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Ignatius

500th Anniversary of the Conversion of Ignatius

TO SEE ALL THINGS NEW IN CHRIST

from
suffering
a wound...



...to
seeing things
in a new light

What is your cannonball moment?

OFFICIAL

APPOINTMENTS BY POPE FRANCIS

Fr Henry Pattarumadathil SJ (KER)	Member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.
Fr Stephen Chow SJ	New Bishop of Hong Kong

APPOINTMENTS BY PROVINCIAL

Name	From	To	Status	Wef
Ajit Soreng	Jesu Bhavan	Jesu Bhavan	Novice Master	22 Jun
John Mundu	GJR, XLRI	Jesu Bhavan	Socius to Novice Master	22 Jun
Rajesh Ddungdung	TRTC	Jesu Bhavan	Minister, Treasurer, Administrator	10 Jun
James Kalapura	Jesu Bhavan	GJR, XLRI	Coordinator, Minister & Infirmarian	01 Jul

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME IN JUNE 2021

2-3 Jun	Visitation - Loyola School, Chaira and Rerua
5-7 June	Visitation - St Xavier's, Lupungutu and Divya Bharati
9 June	Visitation - St John's, Tepasai
19 June	Consult
21 June	First vows, Jesu Bhavan, Mango
22 June	Visitation - Loyola School, Sankhabanga
23-24 June	Visitation - Loyola School, Kalinganagar
25-26 June	Visitation - Loyola School, BBSR

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES AND AROUND

CHAIBASA AREA

Amda

John Sumbrui

On 1 May, Fr Jerry Cutinha, the Provincial and Fr Gyan P Kujur, the Socius made a flying visit to Claver Bhavan Amda. They arrived here by 6 am. And joined the Birthday mass of Sr Seema SRA. Fr Gyan offered the mass on that occasion.

On 9 May, Sr Suchita SRA was taken to Jamshedpur and was admitted to Mercy Hospital. She was found to be corona positive. She was discharged on 14 May.

After the orthopaedic surgery on 2 April, Fr Nelson took a good rest

at Guidera Jesuit Residence. On 26 April, he was back at Claver Bhavan. On 14 May, he visited his doctor for a routine checkup. He is advised to wear the knee brace for a few more weeks.

Our submersible water pump was

out of order and beyond repair. As a result, for 3 days we carried water from the Hospital side for the essential needs. On 18 May, we installed a new Pump set with a 350 ft rolling pipe. Thanks to

Fr Jerry for his generosity.

Due to Covid-19, CSWC Referral Hospital is totally closed till further notice – no doctor, no staff and no patients. Yet, we are doing the regular follow up of

the patients through video calls. Director's office remains open.

John Sumbrui, Bene Soreng and Nelson Castelino are keeping fine at Claver Bhavan, Amda.

Basahatu

Joseph Surin

Parish News

Two or three masses and house blessings that were already announced were continued in the last week of April. From 1 May onwards all the village masses and house blessings were cancelled. Our Catechists Vikas Bankira, Sonararam Haiburu and Basanti Honhaga one after the other fell sick respectively having Covid-19 like symptoms. However, with the herbal concoctions, steam inhalations and medicines they got well. **Fr Joseph Surin** went for one burial in a village and baptized one child at Basahatu.

Thanks to **Fr Sunil Xess** from Divya Bharati, Chaibasa, who at the request of the Basahatu parish priest, gave the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to one of the Basahatu parishioners suffering from Brain TB and admitted at Mundhra Hospital, Chaibasa.

Community News

Fr Joseph Surin attended the online meeting of the Secretariats of Faith. **Sch James Deep Xalxo** came back from his brother's marriage in Odisha and self-isolated himself for a week. Later, he was recalled to the province by

the PCF. He is sojourning at Jesu Bhavan now. Thus the community is left with two members at Basahatu.

Health Report of Community

In the middle of the first week of May, **Fr James Samad** came out of his isolation and started attending to his work in the school office. However, we are still observing isolation.

Distinguished Guests/Visitors

Frs Benedict Minj and Neelam Kerketta visited Basahatu.

Lupungutu

Basil Sanga

Except for one, the rest of the candidates have gone home. Many went on 5 May and a few a little later. So the Candidates House is with three persons: **Fr Ranjit, Fr Basil** and candidate Sujit. All three are taking care of the house in the absence of other candidates. They spend time gardening and in their personal

works. The Board Exam of the 12thers is to be announced on 1 June. The would-be-novices would be coming to Inigo Niwas on 5 June and will be staying here for three weeks for their preparation before entering the novitiate. They will be going to Jamshedpur on 29 June.

In the school, summer vacation is cancelled and the students are having their online classes. The approved teachers were given quarantine centres duty. On 29 May, there will be a programme to bid farewell to **Fr Staney** and to welcome **Fr Kishor Lugun** as the new Headmaster.

Pandabir

Neelam Sanjeev Kerketta

For the last one and a half month, Covid-19 has locked us up in Bordon Jesuit Community.

Fr Benedict Minj took charge as the School headmaster on 6 April 2021. This year we have managed

to get 335 students despite lockdown and Covid-19 situation. However, we have lost about 150

students in the school. When we get back to normal life in the school, we hope to retrieve the lost sheep.

Fr Neelam Kerketta was tested positive for Covid-19 at the beginning of May. He was quarantined at XLRI (MDP) for about 14 days. The TLC at XLRI helped him recover fast and came back healthy on 15 May 2021. He is now gearing up to take up a new



mission at Inigo Niwas as the full-time vocation promoter. We are still eagerly waiting to welcome **Fr Alfred Bodra** as the new Parish

Priest. As the Covid-19 situation gets better, St Paul Miki Bordor Parish would be more than happy to welcome him.

This year we have plenty of juicy mangoes on the campus. We are eternally indebted to our beloved late Br Benedict Kichingia for putting in a lot of hard work in planting those mango trees on the campus. Mango lovers please visit Bordor Jesuit Community.

TRTC

Rajesh Dungdung

The Covid-19 has restrained our movement. Almost all TRTC staff, leaving out the Jesuit community, were affected by the virus. 90% of the community members are vaccinated with Covishield but a second dose is still pending.

Sch Telesphore Toppo is in TRTC for a month helping out in our activities. He was a key instrument in fishing out all fish from TRTC and Pandabir ponds. He has created rooms for new fish farming. Due to his brother's ill health, he went to see his brother on 4 May and stayed at home for ten days making arrangements for the medical treatment of his brother. He came back on 15 May carrying lots of Lichi. Thanks to **Sch Telesphore** for being with us and helping us generously.

Fr Walter went to Tepasai to give company to **Fr Amrit** when

three of our brothers were in quarantine at XLRI. He too pioneered visiting Sonua and started some operational work in Sonua property. After staying almost 15 days in Tepasai, he came back to TRTC for further reflection. **Fr Romanus Jojo** was the key instrument in helping the Covid-19 management task force. He helped our sick brethren to shift from one house to another and had constant contact with the remotest community of the province. He supplied medicines as well as gave valuable suggestions to our collaborators. **Fr Rajesh** was busy cultivating vegetables in the garden and providing green, red, bitter and sour vegetables at the dining table. Many were expecting *kachha Karaila* and *barbati* at the table to boost their immunity but they were provided freshly cooked

vegetables. **Fr Saleth**, our sub-minister keeps us updated with the happening news of the region, the state, and the country. He is mastering WhatsApp, Youtube and emails. The regular exercise without fail from 4 to 4.30 pm has brought his health back to normal. *Chak de Fr Saleth!*

Fr Ranjeet's legs are tied down due to Lockdown and the Covid-19. But he has not lost hope. He reaches out to people far and near through mobile communication and Zoom Meetings. He is promoting ginger cultivation to the villagers. It is true, he supplied almost five quintals of ginger to different farmer groups for cultivation. Soon, he is going to promote fish farming by supplying fishlings to the farmers. We all can approach him for fish *bacchas* provided that we have a pond.

St John's Center Tepasai

Sanjay Bodra

Fr Bernard had been planning to do something for Tepasai youth before Easter; and finally, he

decided to keep one day retreat on 28 March. 98 youths took part in this program. **Fr Niral Deogam**

was the resource person for this one day retreat. Some more resource persons were supposed



to come but due to some reason, they could not come. But **Fr Niral** managed everything and engaged them in different activities. It ended with Eucharistic Mass. In April, **Fr Bernard, Fr Rethesh, Sch Sanjay** and one sister from OLP had a fever and were



tested positive for Covid-19. Immediately they were taken to the MDP isolation centre at XLRI, Jamshedpur for medical treatment. All were well taken care of. After fifteen days of isolation, all came back to Tepasai and now all are fine. The



community would like to thank Fr Provincial for making this wonderful arrangement at XLRI. Now we have a new member, **Fr Walter** in our community who will be looking after our new land in Sonua to start a new mission.

DHANBAD AREA

DNS – Bhuli

Anthony Pancras

De Nobili Jesuit Community, Bhuli

On 21 May, **Dr Vinod Fernandes** was received at Bhuli along with **Sushil Ekka** to refresh his old memories of De Nobili Bhuli. **Vinod** was with us for a week. It was a great joy to listen to him tell of his dreams for De Nobili Bhuli and his exacting moments at Bhuli. On 28 May, **Sebastian Puthenpura** took **Bhincent Bhengra** to Loyola School for a health check-up, as he was not physically well for quite some time. **Vinod Fernandes** too accompanied **Bhincent** and **Sebastian** to

Jamshedpur. **Prabhakar Oddipalli** of Tundi desires to spend some time in Bhuli to prepare for his Comprehensive Examinations. We hope to have him by the end of this month.

De Nobili School, Bhuli

The extended lockdowns in Jharkhand paralysed even the staggered working of the administrative section except for the accounts office with just one person. May Day celebrations were also kept low key due to the worsening of the Pandemic. The workers were given a token of appreciation amidst the presence

of the administrative members. Teachers prepared the holiday homework which was posted on the respective class Whatsapp groups with a perspective to keep the children connected to their studies. Online Classes continued in full swing. A good number of teachers volunteered to conduct extra classes even during the Summer Vacation to avoid rushing with the syllabus at the eleventh hour. Although, things had come to a standstill for all, we—through the online medium—tried to do the best for the children even in limited capacities.



DNC Digwadih

Emile Coelho

Around Eid-ul-Fitr, De Nobili School, Digwadih, closed for the summer. One would have thought that Principal **Amaladoss** would, at last, be able to settle into a chair (with the volume of music pleasantly enough turned way down low) and comfortably read a novel. For **Amal**, that will happen only in the parousia, perhaps. For, he had to attend the ICSE and ISC Council work. No peace for the wicked. Ha. Ha. Ha.

Francis, the 'bonus pastor' that he is known to be, was unexpectedly called upon to bury three parishioners who died of Covid-19. He rose to the occasion and with all piety performed the strenuous corporal work of mercy: burying the dead under

Covid-19 regulations. Francis was exhausted thereafter and had to rest sufficiently to catch up with badly needed sleep. Well done, buddy.

On 15 May, **Oscar** celebrated his birthday with a Mass for the Digwadih Jesuit Community. **Niranjan**, with the guitar, led the singing. The rest chimed in with joyful lips and full-throated gusto. At the gathering later, **Oscar** was lustily felicitated with the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow!" *Bade dhoom dhaam se!*

On 20 May, the Community once again came together. This time, it was to usher in the Ignatian Year with a Eucharistic Celebration in which **Emile** presided.

Amaladoss, the Principal of DNS Digwadih, just spoke personally with Subodh K. Jaiswal, the new CBI Director in Delhi. **Amal**, in his own inimitable and most amicable way, so charmed Jaiswal, that all formalities were dropped and cordiality reigned supreme during the entire conversation. Jaiswal categorically said that he owes everything that he has achieved in life, to his education at De Nobili and, most of all, to the Jesuit Fathers, Teachers, Support Staff and others at DNS Digwadih. **Amal**, full of joy, invited Jaiswal to come to visit DNS Digwadih; to which Jaiswal responded that he would love to come to his school. Oh De Nobili, hats off to Thee!

Koradih

Anthony Pancras

Online classes for Std. 11 started on 3 May 2021. The Nobilean syllabus for the AY 2021-2022 was sent to all the students of De Nobili Koradih. The tiny tots of LKG presented their art skills online. The online classes from

LKG to Std. 10 and 12 remained suspended from 15 May to 20 June 2021 owing to Summer Vacations. The students were assigned ample Holiday Homework, Worksheets and Project Work to keep them occupied. However,

classes for Std 11 will continue till 2 June. Ms Sulagna Roy, an ICSE teacher who had been ill for many days resumed her classes from 13 May.

JAMSHEDPUR AREA

Chaira

Thomas Nelliakunnel

As May was the month of the pandemic all of us stayed inside except **Tony** going out to buy the provisions and to the bank once a week. By the grace of God, all

of us were safe from Covid-19 except **Michael** who was in isolation in XLRI and came back to Rerua in good condition. He had to continue the isolation also

in Rerua for a few days. Now he seems to enjoy his isolation as according to **Gulshan** he does not come out of the residence. Maybe he is spending more time in prayer

in this jubilee year. In Chaira School, all the teachers were asked to conduct online classes from home from the end of the last month itself whereas in Rerua the teachers were coming to the school for some days to conduct the online classes. We have stopped the common mass and the community prayer for the time being except having the prayer

for **Fr Stan** and adoration twice a month. **Niral** who is a member of the task force to manage the pandemic has become a real taskmaster. He has registered the names of all the four Jesuits who have not received the jabs and also the names of the sisters and is waiting for the availability of the vaccine to receive the shots. Mangoes are getting ripened very

fast and not many people are there to eat as the hostel children and the resident teachers are away. Because of the lockdown, we cannot distribute them except in the neighbourhood and also nobody can come here to get them. With the threat of “Yaas” approaching very fast we don’t know how many will remain on the trees.

Guidera Jesuit Residence

George Cheradayil

Fr Jerry Cutinha, our provincial, called an emergency meeting of **Frs Gyan Prakash Kujur, K. M. Joseph, Donald D’Silva, Gerald D’Souza, Somy Mathew** and **C L George** to chalk out an action plan to combat the spread of the Covid-19 attack and to help the affected people in Jamshedpur, Chaibasa, Dhanbad, Bhubaneswar and Kandhamal areas. He constituted a task force consisting of **Frs Gerald D’Souza** (Province Task Force Coordinator), **Ranjit Kindo, Michael Fernandes, S Anthonyraj** and **Blasius Ekka** and mandated to initiate and coordinate activities to combat Covid-19 and help the affected people. All the task force members have initiated various activities to combat the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic and help the affected people.

Every year, the community used to felicitate the five maintenance staff members who work hard to take care of the infirmary and the others in the community. We used to give them gifts, appreciate as a community for their dedicated service and have them for dinner together with the community. This year, we cancelled the Labour Day

celebrations due to the onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic and in solidarity with the affected people.

Fr Somy Mathew, our coordinator, called a special community meeting to share ideas and suggestions to protect us from this coronavirus infection. We, as a community, made it mandatory for all to wear masks in common places, to maintain social distance in common places, report immediately when symptoms appear and go into self-quarantine, and get immediate treatment to avoid complications. So far no one is infected though there are many senior Jesuits with various health problems in the community. We thank God as a community for His special blessings!

The community had a special mass and prayer service to pray for our dear **Fr Hilary Lobo**, all the Covid-19 affected people and the health workers. Thanks to the timely initiative and efforts of **Fr Provincial**, XLRI MDP residence was converted into a Covid-19 isolation centre with excellent arrangements for

Jesuits and others. Our young and multitalented scholastics **Anjum Lomga** and **Ashish Kumar Digal** who did a wonderful job assisting the quarantined people in the MDP Residence. They were well taken care of during the quarantine period. We are extremely grateful to the XLRI administration for making the MDP residence with all facilities available for the corona virus-infected patients.

We had a beautiful community mass with the members of the Tome Jesuit Residence community to celebrate the inauguration of the Ignatian year and pray for its success. **Fr Donald D’Silva**, our new acting superior was the chief celebrant and **Fr Somy Mathew** was the homilist. After the mass, **Somy** welcomed **Fr Sunny Jacob** to XLRI before he leaves for Rome to take up his next mission. He then congratulated **Fr Paul Fernandes** on his appointment as the Director of XLRI Jamshedpur and thanked **Fr Christi Joseph** for the great job he did as the Director of XLRI during the last two years. He also congratulated **Donald** on his appointment as the acting superior of Tome

Jesuit Residence and thanked **Paul Fernandes** for taking care of the community during the last 8 months as acting superior. The celebration ended with a delicious

dinner put out by **Br Pascal**, our minister. Everything was done under Covid-19 protocol.

Fr Somy Mathew organised a one-week online course on media

and computer application for our scholastics with the help of **Frs Joshy, Vivian and Sch Jubin Nath**. It was highly appreciated by all the participants.

Jesu Bhavan – Mango

Eric Cassel

We were smitten by sad events—one after the other. On 3 May, Fr Master drove Sr Mariyam, PDDM, to Mercy and had her admitted as a Covid-19-Positive patient. The same day **Fr Ajit** left by car for Calcutta to reach his younger brother, Suman Soreng, age 40, to Tata Medical Centre for treatment of Adenocarcinoma. **Ajit** returned on 12 May and went into self-quarantine. His younger brother underwent a battery of tests and it was recommended that he receives a series of 28-pixel radiation shots in 5 weeks to arrest the growth of cancer near the anus.

Charity Feedback Process spread over three days took centre stage, in staggered sessions. It was a time for Feedback Session for the Novices that was conducted by Fr Master. It had a sobering effect on all.

On 3rd May, **Sch Oliver O** renewed his Vows at Mass, after making an 8-Day Retreat under Fr Master.

7 May marked the final Journey of Sr Mariam who succumbed to Covid-19. With 5 burials scheduled that day at Beldih Cemetery, we had no choice but to dig our own grave for Sr Mariam in the plot reserved for Jesuits. It does appear that ours is a partnership with the PDDM's in the Ministry

even unto death! Yes, Sr Mariyam, met with instant success when she took classes for our Novices in Catechism. It was only fitting that our Novices—**Anmol, Deepen, Roshan** and **Akhilesh**—along



with our two workers, Nathan and Stephen, dug the grave. It was hard going since the soil was soft and stuck to the tools, making it harder and longer. In the meantime, **Scholastics Beeran, Sanket, Vikram** and **Novice Rahul** helped **Frs KM Joseph** and **Somy Mathew** to bring the body of Sr Mariam in a coffin from Mercy Hospital—all in accordance with the Covid-19 Protocols. It was also fitting that Fr Edwin Coelho, the VG of Jamshedpur Diocese, performed the last rites. After all, it was the Diocese of

Jamshedpur under Rt. Rev. Felix Toppo, who invited the PDDM's to Jamshedpur Diocese to start a Centre for Perpetual Adoration and a Community College in Jamshedpur. The PDDM's settled in the campus of Jesu Bhawan Campus, where four acres were allotted to them for the Community College. The rains held off while the grave was being dug and remained reduced to a drizzle during the concluding ceremony. The First Councillor of the PDDM's, from Bangalore, Sr Victoria, was present to represent the Provincialate.

In the space of just two weeks, the Novices, 1st and 2nd Years, produced a video clip that recorded each one's tribute and appreciation of Sr Mariyam, complete with graphics with just the right background music. It was a multi-task exercise calling for writing and speaking, shot outdoors on the campus. It was edited and produced by Second Year **Novice Roshan Kerketta**, which won him accolades from far and near. **Kudos, Roshan!**

Two days later on 9 May, Fr Master drove Sr Reshma, PDDM, to Mercy Hospital for a check-up. She was declared Covid-19-suspect and was urged to recuperate in the

MDP, XLRI Campus, where all our Covid-19-suspect Jesuits have been sent for a period of R&R (rest and recuperation) and was accommodated—far from visitors or contact with any person.

On 15 May, we had a flood of Scholastics moving into Upasana—**Cajetan**, **Cyprian** and **Sanjiban** returned from their POP program in Sitgarah—**Arun** from Home Visit and **Vital** from Ahmedabad, **Jobin Sebastian** from LPG, only to take up residence in MDP as a Covid-19-suspect—not forgetting the 5 Scholastics from Kolkata who were isolated for 14 days because of being Covid-19-suspect—to make a total of 19 Scholastics in different stages of Formation residing in Upasana!

Fr James Bara carries on cheerfully as Minister, managing as much as he can at the in-house level because of his ailment though his voice seems to have become louder and stronger when he presides at Mass!

Speaking of UPASANA, Covid-19 and Lockdowns have taken a heavy toll on the in-House-programs. **Fr Joe Njara** has no option but to go digital as it's being done in our Scholasticates and Colleges. At the moment **Fr Njara** is having an online Retreat for 7 Pre-Novices of **Amar Jyoti** and is being ably assisted by **Schs Sanjivan, Jobin, and Cajetan**.

The Scholastics in Upasana spend the best part of the morning attending online classes as future Digital Jesuits conducted by **Frs Joshy, Vivian and Jubin Nath** on

PhotoShop, Google Form to name a few and yet another one by **Sch Anjum** on Video Editing.

The Academic Year 2020–2021 ended with a big splash – a Bible Quiz – that focused on the Gospel of St Mathew—that the Novice Master, **Fr James Kalapura**



taught. It was a pain-free method to examine the grasping power of the Second Year Novices. It was skillfully managed by **Schs Cajetan** and **Jobin**, complete with audio and video rounds. **Cajetan** took on the role as Quiz Master, **Jobin** as PPT in-charge, **Sanket** as time-keeper to monitor the time-bound rounds and **Arun** as a scorer. During the 90 minute session, **Novice Rohit Nag** served as a scorer for the blackboard and **Donald Toppo** as a photographer. The three teams—two in a team—**Roshan Kerketta** and **AsishTete**, **Anit Ekka** and **Deepen Kerketta**, **Anmol Soreng** and **Sunil Xalxo** did themselves proud. **Sch Cajetan** was superb and put on a class act as the Quiz Master, ably supported by **Sch Jobin Sebastian** managing the PPT,

Sch Arun Prasath recording the scores and **Sch Sanket** keeping time as well as applauding every round enthusiastically. It was consoling to see the Scholastics drop in from Upasana to provide moral support as and when they were free. Fr Master was beaming with satisfaction, thanking the Scholastics for their professional help and support and giving out the prizes for the Audience Round and Bible Quiz. The team of **Deepen Kerketta** and **Anit Xalxo** came out as winners. Congrats all!

It was a humbling experience to see our strong and able-bodied novice **Deepen Kerketta** humbled by a sprain that did not allow him to kneel or play. To add insult to the injury came the last straw when **Deepen** in helping to slay the pig for the table nearly lost his middle finger when the pig clamped on it in its last gasp. Once again it was Schs **Cajetan** and **Cyprian**, who have been taking **Deepen** to the Hospital for treatment and X-rays—the very day they arrived from their POP program in Sitgarha!

The Academic Year is over. Now begins the fun moment. The Socius, **Fr Ajit** sat down to plan out the 7-Day Fun and Games, followed by a First Vows Retreat and, sad to say, “Bidai” to the outgoing 6 Novices, and their Master, **Fr James Kalapura**.

Jilling

Sylvester Ekka

As the second wave of Covid-19 began to hit villages in our neighbourhood, we locked ourselves within the four walls of the campus. There was fear and anxiety all around as the news of infected cases spread. We, along with the staff and students were much shocked to hear the

sad news of the death of a dear teacher Mr Tirtharatan Mahata on 25 May. He was a kind and gentle Maths teacher in the primary section.

On the inauguration day of the Ignatian Year, we had a special community mass with our vice-superior **Fr Praful** as the main

celebrant. After the mass, each one of us lit the special lamp prepared for the inaugural function. As the school is closed due to lockdown, the staff members were informed about the inauguration and celebration of the Ignatian year and to join in spirit from home.

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Community

On 01 May, Labour Day was observed at a low key with the initiative of LCE administration. All the workers came in the morning as usual and cleaned up the mess that was caused by the heavy rain and storm on the evening of 30 April. They worked hard and took time to cut the branches of trees that fell, gathered them together with the leaves and brought back the clean picture of the whole campus once again. Around 10:00 am they had their usual tea and a little later were given a very rich lunch to wish them, which was arranged by Mr Tiwary, the game's teacher. Three Office staff members also joined them for the lunch that was well done and appreciated by all.

On 08 May, **Sushil** on enquiring from St Joseph Hospital, Bhilaiphari, came to know about the non-availability of the Covid-19 vaccine but was directed to St Mary's Senior English School, Bistupur. **Fr Alex**, the Vice Principal, asked him to take **Gautama** and be there by 10:30 am. Everything was well arranged

in the Auditorium. On arrival, he was taken care of without any delay and administered the first shot of Covaxin and released within half an hour. They did a wonderful service with complete safety measures to all those who came for vaccination.

Anselm with **Somy**, came on 10 May for an exchange program of sharing some Tapioca shoots cum a big healthy Papaya from our garden, and in return gave a smile from a distance before leaving the campus. **Savari** from XITE is capable of smelling Mangoes from a distance; he too came to fetch his share for his community.

School

Sushil was well connected with the school office that was managed, mainly online, by the

Office Secretary to avoid social contact distance. In case of any special need, the parents and the teachers were instructed to make prior appointments through landline number before coming to the school. During the month the Secretary secured thirteen new admissions online for different classes and kept herself busy with other clerical work to complete before the summer vacation which was set for 01 June.

Sushil kept himself quite occupied in close observation on the slow but steady progress of the construction work and installation of a new Transformer for the school. He too kept the maintenance workers occupied with repair work, especially the ladies, in keeping the campus clean and green.

Finding the colourful Poster on advertisement for new admission to XITE College at Gamharia, laying at the construction site, Sushil with the help of his generous workers fixed it up in a strategic place for public view that will invite a good number of new students for admission in the



Pep Talk to Students of LCE on 20 May



Talk to Nurses of AIIMS, Delhi on 12 May

future.

College

As lockdown continues, so do the online classes for the second-year students of LCE. As attendance keeps dropping, **Tony** designed a modular programme on various themes to keep them engaged and engaged them meaningfully from 17-21 May. Themes were coined keeping in mind to build their capacity, skills and competency. On 20 May, **Tony** took them on a virtual journey on **"Strategic Leadership Style for Prospective Teachers"**. Other



Pep Talk to Staff of St Francis School, Bambra on 22 May

themes include: Action Research, Graphology – Assess Personality through handwriting, Academic Service Learning.

01 May was observed as **"Labour Day"** and LCE hosted lunch for our co-workers to recognize their help and support to the Institution. Mr James, one of our office staff, was given farewell during this occasion.

On the occasion of International Nurses' Day, **Tony** was one of the speakers on a Webinar hosted by Nursing Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Gol,



Pep Talk to Staff of St Francis School, Bambra on 22 May

New Delhi -110 011, supported by WHO & WFP, India, Sphere India, UNICEF and HCL. He addressed them on **"Strategic Leadership Style during Pandemic 2021"**

Tony was the resource person on 22 May for a webinar hosted by **St Francis De Sales School, Bamra**, wherein a few staff members of St Arnold's school, Bagdih, St Francis School, Deorapara, St Benedict school, Kinjirkela and Loyola School, Sanghbhanga voluntarily joined. He gave a pep talk on: **"Strategic Teacher Leadership Style during Pandemic 2021"**

Loyola School–JSR

Pius Fernandes

The 'Summer Vacation' has begun, which means for the second consecutive year children will be within the four walls of their homes. The online classes have been given a break and teachers have given sufficient projects to keep children occupied.

Several of our teachers and their families are affected by the COVID-19 or have lost a few of their family members. Some of the incidents are too heartrending to describe. The situation in Jamshedpur is marginally improving. Our school is a Vaccination Center and there is a daily footfall of 1500 to receive

jobs.

The Lockdown continues and our movements are restricted to the campus only. **GRD** and **CG** have resumed their normal duties after full recovery. Minister **Gerry** has managed to get an E-pass to provide the essentials for the community. Seizing the opportunity **James** has begun the Annual Retreat. **Cyril Tigga** is in the community convalescing after his nasty Covid-19 attack. **Bro Benji** is taking good care of him. Rector **KM** lost his dear sister in law who was ailing for some time. RIP.

We had the Annual Visitation by the Provincial this month. He has encouraged us to keep up the spirits during these difficult times. In his pep talk, he appreciated our labour of love and exhorted the community to continue the good work through Hindi School, English School, Parish and JYOTI.

XITE Gamharia

Dayanidhi Bisoi

Xavier School

On the occasion of Workers' Day, the Interact club fittingly appreciated the contributions of the Maintenance Staff to the School by a PPT presentation. The online First Unit Test was held on 6 May. Having no alternatives due to COVID-19, the editorial team of Staff and Students worked strenuously to design an E-Magazine, the first one of its kind, titled "Xavier Zest 2021" which was published on 11 May. The SAFE club organized a slogan writing competition on the occasion of World Red Cross Day. The Eco-club organized elocution, *rangoli*, paper bag and flowerpot making competitions for senior classes. The Computer club too conducted a logo making competition. So far, a total of 70 students have taken admission in Std. XI while the rest of them are in hibernation mode. Xavier School is associating and seeking assistance from Jesuit Schools in Sydney, Barcelona and Kathmandu to introduce international dimensions in the school curriculum. Because of the summer holidays, the online classes were suspended for one month from 13 May.

XITE College

Fr Francis Ezhakunnel, the Principal conducted student-parents Online Meetings on 10 May in which a good number of parents sounded appreciative of online classes. **Fr Francis** received the **Top 30 Dynamic Principal Award** (The Golden Aim Award) for *Excellence & Leadership in Education* organized by Synergic Business Solution on 11 May. We congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved recognition for his hard work. The second National Innovation & Startup Policy (NISP) Meeting was conducted on 12 May that finalized the Institutional level Policy for colleges. The Faculty had its 7th meeting on 13 May in which aspects of online promotion of the degree programmes, research and publication work of the Faculty, etc. were discussed. The Faculty and Students have formed a Digital Promotion Team (DPT) for online organic promotions through textual and video postings in social media. The first round of the Faculty Research & Publication Seminar was conducted under the able supervision of **Fr Mukti Clarence** that gave each member a chance to present his/her research

proposal and its progress. A webinar on HR Buddy was conducted by Mr Anand Kumar, an HR specialist, on 19 May who underlined the importance of developing skills and knowledge for employability. The College was closed on 24 May due to the summer holidays and will resume its online classes on 21 June.

Community

The XITE Community along with the CTC Sisters offered the Month's Mind Mass in memory of **Fr Hillary Lobo** on 26 May. **Fr Jerry Cutinha**, the Provincial was kind enough to join the Community to offer prayers for Fr Hillary. The community celebrated the birthday of its youngest member, **Fr Mukti Clarence** on 8 May. The extension and interior designing work of the refectory were carried out through the careful supervision of **Fr Kuruvilla**, which looks decent and spacious now. As the campus was badly hit by COVID-19 cases and our cook and the driver were having symptoms of it, the Community had to hunt for their substitutes. Thanks to the Loyola Community that came to our aid by sending one of its ex-cooks for a week.

ODISHA AREA

Kalinganagar

Pascal Burh

"A stitch in time saves nine," goes the old adage. As per the rule, the validity of the fire safety certificate

is for two years. Before the validity expired in May, **Fr Jaision** got it renewed for another two years.

The entire process of obtaining the fire safety certificate is now online, and everything has to be

ready before the inspection of the school. Though we faced a few hurdles as we started with the online process like broken water pipes, non-functional water pump, we finally got it renewed for another two more years, after taking an undertaking which has to be adhered to within three months.

School closed for summer break on 17 May. However, all is not shut here at Loyola School, Kalinganagar. The teachers are taking special online classes for all the students as they have to complete 10 hours of summer classes. The last working day was a fun day class for the students. The teachers organized special dance, singing, quiz, acting etc, to ease the tension of the students.

Many parents appreciated the initiative.

On 15 May, the School organized a grand farewell for **Fr George Fernandes**. It was an online and offline programme. Ms Sarojini Santha Lakra welcomed everyone and delivered the farewell speech wherein she highlighted the contributions of **Fr George Fernandes** to the School and the Jesuit community. She described in detail **Fr George's** close connection with Loyola School, Kalinganagar right from its inception. In this short stay of eight months, he proved himself as an able administrator. Ms Santha congratulated **Fr George** on behalf of the school staff for being appointed as the acting Superior and the Registrar of

XIM University and assured him of their incessant prayers for his new responsibilities. The staff room was filled with a melodious rendition of farewell songs by the teachers. On behalf of the school, Principal **Fr Jaison** and the teachers gifted **Fr George** a trolley as a token of love and appreciation. In his parting speech, **Fr George Fernandes** encouraged and motivated the teachers to remain dedicated to the School. Finally, **Fr Jaison** offered a vote of thanks and wished **Fr George** good health and good luck for his new mission.

On 18 May, we arranged for a farewell meal for **Fr George Fernandes** in the community. All the best **George** and good luck!!!

Loyola Bhavan – Bhubaneswar

George Anthony

May month saw us all in the House as the continuous lockdown announced by Odisha State went on. "Work from Home" was the mantra. **Biranchi** was a member of the Covid-19 Monitoring Task Force checking the wellbeing of all the Community members, under the Leadership of **S Tony**, and managed to take care

of the sick who stayed in the Community for Health issues during the Lockdown. With Binay the cook down with Covid-19, he managed the Kitchen and the Guests in true preparedness also to face Cyclone YAAS. Truly a real Covid-19 Warrior and a Man for Disaster Management.

Brother Tony's prayers have kept the Covid-19 Virus outside the Loyola Bhavan gates. **George** was busy with VRO Annual Reports preparation and monitoring the health of VRO Volunteers in the various sites and the impact of Cyclone YAAS on the VRO sites. So far, all the people and property are safe.

Loyola School – Bhubaneswar

Gilbert Menezes

As the second wave of Covid-19 raged all over Odisha, the state administration imposed lockdown and weekend shutdowns from 5 to 19 May, which again was extended to 1 June. Our Odia School building was made a vaccination centre as well as food grains distribution centre and still

continues to be one. As the cyclone 'Yaas' is emerging out of the Bay of Bengal in all its severity, again the school has been earmarked as a cyclone shelter for local people. English School stopped the online classes on 15 May and the teachers and the students got a much-deserved summer break.

Fr George Thana became the first person in the community to start the Ignatian Jubilee celebrations in earnest as he began his 8-day spiritual journey on the inaugural day of the jubilee, 20 May 2021.

Tumudibandha

Blacius Ekka

Gregory and **Blacius** had their first jab on 23 April. There were some cases of Covid-19 in the market and Mahalipada village, therefore the Sarpanch through the Collector had imposed a complete lockdown in Tumudibandha from 3 to 17 of May. The weekdays' shutdown and weekend lockdown continue as per the state government order.

The Pajikeri brethren have problems with internet connectivity. Therefore, we came together in Tumudibandha on 21 May to attend the live-streamed



Ignatian Inaugural Mass on YouTube. Each one attended the Mass in his room. After the Mass, each one spent some time reflecting on the main points of Fr General's sermon as to how to get into the memory lane of one's own personal conversion

and deepen it. During the short meeting, emphasizing the need for daily prayer, the Superior encouraged the members' openness to the Spirit in everyday life as the conversion is not a one-time event but rather a daily process.

The summer crop on the farm this time was good. The paddy harvesting and threshing is over. The farm department will soon be busy preparing the field for the monsoon crop. There are some fresh vegetables ready for consumption.

XIMB

Arockia & Benjamin

We began the month remembering and being grateful to all the workers on the feast of St Joseph the Worker. Due to the surge of COVID-19 cases, the state ordered a lockdown in two phases of 15 days each, making our planned activities behind schedule. Despite a month-long lockdown, **Tony Uvari**, VC convened several online meetings of different committees to continue the assigned work online mode. Indeed, the promotional team is doing commendable work through social media. It was a happy moment for the XIM University fraternity to receive the formal Gazette notification passed by the State Legislature of Odisha and notified by the Government of Odisha on 11 May 2021. Pursuant to the Gazette notification, the University Grants Commission has also recognized and approved

the renaming to XIM University vide a letter dated 21 May 2021.

Tony S, Tony Uvari, Arock and **Josh** took the second shot of vaccination. **Tony Uvari** complained of breathing uneasiness and chest pain in the early morning of 19 May and was immediately rushed to CARE Hospital by **Arock** and **Josh**. After diagnosing that he had an attack, an angiogram and angioplasty were conducted successfully. He stayed in the hospital for four days and on the fifth day, he came back home and is now recovering fast. Our administrative officer Mr Basant and driver Mr Bipin were around the hospital rendering timely help. **S. Tony** spent one night in the hospital taking care of **Tony Uvari**.

Fr Jerry, our provincial came for a meeting with the admin team. Unfortunately, the main person

of the admin, **Tony Uvari**, was in the hospital. **Jubin** stayed for a month in Xavier Residence for digitalizing the documents of the province. **Don** and **Vivian** stayed for two weeks in Xavier Residence for a change of place and to help **Jubin** in his work. **Mahesh Nayak** stayed in the new campus in the quarantine block and continued his annual retreat in Faber Residence. **Benja** celebrated his birthday in Faber Residence but due to lockdown, we could not go for the celebration from Xavier Residence but we were part of the celebration in spirit.

We got ready with all the preparation to face the cyclone "YAAS" but thank God, it took a different direction leaving with some showers and moderate wind in our locality.

FORMATION HOUSES

Loyola Sadan, Lucknow

Sujit Minz

The month of May was packed with splendid activities. We started the month with great hope of recuperation from illness. In the first week of the month, we celebrated the Major Holidays where we enjoyed the community life to the fullest. We culminated the holidays with a day of recollection and relaxation. The special Adoration every day helps us to pray for healing of the



suffering world. In the second week of the month, the second-year Novices had their charity class. Now, they are busy with

their preparation for the vows day. The first-year Novices are taking care of cooking in the house and preparing for the presentation of GC 35. The second-year Novices have begun giving an introduction to the daily Eucharist that helps us to gain knowledge of the scripture. We celebrated the birthdays of **Brs. Samuel** and **Dharsan**. They thanked the Lord for their life and their call to the Society of Jesus.

Loyola College, Namchi

Amos Bage

The second and fourth-semester B.Ed program was inaugurated on 22 April. Fr Francis SJ, the principal of the Loyola College of Education addressed all the staff and students on the online platform because of the Covid-19 protocol. He announced that the 2nd and 4th-semester classes will be online mode. Though online classes have both advantages and disadvantages in the teaching and learning process, we have no

other option. **Pascal** and **Pawan** are really busy in online teaching practice classes which includes preparing their lesson plans, preparing their teaching aids and at the end taking online classes. It is really a testing period for **Pascal** and **Pawan** to internalize and put all the theories that they have learned into practice. But they seem to be mastering the teaching practice classes and becoming professional teachers. **Pascal**

and **Pawan** will be finishing their B.Ed courses by 15 August. **Amos** is also familiarizing himself with the online teaching and learning process.

Almost 20 days we all were in home-quarantine after one of our brothers was confirmed positive for Covid-19. After a few days of medication, he is alright now and we too are able to breathe fresh air.

BIRTHDAYS OF JUNE

01	Jaison Joshua
02	Rajat Baxla
04	Oliver D
04	Augustine Vattamattam
07	Clement Kujur
07	Kamal Kerketta
09	P Anthonyraj
09	Anil Cyprian Dang
10	Sebastian Puthenpura
15	John Mundu

16	Ranjeet Kindo
19	Deepak Sanjay Ekka
19	Hilarius Kongari
20	Tony John
20	Joseph Kalathoor
21	Ranjit Roshan Minj
23	James Deep Xalxo
25	Benedict Min
27	Gyanprakash Kujur

FR JOHN DEENEY, SJ BIRTH CENTENARY JUBILEE

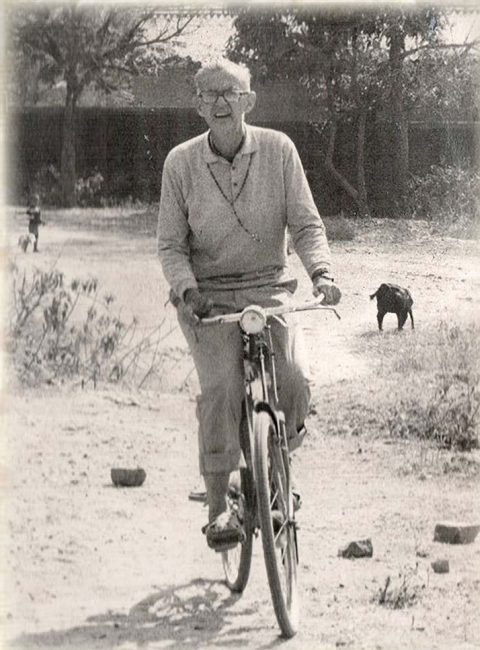
My First Encounter with Fr John Deeney in the Early '70s

Eric Cassel
(Golden Jubilarian)

Our group of “Formees” was the last to see that we got the FULL traditional course – 3 years of Philosophy and 4 years of Theology. Ours was the first group to be allotted pocket money, a princely sum of Rs. 20 (twenty) rupees a month for toilet and local travel by PMT bus or for hiring a cycle. Ours was the first group that was told that there would be no Quinzaine (15-day organized vacation) in DNC, Pune but that we had to return to the Province for the holiday period.

Those 30 days of holidays, before we returned to DNC for the Annual Retreat, were to be spent, partly for language study and partly for a vacation on the burning sands of Gopalpur, in Orissa, where the Province had bought a Villa just for R&R (Rest and Recuperation). I came to Lupungutu for language study. There, for the first time, I met **Fr John Deeney**. He was tall and lanky, lean as a rail, not the least bothered that he had not shaven for a full day. He wore an ill-fitting, oversized T-shirt, with baggy cotton trousers that had not been ironed in days, with far-from-comfortable sandals from where his long toenails struggled to peek out. But when he got to teaching us Ho, it was pure fun all the way. No tension. It was a delight. As a teacher, he was superb – never in a hurry to move on – his gestures with his long lands were so expressive as he explained: “*aayer*

te, aayerte, chanab, chanab te”, “*emenenge*”, “*nepa*”, “*alang*” that we had to control ourselves from bursting out into laughter. That we did. And he liked it. It meant he was on target.



My next encounter was right after Ordination when Fr John Deeney invited Fr Joe Lacey and me on our first mission experience in the old Willys Jeep. We learnt to feel every bump on our rump on those country roads where the dust would come through the front with the shield raised up for the air to pass through. I was coughing up like I had TB. But Fr John was nonchalant and unperturbed as though he was driving in the US. It was something that had become part and parcel of his life.

It was winter. We were allotted a hut to spend the night in. But

before we retired for the night, we were served supper. It was like a “congee”—“*maar bhaat*”—boiled rice in water – salt – a few green chillies. Mind you, it was winter. The atmosphere, outside and inside the hut, was ice cold. So too was the food! We spent the night sleeping on “*puhaal*”— straw. I never could imagine sleeping on the straw could be so pleasant and warm!

The next morning, at the crack of dawn, on an empty stomach except for tea that had salt in it and no sugar, the Willys Jeep took off. As we neared a stream, Fr John prepared us for the next surprise. There were no toilets and so “do as the natives”—defecate—attend to your morning ablutions—and use water from the stream for the final swipe. My whole city-bred upbringing in Pune revolted. My entire system refused to cooperate. The urge to relieve myself just never disturbed me. But, I could see Fr John Deeney returns from his call of nature as though he were coming out of a Five-Star-Hotel! I could not figure it out—me, an out-and-out native of the soil unable to relieve himself in public while an American used to plush toilets was able to do it with such consummate ease, such nonchalance.

That was Fr John Deeney—a person who learnt the Ho language like he spoke his native English—dressed simply, not

concerned whether his trousers had a knife-edge crease in them—ate whatever was given him as though he were at a McDonald's Restaurant.

This was not the life for me I said to myself as I neared the first year

of being a priest. Little did I realize at the end of the fourth year of Theology, I would be assigned to Maluka, an in-coactive parish in the middle of nowhere—live out of a thatched hut like the natives around—with no running water—

no toilets—no electricity—no newspapers. Thank God, Fr John Deeney was there in Chaibasa to encourage me, 'Never give up, Eric"! Yes, hang in there, even by your fingernails—but—never give up!

MAY ENDS... PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE WAY...!

C. Gautam

"O Holy Mother of God"

with grateful hearts we pray to you **to strengthen all those** who are now concerned with the vulnerable, facing the **second waves with new mutant** and the expected **third wave**, and those who are trying to help by testing cum administering the **appropriate vaccine** in different places, especially in the **rural areas**.

Plead with your Son, **as at Cana**, so that people trust the vaccine, take responsibility for their own behaviour in observing the protocols and have confidence in **doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers** who are working day and night to save lives wherever they can.

Guide WHO and the leaders of other nations with **wisdom and love** to continue helping countries by providing needed vaccines for **the poor**, especially in those countries where people are suffering from the lack of facilities. Touch the consciences of world leaders to invest energy and funds in developmental work, improving health, saving lives and preventing **similar tragedies** like devastating climate change and **surge in Covid-19 new mutants in Indian states**.

Help the **world population** accept our global family, especially **the poor and migrants**, in a spirit of unity and solidarity to remove all **endless miseries, violence, war and confrontation** through deep faith, constant care-prayer, dialogue and generous service. We entrust the whole universe to you, **O Clement, O Loving, and Sweet Virgin Mary... Amen.**

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

ACROSS THE BRIDGE

03 May	Fr Saju Bastian, SJ	(HAZ 59/37)
04 May	Aunt (72) (Mother's elder sister) of Sch Akhilesh Kumar, SJ	
05 May	Fr Cyril Rajesh Tigga, SJ	(MAP 84/62)
06 May	Fr Isaac Tete, SJ	(RAN 66/46)
06 May	Fr Ramesh Tribhuvan, SJ	(PUN 49/25)
07 May	Fr Jerome Gonsalves, SJ	(PUN 71/51)
07 May	Ms Pushpa Kerketta (40) wife of Br Pascal Kerketta's nephew	
07 May	Ms Jyotimani Bara (50) sister in law of Fr James Bara	
10 May	Fr Anil Dayal Kujur, SJ	(HAZ 60/35)
10 May	Fr Antony Raj Perinbam, SJ	(MDU 76/57)
12 May	Fr Ambrose D'Souza, SJ	(KAR 66/39)
13 May	Mr Animanand Tigga (40) nephew of Fr Cyril Tigga	
13 May	Fr Francis Kurien, SJ	(HAZ 68/51)
17 May	Br Jeganathan Ambrose, SJ	(MDU 72/53)
19 May	Fr Anthony Cruze Arul, SJ	(GUJ 57/35)
21 May	Ms Achamma Mathew (66) Sister-In-Law of Fr K M Joseph	
24 May	Fr Rajarathinam Rathinam, SJ	(CEN 62/41)
24 May	Mr Vijay Kumar Kujur (62) Elder brother of Fr Gyan Prakash Kujur	
27 May	Mr Anthony Lugun (77) Father of Fr Sylverius Lugun	
29 May	Fr Jeyaraj Maria, SJ	(MDU 86/67)
29 May	Fr Lawrence Maria Gabriel, SJ	(MDU 81/56)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

01-06-1992	Fr Savari Raj D. Reddi
10-06-1998	Sch Anil Kumar Singh
14-06-1960	Fr Stephen F. Latchford
17-06-1962	Br William Braganza
27-06-2018	Fr Richard P. McHugh

LIGHT, HOPE, LOVE – THE NEW ORDER

A Poem from Prison

Stan Lourduswami

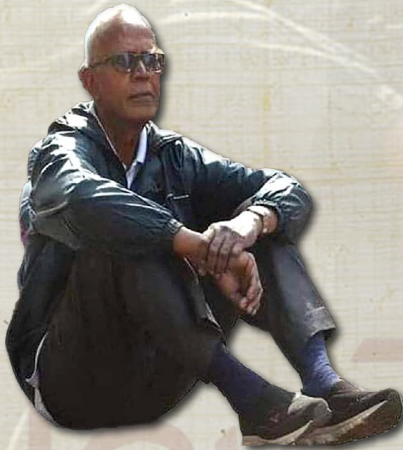
Light overpowering darkness
Hope replacing despair
Love winning over hate
Is the message of Jesus risen

Darkness, despair descended on me
At lower court declaring me complicit
Of waging war against the State
As such not deserving bail

And what was the evidence?
Some documents planted in my computer
Which were supposedly addressed to me
Something I myself was not in the know

My co-accused colleagues
Assured me this accusation is nothing new
They too have been accused similarly
I was thus consoled to be in their good company

But fight we will till the end
Not so much just to save our skin
But to speak truth to power
Counting all the while you all are with us in mind and heart.



[This poem was posted by Fr. Stan from Talaja Prison on 7 April 2021 to Fr. Joseph Xavier and received on 27 May 2021.]

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
JUNE 2021

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

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.

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