



General Curia

Fr. General has appointed

Fr. Keith Abranches (GUJ) the new Rector of the Gesu College, Rome.

Fr. Soosai Mani the new Provincial of Delhi

Fr. Jan Roser the new Provincial of Germany

Fr. Dominic Vu Kim Quyen the new Provincial of Australia

Fr. Martin Lenk the new Provincial of the Province of the Antilles (comprising Miami, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica & Guyana)

Fr. Provincial's schedule – October 2020

1 st	Meeting of Superiors and Directors
2	Province Consult
10	Seminary. Lecture on Gender
26-28	JCSA Meet (Online)
31	Brothers' Meet

Notices

The correct mobile number of Seby Varghese is **9321588279**. Please make this correction in your catalogue (p 40)

The mobile number of Fr. Errol Fernandes is **9004617804**.

Fr. Provincial has appointed Lenoy Tharakan the Assistant Director of Snehasadan.

Scholastics **Wesley D'Costa, Welington Patil and Joel D'Souza** have asked for Ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood. Anyone aware of any impediment is conscience bound to inform Fr. Provincial.

Pope's Intentions Oct 2020

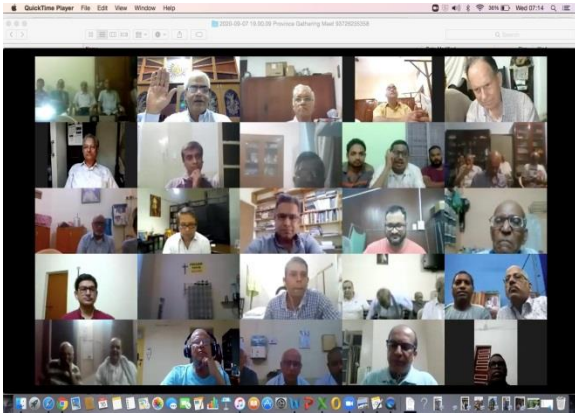


Laity mission in the Church
We Pray that by the virtue of baptism, the lay faithful, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
Mumbai INDIA

An Evening of Togetherness – The Virtual Way!

I don't know how much virtue we Bombay Jesuits practice but, on the eve of Our Lady's birthday, we all seemed very comfortable during "the Virtual Way" forced on us by the pandemic. These days the protocols demand social distance of at least six feet. However, on that eve, what separated us from each other was only about a 2 mm thick laptop or computer screen. The voices or expressions heard or seen were more clear and affecting and camaraderie causing than when, in normal times, we would be in a large hall together, listening to the speakers. Gerard with his customary ease and proficiency took care of the organization and technicalities involved.

The opening prayer of Juan put us in the required reflective mood, and Luke presided over the occasion with his usual verve and command of situations.



The panel did a great job. Vijay and Ivan shared with us matters connected with their jobs, ranging from arts to vocations. Lisbert was the ideal person to throw light on the background to Fr General’s Letter and the ongoing preparations for the Ignatian Year. In the sharing that followed, tough questions were asked and to them no facile answers were given. It was heartening to learn that the four UAPs of the Society are the implicit principles that guide ministries in all our schools, parishes, and other institutions in these non-normal times.

Perhaps the best experience was that of the natural bonhomie among us, and even Arun our Provincial, far away in Manor, was present and interactive with us on the wide online platform. Everything wound up perfectly, with the residents of Arrupe Nivas, under the direction of Lawrie, lustily belting out Noble Knight.

➤ **Joshua D’Souza**

Charcha from the Juniorate

The juniors at Vinayalaya had a number of courses during the past two months. We began with the course of ‘Skills for Pastoral Ministry’ by Mr. Adrian Rosario who introduced to us many skills to help us with the apostolic dimension. These skills were taught with the perspective of catering to the laity and the need to adapt with the times. The sessions held were very interactive and he gave us a number of practical examples along with activities.



We were delighted to welcome 9 more companions who came in from Kohima. On Independence Day, we had a meaningful Eucharist presided over by our dean Fr. Aubrey followed by a short flag hoisting program. The chief guest was Sch. Lawrence from Darjeeling province.

Fr. Dudley helped us with our ‘Psycho-Spiritual-Sexual-Intellectual Integration’ in his course. He made us aware of our inner wounds and how we can get deeper in touch with our inner being – God. He taught us a simple method of NCD (Name-Claim-Drain) to use on a daily basis which will help us neutralize our feelings. The important thing which we learnt was that we need to

drain out not only our negative feelings, but also our peak positive ones that bind us and prevent us from reaching our true selves.

August was truly a time to experience a lot of personal growth.

✓ **Joel and Rohan.**

[News from St. Xavier's School, Fort](#)

'Unlock-1, Unlock-2, Unlock-3, Unlock-4.

Still at home not yet ready to go.

Login, logout, connect, Zoom, all online.

Teachers, students still meet in quarantine.'

That sums up school for the last four months. Come August and we would begin practice for Independence Day. Oh how we missed the usual display of patriotic fervor! Nevertheless, our Principal, Mrs. Sharmila Sunny gave a beautiful hope-filled message that was broadcasted to all our students. Thanks also to Fr. Thomas Reddy for unfurling the tricolor.

September is always exciting for the teaching fraternity as we look forward to Teachers' Day. Our students did not let the pandemic dampen our spirits. The student council has formed a team called the 'We Create Team'. They made a YouTube video dedicated to the teachers of our school. That evening we all joined in an online, live celebration on YouTube. We truly enjoyed a performance by Ms. Silvina Fernandes from Catholic Gymkhana who regaled us with soulful lively renditions.

The second week of September saw us gearing up for the forthcoming Unit Tests. Constant meetings and mock tests were conducted to get students accustomed to answering these tests online. We also celebrated the birthday of our Principal on 14 September. She sat through lovingly from 9:30 a.m. onward for a standard

wise celebration (std. 5 to 10). It culminated with a grand staff celebration. To add a special personal touch, two of our staff members and three members of the student council visited her home with a cake and a bouquet



With the impending term exams, we had a training program for the teachers to learn how to set online question papers and exploring new test formats. It was conducted by our faculty who have formed a team headed by our Asst. Principal Sr. Thresia Sini. We also attended a webinar; an ALP workshop (Accelerated Learner Program) conducted by Mr. Vernon Marshall an expert from My Intelligent Brain Training (MIBT). It showed us how to augment the performances of our students especially the weaker ones. It was very interesting, interactive and had many takeaways for us as teachers.

An important webinar was held on 30 July for the faculty of all Jesuit schools in Mumbai. It was organized by our manager Fr. Dr. Francis Swamy and conducted by Fr. Charles Rodrigues. The topic was 'Relevance of Ignatian Insight for our context today'. Fr. Charles covered topics like, discovering the Ignatian Insight and unmasking Ignatian Wisdom all in correlation to the present pandemic. He ended with the quintessential question 'How can I help to make

the world a better place?' .The session ended with a video of the outreach work done by the Jesuits during the pandemic. Kudos to the Jesuits - you truly lead by example!

I end on that note of hope for a better tomorrow and a quick return to normalcy.

➤ **Mr. Gaspar Britto.**

XIE Mahim & Loyola Margao:

Going beyond borders and unlocking creativity

Lockdown challenges us to unleash our creativity and find new ways of doing things. Two Jesuit institutes from the Western Region- Xavier Institute of Engineering (XIE), Mumbai and Loyola School, Goa collaborated by offering the beginners course in Python programming language. 20 students from Loyola and 5 JRS staff from Afghanistan participated and successfully completed the 3 weeks program offered by XIE.



The classes were held online using Google platform and the participants presented their final project on the last day. Besides learning the basic skills in programming and enhancing their analytical thinking, the participants from Afghanistan and Goa were enriched from their class discussions and interactions. “I feel happy that I had this opportunity to study with the students from Goa. I’m grateful to our online

Instructors Dr Vijay Katkar and Prof Jaychand for the systematic teaching and for giving us the taste of Python programming language,” says Behrooz from Afghanistan.

Dr. Vijay Katkar expressed, “It was for the first time that I taught students from Afghanistan. I’m impressed with the way they asked questions and with the quality of their final project presentation. It has challenged me to change my own perception of Afghanistan and I want to be more engaged in providing support to the Jesuit mission in Afghanistan. I am ready to go to Afghanistan and teach computers”.

Fr. Pedro Rodrigues, the Principal of the Loyola Higher Secondary is grateful to Fr. John Rose Santiago, the Director of XIE for facilitating the course and providing the resource persons to deliver it. It is a first tiny step in the collaborative venture between the two institutes and in the future we plan to conduct many such courses.

▪ **Orville de Silva sj (Goa)**

In the Peace of Christ

+ **Fr. Jayant Kumar Padival (KAR), 71/54,**

passed away at Mangaluru on 8 September

+ **Fr. John Berchman Nag (JAM), 72/36,** passed away at Jamshedpur on 10 September

+ **Fr. Jacob Carvalho (GOA), 75/57,** passed away at Belagavi on 12 September

+ **Fr. James Thottakhat (KER), 83/63,** passed away at Kozhikode on 15 September

+ **Fr. Erik Breye (RAN) 80/61,** passed away at Ranchi on 18 September

+ **Mr. Neville Baptista,** the father of Brennan Baptista passed away on 22 September