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PROVINCIAL APPOINTS

- Fr. Joy John, Co-pastor, Bhiwadi
Fr. Anil Minj, Chair, JEPASA
Fr. Arokya Swamy, PDO (additional charge)
Sch. Anupam Dhan, DNC Philosophy
Sch. Gnana Muthu, VJ Theology
Sch. Ashwin Kujur, VJ Theology
Sch. Antony Anish Raj, VJ Theology

One More Priest in Delhi Province

On June 24 at 5:30 pm Archbishop Anil J.T. Couto started the service during which Deacon Sahil Gill was raised to the Order of Priesthood. In the beautifully decorated Millennium Hall, in the midst of soul-stirring music by the choir led by Fr. T.J. Jose, Deacon Sahil was ordained a priest. Twelve members of his family including his parents witnessed this great event in the life of Sahil. Also present were about fifty Jesuits of Delhi Province. At the tastefully decorated altar Archbishop Couto, flanked by Provincial Fr.

Soosai Mani and Sahil's Uncle Priest, imposed his hands upon Sahil. Sahil thanked all those who helped him to come to this proud and privileged moment in his life. He recalled that his uncle priest also happens to be his vocation promoter who inspired him to join the Delhi Province of the Society of Jesus. The liturgical celebration was followed by a grand dinner in the Heritage Hall. After the dinner Fr. Sahil along with his family members left for his hometown for his First Thanksgiving Eucharist. May the good Lord who called you, Sahil, to be His Minister, make your priestly life a life of loving service after the example of Christ Himself.

**HEARTY
CONGRATULATIONS
TO YOU
FR. SAHIL GILL.**

FROM THE DIASPORA

By the grace of God all the community members are keeping well. Every fourth Saturday of the month, we have community recollection that helps us to be in touch with our own inner being and with God. After the inauguration of Ignatian year, everyday a piece of autobiography of St Ignatius is read out before dinner. That helps us to imbibe the spirit of St Ignatius. Our academic activities are in full swing. For the last one month the fourth semester B.Ed. students are engaged in school teaching practice through Google Meet. This has been a great learning experience for all the students. We are busy preparing teaching aids and models as part of teaching practice. We celebrated the Golden Jubilee of our Superior Fr. Cherian Padiyara as a Jesuit on June 30 in a very simple but meaningful way. Soon after the mass community members sang a song of congratulations .

Micky

SAHAYOG

Community: Fr. K.P. George left for his new mission in Jaipur in the early hours of May 1. Fr. Arun Kumar (KAR) spent a few days here away from all the barking dogs around Jorbagh. Fr. Soosai Mani's birthday was celebrated with the usual dhoomdham on 5th. Fr. Soosai brought the Long Retreat of three SCCGs to a successful completion on 8th. Thereafter he underwent massage treatment under PHI Mr. Bejoy. Thanks a lot, Soosai, once again for stepping in at the right time. Fr. S. Periyannayagam joined the community on 6th to help out in organising the relief work for corona affected people of Delhi. On 16th House Quinzaine started. On 19th Fr. Arun Panackal celebrated his birthday in the presence of the two campus communities. On 22nd Fr. Jinesh too celebrated his birthday in the same way. Fr. Job left for Kerala on 24th to attend his nephew's wedding. After the POP in Sitagarha Fr. Tony Andrade was at Sahayog for some days from 27th on.

Mathew

With corona positive report, Fr. Kurapati reached Sahayog. After a week of quarantine, he joined the community and was installed as the minister of the house on June 10. Earlier on June 1, Sahayog community joined in the birthday celebration of Fr. Jose T.J. A few community members and our guests Fr. Tony Andrade, Fr. Rakesh and Sch. Maneesh Lukose went to meet with their doctors. Rakesh and Maneesh were admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital, Ghaziabad for a few days. Sahayog community was

represented by two at the farewell Eucharist and dinner of the Rector of Vidyajyoti. Fr. Provincial accompanied by Fr. Dayal, Fr. Arun Panackal and Sch. Maneesh went to Lucknow on 19th for the First Vows of 13 novices. While there they visited the new mission at Kaiser Ganj started by Patna Province. They also visited a couple of other places renewing old ties and returned home on 22nd. The news of the month was the ordination of Deacon Sahil on 24th. Besides the parents and guests of Sahil, Sahayog, Xavier's, Shahabad-Daulatpur and Ropar Jesuits joined in the ordination program and the celebration that followed. Farewell was given on 25th to Fr. Arun Panackal who served as minister of the house for the last two years. He left for Bengaluru on 26th for his MCom studies. On 25th Fr. Mathew Padayaty left for Trivandrum to be with his seriously sick brother. On 26th Fr. Provincial along with seven Jesuits went to participate in the First Eucharistic Celebration of the newly ordained priest Fr. Sahil at his hometown Rudrapur and returned home late in the evening. June 29 was the birthday of Fr. Ed Daly; a number of Jesuits along with the Provincial went to Jivodaya Hospital to wish him. On the same evening the Sahayog community joined the Xavier's community in the farewell Mass and dinner in honour of Fr. Jose Philip. Fr. Jinesh has been busy with his German classes and Fr. Periya with ration and medicine distribution to the Corona affected people at different slums along with Fr. Arunmozhi and team. A number of Jesuits and others visited the community. Thank you guys for your visit!

Dayal

IISR Report: Despite the pandemic and the lockdowns, IISR Delhi continues its usual mission. Recently it presented 2 important webinars. The first one was on "Religious Response to the Covid Challenge: A Scientifico-Religious Perspective," given by Fr. Job Kozhamthadam at St. Paul's Institute of Professional Studies, Indore, in collaboration with the Research Foundation of India, on May 5. This two-hour presentation and interaction was mainly for the Faculty and Staff of St. Paul's College, and more than 50 persons, mostly members of the Faculty, participated in this special event. The second event was a Club House audio presentation to an international group, also given by Job on June 27. The theme was "The Galileo Episode: The Catholic Church on the Dock?" This 3-hour interactive event was organized by the "Catholic Voice" organization and was attended by more than 100 young men and women from various parts of the world. Both

programs went off well, and the response was very positive and enthusiastic.

Job

ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

School: Regular online classes resumed on June 21 after 20 days of summer break. A few teachers came to tabulate the marks of Class X students and now they are busy with tabulations of Class XII students' marks. Renovation activities are continuing in the campus.

House: Fr. Shaju Kalathingal is on home leave from May 25 to June 25. Fr. John Ravi and Fr. Raymond paid a visit to our community on June 23.

Parish: Many parishioners are affected with the Corona virus. We have not resumed the regular Sunday Masses in the Parish.

Sebastian A

ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

Community: During the second wave of the pandemic Fr. Glenn was affected; he was taken to Jaipur and admitted in Durlabhji Hospital. During the absence of Fr. Glenn, Fr. Sangeeth and Fr. Sebastian M. took care of the house and the guests. We are happy to have Fr. Joy John and Fr. Sobin as our new community members.

School: The school continued with online classes for our students. Fr. Sangeeth meticulously planned out the summer program. During the summer holidays the school organized virtual summer programs in which a good number of students actively participated. Only a few maintenance staff and office staff were around during the summer holidays. With the cancellation of CBSE Exams, our teachers along with principal are busy in fulfilling the requirements of the Board. The school is seeing many changes with the transfer of principal and two sisters. The new building is reaching new heights with the best infrastructure, thanks to Fr. Glenn and his team. Sadly, our school bore the loss of a talented, charming and dedicated teacher Mrs. Paulina to Covid-19; Fr. Principal arranged a prayer service for the repose of her soul. Many teachers shared their experiences of being with her. We bid farewell to our outgoing Principal Fr. Sangeeth Raj; all the teachers were present for the farewell program. Many teachers expressed their feelings and gratitude to Fr. Sangeeth for his contribution to the development of the school. We ended the program with snacks.

Maria sadan: During the summer holidays candidates had a free and flexible timetable. Due to the pandemic a few candidates fell sick but within a few days they got alright. Since our cook was down with Covid, candidates got a chance to experiment with different food items. We bid farewell to one of our companions who was promoted to pre-novitiate. Sch. Maneesh, who was with us for two months, left for Patna for his regency. We welcomed Sch. James Ekka, our new Regent from Ranchi and two new candidates. The candidates are busy with preparation for their forthcoming exams.

Vijay & Ameil

ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

School: The school experienced a deserted atmosphere in May due to the second wave of the pandemic. Only a few maintenance workers pitched their tents on the school campus to take care of the grounds by watering the lawns and pruning the hedges, plants, and trees to protect them from the scorching heat. The online classes were held until 15th, and then they were suspended for the summer vocation until June 30th. After the prolonged lockdown, the maintenance staff began their duties on June 2 to spruce up the campus. On 24th, a virtual farewell ceremony was held in the principal's office for Fr. Sobin, the outgoing vice principal, in the presence of Fr. Nelson, Fr. Dominic, Fr. Packiam, Fr. Mani, and a few other staff members to express our gratitude to him. Thank you, Fr. Sobin, for your efficient administrative service over the past five and a half years. Soon after, Fr. Packiam was installed as senior school vice principal in the presence of the manager and the principal. On 29th, a seminar was held for the teaching staff as part of the Ignatian Year with Fr. Nelson as the resource person.

Community: Fr. K. P. George joined the community on May 1 and was installed as parish priest of St. Xavier's Church by Fr. Varkey on May 9. His installation was live streamed to the faithful via YouTube channel. Fr. Nelson was installed as Superior of the Jesuit community during the Sunday Eucharist on May 16. On May 15, the entire community participated in the DNC community's online prayer service marking the start of the Ignatian Year. Fr. Glenn, who tested positive for covid, arrived in Jaipur on May 9 and was admitted to SDMH. He was discharged from the hospital on 12th, but he was admitted again on 19th because his health was not improving. During the second wave of the covid pandemic, Jesuits and alumni came up with the idea of

establishing a covid care centre. After much deliberation, they decided to open a covid care centre for the underprivileged at Hathroi Fort College building. Health Minister of Rajasthan inaugurated Xavier's Alumni Covid Care Centre on May 24. Some community members are part of this team and have actively contributed to the people's well-being. This centre was established primarily to assist people who are economically disadvantaged and unable to afford medical care. This facility includes a Covid care centre, online yoga classes, online counselling, Covid testing, and other related services. **Fr. Augustine** left for Delhi on June 1 to take up the position of Rector of St. Xavier's, Raj Niwas, Delhi. On the same day, Fr. Dominic left for Almora for his annual retreat and a few days of relaxation. Fr. K. P. George made his annual retreat in Nevta during the first week of June. On June 3, we had a community faith sharing followed by Eucharist. Fr. Varkey was given farewell by the community on June 14, and the following day he left for Delhi to begin his new mission in Shahbad. Fr. Sobin, Fr. K.P. George, and **Fr. Jose Vatta** escorted him to Shahbad. On the same day **Fr. Tony Chelakat** also went for his treatment in Sahayog. Fr. Sobin was given farewell by the community on June 24. Jesuits from Nevta and Mahwa joined for the farewell dinner. The next day, he was driven to Bhiwadi by **Fr. Joshy**, Fr. Mani, and Fr. Jose. **Sch. Manish** and **Sch. Arvind** joined the Jaipur community at the end of June. On June 26, the entire community joined the birthday celebration of **Sr. Juliet** SCJM. On June 29, as part of the Ignatian Year, Fr. Nelson gave a thought-provoking and inspiring seminar for our teaching staff on the life and conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Fr. Mani, after a discussion with the superior, expressed his desire that his room be moved from the first to the ground floor, and his request was immediately granted. He is now savouring the green pastures of the ground floor.

Pakiam

Parish: Fr. K.P. George, with a warm seeing-off by Fr. Soosai Mani in the early morning hours on the first of May, joined the community at St. Xavier's, C-Scheme, Jaipur. He was quarantined for seven days as per the local regulations. He had to be taken to a dermatologist in Durlabhji Hospital in Jaipur as both his palms suffered from heavy swelling and intense itching due to some allergy. Due to the Corona lockdown the Bishop could not come for the installation of the new parish priest, and the whole function was shortened to the bare minimum on May 9. The installation was officiated by Fr. Varkey

Perekkatt. A short farewell program was also arranged by the Parish Council for the outgoing Parish Priest and other Co-Pastors who were on transfer. The prolonged lockdowns brought food scarcity and the poor suffered most. Some compassionate faithful and organizations in the parish came forward to reach out to the poor and the needy at different times in this crisis period. Sixty poor parishioners were provided with dry ration thanks to the generosity of two alumni - Mr. Tanmay Bhatnagar & Mr. Parth Laxman - of St. Xavier's School who sponsored food packets in memory of their beloved teacher Mr. Nadeem Haq who succumbed to Covid-19. This ration distribution was organized by some members of the Parish Council from May 16 to May 19. Again on June 6, the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the parish distributed dry ration for 33 needy families. The Jaipur Catholic Welfare Society (JCWS) also distributed dry ration to needy parishioners of St. Xavier's on June 13. It is heart-warming to see that in the trying time of pandemic many hearts melted in compassion and solidarity and reached out to many suffering people. Taking advantage of the lockdown Parish Priest Fr. K.P. George went for his annual retreat from June 2 to 10 at the Nevta Complex. It is an ideal place & setting for anyone to be 'alone with the Alone.' Fr. Varkey Perekkatt, the outgoing Parish Priest accompanied by Fr. K.P. George, Fr. Sobin and Fr. Jose Vattakuzhy, was reached to his new community at Shahbad on June 15. On the same day Fr. Tony Chelakat was also taken for his treatment in Sahayog. The new Parish Priest called for an online meeting of the Parish Council on June 20, much assisted by the computer engineer Fr. Nelson. The main point discussed was how to celebrate effectively the Ignatian year in the parish so that the faithful may experience inner transformation in their life. St. Xavier's Parish has got a new email address (sxchurchjaipur1979@gmail.com) and two mobile numbers: 8130325646 (with WhatsApp) & 9873395168 (without WhatsApp).

K.P. George

MAHWA NEWS

After the Summer Vacation in June the school reopens on July 1. The Minority Certificate of the school has been received. Thanks to the hard work put in by **Fr. Dayal** who relentlessly followed the process very diligently. On June 29 **Fr. John Ari** received the certificate from Shri Shale Mohammad, the Minority Affairs Cabinet Minister, in his office in Jaipur. A very important milestone indeed. We dug a new borewell to get sufficient supply of drinking water. We were lucky to get good water at a depth of 500 feet.

The finishing work of the new borewell is still going on. The collaborative mission of the FSM (Franciscan Servants of Mary of Varanasi Province) with the Jesuits got a boost from Bishop Oswald Lewis, when he wrote a letter formally approving the presence of the Sisters in Mahwa. While **Fr. Jugal** was trying to get some more admissions, by being present in the office regularly, **Fr. Jose Kuriakose** spent his time supervising the staff to get the school surroundings neat and clean.

John Ari

ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA

Community: Though Corona hit the peak in terms of infection and death rate in the country the community members are by God's grace fit and healthy. The community unanimously decided to initiate some Covid related activities in collaboration with Jesuits in C-Scheme and the generous Alumni to help the needy and the suffering. All the community members are fully involved in various Covid related services. The best service is our outreach program in the villages. We got a couple of good showers and as a result the May heat was not felt so much. As a consequence, campus looks fresh and green. The community also spends more time in prayer. The month of May being Marian month we spend our evening prayer time reciting the rosary for the suffering humanity.

School: The school suspended all online classes from May 22 on account of summer vacation. The online classes will resume on July 1. The hope of having offline classes at least for the senior students from July seems to be a distant dream given the fear of possible third wave of corona. The Board results of Class X are being prepared with the help of a seven-member committee which includes two teachers from other schools and five from our schools, under the supervision of the principal. The Class X results are likely to be published by the CBSE by July. The planned Class XII Graduation Day could not be held due to lockdown. The second wave of corona pandemic proved quite disastrous for the staff of our school as many of them contracted the virus and some of them had to be hospitalized due to respiratory problems. Many families of our students were also affected very badly by the virus. The situation has improved slightly as of now. In spite of the long absence of students in the campus, the lush green lawns, ever smiling trees and the variety of colourful birds in and around, continue to radiate positive vibes all around and seems to be spreading the message of hope and serenity at this difficult time. Thanks

to the hard work of **Fr. Jeba**, the Campus Administrator.

College: As per directives from the State Govt, the College remains closed now but the teaching and the office staff have been working from home. In May the Dept of English in collaboration with its social partner *All About Happiness* organised a program FEED-O-WING in which participants were feeding thirsty birds in the summer. They were also encouraged to create mud pots for feeding the birds to show their creative abilities as well. On 10th the Admission and Promotion Cell announced a scholarship-based admission test, Xavier's Talent Search Exam 2021 (XTSE) for which registrations began on the same day. On May 13, the Dept of Political Science took out the first edition of their magazine 'Janmat'. Next day, the College Swachhta Action Committee (*Sanitation & Hygiene Unit*) in collaboration with Unicharm India and Global Hunt Foundation organised an online interactive session on 'Menstrual Health & Hygiene Management'. The resource person was Mrs. Nitya Chaudhary, CSR Executive, Unicharm India. On the occasion of 'World No Tobacco Day' on 31st, the NSS unit in collaboration with 'Sanjeevani Life Beyond Cancer' organised an online session on 'Cancer Awareness and Healthy Lifestyle' by Dr. Sandeep Jasuja of State Cancer Institute, Jaipur and Mr Kartikeye Misra, Author and Cancer Victor. On May 18 the Institutional Social Responsibility Cell (ISRC) distributed provisions to our campus maintenance staff of both School and College (70 of them). On 24th, 'Xavier's Alumni COVID Care Centre' was created with support from our Alumni of the School and the College. Rajasthan Health Minister Dr. Raghu Sharma inaugurated the Centre virtually from his office. Initially, we were planning for 20 beds with a future expansion for 100 beds at Hathroi Fort Campus where asymptomatic patients would be treated free of cost. Additionally, they would be provided with free medical care, medical supplies, and food. The Centre is well-equipped with 20 oxygen concentrators for free lending to poor patients. Free vaccination for the poor will be done when vaccines will be available. With an MoU with Rajasthani Hospital, more serious cases will be diverted there for critical treatment. On the same day, the Minister also flagged off Xavier's Alumni Mobile Medical Team with a doctor, two nurses and some volunteers to conduct free antigen tests on a daily basis in rural areas. Ours is the first organisation to reach out to rural Rajasthan with a medical team. The van would carry dry ration, masks, and sanitisers and

the volunteers would disseminate information regarding COVID and black fungus prevention through handouts, posters, and recorded audio messages through PA system. Jesuits from Nevta and C-Scheme take turns to accompany the Team daily. Dr. Sharma also inaugurated a portal for TeleCare counselling services by the staff of the Dept of Psychology and the free online yoga and meditation services organised by our Dept of Physical Education. Our college teaching staff expressed their solidarity with us by offering their two-day salary (about Rs two lakhs) to this noble cause. The College non-teaching staff (including the maintenance staff) donated Rs. 500/- per head to strengthen our hands. With animation by Jesuits of Jaipur and Nevta, the Alumni of St Xavier's School and the College have kick-started this joint venture. Their availability and generosity help us reach out to more and more deserving rural population day by day. On May 26, we met the sarpanchs representing 31 local panchayats seeking their collaboration towards our rural outreach. With their support, we are able to visit many villages.

June News

Community: We had our community online retreat guided by Fr. Rolphy Pinto (professor at Gregorian, Rome). It was a very renewing experience for all in the spirit of St. Ignatius. Fr. K.P. George made his annual treat on his own in Nevta. **Fr. Jijimon** went to Delhi for two weeks of massage and remained till the ordination of Fr. Sahil Gill; he helped out in singing at the ordination ceremony. The Covid Care Team has called off its interventions for the time being as the cases have drastically come down. **Fr. Arok** (newly appointed PDD) attended a two-day online meeting on "Conference Apostolic Planning" (CAP). **Fr. Jeba** is fully into adding more trees to the campus. **Fr. Sangeeth** came to Nevta to learn the job to take over as the principal of the school. He takes charge on July 1. Since last week we re-started the Sunday worship in the College Chapel for the local Christian community and on 28th the same bid a meaningful farewell to **Fr. John Ravi**. The community has planned for a grateful farewell dinner on July 1, along with the local Jesuit communities and the clergy.

School: Due to restrictions imposed by the state govt, the school office remained closed till May 31. The tabulation of marks for Class X was finalized by a seven-member result committee headed by Principal, **Fr. John Ravi** and was successfully uploaded on the CBSE portal. The tabulation of marks for Class XII is being done by

a five-member committee headed by the principal. The process is expected to be completed by July 15. The supportive staff of the school bid farewell to Fr. John Ravi on June 30 during a short program and welcomed the new Principal Fr. Sangeeth Raj. The staff will bid goodbye to Fr. Ravi and welcome Fr. Sangeeth Raj on July 1 during an offline program. Fr. Ravi thanked all the parents and students through a digital farewell message for their relentless support and cooperation for the past six years and urged them to continue to support the management in the days to come. He appealed to all students to be strong and optimistic during this critical time of pandemic and help others who are in dire need. The school will re-open with online classes on July 2, after the summer vacation.

College: The shifting and merging of St Xavier's College has been completed. From June 1, online admissions for first year UG and PG courses have been open on the college website. Counselling sessions for all courses are also being conducted for students by the staff. The College COVID-19 Action Committee organised COVID-19 Awareness Webinar Series under the aegis of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The first webinar was on the topic: Learning from the second wave of COVID-19: some important key takeaways for future preparation. The series were held on June 4, 9 and 14. On the occasion of the World Environment Day on June 5, our NSS unit organised a plantation program with 100 saplings at our college campus. The management, staff, students, and the alumni participated in the event. By June-end, more than 1000 saplings were planted under the dynamic supervision of Fr Jebamalai, the campus administrator. The Yoga Club organised a week-long yoga workshop for the staff from June 21 to 26. The staff had a trainers' training program on 'Enterprise Resource Planning' (ERP) (Academic and Administrative Modules) under the aegis of IQAC and in association with Master Soft ERP Solutions Pvt Ltd from June 21 to 26 for both the teaching and non-teaching staff to gain complete knowhow on 'Xavier's Resource Planning System' (XRPS) and its usage for e-governance in the institution. During a homely function on June 23, **Fr A Rex Angelo** and Fr Arokia Swamy thanked wholeheartedly Fr John Ravi, the first Manager of the College and **Fr Sherry**, the outgoing Treasurer of JXEA and warmly welcomed **Fr Nelson**, the new Vice-president & Treasurer – JXEA, Fr Sangeeth, the Principal-designate of the School, Fr Jebamalai, the new

Campus Administrator, and **Fr Raymond**, the new Administrator of the College.

Nevta Jesuits

ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

Parish: Because of the lockdown the parish activities were limited during the month of May. Daily Masses and Sunday masses were conducted in the community chapel with only the community and collaborating sisters participating. On May 1 we lost one of our parishioners Mrs. Archana Menon, 69, due to Corona 19. Then on 3rd and 6th we had two more deaths due to corona, Mr. Casmir Xalxo and Mrs. Alice Xalxo. From 13th we started the Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for the feast of Pentecost. Novena prayers were prepared and sent through WhatsApp to each group and family who said the novena prayers according to their convenience. On 23rd night another parishioner Mr. Parthiban Dass, 58, left for his eternal reward due to covid 19. Parish helped out 6 families with dry ration and finance during this month. In June we started our special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Scaria kept on sending various prayers daily to the groups on WhatsApp. On 5th we had special online prayer service remembering the departed soul of Archana Menon. On 7th we had a special online mass for the departed soul of Mr. Parthiban Dass. On 20th our catechism children organized online a fitting farewell program for **Fr. Joy John** and **Sr. Tomsy**. We had adoration and mass online only on all Fridays and Sundays of the month of June.

Scaria

Community: On the feast St. Joseph the Worker we prayed in a special way for our co-workers and their families during the mass. **Br. Gyan** served refreshments to the co-workers who were on duty that day. **Fr. George Peter** and Br. Gyan also received their 2nd dose of covid vaccine at ESI Hospital, Rohini. So, now we all hold a certificate of covid vaccination. On 7th and 8th we prayed for the departed souls of the covid victims Sr. Jessy CJ and Regi CJ. On 11th we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Joy John in a moderate way. On 14th we remembered our Muslim brethren who were celebrating Ramadan. On 15th the community participated in the prayer service conducted by De Nobili College, Pune. On 19th we had a very refreshing rain. On 20th we remembered the conversion of St. Ignatius during the mass. On 21st the community participated in the province prayer service organized by the province Ignatian Year Celebration Team. We concluded the month with the celebration of the

feast of the Visitation. On June 1 we had three Jesuits from ISI for lunch. On 6th Fr. Soosai, Fr. Mathew Padayatty and Fr. Arun Panackal paid a visit to us and joined us for lunch. On 12th we had the community recollection animated by Fr. Soosai Mani. On 15th evening Frs. K.P. George, Sobin and Jose Vatta reached **Fr. Varkey Perekkatt** here. On 20th we had the farewell dinner for Fr. Joy John and Sr. Tomsy. On 21st Fr. Scaria and Br. Gyan reached Fr. Joy John to Bhiwadi. On 23rd we participated in the farewell dinner of Sr. Tomsy in the CJ convent. On 24th we participated in the priestly ordination of Fr. Sahil Gill. On 25th **Sch. Arvind** returned after his pre-ordination program and home visit. On 26th we were invited to CJ provincial house for the farewell lunch of Sr. Reena and Sr. Reneta. On 28th we had the farewell dinner for Sch. Arvind. On 29th **Fr. Remy** reached Sch. Arvind to Bhiwadi.

Remy

School: We had summer holidays in May. Making use of the lockdown, we managed to get tiles fixed in the remaining 16 class rooms of the senior school. Principal **Fr. Anil Kispotta**, with the help of seven internal and two external teachers, managed to prepare the Class X results within the stipulated time. Towards the end of May, as the government gradually relaxed lockdown, the office staff and co-workers were called to school for duty. The online classes for all resumed on June 10. A Spell Bee Competition was organized by the XELS club for the students of Class 7 on 16th. A Mathduko Puzzle Solving Competition was organized for Class IX on 19th. Keeping in mind the students' mental and emotional well-being during the pandemic, online workshops on Counselling were organized for Classes VI, VII and X. The junior school online classes too resumed on June 10. The Periodic Tests were conducted from June 21 to 29 for all the classes. A doubt clearing class was introduced in the junior school to help the students who are academically weak. A special virtual staff meeting was held on 22nd to bid farewell to Headmistress Sr. Tomsy CJ and to welcome **Sr. Vandana** CJ, her successor. During the month, we had tree plantation in which 100 tree saplings were planted in the school campus. On 26th, the parents receiving concession were called to school for interacting with the teachers.

Anil K

LVI: On account of lockdown LVI remained closed for the last two months. During this period, about 45 SHGs continued their meetings. Lokmanch leaders conducted a survey in Sectors

26 & 27 of Rohini, and identified 60 poor families which were severely affected by Corona, and our ISI Delhi brought 60 bags of dry ration of 15 items to be distributed among these 60 poor families. Thanks to ISI for their generosity. Our helper Mr. Ramu has survived Corona even though he spent nearly two months under treatment. One Lokmanch leader died of Corona, while our SHG Animator Mrs. Kiran lost both her parents. Lockdown motivated me to build up a beautiful garden in front of LVI, and we hope to re-open LVI on next Monday.

George Peter

ALMORA

In May **Fr. Rakesh** was the first one to be vaccinated followed by **Fr. Joseph Kurapati, Fr. Pradeep** and **Sch. Ruban** on different days. Our contractor and builder **Anil Joshi** succumbed to corona on 11th. Our dear fighter dog Rambo was taken away by a leopard in his third attempt. On June 1 **Fr. Rakesh**, along with **Fr. Pradeep** and **Fr. Joseph Khurapati**, came to Delhi. On 2nd **Fr. Pradeep** returned to Almora with **Fr. Dominic** and **Sch. Anupam**. **Schs. Anupam** and **Ruban** were in Jalna and cleaned the water tank which was not cleaned for years. **Fr. Rakesh** remained in Delhi for treatment. **Fr. Dominic** made his retreat in Gaijol and left for Jaipur on 19th. **Fr. Rakesh** was accompanied by **Fr. Anil Minj** and a lay person **Amit** to Almora on 17th. Same night **Schs. Anupam** and **Ruban** started their annual retreat guided by **Fr. Pradeep**. After their retreat they worked in Gaijol and planted some soyabean and vegetables. The whole of Almora community attended the first mass of our New Priest **Sahil** in Bilaspur. On 30th he came along with his family members and offered thanksgiving mass for the mission of Almora.

Rakesh

ROPAR

Parish: The first week of May was not so pleasant for us. Parish Priest **Fr. Vincent** was down with fever, but not with Covid-19. The church is open only for adoration on Sundays for the faithful. In the meantime, the Parish Priest has made an effort to beautify the grotto. It was a heartbreaking news to hear of the death of one of our parishioners **Mrs. Martha**, the mother of our outgoing catechist **Mr. Pintu Barnard**. On May 9 **Mr. Avinash**, our new catechist, began his tenure in our parish. The Marian devotion was kept up by our parishioners in their own homes and in small groups among themselves. Now the interior part of the church is being beautified by **Fr. Vincent**. On June 12 a strong wind broke into

pieces the glass of our grotto. On 27th the parish youth organized a short program for the sendoff of **Sch. Ashwin** and **Sch. Praveen**. **Sr. Nirmala** CHF and **Sr. Josphphine** CHF were welcomed on the same day in the church itself. In the presence of Parish Priest **Fr. Vincent** and Parish Youth Coordinator **Fr. Viren**, Province Youth Coordinator **Fr. Arunmozhi** had a short meeting with the parish youth on June 30 in the school campus.

School:- Regular classes continued through online mode. The office staff and supporting staff reported regularly for their duties. The maintenance works are taken care of meticulously by Administrator **Fr. Vincent**. **Fr. Shekhar** keeps himself busy with school work and CLU papers. We got a new generator for our school; the fixing and fitting of water pipes for ground maintenance is completed. Along with the Principal a few of our school teachers received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. Due to a stormy rain recently, we lost five trees in our school campus. The second half of June was allotted for tests and exams due to which many parents paid the school fees. On 29th a well-organized farewell was given to **Sr. Shalini** CHF and **Sch. Ashwin** by the school; on this special occasion, all shared a fellowship meal. Thanks to the Principal and his team for organizing this heart touching and memorable event for **Sr. Shalini** and **Sch. Ashwin**.

Community: **Fr. Vincent** kept himself isolated for a few days due to the fear of getting Covid-19. Practically all of us had a few symptoms of Covid-19 but we took enough precautions and measures to protect ourselves from getting Corona. On May 20-21 at the commencement of the Ignatian Year we too joined the Jesuits across the globe through online mode. After much frustration and hurdle **Sch. Ashwin** succeeded to get a driver's license on May 24. On the following day **Sch. Ashwin** and **Sch. Praveen** began their annual retreat under the guidance of **Fr. Vincent**. Thanks to PCF **Fr. Robin** for arranging it and thanks to **Fr. Vincent** for guiding two *jawns* spiritually. On June 8 we visited CHF Sisters and wished them on their foundress's feast day. **Frs. Shekhar**, **Fr. Robin** and **Fr. Viren** were in Delhi on June 23 for official work and on 24th they were present at the ordination **Sch. Sahil**. On 30th the Ropar Jesuits were glad to receive the new local superior **Fr. Jose Philip** who was accompanied by **Fr. Soosai Mani**, **Fr. Augustine Perumalil**, **Fr. Periya**, **Fr. Arunmozhi**, **Sch. Denis** and **Sch. Cyril**.

Ashwin

KHARAR/MORINDA

In the month of May our animator visited different villages and interacted with SHG members. During their meetings they were given knowledge of safeguarding themselves from Corona. In the first week of May **Fr. Viren** and **Fr. Robin** visited Mohali to see our land and meet the leaseholder. On 29th night we had powerful lightning and thunder and in our Kharar house all the banana trees fell down and we lost banana fruits. Moreover the neem tree in the neighbouring govt school fell on our boundary wall and broke it. Our caretaker at Kharar is busy cultivating various vegetables organically. So we continue to enjoy fresh vegetables from the garden. On June 5 we gave farewell to **Sr. Agnes** CHF and thanked her for her two years of invaluable service as Animator of social work at GSSSC, Kotla Nihang. From 15th to 19th Fr. Robin went to Kaboolpur (*Jalandhar*) to give retreat to CHF sisters. On 30th Fr. Arun came to Morinda and stayed with us for two days. As part of the de-addiction sensitization program one Stage Play and twenty-two Nukkads were presented at various villages during the last two months.

Viren

LOYOLA SADAN, LUCKNOW

The month of April brought home immense bliss and peace of the risen Lord to our hearts. All of us took over our new portfolios with zest and zing. We celebrated the Easter austere as some of our brothers were suffering from various ailments. However we commemorated our Lord's glorious triumph through a solemn Eucharist and scrumptious meal. The Patna Jesuits from Kaiserganj joined us in sharing the joy of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. On 8th Fr. George Nedumattam took classes on the significance of POCSO ACT and enlightened us on its guidelines. For a couple of days Socius **Fr. Nicholas** was down with mild fever and he slowly recuperated. Most of us were diagnosed with the symptoms of Covid-19 and were secluded for a fortnight. Four of our brothers contracted chickenpox and they got healed fully. A sudden blustery wind and thunderstorm caused much ruin to our house and farm. We commenced special adoration for an hour in the afternoon to stand in solidarity with the suffering humanity. **Masterji Fr. Christopher** is taking essential measures to keep all of us healthy. **Fr. William** is hale and hearty and he is back to his normal routine. We harvested onion and garlic from our field with great gusto. We planned for our annual holidays and began the Minor Holidays on 27th.

Gradually all of us recovered from various illnesses and energized ourselves for the vibrant days of enjoyment and amusement. In the months of May and June all of us were blessed with good health. The month of May started with the Easter blessing of the house and the campus. There were many activities during the major holidays like varieties of games, campus picnic and cooking. The second years were engaged with charity classes. The month of June witnessed many spiritual activities, decoration work and singing practices for the Vows Day. The second years had their vow day retreat guided by Fr. Christopher. The first years were entrusted with the responsibility of taking care of the house. The birthday of Fr. Nicholas was celebrated on June 11. The second years came out from their retreat on 17th. Fr. William D'Souza was given a solemn send-off with a short cultural evening by the Loyola Sadan family on 18th. June 19-20 saw the arrival of many Jesuits from Delhi, Patna, Kaiserganj and Allahabad for the Vow Day. The presence of Fr. Soosai Mani, the Provincial of Delhi doubled our joy. The much-awaited day, June 21, brought immense joy when thirteen young men made their perpetual vows in the Society of Jesus. The solemn Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Soosai Mani along with other Jesuit priests concelebrating. It was a walk down the memory lane for the Jesuits who witnessed this great event and inundated our hearts with bliss and elation. Religious from our neighbouring communities joined us and prayed for the vow men. Following this, there was a great community agape prepared for all of us to share our joy. Two second year novices **Anjulus** and **Binay** left the novitiate. **Fr. Joe Kootinal** (PAT) joined Loyola Sadan as its member.

Jermy & Edwin

HEALTH UPDATE ON FR CHINNA (ALEX)

Since Tamil Nadu lock down was intense amidst the 2nd Wave of Covid 19 and the operation of **Fr Chinna** was postponed, we went ahead with regular dialysis which kept him in good health. Once the situation improved in Tamil Nadu, I resumed discussion with Dr. Ram Prabhakar, the chief doctor at SIMMS, Vadapalani, about the treatment. Getting an appointment with the doctor, Fr Chinna and myself had a discussion over it. After that confident discussion, July 5 is fixed for the transplant operation. On June 29, I met the transplant officer at SIMMS, Mr Vijay, to get his confirmation note about documents submission to avoid any hurdle later on our way. He was satisfied with the pertaining documents. Prior to the operation, Fr Chinna

went to meet his parents and returned on the same day to Loyola. Mrs. Jayamary, his sister and Mr. Isaias, his brother-in-Law came along with him. On July 2, corona test and cross match test shall be done as a protocol for admission and on 3rd consent and signing will be recorded before a Panel of Doctors. The operation will be done on 5th. At this juncture I request you, province-members, all Jesuit-brethren, well-wishers and friends to pray for Fr Chinna, his sister, Jayamary, the donor and the team of doctors. May they have a successful operation and enjoy good health of body and mind in the coming days. **Fr. Leo** came to Loyola campus on June 23 and is currently exploring the possibility of his PhD studies. Recently I had my B.Ed. Internal Exams. Further, in this month, a few cultural events and competitions were organized online to awaken the creative spirit in us.

Amalraj

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

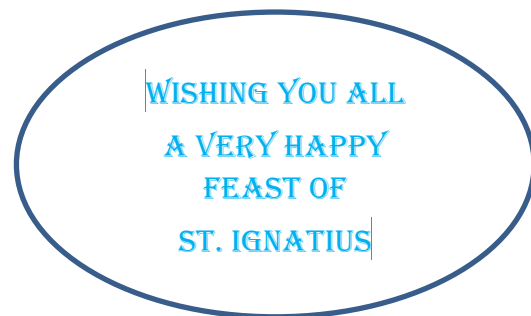
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05 Minj, Manish	01 Tirkey, Manoj
05 P, Scaria	02 Xavier, Shekhar
10 Baa, Praveen	06 Joshy Kuruvilla
10 Minj, Arvind	08 Menezes, Glenn
11 Padayatty, Math	08 Sah, Remy C..
15 Francis, Devadoss	10 Kispotta, Anil
16 Perekkatt, Varkey	18 M, Packiam
21 Raj, Antony Anish	28 Xess, Rohit
22 Dhanwar, Barnabas	
23 D'Silva, Nelson A.	
25 Faulstich, Paul J.	
28 Victor Edwin	

Gone for their Eternal Reward

- Fr. Saju Bastian** (HAZ 59/37) May 3.
- Fr. Cyril Rajesh Tigga (MAP 84/62)** on **May 5**.
- Fr. Ramesh Tribhuvan** (PUN 49/25) on May 6.
- Fr. Jerome Gonsalves** (PUN 71/51) on May 7 from Covid-19-related illness.
- Fr. Isaac Tete** (RAN 66/46) on May 6 due to cardio-respiratory failure.
- Fr. Anil Dayal Kujur** (HAZ 60/35) on May 10 with covid symptoms.
- Fr. Antony Raj Perinbam** (MDU 76/57) on May 10 of COVID.

- Fr. Ambrose D'Souza** (KAR 66/39) on May 12 due to COVID 19.
- Fr. Francis Kurien** (HAZ 68/51) on May 13 from lung cancer.
- Br. Jeganathan Ambrose S.**, (MDU 72/53) on May 17 due to covid.
- Fr. Anthony Cruze Arul** (GUJ 57/35) May 19 due to covid.
- Fr. Rajarathinam Rathinam** (CEN 62/41) on May 24 due to covid.
- Fr. Jeyaraj Maria** (MDU 86/67) on 29 May 29 due to covid.
- Fr. Lawrence Maria Gabriel** (MDU 81/56) on 29 May 29 due to covid.
- Fr. Ignatius Gyan Hembrom** (HAZ 51/28) on June 1 due to covid.
- Fr. Anton Weerasinghe** (SRI 61/82) on June 9 due to covid.
- Fr. Peter Kurukula Aratchi** (SRI 81/63) on June 15 due to covid.

- Fr. Jose Vattakuzhy's uncle Mr George Joseph, 72, on May 2.
- Fr. John Chathanatt's elder brother Mr. Thomas, 78, on June 1.
- Sch. Romero Rezin's maternal uncle Mr. Ramesh, 44, on June 1 due to covid.
- Sch. Dev's maternal uncle on June 7 due to covid.
- Sch. Denis' maternal grandmother Mrs. Magdalena on June 7.



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