



## GENERAL APPOINTS

**Fr Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz,**  
Provincial of Karnataka Province.

### New Man at the Helm

At the evening celebration on August 15, 2020 Provincial **Fr. Sebastian Jeera** presided over the first part of the Eucharist and preached the homily. After speaking about the twin feasts celebrated on the day, he reminded the small congregation of Delhi Jesuits in Delhi gathered at the NRC Cahapel what our Constitutions speak of the responsibility of the Major Superiors: "After the example of Christ, whose place they hold, superiors should exercise their authority in a spirit of service, desiring not to be served but to serve. Government in the Society should always be spiritual, whereby superiors direct our members with discerning love rather than through external laws, conscious before God of personal responsibility and of the obligation to rule their subjects as sons of God and with regard for the human personality. Government should also be strong where it needs to be, open and sincere. [349 § 1] "Their greatest duty is to guide all their subjects, especially the younger ones, to ever increasing responsibility and freedom, so that they observe the provisions of our institute not in the spirit of fear but from an intimate personal conviction rooted in faith and charity. Therefore, they should promote religious discipline both paternally and forcefully; they should warn and if necessary, correct

those who neglect or violate it even those who are older and respected, and even superiors if they are deficient in their office." [349 § 3] After the homily Socius **Fr. Mathew** read out Fr. General's letter appointing Fr. Soosai Mani as the Provincial of Delhi Jesuit Province. At this stage Fr. Jeera passed on Provincial's Mantle to **Fr. Soosai Mani** who presided over the rest of the Eucharist. At the end of the Mass a Bouquet of Thanks was given to Fr. Jeera and a Bouquet of Welcome to Fr. Soosai. Jeera and Soosai jointly cut the cake which was followed by a fellowship meal.

## PROVINCIAL APPOINTS

**PCCP** (Promotion of Consistent Culture of Protection): Fr. Arunmozhi (Chair), Fr. Robin, Fr. Jose Philip, Sr. Asha Paul CHF, Mrs. Rozario, Teacher, SX Raj Niwas & Mrs. Shilpa Misra, Counsellor, Nevta

**Fr. George Peter**, In-charge, Young Priests

**Fr. Chacko Kavatt**, Sahayog

**Fr. Xavier Ignatius**, Acting Superior, Sahayog

## PROVINCIAL'S SEPT PROGRAM

04-05 Visit, Xavier's Raj Niwas

06 Webinar on NEP 2020

07 Visit, Jahangirpuri

12 Ordination

13-14 Visit, Bhiwadi

- 15-16 Visit, Behror
- 17-18 Visit, Mahwa
- 19-21 Visit, Nevta
- 21-23 Visit, Jaipur, C-Scheme
- 24 Back in Delhi Office
- 26 ISI Governing Body Meeting

### PROVINCIAL'S OCT PROGRAM

- 01-03 Visit, Shahbad
- 05-07 Visit Ropar
- 08 Back in Delhi Office
- 16-19 Superiors and DoW Meet
- 20 Consult
- 26-28 Online JCSA Meet

### Congrats, Christo

**who pronounced his Final Vows on August 22 at Loyola Sadan, Lucknow.**

### Ordination Re-scheduled

**Ordination of Deacons Antony, Leo and Joseph will take place on Sept 12 at 5 pm at NRC Chapel.**

#### From Diaspora

*Paul Micky* writes: We had a very meaningful celebration of feast of St. Ignatius in our community. All the hostel boys and girls joined in the celebration adding joy to the community. Our college campus is not deprived of spiritual and academic activities. We have every month recollection in our community that helps us to energize ourselves to do all the activities smoothly. In the evening we have games every day that helps us to be fit physically. So far all the scholastics and student priests are keeping well. On Aug 1 we celebrated the birthday of **Fr. Manoj Tirkey** with him as the main celebrant at the Holy mass. Soon after the mass we had cake cutting along with all the hostel boys and girls. We fulfilled all the internal requirements of second semester and began third semester on 24th. Now online

classes are in full swing. We are using Google Meet app for our online classes.

### SAHAYOG

The 15th of August was well observed honouring our nation's political independence and the feast of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary. On that day the national flag was hoisted by Sch. Andrews Immac in NRC after the community mass in the presence of the Jesuits from Sahayog and NRC. This month our quarantine facilities in NRC were enjoyed by Sch. Andrews Immac, Sch. Nithin James, Fr. Arunmozhi, Fr. Ronald Serrao (KAR) and Fr. Peter Raj (AND). They got through without any health hazards and left for their apostolic places. On 29<sup>th</sup> evening our Deacons Antony, Leo and Joseph started their ordination retreat under the guidance of **Fr. T.K. John**. On 30<sup>th</sup> evening **Fr. Job** was admitted to Holy Family Hospital with acute stomach problems.

*K.P. George*

### ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

**School:** We conducted a staff meeting of two classes each on various days to evaluate the online classes, keeping the covid-19 guidelines strictly. The response was good. We informed and requested the parents to pay the school fees at various times but the response has not at all been encouraging. To pay at least the part of the salary of the staff will be a problem in the coming months.

**House: Sch. Anupam Dhan**, a final year BSc candidate studying at Trichy St. Joseph's College, joined the community. He helps us in the kitchen and spends rest of the time with his books. He began to attend the online classes on August 10. **Fr. Joe Manna** and **Fr. Joe Vila** returned after 21 days of massage and a few days of rest thereafter in Delhi. They look refreshed. Fr. Joe Manna got transferred to Delhi Xavier's Senior Citizens' Club and left Behror on August 8. We bid farewell to him on 7th at a meaningfully celebrated Eucharist and a dinner later. **Fr. Joseph Kochupura** joined our

community on 11th. He was brought here by Fr. John Ari accompanied by Fr. Jinesh and three CJ Sisters. We had a welcome lunch along with the group. A tearful farewell was witnessed as the group was returning to Jhajjar. We welcomed Kochu to the community in the evening at dinner time. Fr. Joseph Kochupura left for Delhi for massage treatment on 15th. Fr. T.J. Jose spent a few days with us relaxing from the busy days in Delhi. Our community was represented at the birthday celebrations of Fr. Joshy Kuruvilla in Jaipur on 6th.

**Parish:** We have not started the Sunday Eucharist in the parish. Two families joined us in 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:** In the community all are hale and hearty. The regular exercises at our leisure keep us all fit and immune. **Fr. Sangeeth** exercises regularly on the terrace. **Fr. Sebastian** and **Fr. Glenn** take walks in the school campus. On August 8 we had a home celebration on the birthday of our superior Fr. Glenn. He gave a lovely message about being a Jesuit on that day. The candidates too joined for the mass and the celebration. Since our cook has been on leave from 28th, we made it into an opportunity to learn cooking and to manage by ourselves. **Sch. Prakash** is with us in the community, attending his Philosophy classes. He too readily helps out as and when needed. **Fr. Amalraj** remained occupied with vocation promotion work, finding appropriate conveyance for the new candidates to reach Patna from their respective places. **Sch. Nitish** got into the rhythm of regency, getting acquainted with people of Bhiwadi and with his responsibilities. The regular community prayers and meetings keep us together as a community even amidst Covid 19.

**School:** Many steps have been taken for the smooth functioning of the online

classes. Students attend their classes with the help of Zoom App. Principal Fr. Sangeeth ensures that co-curricular activities such as Inter House Debate (English & Hindi), Solo Patriotic Singing Competition, Extempore, Collage Making and Calligraphy too are held virtually. In the Independence Day celebration all the teachers participated. Fr. Principal arranged a few meetings for the staff virtually in the last week of August to take stock of the online classes.

**Maria Sadan:** In the month of August all candidates enjoyed good health; they do daily exercises, using homemade dumbbell, skipping, etc., as a good alternative to basketball game which they miss. Our candidates, **Sandeep and David**, were encouraged to participate in the Solo Patriotic Singing Competition online. They showed themselves as emerging singers. Currently they are occupied with their online classes and assignments. Director Fr. Amalraj helps them in their intellectual as well as the spiritual growth. He gave them some useful tips for learning, memorising and understanding. Lately we began giving adequate importance for community recreation to build them up as a group.

### *Nitish*

#### **ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR**

**School:** Keeping in view the Term-1 exams, the online classes are gaining momentum. There are cells for supervision of online classes and also for addressing the glitches faced by the students in accessing the online resources. The students participate in a number of web-based competitions such as painting, essay writing, quizzes, etc. The NCC as well as the Scouts and Guides make use of the online platform in grooming their platoon. Torrential rain inundated most parts of Jaipur city on August 13-14 and our school campus too was affected very badly. Due to Covid-19, the flag hoisting and the rest of the protocols on Aug 15, could not be done in an elaborate manner. After the celebration of the Freedom Day commenced the tyranny of Term-1 exams. It was a novel experience for the examinees and the

examiners. A workshop was conducted to hone the online teaching skills of the faculty, and Principal **Fr. Dominic** threw light on the NEP 2020 through a webinar so as to equip and update teachers for the new paradigm of teaching-learning. In the international Physics Olympiad 3, wherein 350 teams from various countries like USA, Germany, and Japan took part, our 12th std students won silver medal.

*Sobin*

**College: Fr. Raymond Cherubim** joined the College as Vice-principal and Administrator on August 4; he is also in charge of the co-curricular and the extra-curricular activities. The Independence Day was celebrated on 15th in the presence of all the staff. The Chief Guest, Dr. Nalin Joshi, Director, Dept of Pulmonary Medicines, NIMS University, hoisted the National Flag at the College Quadrangle. A colourful and inspiring show was put up by the staff to honour our freedom fighters. On 17th, online classes for second and final year students were inaugurated and the event went live on social media. Regular online classes are going on now after various departments organised their respective orientations online. On 21st, the Dept of English organised a webinar on 'Building Blogs for Professional Presence: Content, Structure, and Techniques'. The Resource Person was Dr. Manasvini Rai, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Malviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur. On 24th, the Dept of Political Science organised a career counselling session on 'Career Building in International Organisations' by Mr Rahul Pawa from the United Nations' Office on Drugs and Crimes, Vienna. Many students and the faculty attended the webinar. On 25th, **Fr. Rex Angelo** procured the homeopathic medicine 'Arsenicum Album 30C' from Chennai to distribute among the staff and the Jesuits for boosting immunity during the Covid-19 period. **Fr. Varkey** blessed the medicine before distribution. On 27th, the Swachhta Action Plan Committee (SAP) and the Dept of Economics organised a webinar on 'Beware, but don't be scared - Covid-19: Precautions we should take'. The

resource persons for the webinar were Dr. Sheetu Singh and Dr. Ashu Agarwal, Professors, SMS Medical College and Hospital. Due to COVID-19 situation, parents are facing financial hardships. Therefore, the College Management has decided to make some changes in the fee structure for the current session. The College will offer 4 instalments (July, September, November and January) for students to pay their fees. We have also decided to waive off the Development Fees (₹14,000/- for UG & 10,000/- for PG) and late fees for this year. Admissions are slowly picking up and we hope to get the full strength by mid-September.

*Rex*

**Community:** The number of the community members rose to 14 with the addition of **Fr. Tony Chelakat**, **Fr. Raymond Cherubim** and **Fr. Joshy**. **Fr. Tony** occasionally pays visit to his doctors accompanied by **Joshy** who is the newly appointed minister of the house. **Fr. Joshy** is also busy with his PhD studies. **Fr. Augustine** made a trip to Delhi to attend the Consult. He used this opportunity to participate in the Final Vows ceremony of **Fr. Jugal** and **Fr. Rakesh** and in the installation of the new Provincial. **Fr. Varkey** is making efforts to obtain one more piece of land for the expansion of Nevta project by visiting the officers in Jaipur Development Authority. **Fr. Sherry**, as the Vice President of Xavier Board of Higher Education, Northern Zone, organized a webinar on New Education Policy on Higher Education. **Fr. Augustine** and **Fr. Rex** attended it. The community entrusted the responsibility of House Historian to **Fr. Sherry**. Many from the neighbouring Jesuit communities and collaborators joined us for the agape on the birthday of **Fr. Joshy**. We also took part in the birthday celebrations of **Fr. Dayal** in Mahwa. On the Independence Day, the Nevta community joined us for dinner after a friendly basketball match, in which the young scholastics showcased their talents.

*Sherry*



**Parish:** The month of July too was in the lockdown mode and mood. However, the parishes were allowed to have services following the Covid-19 protocols prescribed for big gatherings. Our parish provides two masses on Sundays - one in the morning and the other in the evening. An average of forty to fifty faithful participate in the morning mass and some ten to fifteen in evening mass. A few faithful join us every day during the community mass in the morning. On the occasion of the feast of the Assumption and the Independence Day two services were offered. Teachers and students of the parish kept themselves busy with online classes and nurses of the parish continued their service in their respective hospitals even on holidays! It is heartening to see that three of our parishioners volunteered to help the Diocesan Covid victim burial squad. The Women's Commission of the Diocese took a decision that the respective Women's Commission of each parish would celebrate Women's Day on Sunday, August 30, on the occasion of the feast of St. Monica (August 27), their patroness. To make Our Common Home more beautiful and attractive the women of the parishes had a "Plantation Drive" encouraging the women of the parish to plant at least one sapling in their compound. Jaipur Diocesan Women Commission's Website also was inaugurated on 30th. On August 4 the Agra Regional Youth Commission launched a website for the youth with a unique feature the "Faith Book". The Faith Book contains details of the youth and of their parents in the Agra Region. This Faith Book opens up a galaxy of information to the youth, parish priests, principals, managers and bishops. These data would promote unity and family spirit among the youth, enable them to scout for employment opportunities and so on. Already forty youth of our parish have registered themselves and the hope is that many more would follow suit.

*Varkey*

## **ST. XAVIER'S, MAHWA**

**School:** Quite a number of students attend the online classes regularly. On August 15, after the morning Mass, we gathered in the assembly ground and **Fr. Jose Kuriakose** unfurled the national flag in the presence of a few teachers, non-teaching and supporting staff and a few children. During this short function we strictly adhered to the rule of social distancing. Principal **Fr. Jugal** and Manager **Fr. Dayal** were busy getting files ready for the CBSE inspection for affiliation. All the staff (teaching, non-teaching and supporting) was around lending a helping hand to the principal and the manager. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of the staff. We are grateful to Fr. Ravi from Nevta and Fr. Jose Jacob from Behror who not only sent their staff but also visited the school personally to oversee our preparation for the CBSE inspection. The CBSE inspection team, accompanied by Fr. Dayal, reached Mahwa at 9:30 am on 18th, and by 5:15 pm the inspection was over. The team was impressed by the school premises, its infrastructure and the facilities available to the students. They suggested a few points for improvement. In the evening Fr. Dayal again accompanied the team to Jaipur and returned home on the following day.

**Community:** Fr. Jose Kuriakose joined the Mahwa community on August 1; he was accompanied by Fr. Jugal who was returning from Delhi after his Final Vows. Fr. Dayal postponed his birthday celebration to 2nd; that day we had the company of Jaipur and Nevta communities, MSFS Fathers from Hindaun and Parish Priest of Dausa. This occasion was also made use of to congratulate Fr. Jugal on his final incorporation into the Society of Jesus, to welcome Fr. Jose, and to introduce **Sch. Ruben**, our new regent and **Sch. Sasi**.

*Ruben*

## **ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA**

**Community:** On August 1 we welcomed three new scholastics (**Maneesh, Alan and Sangam**) to our community and that increased the community strength to eight.

The feast of St. Ignatius was also celebrated on Sunday, August 2 in the community chapel along with our small believing people. After the mass all of us shared a simple breakfast. The same day evening we all went to Mahwa to join the double celebration of the birthday of Fr. Dayal and final vows of Fr. Jugal. On 13th we held a combined community meeting in the convent followed by dinner. On 15th we had festive mass in the college chapel and flag hosting both in the college and school premises. In the evening we were invited to the C-Scheme community for a basketball match and friendly dinner. On 20th the community had faith sharing where all the members participated. **Fr. Arok** and **Fr. Jeba** made a quick visit to Jhajjar on 23rd and reached some medicines to Fr. Amal which he had left behind. With the presence of scholastics in the community the life has become even more enthusiastic and spirited. The scholastics take active part in liturgy, singing and conducting evening prayers. Fr. Jeba gives them thorough coaching in basketball in the evenings, encouraging them to remain fit. We are grateful to Fr. Rex who ordered and got some homeopathy medicine from south for all of us and we all are taking it to build up our immunity and keep corona away.

**School:** The first round of formal assessment (PTI) for all classes was held from August 17 to 24 online through Microsoft Forms. All those who could not take part in the assessment due to valid reasons will be given a second chance in the first week of Sept. The students, parents and teachers were satisfied with the assessment. The students were given a break for a week after PTI and the online classes resumed on 31st. **Fr. Ravi** conducted two days of training for the teachers on the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) on 26th & 27th. The teachers were called to school in groups on those days for the training. These training sessions helped the teachers to have better grasp of the policy and its implications. All the teachers were mandated to give their opinions/suggestions for the implementation of the NEP 2020 through

a questionnaire sent by the Union Education Ministry, New Delhi. The school fee issue continues to haunt us. Though we have filed a writ petition in the Rajasthan High Court (Jaipur Bench), it has not come up for final hearing due to on and off closure of the High Court due to Covid-19. The next hearing of our case is scheduled for Sept 2. We hope for some positive outcome.

**College:** The previous month came to an end with the celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius and the month of August also had minimum students and staff in the college campus. Tree plantation continued in the campus and a special tree planting activity was organized by the NSS students too. These days, only the assigned staff for the counselling duty come to the college, and the others teach from home. On 15th, flag hosting was held in the presence of some office, teaching staff and some NSS students. The classes for freshers could not take off as planned due to inadequate admissions. Nevertheless, the situation is looking brighter now as more and more students are taking admission and we are planning to start the classes from Sept 1. An online orientation program was conducted on August 31. As of now, the final count of admission for the new academic session is 85 and we are hoping for more to come.

*Neuta Jesuits*

### **ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG**

**School:** In the midst of Covid 19 restrictions we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on July 30 by organizing special online class assemblies. The students of the Prep presented a beautiful online programme highlighting the life and works of the founding Father of the Society of Jesus. The little ones of Prep and Class 1 presented skit, prayer dance and joy dance as a token of love, respect and gratitude to all the Jesuit Fathers associated with our school. We celebrated the Independence Day with great patriotic fervour by conducting online class assemblies for all classes on 14th. Students presented speeches, patriotic songs, dances, skits and reflections.

Beautiful video presentations made by the children were also shared. The tiny tots of the Prep performed different items like patriotic dance, poems, etc., to remember the sacrifices of the freedom fighters. The assembly concluded with a beautiful message for everyone by Principal **Fr. T.J. Jose**. His words of appreciation left the little ones and the teachers smiling. Another interesting activity was conducted in the Prep Dept on 7th as part of the Independence Day celebrations. The tiny tots learnt vegetable printing. They used ladies' finger, dipped them in vibrant colours of our national flag, and painted beautiful pictures. The outcomes were amazing. We continued with our webinars. On July 31 as well as on August 1 Mr. Binit Binod and Mr. Ritesh Jain from Pratham Group organized two webinars on "Changes in DU for the Current Session; Why not Humanities?" for our Classes 11 and 12. On 8th another webinar on Stream Based Career Options was conducted by Mr. Ritesh Jain for Classes 10, 11 and 12. That day a parenting session was conducted for the parents of Class 7 by our school counsellors, Mrs. Prabhjeet Kaur and Mrs. Kriti. Many parents attended the session and discussed their concerns. A webinar for the parents of Class 8 was conducted on "Parenting: Challenges during Covid 19" by our school Counselling Dept on 11th. A similar session was conducted for the students of Class 9 on 13th. The month of August witnessed numerous activities in our school. On 8th the Online Chess Tournament for Class 7 was completed and the result announced by Class 7 class teachers. Seeing students' excitement and appreciation from parents, a similar competition is being organized for Class 6 as well. The preliminary rounds for Class 6 Chess Tournament commenced on 13th. A Chess Tournament is being organized for Class 8 by Mrs. Rashmi Dorothy Sharma. First round of registration is complete. Fixtures are set for preliminary matches on Li Chess App. Senior School e-magazine will be released by 31st of this month. English, Hindi and Sanskrit Elocution Finals were conducted from 19th to 24th. Speaking before the camera was a new experience

for our students. Taru Mitra Club organized an Environment Quiz for Class 8 on 28th followed by a tree plantation drive on 29th for Class 9. 'Effulgence' – an array of online competitions is in progress for the students of the Junior School. For this month, the category of competition selected is Hindi Recitation. In the spirit of the Independence Day, topic for the same is patriotic poems. Students have finished submitting their recorded videos and very soon the results will be announced. A few events are also lined up for the last week of August. On 24th, the final round of Class 5 GK Quiz was conducted in the afternoon via Zoom Video Conferencing. Prelims of the same were conducted in July. Class 6 witnessed the final round of GK Quiz on 28th. Some of the Junior School students are also preparing to participate in inter-school competitions. Presentation Convent School conducted an inter school competition, Eco Fiesta on 25th. Many students from Classes 2 to 7 participated in it. On 31st, two Junior School students also participated in an inter school competition, Byte It 2020. Students of Classes Prep and 1 learnt the importance of healthy food in their EVS classes. Prep Dept conducted an online activity in which the children were taught to make sandwiches by using onion, cucumber, sauce, butter, etc. Children were very happy and excited that they could don the chef's cap for the day. It was a fun activity and a joyful experience for all. On the eve of Raksha Bandhan, students made rakhis and beautified them with decorative material.

**Community:** **Fr. Donald Serrao** (KAR) joined the community. He will do a Master's program in Sociology at Jamia Millia Islamia University. **Br. Ittoop** and **Fr. Tom** are regular users of the GYM for an hour. **Fr. K.T. Thomas** joins occasionally. The latest to join the gym is **Fr. G. Manimala**. **Fr. Joe Mannaravelli** joined the community on August 8. The community had a recollection directed by Fr. Joe Manna on 30th. That day afternoon **Fr. George Mla** was admitted in Holy Family Hospital with severe chest congestion.

*Tom*

## ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

**School:** Online PTM (Parent-Teacher Meeting) was held for Classes 6-12 from August 17 to 29. Most of the parents were present and the teachers gave valuable suggestions to the students. The ongoing online classes saw a reduction of screen time as per CBSE guidelines. For Classes 6-8 only two periods were held in a day but four periods for Classes 9-12. The co-curricular activities like art and physical education were streamlined through videos. The library periods were taken care of by providing pdf version of books to class groups. The students of Class 11 participated in an online interschool competition organized by Maharaja Agrasen Model School, Pitampura on 7th & 8th on the theme 'International Year of Plant Health.' Aldrick Gonsalves bagged the third prize in the science competition on 'Art Integrated Idea and Plant Health.' Riddhima Chhabra and Srishti Manyara of Class 11 were also awarded consolation prizes for their efforts in English poem recitation titled 'An Ode to Nature.' Highlighting the importance of a 'Green and Clean Delhi', a Tree Plantation Drive was carried out in all the schools in Delhi; we too actively participated in this mega plantation drive on 10th. A special week-long campaign launching the 'Gandagi Mukh Bharat' was held from 8th to 15th by the Dept of Drinking Water and Sanitation. Online painting competition was organized for Classes 6-8 on 13th along with an essay competition for Classes 9-12. The webcast link for inauguration of 'Rashtriya Swachhta Kendra' was also shared with students. On the World Population Day observed every year to raise awareness of global population issues Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competitions were organized. Our students participated wholeheartedly in these competitions; their three best entries were selected and sent to the organisers. In response to the DOE circular about the ban on sharp manja, the class teachers of various classes made the students aware of the harmful effects of using plastic, nylon and glass coated threads for kite flying. The junior class students had their online

second periodic test. Various online competitions were conducted for Classes Prep to 5. A fancydress competition was conducted for Prep and Class I on 13th. Class 2 had tricolour tiffin competition on 6th. English and Hindi handwriting competition was held for Class 3. On the theme of Janmashtami or Raksha Bandhan a solo song competition was conducted for Class 4 on 10th. Finally Class 5 had Rangoli Making competition; students sent their videos to the respective teachers.

### *Britto*

**Parish:** As was decided in the Parish Council on July 26, we started masses from August 1 with limited numbers following all SOPs. More than 60% of the parishioners made it a point to attend masses according to the timeslot allotted to them. Since **Fr. George Peter** and **Fr. Remy** fell ill with Covid we could not have masses after 16th. The FSAI awarded our parishioner Mr. Robin Kumar as a Corona Warrior. Parish continues with online masses these days.

### *Scaria*

**Community:** On Aug 8 our community celebrated the birthday of Fr. Remy. On 10th we had an elaborate combined celebration of birthdays Fr. Remy and **Fr. Anil Kispotta** in the presence of Jesuits from Rajniwas Marg and Sahayog and CJ sisters from both communities. On 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> we had community recollection with Fr. Leonard Xalxo from Vidyajyoti guiding us. On 14th Fr. George Peter fell sick and visited Sant Parmanand Hospital for consultation. On 15th five of us attended the installation of the new provincial. On 16th Remy complained of stomach upset. On 18th **Br. Gyan** took Fr. George Peter and Fr. Remy to St. Stephen's Hospital for check-up. On 19th we got the report that they are tested Covid positive. Next day 20th Br. Gyan took Remy to St. Stephen's and got him admitted there. On 21st George Peter too was admitted in the same hospital. On 23rd **Sch. Arvid** and Mr. Gopal, our cook complained of ill health; next day **Fr. Britto** and Br. Gyan took them to Holy Family Hospital and got them admitted. We are grateful to Fr.



Arunmozhi who is helping us in all possible ways to take care of our sick brothers. Mrs. Neeru Pradhan takes care of the kitchen these days. The rest of us are keeping rather good health and are waiting for the return of the hospitalised members.

*Scaria*

### ALMORA

On his return from Delhi after his treatment **Fr. Rakesh** along with **Fr. Pradeep** met the Junior Engineer of Koshi who gave the actual estimation for the shifting of the 11 KV pole lying within our Gaijol campus. He assured that within one month work will be completed once the estimation amount is transferred into their account. We have constructed a small mud house in Gaijol. A big thanks to **Sch. Manish, Sch. Cyril, Deacon Joseph Kurapati, Fr. Joshy, Fr. Pradeep, Roshan, Leela** and labourers who extended their helping hands to put up this mud house. Eighty percent of work is over, only a few things are still to be done like tiling in the toilet room, plumbing work and so on. Deacon Joseph Kurapati and Fr. Pradeep went to Ranikhet to give recollection to Canossa Sisters on August 8. Our theologians Manish and Cyril attended online inaugural Mass at Vidyajyoti on 10th. They began their online classes on 11th. We went on a one-day outing to Bageshwar on Janmasthanami day. On 22nd Fr. Rakesh gave recollection in Bageshwar and offered mass next day. It is really amazing to see our campus and balcony with new plants and green vegetables, result of the sweat and hard labour of our scholastics and Fr. Pradeep. As the month is coming to an end we are visiting all the places one by one for evaluation and monthly reports. Fr. Rakesh went to Jalna and stayed one night there. Fr. Pradeep visited Hawalbagh, Salla and Basauli. We are trying to bring up some new maple tree saplings. We have got some Japanese and Korean maple seeds online. Hope to see them growing in the coming years.

*Rakesh*

### ROPAR

**Parish:** As the lockdown continues the church services are halted for an indefinite period. Nevertheless a few spirited faithful do visit the Blessed Sacrament every now and then. Our parish youth celebrated the International Youth Day in a unique way, having an online mass followed by a langar maintaining norms of physical distance. To mark the day a special one Parish Priest **Fr. Thomas** distributed Holy Communion for those who wanted to receive it. Ever since the lockdown started our parishioners get together in their homes and pray together. The Lord has kept them all united both in spirit and heart. Thanks to Corona lockdown.

**School:** The school campus looks lush green and full of life with increase in the number of birds and squirrels. Perhaps the mother-nature is collaborating with us at this troubled time. Some repair and painting work is in progress and the new washroom is under way. The Fathers are working relentlessly on our land papers visiting government offices from time to time. **Fr. Shekhar** has set up a website for the school to be handy for online teaching and learning. The online classes are held on a daily basis but the number of classes is limited to two each day. After a lot of appeals, parents have paid fees and the staff is paid salary. Under the leadership of Principal the teachers invest a lot of time and energy in teaching the students. The first term examination is scheduled for Sept and Oct.

**Community:** At the very beginning of August we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Shekhar, first with the staff and then in the Jesuit Community. On 10th we had a day out in Kauli as part of our community recollection. We went there also to say adieu to Fr. Kurian who after rendering his service as Rector was returning to his province. On the same day it was a coincidence to meet the Bishop of Simla-Chandigarh too. On 19th our two **Deacons Leo and Antony** were reached to Delhi for appearing for their Comprehensive Exam. **Sch. Ashwin** is busy getting the papers of the vehicles updated. **Sch. Praveen** has joined **Fr. Viren** in Morinda and attends his online

classes from there. The weather in Punjab is somewhat moderate and pleasant enough after some spells of showers.

*Ashwin*

### **KHARAR/MORINDA/GSSSC ROPAR**

Punjab Govt had issued strict regulations on village gatherings to avoid the spread of Covid. So we were not able to hold our usual village gatherings. But our animators rose to the occasion; they regularly visit the villages. They also made sure to visit the local SHGs and give them necessary directions to fight the deadly disease. On August 10 we went to Kauli to spend the day in silence and also to give farewell to Fr. Kurian. **Fr. Robin** left for Bangalore on 24th for his tertianship. **Sch Praveen Baa** has joined the Morinda House and has proved himself to be a cheerful and wonderful companion. Besides seriously attending his online classes he is fully engaged in the house activities. At Kharar, our caretaker is taking care of the house well and is busy cultivating different vegetables. But on 27th night somebody tried to enter the Kharar centre and that incident has created fear in him. To calm down his nerves, our boy from Morinda is giving him company at nights.

*Viren*

### **JAHANGIRPURI**

**Parish:** **Fr. Anil Minj** was installed as parish priest of St. Vincent de Paul Church Jahangirpuri on July 19 by Provincial Designate Fr. Soosai Mani in the presence of the outgoing parish priest **Fr. Jose Kuriakose**. We are grateful to Fr. Jose for his dedicated work as parish priest and for his selfless service for the marginalised as Director of V-Care. We welcomed **Sch. Deva** to Jehangirpuri on July 23. He is very busy in attending online classes and his personal works. **Fr. Arunmozhi** lost his uncle on August 8; he went home to be with his family members. All the common religious services for parishioners continued to be suspended in August. Good News is that from Sept 1 we are allowed to start the Holy Eucharist and other services by observing the guidelines

issued. Fr. Arunmozhi has been always on the move to help out our Jesuit brothers who are sick and are admitted in the hospitals.

**V-CARE Social Service Centre:** All the activities at V-CARE were closed down till July. On August 1 we started relief activities for the people most affected by Covid 19. We distributed dry rations, masks, soaps, sanitizers and also gave financial helps to a few people to start their livelihood.

*Anil Minj*

### **SHANTI SADAN, ALLAHABAD**

As the summer season slowly faded, we welcomed the month of August with some beautiful rain, and it brought coolness and joy to us during this pandemic lockdown. Shanti Sadan campus is fully active and engaged in a variety of activities. All the Pre-novices are fully occupied with daily classes and other works. They are working hard to sharpen their language skills. This month was quite a busy one. On August 15 we had the Solemn Mass in the church in honour of the Assumption of Mother Mary. After the Mass there was flag hoisting ceremony in front of the Pre-noviciate entrance. **Fr. Chacko** was the chief guest of the day and the flag was hoisted by him. One of the pre-novices delivered an inspiring speech before the gathering. On the same day in the evening the pre-novices organised a short and sweet farewell programme to say good bye to Fr. Chacko and **Fr. Abraham**, which was followed by a sumptuous meal. On 18th early morning both of them left Shanti Sadan for Delhi by car. On 25th two new pre-novices from Patna arrived and now they are in quarantine.

*Subodh*

### **LOYOLA SADAN, LUCKNOW**

The month of August was packed with a plethora of activities. We began the month with a fascinating experience of Fr. Sudeep Chacko. He shared with us the indelible moments of his life in social action. He gave us a glimpse of the social actions of the Society. On 3rd Fr. Sudeep Chacko and Fr. George Nedumattam

shifted their temporary quarters to Kaiserganj. On 10th Fr. Joseph Sebastian visited us on his way to Kaiserganj. On 12th **Fr. Christopher**, accompanied by **Fr. Nicholas**, went to Allahabad for his retreat in preparation for his Final Vows. On 15th we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of our Lady and the Independence Day with the holy Eucharist and hoisting of the national flag. On 20th Fr. Christopher returned after the retreat. On 21st Provincial of Delhi Fr. Soosai Mani, accompanied by Delhi Treasurer Fr. Xavier Ignatius, came from Delhi to participate in the Final Vows of Fr. Christopher Kandulna who professed his Final Vows on 22nd. He was felicitated during a colourful cultural program. The birthdays of Novices **Elias, Barnabas, Bablu, Rohit, Ralph and Abragam** were celebrated. Amidst all the hectic works, we were also busy with teaching and learning the autobiography of our founder St. Ignatius.

*Jermy*

### **SANJIVAN NIWAS, PATNA**

The candidacy program this year has been shifted from Bangalore to Sanjivan Niwas, Patna due to the severe pandemic situation in south India. **Fr. Raneesh** is appointed as Director and **Sch. Gnana Muthu** is transferred from Bangalore to Patna as the Regent. On August 10 Sch. Gnana along with two candidates reached Patna. From 10th to 20th a total of 26 candidates from six states reached Sanjivan Niwas. Eight candidates were for Delhi; two of them have been promoted (one from Bhiwadi) to the Pre-novitiate, three boys went back home and so three are remaining in Sanjivan Niwas. From 22nd to 30th we had orientation program by Fr. Ozzie and his team. On 15th we celebrated Independence Day hoisting flag in our campus. Superior **Fr. Sushil Bilung** welcomed all the candidates to Sanjivan Niwas community. On 17th he addressed the candidates and gave a glimpse of Jesuit formation. The

Director and the Regent were busy in setting up the place with the things needed for the candidacy program with the help of Fr. Superior. On the 31st Patna Provincial Fr. Donald Miranda inaugurated the candidacy program with the Holy Eucharist; he addressed the boys for an hour. From Sept 1 onwards we have regular time table. We are grateful to Fr. Jeera, Fr. Soosai Mani, Fr. Amal, Fr. Anil and the Patna vocation promotion team for their support and guidance to have the candidacy program in Patna.

*Gnana*

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
01 Mathews, Ajay	02 Visuvasam, Gyanprakash
02 A, Amalraj	14 Kujur, Ashwin
15 Abraham Amalraj	14 Savarimuthu, Leo Arockiaraj
16 Arockia Swamy	17 Indwar, Pradeep
17 A, Chrisostone	20 Vazhaparambil, Robin I.
17 George Mla	25 Minj, Anil
22 Antony Arul	25 Rezin, Romero
22 Purackal, John	28 Gill, Sahil
26 *Kishore, Vimal	28 Kurapati, Joseph Kumar
28 S, Periyanyagam	28 Perumalil, Augustine
28 *D'Souza, William	
29 A, Dominic	
29 K. T. Thomas	
30 Joseph Kochu	

### **FR. JEERA'S FAREWELL NOTE**

**August 13, 2020**

**Dear Brothers,**

**Greetings of love and peace from Sahayog, Delhi.**

**Hope all of you are keeping fine and doing well.**

I am happy to inform you that I will be handing over charges to Fr. Soosai Mani on August 15, 2020 during the Mass at 6 pm in Navjivan Chapel. Considering the pandemic situation we are forced to limit the number of participants for this handing over ceremony to Delhi men residing in Delhi. However, I know that all of you will be present in spirit during this handing over ceremony. All of you are in our prayers. Kindly whisper a small prayer for us, especially for Fr. Soosai.

At this juncture, I would like to place on record my deep appreciation to all of you for supporting me in my leadership role as the Provincial of Delhi for the last 3 years, 8 months and 15 days. I deeply cherish the companionship I experienced during my visitation, the hospitality of the host communities, the wisdom I gained from the senior Jesuits and at times the challenges raised by Delhi Province Members to finetune the benchmark of my leadership. I fondly remember all of you and pray for God's blessings on all.

A special thanks to Fr. Mathew Padayatty and my present and past Consultors for helping me in my leadership role in the spirit of 'collaboration, networking and discernment'. Indeed, the Spiritual Conversation Method changed positively the quality of our consultation and interactions. I also gratefully acknowledge the contributions made by Fr. Xavier, the Province Treasurer, all Treasurers, Superiors, Directors of Works,

Administrators and Commission Heads for animating the Province Men for effectively engaging in various ministries of our Province. I wish you all the very best for leading the Province in the coming years.

I wish you all a very meaningful Independence Day and a grace-filled feast of the Assumption of Our Mother. May our Mother intercede for all of us.

Commending you all to God's care and protection during this period of pandemic,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Jeera

### **Please Pray for Our Sick**

Fr. George Peter and Fr. Remy Sah admitted in St. Stephens Hospital;

Sch. Arvind Minj, Fr. Victor Edwin, Fr. George Mlakuzhyil, Fr. Job Kohzanthadam and Shahbad Cook Mr. Gopal in Holy Family Hospital;

Fr. S. Periyannayagam in St. Philomena's Hospital, Bangalore.

### **In the Embrace of the Father**

Fr. Isidore Pinto (PAT 78/57) on Aug 7.

Fr. Elias Arockiasamy (AND 80/58) Aug 12.

Fr. Gaudentius Kongari (HAZ 86/66) on Aug 12.

Fr. Patrick de Melo (GOA 78/61) on Aug 14.

Fr. Augustine Tigga (HAZ 72/51) on Aug 15.

Fr. Gaston Roberge (CCU 85/64) on Aug 26.

Fr. Walter Stephen Andrade (KAR 78/53) on Aug 26.

Mr. Hilarius Indwar, 67, second elder brother of Fr. Pradeep, Aug 7.

Mr. Manohar, paternal uncle of Fr. Arunmozhi, 68, on Aug 8.

**Reports and photos for the next DM are due on or before Sept 30, 2020.**

**Note: Reports should mention the full form of the abbreviations used.**