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## Fr. Provincial's Schedule - July 2021

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| 1       | Campion School Community                                    |
| 3       | Snehasadan  |
| 6       | Province Consult  |
| 8 – 10  | St. Xavier's College  |
| 13 – 16 | Manickpur   |
| 21 -23  | Holy Family Community                                       |
| 31      | Shilpalaya Inauguration<br>Ignatius Feast Mass for Parishes |

## Pope's Intentions July 2021



### Social Friendship

We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network  
INDIA

## Age-wise distribution of province members

| Age | No. of Jesuits | % Age |
|-----|----------------|-------|
| 80+ | 27             | 85.63 |
| 70+ | 49             | 74.49 |
| 60+ | 23             | 65.32 |
| 50+ | 27             | 55.55 |
| 40+ | 26             | 44.73 |
| 30+ | 29             | 35.38 |
| 20+ | 8              | 25    |

**Average age of the Province: 60.04**

(compiled by our statistician Joaquim Tellis!)

## Program for Ignatian Jubilee - July

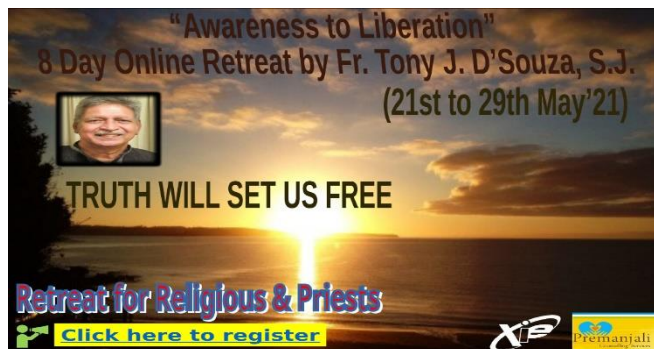
- Short Videos on Jesuits/Saints/Ignatius will be streamed before/after online masses.
- A Triduum on the daily Whats App message will be conducted by Gerard 'Crumbz'.
- A Bombay Jesuit on-line Recollection will be conducted on Friday the 30th July 7 pm.
- 31st July am - a mass for school / College / Educational Institutes and Youth.
- 31st July pm - an evening anticipated bi-lingual on-line Feast (Sunday) Mass for all parishes by the Provincial at Holy Family,
- Release of Learoy's Book on Prayer after the Evening Mass

## Awareness to Liberation (Online Retreat)

Premanjali in collaboration with XIE, Mahim conducted an online Awareness Retreat for 8 days under the direction of Fr Tony J SJ from the 21<sup>st</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May'21. The Retreat saw an overwhelming response of around 400 participants which included Sisters of various congregations from all across the world, brothers, and priests. The retreat was conducted on zoom with the technicalities and co-ordination done with the help of XIE.

This retreat was a unique approach that integrated the insights of psychology and spirituality of East and West. It was an invitation to explore one's life, using the tools of awareness. Each retreatant was called to follow one's own path of truth. The eight-day Retreat process consisted of initial input of psycho-spiritual framework that was of great help to the retreatant to understand the dynamics of one's personal, interpersonal and social problems. Through daily exercises, meditations and inputs and the Holy Eucharist, the participants

were enabled to experience greater inner freedom and joy and live in communion with nature.



The retreat applied a non-violent approach, which offered opportunities to understand oneself and discover in depth one's being, the mystical dimension of life and learn to find God in all things and live a contemplative life in action. Tools were offered to understand and deal with various aspects of life. The basic idea of the retreat was to empower each one to deal with one's problems. Due to the large number, daily interviews weren't a possibility but opportunities were provided on a daily basis to clarify difficulties.

This retreat was just the beginning of a life-long process of mindful, joyful and choiceful living in freedom and love that one undertakes with the light of truth within the security of God's love. With the lockdown and various Covid restrictions, this programme was truly a life saver to many of our religious and lay people who desired to make an annual retreat.

-- Joshua D'Souza SJ

### **TO SEE ALL THINGS NEW IN CHRIST!!**

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 "TO SEE ALL THINGS NEW IN CHRIST" and introspect on our own lives as we pronounced our first vows on 21st June, 2021.

The main celebrant Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas, Provincial of Pune, received our vows. Also present were the Goa Provincial, Fr. Roland Coelho and the Provincial of Bombay, Fr. Arun D'souza, who preached an inspiring homily on the 3 vows in the context of the world affected by pandemic and the rise of destructive

communal forces. He also spoke on how the three vows in fact liberate us and create innumerable opportunities to reach out to those in need. Other concelebrants included our Novice Master Fr. Anil Pereira and Socius Fr. Vijay Chokar. Other Jesuits from the surrounding accessible areas also attended this occasion. Due to the lockdown situation we could not have our families here with us.



The choir comprised our three first year brothers and us eight second years. 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. Roland, the provincial of Goa, congratulated 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. 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.

### **TIDINGS FROM XTC- MAY 2021!**

The month of May was full of activities in the novitiate. We were kept busy and on our toes with the different aspects of the formation.

**Work Experiment** - from 2<sup>nd</sup> May till 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021. We did a variety of works for the house like collecting fire wood and arranging it for the next year, painting gates and repairing fences, chopping off the tree branches growing dangerously close to

our house and so on. The aim of this experiment was to get to experience the life of a daily wagger who works for 8-9 hours straight to eke out a living.



The experiment also made us aware of the constant presence and protection of God with us. Although working in bushes and thickets we were protected from all sorts of wild animals and insects. We worked together as a team and made the experiment a memorable and enjoyable one. This experiment helped us to build a strong bond of companionship, helping out each other and also grow in love and trust of each other.

**Annual Holidays** - from 12<sup>th</sup> May till 20<sup>th</sup> May. It made for a nice change after the hectic and tiring work experiment. We played a variety of outdoor games and also had fun playing party and relay games. It helped us to grow in team spirit and healthy competition. It also helped to raise the morale of the group affected by the surge of COVID cases in the nearby villages of our community. We felt refreshed and recharged with enthusiasm and energy.

**Annual Retreat** - from 22<sup>nd</sup> May till 30<sup>th</sup> May, we had our annual retreat of 8 days, guided by Fr. Ronnie. It was an amazing experience and helped us to deepen our spiritual experience of the long retreat. We felt intensely aware of the presence and the working of God around us and within us.

We feel blessed to experience all these experiments and activities and feel that it helped us to grow deeper and stronger in our vocation.

## **MANMAD KHABAR**

We are happy to welcome our two new members to the community of Manmad which makes a

vibrant team of Hi- five. This month with our new beginning of academic the year we have resumed our initiatives which were previously on halt. This time the Tanda supplementary classes among the children of the Labhan banjara tribe have adapted to a digital format. With their creative ideas and



plans Br. Wenscel and our regent Infant have taken the non-formal education to the next level. The active presence of teachers and the students makes it evident that they are enjoying the teaching-learning process. Monthly training was also given to the teachers in order to prepare for the academic year.

The St. Xavier's School teachers had an enriching workshop on the Spiritual conversation given by Br. Tommy and Vijay Gonsalves SJ. They shared their experiences and made the session very interesting. As a part of the practice the teachers also shared their experiences and learnt to listen to the others with empathetic approach. The youth of Chatrabharti student group had a short meeting cum sharing of the experiences of the Covid relief work at Holy Cross Nashik. These youth were actively involved during the second phase to provide tiffin for the poor and deprived Covid patients and handicapped people. The Manmad community has been generous enough to provide financial assistance to them. The boarding premises continue to be used for the primary Covid treatment.

- Lloyd Sambrya SJ

## Talasari Mission Happenings

Talasari has been the centre of happenings - both good and bad - good with a great deal of initiative and the bad beyond one's control.

We were happy to receive trucks loaded with 11 tons of a rice, flour, dal, oil, masalas, salt, tea, sugar and soaps from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai. These were put into portable family-parcels, a back-breaking job, done by our regent **Brennan** together with our house-workers. 750 poor families of 22 villages received these parcels together with 36 transgenders and 11 house-workers. Vedanta Hospital was given 1 lakh worth of these items for the Covid patients it looks after.



Medical Camps were held in 20 villages with the help of the Vadoli Sisters. Medicines were distributed free of charge and the villagers were instructed in the use of them. The importance of Covid vaccination and the care of Covid patients were stressed. Rupees 4 lakh worth of medicine donated by St Xavier's College Mumbai was distributed to the needy.

The Mission's official driver, Ananta Vadu, having realized that his sister, Nirmal Lotda, (a house-worker), had contacted Covid, was taking care of her. In the process he contacted Covid unknown to himself and within a few days expired. His sister is still recovering and is unable to attend work. Another sorrowful event was the death of a newly appointed, active Primary Headmaster of Zari, Babu Kharpade. After 40 days of struggling with Covid his last advice to his assistant teacher was "Sumit take care of the school, I am coming".

In spite of having to come face to face with the Corona Virus, the work of the Mission goes on. A New Block of Karajgaon school was inaugurated in March. The old structure of Modgaon school has been demolished and a New School is being built in its place. In Uplat the boarding is being fully renovated and a new toilet block is being built. Most of the Primary Schools are given a new look by being painted anew. The Online classes both in the Primary and Secondary Schools go on.

With the starting of the new academic year 2021-22, farewells were given to Calistus, Joachim and Tommy. Joe Gonsalves, Anacleto and Roshan were welcomed.

- Anacelete Fernandes SJ

### **MPSM's Mobile COVID-19 Care Unit (MCCU)**

MCCU was started on 26<sup>th</sup> Apr 2021 to reach out to the tribal communities of Nashik district who were reluctant to go to government medical centres for COVID treatment due to fear of quarantine. The first unit was started in Peth taluka. This was followed by Surgana and Trimbak talukas. Each unit comprised of five to six members including a nurse. The team would visit a village and patients were examined for symptoms of COVID. Medicines and vitamin supplements were given to all the patients. A follow-up visit is done after eight days to ensure that the suspected patients had recovered.



The diverse team had members from five different congregations and also lay collaborators with only one charism - service. It was a great opportunity for all of us to step out of our fences and stay and work together for the common good. The work was demanding as we had to win the trust of the villagers who were otherwise keeping the sickness to themselves. While some villages responded very well, there were few who closed their doors. Overall, the work was well appreciated by the village authorities and there was a marked difference in the health of the patients on our second visit.

Thanks to the generosity of the benefactors and many well-wishers, we were able to reach out to many of our tribal brethren in some of the remotest areas. Above all we experienced the mighty protection of God who kept us safe throughout these two months.

- Seby Varghese



**31/07/1556 : At early dawn Our Father Ignatius rendered his soul to God...“a character whom no passion could taint, a master of self-discipline, whom the last vestiges of selfishness had left, a man who lived exclusively in the service of God...” (Bishop’s funeral oration)**

## Happy Feast of our father St. Ignatius

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### In Christ's Peace

+ Fr. Peter Kurukula Aratchi SJ (SL) 81/63, passed away in Sri Lanka on 15<sup>th</sup> May

+ Fr. Anton Weerasinghe SJ ((SL) 61/82, passed away at Kandy, Sri Lanka on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

+Fr. Ignatius Gyan Hembrom SJ (HAZ) [51/28]

+ Br Francis Basumatary SJ, (DAR) (68/35)

**The Ordination of Deacon Praful Ekka will be held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at St. Peter's Church, Bandra at 5.00 pm. Due to Covid restrictions, the numbers will be limited.**