professor of Systematic Theology at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.

In 1978 and until 1984, he was Asian Pastoral Institute (EAPI) years of service there, he rector of the scholasticate in then that he was chosen to be position he held until 1999. In General Congregation; at the he was elected Secretary of the from 2004 to 2007, he was Jesuit Conference of East Asia at the time when, during the the Society of Jesus, he was January 19, 2008.



Considering that his health no longer allowed him to carry out his mission as he should have, he convened the 36th General Congregation during which he offered his resignation, according to the rules of the Society of Jesus, on October 3, 2016. After having accepted it, the Congregation elected its successor, the current General, Fr. Arturo Sosa. Father Adolfo Nicolás died in Tokyo on 20-05-2020.

appointed Director of the East in Manila, Philippines. After returned to Japan and was Tokyo from 1991 to 1993. It was the Provincial of Japan, a 1995, he participated in the 34th very beginning of the gathering, Congregation. A little later, chosen as moderator of the and Oceania, a position he held 35th General Congregation of elected Superior General on

The influence of Fr. Adolfo Nicolás

Father Nicolás was not a “public figure”. He was a discreet man who did not seek media attention. In his meetings with his Jesuit companions, he was very simple and accessible. This was the case throughout his apostolic life in Asia, in Japan and in the Philippines. Even during his generalate, he did not usually put himself in the spotlight. This humility certainly served the Society of Jesus in its relations with the Vatican and with the local Churches, where the Society participates in the one mission of God and the Church.

Adolfo Nicolás resigned as Superior General of the Society of Jesus in 2016, realizing that his health condition did not allow him to assume the heavy task of animating the Society universally. His physical health had been unsteady ever since. One would have thought that his death on 20 May would go relatively unnoticed, that his departure from this world to eternal life would be marked by great

discretion.

However, this was not the case. The communications team of the General Curia was able to identify a fair number of public reactions. Published in various communication channels, from print to social media, they highlight the importance of Father Nicolás' contribution not only for the Society of Jesus and the Jesuits, but also for religious life and for the Church.

Unsurprisingly, the media of the Society of Jesus, its Conferences, Provinces and institutions paid special attention to the former General's passing. *Aggiornamenti Sociali*, *America* and *The Tablet*, for example, did not simply mention the death of Father Nicolás, but took the opportunity to recall important themes in his teachings. The importance that the former Superior General gave to the intellectual apostolate and the theme of “depth” in religious life and in all that should mark Christianity today were highlighted.

Many Jesuits wanted to give a personal testimony of how Adolfo Nicolás had touched them. From Spain and Japan of course, but perhaps even more so from the Philippines where he worked in various capacities for several years. The Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific has produced several impressive audio-visual documents on the life and work of Father Nicolás. Fr. Danny Huang, who was his Assistant for the Asia-Pacific Region, has published a lengthy testimony in which he describes his former “boss” as leader, missionary, wise man and witness. Jesuits from the Dominican Republic, the Amazon, Kenya, among others, also expressed their gratitude to the former General.

On the other hand, press coverage by secular and religious media not related to the Society has been exceptional: *La Stampa*, *Il Corriere della Sera*, *AgenSIR* in Italy; *El País*, *La Vanguardia*, *Religión Digital* in Spain; *The National Catholic Reporter* in the United States, and numerous reports from various Vatican Radio sections.

Adolfo Nicolás, a discreet religious throughout his life that led him to positions of great responsibility, had and continues to have remarkable influence because of what he was, because of his faith and his humanity, and because of the testament he leaves behind.

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St Ignatius of Loyola***