



Delhi Jesuits

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Rakesh Toppo, Delhi Province
Consultor effective from Sept 25, 2020.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Christopher Kandulna, Superior and
Novice Master at Loyola Sadan, Lucknow
effective from Oct 1, 2020.

**Our Heartfelt Thanks
to Fr. Vimal Kishore**

**for serving Loyola Sadan as
Superior and Novice Master**

**Meeting of Superiors and Directors
of Works on Oct 17-18, 2020.**

PROVINCIAL'S OCT PROGRAM

- 01-03 Visit, Shahbad
- 08 Back in Delhi Office
- 16-19 Superiors and DoW Meet
- 20 Consult
- 26-28 Online JCSA Meet

PROVINCIAL'S NOV PROGRAM

- 19-22 Visitation Nevta
- 23-26 Visitation C Scheme
- 27-29 Visitation Mahwa

Congrats Antony, Leo & Joseph

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the priestly ordination of our Deacons Leo Arockia Raj, Joseph Kumar Kurapati, and Antony Arul was held at NRC chapel on Sept 12. Around 25 Jesuits participated in the Holy Eucharist to witness the mega event which began exactly at 5 pm. The

ordaining prelate Archbishop Anil J. T. Couto was flanked by Provincial **Fr. Soosai Mani** on the right and by Rector **Fr. Jose Philip** on the left. **Sch. Dev** introduced the three candidates to the congregation. **Sch. Pawan** played the role of Master of Ceremony. His commentary helped us to understand the meaning of the ordination ceremony. Sch. Dev's introduction helped all to get into the mood of the Holy Eucharist. In his homily Archbishop Anil Couto urged the ordinands to feel the rootedness of priesthood in Christ Jesus. He invited the whole congregation to pray for the future ministry of the three candidates. Under the able leadership of **Fr. T.J. Jose**, the choir group, though very small in number, sang mellifluous songs that aided all to participate in the Eucharist more meaningfully. **Fr. Ronald** helped out to run the ordination ceremony smoothly. Thanks to Pratiksha Rector Fr. Peter who assisted our men to prepare for the ordination ceremony. Fr. T.J. Jose was munificent enough to make arrangements for live telecast. **Fr. Aun Panackal** made all the arrangements for the delectable meal. The three newly ordained priests were fortunate enough to receive blessings and greetings from our senior priests. The mega event ended with expression of deep gratitude to God.

Deu

Final Vows

Fr. Shekhar, Fr. Pradeep and Fr. Britto will pronounce their Final Vows on Oct 18, 2020 during the meeting of Superiors and Directors of Work.

SAHAYOG

Fr. Peter Raj (AND) left for Guntur on Sept 1 after spending a fortnight here observing the mandatory home quarantine period. **Fr. Job** was discharged from the Holy Family Hospital on 3rd and is back hale and hearty. On the Teachers' Day **Fr. Chacko** was admitted to Jivodaya Hospital; he returned to Sahayog on 10th. After being quarantined for a week in his room, **Fr. K.P. George** was admitted to Holy Family Hospital on 7th as he continued to feel unwell; he was discharged on 16th whereupon he quarantined himself at NRC for a few more days. On 7th early morning Jivodaya Hospital Team came here and collected blood samples of all our veterans in the campus for testing. The results show that most of them enjoy good health. Our Deacons Antony, Joseph and Leo came out of their pre-ordination spiritual quarantine under the supervision of **Fr. T.K. John** on the eve of Our Lady's Birthday. Accompanied by Provincial **Fr. Soosai Mani** they personally presented their Dimissorials to Archbishop Anil Couto on 9th. On the same day **Fr. Sebastian Jeera** left for a well-deserved rest and home visit. Provincial **Fr. Soosai Mani's** plan to visit our communities in Jaipur, Nevta and Mahwa was thwarted by widespread Covid-19 cases in those places; so he quietly returned home from Behror on 17th. After burying his cousin brother **Fr. Joseph Kurapati** came back to Delhi on 22nd, spent a few days in NRC quarantine and left for Almora on 27th. After spending a few days in HFH Delhi **Fr. Tony Chelakat** was discharged on 23rd and is currently in home quarantine at NRC. Fr. T.K. John participated in the webinar by Forum of Religious for Justice and Peace on the issue of suicide by some young men/women in the religious life. He also contributed to the national webinar organized by Fr. John Chathanatt on the contributions of late Swami Agnivesh, defender of bonded labourers and such marginalized sectors of the Indian society. The latest to join the Young Men's Club at Gym is **Fr. Augustine Pantha** who lodged himself on the cycle and spent some time on it. The one who

refuses to be tempted by this attraction is Fr. Chacko Kavatt who is satisfied to move around at snail's pace! In the wee hours of 29th Fr. T.K. John had to be rushed to hospital as he got a deep cut on the forehead due to a fall in his room. Fr. Soosai Mani and **Fr. Arun Panackal** got him admitted to Jivodaya. By evening he developed vomiting and so he was rushed to HFH where he is recuperating well.

Mathew

IISR REPORT

On Sept 16 **Fr. Job Kozhamthadam** gave a webinar for two hours in Malayalam to a group of 50 people doing a Diploma Course in Theology. The topic was "Catholicism and Modern Science in Dialogue: Encouragement, Estrangement and Engagement." The program was organized by the Diocese of Mananthavady. The response was very positive and enthusiastic.

Job

ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

School: School closed admissions to various classes on August 31. Classes, Exams and Competitions are going on as usual on online. We paid only 50% of salary to the teachers and 60% to class IV employees for the month of August. We are encountering a very serious financial problem due to the non-payment of fees by the parents. On the Teachers' Day we called teachers for a staff meeting after which they conducted online classes from their own classes. The half yearly exams began on Sept 15th. The court verdict about school fees is helping us to get some fees from the parents. A new Public Address System for the entire school is set up. Our school was a centre for the CBSE Compartment exams; it started on 22nd and ended on 30th.

House: All of us are keeping quite good health. Immunity improving methods are very well practiced in the house. **Fr. Joseph Kochupura** returned after his massage sessions at Sahayog. **Fr. Shaju** had a mild attack of asthma and visited the doctor along with the school nurse. He is fine now. On the 23rd Fr. Kochu had an attack of allergy on his tongue and lips. He paid a visit to a doctor and was

administered some medicines. He is feeling better now. Fr. Provincial came for a visit to the community on 15th and returned to Delhi cutting short his visits to Mahwa and Jaipur due to the covid-19 problems. We celebrated the birthday of Fr. Kochu on 30th. Jesuits from Bhiwadi and Jhajjar joined us for the celebration.

Parish: We have not started the Sunday Eucharist in the parish. Two families joined us at the community Eucharistic celebration on two Sundays. We discouraged them later due to the spread of covid-19 in Behror town.

Sebastian

ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

Community: Despite corona havoc, we are all keeping well by the grace of God. On Sept 2 we celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Amalraj** with a special mass at which the candidates and FSLG sisters joined. The visit of new Provincial Fr. Soosai Mani was indeed a blessing for us. He was warmly welcomed by Superior **Fr Glenn**. The candidates of Maria Sadan expressed their love with a welcome song led by Regent **Sch. Nitish**. In his message during the mass on the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross Fr. Soosai Mani posed a real challenge before each one of us. We also had a short community meeting with him. **Sch. Prakash** attends his online philosophy classes regularly and also helps out in the kitchen every now and then. He also prepares varieties of items which we are still enjoying. **Sch. Prakash** and **Sch. Nitish** had their monthly recollection at the end of the month. Fr. Sebastian guided them in their spiritual journey.

Parish: After a long break, we started parish mass in small groups. Parish Priest **Fr. Sebastian Mukalel** resumed the services after his meeting with the parish council. The prescribed rules of social distancing, sanitization and other conditions are followed.

School: In Sept some significant events were well planned and executed under the leadership of Principal **Fr Sangeeth Raj**. On 5th the Teacher's Day was celebrated virtually through a well organized program by the Student Council; the creativity of

the students was very manifest and well appreciated. The Half Yearly Exams were conducted virtually for all the students. The students had to write all the answers at home under the supervision of their parents. The questions were sent through WhatsApp with a deadline for writing and submitting the answers. All the teachers were quick enough to adapt themselves to the present situation. Even parents were supportive to help their children in this matter.

Maria Sadan: The candidates were immersed in their studies in preparation for the half yearly exams. Fr. Amal helped them in many ways in this preparation. As the candidates wrote the half yearly exams, the regent completed his final year's semester exams. Pre-novice Subodh Lakra came to Maria Sadan to complete his exam. Two of our candidates got cold and cough recently. After their recovery, they joined the normal activities of the house. We installed a new TV in the house since our old TV went out of order. Thanks to the provincial and team for prompt action. Fr. Provincial visited the candidates and we had a good interaction with him. They made a short presentation of their basic subject matters in an attractive way.

Nitish

ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

College: On Sept 2 the Dept of Management organised an orientation program from CII Yi (Young Indians) Jaipur Chapter with an objective of making students industry-ready and to provide a learning platform beyond academics through extension activities with the industry. On 5th the Dept of Commerce organised the Teachers' Day, Mother Teresa's Memorial Day, and Covid-19 Awareness Program with the theme 'Spreading Facts, not Fear'. After the prayer song, the unveiling of the photos of Mother Teresa and Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan took place. The eminent speakers in the panel included Dr. Suneet Singh Ranawat, Deputy Superintendent, SMS Hospital and Registrar, Rajasthan Medical Council, Mr. Ravi Prakash Meharda IPS, Additional DGP, Civil

Rights, Rajasthan Police, Mr. Jagdeesh Chandra IAS, CMD, First India News, and Dr. Girija Singh, Psychologist. The College Magazine, 'Xpress' was released on this occasion. A two-day lecture was organized by the Dept of English on "Writing Research Papers" on Sept 7-8. The resource person was Prof. Rajul Bhargava, Former Head, Department of English, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. The E- Cell & Dept of Management organized a virtual industrial visit on 10th to A.L. Paper House. A.L. Paper has been awarded as the "Best Handmade Paper Company in India" by the Govt of India for the last 14 consecutive years. On 11th a webinar on the New Education Policy 2020 was organized for our faculty members with Fr. Sunny Jacob as the resource person. He highlighted the key features of the policy and discussed the significant aspects of the same. The new Academic Session began on 12th with an inaugural ceremony "On Becoming Xavierites" which was broadcast live on Facebook for the benefit of all the students of various streams. The orientation began by invoking the blessings of the Almighty followed by the reading of scriptures of all religions. Prayers and blessings paved the way for thought-provoking talks by the members of the management, who outlined the new goals, aspirations, and procedures which have been put in place to adapt to the concept of online learning. Manager **Fr. Varkey Perekatt** showered his blessings on the newly admitted students. Principal **Fr. Rex Angelo** addressed the new students about their active participation in the online classes as well as showing their keen interest in the new avenues in academics. Vice Principal **Fr. Sherry George** highlighted the guidelines on general discipline and Vice Principal Fr. Raymond Cherubin provided the general guidelines related to co-curricular activities to the students. The event concluded with an oath-taking ceremony. ADGP Dr. Varun Kapoor gave tips on Cyber Security by addressing students through a webinar. Another webinar was conducted by Dr. Varun Kapoor, a renowned IPS Officer. The Dept of English, in collaboration with its social partner All About Happiness and

Swachhta Action Plan Committee-Greenery held a Plantation Drive - From Home with Us: "Paed, Ek Naya Dost" on Sept 11-13. Women's Cell and English Dept organized an online session on The Use of Non-Sexist Language at Workplace on 17th with Ms Tuheena Raj, a Citibank employee and a widely recognised TEDx Speaker as the resource person. On 19th, the Dept of Economics and Psychology organised a webinar on 'Living in the times of a Pandemic: Psychological Impact of Lockdown and Self Isolation' by eminent clinical psychologist Ms. Mimansa Singh Tanwar. An online guest lecture on research methodology was organised by the Political Science Dept on 19th; the speaker was Dr. Himanshu Roy from the University of Delhi. An interactive session with the alumni was organised by the Dept of Computer Science and IT club, Tech-X, on 19th. On 21st the Dept of Political Science organised a virtual Educational Tour and online Group Discussion Competition. The students were shown a video about structure and functioning of Parliament of India produced by Rajya Sabha TV. A two-day online workshop on Life Skills - Yoga, Physical Fitness Health and Hygiene was organized by the Dept of Computer Science on Sept 23-24. The Dept of Commerce organised a webinar on 25th on "How to read a person like a book: the power of body language" with Anthropologist Ms. Harsha Rohit as the resource person.

Rex

Community: Finally the Covid-19 virus reached the community, knocking down seven of us, leaving the others because they did not go for testing. The elderly were rushed to hospitals as soon as the reports came. This was done as a precaution. Fr. Mani and Fr. Tony were admitted in Holy Family Hospital, Delhi. Thanks to the Jesuit communities of Raj Niwas and Sahayog for rendering all the help needed in the process. Fr. Varkey, Fr. Rex and Fr. Jose V.K. were admitted in Durlabhjee Hospital, Jaipur. The others were in home quarantine, taking care of themselves. Now, all are back to normal health. The community members kept

away from active apostolate and worked from home so as not to spread the disease. Social distancing, self-care, etc., are the mantras these days. Before the pandemic hit the community, a few of us went to Nevta for a friendly basketball match and celebration of Teachers' Day. The entire community participated in the celebration of the Nativity of our Lady on 8th. On 29th the community celebrated the birthday of **Fr Dominic**.

Sherry

ST. XAVIER'S, MAHWA

School: The month of Sept started with little relaxation after the hectic work related to CBSE affiliation. Toward mid-Sept we held the half-yearly exams online. Surprise! Students who were not taking online classes too appeared for them. After a few days of break the online classes resumed. Nearly all the teachers attended the webinar on New Education Policy held on Sept 6. They found it helpful to know the dynamics and nature of the NEP. On 20th, we received a letter from the CBSE with a few observations. We are given a month to corroborate. After the High Court Judgment, a number of parents have started coming to the school to pay the fees. Minus the students, the campus has a forlorn look.

Community: Health issues have been bothering us; consulting doctors, taking medication are on. **Sch. Sasi** has been very busy with his online classes and assignments. On 24th, **Fr. Jose Kuriakose** went to Delhi for some urgent work related to his mission. **Fr. Jugal** accompanied him and they returned home the next day. We had a day of good rain. Along with relief from the scorching heat, it also brought some agony to the farmers around as the harvested millet got wet and spoiled. We have been dealing with some unwanted guests (scorpions, cobras, and rat snakes) in the campus.

Ruben

ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA

Community: The communities of Jaipur and Nevta had a combined basketball game followed by dinner on the Teachers' Day. On the birthday of Mother Mary the community had mass and breakfast with

our collaborators. In the evening the sisters hosted a feast day dinner for us. In the following days, many members in the community fell ill; some due to viral attack and **Fr. Arok** due to corona. Arok was in the hospital for a week and is now in isolation in the room; he is getting back to his normal health. The scholastics too on and off had some fever and discomfort but with basic home medicine and self-quarantine managed to get back to good health. The rest of the members remain healthy and fit. **Sch. Alan** and **Sch. Sangam** too have started their online classes from this month. **Fr. Jeba** is giving his final year exams. He completed two papers and has two more to go. **Fr. Jijimon** successfully defended his PhD thesis on 30th. Title of his Thesis is "Consumers' Attitude Towards Green Products and Brand Image Building: A Study of the Impact of Consumers' Environmental Consciousness and Awareness about Green Marketing on Fast Moving Consumer Goods In Jaipur". **Congratulations!**

School: The Teachers' Day was celebrated online. It was very meaningfully organized by Sr. Ruphina and Fr. Jeba. All the teachers were remembered personally, acknowledging and admiring their unique qualities. A few of them, randomly selected, shared their experiences as teachers. Some students also expressed their love and gratitude to the teachers in the form of dance and appreciation.

The students continue to be engaged through online classes by the teachers. Regular assessments are also being conducted online. After the first Periodic Test an online PTM was held on Sept 12. Most of the parents took part in the PTM. The parents appreciated the efforts being put in by the management and teachers in terms of daily classes and regular assessment. Some parents requested the management to reduce the duration of the classes for the senior students as some of them are developing eye related problems. **Fr. Ravi** conducted an online Staff Meeting on 27th to discuss about the feedback received from the parents after the PTM and to plan out the modalities of

conducting Half Yearly Exams scheduled for the end of Oct. He also informed the staff that since the parents have begun paying the school fees, the school management has decided to increase the staff salary from 50 percent to 80 percent w.e.f. Sept. The High Court in an interim order permitted the schools to collect 70 percent of school fees from April, 2020 till the schools reopen. This High Court order is being challenged by some of the parents of Jaipur schools through a writ petition. The final hearing is scheduled for Sept 30. We hope to get a favorable decision from the court. CBSE registration for Classes 9 and 11 are on. Most of the students have already done the registration. The others are expected to complete the registration by the second week of October.

College: The Teachers' Day was celebrated on a low profile. Some staff and a few students gathered on that day to share the joy in the form of dance, signing and sharing snacks. Online classes are going on as usual. Principal **Fr. Augustine** keeps monitoring the classes and renders timely guidance and tips to the staff to be effective in communication and conducting classes. Since many teaching and non-teaching staff were not feeling well, the college was closed for a week and now it is open again. Hope everything becomes normal in the coming months to have all programs offline. Fr. Jijimon will soon come back to the college as Dr. Jijimon.

Jesuits, Nwta

ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG

Prep School: On the Teachers' Day the students expressed their gratitude to their teachers for keeping their learning going on even during this pandemic. The tiny tots of the Prep, with the guidance of their teachers, prepared wonderful special peppy dances, songs and colourful greeting cards for their teachers. They also prepared some beautiful lines for their teachers. And to add to the emotional bonding of the teacher-student relationship, the two in-charges - Ms Shagun Trehan and Mrs. Sonali Aggarwal - gave a surprise to the Prep teachers with

a video presentation followed by a "Thank You!" lines by the little ones. The program concluded with a beautiful message by Director Sr. Kiran Beck and Asst. Director Mrs. Rajeshree VEDI. This special day and its virtual celebration gave everybody the strength to face this challenging times with a big smile. On every Friday, the Prep Dept organizes activities for the students of the Prep and Class 1. On 25th, the students did a worksheet on social distancing. It is now in the school curriculum to teach the students the norms to be followed in these times of crisis. The students completed the worksheets very nicely. The teachers explained to the students the importance of social distancing.

Junior School: On 7th the Junior School witnessed the final round of Online G.K. Quiz for Class 7. All the participants performed extraordinarily well and many teachers worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure excellent execution. On 11th, the class teachers of Classes 2-5 conducted a special assembly on the occasion of Hindi Diwas. To inculcate self-awareness separate sessions were held on Pre-Teen Changes for the girls and boys of Classes 5-7. For Class 7 similar sessions were organised section-wise on the topic 'Threshold of Teenage'. All these sessions were conducted by our school counsellors Mrs Prabhjeet Kaur and Ms. Kriti. Majority of students attended these sessions. Many parents appreciated these efforts and sent messages expressing their gratitude.

Senior School: The Senior School Student Council celebrated Teacher's Day online using all their talents and technology and put up a spectacular online cultural event on 4th. All the teachers appreciated the program and congratulated them for this great show. It was a beautiful tribute to the teachers. The program consisted of speeches, poetry, video presentations and musical renditions. The students made it truly special for the teachers by expressing their love, gratitude and respect in a most touching manner. On 8th a webinar was organized for the students of Classes 9-10

on two topics: Power Sector Engagement-Generation, Transmission and Distribution & Green Technology, Digital Usage, Electrical Safety. The speakers were Ms. Aastha Prashar and Ms. Pooja Kumra. The program was coordinated by Mr. Syed Hasan From Tata Power – DDL. We organized an online Chess Tournament for Class 8 and the competition for Class 9 is underway. Our school was a centre for NEET exam 2020 on Sunday Sept 14. The exam was efficiently conducted by our teachers and Principal **Fr. T.J. Jose**. Our school is also a centre for the CBSE compartment exams for Classes 10 and 12. These examinations were conducted from 22nd to 30th. The pre-midterm test for all classes were conducted online from 15th to 29th.

Community: **Fr. G. Mlakuzhyil** was admitted to Holy Family Hospital for ten days where he fought off successfully an attack of Covid 19 and pneumonia. Then for 7 days he spent in his room on quarantine. Fully integrated he has re-joined the community. He feels very grateful to all those who prayed for his recovery. **Fr. K. T. Thomas** celebrated his 86th birthday on 29th and entered his 87th year. How does he occupy himself at this advanced age? He is a good reader and reads a number of books. He gets a lot of material for proof reading and correction of English which he does. He shares small gifts and sweets he gets with some of the maintenance staff. Though he has plenty of pain, he makes his suffering redemptive by making love connections.

Tom

ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

School: Online classes continued in full vigour in the month of Sept along with various online activities. Online counselling session was conducted by Counsellor Miss Keerthi Bodra for Classes 6-8 on "How to encourage yourself to be intrinsically motivated" from Sept 3 to 8. On 3rd, the entire teaching staff along with the Principal, Vice-Principal and Coordinators attended the seminar organized by the CBSE. On the Teachers' Day students of all classes enthusiastically expressed their gratitude

towards their teachers through video messages, power point presentations and short movies to the sincere appreciation of the teachers. Our Christian students of Classes 6-10 have registered for the online Don Bosco Bible Quiz which will be held on Oct 11. In the essay writing competition organized by the Ministry of Culture on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, 37 of our students took part in Hindi essay and 97 in English. An awareness program for prevention and control of vector-borne diseases was carried out among the school students to prevent breeding of mosquitoes and the measures to be adopted at home. On 12th all the teachers enthusiastically participated in the online seminar on National Education Policy 2020 organised by Fr. John Ravi. All the science teachers participated in the online program 'Science Teachers' Training' conducted by the CBSE to facilitate a virtual experience of CBSE syllabus. Half-yearly exams were held for the juniors from 21st to 30th and for Classes 6-8 from 17th to 30th. Headmistress Sr. Tomsy held an online meeting with junior teachers on 19th and discussed about the half yearly exams, PTM, the second term syllabus and activities for October. Class-wise meeting of the teachers of Classes 9-12 was held from 26th to 29th to discuss about online classes, attendance issues, exam schedule and art-integrated projects.

Kiapotta

Parish: From August 16 to Sept 20 we did not have Sunday masses and other parish activities. On 20th we had a Mass and a baptism. Parish continues with online masses these days.

Scaria

Community: On Sept 4 **Sch. Arvind** and Mr. Gopal came back from Holy family Hospital and quarantined themselves for another 10 days. On 5th **Fr. George Peter** was shifted from St. Stephen's Hospital to HFH. We thank Fr. Arunmozhi for helping out in this process. On 7th Br. Gyan brought **Fr. Remy** back from St. Stephen's Hospital and quarantined him. On 14th Br. Gyan took Sch. Arvind and Gopal to HFH for tests and consultation with doctor. Gopal joined duty and Arvind joined the

community for meals from 15th onwards. Fr. Arunmozhi brought back Fr. George Peter from HFH and he was quarantined till 30th. On 22nd Fr. Remy re-joined the community for meals. We had a community thanksgiving mass. **Fr. Anil Kispotta, Fr. Britto, Fr. Joy John, Fr. Scaria and Br. Gyan** went about doing their normal duties in the strength of prayer, homeopathic medicines and corona drinks.

Scaria

ALMORA

In Sept too the corona restrictions prevailed and so we had to remain confined to our house. On 6th two diocesan priests were here to relax a bit. On 10th we were in Jeolikote after servicing our vehicle since we were forbidden to stay in Suchetna due to some positive cases over there. On 11th we left for Delhi to attend the ordination ceremony. On 13th the newly ordained priest **Joseph Kurapati** left for Guntur to attend his cousin's funeral. On 14th **Fr. Rakesh** and **Fr. Pradeep** returned from Delhi. On 15th Fr. Rakesh went with Fr. Anil Valder to Ranikhet to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows with the Canossian Sisters. On 16th we had a half day community recollection and confession given by Fr. Anil. On 18th we dropped Fr. Anil and his cousin Vincent at Kathgodam and returned to Almora with some decorative plants. On 23rd we went to Bageshwar to celebrate Fr. Sanjeev's birthday and Sr. Roma's birthday next day. Fr. Rakesh spent two days in Jalna and later Fr. Pradeep came along with **Sch. Manish** and **Sch. Cyril** to rectify the electric connection in Jalna house. Fr. Pradeep had two virtual meetings – one with JESA Secretary on Lok Manch and another with Social Action Commission Coordinators. Fr. Rakesh went on a quick mission to Delhi to settle crisis in his nephew's family. On his way back he brought Fr. Joseph Kurapati along with him. Fr. Pradeep visits frequently Gaijool along with Scholastics Manish and Cyril after lunch because they have online classes till 12:30 pm. Unfortunately, when we were away for ordination our Rambo bit ten new chicks which were out in the

courtyard. We hope to get some more chicks from the Hawalbagh block.

Rakesh

ROPAR

Parish: The parish activities still continue to be halted. All our parishioners are keeping good health, free from covid-19. However, a few days ago Mr. Rajesh Samad, our parishioner met with an accident and passed away in PGI, Chandigarh. The funeral rites were conducted by our new priests **Fr. Antony** and **Fr. Leo** in Chandigarh on Sept 22.

School: The Teachers' Day was not celebrated in the school premises. The First Semester online exams have already begun. The teachers and students learnt how to use our school app and show great zeal in taking part in the online teaching and learning process. **Fr. Shekhar** now and then conducts online Zoom meetings with teaching staff guiding them to be more effective in online teaching. After completing the paper work connected with our land, it was submitted to the CLU Office. On Sept 19 the CLU official came for the site visit and verification of our land documents. We are eagerly waiting for a positive response from the CLU office.

Community: We are blessed to have two newly ordained priests Fr. Antony Arul and Fr. Leo Arockia Raj in our community this year. On their arrival at the Jesuit Residence, we welcomed them with kumkum tika and petals of flowers followed by a special agape hosted in their honour. On 15th Fr. Arul Antony celebrated his First Mass in our community. We celebrated his birthday on 21st. **Fr. Thomas** has gone to Barnala to direct an eight-day retreat of Bethany Sisters. All the Ropar community members are hale and hearty by the grace God.

Ashwin

KHARAR/MORINDA/GSSSC ROPAR

The month of Sept kept us all busy. Punjab Govt made more relaxations which helped our animators to move around. On our side, we kept high vigil and alertness to avoid the spread of covid-19 pandemic. In spite of a rise in covid-19 patients, our

animators were able to move around the villages for the SHG meetings. On 12th **Fr. Viren** attended the priestly ordinations of Leo, Arul Antony and Joseph Kurapati at NRC. On 14th **Fr. Leo** and **Fr. Antony** came to Punjab. On 17th we welcomed Fr. Leo who celebrated the Holy Eucharist for us. This was followed by a fellowship dinner. **Sch. Praveen Baa** is seriously attending the online classes even on weekends. These days Fr. Leo is busy with beautification of Morinda and Kharar centres. At Kharar our caretaker is busy cultivating various vegetables in our field. In the last week of Sept we got permission from SDM to conduct various programs at village level. Therefore we were able to conduct 16 de-addiction awareness programs in different villages.

Viren

JAHANGIRPURI

Parish: The month of Sept brought many joys and blessings for us. Fr. Soosai Mani visited Jahangirpuri Community on 3rd. Regular Sunday Mass started on 6th. We celebrated the Nativity of Mary on 8th with Rosary at the grotto at 6:30 pm, followed by Holy Mass. After mass we had refreshments. After a long time the Parish Council had a meeting on 20th in which it was decided to celebrate the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul on 27th. That day we had two masses, one in the morning and another in the evening. Fr. Soosai Mani was the main celebrant for the evening mass. This was a great occasion for all the parishioners to come together and pray together after six months. Everything went well to the appreciation of all concerned.

V-CARE: V-CARE continued to distribute ration, sanitizers, handwash, masks to nearly 60 poor and vulnerable families in Jahangirpuri and Bhalaswa areas. We also provided financial help of Rs. 5000/- each to 11 families. Our staff, the computer operator helped 22 young boys and girls to apply for government jobs online. Vocational trainings and other activities at V-CARE have not yet started.

Anil Minz



SHANTI SADAN, ALLAHABAD

All the pre-novices are fully occupied with daily classes and their respective works. The rain during this month gave us some moments of relaxation; we enjoyed ourselves playing in the rain. On Sept 3 after laying the foundation stone for the school building in Kaiserganj Fr. Sebastian, Fr. Rajesh, Fr Sudeep and Br. Manoj visited Shanti Sadan on their way back to Patna. On 6th Sumit (PAT) and Euzeen (DEL) joined the pre-noviciate community after completing their 14 days of quarantine. On 13th pre-novice Subodh went to Rajasthan to write his exam and came back on 25th. Now we are trying our best to improve our language. One day the pre-novices caught many fish and cleaned the pond. We have developed a new cactus garden which adds beauty to our front garden. The efforts of pre-novices made our director and regent proud. On 28th, seven Nazareth Sisters came for 12 days to make their retreat under the guidance of **Fr. Pius**.

Anupam

ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE, SITAGARH

Amidst the corona pandemic our classes are in progress. On Sept 2, all 26 tertians including **Fr. Packiam** and **Fr. Vincent** began their Long Retreat. Having succumbed to viral flu last month, the juniors are now hale and hearty. We are indeed glad to have **Fr. Kurien**, our Dean back with us after two months of incapacity due to viral fever and liver infection. He was admitted to a hospital in Ranchi, and then shifted to St.Xavier's, Hazaribagh for his convalescence. During this time, we were immensely blessed to have **Fr. Sandeep Lakra** (MP) as our English professor. On Teacher's Day we organised a brief felicitation program for our teaching staff. The air was filled with exuberance as the wishing song elated our souls with gratitude. A weeklong course on social analysis was organized by Fr. Tony (HAZ). It enhanced our critical thinking and our knowledge and understanding of tribal culture. Our sincere thanks to our Assistant Dean **Fr. K.C Philip** (PAT) for enlightening us with

a two-day workshop on journalism. Organizing press conferences, use of media, documentation, writing news reports and features were the main aspects covered in this workshop. On three consecutive days, a debate competition was convened on some recent and sensational topics of the times. Some of the CIC and CMC sisters too were present along with our staff. The first week's debate was in English and the second week's in Hindi. At the end of a month-long hectic academic schedule, the juniors rejuvenated their spirits through an outing to PTEC (primary teachers' education centre), Hazaribagh followed by a day of recollection guided CIC Novice Mistress and Superior. As our first semester exams are round the corner, we are fully engrossed in our preparations for the exams.

Romero

SANJIVAN NIWAS, PATNA

On Sept 1 the academic year for the candidates began and regular time table is followed. In the beginning it was difficult for the boys to adjust to our way of living but after two weeks everything became in order. They have four hours of classes per day. From Monday to Friday **Fr. Joe Kootinal** comes from Atmadarshan and teaches phonetics, speech drills and spoken English. Director takes classes on spirituality, introduction to the Society of Jesus and vocabulary. **Sch. Gnana** takes care of grammar, written English and choir. Fr. Superior or guest lecturers take English dialogues and conversations. Candidates strictly follow English as the house language. From 6th onwards candidates started going to Kurji Parish for Sunday Mass. Once a week we have community Mass where all the community members come together. On 12th Sch. Gnana attended the ordination of Fr. Rajesh Somepalli and took part in the choir. On 25th our candidates attended the funeral mass of Fr. Dionysius Rasquinha at XTTI and took care of the choir. On 26th along with the Director and Regent all the candidates went for a day of outing to XTTI, Atmadarshan, Xavier Bhawan and Tarumitra. It was a joyful day for all of us. On 28th the candidates had

their first recollection given by Fr. George K. and in the evening we had confession and faith sharing. On the feast of Archangels we were invited for evening prayers and dinner by St. Michael's school community. On 30th we had community mass celebrated by the newly ordained priest Fr. Rajesh followed by a short cultural program by the candidates. All the community members are keeping well. We had a few good showers during this month.

Gnana

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
02 V, Gyanprakash	02 Arokiaswamy,
14 Kujur, Ashwin	Chinnapparaj
14 S, Leo Arockiaraj	03 Peter, George K.
17 Indwar, Pradeep	07 Savariyappan,
20 V, , Robin I.	Jebamalai
25 Minj, Anil	10 Maliakal, Jijimon
25 Rezin, Romero	19 Vilakkunnel,
28 Gill, Sahil	Joseph
28 K, Joseph Kumar	30 Kozhamthadam,
28 A. Perumalil	Job

In the Embrace of the Father

Fr. Kabamba Kalimbiriro Joseph (ACE 53/33) on Sept 3.
Fr. Jayant Kumar Padival (KAR 71/54) on Sept 8.
Fr. John Berchman Nag (JAM 72/36) on Sept 10.
Fr. Jacob Carvalho (GOA 75/57) on Sept 12.
Fr. Vijay Kumar Prabhu (KAR 80/61) on Sept 15.
Fr. James Thottakath (KER 83/63) on Sept 15.
Br. Nicolas Hernandez Blanco (SPAIN 92/75) on Sept 20.
Fr. Dionysius Rasquinha (PAT 65/44) on Sept 24.
Fr. Joseph Thayil (KER 90/70) on Sept 30.
 Fr. Joseph Kurapati's cousin brother Mr. Peter Kurapati, 41, on Sept 13.

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