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### Fr Provincial's Message



Dear Companions, Hopefully, we have seen off the worst of the second wave of Covid-19 crisis. It has been a time that affected and transformed each one of us, personally as well as corporately. The proximity

and ferocity of the second wave caught us all off-guard. We were forced into our own little shells with lockdown, quarantine, social distancing, Covid protocols, and a life behind masks becoming the norm. Though still in lockdown, we have enough reasons to hope that the situation is improving. Now the time has come for us to slowly emerge from the shells we have been forced into, taking care to observe all the Covid related protocols. It is a time to reach out, a time to look around and see the effect of the Covid second wave on the lives of our people. Let no one in our areas of mission feel totally abandoned, left alone to face the spiritual, economic, psychological and social consequences of this debilitating pandemic. Let us stretch out our hands and our hearts in empathy 'as servants of Christ's mission.'

As servants of Christ's mission we are called to enter into our ministries with the power of the cross; we must walk the way of the cross. Can we walk together with the people to look for a way out of the poverty, hunger, disease, suffering, marginalization and abandonment that our people experience in these difficult times? In such a mission the question is not how successful or efficient we are as to how present we are to the situation all around us.

Meanwhile, we have, without much ado, entered into **Ignatius 500** – the five hundredth year of St Ignatius' conversion. Though our focus is on Covid-19 related activities, we need to make use of this momentous and historic occasion as a transformative moment in our own personal as well as corporate identity as 'sons of Ignatius.'

As Fr General has reminded us, "It can be a moment that releases new energy, new freedom, new initiatives, new love for others and for our most afflicted brothers and sisters." It is a call to allow the Lord to work on our own conversion. We ask for the grace to be renewed by the Lord. We wish to discover a new apostolic enthusiasm inside ourselves, a new life, new ways to follow the Lord. As the theme of the Ignatian year invites us - **to see all things new in Christ**.

# Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN)

The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

## **Appointments by Fr Provincial**

Fr John Robinson	Acting Superior, St Xavier's College,
	Maharo
Fr David Raj:	Province AICUF Coordinator
	(additional)
Fr Jesuraj Poobal	In-charge, Boys Hostel at
	St Xavier's College, Maharo (addtl)
Fr Emmanuel Besra	Acting Director, Johar, Dumka
Joseph Baghwar	Juniorate, Dhyan Ashram, Kolkata
Manuel Kisku	Juniorate, Dhyan Asharam, Kolkata
Shailendra Hansdak	Juniorate, St Stanislaus College,
	Sitagarha
Samuel Kisku	Juniorate, St Stanislaus College,
	Sitagarha

# **Opening of Ignatian Jubilee Year**

Though the Province had planned to have the inaugural Mass of the Ignatian Jubilee Year in common, due to Covid-19 each community or centre had the inaugural Mass in its own place. **Jisu Jaher**: Fr Provincial K.C. Stephen SJ presided over the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6:45 pm in the community chapel. He reminded the congregation of the cannonball incident which was the cause of conversion in Ignatius' life and invited them to become aware of and open themselves for such moments of inspiration and graces in their life.

**Baghmara:** The Jesuit community organized a solemn Mass at 6:30 am to inaugurate the Ignatian Jubilee year. Our collaborators, religious Sisters and some lay School Staff joined us in the Eucharistic celebration. Fr John Robinson SJ was the main celebrant and Frs Jacob Chinnappan and Ignacy Lazar concelebrated. Fr Lazar highlighted the importance, relevance and the meaning of the Ignatian Jubilee year. He dwelt on the cannonball experience of St Ignatius which totally revolutionized his life, outlook and horizon. Fr Robinson introduced the theme 'to see all things new in Christ' and highlighted some aspects of Ignatius' early life, his conversion experience, and some aspects of Ignatian spirituality, Universal Apostolic Priorities, some points from the talk of Rev. Fr General on the Jubilee year. During the spiritual conversation, we shared our experiences of St Ignatius and the Society of Jesus. In the prayer of petition, the participants prayed for the whole Society of Jesus and its' apstolic works. (Fr Ignacy Lazar SJ).

Bathbanga: Jesuits and our collaborating Sisters solemnly inaugurated the Ignatian year. To mark this event we hoisted the flag with St Ignatius' picture and the jubilee logo. In the evening we celebrated the inaugural Mass. (*Fr Deepak Tirkey SJ*).

Hathimara: We began the day with a community Eucharistic celebration, observing strict Covid-19 protocol. Fr Manoj Toppo SJ, the main celebrant, in his homily dwelt on the Ignatian charism to be ready to go beyond the frontiers and jump into the unknown. The Jesuit needs to dare to be different. Our Ignatian way of proceeding is 'agere contra', and 'tantum quantum.' After Holy Mass, we hoisted the Ignatian Year Jubilee flag, in front of our residence. It is a beautiful yellow flag on which is written 'Iswar ki mahattam mahima ke liye' (everything for the greater glory of God). (Fr Edwin D'Souza SJ).

**Jibonpur:** The Ignatian Year was inaugurated by the Jibonpur Community on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Four Jesuits and three DSA Sisters gathered around the altar in the community chapel at 6:00 pm. Fr Alban Minj SJ, Sch Francis Hembrom SJ and Sr Augustina DSA lit the candles in front of the picture of St Ignatius while the Ignatian Jubilee anthem was played as background. After the readings on the conversion of St Paul from the Acts of the Apostles and the conversion of St Ignatius at Loyola from the Autobiography of St Ignatius, Fr Dayal Lakra SJ gave a short reflection in which he brought out the similarities and differences of the two conversions. In the case of Ignatius, he went through a long process beginning from external changes towards total transformation, from doing his will to doing God's will. During the prayer of intercession we prayed for various needs and concerns. Fr Sameer Tigga made the concluding prayer. We felt energized and hopeful of going through a process of personal conversion like St Ignatius. (*Fr Dayal Lakra SJ*).

Johar, Dumka: In preparation for the Ignatian Year, we had community reflection, sharing and Holy Eucharist on 6 May 2021. Then, on 20 May, through YouTube, the community joined the Ignatian Year inaugural function of St Xavier's School, Sahibganj. In the evening, the community held a Prayer Service on the theme: *Who is St Ignatius for me?* After spendimg some time in reflection, the members shared their thoughts. Two scholastics had also joined the prayer service (*Fr Vernard Antony SJ*).

**St Xavier's College, Maharo:** The SXC community at Maharo came together to mark the inauguration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that fateful day when Ignatius the soldier, crippled by a cannon ball, embarked on the road of enormous transformation that made him Ignatius, the pilgrim. Fr Nirmal Raj presided over the Holy Eucharist. Community members shared their personal significant spiritual experience of Holy Father Ignatius. To commemorate the Ignatian year, three statues were erected in the College campus, namely, one of St Ignatius of Loyola, one of St Francis Xavier and one of St John de Britto. *(Fr Stephen Raj SJ).* 

**St Xavier's School, Raiganj:** St Xavier's community at Raiganj inaugurated the Jubilee Year of the conversion of St Ignatius of Loyola in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic affecting us. Fr Thomas Susai SJ tested positive on the same day. It made us tense but, trusting in God, we dared to celebrate the inaugural community Mass at 7:15 pm, observing the protocol by maintaining social distance. Fr Deonis Baghwar SJ was the main celebrant. During the sharing we expressed the feeling that all of us are invited, especially in this jubilee year, to explore and learn from Ignatius' spiritual journey, to see the new opportunities, situations and circumstances that confront in our times and to gain a deeper understanding of and rediscover our vocation to see all things new in Christ. Ignatius' inner struggle and conversion led him to a very close familiarity with God and to finding the true God in himself and in all other things. May this grace-filled year strengthen us in our vocation and help us live our life in a meaning way! *(Fr Deonis Baghwar SJ).* 

**St Xavier's Sahibganj:** The Ignatian Jubilee Year was inaugurated at St Xavier's School, Sahibganj, in the presence of Fr K.C. Stephen SJ, the new Provincial. The day began at 6:30 am with the Holy Eucharist celebrated in the Jesuit Chapel and presided over by Fr Provincial. His homily on the conversion of St Ignatius touched everyone's heart.

At 10:00 am Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and the other residents on the school campus gathered in the senior assembly ground to witness the hoisting of the Jubilee Flag by Fr Melchi Tigga SJ our Rector and to felicitate the Chief Guest Rev.Fr Provincial K.C. Stephen SJ. Fr John Victor SJ gave an introductory talk highlighting the significance of Ignatius' conversion and the purpose of the Jubilee Year. Everyone, then, moved to the school auditorium for the rest of the programme which included: Prayer Dance, Prayer Service, PowerPoint Presentation and reflections on the conversion of Ignatius. We were all enlightened by the message delivered by Fr Provincial, our Chief Guest. He, then officially declared the Jubilee Year open at St Xavier's Sahibganj. The inaugural programme ended with the singing of the Ignatian Anthem "Noble Knight Leader of a brave array..." and a Vote of Thanks proposed by Fr Vimal Kerketta SJ, the Vice-Principal. To commemorate the 500th year of the conversion of Ignatius Loyola the residents on the school campus joined hands in planting saplings. The five resident families expressed their desire to plant one sapling each and nurture it until it grows up into a big tree. Fr Provincial planted a sapling on behalf of the Jesuit Family. For the first time an attempt was made to live-telecast a school programme on YouTube so that the maximum number of students and teachers living outside the campus could watch and participate. Thanks to Mr Ben Johnson, our teacher and his team for making it possible. (Mr Shyamal Palmer).

## **Marian Month**

The Christian residents of St Xavier's School Campus dedicated the month of May to our Lady. Every day, at 6:30 pm, they recited the Rosary together at the grotto. Others, including Fathers, Brothers and Sisters joined them everyday. They prayed for various intentions, especially for the Covid victims. On the last day of the month, that is, on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all gathered in front of the beautiful grotto of Our Lady, prepared by some of the teachers in the area of the teachers' quarters. After a reading from the Bible the passage on the Visitation and Magnificat, the congregation began the recitation of the rosary while carrying in procession the statue of Mother Mary with lighted candles in hand. The procession ended at the Hostel Grotto. When the rosary ended, a short Marian talk and then a final blessing were given by Fr Melchi Tigga SJ. Some of our Campus kids performed a dance to the accompaniment of a Marian song. The Marian Month ended with a fellowship meal for all in the campus. Thanks to Fr Vimal Kerketta SJ and Sr Gracy D'Souza DSH, both Vice-Principals, under whose supervision, the Marian month went off successfully with daily prayers and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Mr Shyamal Palmer).

## **Online Zoom Meeting of SJES-S Asia**

It was the first time in the history of Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat-South Asia (SJES-S Asia) to have an Online Zoom meeting. It began on 28th May and went on for three days and ended on 30 May 2021. It was interesting to see all the members of the SJES-S Asia. For me most of the faces were new except the central members. The First session was a common session where provincials and veterans were present. Fr K.C. Stephen, our Provincial, was very much present and encouraged us with his presence. It began with a prayer from the South Zone Secretary of SJES-S Asia, Fr Tony Dias who welcomed all the members. Fr Isaac Rumao from Gujarat Province explained the Dynamics of online Conference Apostolic Planning for SJES-S Asia. The POSA, Fr Stany D'Souza delivered his message for us to reflect upon and respond to the situation of the time. He emphasized the faith that does justice, to walk, to accompany and collaborate with the poor and the needy. Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP) is mandated to the Jesuits by Pope Francis. Conference Apostolic Preferences (CAP) emerged from UAP to focus on our mission in our context. Fr Joe Arun Director, LIBA, the Resource Person explained the CAPs and the Importance of Apostolic Planning with the help of a creative PowerPoint presentation. Fr Xavier Jeyaraj, SJES Director from Rome emphasized the UAPs in the Global Perspective. Fr Joe Arun put across The Process and Methodology of Apostolic Planning. We were encouraged to follow the

#### spiritual conversation.

Then we were divided into zonal groups to discuss the CAPs, to fix the goals and the rationale behind the goal and the activities needed to achieve the goal. It went on for the second day and zonal secretaries presented the reports. We could not complete the task of finalizing the goals and activities. We have formed a Committee consisting of the Zonal Heads and others. This Committee will take the process forward. It will revisit the whole Document and see what can be done to improve it before sending it to the JCSA.

All the members felt it was a deep spiritual experience as well as an experience of joy to meet so many of our Jesuit brothers who are involved in social ministry. It also became a South Asian experience in many ways. We had informative and inspiring inputs from Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal. This Apostolic Planning was in many ways a Training of Trainers (ToT) for us. We learnt the techniques of goal-setting through elaborate exercises in our groups and then in the plenary. The online Zoom meeting came to an end with the short evaluation and a vote of thanks by Fr Tony Dias. Thanks to the organizing Team. *(Fr John Felix SJ)*.

### **Workshop for Teachers**

The Teachers of Jeevan Jyothi School, Satia, had 15 days of workshop on capacity building through leaning computer (Hindi & English typing, Word & PPT, important functions of mobile & WhatsApp) and basic spoken English. Fr Shailen Minj SJ very efficiently managed all the sessions under the guidance of Fr John Felix. The teachers are very happy and grateful for what they have learned. (*Fr Shailen Minj SJ*).

### **Pre-Ordination Programme**

Amidst all the uncertainties and anxieties, a Pre-Ordination Programme (POP) or Arrupe Month was organized for the Central Zone Provinces, Delhi Province and Kohima Region at St Stanislaus College, Sitagarha, Hazaribagh. The programme was held from 15 April to 15 May. The resource persons were Fr Ignatius Tete SJ (RAN), Fr Anthony Andrade SJ (DEL) and Fr Paul Julian SJ (KHM). A total of 39 scholastics of 1<sup>st</sup> year and 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Theology participated in the programme. From Dumka-Raiganj Province Schs Rajesh Katru and Marianus Ekka attended it. The month long programme was a moment of introspection, reflection and prayer in preparation for entering into the ministry of the priesthood. The inputs from resource persons, group discussions, personal reading, reflection, spiritual direction and prayer helped us to be confirmed and strengthened in our vocation. The well prepared and well guided retreat by Fr Ignatius Tete was the culmination of the Programme. We all had rich experiences and felt transformed. *(Sch Marianus Ekka SJ)*.

## **Post Vaccination Care**

The second phase of Covid-19 didn't directly affect the people in and around Satia. The Government is trying its best to give vaccination to people above 18 years. Adivasis are afraid of the vaccination because they are told that people get sick and even some die after vaccination. So they refuse to go for it. The local administration requested our help to convince the villagers of the need of vaccination. We called our animators to Satia in order to discuss and plan out. We went around the villages of our target area, held discussions with the people individually and collectively and gave out leaflets with information on Covid-19 and its impact and its care prepared by us. We started a Post Vaccination Care Centre in Satia where the vaccinated are kept under observation, given medical care and nourishing food for three days. The block doctor has agreed to come and do the check-up at anytime in case of necessity. We also show the villagers inspirational movies and videos. Our initiative is picking up well and more and more people are coming and getting vaccinated. (Frs Thomas Kavala SJ & Shailen Minj SJ).

### **Relief to the Covid Victims**

Everyone understands the value of being alive, but not many of us put in efforts to save a life. We think WE CAN'T. There is more joy in giving than in receiving. Due to the second wave of pandemic Covid-19, many people have lost their precious lives. Some have lost their loved ones and some have even lost their only breadwinners. Thus, being aware of the agony of the people of Sahibganj, the Xaverian family has decided to reach out to the suffering and needy people during the summer vacation beginning from 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021.

Meanwhile a Pandemic Fund has been set up. The staff members of St Xavier's have contributed four days' salary to the Pandemic Fund. Several parents and wellwishers have come forward to donate generously money, grocery items, masks, sanitizers, etc. PTA meetings have been conducted to make the parents and the students aware of the situation, the precautions to be taken, the registration for vaccine, the need of vaccine, the counseling sessions for those affected by Corona, Yoga and Reiki sessions for the students. Five of the teachers were resource persons in conducting the PTA sessions virtually and they did a commendable job in creating an awareness among the parents and the students. Besides, a panel of Xaverian doctors will be created to support the patients and their family members. Reaching out to the neighbourhood, the students' families and the elderly who have lost their family members or earning members due to Covid-19, the Pandemic Fund will help them with grocery items, masks, sanitizers, safety kits and so on. Some teachers and Ward Commissioners are helping in tracing the really needy people in different localities. These are brought to the School Campus and given the grocery items they need. Distribution of cooked food packets to the Covid patients and their families at Sadar Hospital, Sahibganj began on 28th May. The District Commissioner (D.C.) of Sahibganj could not be present to inaugurate this food distribution programme at Sadar Hospital. The Civil Sergeant (C.S.) of Sahibganj was present for a short programme anchored by Mr Mrinal Joardar, one of the teachers who spelt out the purpose for doing that noble work. In the first three days, 80 lunch packets were distributed each day to the patients and their attendants. Distribution of cooked lunch packets will continue for another 12 days. Gratitude is hereby expressed to the volunteers (teaching and non-teaching) who make themselves available everyday from early morning for cooking, cutting vegetables and packing. Meanwhile, through songs and narrations composed by Xaverian teachers, awareness programmes and posters feature on the School's website with the aim of reaching villagers and bring them awareness of Covid and of the need of vaccination. The relief work is going on smoothly under the supervision of Fr Hilary D'Souza SJ, Principal. He is assisted by other Jesuits and the staff of the Xavier Family. (Mr Shyamal Palmer).

### **Relief to the Flood Victims**

The recent super-cyclone 'Yash' that badly affected Bengal and Orissa, had an impact on parts of Jharkhand as well. Though there were no storms, the continuous heavy rainfall for two days badly flooded Sahibganj. Many people, in particular the poor of the locality, were affected. St Xavier's took the initiative to relieve these people. On 29<sup>th</sup> May, 222 food packets, prepared in the school, were distributed among the flood victims of the school's locality. Thanks are due to Dr Amitava Biswas, an alumnus, who generously sponsored the relief expense. (*Mr Shyamal Palmer*).

## **Hathimara** News

Hathimara has many programmes lined up for execution but, due to the pandemic, we are handicapped. One plan is to bring a very small group of young boys '*to come and see our way of life*', hoping and praying that one day some of them might join our ranks to work in the Lord's vineyard. It is not our intention to force our ideas on them, but rather gently to draw them to our way by our example of love for Jesus and for our fellow men and women and by plausible explanations and clarifications.

We gave a warm send-off to Frs M. Arockiasamy SJ and Nishtamani Toppo SJ, both of whom will start their new mission respectively, one in Chilimpur parish as the new Parish Priest, and the other in Mundli Mission as the hostel in-charge. We are very grateful to both of them for the services they rendered here, and wish them all the best in their future apostolates. Frs Edwin D'Souza SJ and Rajesh Ba'a SJ are both busy respectively beautifying the gardens in front of the middle school and the Church. Fr Theophil Tigga SJ is busy with the class ten results. Our new member Fr Charles Tudu SJ is slowly getting adjusted to the place and its' surroundings. *(Fr Edwin D'Souza SJ)*.

## **A Fond Farewell**

Sr Leena Danthy DSH and Sch Habil Murmu SJ of Sahibganj Xaverian Family were ceremoniously bidden a fond farewell organized in the school auditorium by the Principal and the members of the staff of the school. The short cultural programme included Prayer and Farewell songs by the Campus teachers, Dance by Campus kids, Farewell Speeches, PowerPoint Presentation and felicitation of Sr Leena and Sch Habil. It is to be noted that Sr Leena served the school for the last ten years as a teacher of English Literature. On various occasions she served as part of school administration, acting as Vice-Principal of the Junior Section. As a teacher and as anacting Vice-Principal she was very strict with the students and the teachers. She served the school for three terms, last term being the longest term. Sch Habil, who is known for his simplicity, hard work and dedication, has successfully completed his one year of Regency. He was appointed here as Hostel in-charge as well as English teacher. The Xaverian Family wishes both Sr Leena and Sch Habil God's blessings for their new missions. (Mr Shyamal Palmer).

### **May These Souls Rest in Peace!**

**Mr John Stephen Raj** (40), Cousin of Fr John Sagaya Ravi, on 15.05.2021 in Tamil Nadu

Mr Arockiasamy (71), Elder Brother of Fr Ignacy Lazar, on 18.05.2021 at Batlagundu, Tamil Nadu

Mr Thomas Nagarajan (84), Brother-in-law of Fr John Chandran, on 20.05.2021 in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu

Mr Anthony Tudu, Brother of Fr Sebastian Tudu and Fr Vincent Tudu (Dumka Diocese), on 24.05.2021 in Delhi

Mrs Philomina, Mother of Fr Stephen Raj, on 24.05.2021 in St Lueck Hospital, Moonru Mavadi, Madurai, Tamil Nadu

Mr Leonard Lakra (74), Father of Sch Ashim Lakra, on 26.05.2021 at Simdega, Jharkhand

Mr Paulus Hembrom (95). Grandfather of Sch Jisu Basu Hembrom, on 27.05.2021 at Hindudhi, Borio, Sahibganj, Jharkhand

Mrs Mary Edassery (80), Sister of Fr Abraham Edassery, on 30.05.2021 in Kerala

**Mr Berchmans Jenson** (40), Cousin of Fr John Robinson, on 01.06.2021 at Madurai, Tamil Nadu

**Mrs Helen Jeya Chandran** (68), Cousin of Fr John Chandran, on 03.04.2021 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu

# Fr Anthony Micallef SJ (1939-2021)



Fr Anthony Micallef SJ was born at Zebbug in Malta in 1939. He joined the Society of Jesus at Loyola House Naxxar, Malta, in 1959. He volunteered for the Santal Mission and arrived in India in 1965 after completing the study of philosophy at Gallarate in Italy. On arrival in India, he studied Hindi and Santali languages. He completed his studies of theology at DNC Pune and was ordained priest on 25 March 1971 in the parish church of Sahibganj. Fr Micallef was a man of few words and unobtrusive, yet sociable and a man for others. He had a kind and compassionate heart especially for the sick. Hard working and dedicated to the assignment given him by superiors, he was, at the same time, always ready to give a helping hand to others. His first priestly assignment was as assistant pastor in the big parish of Torai. Sensing the importance of audio-visuals in the task of preaching, teaching and communications, Fr Micallef set himself to become competent in the audio-visual media. In 1977, when assistant parish-priest at Torai, Fr Micallef joined the parish-priest, Fr Joe Gauci Sacco SJ, who was also the Jesuit Santal Region's Coordinator for Communications at the time, in setting up a mobile unit equipped with audiovisual media. He, then, began touring interior villages imparting integral education to the Santals. He was, at the same time, Director of the 'Sound Studio', which formed part of the Communications Unit of the Santal Region. In 1982, Fr Micallef was transferred to Dudhani, Dumka, where he set up the Dumka Diocese Communications Centre 'Sademarsal' (Sound & Light) at SDC, Dudhani. Here he began producing silk-printing, flannel graphs of the Old and New Testaments, Health care charts, recordings and slides as aids to teachers in their assignments of imparting integral formation. Before returning to Malta for good, Fr Micallef spent a couple of years as assistant pastor at Chilimpur.

Back in Malta in 1996, Fr Micallef was given the portfolio of Promoter of the Benefactors Association, which portfolio he held till a couple of years ago. He was also available for pastoral ministry. For many years, he saw to the distribution of the magazines of the Maltese Jesuits, namely, 'Lil Hbiebna' (To Our Benefactors) and 'Regina et Mater' (Queen and Mother). In 2020, because of poor health, Fr Micallef was assigned the ministry of prayer. On 25 March 2021, he celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. As his health deteriorated, Fr Micallef was taken to Mater Dei Hospital, the main hospital of Malta, where on 22 May, in the afternoon, he rendered his soul to the Lord. May the Lord reward him with His beatific vision! Both Dumka-Raiganj Province as well as Dumka Diocese remain beholden and grateful to Fr Anthony Micallef for the legacy he left behind him, in particular 'Sademarsal' (Light and Sound centre) of Dumka Diocese, which still brings out educational aids for the different educational activities in schools and villages. Our new Provincial, Rev.Fr K.C. Stephen SJ sent his condolences to the Jesuits in Malta on learning of his passing away. Fr Micallef's funeral was held on 25 May in Naxxar parish church at 8:45 am and the funeral Mass was followed here in India at 12:15 pm via internet. Fr Vincent Magri SJ was the main celebrant and Fr John Scicluna SJ, who knew him in India as well, delivered a short touching appreciation of Fr Micallef before the homily. (Fr Paul Aquilina SJ).



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St Xavier's School Sahibganj







Marian Month at Sahibganj



Flood Relief by St Xavier's Sahibganj



Relief to Covid Patients and Families











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