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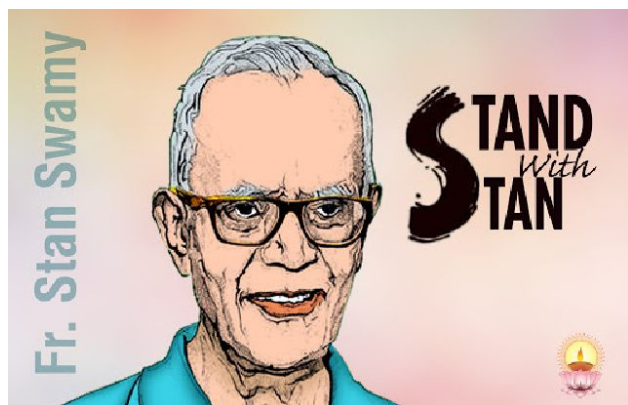
The Pandemic of Hatred

Our 83-year-old brother Stan Swamy, from Jamshedpur Province, defended the land rights of the indigenous Adivasis over the last four decades. So-called “developmental projects,” industrialized agriculture, mining, and unbridled greed, have forced the Adivasi people from their homes. On the night of 8 October, Stan was arrested, flown to Mumbai, and incarcerated on the pretext that he had links with Maoists. It is commendable that some of our Jesuits quickly swung into action—along with civil society groups—to protest the autocratic behaviour and the abuse of law by the Hindutva-oriented BJP government.

The right to protest against government policies is increasingly being branded as sedition. Human rights activists are in big trouble for the stand that they have taken; they are often branded as “anti-nationals.” The Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) provides the state with the power to arrest an alleged “terrorist” and imprison them without trial. Even Amnesty International, which defends human rights around the world, has been elbowed out of our country.

There is a marked increase in hatred and violence around the world. Unfortunately, leaders like Trump have fueled fear of the “other.” In contrast, we have Pope Francis who provides us with a new vision: We are all Sisters and Brothers—yes, all of us—and we are called to a love that transcends the barriers of geography and science.

Having been inspired by our own Mahatma Gandhi, the Holy Father exhorts us in *Fratelli Tutti*, his new encyclical on fraternity and social friendship, to acknowledge the dignity of every human person and to use *ahimsa* means to foster a more just world. Along with the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, he declared “that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence of the shedding of blood” (#285).



In the forthcoming meeting of Superiors and Directors of Works, we will reflect on what the Lord is inviting us to do to promote peace and harmony in our nation.

Fr. Roland Coelho

CONGRATULATIONS !



Fr. General has appointed **Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas** as the new Provincial of the **Province of Pune**. We wish him all the best.

To our newly ordained priests...

Fr Raul D'Souza and **Fr Steven De Almeida**, we wish them all the very best as they begin their innings as Priest, working in the vineyard of the Lord.

To Fr Pedro Rodrigues for completing his M.Ed. with Distinction.

To Sch. Glinson Fernandes for completing his B Com with Distinction.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH FR. STAN SWAMY

Human rights defender Fr Stan Swamy SJ was taken into custody by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) of India for alleged Maoist links. Fr Stan, 83 years old and in poor health, has worked tremendously for the marginalized, downtrodden, and other vulnerable people, especially the indigenous peoples in Jharkhand, for several decades.

Fr Stan had been interrogated multiple times; one interrogation lasting for over 15 hours by the NIA at the Jesuit residence in Bagaicha, Ranchi in July and August. His arrest on 8th October is alleged to be in connection with the controversial Bhima Koregaon-Elgar Parishad case where investigators claim activists made inflammatory speeches and provocative statements that led to violence. Fr Stan has strongly denied any allegations linking him to Maoist forces and believes the State is after him because of his dissent with several policies of the government.



Fr Stan has consistently worked on various issues affecting the Adivasi communities on land

rights, forest rights, labour rights, and representation of the community members in the State of Jharkhand. He has been vocal about the "indiscriminate" arrest of thousands of young adivasis by the investigating agencies labeling them as extremist "Naxals", and had filed a public interest petition in the Jharkhand High Court against the state, asking for all such under-trial prisoners to be released on a personal bond, and the conduct of a speedy trial. Fr Stan made his stand clear when he said that he cannot be a silent spectator to the dictatorial functioning of those in power.

"ON GOING FORMATION"

The topic, "Pandemic: A wakeup call" was held for the Jesuits of Goa Province who have completed their Tertianship. The talk was held on zoom virtual platform and the resource person was Fr. Francis Gonsalves SJ., the President of JDV, Pune. The moderator for the session, **Orville** welcomed the Jesuits attending the talk. **Tony da Silva** then led the participants into prayer. He read a beautiful prayer titled "My Mask" by Edward S. Later, **Jude** introduced the resource person.

Fr. Francis in his talk expressed his happiness at being invited to deliver on this topic that is presently global news and a deep concern. He divided the topic into three sub-points namely: a) A wake up call; b) A wake up collect and; c) A wake up commission.

Fr. Francis said that the virus is an inside job with space and time. He also appreciated how different organizations including the Goa Jesuits were actively involved in helping in whatever way they could, especially the migrant workers. He further said that we Catholics have done a wonderful job and that is why 'Caritas' got an award and recognition. We have in a way failed to see the other side; that we have done the job of the State. What has the State do? In fact, what the government did was taking advantage of the pandemic by asking for monetary aid and then kept pushing their projects.

The speaker then pointed out 3 main areas

wherein Goa would be affected greatly, namely: 1) Education, 2) Economics, 3) Ecology and Ecumenism.

The speaker said that we are going to face a lot of challenges as the government continues to push its hidden agenda and we are experiencing helplessness. Instead of feeling helpless, we need to use the media. Today we are in the cyber world and we have to be like Carlos Actuais and make use of cyber space to put forth our views and opinions. We need to collaborate with others. We are being used and the Church is mute about the challenges because we are worried about our land and the FCRA. It is time we have to move out of our comfort zone on to the streets to raise our voices against injustice and challenges; it is the need of the hour. Francis showed his appreciation and reminded us about the peace rally that we, the Jesuits in Goa are going to hold in solidarity with Fr. Stan Swamy SJ. He said we have to be like coffee in the coffee pot, leaven in the dough, salt in the food and light in the dark. After the input, time was allotted for questions wherein some of the participants voiced their concerns and sought clarifications. Many voiced their appreciation for the input received and finally **Anand** proposed the vote of thanks.

Fr. Pedro Rodrigues

KHANAPUR MISSION

On 27th September 2020, First Holy Communion was celebrated in our parish. It was a memorable day for all of us including the children. The service was meticulously planned with the help of the sisters and the parents of the children. We followed the safety protocols of the covid-19 pandemic by observing the prescribed norms and had a meaningful Eucharistic celebration without any hiccups. Twenty two children were eagerly waiting for this day to receive Jesus so as to come closer to him, to grow in friendship with him and to lead other people to share in this joy that the Lord wants us to experience. We thanked the catechism teachers of the Parish for all the hard work put in by supporting and accompanying the children during the last year and also the parents who prepared their children and bringing them up in the Catholic faith.



The ordinations of **Dn. Steven** and **Dn. Raul** at Milagres Church, Khanapur were well organized under the leadership of the Parish Priest, **Kustas**. Keeping in the mind the restrictions due to the pandemic, nothing was left to chance and the ceremony and felicitation went off well. **Anthony Noronha** did a commendable job as commentator for the ordination ceremony.

At St. Xavier Technical Institute, Khanapur it was time for a couple of inaugural functions. First it was the inauguration of the Motor vehicle Driving



school and then The Computer Lab and the Solar was inaugurated. These inaugural functions



coincided with the visitation of Fr. Provincial.

Fr. Provincial

landed in Sangargalli for the visitation of the Mission. He visited the St. Paul's English Medium School and blessed the plaque in the school premises. We thank God immensely for the gift of a new Jesuit priest **Fr. Steven** from Gunji. The faithful were very glad to organize and participate in the First Mass by **Steven** on 18th Oct at St. Ignatius Church, Sangargalli. The parish children performed the prayer dance. The choir was led by St. Paul's School teachers, Jacinta and Priyanka. Steven is the 5th Jesuit priest ordained from the Sangargalli Mission.

The Jesuit



communities of Khanapur and Sangargalli as part of the conclusion of Fr. Provincial's visitation to the mission had a meeting with Fr. Provincial followed by dinner.

Fr Motiram Bardeskar

TIDINGS FROM XTC

On 21st August, we had a common birthday celebration for the novices. With great enthusiasm the novices cut the cake accompanied with the birthday song. We celebrated the birthday of **Cecil**, the minister of the house on 27th August. We were thrilled to have St Paul's community members join us on this joyous celebration.

On 8th September, the Feast of the 'Nativity of our Lady', **Savio Barreto** invited the workers of the farm and the parishioners to join us for the Holy Rosary at the Grotto. The Rosary was sung and recited in the vernacular followed by the distribution of cake and chocolates.

On the eve of the feast of 'Our Lady of Sorrows', 14th September, we were invited by the Canossa sisters to Gyan Niketan, our neighbouring community for 'High Tea'. We were given a brief background about their congregation and then entertained with some challenging games that were fun. The winners were awarded prizes. The hospitality and the bighearted spirit of the sisters moved us to express our gratitude.

Apart from these recreational activities we also had some serious sessions to help us grow spiritually. From 28th September to 17th October, **Ronnie**, Rector of St Paul's Belagavi began the course on the Sacraments. We were called to enact the Sacraments giving vent to our grey cells. The enactment of the Sacrament of Matrimony brought peals of laughter. A series of movies were screened to give a boost to our spiritual growth. The one that stood out was 'Fireproof' that made us realize how the Holy Trinity mysteriously intervenes in the reception of the sacraments. Then followed a course on 'The Pentateuch' by **Seby**, the vice principal of St Paul's, Belagavi. Seby briefed us on the books and showed us short clippings. We were moved by the compassion and mercy of God towards his people. We shared our

thoughts, doubts, and enacted each book. The course concluded with a movie on Abraham and Moses that was inspiring, and helped us understand the books more clearly.



The final course was on the 'History of the Jesuits in India' by **Savio Abreu**, the Principal of St Paul's Belagavi. We were touched by the daring spirit of the Jesuits and got a deeper understanding of what our vocation really means. We learnt the importance of history and the zeal of the early Fathers. The works the early Jesuits had done were inspiring and left an indelible mark on our hearts. We felt motivated to carry on the mission and felt a profound joy in being part of the Society of Jesus. We also had an opportunity to showcase our creativity through a skit, drama and mimicry. The course concluded leaving our hearts burning with joy to carry out God's mission.

Novices Joseph and Neville

ST. BRITTO, MAPUSA

The last couple of months have been very unique both in the community and the school. The new leaders and their teams, both in the school and the community have spent time getting a hang of the various tasks and responsibilities they have to shoulder – cura personalis and cura apostolica is the main goal of all our efforts.

The day, 07th October was a grace-filled moment for the community and the Society as **Anand**



pronounced his Final Vows in the Society. The entire community was involved in making it a prayerful and a memorable event. Jesuits from many communities in the province including his companions, **Santosh** and **Kustas**, made their presence felt. Keeping in mind the restriction of the covid-19 pandemic, the community planned a very simple and yet very meaningful liturgy for the occasion. **Roland**, the Provincial, who presided over the Eucharist, gave a very inspiring homily welcoming Anand as a professed partner in the vineyard of the Lord. **Denzil** and the scholastics, in a short time put together a melodious choir. It was a day of rejoicing and gratitude for Anand and for all present.

The community members have been maintaining good health both physically and spiritually. The youngest member, 99 years old, **Epiphanio**, keeps us jovial and upbeat with his stories and jokes (oft repeated). Thanks to our minister, Denzil, who takes care of all our needs in spite of all the restrictions due to the pandemic. Jonathan has begun his second year of college with online classes. He has taken the initiative to help our Math teachers in the school by producing videos on various concepts in Mathematics.



A major task taken up in the community on a war footing was a complete overhaul and replanting of the community garden, under the initiative and leadership of **Anand** and **Jonathan**. The pre-primary staff lent their expertise. It has been a daunting task but in the end the aesthetically planned garden brought joy to all; it was a sight to behold. The primary objective is to contribute towards eco-spirituality besides adding beauty to our residence.

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown the school schedule out of gear. With no students around one can feel the void in the school campus. The silence



in the campus is a reminder that the students keep the place buzzing with life. The staff is busy with both synchronous and asynchronous classes with the students. The challenge for the staff is to reach out to those students who do not have access to smart phones and internet connectivity. The Education Department keeps the office and teaching staff on their toes with regular annexures to be filled and submitted on priority basis. In collaboration with the BMX (St. Britto, St. Mary and St. Xavier College), we have made arrangements for smart phones for poor boys who could not afford these devices so they could attend online classes.

The management and staff also bid farewell to our retiring staff member Mrs. Anne D'Souza.



Fr Anand D'Souza

LOYOLA, MARGAO

On the 17th of October our community member **Raul** was ordained together with **Steven** by the Bishop of Belgaum, Rev Fr. Derek Fernandes, at Milagres Church, Khanapur. Raul being a member of the community was unable to have his community members present due to the pandemic and the advisory from the Provincial's office that we can watch the ceremony on YouTube. **Basil** was present for the ordination ceremony.

On his return to the community **Raul** celebrated a thanksgiving mass in the school chapel for the staff of the High School. After the mass, the staff extended their wishes to Raul for a grace filled apostolate in the Lord's vineyard by felicitating him in the hall. The occasion was then brought to a close by sharing of snacks. The staff members were glad to be present for the Eucharist, a first, since churches were closed due to the pandemic. Now, the staff have to get use to calling Raul, 'father' after having called him 'brother' for over a period of 3 years during his regency days.

The staff was fed with a dose of NEP (National Education Policy). You can be sure, without exaggeration that many may not have even seen or gone through the 66-page policy document. Hence the staff needed to be conversant with the Salient Features of the policy. Knowing the content of the policy is one thing and undertaking a critical evaluation is another. This surely would necessitate that the management and the staff put on their thinking caps. To help them do this, the Headmaster, **Basil** organized a session for them to get the ball rolling. **Jimmy** exposed a part of the document using ppt. It was well appreciated and hopefully it must have tickled some brain cells to look up the original document.

In the online quiz on the theme: "Gandhi – Life, Time and Legacy" organized by Rotary Club of Margao and Marg Trust, 293 teams from 100 schools participated. After preliminary rounds, two teams from Loyola won the 2nd and 3rd places respectively. They received cash prizes, besides attractive trophies and certificates. The quiz team and teachers in-charge deserve a treat.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the aided Primary staff displayed a wall-paper: "Bapu, a Great Soul with a Vision." The unaided primary staff sent online material for their students so as to make them conversant with the 'Father of the Nation'. The students were given a short biographical sketch; some hands on activity and a couple of videos on Gandhi to bring out his values that are so necessary in today's times.

The unaided Primary staff put up a wall-paper on the occasion of "World Food Day" on 16th Oct. This was forwarded to all the students via their parents' mobile numbers. Also uploaded were a couple of questions for the students to reflect on with regard to eating healthy food; not wasting food and the plight of poor children – suffering due to malnutrition, sickness, and condemned to a short life span.

The Astronomy group of 35 Loyola students have been participating in interactive astronomy webinars conducted by the Association of Friends of Astronomy (AFA) over the last two months. The first in the series was titled, "A Look Back into Historical & Most Significant Achievement of Mankind," to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Landing on the Moon. The different stages to the run-up of the Apollo-11 mission were systematically explained to the participants. In addition, the students attended various other sessions namely: "Comets and Asteroids"; "Mining on the Moon"; "Application of Kepler's 3rd Law of planetary science: its mechanics"; "The basics of Cosmology"; "Aspects of Terra forming, different aspects of Asteroid Mining"; "Discovering the Universe, Into the Cosmos, Up Up & Away - A journey into the Universe"; and to highlight the unique proximity of Mars to Earth a special session on "Opposition of Mars – Mars visible brightest in 17 years."

During these interactive sessions, students had the opportunity to pose questions, respond to quiz questions as well as to share their views and clarify their misunderstandings on the different themes covered. These sessions surely ignited their curiosity and maybe we can look forward to some of our youngsters following in the footsteps of our own Fr. Richard. Staff member, Dr. Soraya M. Menezes needs to be commended for her initiative

in getting the students motivated in this direction; surely, a benchmark for the Institution and a step in the right direction, considering the fact that the subject of Astronomy has been included in the school syllabus in the recently promulgated NEP. The students did receive tips for sky gazing and this will become a reality when the school has its own set of telescopes through the willing assistance of the Ex-students (LESA).

At the HSS level, the online classes are progressing as planned. Besides these classes the students are also involved in extra-curricular activities conducted online. Some of the activities carried out so far are: poster competition; programmes on afforestation; jingle and composing singing competition. NSS activities like cleanliness drives and celebration of important days, like Gandhi Jayanti, Ekta Divas, etc. were celebrated through videos.

The students stood out at the 'BOSCO SPARK 2.0', an inter-higher secondary event organized by Pope John XXIII HSS, Quepem and emerged over all winners. The school also won the 2nd place at the poster completion organized by the Goa Forest Department. The PE Master has prepared a set of videos on physical exercises and yoga for the students so as to motivate them to keep themselves in good physical shape and condition.

Tests are also being conducted by the subject teachers through Google form mode and help is also solicited from parents to undertake honest supervision for the benefit of their children. What is inspiring is that the management and staff have stood up to the challenges of these difficult times to make sure the students are not deprived academically and non-academically.

On 12th Oct a protest gathering was held at Azad Maidan, Panjim, to condemn the manner in which Fr. Stan Swamy was arrested by the NIA and to demand his release. Present were our Jesuit brethren supported by other religious in Goa and members of the civil society and people of good will. **Jimmy** was the sole representative of the community.

The backyard of the school, though limited by space, is slowly turning into a kitchen garden under the hands of **Jimmy**. Presently a number of

papaya trees have taken root and shoot, and now we are awaiting the harvest of healthy fruit. **Raul** is busy getting his classes ready so he can get the hang of conducting them online.

Fr. William Rodrigues

LOYOLA HALL, MIRAMAR

"Thomas Stephens, an Englishman, a Visionary of Indian Literature," an article by **Pratap** was published in 'Living in Faith', a monthly magazine as a lead article. His article, "Kundapur Church Celebrates 450 years (1570-2020)," was published in 'Daijiworld', 'Living in Faith', 'Goanet' and other websites. Our Lady of Holy Rosary Church, Khandapur was built by the Jesuits in 1570 and Fr João Francisco Estephano, SJ, was the first parish priest. The Jesuits served this parish till 1574 and then returned to Goa. This Church was the second church along Coastal Karnataka; the first was 'Our Lady of Rosary Church' at Mangaluru in 1569. When the Portuguese conquered forts at Mangaluru and Kundapur, three Jesuits accompanied them; namely, João Estephano, SJ, Sebastião Gonsalves, SJ., and Martin Silva, SJ. **Pratap** is the first Jesuit from Kundapur Parish.

Fr Pratap Naik

The daily, "The Goan" continues to publish **Apollo's** research articles on Goan feasts and festivals. During the month of October, the paper published the following articles: 'The Rosary – Prayer cherished among Catholics in Goa'; 'Navratri – When faith, music, and dance converge in Goa'; and 'Dussehra- Various traditions celebrating this festival in the State'. At present he is working on the 'The Miraculous Crosses' spread across the State of Goa. **Pratap** underwent minor surgery for a small cyst on his left eye in October. He is back hale and hearty. **Glinson** secured 85% in his final B.Com. Exams. His hard work and all round performance has borne rich dividends. Congrats Glinson! Now he is kept busy with his tight schedule of online philosophical classes. **Alendro** and **Velenson** returned from Mumbai with a smile on their faces after successfully completing their visa formalities for the USA. Online classes and regular assignments keep them on their toes. **Malcolm** took up conducting online

novenas for the feast at Stella Maris chapel, Miramar. He is in touch with the candidates and gives them regular online inputs on the Society of Jesus. Recently the community was almost in full attendance for the 'Stand for Stan', a silent morcha held at the Azad Maidan, Panjim despite the onslaught of the rains. The house has been functioning very well, thanks to the leadership of our Superior, who silently but firmly manages to get the cooperation of all the members in maintaining the house.

Fr Apollo Cardozo

TSKK NEWS

Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr, Alto-Porvorim, commemorated the arrival of Fr. Thomas Stephens SJ, a Jesuit priest to Goa in the 16th century. His date of arrival, 24th October was marked by installing his statue in the Kendr campus. The history of Thomas Stephens is briefly displayed on a granite slab affixed below the statue. The Provincial, **Fr. Roland** inaugurated and blessed the statue on this auspicious occasion. **Jose**, the Director of the TSKK highlighted the immense contribution of Thomas Stephens to the language and culture of Goa. Jose and the Provincial followed suit in mentioning the 3 great works of Thomas Stephens, namely: Kristapurana (1616), Doutrina Christam (1622) and Arte da Lingoa Canarim (1640). **Mark** was the compere for the evening. It was a pleasant and welcoming sight to see our elderly priests, **Gregory, Brazand Rufino** being present to witness this inaugural function and thereafter join the others in the TSKK refectory for tea and snacks.

On 28th September, a team from Chennai



(Cinematographers) visited TSKK to filming a documentary on Goa. **Pratap** spoke on the Konkani language and related nuances of the languages of Goa. **Jose** briefed them on the traditional occupations carried out in Goa while **Kelwin** spoke on Goan culture and tribes.

TSKK held online series of Konknni talks for the first three consecutive Saturdays in October. The focus of the series was to highlight, '**Children Literature written by Women Writers**'. The three talks delivered were the following:-

1. "**AMCHIM BHURGIM AMCHEM JIVIT: EK BODH KOTHA**," by Ms Philomena Sam Francisco (Mumbai).
2. "**LOK KANNI: BHURGEANCHEA NOITIK XIKXONNACHEM SADHON**," by Dr. Jayanti Naik (Amona-Quepem).
3. "**BHURGEAM KHATIR: SOIMBHANI VIDNYANANTLI BHONVDDI**," by Ms Rajshree Bandodkar Karapurkar (Navelim).

The first talk delivered by Ms Philomena was based on the **Wisdom Literature**. She focused on the roles these wisdom stories play in the lives of the children. She showed how they shape the character and lifestyle of the children for a bright future. The second talk delivered by Dr. Jayanti expressed the role of **Folk tales**, which in a way moulds the understanding of children in terms of cultivating love for one's culture and imbibing moral values through the message conveyed in these stories.

The third talk delivered by Ms Rajshree stressed the various elements involved in adventurous learning making it more attractive and enticing. She spoke on stories based on **Nature and Science**.

The Speakers were introduced by Ms Samiksha Pai Dhungat, Ms Rhea Bangalorkar and Ms Melissa Simoes respectively. **Jose**, the Director of the Konknni Kendr animated all the three sessions.

Amit and **Irivo** have been helping at XCHR in the afternoons putting the library in order.

Fr Jose Silveira

THREE KEY MESSAGES A YOUNG READER TAKES FROM FRATELLI TUTTI

Fratelli tutti is shocking: it is powerful and vitalizing. This is because the idea of universal brotherhood does not seem to have been very well received by the world lately, and not even among many Christians. Yet, it should be a pillar of our faith and a fundamental step towards a better future. *Fratelli tutti* is an extraordinarily timely encyclical, in our society which is torn between international tensions and a pandemic crisis, between safeguarding the environment and the crisis in interpersonal communication. Even for a young person, like the writer, the call for fraternity that comes from the encyclical is very incisive.

Different States and cultures: globalisation and fraternity.

Today we are undoubtedly living in an increasingly globalized world, which calls for an ever greater openness and proximity between different States and cultures. This is a trend in which the new generations can play an important role. Modern possibilities of travel and communication are a great opportunity for contact and enrichment, and they invite us to be connected and to participate in whatever is happening in every area of the world. Considering for example those who are most exposed to the suffering and risks of climate change, the development of objectives of solidarity and cooperation becomes a key challenge.

The international political scene shows how globalization has, in many cases, brought us closer together without uniting us. Significantly, the Holy Father cited the Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew and the Great Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb as inspiring figures for his encyclical, in the wake of the historic step in terms of interreligious dialogue that took place last year in Abu Dhabi.

The Covid-19 pandemic can help us, as Pope Francis writes, to regain “the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat”, and it is to be hoped that, instead of exacerbating the nationalistic dangers already manifested in recent years, on a European and global level, it can push us to re-launch “a universal aspiration to fraternity.”

From healthcare to the economy: the excluded people closest to us.

The second point that struck me concerns the attention to the excluded people in our local social context. Those who are excluded were recently highlighted by the pandemic emergency, because they were, for example, neglected in healthcare or lacking in economic protection. But also in general, the discarded are those who are, as Francis writes, “not yet useful”, the eliminated unborn, or those who are “no longer needed”, among the elderly. And then there are the poor, the disabled, and those considered inferior because of their ethnicity or gender. Without forgetting those who are the object of modern forms of slavery.

Much consideration has been given to effective economic rules for growth, but not so much to integral human development. This creates categories of excluded people with whom we all come into contact in our daily reality, whose dignity is in danger of being forgotten. “Some parts of our human family, it appears, can be readily sacrificed for the sake of others considered worthy of a carefree existence. Ultimately, “persons are no longer seen as a paramount value to be cared for and respected”.

Digital frenzy and listening: communication is in danger.

The third point, however, is linked to a rediscovery of the neighbour as a gift through a new attention for communication. “... It is one thing to feel forced to live together, but something entirely different to value the richness and beauty of those seeds of common life that need to be sought out and cultivated.” The risks represented by excessive individualism and a worrying incapacity to communicate are considerable and widespread in our society. Today's society is a very interconnected one, but one in

which there is a risk, especially among young people, of losing important elements on the level of communication. “Digital media can expose people to the risk of addiction, isolation and a gradual loss of contact with concrete reality, blocking the development of authentic interpersonal relationships.” Digital conversations cannot replace those with physical proximity, and the frenzy often found in the former can take away space for reflection and listening. Multiplying conversations which stay at a horizontal level cannot help us to gain a deep dialogue. An authentic way of fraternity is only possible if we are willing to have real, and not superficial, encounters.

With reference to the crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, I read that “the storm has exposed our vulnerability and uncovered those false and superfluous certainties around which we constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities [...], revealing once more the ineluctable and blessed awareness that we are part of one another, that we are brothers and sisters of one another.” The pandemic crisis should not drive us away from each other; but, on the contrary, it could become an important push for the world's aspiration to fraternity.

I welcome this invitation that comes from the encyclical with joy: the invitation to build and hope for a world in which we, women and men together, can truly be ever more “fratellitutti”.

Communications Office, Rome: by Luca Pirola



PROVINCIAL'S SCHEDULE -- NOV. 2020

4 - 6	St Paul's Belagavi & Xavier Farm, Macche - Visit
5	SAS (Jana Jagran) - AGBM and MC
12 - 14	Sups & DoWs Meet; Felicitation of Jubilarians
14	Province Consult – online
18-20	XTC, Desur – Visit
20-21	Gadhinglaj – Visit
30	Harnai– Visit

God
Bless
You

Happy Birthday Dear ...

November

Edwin D'Souza	06/25
Ronald D'Souza	06/42
Steven D'Almeida	12/87
Abraham Painumkal	16/44
Denzil Rodrigues	16/82
Mark Firzardo	20/95
Guy Moraes	22/36
Jimmy Mendes	23/84
*Clayton Valles	26/96
Francis X. D'Sa	29/36



LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Fr Paul Vadakel, (KER) 91/71 passed away on 08 October 2020, in Kozhikode, Kerala.
Fr. Wilson Arockiasamy, (MDU) 56/36 passed away on 17 October 2020, in Nagercoil.
Fr. Gregory D'Silva, SJ (JAM) 56/37 passed away on 26 October 2020 in Jamshedpur.

MEN WHO TOILED IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD

November

1	D'Souza Romuald	2019
5	Meyrelles Mario	1992
7	D'Souza Walter	2015
11	Rego Ladislaus	2019
12	D'Souza Vincent	1935
13	Ruptake David	1986
14	Bramley Joseph	1937
17	Pinto Arnaut	2002
20	D'Souza Januarius	1994
24	Brito Armando	1977
26	Chemanthara Simon	2006
28	Coutinho Leslie	1998
30	Lobo Patrick	2004

