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Grateful hearts and New Fire in the Vineyard

In the midst of these difficult times, we celebrate the calling of five of our province men who will be ordained this year—**Raul** and **Steven** on 17 October at Milagres Church in Khanapur, and **Lindsay, Menoy, and Nigel** on 30 December at the Basilica of Bom Jesus in Old Goa. While we may not be able to be physically present for these ordinations (owing to govt. restrictions), I request all province members to set aside time to follow the ordinations online (or together on your community TV) and support our men with your prayers.

Every now and then the Vineyard also needs New Fire—a fire that purifies and a fire that enkindles other fires. Soon you will have two new booklets in your hands—the **Province Apostolic Plan 2020** and the **Goa Province Policy for Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults from Sexual Abuse and Harassment (2020)**. The PAP document will provide us with a direction and yet, we are flexible, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us at all times. The Protection Policy provides us with an opportunity to create safe, healthy, and happy environments for all those with whom we work.

Despite the challenges of these times, many of our Jesuits worked hard to ensure that these two guiding documents were published so that we approach our mission with renewed enthusiasm. I encourage all to read them carefully, make your own notes in the margins, and use them well.

Fr. Roland Coelho



APPOINTMENTS BY FR. GENERAL

Fr General has appointed **Fr Dominic Quyen Vu SJ** as the next Provincial of the Australian Province. Fr Quyen entered the Society of Jesus in 1994, was ordained in 2004 and took his Final Vows in 2014.

Fr General has appointed **Fr. Soosai Mani (52)** as the new Provincial of the Delhi Province. He joined the Jesuits in 1987 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2002. Fr. Soosai brings to his new mission wide ranging experiences as Parish priest, Director of candidates, Manager of various institutions and Superior of communities.

Fr General has appointed **Fr. Jan Roser (51)** as new Provincial of the German Province. Jan Roser was Socius to Provincial Johannes Siebner, who died on 16 July from illness. He will remain in office until the creation of the new Province of Central Europe (ECE), planned for April 2021. Fr. Roser joined the Society in 1996 and was ordained in 2003.

TIME TO CELEBRATE VIRTUALLY

Ordination 2020: Our **Deacons, Raul D'Souza** and **Steven D'Almeida** will be ordained Priests on 17th October, by Most Rev. Derek Fernandes, Bishop of Belagavi, in Milagres Church, Khanapur. Owing to the uncertainty of the prevailing pandemic, the invitees will be limited.

Final Vows: Fr Anand D'Souza will pronounce his Final Vows on 7th October in the chapel of St Britto's High School, Mapusa, Goa.

On 8th September 2020, The Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Bro Thomas D'Souza** took over as Treasurer of the Province from **Fr Justin Borges**. We thank Fr Justin for his committed and generous service as Treasurer; we wish Bro Thomas all the best in his new appointment.

DO KEEP THEM IN YOURS PRAYERS

VINAYALAYA: JUNIORATE

We were glad to welcome 9 new companions from Kohima region, thereby giving increase to our numbers and enriching companionship.

We the juniors at Vinayalaya are busy with our daily classes and fixed schedule. We had 2 courses; the first one from 3rd to 5th August on, 'Skills for Pastoral Ministry' by Mr. Adrian Rosario. During this course we learnt a number of skills through interactive sessions and practical examples. It surely was a fruitful course.

The next course from 17th to 21st August was, 'Psycho-spiritual-sexual-intellectual integration' by Fr. Dudley, a Bombay Jesuit. This course enabled us to understand and discover our inner wounds. He taught us a simple method to neutralize our hurt feelings through NCD {Name it, Claim it, Drain it}. This course helped us to get in touch with our past wounds that we had accumulated and were carrying along with us as additional baggage. We learnt the 'draining process' thereby, leaving us happier persons.

Mid-August and we celebrated Independence Day. We had a meaningful Eucharistic celebration with the theme: "Mary the Arc of the Covenant." The main celebrant was Fr. Aubrey. This was followed by the flag hoisting ceremony at which Sch Lawrence from the Darjeeling province was the Chief Guest, it being his birthday.

Sch Cajetan Pereira

OLD GOA - OUR JOURNEY HOME!

Having answered our exams on 22nd June, we were ordained deacons on 27th. It was a celebration to be remembered because of the unique circumstances. We couldn't book the repatriation flight scheduled for 28th June and so had to wait for an opportune time. When we had the opportunity, we booked a flight direct to Goa via Qatar Airlines, scheduled for 14th July. However, it was cancelled and rescheduled for 3rd September. Our wait was further prolonged when all international flights were cancelled by the Indian government. Finally, we managed a flight through Lufthansa from

Rome to Mumbai via Frankfurt, and then a connecting flight to Goa. We experienced many uncertainties of our stay and the probability of departures. The Rector, Orlando S.J. and Minister, Edward S.J. gave us the required support and encouragement. We were not left “orphaned.”

Our journey began on 20th August for Goa. What a joy! Our journey to Mumbai was very smooth and comfortable. At the Mumbai airport we had a 10-hour layover and we had to fill in several forms detailing the same information over and over again. It was annoying given the fact that we were tired; it was a test of patience. Our flight to Goa was at 12.30 pm but our wait seemed endless. In spite of all this we were still content. We were finally in India with the familiar atmosphere, the rain and the warmth. We landed in Goa safely, with **John Fernandes** greeting us warmly and patiently waiting to ferry us to Old Goa to undertake home quarantine for 14 days. We were very warmly welcomed by **Patricio, Jude, and Fermin**. We were well looked after and special gratitude to Jude who regularly brought us our daily bread (Tiffin). We are grateful to all those who visited us. It was a warm feeling to be back home.

Lindsay is all enthused to begin his work at Old Goa whereas **Raul** is looking forward to being at Khanapur parish to begin his diaconate ministry as well as together with **Steven**, undertake the necessary preparations for their priestly ordination; scheduled for 17th Oct 2020. We request your prayers as Raul and Steven take another important step in their lives.

Deacon Raul D'Souza

sparkled and we were greeted with broad smiles.

We are fortunate and blessed to have teachers who were ready to leave their homes and walk that



extra mile for the benefit of the students. It was a Vidhyagham approach - taking Education to the Homes. Our students come from 9 villages and the teachers were able to visit most of them. The parents of the students were very happy, accommodating and supportive. They too were taken by surprise and appreciated our gesture and visit.

Colman organized the Novenas of the Nativity of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. He organized them extremely well with the help of the Laity. Sr. Meriam and Sr. Caitana assisted in the organization at each vaddo. **Paul Fernandes** was the preacher and the main celebrant for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fr Matthew Bardeskar

SANGARGALLI



There was an overwhelming sense of anxiety, fear, and uncertainty, among the children who were confined to their homes because of the pandemic. They were pleasantly surprised when they saw their teachers visiting their homes to distribute note books, text books as well as stationery. Their faces brightened, their eyes

BAGA: SEA SIDE NEWS

The month of August has kept us on our toes as we faced one hurdle after the other. All around us people are faced with the tension of the pandemic; the Jesuits at Baga were faced with the tension of the continuous landslides on the approach road due to the heavy rains. On 3rd, 11th and 16th of August we had one landslide after the other; the last being a major one which is yet to be cleared. With the help of our local MLA Michael Lobo and Junior PWD engineer Roberto de Souza we are trying to get the work done under disaster management. Do pray that it happens so that we

may have a safe path in the near future. With the last major landslide, the water pipeline going to the main tank was badly damaged and so we had to move to the villa house. This was not easy as we had to move out from the back entrance over the slippery rocks and narrow path carrying our belongings. After numerous trips up and down the hill we have finally settled down at the villa. In order to keep a check on the Retreat House we make a couple of trips back and forth.



On 12th of August, we were graced by the visit of our provincial **Fr Roland** who met us and motivated us to begin the work of renovation as soon as possible. The members of the community are keeping themselves busy, reaching out to the local people and the convents, catering to their spiritual needs. **Cedric's** birthday was celebrated and his loved ones joined in to make his day special. After many years in the school ministry, he keeps himself busy by doing what he loves best; that is gardening. **Augustine** is busy studying the plans and meeting various people to get the reconstruction work started. Besides this, he also goes to various convents for confessions and recollections. **Jovito** and **Menoy** have been accompanying the fishing community. Jovito caters to their spiritual needs and gives a listening



ear to the difficulties they face whereas Menoy engages their children in creative activities.

**Deacon Menoy
D'Souza**

LOYOLA HALL, MIRAMAR

On the occasion of the Feast of The Nativity of Our Lady, **Pratap** wrote an article in Konknni: "Monti Festachim Pallam Mullam" in Kannada script for Raknno, the weekly of the Mangaluru diocese. It was published on 01st September and circulated to its subscribers. On 8th September, TheHerald published Pratap's English article "Monti Fest, The Nativity of Our Lady." This article was published at the request of various websites in their domain, namely Daijiworld.com, Goanet.org, Mangalorean.com., Poinnari.com, northernnews.com, Wikivisually.com and Catholictime.com. After receiving unbelievable responses and queries from Konknnis settled in different parts of the world, Pratap has started doing further research on this interesting topic and intends to bring out a full-fledged research article on this topic.

Fr Pratap Naik

Scholastics **Alendro** and **Velson**, destined for their theological studies in Berkley, USA, are unable to travel due to the Covid-19 conditions. They joined the Loyola Hall community on 1st September and begun attending online classes. Their present class schedule has to some extent disturbed their normal life here due to the different time zones between the US and India, but they have adjusted well. The online reading material and the assignments keep them on their toes or rather committed to their desks. **Glinson's** online philosophical classes hit a roadblock and have been stopped since some students have not yet completed their college examinations. This has not left Glinson to experience freedom as the professors at Satya Nilayam have given assignments that demand much reading.

The Goan newspaper published the following articles by **Apollo**: Anant Chaturdashi Festival, *Traditions related to Goa*; Fulanchem Fest, *honouring Our Lady with flowers* on the occasion of the feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Janmashtami, *celebrating the birth of Krishna*.

The candidates doing their higher secondary and college studies from home have started their

online classes and **Malcolm**, their Director, keeps in touch.

Fr. Apolinario Cardozo

JESUIT HOUSE, PANJIM

During the lockdown, **Simon Fernandes** along with his collaborators reached out to hundreds of poor people especially the migrants. The work doesn't seem to end and he is back to meeting material needs of the disadvantaged.



Roland is busy with administrative work but he is refreshing himself by creating a kitchen garden on the terrace and in the garage area. **Merwin** is coordinating the recording of the Sunday Liturgies. **Shane** continues to give his best for his M.Com and **Varun** is immersed with his MBA studies.

Our new arrival, **Reggie**, is involved in spiritual ministries. Another arrival is **Deacon Nigel** who continues to give us soul searching homilies. **Thomas** has taken over the reins from **Justin**. The latter had to be briefly hospitalized for his back problem.

And O yes! We have a new community member. Can you guess who it is? It's Koko – our cat. So now no mice will be at play!

During the lockdown our culinary skills are coming to the fore; each member trying to cook up something new each Sunday. Come and taste the Sunday goodies; without any after-effects for sure!

Fr Varun Rodrigues

COURSE ON PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOR CITIZENS

A Course on Public Interest Law for Citizens conducted by **Goa Foundation** in partnership with **Swades** was inaugurated on February 17, 2020 at the Jesuit House in Panaji. Justice R.K. Batta, Former Judge, Bombay High Court in Goa delivered the keynote address. The course was designed for ordinary citizens to understand the structures, systems, procedures, laws and key judgments that pertain to obtaining justice through the administrative and judicial systems in India, and Goa in particular. It took the form of 18 lectures followed by Q & A, conducted over the period from 17 February to 21 August, 2020. Due to the outbreak of covid-19, the course was temporarily put on hold. When it was resumed on 16 July, the remaining sessions were held 'virtually', through the video conferencing application, Zoom.

Each lecture was recorded, and participants were given access to the recorded lecture for future reference, and also to assist those who could not attend certain individual sessions. The videos are being uploaded onto a dedicated YouTube channel, so that they can be freely accessed by the wider public. Additionally, some reading materials were provided to participants. These usually took the form of slides that were used in respective lectures. At the end of the course, participants received certificates.

The faculty comprised experienced individuals drawn from a variety of professional capacities – including lawyers, ex-judges, social activists, and other experts. The topics were covered by different speakers.

The feedback on the course has been overwhelmingly positive, with participants, volunteers and speakers all expressing that the experience has been very worthwhile, and one which has resulted in a considerable enhancement of knowledge in various fields. The topics that received the most positive feedback included: Environmental Laws, RTI, Administrative Justice, Drafting and Arguing PIL petitions, Drafting Demand for Justice Letters, Lokayukta, and the PIL Practical Exercises.

Fr Simon Fernandes

LOYOLA, MARGAO

Deacon **Raul** joined the community on 04th Sept after serving his term of imprisonment (quarantine) of 14 days at Old Goa under the shadow of big brother St. Francis Xavier. The community at Old Goa did not grant him bail but treated him well and made sure he got his daily quota of Indian and Goan recipes after 3 years of pasta. Now he is getting used to having H₂O and not wine at table. Raul left for Khanapur (place of his diaconate ministry) and Londa (his home town) to make arrangements for his ordination that is scheduled for 17th October. After a very short honeymoon he will be back at Loyola, Margao to begin his teaching apostolate engaging in online classes. Presently, he is doing his retreat in preparation for his ordination and we join him in praying that the Lord showers on him the graces he will need once he enters the vineyard.

Goa, is an ecologically sensitive state; to its east lies the Western Ghats and to its west the Arabian Sea. The question: “What do the waters hold?” was timely as pictures in the newspapers showed large amounts of plastic being dragged out of the sea in the nets of our traditional *ramponkars*. This shocking photo made us realize the need to conscientize our students about the rich beauty of the coastal ecosystem. Dr. Soraya Menezes organized two webinars for the boys and teachers. One was in collaboration with an NGO, Coastal Impact based in Aldona, on the bounties of the blue world, and Marine Awareness for the students of Stds. VII-X. The session highlighted the diverse life forms in our marine ecosystems



and at the same time made the students reflect on

how our habits and insensitivity is endangering this precious resource. The students gained insight on the habitat, basic anatomical features and adaptations of jelly fish, sharks like rays, whales, corals, seahorses, anemone fish (clown fish), etc. The impact of human activity, overfishing, pollution due to plastic resulting in micro plastic accumulation, rise in sea level and bleaching of corals due to global warming, increase in pollutants like oil and other debris in the oceans was highlighted. This was followed by a Q&A session wherein a diverse range of questions surfaced and was ably answered by the organizers. The response was amazing with Google Meet reaching its maximum capacity of 100 participants while many more who wished to join were left disappointed and pleaded for a repeat session.

The second webinar was organized in collaboration with Blue Resources, a Sri Lanka based NGO. The participants were given an idea into the world of Manta rays and Sharks. Learning from previous experience and to accommodate the large number of students who show interest in attending these webinars, we hosted it on two Google Meet links. The two webinars were well appreciated and a number of parents also joined in together with their wards.

After having adjusted to the live virtual classes fairly well, it was time to take various school competitions online too. A virtual inter-class group singing competition was held for the boys of Standards 7th to 9th. Under the guidance of Mr. Roque D'Costa, the boys put up some splendid performances. The best performances can be viewed on the Loyola High School, Margao, Youtube channel.

On 22nd Sept, LESA (Loyola Ex-students Association) in collaboration with Rotary Club of Margao Midtown, undertook a Blood Donation Camp at Clube Harmonia. It was heartening to see 42 donors braving the unpleasant weather and Covid apprehensions to come forward to donate blood. Two young, able-bodied Jesuits, **Jimmy** (Loyola) and **Orville** (PAI, Raia), lined up to offer blood. Some of the LESA members were present to coordinate the exercise. As a sign of encouragement it is edifying to note that Mr. Ubaldino Dias, an ex-student, donated blood for



the 181st time. Surely a great gesture to humanity and needs to be commended. A number of Ex-student Associations around the country commended

this exercise undertaken by LESA on the JAAI whatsapp group.

Fr. William Rodrigues

MONTI FEST AND JESUITS

The name 'Monti Fest' for 'The Nativity of Mary' originated in present Old Goa. After conquering Tiswadi, Goa, Afonso Albuquerque ordered in 1510 to build a chapel in honour of Our Lady. It was built c. 1515 on a hillock and named, 'The Chapel of Our Lady of Mount'. In Portuguese, 'Monte' means mountain. Thus, the name Monti Saibinn (Our Lady of Mount) came into existence in Konknni. Fr. Gaspar Barzeus (1515-1555), a Jesuit priest of Dutch origin came to Goa on 3rd September 1548. His history is interesting. He studied philosophy and theology at Louvain, Belgium and achieved a Master's degree



at the age of nineteen. After this, he enrolled himself as a soldier in the army of King Charles V. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1546 at Coimbra, Portugal.

He was a good preacher and very intelligent. Francis Xavier appointed him the Rector of St. Paul College, Goa and the Vice-Provincial of the East Province of the Society of Jesus in April 1552. He introduced teaching of music in St. Paul College. He made liturgy lively and asked the newly converted children to bring flowers and to sprinkle them around the statue of Mother Mary, during the novenas preceding 8th September. The reference to this custom is found in his letters written to the General of the Society of Jesus published in Documenta Indica. This custom of sprinkling flowers was borrowed from the local celebrations of Ganesh Chaturthi and adapted for the newly introduced Catholic religion. Though now celebrated in Goa, this feast was an ordinary

one for them. Outside Goa, especially in Karnataka and Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra, for the Konknni Catholics, this is the major feast combined with blessing of new corn and having family lunch using banana leaves with vegetarian meals of various dishes. Fr. Gaspar Barzeus and the other

Jesuits, who followed him to work in Tiswadi and Salcete, are responsible for spreading this fine custom of sprinkling or offering flowers to Mother Mary during the Novena days of Monti Fest. Fr. Gaspar died in Goa on 18th October 1553.

Fr Pratap Naik

PROVINCIAL'S SCHEDULE OCT. 2020

7	Final Vows of Anand D'Souza at St Britto, Mapusa
8-15	Annual retreat at PAI, Raia
17	Ordination of Steven D'Almeida & Raul D'Souza at Milagres, Khanapur
18	Visitation – Milagres Church and School, Khanapur
19	Visitation – Xavier Residence, S.P. School, and XTI, Khanapur
20	Visitation – St. Ignatius Church and S.P. School, Sangargalli
23	Consult
26-28	Jesuit Conference of South Asia

IN MEMORY OF

Fr Jacob Carvalho, SJ
1944-2020

Fr Jacob's favourite saying was: "Let your greatest happiness always be to make others happy." This eminent Jesuit priest and former principal of St Paul's High School, Belagavi, died on 12th September 2020 after a brief illness. He was 75 years of age and 57 years in the Society of Jesus. Those who knew him - his former students and those with whom he worked, paid rich tributes to their 'Great Guruji,' including those working or settled outside Belagavi. Anyone who knew Jacob would describe him as a quiet, soft-spoken person who was very concerned about everyone: community members, teachers, domestic staff, relatives and friends. He was administering at the newly set up St Paul's Pre-university College in his own quiet and adequate ways when he was called home to God.



Born on 16 December, 1944, in Kakkeri, Belagavi, Karnataka, Jacob entered the novitiate in the year 1963 at Vinayalaya, Mumbai, and was ordained a priest on 30th April 1977 at Fatima Cathedral, Belagavi. He pronounced his final vows on 15th August 1986 at Loyola, Pune. He was honest, hard-working, and ever ready to shoulder any responsibility. He was an excellent student throughout and would gently encourage those under his care to do well too.

Jacob spent most of his priestly years in the field of education: He was Vice-Principal and Hostel Director in Nesargi from 1977-81; Principal of Rosary English High School, Ajra, during the years 1981-83, 1986-91, 2006-09, and 2012-12. He moved to Pune in 1984 where he was Vice-Principal and Parish Priest at Loyola for two years. Again, he was Vice-Principal and Parish Priest at St. Xavier's, Kolhapur, from 1991-92. He took over the reins of St. Paul's, Belagavi, in 1992 and led the school as Principal for 12 years. In 2013, he was sent to Gadhinglaj to assist in the parish. There was a need for a Principal and Manager to run the new St. Paul's School begun in Khanapur. Jacob responded positively to that call in 2014, and saw to it - with his gentlemanly ways - that parents wanted their wards to be placed in the new Jesuit school. He worked there for five years until the provincial asked him to take up the leadership of St. Paul's PUC, Belagavi. After praying over this new invitation, Jacob responded: "I will go wherever the need is greatest and where I can be of service."

Jacob possessed a unique ability to lovingly bridge the gap between the poor and rich students. He was loved by all. He was never on a pedestal and was always on the people's level; people felt comfortable in his presence. He was a generous man, loving and gentle in his pastoral relationships.

People loved Jacob; he was a priest who was simple, gentle and silent and had his own ways of doing things effectively. He was ever ready to shoulder any responsibility and excelled in whatever was assigned to him. He was a dignified and gracious Jesuit, endowed with many positive and spiritual qualities. He was much appreciated for his patience and readiness to listen to each and every one.

One of the teachers who worked with Jacob described him as: "a great inspirer of thousands of students. He was well respected for his austere sense of simplicity, empathy, compassion, humility, and divinity. His exemplary and distinguished stewardship was an enlightening inspiration to everyone. Everyone used to experience bliss after meeting him." Fr Jacob has left a rich legacy for his followers.

Fr Ronald D'Souza

God
Bless
You

Happy Birthday Dear ...

October

02	Anthony da Silva
06	Felix D'Silva
08	Sean Cardozo
11	Lindsay Lobo
12	Merwin D'Souza
14	Irivo Calistus Joao
17	Raul D'Souza
24	Jose Silveira
30	Denzil Fernandes



LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Fr. Jayant Kumar Padival (KAR) 71/54, passed away on 8 September, Mangaluru.
 Fr. John Berchman Nag (JAM) 72/36, passed away on 10 September, Jamshedpur.
 Fr. Jacob Carvalho (GOA) 75/57, passed away on 12 September, Belagavi, Karnataka.
 Fr. Vijay Kumar Prabhu (KAR) 80/61, passed away on 15 September, Mangaluru.
 Fr. James Thottakath (KER) 83/63 passed away on 15 September, 2020, Kozhikode, Kerala.
 Br. Nicolas H Blanco (GUJ) 92 / 75 passed away on 20 September, 2020, Spain.
 Fr. Dionysius Rasquinha (PAT) 65/44 passed away on 24 September 2020, Patna.

MEN WHO TOILED IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD

October

1	D'Souza Edward	1975
8	Mathias Walter	1972
14	De Souza Moreno	2007
16	Fernandes Arthur	1984
23	Ribeiro J. Delgado	1933
24	D'Souza Paschal	2019
27	De Melo Carlos	2002



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