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APPOINTMENTS BY FR.GENERAL

Fr. Francis Pudhicherry (GUJ): Rector, De Nobili College, Pune

Fr. Nirmal Raj (DUM): Rector, Vidyajyoti, Delhi

Fr. K.C. Stephen (DUM): Provincial, Dumka-Raiganj Province

APPOINTMENTS BY FR.PROVINCIAL

Fr. Rozario Ripon and Fr.Dores Francis: Tertianship, Kandy, Sri Lanka

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAM

March 2021

- 02-03 : Patna Jesuit Mission Centenary Celebration
05 : School Principals/Secretaries Meeting
06 : St. Xavier's University Kolkata Board Meeting
07 : Meeting of the Coetus Praevius
08 : Calcutta Archdiocese Consult
09 : Chamrusai Premananda Ashram Society's Meeting
10 : Trust Meetings - St. Xavier's Collegiate School, St. Xavier's School Burdwan, St. Xavier's School Durgapur

- 13 : Convocation, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata
15-19 : Provincial's Workshop (online)
20 : Province Consult
25 : Chrism Mass

April 2021

- 04-09 : Visitation, Dhyana Ashram
09-10 : School Principals/Secretaries Meeting
10 : GB, St.Xavier's College, Kolkata
13-15 : Visitation, Arunoday
16-17 : Province Consult
17 : St.Xavier's College Kolkata-Trust Meeting

Information

Province Apostolic Planning : After all the meetings and receiving the suggestions the final document is ready to be sent to Fr. General for his approval. Once Fr. General approves it we will start implementing it.

Ignatian Year : Calcutta Province Ignatian Year Planner (20 May 2021 to 31 July 2022) has been sent to all Superiors. The planner suggests what could be done in personal, community, apostolic, cluster and province levels. You may adapt the plan according to the needs of your community and apostolates. The First Cluster level recollection is suggested to

have on 12th March 2021 as a preparation for the Ignatian Year. May the year long spiritual exercises bring about a true conversion and a transformation similar to what happened to our father Ignatius. May God help us all.

Province Congregation : Very soon the list of participants in the Province Congregation will be announced to you. In the mean time you may think of postulates to be taken up in the Congregation. The details of the time frame will be communicated to you soon. Kindly keep the Province Congregation in your prayers that it may also another moment of renewal of ourselves and the Province.

CALCUTTA JESUITS : NEWS AND VIEWS

Dhyan Ashram

The Dhyan Ashram community went for a day out to St. Xavier's University Kolkata and Eco Park on February 3. Fathers at SXUK made the provisions available to enjoy some games as well as a sumptuous lunch. The Juniors enthusiastically participated in the essay and short story competition organized by the CDF (Conference Delegation for Formation). The theme, "The Challenges of Democracy" made us reflect and understand the critical situations of our country. In the course of preparation, we were indeed challenged to prepare ourselves better for a greater tomorrow.

Our long-awaited visit to Science City came to a reality on February 20. We gathered a lot of information and good memories of being together as companions. **Fr. Prakash** (PCF of Dumka-Raiganj Province) had come for the Visit on February 12. His presence added joy to the community. Currently, we are investing a lot of our time for the Assistency English Exam which will be held on March 15.

The novices left for their month-long hospital and mission experiments on February 20. They are expected to be back on March 24.

-Sch. Paulus Baskey

Raghabpur

A new Church was blessed at Chok Rasun Mahmud on February 14, 2021. Chok Rasun Mahmud was one of the oldest mission stations. It was a significant milestone in the history of our Raghabpur Jesuit Mission. The ceremony was meticulously prepared by the local Christian community, under the meticulous care and



guidance of **Fr. Salvatore**. Twelve children also received their First Communion on this auspicious day. As expected, the Church was filled to capacity, and a good number remained outside in full view of all the proceedings.

At precisely 10.00 am. **Bishop Shyamal** was escorted in a joyous procession from the neighboring football ground to the site of the new Church. The Church, the visible protruding Cross on its front wall, the new Altar, Church doors and windows were first blessed, and the Eucharistic celebration followed. The Bishop in his beautiful interactive homily explained to the children the meaning of their first reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. The mellifluous singing of the choir added to the sublimity of the occasion. Fr Salvatore, in his own inimitable way, gave an energized vote of thanks as a fitting finale to this august ceremony. Bishop Shyamal showed beyond any shadow of doubt that he is a Bishop of the people, for the people, and with the people.

A specially prepared reception for our guests (Bishop, Fathers, Sisters, Catechists, Parish Council members), on a specially prepared stage in the front space of the Church, followed by a wonderful variety entertainment of music, dance and song, and delicious noon agape, provided the finishing touches to a truly memorable day.

-Fr. Patrick Walsh

Prabhu Jisur Girja

Parish:

A parish picnic was organized on January 23 at the Church of St. Theresa of Child Jesus, Basanti. Around 50 people participated in this picnic. January 24 was the "BIBLE SUNDAY". We had Bible procession and veneration of the Holy Bible during all the Masses. A Charismatic Prayer Service by Fr. Ramesh Cherian was organized in our Parish on January 26 which about 150 attended.

Scholastics Suresh Antony Albert, Felix Tete and **Robert V. Antony** were ordained Deacons by **His Grace Thomas D'Souza**, the Archbishop of Calcutta in Prabhu Jisur Girja on February 4. **Fr. Raphael Hyde** (Provincial) and **Fr. Mahananda Singh**, (Parish Priest) concelebrated with the Archbishop. The ceremony was live streamed.

A Charismatic Prayer Service was conducted by Br. James D'Rozario in our Parish on February 6.



The Youth Group of our Parish organized an online competition program for our Sunday School children in September 2020 which included drawing, singing, creative writing, dance and recitation. Prizes for this competition were distributed on February 7.

A 3 Day Charismatic Retreat was conducted by Fr. George Arackal in Prabhu Jisur Girja on February 12-14. On the 3rd day more than 500 people attended this Retreat. A Charismatic Prayer Service, conducted by Mr. Joy Biswas on February 20 was attended by around 50 people.

-Mr. Andrio Arup Gomes

Community:

Fr. Mahanando Singh, the Acting Superior, executed the plans of Diaconate celebration meticulously. He also organized a meaningful send off to the new Deacons with a good dinner as they left for Burdwan. **Br. Naïke** played an important role in organizing the Diaconate dinner. All the three Deacons were very grateful to him and the community for taking care of the entire celebration especially for taking care of their parents and relatives who came for the Diaconate ordination.

After the month-long retreat to the Seminarians of Dibrugarh, Assam **Fr. Kurian** returned spiritually enriched to the community. He is quite focused on preparing the place for the scholastics' return. **Fr. Cyriac** who was the Acting Superior in the absence of Fr. Kurian, had to leave for Kerala to meet his ailing mother who eventually passed away. May her soul rest in peace.

Fr. Pat Eaton made his annual retreat in PJG itself. **Fr. John Rojerse** went to Pandua to teach Fr. Mongal's STAG method to the candidates of the Holy Cross Sisters and preach a retreat for them as well. **Fr. Dipak Gomes** conducted a day of Recollection to the M.C. Sisters at Nimtola, M.C. Sisters at Beatification House and to the FMM Sisters at Tollygunge Convent, Sacred Heart Chinese School Sisters at Weston School and Ursuline Franciscan Sisters at Lenin Sarani during the month of February.

Fr. Arun gave a recollection talk to the scholastics on February 20.

Chitrabani:

Chitrabani is happy to execute a Computer Training Course to the village students: 10 students from Bishnupur and 40 students from Kalna, Pandua and Jamalpur. Udayani extends its resources to collaborate with Chitrabani to reach out to as many poor students as possible. The Courses are held in two places: Kalahrdaya and Pandua. The Jesuits are very supportive and encouraging to hold such courses in their places.

Chitrabani extended its helping hand in Live-streaming the Diaconate ordination. The Deacons were very grateful for that. **Fr. P. J. Joseph** is happy that his health is improving and responding to the medication.

-Fr. Arun Lucas

Premananda Ashram, Chamrusai

Asansol, Durgapur, Bankura, Mirga, and Jhantipahari community members visited and encouraged us in the mission. Thanks to them.

The total number of students registered in our Ashram for the Boarding School this year is 754



(Boys; 412, Girls; 342). We will start class five this year with 85 (Boys; 54, Girls; 31) students. Books are being distributed to the students. Teachers have been motivated

through seminars and orientation programs.

St. Ignatius Parish has planned for fifteen days of catechism classes for the Christian boys and girls who are above ten years old. The catechism classes will begin from March 1 to 15, 2021. These children will be prepared for the first Holy Communion which will take place during the Easter celebrations. The Parish is also planning to have a faith formation camp and orientation programs for youth, after the Easter celebrations.

-Fr. Sebastian Xalxo

Statistics of The Society of Jesus as of January 2021		
Total Membership – 14,839		Priests: 107
South Asian Assistancy (ASM): 4375	Calcutta Province →	Brothers: 8
Calcutta Province (CCU): 162		Scholastics: 41
		Novices: 6



Jisu Ashram, Pandua

Youth Camp: A hundred youth attended the camp conducted by our Scholastics. The camp was meticulously planned and executed under the



leadership of **Sch. Rakesh Mondal**. **Sch. Suranjan Baskey** conducted the ice breaking session. Sch. Rakesh Mondal gave a session on Motivation, **Sch. Sagar Tudu** dealt with relationships in teenage and **Sch. Rintu Mondal** taught study skills. The day-long program concluded with the 'Singing and praising' by the Calcutta Jesuit Scholastic Gospel Band, which lasted for more than an hour. **Sch. Tomy Manu**



moved the whole crowd with his dance and singing. Thanks to the PCF and scholastics for choosing Pandua for the Camp. The Parish youth had a golden chance of participating in

a well-organized camp.

Parish:

Mass and Way of the Cross have been organized in all the 16 units of the Parish. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday are set aside for village ministry. Four Jesuit Novices are in the Villages for their Village experiment. They conduct English coaching classes for the school going students during the day time, collect families together in the evening and conduct prayer services. Their presence in the villages is highly appreciated.

School:

50 students have taken new admission for the 2021 academic Year. 288 students have been re-admitted for the ongoing session. **Fr. John Rojers** is in Pandua to teach the forgotten STAG methodology of **Fr. Mangal Das**

-**Fr. Amulya Kananaikal**

St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

The 15th edition of the Commerce Department Journal YOU THINK was launched digitally on February 6. This year, the journal has been set apart on its path of excellence by associating with Mr. Mohammad Hamid Ansari, Mr. Gautam Gambhir, Mr. Gulzar, Mr. Shaan, Ms. Medha Patkar, and Dr. CNR Rao. **Fr. Dominic Savio**, the Principal, Dr. Vijay Kedia, Investor and Managing Director of Kedia Securities, and Mr. Varun Sridhar, CEO of Paytm Money delivered their speeches on this occasion.

Fr. Dominic Savio launched the first Website 'Xaverian Masterminds', a curated series of intellectual exchanges, on February 21. It was presented by the Alumni Association West Zone and the topic of the webisode was 'Decoding Budget 2021'. On February 21, on the occasion of International Mother Language Day, the St. Xavier's



Community along with the Alumni paid floral tributes to the Martyrs of the Language Revolution Day.

At the Valedictory session of the 33rd Industrial India Trade Fair organized by the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BNCCI) on February 21, Fr. Dominic Savio was felicitated



by the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Sri Jagdeep Dhankhar for his contribution in the Education Sector towards the development of Society.

In his acceptance speech of this prestigious award, Fr. Dominic Savio mentioned that he was accepting the honor on

behalf of St. Xavier's College and the 161 years old legacy which has equal contributions of the students of the past generations including the members of the Alumni Association, faculty members and support staff as well as the example of the selfless services set by the Jesuit Priests of St. Xavier's Community over the decades. Further, he said that this award was an honor to the Jesuit Education of the past 500 years across the globe and very specially the contribution of the Jesuits in India in the field of Education and Human Development all these years.



Fr. Dominic Savio along with other Jesuit Fathers of St. Xavier's Community inaugurated a multi facility Wellness Center in the College campus on February 27. He

announced that the College would be introducing a weekly interactive session on stress management, depression management, meditation and motivation etc. given by eminent domain experts in such disciplines.

-Fr. David Paulraj

St. Xavier's Burdwan

The month of February was replete with excitement and joyous moments. The main attraction of the month was our beloved three Deacons, namely **Anthony Albert Suresh**, **Anthony Robert**, and **Felix Tete** who were ordained on Deacons on February 4 at Prabhu Jishur Girja, Kolkata by **His Grace Thomas D'Souza**, Archbishop of Calcutta. Five of our scholastics participated in the Eucharist representing our community. On February 11, they returned to the community and we felicitated them with a grand dinner. On the same day, we also celebrated **Sch. John Paul's** birthday. To mark this wonderful day we organized a Cricket match.

On February 17, we celebrated the Saraswati Puja in our College. Though this was the first time we celebrated this event on the college premises we restricted the number of students and teachers due to the persisting Corona situation. The event was live streamed. We have begun our College internals and in the month of March, we will begin our semester examinations. Our deacons, 3rd-year collegians, have begun their Sunday ministries in Gurap, Kamarpara, and Burdwan.

On February 20, both the Gurap community and Burdwan community went on a picnic to the DVC cottage, Pallaroad. We went for a boat ride, played cricket and had a delicious meal. We were deeply sad on hearing the demise of **Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes**. He was a beloved person to many of our scholastics from Bangladesh. We pray that he may Rest in peace in heaven.

-Sch. Radnaf Flavian D'Silva

Kalahrdaya

On February 2, Sr. Ranjan HCM and Sr. Julita HCM went for their month-long holidays and exams respectively. On February 3, **Fr. Saju George** went to meet his ailing brother in Kerala. To all our dismay, Fr. Saju had a fall and is nursing an injury. He is recuperating and hopes to be back soon. On February 13, Kalahrdaya hosted a youth program conducted by our Scholastics. Fifty-Five young boys and girls attended the program where various topics like 'Goal Setting', 'Relationships',



'Study Skills, 'Leadership' etc. were dealt with to enrich and motivate them. It was a joyous occasion for us to see the youth bubbling with energy and enthusiasm throughout the day. On the same evening, we had a gospel concert performed mainly by our Scholastics which was much appreciated. From February 21, our Dance, Painting and Spoken English classes were formally begun after a long layoff due Covid-19. Our building work is gradually nearing its completion.

-Sch. Rakesh Mondol

Udayani

Udayani organized a Cultural dance competition in three blocks, Jamalpur, Kalna-I and Kalna-II in Burdwan districts on January 27, February 2 and 6 to promote tribal dance, music and art. From each block eight to nine groups participated in the competition. A variety of traditional dance artists performed beautifully. **Fr. Markus Hembrom**

coordinated the programs very well. He worked hard with Udayani staff to make it professional. The



best dance group was given Rs. 5000, second Rs. 3500, third Rs. 2500 and fourth Rs.1500 cash prizes as a token of appreciation and encouragement.

The Computer literacy program for 50 underprivileged youth has been started at Bishnupur and Pandua which was inaugurated on February 12 and 13 in collaboration with Chitrabani. **Fr. Arun Lucas** and team have taken the responsibility to educate the youth in computer skills. **Fr. John Kerketta**, the Director of Udayani along with **Frs. Anburaj** and **John Rogers** was present on the inauguration day. Youth were very excited to attend the computer course twice a week after the COVID 19 lockdown.

Fr. Joseph Xavier, the Director of Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bangalore was at Udayani from February 14 to 26 to conduct an assessment study. He visited five blocks: Pandua, Jamalpur, Kalna-I, Kalna-II and Bishnupur and conducted focus group discussions and interviews with different groups of people in the villages. He assessed the impact of the project during the COVID 19 and after the COVID 19 situation. His assessment study will help us to develop the next proposal for the Udayani Social Work.

-Fr. John Kerketta

Vidyajyoti

Fr. Valan C. Antony gave the keynote message "Towards a Perspective ... Pilgrimage Theologically during the Pandemic Times" at the inaugural ceremony of the Vidyajyoti's academic year 2020-2021 held at Sacred Heart Cathedral. He taught two online courses to the students of Arul Kadal, Chennai and Jnana Jyothi, Karnataka RTC, Bangalore in addition to the three courses (seven credits, maximum by any professor in any given semester) at Vidyajyoti. He was also the external Reader of the PhD Dissertation of Philomina (Sr. Johncy, SMI) at Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune. "Coping with COVID-19" was a Webinar talk he

gave to nearly 300 students of Classes XI & XII of Sahodaya School, Hauz-Khas, Delhi (November 2020). He preached a six-day retreat to 24 priests of the Archdiocese of Agra at KNEUS, Greater Noida (December 2020) and an eight-day retreat to a group of 17 SFX priests (Pilar fathers) in Bathinda, Punjab (January 30 – February 7). He just returned after directing the Provincial team and superiors of SFX Delhi Province (11 priests) in an eight-day retreat experience (February 19-26) at Pilar Niwas, New Delhi.

Fr. Poulose Mangai preached recollections to the MC communities of Seemapuri (Feb 4) and Majnu ka Tila (Feb 18) and attended the think tank meeting of Delhi Archdiocese (Feb 22) besides contributing reflections and articles to Voice of Delhi, Dilli Vaani, Charisindia and Vidyajyoti Journal. In the fourth week of February, Vidyajyoti College conducted the ad auds exams of 48 III BTh students, including our own deacons **Felix, Robert** and **Suresh**.

Vidyajyoti is waiting for the new Rector, **Fr. Niraml Raj** (DUM).

-Fr. Poulose Mangai

De Nobili College, Pune

On February 6, we had a recollection in DNC. **Fr. Tony Andrade** of Delhi Province preached it on the themes 'Revisiting Ignatian Spirituality.' On February 14, thirteen Jesuit Scholastics were ordained Deacons. The theme for this year's Diaconate Ordination was "Sent to Heal and Reconcile."

Schs. Manish and **Prosenjit** took care of the choir and decoration respectively. Strict Covid-19 pandemic protocols were followed and the ceremony was live-streamed.

The Comprehensive Thesis is ready for the final year philosophers. Serious preparations have begun and the final year philosophers have formed a common study group. Also the Comprehensive Synthesis has been started where revision and orientation for the Comprehensive Exam is being given by the professors.

On March 20, Father General appointed **Fr. Francis Pudhicherry** as the Director of Ignatian Spirituality Study and Research Centre at DNC and as the new Rector of the House. He will be taking charge March 25, 2021.

- Sch. Prosenjit Gomes



A warm thank you Fathers Brian and Festo

After many years of service with the Archivum Romanum Societatis Iesu (ARSI), **Father Brian MacCuarta** (HIB) will step down as Academic Director of this institution at the end of 2021.

Father Festo Mkenda (AOR) will replace him in this function. We warmly thank Fathers Brian MacCuarta and Festo Mkenda for their availability and their generous service to the Society.

An article will be published in the June 2021 Newsletter of "General Curia of the Society of Jesus".

-Antoine Kerhuel SJ, Secretary of the Society

Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, S.J., leaves for his Eternal Abode (1921-2021)

Most Rev Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, S.J., left for his heavenly abode in the early morning of



February 27, 2021. He would have celebrated his 100th birthday this year on September 7. His funeral mass was held on March 1, 2021 in St. Teresa Parish Church, Moulali at 8.30 am, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Teresa of Calcutta, at Baruipur at 11 a.m. and at 3 pm. Bishop Shyamal Bose, of

Baruipur diocese, was the main celebrant and the Bengal Region's Bishops concelebrated at the 3 pm mass.

He was known for his simple, humble, disciplined and prayerful life and earned respect from all who came in contact with him. Punctuality was one of the priorities in his daily routine, which he practiced throughout his life. He was physically fit and mentally alert and participated in almost all the programs at St Xavier's till the lockdown began. His enthusiasm and encouragement was of a great source of inspiration not only to the priests but to all the lay persons who came to him.

Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, was born on September 7, 1921 in the village of Balidior, District of Dacca, East Bengal (now Bangladesh), belonging

to St Francis Xavier's Parish at Golla. Mr Domingo Gomes and Anna Cecilia Gomes were his parents. After his mother's death, his father married Florence Gonzalves. He had four brothers, Walter, Raymond, Desmond, Bertin and four sisters, Helen, Sophia, Melred and Rosaline. All of them have gone to heaven.

Bishop Linus had his schooling at Holy Cross High School, Bandura and then came to Calcutta for his ISC examination at St Xavier's College in 1940. While studying at St Xavier's College, Calcutta, he came in contact with Belgian Jesuit teachers and professors such as **Fr. Johannes** and **Fr. Turmes**. Inspired by their life of service, he decided to join the Jesuits. After his first phase of Jesuit trainings in Hazaribag, and Shembaganur, Kodaikkanal hills, he did his BA Bengali from Central Calcutta College in 1948-1949. And in the following years he was assigned to teach at St Xavier's School Calcutta.

His Holiness Pope Paul VI appointed Fr Linus N Gomes the first Bishop of the newly established Diocese of Baruipur on May 30, 1977, while Fr Linus N Gomes was serving as the Parish Priest of St Teresa's Church, Taltala, Kolkata. Consecrated as Bishop by late **Archbishop Cardinal LT Picachy**, S.J. on November 19, 1977, at a solemn episcopal ordination ceremony held on the grounds of St Xavier's college, Bishop L Gomes S.J. served the nascent diocese of Baruipur for 18 long years, literally nurturing and building it up from its inception (1977 – 1995).

After his retirement from the Bishopric of Baruipur diocese in 1995, Bishop Emeritus L Gomes went to Bangladesh in 1997 to support the Jesuit works there. He remained there for about 18 years as well from 1997 to 2014, mainly in Dhaka, rendering spiritual help to the Christian community and religious Sisters at Monipuripara, Dhaka. His humble and cheerful service of 18 long years was of a great support and encouragement to the Jesuits in Bangladesh.

His last years were spent in the Jesuit Fathers Residence at St Xavier's College at 30 Mother Teresa Sarani, Kolkata. Bishop L Gomes' fatherly presence was a source of immense joy and inspiration to everyone in the community and in the infirmary. Besides, his gracious presence at various gatherings and celebrations at St Xavier's College and School gave much joy to the students and staff alike. May his soul rest in peace!

“Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth.



Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.

Teach us to go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand, to pay attention to the

essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous, to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth. Grant us the grace to recognize your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen”.

- *Pope Francis*

(Rome, Saint John Lateran, 23 January 2021, Vigil of the Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales) (-CNUA)

Message of the Holy Father

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18).

Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus



(Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to

live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

Latin America – Inocente Montano’s 133-year sentence for the murder of the Martyrs of the El Salvador upheld

“This was truly an assassination, carried out by means that had the backing of ‘State terrorism’”, says the sentence. The ruling considers it a proven fact that the murders were plotted, planned, agreed and ordered by the members of the High Command of the Salvadoran Armed Forces: a true state crime.

The Supreme Court emphasizes that the crime “went beyond the grave consequences of the attack” for the victims’ lives, “because it intended to annihilate the hopes of peace of an entire society, plagued by ten years of civil war”. Meanwhile, in El

Salvador, the Supreme Court has recently closed the criminal case against the rest of the architects of the atrocity, who were mentioned in the Spanish judgment, issued under the principle of universal justice.



The Supreme Court has upheld the sentence to 133 years and four months in prison for Inocente

Montano, the former colonel and former vice minister of Public Security of El Salvador, for the murders of five Spanish Jesuits in 1989, including Ignacio Ellacuría.

Just five months after the National High Court condemned the only military leader to be tried in Spain for these events, the Criminal Chamber of the Supreme Court has upheld the ruling on what it calls “a true story of terror and horror visited on the victims of this state crime”.

(Social Justice and Ecology Secretariate, Society of Jesus.)

Rest in Peace

Fr. Vasco de Rego (GOA, 96/75) passed away on 17.02. 2021 in Pune

Fr. Anthony Doongdung (RAN, 87/63) passed away on 20.02.2021 at Namkum.

Fr John Vattanky (KER, 89/70) passed away on 22.02.2021 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode

Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes, SJ (CCU, 99/78) passed away on 27.02.2021 at Kolkata

Fr. Oscar Rozario (BOM, 78/63) passed away on 28.02.2021 at Mumbai

Fr. Savarimuthu Xavier (CEN, 83/59) passed away on 03.03.2021 at Dindigul, TN

Holy Father’s intention for March 2021

Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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