



JCSA Ranchi 2019



JCSA Ranchi began by taking up the report of the Bangalore REGAE II meeting. At the end of the three days set aside for this, it was clear that most provinces were not ready for any major redrawing of Province boundaries. However, what all agreed to was to ensure proper province planning and greater collaboration at the zonal level. All agreed to two to three concrete projects to strengthen zonal collaboration. I am sure the Spirit will slowly lead us to greater sharing of our resources and to joint apostolic responses. Our hearts have been prepared, we now move forward to the harder reorienting of our joint mission.

Another issue that we looked at was the harassment and persecution of Christians in the Jharkhand belt. Jesuits and others have been arrested and convicted on trumped up charges, tribal rights are being eroded and minerals/forests/lands being usurped. It is a difficult moment for the Church in Jharkhand. We affirmed our solidarity with the local Jesuits and agreed to support their efforts.

The spiritual highlight of JCSA Ranchi was our Eucharist at the spot where Fr. A. T. Thomas' beheaded body was found. We joined a group

of about hundred local people, activists, nuns, and children. It was heartening to see how the work of A. T. Thomas amongst the poor Dalits of the area has been carried on by Jesuits, nuns and local activists even in the face of continuing opposition. All of us came away with a strong resolve to continue to accompany the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed as they seek a better world for all.

- Arun de Souza

Fr. Provincial's Schedule: November 2019

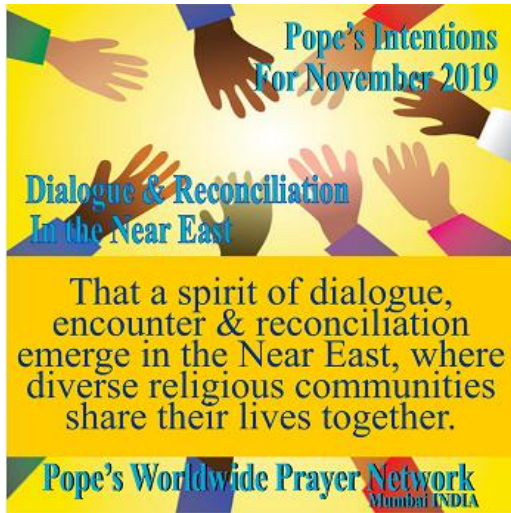
13	Shirpur
14	Nandurbar
17	Jubilarians Evening
18	Province Consult
19-21	De Nobili College, Pune
22-24	XLRI, Jamshedpur

Cardinal Oswald Gracias has appointed **Fr. Gerard Rodricks** as Archdiocesan Coordinator of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN). We wish Gerard all the best in this new role.

Fr. Provincial has appointed

- Fr. Joseph Poshapir as the Province coordinator for JEMAI
- Fr. John Mezsia as the Province Coordinator for JESCOM

Notice: Novice NOEL JOHN left the Society of Jesus on 7th October, 2019. We wish him all the best as he discerns his path ahead.



Scholastics **Lenoy Tharakan and Praful Ekka** have asked for Ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood. Anyone aware of any impediment is conscience bound to inform Fr. Provincial.

The Province Treasurer has sent all House Superiors and Treasurers the Budget Round Schedule along with the Budget Proformas.

Please contact the Province Treasurer in case you have not received this.

Reminders

Sunday, 17 Nov, 6:30 pm – **Jubilarians Evening** at Vinayalaya

Saturday, 28 Dec, 5:00 pm – **Ordination** of Frankline Colaco and Thomson Lopes at Manickpur

Award for X-Tech, Mahim

The Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education has awarded St. Xavier Technical Institute, Mumbai with the Best Laboratory Award. This award carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- along with a certificate of appreciation.

This is the third year in succession that X-Tech has received this award. Hearty congratulations to the Jesuits and staff there!



Inigo English Club @ Manickpur

I feel blessed to have had the opportunity, along with the other youth in my community to help a group of 10th standard students from St.Xaviers Marathi Medium School, enhance their English language skills. Even though they've spent most of their lives speaking in languages other than English, they do realize the importance of the English language in today's world. We started a couple of months ago and we conduct classes every Sunday and sometimes during the week for additional help. Apart from the language we're also helping them to boost their confidence.

Initially it was easy to have them come for the class, however, gradually the number of children coming in for the class started diminishing. Our biggest challenge now is to keep them motivated to learn the language for their own benefit. Every student in the class is on a different level. To assess their understanding of the language and analyze

where each student stands and then, conduct activities that cater to all these different levels is our greatest challenge. While we youth, take care of the reading and writing aspect of the language, Br. Joshua and Br. Seby help improve their diction and pronunciation through various activities.

The goal is not just to help them in their exams but to help them speak the most commonly spoken language and make use of it to make a living. The biggest challenge that these students face after school or college is the lack of job opportunities. We are trying our best to have them speak the language with confidence so that they stand a better chance in the world outside.

- Sarah Colaco
Youth group member

Magis on Wheels!!

Magis in the simplest of terms means to be more. It does not mean striving to be the best, but to be better than who we are today. The aim of 'Magis on Wheels' was to promote the spirit of Magis in a way that could help people become a better version of themselves. We were 6 of us, **Calvin, Joyson, Joel, Simran, Ayesha and Fr. Brian**. We began our trip on 29 September and returned on 12 October. 'Magis on Wheels' also set out to bring to people's knowledge the Magis that is to be held in Delhi in 2020. The programs held in Meghalaya, Nagaland and West Bengal served the purpose of both giving them the hope of having a better tomorrow as well as of a need to experience more of Magis outside of their daily life.

Everywhere we went, there were different problems. Each community faced their own

share of problems. Our task was to understand these problems better in order to be able to connect with the youth on a deeper level. Through our interactions and talks, we were able to help them realise that there is a way to start anew. Towards the end of each program, we saw a group of people who began the day with all their burdens on their shoulders, but went back light-hearted and happier.

The program in William Nagar, Meghalaya on 2nd October began with a loud response from the enthusiastic young people that attended the program. Each of them was open to us and eager to learn and do something new. They had never experienced anything like this. Yes, they did have programs but none that they felt could give them something to cherish.



At the end of the day, when we received feedback from everyone, many said they would have liked the program to be longer than just a day. Many also suggested that we should have had Mass, however, due to the lack of time we were unable to do so. This feedback that we received showed us that we had made a difference in their lives.

Our next destination was Phesama, Nagaland. This event, held on 5th October, was similar to the one in Meghalaya, except that we had made some improvements that

helped us be better for the youth. Though they had problems that were quite different from what we had dealt with in Meghalaya, they too left happier and with a better sense of what their lives could be like. In Phesama, a girl from among the youth of Nagaland gave her testimony of all the trials she had been through in her life and how the Lord had helped her come out stronger than ever, even though, coming from a Baptist family, she had no support from them since she chose to follow the Catholic Church.

Our final destination was Chopra, West Bengal where the Darjeeling Province Program was held. This program was quite different from the rest. It spanned over two and a half days beginning on the evening of 8th October and ending on 10th October. This program was almost a full-fledged Magis, except for the experiment. To begin with, it was a little difficult to get the youth to open up and immerse themselves in the program. However, as the next day began, the Youth were more enthusiastic as we were able to get them to open up and experience something new.

The program was a success in all three states and many are now eager to attend the Delhi Magis 2020. On the whole, 'Magis on Wheels' made a difference in the lives of over 400 youth from many different states. There is a lot more that we can do and this was only the beginning.

Ayesha Mendonsa
Magis Youth

The Times of XTC

October being the month of mission, we were fortunate to have the Chapter 7 & 8 of the constitutions of the Society of Jesus explained in detail. We were made aware of our way of proceeding

and that we are called to be **Men for Mission** collaborating with Christ in his kingdom. The 2nd year novices are now engaged in their mission experience.

During the last week of August, a course was scheduled on the Epistles of St. Paul. Fr. Ronnie elaborated on the same with much experience and vigor. He began speaking of the theology of St. Paul which was accompanied by a movie on his life. The Course ended with much insight and matter to reflect upon understanding the Spirit behind the writing of the Epistles.



In the first week of September Fr. Joe D'Souza, Socius of Pune Province conducted a one week Vipassana program for us. Initially it was tough to sit for nine hours of meditation per day. However, Fr. Joe guided us and helped us to enjoy these sessions through his experience and made us aware of our inner strength of body and soul. .

During the Enneagram sessions, Fr. Dinesh Braganza helped us discover various types of the human personality. He graciously obliged to conduct some additional sessions on Core

Transformation which led to inner healing that was of great help to us.

Fr. Roland Coelho, Provincial of Goa Province, enlightened us on the 5 C's of the Jesuit life comprising of Compassion, Conscience, Commitment, Competence and Coherence.

Our First year brothers Gito, Savio, Clayton, Unisakhiat, and Noel had an adventurous time organizing the Spring Valley high schools camp at XTC. It was an experience made memorable for the students and they went with an enriching camp experience.

At this moment 1st year Novices are getting ready for their spiritual journey. Their long retreat will commence on 1st of November, 2019. Kindly remember them in your prayers.

XTC Novices

In Christ's Peace

+ Fr. Aloysius Thoppil (AND) 56/31, passed away at Vijayawada on 1st Oct.

+ Br. Paschal D'Souza (GOA) 8/59, passed away at Goa on 24 Oct.

+ Mr. Joseph Lobo, father of Fr. Bryan Lobo, passed away at Mangalore on 21 Oct.



Elders Day at St. Anne's, Mazagaon

*May the feast of All
Saints inspire each one
of us to live out our own
call to holiness!*

