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A Well-Gardened Spirit

During my visits to Jesuit communities in August, I observed a number of Jesuits/communities have taken trouble to clean up their campuses and are sprucing up their respective gardens. Getting close to the earth puts us in touch with our own humanity. (Human comes from the Latin “humus” meaning earth.) To be human is to realize that I come from the earth and will return to the earth.

In Sue Stuart-Smith's new book, “[The Well-Gardened Mind](#),” the British psychiatrist and psychotherapist writes that “when we sow a seed, we plant a narrative of future possibility.” Planting seeds, caring for saplings, pruning branches, checking under leaves for bugs, and so on, makes the garden more than a physical space; the quiet of the garden helps us to still ourselves, to hear our own thoughts, and to work through emotions and challenges. Our inner space becomes more free—free to be, free to love, free to live. We gain an inner freedom to accept reality and the cycle of life and death and rebirth.

St Ignatius invites us to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation of our Lord, “who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness” (NIV, Phil. 2/6-7). Christ became human, humbled himself, and was obedient to the will of his Father. To be human is to acknowledge that we are close to the earth, share our vulnerabilities, face the challenges of a broken and messy humanity, and answer God's invitation to be co-partners in planting seeds of hope, faith and love.

Fr. Roland Coelho



APPOINTMENT BY FR. GENERAL

Fr Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz (Dion) the new provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province.

SANGARGALLI

St. Paul's English Medium School celebrated Independence Day with the tricolor being hoisted by **Colman**, the Manager of the School



and Parish priest, as the Chief Guest. The Guest of Honor was Sr. Miriam. Staff members, **Santosh**, Justin Mascarenhas and Rohan D'Souza were also present. For the first time the Independence Day celebrations were held in the absence of the students and their parents due to the restrictions imposed but this didn't curb our patriotic spirit.



From 18th August onwards, books and stationery material were distributed to the students. Due to poor connectivity, frequent power cuts, and the students inability to purchase phones or laptops, the teachers volunteered to visit the students in the surrounding villages and teach them. Their selfless service had the backing from the management who were very supportive.

Fr Motiram Bardeskar

XTC, BELAGAVI

We thank God for the safe journey of our nine juniors to Vinayalaya, Mumbai, after their first vows in the Society. End of June we had the special occasion to celebrate the gift of life as **Savio Barreto** and our much loved Novice Master, **Anil** celebrated their birthdays.



On 14th July, the 1st year novices walked through the doors of XTC holding their breath as their eyes were captivated by the exquisiteness of the place but at the same time uncertain and anxious about what lay ahead. They officially entered the Society and began their Probation on 16th July, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Fr. Socius, **Vijay** along with the four guardian angels guided them during the first probation ending with the Holy Triduum. Meanwhile the 2nd year novices had a course on Tony De Mello's video discourses, "**A Way to God**," which enriched them spiritually and mentally.

On 31st July, the feast day of our founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola, the first year novices entered their second probation with a solemn procession leading up to the main chapel for the Eucharistic celebration. **Seby**, the main celebrant enriched our minds and hearts with his reflective homily. He preached on St. Ignatius' contribution to the world and to the Church. Before the fellowship meal, the Superior, **Anil** expressed his gratitude to **Seby** for his generous contribution to XTC as the house minister and wished him all the best for his future ministry. He also took the opportunity to welcome **Cecil** to the community as the new house minister. In the evening the first year novices planted a sapling, a symbol of their vocation. Now as they water and nurture this sapling, the same is

expected of their personal vocation – to be nurtured, enriched and grow with help from all those placed over them.

15th August marked the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the country's Independence



Day. We started the day with the Eucharistic celebration and later headed towards the lush green lawns for the flag hoisting ceremony. **Cecil** was the Chief Guest and rendered a thought-provoking speech highlighting the country's past and future. Novice **Joseph Fernandes** gave a rousing speech in English interspersed with some Konkani words and phrases that surely made us feel proud to be an Indian. The program concluded with a vote of thanks followed by refreshments.

Fr Vijay Chokar

ST PAUL'S, BELAGAVI

Seby has been appointed as the new Vice-Principal of St. Paul's High School, Belagavi. After having had a fruitful and productive time at the Jesuit Novitiate, Seby is all set to form the boys of



the city. **Seby** is known for his hard-work, commitment and zeal, as he gets into the

shoes of Cecil who has been transferred to XTC after serving at St. Paul's for a number of years. The school bid farewell to Cecil and welcomed Seby and wished them success in their respective ministries to strive to achieve greater heights for the greater glory of God.

On 7th August a seminar, "Online Teaching and Video Editing" was organized for our teachers. **Anthony Noronha** and Mr. Apolin Borges were the resource persons. Our teachers learnt several new concepts and applications like Google Meet, Zoom, Video Editor, Flimora, etc. and how to apply skills effectively to improve their online teaching.

To attend to the welfare and betterment of students a PTA meeting was held on 18th August. The teachers took up the responsibility of collecting the students study material that they worked on from home and also undertook the distribution of text books supplied by the government. The teachers also took this opportunity to enquire about the well-being of their students; leading to a meaningful interaction with the parents. The parents on their part offered some valuable suggestions which the management is grateful and promised to look into this.

On the occasion of Independence Day, a patriotic feeling welled up in us. We



celebrated this day by hoisting the National Flag and remembered our great heroes. To mark the day, staff member, Mrs. Muriel Buthelo, brought back nostalgic feelings by her inspiring message. The Rector, **Ronnie** was the Chief Guest. The P.U. College staff was also present. The assembly gathered prayed in unison for the well-being of the students, parents, staff, the alumni and the entire world enveloped in sickness and distressed due to the corona virus pandemic and those suffering due to the various calamities.

The solemn feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, was also celebrated. The thanksgiving Eucharist was celebrated by **Ronnie**. The staff-members were invited to join in the Eucharistic celebration and sought Mary's intercession to keep us safe from the pandemic. Most of the participants were overwhelmed with joy and gratefulness to God because they were able to receive Holy Communion after many months of lockdown.

Pedro had set the right foundation for the newly established P.U. College, though just two years old the college looks like it has been there for decades.



Jacob, the incumbent Principal is all set and at the helm of the PUC. For **Jacob** it is a homecoming as he had earlier served the high school for 11 long years. The veteran surely has plenty to contribute to the growth of this institute.

Given the Covid-19 restrictions the college had four PTA meetings in August to instruct parents regarding online classes and the 'New Normal'. To facilitate better online learning, surfing and browsing, a new PU College website has been launched. Presently, the Management is busy with the admission process.

Due to the pandemic the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated within the community, though we did invite a few neighbouring Jesuits from the missions around. Leading to the feast, our preparations motivated us to imbibe the spirit of our Founder and burn with similar zeal and love for Christ our Lord and his people.

At the residence we have begun renovating of the rooms on the first-floor with the kind generosity of our benefactors. To help conserve energy, the school and the house have switched to LED lighting, thereby reducing our energy consumption. We also burn calories at the Magis Hall by sweating it out over some well contested games of badminton and table-tennis. **Ashwin** is efficiently managing the kitchen whereas **Anthony Noronha** is skillfully maintaining the Jesuit House.

Steven carries out his diaconate ministry through his daily preaching and ministry at St Anthony's parish. The rains and the pandemic apprehensions have not dampened Steven's spirits. Fr. Philip Kutty, the parish priest had initiated the masses at the parish and this has given Steven great scope to give the theology he mastered a pastoral bent.

Fr Seby Pereira

LOYOLA HALL, MIRAMAR

CCRTV Goa, from the month of October 2018 had started to record and telecast "Ximpiêntlim Môtiam" ("Food for Thought"), a programme in Konknni compiled by **Pratap**. On 30th July 2020, approximately 21 months later "Ximpiêntlim Môtiam" completed a century, with its 100 episode being telecast. All these episodes are uploaded by CCRTV on YouTube and these are viewed by a large number of Konknni lovers. This programme consists of reflections on a single topic making use of stories, anecdotes, parables, and folklore. Besides, this programme, other Konknni programmes by **Pratap** are also telecast daily such as: Bhôkti Lharam; non-denominational devotional songs; Bhurgeonlem Angôn, children's songs; Learn Konknni - episodes for children to learn the language; and Konknni Bhas - episodes for adults who know Konknni and desire to increase their vocabulary. All these are available on YouTube. **Pratap** is making good use of the social media which today is the most effective and less expensive mode to reach out to a great number of people across many boundaries.

Fr. Pratap Naik

Glinson, with his head buried in his books due to the constant rescheduling of examination dates is breathing a sigh of relief as the Goa University finally conducted the examinations in early August. He is now all geared for his online classes in his MA philosophy from Satya Nilayam, Chennai. **Malcolm**, the Director of the Candidate Hall is waiting for the Covid 19 pandemic situation in Goa to ease down so that he can welcome the new candidates to the prenovitiate.

The community celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with **Hector** presiding over the Eucharist. Prior to the feast, we took the themes based on the UAPs for the novenas. **Malcolm** and **Apollo** were invited by the Goa Province Communication team to take up two novena masses in preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius which were recorded by CCRTV and later telecast on YouTube. They were also invited to give talks in preparation for the novena for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady; these too were recorded by CCRTV to be telecast later.

Apollo continues to work at his desk penning articles on Goan feasts and festivals. His articles over the last two months coincided with the following occasions and feasts: St. Anne and St. Joachim, the grandparents of Mary; St. Ignatius of Loyola, the seeker of God's will; Raksha Bandhan, celebrating the bond between brothers and sisters; Janmashtami, celebrating the birth of Krishna; Handi Khuris, bringing together people of all faiths; and Ganesh Chaturthi, connecting Goans with their ancestors, had been published in the GOAN newspaper.

Fr. Apollo Cardozo

PAI, RAIA

In the words of **Levis**, "Greetings from Arrupe, Raia", let's continue to spread the warmth and positivity to all. **Alendro** and **Velenson** will move to Loyola Hall, Miramar to begin their theology studies online until such time when they will head for the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, USA. The community is grateful for the help rendered by **Alendro** in the various ministries of the Institute and for shouldering the different works of the Community. **Jaeison** has joined PAI as part of his regency and hopes to take off where Alendro left. Jaeison has his work cut out--to help the Minister, animate the Magis youth, and care for the senior members of the Community. Since it is not possible to meet in person, **Jaeison** has launched a virtual MAGIS youth group. Presently, they are engaged in introducing themselves through expressive and creative audio-video clips. He and his coordinating committee, comprising of 8 youth members have plans to send formative videos and sessions via WhatsApp on weekly basis. In the introductory sessions, they will speak about MAGIS and its five pillars.

The Young Professionals have responded very positively to small group online faith sharing. They are divided into 4 groups comprising of 8 members in each group. **Agnelo** animates these groups and each group meets once a month. The initiative lies with the youth, in that they themselves choose topics for sharing, and it has been noticed that the topics chosen lend to deep and personal sharing.

The self-employment programme organized by the "Lights of the World Movement" for the returning seafarers has reached-out to a sizeable number of individuals. So far, we have registered over 400 applicants. After contacting every applicant over the phone, we have had many zoom meetings, and now the training sessions have started. Some of these sessions for small groups are being held at Pedro Arrupe Institute with all the necessary precautions.

On 22nd August, Pedro Arrupe Institute, Goa, and Camp Mediation, Bangalore, organized a webinar on the topic, "The Miracle of Mediation." Mr. Jonathan Rodrigues, lawyer and mediator was the chief speaker, along with **Orville** and **Felix**. The highlight of this session was how mediation and reconciliation could help restore and improve one's mental health. The response was welcoming with 30 participants on board.

The beautification of the campus, as well as the residential block was taken a notch higher by adding vases along the corridors through the able guidance of **Pedro** thus giving a feel of the Hanging Gardens. We had to bear the brunt of the heavy rains and strong winds wherein a few trees got uprooted. Prior to the rains, the cashew, mango, coconut and other fruit-bearing trees received their annual nourishment (manure), and now we look forward to a much better harvest in the years to come.

Sch Alendro Da Costa

LOYOLA, MARGAO

Setting a benchmark, the second batch of 'Coding' was offered with a higher price tag and yet in a matter of 24hours the batch was full. Students from other institutions made inquiries if they could join. Of course, they received a negative reply. Our marketing manager and staff member, Dr Soraya M. Menezes surely used her good will and skills to keep the finance manager and co-ordinator **Jimmy** busy. Be sure plans are afoot possibly for a third batch as well.

25th August was the 101st birth anniversary of Late Fr. Antonio Pereira, SJ, prolific Konkani writer, speaker and preacher. It was staff member and

Konkani pundit of Loyola, Mr. Elliton Fernandes, who took the initiative to celebrate the day and the man. An audio-visual presentation was undertaken in the name of Loyola High School. The speakers were Mr Elliton Fernandes (staff member) who briefly narrated the life and achievements of Fr. Pereira. The second speaker, **Pratap** (Loyola Hall, Miramar) spoke of “NøvemGõy, NøviNødør” (New Goa, New Vision). The video editing was done by Mr. Roque D'Costa (staff member) and our own ex-students deacon **Nigel** and **Malcolm** undertook the video recording. **Kelwin**, and Mrs. Alice Pereira offered a helping hand. This event was coordinated by **Jimmy**. The video was offered online to students of Std IX to XII of Loyola High and Higher Secondary Schools. The purpose was to keep alive the Konkani language by calling to mind one of our own Konkani stalwarts. You can browse the clipping on : <
<https://youtube/SWRO4XgWOME>>.

Loyola Higher Secondary School planned and executed an online session for their staff. The session was conducted by Sr. Rita Paes (Nirmala Institute, Panjim) on the theme of “Teacher Motivation” and **Agnelo** (Arrupe Institute, Raia) briefed them on some thought-provoking

“Ignatian Insights.” These were conducted prior to the feast of St. Ignatius and offered timely inputs to prepare the staff to know more on Ignatius and to realize the importance of Magis in their role as teachers.

Independence Day Celebrations were on a low key due to the restrictions imposed on mass gatherings. The Higher Secondary conducted the programme. **Pedro** hoisted the flag and the short prayer service was conducted by the non-teaching staff. The non-teaching staff and a handful of the teaching staff of the High School were present.

The staff of the Primary, English medium, made sure that the patriotic spirit was a flamed in the hearts and minds of our young students. The staff posted a visual of the tricolour and an audio of the singing of the national anthem through WhatsApp to each of the students. Besides this they motivated the students to engage in some activity that would nurture the patriotic spirit. The activities offered were in keeping with their age-level. Those students who undertook some activity will present the same to their teachers when they submit the worksheet.

Fr William Rodrigues

PROVINCIAL'S SHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

- 1-2 Loyola Hall, Miramar - Visit
- 3 St Britto, Mapusa- Seminar on NEP
- 8-9 Loyola, Margao - Visit
- 12 Consult
- 15-16 Jesuit House, Panjim - Visit
- 22 XCHR - AGM and MC meetings

Pope's Intentions Sept 2020



Respect for the Planet's Resources
 We Pray that the Planet's
 Resources will not be plundered,
 But shared in a just
 And respectful manner

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
 Mumbai INDIA

OBITUARY: GONE TO REST IN THE LORD'S LOVING EMBRACE

Fr Patrick de Melo SJ 1942-2020

Fr Patrick de Melo passed away peacefully on 14th August at the Province infirmary in Porvorim, just in time to celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady in heaven. Fr Pat served the province in various capacities: Provincial, Novice Master, Rector, Spiritual Director, Counsellor, Teacher etc. He entered the Society of Jesus on 06 October, 1959 in Soutelo, Portugal, and was ordained on 25th March 1972. His departure has created a void which no one can replace.



As a Provincial he laid great emphasis on '*cura personalis*' which enabled him to build a good relationship with the Jesuit brethren and the Lord. His great strength was spirituality, retreat direction and counselling. He offered these strengths in accompanying novices, seminarians, diocesan clergy, lay people and religious; this was his unique Ignatian contribution that he alone could make.

He was friendly, sensitive, soft spoken, self-sacrificing, patient, understanding and approachable, and showed great interest in persons, and had the wonderful ability to listen. He was a man of prayer and made himself available to accompany individuals in their pursuit to enlightenment.

Fr. Patrick de Melo fondly known as Pat has always been a widely sought-after person for retreats, spiritual direction and recollection talks. His experience in these fields was vast. Fr. Pat as a Spiritual Director at the Patriarchal Seminary at Rachol is fondly remembered by so many diocesan priests. They remember him gratefully because they received great support and solace from him. Everyone who entered his room with a heavy heart and a cast-down face emerged with a serene look and a heart filled with confidence and trust in the Lord. He was 'Master of Novices' at XTC, Belagavi from 1991 to 1998. All his novices remain ever grateful for his guidance and spiritual accompaniment during the two years of their initial formation in the Society of Jesus. He was the Provincial of the Goa Jesuit Province from 1999 to 2005, after that he has spent many years helping individuals, groups and Religious to grow spiritually and closer to the Lord.

Pat was a very frugal person with very few needs. He was a man of few but deep and well thought out words. Unfortunately, his voice had gone very feeble during the last few years. He had so much to offer but had great difficulty addressing groups and even individuals. He also ate very little and made no demands for any particular food. He always said, "I eat what is provided." This austere nature made him weak and left him with very little or no energy; in spite of that he had a great desire to direct retreats and accompanied individuals in spiritual directions.

What he offered individuals was the unfailing love of God. He assured them that God in his everlasting love cares for us and gives us the required graces. His life too proclaimed the same message. He was not particularly anxious about his health and well-being. He believed that God would always provide him with the required strength and graces to continue his ministries as long as God wanted to. This harmony between his life and his message was picked up by all who had the fortune and the blessing to come in touch with him.

Pat had to endure a lot of pain and suffering during the past few months moving in and out of hospitals. He endured all his suffering with serenity and silence. May the Merciful Lord who sustained him during his life here on earth receive Pat into his glorious kingdom where there is no more pain and suffering.

Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas

God
Bless
You

Happy Birthday Dear ...

September

Glinson Fernandes	01/96
Rufino Coutinho	04/32
Roland Coelho	11/72
Hector Almeida	12/38
Varun Rodrigues	12/82
Kelwin Monteiro	21/75
Simon Fernandes	24/70
Fermin D'Souza	25/41
*Sumit Jadav	30/90



LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Fr. Isidore Pinto, S.J. (PAT) 78/57, passed away on 07 August 2020 in Patna.
 Fr. Gaudentius Kongari SJ, (HAZ) 86/66, passed away on 12 August, 2020 in Ranchi.
 Fr Patrick de Mello S.J (GOA) 78/60, passed away on 14 August, 2020 in Goa.
 Fr. Augustine Tigga SJ (HAZ) 72/51, passed away on 15 August, 2020 in Hazaribag,
 Ms Elaine Paul, 91, the sister of Fr Hector Almeida passed away on 22 August in Canada.
 Fr. Gaton Roberge (CAL) 85/64 passed away on 26 August 2020, Kolkota.
 Fr. Walter Stephen Andrade (KAR) 78/53 Passed away on 26 August 2020, Mangaluru.

MEN WHO TOILED IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD

September

10 De Melo Joaquim I
 12 Moolacheril Joseph
 12 Silva Liborio da
 20 Shantananda Swami
 21 D'Souza Joseph V
 25 Amaral Antonio

