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FR. GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Maria Joseph Savariappan as a Province Consultor w.e.f. October 1, 2020
Fr. Sunny George Kunnel as a Province Consultor w.e.f. October 1, 2020
Fr. Jan Roser (51) as the new Provincial of the German Province
Fr. Fr. Soosai Mani (52) as the new Provincial of the Delhi Province
Fr. Dominic Vu Kim Quyen (51) as the new Provincial of the Australian Province
Fr. Martin Lenk (59) as the new Provincial of the Province of the Antilles
 (Dominican Republic, Cuba, the Miami region, Jamaica and Guyana)

PROVINCIAL APPOINTS

Fr. Ajay Kr. Ekka: Treasurer (Additional), Chamrusai & Convenor of Santal Education Commission
Fr. Arun Lucas: Assistant Director, Chitrabani
Br. Chottu Hembrom: Convenor of Tribal/Indigenous Commission
Fr. Francis Dore: JRS, Bangladesh, Assit. Minister, Vocation Promotor, Dhaka
Fr. Jerry R Gomes: Project/Program Director, JRS Bangladesh
Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy: Convenor of Ignatian Spirituality Commission
Fr. Kurian Empryail: Prefect of Studies for Scholastics, Prabhu Jisur Girja
Fr. M. Saju George: Province Development Director
Fr. Narendra Singh: Editor, Calcutta Jesuits and Friends
Fr. Ripon Rozario: Assist. Minister, Teacher Pre-Novitiate, Mothbari
Fr. Thamacin Arulappan: Convenor of Ecology Commission



INFORMATION

Diaconate Ordination: Our third year Theologians **Schs. Antony Albert Suresh, Antony Robert** and **Felix Tete** have applied for their diaconate and priestly ordinations. Anyone who has information for a better understanding of them kindly inform Fr. Provincial by **October 20, 2020**.

100th birthday celebration of Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes (99years) was celebrated on September 7, 2020 at St. Xavier's College. To celebrate this unique occasion, the Jesuits at St Xavier's College community organized a special thanksgiving Eucharist in his honour at their Community Chapel. **Fr. Raphael Hyde**, Provincial, joined the celebration.

Province Website: Province Website is being updated. It has a link to the Society's Website too. Kindly take a look at it (<http://www.calcuttajesuit.in>). Your suggestions and help in updating are most welcome. **Fr. Julian Sahayadas** is looking after this.

Pope: Market capitalism has failed in pandemic, needs reform

Pope Francis says the coronavirus pandemic has proven that the "magic theories" of market capitalism have failed and that the world needs a new type of politics that promotes dialogue and solidarity and rejects war at all cost.



Premananda Ashram, Chamrusai

September 02, 2020 was a significant day for the Premananda Ashramites in Chamrusai. We celebrated a solemn Eucharist on the death anniversary of **Fr. De Cocq**. The life story of Fr. De Cocq was read out by a parishioner in the beginning of the Mass. Many faithful had gathered to pray for Fr. De Cocq and pray through his intercession.

After the Eucharistic celebration, Fr. De Cocq's flag was hoisted, his statue was garlanded, prayer intentions were offered, and his favorite scripture passage "Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (Jn.12:24) was read out. The



participants remembered all the benefactors of the Ashram in their prayers. Puffed rice, biscuits and chocolates were distributed to all the faithful.

For the first time, women's football matches were organized by the faithful, in which women, girls, men and youth participated joyfully. Cultural events were conducted in honor of Fr. De Cocq. People fondly remembered Fr. De Cocq and his hard work through different activities.

-Fr. Sebastian Xalxo

Jisu Ashram, Pandua

Despite the lockdown, the faithful were more close to Jisu Ashram. Just before the lockdown, Novices **Ashim Mandi** and **Santosh Murmu** from Dhyan Ashram, as part of their experiment, updated the Parish database such as the phone numbers, etc. It was helpful for the Priest-in-Charge and Catechists to be in touch with the Parishioners. When the lockdown was relaxed, as per norms, Jisu Ashram resumed its activities in the Church. Those who were prepared for the Sacrament of Baptism in the last three or four years were given the Sacrament of Baptism from August 17 to September 23. A hundred and forty seven persons were baptized. A hundred and nineteen persons were given the Sacraments of Initiation. Eighteen marriages were rectified. The Catechists instructed



all the families for a number of days to prepare them.

Fr. Augustine is back to Pandua from the Province infirmary after his successful medical treatment. He is healthy and happy as ever.

-Fr. Amulya K

Udayani Social Action Forum

September 15 was the International Democracy Day. To mark this day, the Right to food and work network, West Bengal called for an Action Week Program on September 8 - 15. This was to draw everyone's attention to the violation of National Food Security Act. People assembled in smaller groups to raise issues of hunger and livelihood. Udayani organized the Action Week on September 13 - 15 in Bishnupur, Jamalpur, Pandua, Kalna-I and Kalna-II blocks of South 24 Parganas, Hooghly and Burdwan districts. We covered 22 villages and about 1500 women participated in small groups to demonstrate the concerns of common people. They asserted their democratic rights in slogans, distributed leaflets and pasted posters in public places to conscientize the general public. The message was communicated to the Government that the Coronavirus pandemic is a lame excuse to cover up their failure to discharge their duties. Thanks to Self-help groups women who openly



supported the movement. In the months of August and September, we conducted capacity building trainings for SHG women in villages and anti- human trafficking, Right to food, NGO management and motivation training for activists and coordinators at Pandua and Bishnupur blocks. Udayani Family Counseling Center (FCC) is providing online services to those at home. Counseling service at the Alipore Correctional home is presently suspended due to COVID-19. Counselors keep in touch with them over the phone and help them as much as possible.

- Fr. John Kerketta

St. Xavier's Collegiate School

The School undertook various initiatives to give the campus a green and clean look to make the UAP, 'Caring for our Common Home' a concrete reality. For the last two months, **Fr. Thamacin Arulappan**, Principal, with the help of some School staff, had been going to various places to collect medicinal plants. On September 18, **Fr. Dominic Savio**, College Principal, inaugurated the Herbal Garden in St. Xavier's Primary School campus in the presence of St. Xavier's Community members, ALSOC members, and the school staff. This new herbal garden, named 'Assisi Herbal Garden', has about 70 kinds of medicinal plants. The school



also has done some beautiful paintings, focusing on 'Caring for our Common Home' on the wall next to the gymnasium for greater awareness and to instil a genuine love and concern for nature.

ALSOC supported the endeavour of the school by sponsoring 40 Teak and Mahogany saplings to Gurap and Pandua mission stations. After having regular online classes on *Microsoft Teams* platform for the Secondary Section and *Zoom* platform for the Primary Section, the school is ready to conduct its First Semester Examinations from October 16 via LMS platform.

-Fr. Narendra Singh

Kalahrdaya Tidings

Despite the exponential rise of Corona Virus cases and the recurrent lock downs, life in Kalahrdaya has been quite normal. On September 8, the feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kalahrdaya, was declared as a distinctive ecclesiastical unit of the Baraipur diocese during a Holy Eucharist presided over by His Lordship, Shyamal Bose, the Bishop of Baraipur. **Fr. Saju George**, the director, has commenced his classes in a small scale with limited number of students. **Fr. Thottam** spent about ten days in Arunoday, Barasat and now he is back with his usual vigor.

Our much appreciated participation in the struggle of the poor people by way of distribution of relief materials saw a resumption after a short lay off. On September 6, we rationed out food grains in a remote village (Harbhangi) under Basanti Parish. In the following week, we reached out to poor families



in Keoradangi and Raghobpur and distributed rations. Our efforts to alleviate the sufferings of the people and bring a little joy on their faces are supported by our generous donors. We thank them profusely for their generous contributions. Our new building is taking a splendid shape as it is gradually nearing its completion. On September 15, **Fr. Shyamal Makhhal** relocated himself to Raghobpur Community in order

to avail a conducive atmosphere to complete his studies. We wish him well and pray for his endeavors.

-Sch. Rakesh Mondol

Gleanings from Raghobpur

Fr. Shyamal Makhhal has joined our community. Scholastic **Bimal Soren** and **Bro. Dipak Mandi**, have already begun their undergraduate studies in St. Xavier's, Raghobpur Campus. Regent **Manu**, even in the enforced absence of our children is of invaluable assistance in the school. He wrote his final Semester Examinations of MA Philosophy in Dhyana Ashram on September 22 – 26. The new Admissions to the Higher Secondary and College took place smoothly. The work in the new College building, under the supervision of **Fr. Johnson** continues steadily.

Fr. Salvatore Murmu, Parish Priest, and his pastoral team worked hard and the first public Eucharistic celebration after the lockdown was celebrated to conclude the Novena to Our Lady of Vailankanni on September 8. Those present were happy to receive the Eucharistic Lord after a long time. The regular daily morning Mass in the Church has been resumed along with spaced out Masses on Sundays.

The Covid-19 Pandemic also delayed the construction of the new Chapel at Chok Rasun. With the blessing and laying of the foundation stone on September 9 by Fr Salvatore, the work is now in full swing. The people are immensely satisfied to see their new Chapel coming up.

-Fr. Patrick Walsh

Vidyajyoti, Delhi

September was a very busy month for **Fr. Poulouse Mangai**. In the second week of September, he managed to post the May, June, July, August and September issues of Vidyajyoti Journal to the Indian subscribers, held up for long because of disruption in the postal services, caused by COVID - 19. He also finished two B.Th. courses online. In a zoom meeting of the Delhi FORUM of Religious for Justice and Peace held on September 17, Fr. Poulouse was chosen as the Secretary. Currently, he is giving a two-week course on Liturgy for a group of MC Sisters at their Regional House in Delhi. In the absence of students at Vidyajyoti, he carries on with the Ashakiran Rickshaw Pullers Ministry, which, incidentally, was initiated by our own **Frs. Maria Joseph Israel** and **Paul Carlos** in their student years at Vidyajyoti.

-Fr. Poulouse Mangai

Prabhu Jisur Girja

Community: **Br. Kuriakose** preached a recollection to the Scholastics at Dhyana Ashram on September 18-19. **Fr. Mahananda Singh** and **Fr. Cyriac** are very active in organizing masses and other spiritual activities in the parish. **Fr. John Rogers** made a great effort to learn video editing in order to manage the LTS YouTube channel. **Br. Naike** is putting things in order in the Annex B building of PJG as the renovation work is on.

Parish: SVP Unit distributed monthly ration to 13 beneficiaries on August 22. The Novena to Our Lady of Vailankanni was conducted both in English and Bengali.

Fr. Mahananda, and **Fr. Patrick Eaton** celebrated Mass in Bengali and English respectively. The novena celebration began with the flag hoisting on August 29 by Fr. Eaton. The Mass and Novena preaching were live-streamed daily by the Parish Youth.

On September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, devotees brought offerings to Our Lady of Vailankanni which were blessed by **Frs. Dipak Gomes**, and **Cyriac Sebastian**. There were three Masses on the feast day. Frs. Dipak Gomes, Patrick Eaton and Mahananda were the



main celebrants respectively. After communion, the Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council, Ms Jane Gomes, proposed the vote of thanks. The volunteers, office assistant and the sacristan were felicitated and presented with gifts.

-Mr. Andrio Arup Gomes

Chitrabani

Fr. P.J. Joseph is busy with the documentation work on **Fr. Gaston Roberge**. **Br. Carlo** is always busy at his desk with accounts and other office works. He is an inspiration to all the Jesuits at PJG.

With the recording of 5 English Devotional songs, the sound studio at Chitrabani is getting ready to start some serious works in the coming days. Chitrabani keeps assisting in the work of Udayani especially in the area of making documentaries. It also avails its resources for the works of LTS.

-Fr. Arun Lucas



Maria Sneha Sadan, Gurap

On September 8, we celebrated the feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We had a special Mass in the morning. Sr. Nilu and all the staff members took a special interest in decorating the chapel, and painting Mother Mary's grotto. Fathers from St. Xavier's Burdwan and Pandua had come for a fellowship meal in the evening.

The new girls' hostel building work is slow and steady. All the teachers are coming to the school regularly though no children but helping out in painting the windows of school building and other minor maintenance work. Besides this, we are venturing into cultivating mushrooms in a small scale.

On September 27, fathers from St. Xavier's Kolkata Community had come to Gurap Mission for a day out. It was a happy moment for all of us to be together and we enjoyed the companionship.



-Fr. Markus Hembram

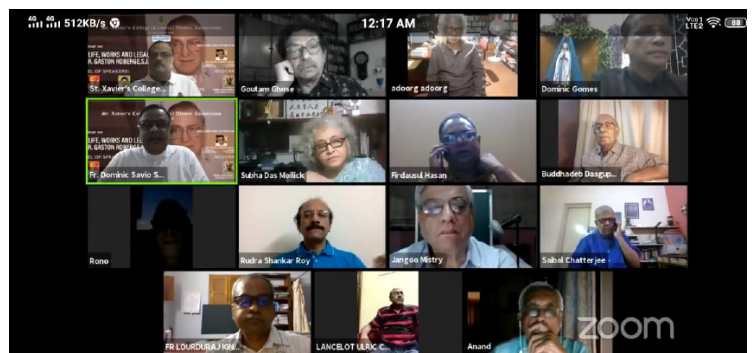
St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

The Department of Commerce and Management Studies in collaboration with the Institute of Cost Accountants of India have presented an International Webinar on Moratorium on Loan Repayment: Effects on Financial Institutions on August 29.

On September 6, a Webinar on The Life, Words and Legacy of **Fr. Gaston Roberge**, was organized by the Alumni of the College. **Fr. Dominic Savio**, Principal, along with the leading National Award Winning Filmmakers Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Buddhadeb Dasgupta, Goutam Ghosh and Shyam Benegal rendered their tribute to Fr. Gaston. The key-note address was given by Fr. Principal and the National award winning Film Critic Saibal Chatterjee (Xaverian) moderated the session.

The Inaugural Ceremony for the Academic year 2020-2021 for the First Years was held on September 15. **Fr. Jeyaraj**, Rector, in his welcome address, encouraged the new comers to make use of all the opportunities and grow into becoming men and women for others. **Fr. Dominic** enlightened the young minds about the Charism of the Jesuit Pedagogy and further highlighted that every Xaverian should develop an attitude of acceptance and appreciation for multi-religious, multi-cultural and multi-linguistic context of India. **Fr. Joseph Kulandai**, Vice-Principal (morning), in his address to the freshers stressed on the need and importance of Jesuit Education. Later, **Fr. Peter Arock**, Vice-Principal (evening) wished the students to have a greater understanding of the central value of love for all those around us.

On September 19, the College Entrepreneurship Development Cell presented a Webinar on 'Turn Setbacks into Comebacks.' It was a unique opportunity for the members to experience the master class with Mr. Shiv Khera, one of the most popular Business Consultants & Thought Leaders in recent times.



The College conducted the End Semester UG and PG examinations online successfully on September 21 – 30. Thanks to the Controllers of the Examination, respective HODs, Deans and the Vice Principals who planned everything meticulously and executed efficiently under the leadership of Fr. Principal.

The Department of Social Work: NSS & UBA presented International Webinar series on September 23-24. The main theme was Youth Volunteering for Global Action and the keynote address was delivered by Fr. Dominic.

On September 26 – 27, the EMMRC presented its first ever online workshop on Challenges, Prospects and Development.

The College expresses its gratitude to Colgate Palmolive India Ltd for their quick response in sending one Lakh units of Toothpastes to St. Xavier's for adding into the relief materials which are distributed to Amphan victims on regular intervals.

-Fr. David Paulraj

Dhyan Ashram

Novitiate: At the funeral service of **Fr Gaston Roberge**, a great Jesuit who with his creativity and hard work inspired many people especially youngsters through his works on media studies, we were moved to hear the introduction and the eulogies about him.

On September 5, we celebrated the feast of St Teresa of Calcutta and the teacher's day. We wished our teachers and formators. We specially wished our Bengali Didimonis virtually. We had an enthralling get-together at night when we wished **Fr. Master** and **Fr. Socius** with a delicious dinner prepared by the novices.

On September 8, on the nativity of Mother Mary, we had a solemn Rosary procession from Milanmela Chapel to the statue of Mother Mary. We commenced it with an inspiring introduction by **Fr. Jothi** on the significance of Rosary in our lives as Jesuits.

We were engrossed in a Psychology Course, ABC Model, by Fr. Master which immensely broadened our habit of thinking positively. He helped us to recognize how we have to face the challenges in our lives by accepting our inabilities and dealing with our irrational beliefs.

We rejuvenated ourselves from a campus picnic, cherished the accompaniment and the support of the staff and collaboration among ourselves while we cooked and shared our joy.

-Novice Ravi

Juniorate: On September 13, the Juniors had a campus picnic. It was an opportunity for all of us to take a break from a busy schedule in the Juniorate and direct all our creative ideas to prepare a delicious meal and enjoy.

Fr. Sunny George, Rector, officially met all the juniors individually on September 14. It was indeed a time of grace and blessing. A day of recollection was organized on September 19. **Fr Pierre Jacob**, our spiritual director, enabled us to know ourselves by focusing on how we live our relationship with Christ.

We went to St Xavier's University, Kolkata, on September 26. **Fr Sebastia L Raj**, Rector, welcomed us cordially. **Fr Felix**

Raj, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, widened our knowledge by explaining on how the institution functions and renders its service to the people of West Bengal. We had



a friendly Basketball match and some indoor games with the brothers and fathers. It was an unforgettable and remarkable day for us. It was good to see the city of joy smiling serenely once again amidst the Coronavirus pandemic and natural disasters.

-Sch. Reagan Murugan

St. Xavier's, Burdwan

The five theology students staying here at St. Xavier's Burdwan are having their online classes. Already a few courses have been completed. Besides the regular courses, the third-year scholastics have begun to work on their dissertation. They are making the best use of the Burdwan St. Xavier's College Communication Lab for all their academic purposes. They also made a trip to Parasmani, Santiniketan to bring some course related books and are totally immersed in studying theology materials.

St. Xavier's School, Burdwan successfully completed conducting two Assessment Examinations. The students are all having online classes via G Suite. With the help of **Sch. Robert**, our Regent **Sch. Johnson K.** looks after the technical aspects of online classes. The Xavier's Alumni Association of Burdwan (XAAB) conducted a Webinar on "Relevance of Jesuit Education in Times of Uncertainty on September 6. The main speakers were **Fr. Maria Joseph Savariappan**, **Fr. Thamacin Arulappan** and Prof. Dr. Saikat Sinha Roy, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University.

St. Xavier's College, Burdwan inaugurated the new academic year on September 18 virtually. Adapting to the new normal, we live streamed the inauguration through our YouTube channel. We commenced the event by invoking the Almighty God to bless the College administration, the students and their parents and a special grace to curb the spread of Covid-19. The program consisted of readings from different Sacred Scriptures, cultural programs, the inaugural message by **Fr. Paul Arockiam**, the Principal, the inaugural blessings by Fr. Maria Joseph, the Superior, and the vote of thanks by **Fr. Sahaya Jude**, the Vice-Principal. It was followed by the departmental induction program organized by the departments in the afternoon.

The following day, September 19 was an orientation day. We introduced the students virtually to our campus, library, disciplines, exam system and cultural programs of the college. This day was concluded by a remarkable presentation by Fr. Maria Joesph on who the Jesuits are, what it means to be a

Xavierian and what are the characteristic features of Jesuit education. His presentation indeed enriched the minds of the new comers. The College now has a total enrollment of over 600 students.

-Fr. Sahaya Jude & Sch. Robert Antony

September 2020 SXUK News:

St. Xavier's University completed the U.G., P.G. and MBA End Semester Examinations and declared the Final Results on September 30. It has helped many of our students who were already placed and employed.



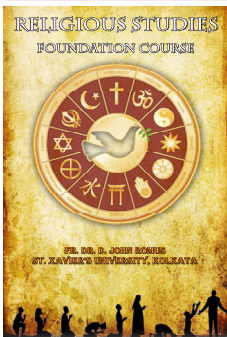
St. Xavier's University organised the 1st Year Inaugural Programmes on virtual platform and welcomed the Freshers in 5 Phases. 1st Year Online Classes began immediately after the Inauguration Programmes.

The Orientation Programme and the Foundation Course for the 1st Year Students are conducted by Fr. A. Arockiasamy and Fr. John Romus respectively.

36 Scholars have joined the Ph.D. Programme this year. In total, we now have 56 Ph.D. scholars at the University. The Ph.D. Department held its Two-Day Doctoral Colloquium on October 3 and 4th. **Fr. Felix Raj** delivered the Inaugural address and highlighted the need to undertake research journey with Xaverian ethos.

- Ruth De Rosario

TWO BOOKS OF THE FOUNDATION COURSE FROM SXUK



St. Xavier's University is publishing two books of the Foundation Course, one on Inter-Religious Studies for Global Citizenship and the other on Personality Development.

Thanks to Fr. John Romus and Prof. Sovik Mukherjee for their efficient coordination for preparing the text.

It is my hope that inter-religious and ecumenical cooperation will demonstrate that men and women do not have to forsake their identity, whether ethnic or religious, in order to live in harmony with their brothers and sisters. If we are honest in presenting our convictions, we will be able to see more clearly what we hold in common.

Pope Francis

"BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF BISHOP LINUS GOMES"



Health Update:

Bishop Linus Gomes, is doing well, after receiving fresh blood. He is able to talk well and communicate his wishes. 'I want to go to my room.' 'Take me out for walk'. Bishop likes to listen to Church hymns and sometimes he attempts to sing as well. The community goes to his room from time to time to sing a Bengali hymn after the evening prayer. Bishop Linus' favourite hymn is 'Tumi je amari Ma'. Bishop never fails to thank and bless whoever visits him. **Brother Chintamani** is spending quality time taking care of Bishop. Thanks for your prayers.

Fr. Aloysius Carvalho: Father Carvahlo is enjoying very good health. He has surprised everyone by bouncing back to leading a normal life. He takes all his meals along with the community. He is present at every community activity. As usual, Fr. Carvalho spends much of his time reading spiritual books and books on the history of the Society. He is ever ready to help anyone with correction or clarification of doubts.

Fr. Joe Kallarangatt: He is keeping good health. He is able to come to the chapel himself, using the walker. Fr Joe's health is steady. He does some reading and watching good movies on his laptop. His speech is improving as well.

Fr. PC Mathew: He is having better health now than a month ago. He too spends time reading books and watching some movies on his laptop. Fr. PC and Fr Joe are up-to-date with TV news like BBC, NDTV etc.

Fr. Korkoniyus Moses: After spending two full months at the Alternative Therapy Centre at Kalidanga, Rampurhat, Fr. Korko is back in St. Xavier's. Thanks to the various therapies, he has improved his health. He is determined to work hard on his exercises and therapies to gain more health and then be able to do some ministry actively.

Fr. Charles Tudu (DUM): After his full chemo treatment at Appolo Clinic Newtown, Fr. Charles is much better, taking rest and gaining better health in the infirmary now.

Sch. Roton Baidya is admitted at Paramount for surgery



Pope Francis Signed New Encyclical in Assisi on October 3, 2020



Pope Francis will soon be issuing a new Encyclical on human fraternity. The Pope went to the hometown of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3, 2020 and signed the new text, which is to bear the title *Fratelli tutti*, "All brothers and sisters". Pope Francis celebrated Mass at the tomb of Saint Francis, and at the end, he signed the Encyclical at the Sacro Convento on the eve of the Feast of St. Francis. The visit took place in a private form, without any participation of the faithful. This is the Pope's third Encyclical. It follows *Lumen fidei* (2013), which was jointly written with Benedict XVI, and *Laudato si* (2015).



"At a time when the world is suffering from a pandemic that puts so many people in difficulty and makes us feel like brothers in pain, we cannot but feel the need to become, above all, brothers and sisters in love," Archbishop Sorrentino insisted.

-Catholic news update Asia

Pope Francis on Jesus' Pedagogy of Rehabilitation

What plague could be worse than the Covid-19 pandemic the world has experienced in 2020? Pope Francis suggests a possibility: gossip.

He said that fraternal correction is necessary to promote unity in the Church while respecting individual conscience. The Lord proposed a particular way to correct. "To correct a brother who has made a mistake, Jesus suggests a pedagogy of rehabilitation, of salvation".

He says: 'point out the fault when the two of you are alone', that is, do not air his sin in public. It is about going to



your brother with discretion, not to judge him but to help him realize what he has done. How many times have we had this experience: someone comes and tells us: 'But listen, you were mistaken about this. You should change a little in this regard'. Perhaps in the beginning we get angry, but then we say 'thank you', because it is a gesture of brotherhood, of communion, of help, of rehabilitation."

He pointed out, the correction doesn't always go according to plan. Despite good intentions, it can be a fearful experience. And the person being corrected may react badly. As a result, sometimes gossip arises in the place of fraternal correction.

"This teaching of Jesus helps us a great deal, because – let us consider an example – when we see a mistake, a fault, a slip, in that brother or sister, usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip and gossip closes the heart to the community, closes off the unity of the Church.



"The great gossip is the devil, who always goes about telling bad things about others because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Chatter is a plague more awful than Covid! Let us make an effort: no gossip."

(-Zenit)

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - Prayer intention for October 2020

We pray that the virtue of Baptism, the lay faithful, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Pope Francis Hopes to Visit Spain to Mark 500 Years Since Jesuit Founder's Conversion

Pope Francis said he hoped to visit Spain to mark the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola in an interview published Wednesday.

"I believe that the conversion of St. Ignatius is also an encounter of the heart and can invite us to reflect on our personal conversion, to ask for the gift of conversion to love and serve more in the way of Jesus Christ," said Francis.

Father General challenges Jesuits to live out evangelical poverty during Ignatian Year

"Living our vow of poverty in the current conditions of the world will require changes in our organizational culture," said Father Arturo Sosa. "We need to recognize our deficiencies and even our sins, in this area, if we want to



arrive at a real identification of ourselves with the poor and humble Jesus of the Gospels."

Extraordinary Times: An Opportunity to Exercise Discerning Leadership

At the opening of the session on discerning leadership held at the General Curia, **Fr. Arturo Sosa** outlined the unique current context created by the COVID-19 pandemic. In a welcoming address, he stressed how the pandemic has brought out the fragility of our global system. It made us see how blind we were to certain realities such as economic injustice, the globalization of indifference, and the paralysis of states in the face of environmental challenges.

All this shows how much this course on discerning leadership based on Ignatian spirituality, a proposal of the Society, is a relevant service to the Church. Discernment allows for adaptation to change, it opens up space for compassion, it makes leaders more aware of the mission that is theirs, but which goes beyond them and demands collaboration. It is a call to witness and hope in the footsteps of Jesus.

"Discerning Leadership" leads to the synodal ecclesial community

I dream of a 'missionary option,' that is a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. (Evangelii Gaudium n.27)

In this dream for a synodal Church, Pope Francis challenges clerical privilege, autocratic bureaucracy, and the defensive, institutional centrality still characteristic of much of the Church today. Rather, Pope Francis calls the Church to conversion at the personal, communal, and structural levels and calls for a distinct kind of authority and leadership going forward.

It includes communications, conflict management, strategy, change, management, and human resource management. It helps to understand and practice the integration of these skills in a discerning, reflective manner that involves prayer as an essential feature. We believe that Church leaders enabled and empowered to lead in this manner will over time transform the Church and enact the synodal ecclesial community that Pope Francis is calling for.

-(Jesuits Global)

Rest In Peace

Fr. Kabamba Kalimbiri Joseph (ACE 53/33) passed away on 03.09.2020 in Chennai.

Fr. Jayant Kumar Padival (KAR, 71/54) passed away on 08.09.2020 in Mangaluru.

Fr. John Berchman Nag (JAM, 72/36) passed on 10.09.2020 in Jamshedpur.

Fr. Jacob Carvalho (GOA, 75/57) passed away on 12.09.2020 at Belagavi, Karnataka

Fr. Vijay Kumar Prabhu (KAR, 80/61) passed away on 15.09.2020 at Mangaluru

Fr. James Thottakath (KER, 83/63) passed away on 15.09.2020 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode.

Fr. Erik Breyer (RAN, 80/61) passed away on 18.09.2020 at St. Albert's College, Ranchi

Br. Nicolas Hernandez Blanco (GUJ/ESP, 92/75) passed away on 20.09.2020 in Spain.

Fr. Dionysius Rasquinha (PAT, 65/44) passed away on 24.09.2020 in Patna.

Fr. Joseph Thayil (KER, 90/70) passed away on 30.09.2020 in Nirmala Hospital, Kozhikode.



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