



GUJARAT JESUIT SAMACHAR

Premal Jyoti, PB 4002, Ahmedabad - 380 009



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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

- 03 – 06 : Visitation, St Xavier's College
- 07 : Visit to the Pre-novitiate, Sughadpanth
- 12 – 13 : Visitation, Mandali – Radhanpur
- 14 – 15 : Visitation, Kalol - Unteshwari
- 21 – 22 : Consult, PJ, Ahmedabad
- 24 : Meeting, Formation Commission, PJ, Ahmedabad
- 26 – 28 : Visitation, Rajpipla -Bharuch – Ankleshwar
- 29 – 30 : Visitation, Fulwadi - Paraspada

APPOINTMENTS

▶▶ GENERAL has appointed

- **Fr. James C Dabhi:** Province Consultor, Gujarat

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- **Fr. James C Dabhi:** Director, CCD, Sevasi
- **Fr. Vincent Mookenthottam:** Proposed Asst Parish Priest, Unteshwari
- **Fr. Anil Parmar:** Coordinator, North Gujarat District
- **Fr. Francis Macwan:** Coordinator, Ahmedabad District



*50 years in the
Society of Jesus*



PRAYERFUL WISHES TO YOU

Dear Fr. Abraham & Fr. Stany

PROVINCE HIGHLIGHTS

➔ CONGRATULATIONS, JUBILARIANS!

The entire Province thanks the Lord for the Gift of our Jubilarians in the Society of Jesus who celebrated their special day on 20 June.

Diamond Jubilarians: **Frs. Thomas Chamakala, Ornellas Coutinho, Devasia Muthuplackal, Rappai Poothokaren, Thomas Thannipara, Paul Valappila** and **Davamani Victor**. Golden Jubilarians: **Stanislaus Jebamalai** and **Abraham Kallarangat**.

Because of the current situation necessitated by the pandemic all the jubilees were rather low-keyed, focused on the Eucharistic Celebration of thanksgiving

Some ground reports that have come in:

Fr. Thomas Thannipara: Considering his yeomen service, the Jesuits of Sabarkantha District organised a felicitation function and a Thanksgiving Mass on 21 June. Fr. Thomas hopes that good health will continue to assist him in his ministry as he strives to continue working in the Lord's vineyard and tending to His sheep. (Fr. Nixon Macwan SJ)



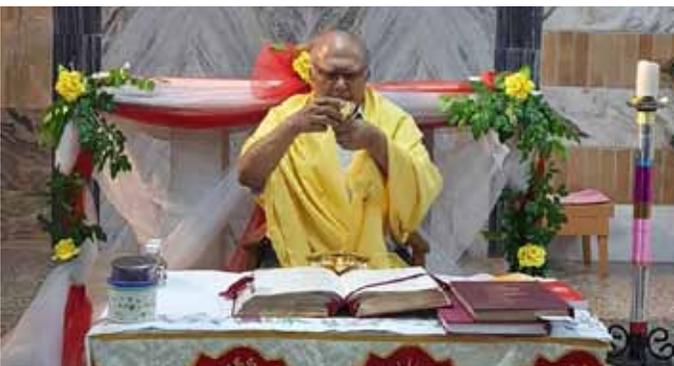


Fr. Victor Davamani: On 20 June we celebrated the jubilee of Fr. Victor at a Eucharistic celebration in Bardipada, with Unai fathers, sisters, catechist masters and all the village leaders, followed by nastho and tea for all. (Sch. Joyson Rayappan SJ)

Fr. Thomas Chamakala: The jubilee celebration for Fr Thomas, on 20 June, was meaningful and in keeping with the regulations of the lockdown. The Dangs Jesuit community joined us in the celebration, including the agape which brought joy to Fr. Thomas and to all the participants. (Fr. Pratik Christi SJ)



Fr. Ornellas Coutinho: The Jubilee celebrations of Fr. Ornellas Coutinho were held on 21st June, with the community Eucharist presided over by Fr. Coutinho, accompanied by lusty singing, followed by a fitting dinner. The entire community, including the satellite ones was



there to felicitate Fr. Coutinho. He was presented with a ceremonial shawl. (Fr. Francis Parmar SJ)

Fr. Abraham Kallarangat: On 20 June, thanks to the Premal Jyoti Scholastics, a meaningful jubilee Eucharist, was organized for the jubilarian Abraham; this included the opening dance procession, inspirational sharing by the jubilarian and Fr. Joseph Mangalam, a video clip on Fr Abraham and melodious singing by the choir. A short felicitation programme and a 'bara khana' followed. (Sch. Anthony Palhe SJ, MAP)

➤ CONGRATULATIONS 'VOWANTS'!

On 21 June, the feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, we **Anburaj Singarayar, Sumitkumar Jadav and Vinay Khaniya** pronounced our First Vows in the Society of Jesus. On this auspicious day, the Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas, the Provincial of Pune. Fr. Arun D'Souza, the Provincial of Bombay, in his homily, introduced us to a broader perspective of each vow. As we pronounced the Vows, we felt a deep commitment to the Lord and the sense of belonging to the Society of Jesus. Our Novice Master Fr. Anil Pereira earlier prepared us spiritually through a Triduum with deep reflection on each of the vows. Soon after the Eucharist, there was a fellowship gathering and a short felicitation. We thank our parents, family members, Novice Master and Socius, all the Jesuits and others who have guided us till now, our Novitiate community, the staff members and all who have prayed for us and were present with us in spirit. (Schs. Anburaj, Sumit & Vinay SJ)



➤ NOVITIATE NEWS

The month of May has been hectic, but formation-wise, enriching! For eleven days we were engaged in a work experiment here to help us realize the struggles and difficulties of the daily wage labourers, who live from hand to mouth. We did a variety of works including

collecting firewood, giving shape to our football ground and painting. Next were our ‘summer holidays.’ It was a time for relaxation, fun and sharing. We had many activities, enriching movies, skillful games and fellowship meals. We ended the month with our eight days’ annual retreat, directed by Fr. Ronald D’Souza, Rector of St. Paul’s, Belagavi. The retreat was a time of renewal and reinvigoration for us! (William Santhosh)

➔ SUGHADPANTH SNIPPETS

Though the official inauguration of the year by Fr Provincial will take place only on 7 July, the Prenovitiate at Sughadpanth is already in full swing. **Fr Harry Martis** is back as the Director. On 15 June, five new pre-novices arrived; four of these are from the apostolic schools of Sughad and Surat. Sch. Alam Parmar conducted an orientation programme to initiate the new arrivals to the pre-novitiate. One of the pre-novices of the last batch Brian Macwan entered the novitiate in Belagavi on 21 June. (Sch. Alam Parmar SJ)



➔ XAVIER’S LAURELS

St. Xavier’s College has once again come out with flying colours in the GISRF survey conducted by the Gujarat Government and also in the ‘India Today’ survey.

In the GISRF survey the college has secured the second position this year. It has been rated as a 5-star institution under the category of colleges. This ranking is based on different criteria like teaching, learning, resources, research, student progression, outreach and inclusivity. The College has increased its score



from 74.53 last year to 77.48 this year (increase in CGPA from 4.36 to 4.5). Last year the number of colleges who participated was 68 and this year it was 117. In ‘India Today,’ the College is ranked 14, 23 and 25 in Computers, Arts and Science in the country. Under the category of ‘Value for Money’ our BCA department is ranked 10. This is calculated taking into account the average annual salary and the fees that the college charges. Credit goes to the Principal and the staff, particularly to the IQAC members for these laurels. (Fr. Johnson Mundupuzhakal SJ)

➔ REMEMBERING FR. CRUZE

The Sabarkantha Jesuits offered a Mass in Bhiloda for the soul of **Fr. Anthony Cruze** who will always be remembered for his services to God and His people. The fathers and sisters shared their personal experiences of Fr. Cruze. The management and staff of St. Xavier’s School, Bhiloda organized a prayer service to pay homage to Fr. Cruze. They shared their experiences of Fr. Cruze’s hard work and his love for the students. (Fr. Nixon Macwan SJ)



ZANKHVAV INTERVENTIONS

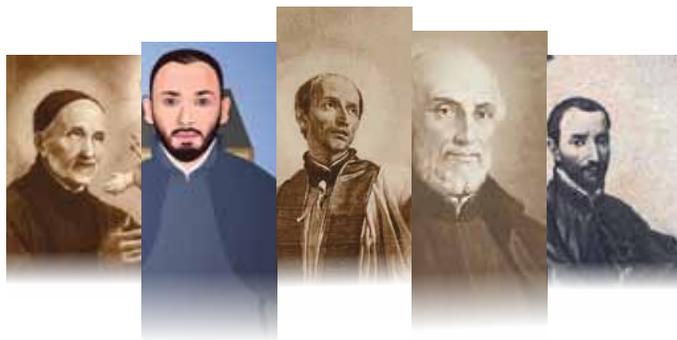
On two days (19 June for youth and 20 June for village leaders) a seminar cum meeting was organized in Zankhvav by the parish priest **Fr Kishore Camilus**. Sr. Shanta, who knows the mission well, addressed both the gatherings. She focused on the need and importance of taking care of others in the context of the ensuing pandemic. She also



gave a short video presentation on the topic. She stressed that all should get vaccinated and remain spiritually strong during this crisis. Both the groups participated whole-heartedly. The programmes were successful, thanks to the meticulous arrangements made by **Fr Sudhakar Dhavamani**, Fr Kishore and others. (Fr. Vinay Macwan SJ)

➔ **CANNONBALL MOMENT**

It was a ‘cannonball moment’ for the Staff members of St Xavier’s High School, Loyola Hall when the ‘Ignatian Year’ was inaugurated by **Fr Jose Panadan**, the Parish Priest of St. Ignatius Church, on 19 June. In his deep reflection Fr Jose enlightened the gathering with the story of St Ignatius’ injury by a cannonball, his lengthy convalescence and ultimately his journey to conversion. Fr Jose emphasized the ‘Ignatian Way’: among other things, to come out of our comfort zones, to live in a renewed way and to see all things new in Christ. Our lives must be surrendered in trust to God who has only good in store for us even when those cannonballs hit us. So, what is your cannonball moment? (Ms. Jasmine Shaji- Loyola Staff)



▲ SS B. Realino, Regis, Jerome and other missionaries

JESUIT SAINTS OF THE MONTH



**PRAYERFUL WISHES
TO ALL
ON THE FEAST DAY
OF OUR FOUNDER**

**ST. IGNATIUS
OF LOYOLA**



▲ SS Leo Mangin & Companions

FIGHTING TOGETHER COVID-19 IN GUJARAT - A JESUIT INITIATIVE

This campaign started in four main zones (Jesuit District Communities) of the Gujarat province at the beginning of May. The characteristic of this singular effort has been the collaboration and participation of various apostolic sectors (ministries) and of Jesuits and Sisters. There have been difficulties because of the large area covered and the initial resistance to move beyond the legitimate interests of our institution. Accepting these limitations should not be an obstacle to thank the Lord for the overwhelming response received which is shown in the table below.

Name of the (Jesuit District) Zones	No. of Institutions/ Organizations involved in the Campaign	No. of Villages
South-South	17	435
North-South	13	696
Anand-Kheda	15	401
North Guj. & SK	23	366
Total	68	1898

The help provided through the campaign has taken many forms:

- Related to health: safety material, medical kits, and medicines.
- Awareness: posters, pamphlets, visits by mobile vans,
- Food rations/kits.
- Provision of infrastructure facilities for isolation and for vaccine centres, vehicles to reach patients to



hospitals in time, help the bereaved family members, especially to reach the cremation grounds.

Once the final report is prepared at the end of July, a note will be presented in the Newsletter showing the quantitative list of all the material distributed.

The finances for the short-term campaign have been distributed through 4 activated FCRA accounts: SXSSS and HDRC (Ahmedabad), RSSS (Rajpipla), and APK (Vyara).

The funds have come from

- Ongoing projects supported by PDT-ALBAON. The project-holders were asked to repurpose some of the funds of the project for the Campaign.
- GUJ-ALBOAN Grant-1 sent in May 2021.





- GUJ-ALBOAN Grant-2, an advance from the Annual Fund to be established in October 2021 was sent in June 2021.
- A grant from Caritas-Germany to be used exclusively for medical, and awareness purposes.
- A donation of 20 Oxygen cylinders and concentrators by a medical association from Mumbai.

Other donations received by the institutions and the contributions from community funds are not included in the above list.

The short-term response to Covid-19 ends on 31 July 2021

We have received many reports sent by the participating institutions. It is not possible to include all of them in this short note. We are planning to prepare a document with a summary of all these reports and publish it in the “News” sent by Fr Socius.

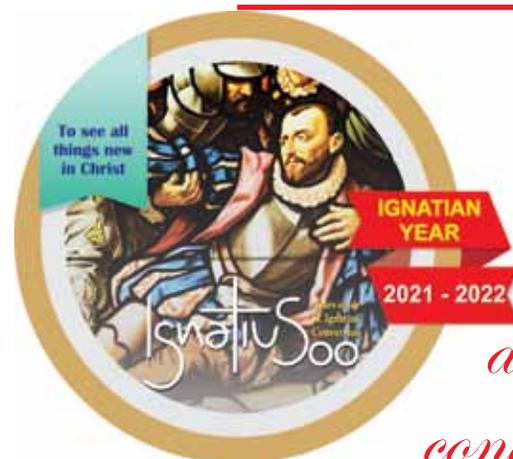
To all those involved we express our gratitude for their generous collaboration and for the contribution to alleviate, even in a limited way, the suffering of many vulnerable families. To the members of the Core and Implementation Teams a warm appreciation for the time and energy dedicated to move this initiative. (From the PDO)

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK



Social Friendship

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



a call to conversion...

Let us pray for many and good vocations...!

INFORMATION

- ➔ **Kindly note new Mobile Number:**
Fr. Robert Mascarenhas: 97242 71815

R.I.P

- † Fr. Ignatius Gyan Hembrom, (HAZ), 51/28, at Medanta hospital, Ranchi on 01 June, 2021
- † Fr. Anton Weerasinghe, (SRI), 82/61, at Fatima Retreat House, Kandy on 09 June, 2021
- † Fr. Peter Kurukula Aratchi, (SRI), 81/63, at Kandy on 16 June, 2021
- † Br. Francis Basumatary, (DAR), 68/35, on 29 June, 2021



GREEN CORNER

'ECO-AWARENESS PROGRAM'

On the occasion of World Environment Day (June 5), the scholastics of Premal Jyoti had an 'Eco-awareness program' conducted by the GJEM team. Mr. Jothi Xavier, **Fr. Lancy D'Cruz** and others were the resource persons. They emphasized the importance of the UAPs and of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato si' on the 'Care of our common home'. They also demonstrated the use of herbal medicinal plants for a variety of therapeutic purposes. The programme was made lively through a good selection of media clippings, an interesting group activity and a meaningful Eco-Eucharist. The impact of this session can be seen in an enhanced sensitivity to nature and an increased interest in gardening among the scholastics. Recently, around 100 Conocarpus plants have been planted on the Premal Jyoti campus in an effort to make it greener and more environment friendly.



(Sch. Krish Murmu SJ, NEP)



BIRTHDAYS & DEATH DAYS 2021

01	Camilus Kishore	13	Fr Campos Teodoro – 2004+	K.T. Mathew
02	Fr Luis Arza – 2013+	17	Amalraj Jeganathan	Sanjay Horo
03	John Kappamootil		Harry Martis	27 Sudhir Bhatia
	Peter Francis		Jayant Rathod	Varghese Vadakumcherry
	Fr Jose L Gorosquieta – 2012+	18	Fr Navarro Jose Maria – 2007+	28 Alex Thannipara
04	Anand Anthony		Br Mathew Fernandes - 2017+	30 Nagin Macwan
	Yakub Makwana	20	Shaji Thekemury	Stanny Pinto
07	Ambrose Vedam	22	Anthony Pitchai	31 Ignacio Galdos
	Br Martin Araquistain – 2018+		Fr Anil L Macwan – 2012+	
08	Fr Joaquin Romani – 1950+		Br Aloysius Macwan – 2013+	
10	Paul Valappila	23	Francis Gonsalves	
12	George Kodithottam	25	Cruz Francis	
	Hasmukh Parmar	26	Kishor Gavitt	

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