



GUJARAT JESUIT SAMACHAR

Premal Jyoti, PB 4002, Ahmedabad - 380 009



71/909 GJS OCTOBER 2019

From The Provincial's Desk

My dear friends in the Lord,

Fr. General has appointed **Fr. Durai Fernand** the next Provincial Superior of the Gujarat Jesuit Province. He will assume office on Tuesday 12 November, during our Province Sannelan and the Felicitation for the Jubilarians of the year.



The **Colloquium of Superiors' Forum** was held on 29 September. As befits a colloquium, the group shared their joys and sorrows of their ministry of leadership to build a caring and compassionate community. They also shared some of their best practices of governance to learn from each other. They reflected on the current socio-political scenario and came up with possible ways to counteract the onslaught of negativity towards us and our mission. There was a certain feeling of helplessness against this situation.

On the second day, there was a common session for the members of the Superiors' Forum and the PCM. **Fr. M. I. Raj** guided the group to become familiar with **Communitarian Discernment through Spiritual Conversations**.

I am glad that the Superiors come together to learn from one another and provide a structure for mutual support. I hope and pray that like the early Fathers, we too may make Spiritual Conversation a part of our way of proceeding in all matters related to our life as Jesuits and our ministries.

The **Province Commission for Ministries (PCM)**, a quasi-governing body of the Province, met from the evening of 30 September to 2 October. The preparatory committee did a very good job with presenting an Action Plan on the proposed Vision-Mission Statement, derived for the various districts. The Spiritual Conversation

method was used for the deliberations. Since these deliberations were held in small groups (of 6-7 persons), everyone had a chance to express his views. All were highly impressed by the positive results due to this method of Spiritual Conversations. The group expressed the desire to use this method in all our deliberations. The results will now be submitted to the Provincial for him to arrive at a decision after due consultation.

The **biannual JCSA meeting** will take place in Ranchi from 21 to 28 October. I invite all to keep praying all these days for the guidance of the Spirit and for courage to follow the dictates of the Spirit in our Assistency.

01: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Patroness of Missions: A Patroness, who never went on missions, never founded a religious congregation, never performed great works. A Patroness, due to her love of the missions and her prayers and letters in support of missionaries. It is the little things that keep God's kingdom growing.

International Day of Older Persons: We pray for all the elderly everywhere and particularly for the senior members of our Province.

02: Gandhi Jayanti: As we celebrate completion of 150 years since the birth of the Mahatma (1869) we pray that we may revive his ideals of letting the fruits of independence and republic reach "Unto This Last."

International Day of Non-violence: We pray that non-violence permeates every strata of society and that we have the strength to counter every form of violence

03: St. Francis Borgia: May this married courtier who experienced conversion seeing the dead, disfigured face and went on to become the 3rd Superior General of the Society, inspire us to experience God in all things.

04: **St. Francis of Assisi:** May this Patron of animals, merchants and ecology inspire us to work for our common home, the earth!

06: **Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region** begins in Rome. Let us pray very specially for the Pope, for the Church and particularly the Amazon Region

07: **Our Lady of the Rosary:** Let's offer daily Rosary for our country.

08: **Dashera:** May this celebration of triumph of good over evil be a beacon of light for our beleaguered nation.

We offer our prayerful good wishes to **Abp. Stanislaus Fernandes** as he celebrates his birthday today.

10: **World Mental Health Day:** Keeping in mind this year's Focus on Suicide Prevention we pledge to create structures of trust among desperate persons to confide in us.

11: **St. John XXIII:** May Good Pope John who opened the doors of the Church through Vatican II intercede for us from above

International Day of the Girl Child: May we practice and promote gender justice.

12: **Bl. John Beyzym:** May this "rayamendreny", Father and Mother of the lepers in Madagascar, the first priest in the mission to work among the lepers, inspire us to undertake humble, loving service of the least of this world.

We greet Missionaries of Christ Jesus as they celebrate 75 Years of the Foundation of their Institute.

13: **Canonization** by Pope Francis of **Bl John Henry Newman** (after whom our Newman Hall is named), Bl. Mariam Theresia from India and two others. Let us ask for the intercession of the newest saints of the Catholic Church

14: We offer our prayerful good wishes to **Abp. Thomas Macwan** as he celebrates his birthday today.

16: **World Food Day:** May we work to ensure that all get their daily bread.

17: **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty:** Theme of this year, "Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty". Poverty is not solely an economic issue, but rather a multidimensional phenomenon that encompasses a lack of both income and the basic capabilities to live in dignity. May we work to eradicate causes of poverty.

18: **St. Luke:** May this Evangelist inspire us to be Good News to all who come in contact with us.

19: **Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Anthony Daniel, Charles Garnier, Noel Chabanel, Gabriel Lalemant (all priests), Bro. Rene Goupil and lay volunteer John de La Lande:** May these martyrs of North America inspire us to work for harmony among various tribes and castes.

20: **Mission Sunday:** May we recognize our being missioned in our baptism and make all experience Christ in and through us.

21: **Bl. Diego Luis de San Vitores, priest & St. Pedro Calungsod:** May this elder brother in the Society and his teenager catechist translator inspire us to work to dispel the darkness of ignorance and superstitions.

24: **United Nations Day:** We remember and pray especially for the UN- that it may live up to its mandated role and responsibility

27: **Diwali:** May this festival of lights in this dark night inspire us to contribute our mite to dispel the darkness of all sorts.

28: **Sts. Simon & Jude:** St. Simon, the Zealot turned Apostle and St. Jude, Patron Saint of desperate situations inspire us to believe that no situation is desperate for God and that God calls anyone and everyone to spread His Kingdom.

New Year: We extend our prayerful good wishes to all our Gujarati Hindu fellow citizens as they begin their New Year.

29: **Bhai-beej:** May this festival of love between brother and sister inspire us to promote gender justice, starting with our own institutions.

30: **Bl. Dominic Collins:** May this military governor who gave up his comfortable life to become a Jesuit Brother, martyred in Ireland, inspire us to accept humble, loving service in the footsteps of the Lord.

31: **St. Alphonsus Rodriguez:** May this married man with children who spent all his life as a coadjutor Brother, serving as guest master and doorkeeper inspire us to practice servant model of leadership in the footsteps of Our Lord. We extend special greetings to all our coadjutor Brothers and thank them for their services.

Sardar Patel Jayanti: May we learn to work for the unity of the country (not uniformity).

Keep praying for our next Provincial Superior that he may lead the Province in God's ways.

A. M. D. G.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

- 30/9-2/10: Sevasi: PCM
03-04: Meeting: PDT-ALBOAN
05: GB, HDRC
07: Think-Tank, A'bad-G'ngr Dioceses
08: GB, Adilok
9-11: SK Jesuit Dt.
12: GB, RSSS
14-15: Consult
21-29: Ranchi: JCSA Biannual

APPOINTMENTS

► **HOLY FATHER has appointed**

Three Jesuit Cardinals

After the Angelus on Sunday, September 1, Pope Francis announced the names of 13 new cardinals who will be created during a consistory on October 5. Among them are three Jesuits:

Most Reverend Jean-Claude Hollerich, Archbishop of Luxembourg (he is from the Province of Japan since he was a missionary in Japan before being appointed Archbishop of Luxembourg);

Fr. Michael Czerny, of the Province of Canada, currently Under-Secretary of the Migrants Section of the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development;

Most Reverend Sigitas Tamkevičius, Archbishop Emeritus of Kaunas (Lithuania).

► **Fr. GENERAL has appointed**

- ♦ **Fr. Durai Fernand**, Provincial Superior, Gujarat
- ♦ **Fr. Vinayak Jadav**, Rector, St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad

► **Fr. PROVINCIAL has appointed**

- ♦ **Fr Antony Michael Raj**, proposed PP, Radhanpur
- ♦ **Fr Cyprian Monis**, proposed Asst. PP, Mandali
- ♦ **Fr Francis Macwan**, Province Coordinator for Education (PCEG)
- ♦ **Fr Noel Parmar**, Principal, Deevalaya High School, Fulwadi
- ♦ **Fr Victor Davamani**, proposed Asst. PP, Bardipada

Diaconal Ministry:

- ♦ **Dn. Kishor Gavit**, Bardipada
- ♦ **Dn. Sanjay Aind**, Shamgahan
- ♦ **Dn. Robert Christi**, Pimpri

We express our gratitude to the outgoing Superior, PP, Coordinator and Principal as well as offer our prayerful good wishes to the new Superior, PP, Coordinator, Principal, Asst. PP and the deacons who begin their active ministry.

PROVINCE HIGHLIGHTS

►► **Spiritual Journey**

About five hundred faithful from seven villages of Lawariya Zone in the Pimpri Mission participated in a day long retreat on 2nd September. **Fr. Yowan Sebastin** guided the retreat with a focus on the 'Mystery of the Incarnation' **Fr. Daniel Arokiadass** preached the second retreat on 10th September for 250 people from five villages of the Waghai Zone. He dealt with the topic of the 'Ethos of Ignatian pedagogy'. **Fr. Ishwan Gamit** also enlightened the group through recounting different life experiences of the people. (Fr. Yowan)



►► **CCD Happenings**

Three books were launched on 9 September 2019, at CCD. Bishop Rethna Swamy was the Chief Guest with Dr. R.S. Sipai and **Fr. Francis Parmar** as the Guests of Honour. CCD was encouraged by the felicitous words from Bishop Rethnaswamy and Dr. Sipai. The third book in Gujarati, "Gujaratna Shalakiya Shikshanano





Xray” attracted the attention of the Ministry of education and has requested CCD to furnish a 90 minute Power Point Presentation for discussion among bureaucrats in Education; having seen this presentation, CCD has been informed, that the Ministry has appointed a committee to scrutinize the recommendations for implementation. On 9 September, Dr. Raheel Dhattiwala, a Ph.D. from Oxford delivered a lecture on her new book on 2002 Gujarat riots, ‘Keeping the Peace’exploring the spatial dimension of riots.

Fr Lancy Lobo gave a talk on Human Ecology on 11 September to students of Tarumitra from Patna at CCD.

►► Juniorate Jottings

Our Juniorate journey in Vinayalaya, began with working on our inner selves aided by a course on Self Awareness through Creative Art by Dr. Evelet Sequeira. We also participated in football tournaments held at XIE, Mahim and at Holy Family Church, Andheri. There were plenty of assignments to improve our academic skills, such as story writing, homily deliveries and presentations on the history of the Jesuits, story analysis, and article analysis. Besides, we have had courses like ‘Critical Thinking & Inquiry’ by Fr. Jeevan Mendonca and ‘Pastoral skills’ by Mr. Adrian Rosario. These have helped us to give our best wherever and in whatever we do, especially in ministry. Other courses included ‘Art Appreciation’ by Fr. Wendell D’Cruz and ‘Psycho-Spiritual Integration’ (inner processing) by Fr. Dudley Mendonca.

We also went on a pilgrimage (and a meaningful Eucharistic Celebration) to Mount Mary in Bandra. We have also begun our course in Swimming in the Holy Family School pool. We’ve had very busy first months; but everything is forming us to become more integrated in our Jesuit journey. (Schs. Piyush Gamit & Saurabh Parmar)

►► Adas Youth Days

About 46 youth from Vadodara, Anand, Umreth, Dakor, Nadiad and Ahmedabad participated in the third Adas Youth Day (AYD-3) on 14-15 September. The theme was “Christus Vivit” (Christ is Alive) based on Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis particularly to



young people. **Fr. Moieson Dhas** (Dir SFPY) installed the Cross at the inaugural ceremony. Fr. Pravin Solanki SJ cut the ribbon.

Fr. Edwin Anand (Petlad) shared his life experiences and showed the way how youth can keep alive Christ in their lives. **Fr. Anil Parmar** motivated the youth to spend some time on Discernment and **Br. Alpesh Chauhan** stressed the need of more vocations in today’s fast-growing world. **Fr. Nagin Macwan** showed the way as to how youth can be committed to the Church. Both days saw plenty of prayer and activity which included the Holy Eucharist, Night Taize prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation and playing antakshri based on Kirtan Sagar Bhajans.

Staying with local families was the highlight of the two-day event. It was an important experience for the youth who came from other places to live, pray and eat with different families. AYD-3 was truly a successful youth event. Kudos to the Adas village youth, Sr Mayuri, Fr Pravin and all others who supported this event. (Fr. Pravin Solanki)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

▶▶ Vocation Camps

There will be vocation camps organized this Diwali vacation for boys from std. 8 to 12.

- **Hakal Camp in Unai** (S. Guj) - 23rd Oct evening to 26th Oct
- 01 - 03 Nov: For College boys (place will be communicated later)
- Hakal Camp in Bhiloda (North and Central Guj) - 6th Nov evening to 9th Nov

▶▶ Diwali Retreat

Preacher: *Fr Jose Changanacherry SJ*

Place: Glen View, Mount Abu

28 October - Monday: Retreat begins after supper

05 November – Tuesday: Retreat gets over by supper

Glen View opens on 26th October noon around 12.00 for those who would like to have a break before retreat and closes on 06th November by 07.00 AM.

▶▶ Province S sammelan, Next Provincial taking over and Felicitation of Jubilarians - 2019

Date: Tuesday, 12 November, 2019

Place: Rosary School, Vadodara

Time: Breakfast to Supper (07.30 AM: Registration)

Theme: *“Accountability in Jesuit Life and Mission”*

Organizing Committee: Frs. Anand, Packiam and Robert Parmar



OUR PRAYERFUL WISHES
DEAR FR. DURAI FERNAND SJ

▶▶ Programs focused on Ignatian Spirituality: Pune

1. Ignatian Principles for Priestly Ministry: (5th Dec to 20 Dec. 2019) The two week program aims at offering young Jesuit priests an in-depth understanding of specific Ignatian Principles that are relevant to their identity as Jesuit priests and which will aid them in their priestly ministry.

Modules: Introduction to the priestly character of a Jesuit vocation; Priestly ministry of St. Ignatius – Constitutions, Spiritual Diary & Letters; Priesthood in the documents of the GCs/Generals; Discernment in one’s priestly life & ministry.

2. Ignatian Sources: (5th Jan, 2020 to 15th March, 2020) The 10 week program on Ignatian Sources will primarily focus on the fundamental texts that constitute Ignatian Spirituality. The modules will familiarize the participant with the texts, help one to analyze and interpret them in accordance with the changing times and contexts. The program ends with an 8 day retreat.

Modules: Introduction to Ignatian Sources, the Autobiography, Discernment, Spiritual Exercises, Constitutions, Spiritual Diary, Letters, Writings of the Early Companions, Ignatian Prayer, History of the SJ in India, Vatican II and Mission Today.

Kindly contact: **Francis Pudhicherry SJ**

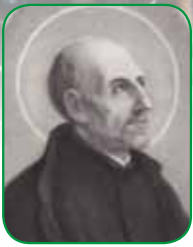
[<francisgeorgep@gmail.com>](mailto:francisgeorgep@gmail.com)

HAPPY DIWALI!

MAY THIS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS INSPIRE US TO
DISPEL THE DARKNESS OF ALL SORTS!



JESUIT SAINTS OF THE MONTH



St. Francis Borgia



Bl. John Beyzym

*With the Rosary,
we allow ourselves to be
guided by Mary, model of faith,
in meditating
on the mysteries of Christ,
and day after day we are helped
to assimilate the Gospel,
so that it shapes all our lives.*

- Pope Benedict XVI



Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Anthony Daniel, Charles Garnier, Noel Chabanel, Gabriel Lalemant (all priests), Bro. Rene Goupil and lay volunteer John de La Lande



Bl. Diego Luis de San Vitores



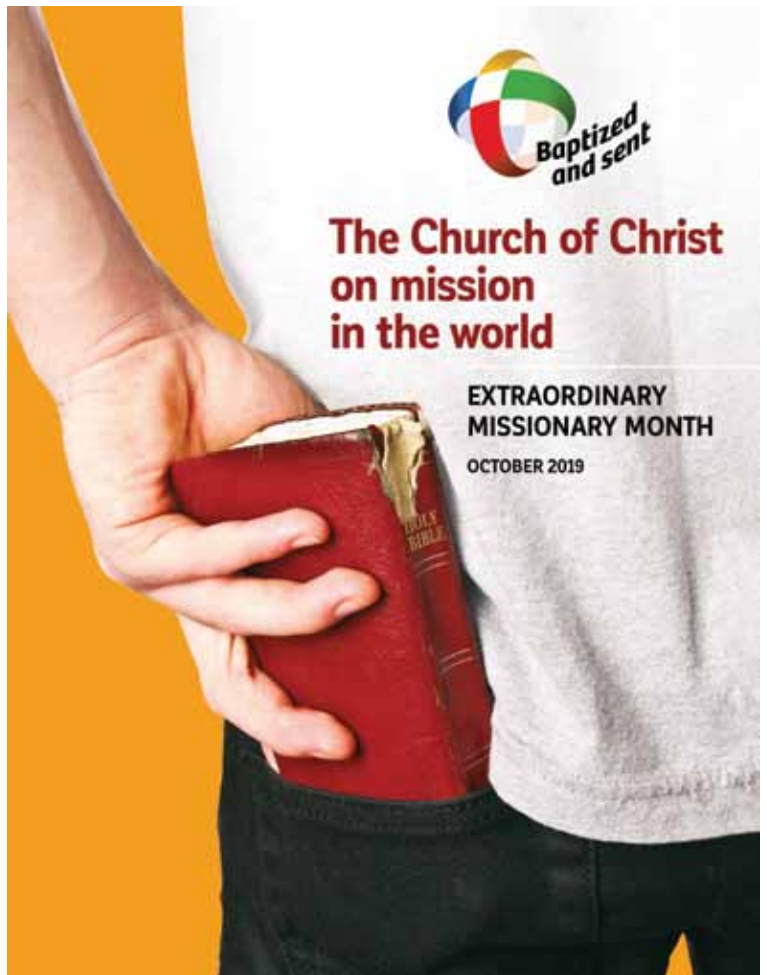
St. Pedro Calungsod



Bl. Dominic Collins



St. Alphonsus Rodriguez





*Spiritual conversation opens
 our hearts to the journey of
 another. It gives us the chance
 to be vulnerable in our sharing. It
 prompts us to ask questions and to
 build intimate friendships.*

R.I.P

- † Fr. Edward Jeganathan Anthony (MDU), 83/62, elder brother of **Fr. Amalraj Jeganathan**, on 10 Sep in Madurai
- † Fr. Aloysius Thoppil (AND), 56/31, on 01 Oct



"I am a mission on this earth; that is the reason why I am here in this world."

"We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!"

Evangelii Gaudium, 273-274

GREEN CORNER

ECO SPIRITUALITY

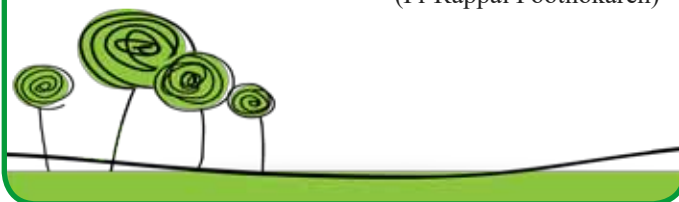
Pope Francis' "Laudato Si" encyclical explains the Tripodal foundation of Christian Faith – Love of God, Human Beings and Nature. This is the core of Eco Spirituality. GJEM from its inception has been spreading this in Gujarat and beyond – through eco-spirituality retreats, sessions, Eucharists, youth workshops and eco education

Nearly two hundred Jesuits, Priests, Religious women/ men and lay faithful have attended 6/8-day retreats organized by GJEM and directed by Frs. Robert Athickal, **Lancy D'Cruz** and **Rappai Poothokaren** in different parts of Gujarat and India.

The increasing acceptance by the Church in India of Pope Francis' call to eco reflection, spirituality and involvement, has inspired some Religious Congregations to include Ecology as one of the areas of their spirituality and action ahead. Lancy directed an Eco retreat to the Daughters of the Cross congregation, Rappai directed a Retreat-cum-Seminar for all the Superiors of India of the St. Anne's of Bangalore (SAB) Congregation at NBCLC, Bangalore.

All the eco education camps for students and teachers organized by GJEM in Gujarat include a session on eco spirituality. It is time that the Church in Gujarat, India and the world integrate, and live, a loving relationship with Mother Earth as part of our Christian Faith.

(Fr Rappai Poothokaren)



BIRTHDAYS & DEATH DAYS 2019

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 02 Angelo Freddy D'Souza | 15 Fr Pascual Puche – 1981+ | 25 José M Heredero |
| 06 Suhel Gamit | 18 Fr Lawrence Lobo – 2017+ | Fr Fonseca Aloysius – 1991+ |
| 07 Fr Urrea Jose Antonio – 1987+ | 19 Dinesh Braganza | 26 Fr Ignacio Errázquin – 2008+ |
| 08 Abp Stanislaus Fernandes | Fr Jose Maria Duran – 1967+ | 27 Fr Mathew Kalathil – 2005+ |
| 10 Hedwig Lewis | 20 Royston Fernandes | 28 Joseph Ovelil |
| 11 Andrew Silveira | Siddharth Canisius | K P Vincent |
| Sanjay Aind Daniel | Fr William Macwan Paul – 2009+ | 29 Francis D'Sa |
| 12 Fr Dias Donald – 1993+ | 22 Jose Changanacherry | 31 Vincent Pereira |
| 13 Fr Corral Jose Antonio – 2014+ | 23 Alpesh Chauhan | |
| 14 Anil Parmar | P D Mathew | |
| Moieson Dhas | Fr Terence Lobo 2013+ | |

To receive by email, send a mail to <socgij@gmail.com>

Published by Fr Provincial of Gujarat Jesuit Province. For Private Circulation only