



# GUJARAT JESUIT SAMACHAR

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## FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

Dear Friends,

The Peace of Christ!

Recently during my visitation to one of the communities, a senior priest who in his younger days had served mostly as a formator and pastor jokingly told me “*We are handing over all the houses to you, so that one by one you may close them down*”. It was a friendly remark to the new Provincial at the end of the manifestation; nevertheless, he expressed a genuine concern in his own way. Vocation Promotion has today become the most important priority of our Province. Gujarat is still one of the larger Provinces in terms of the number of Jesuits and institutions; however, dwindling numbers is a cause of concern.

We have a group of enthusiastic and committed Jesuits in the Commission for Vocations; they have been working hard to ensure that vocation promotion is done not only in Gujarat but in other states too. In order to be able to continue the mission in the years to come and to explore newer ones to respond to the changing realities and situations, every Jesuit and all communities are called to vigorously work for vocations. One's vocation is certainly a call from God, but He works through us. We need to become that channel of God's grace.

Our very vocation makes us all vocation promoters. We are called to share with others what we have received gratuitously. We have to do all that is possible to actively present ourselves in such a way that youngsters with whom we work are inspired to respond to God's call generously. Do the young see us working together enthusiastically, supporting one another whole heartedly, in spite of the differences and living together joyfully? In the absence of role models, any amount of effort will be in vain.



The strength of our Province is that we have many institutions with a very big number of young boys associated with our institutions and directly under our care. Our institutions are the potential seedbed for vocations. In today's scenario, where everything is becoming impersonal and mechanical, if we want some young boys to hear and respond to God's call, we as individual Jesuits need to invest time and energy in establishing personal rapport with them; personal contact, personal relationship with personal accompaniment. Revitalising the Inigo group in each mission, parish and institution is the need of the hour of our Province. Vocation promotion is a ministry to be carried out in every institution as it is integral to all our ministries.

Apostolic Plans 2 & 3 of Goal 2, Mission 3, of Gujarat Province Apostolic Plan (GPAP) talk of exploring different possibilities in the Apostolic schools to strengthen them and make them seedbeds for vocations. This year in spite of the restrictions and difficulties faced due to the pandemic Covid-19, we have 6 pre novices, 12 boys in the Apostolic School in Sughad, 23 in Surat and another 4 in the Chennai Province Apostolic School. It is the fruit of the hard work of the vocation promoters and our enthusiastic missionaries. Concerted efforts continue to promote vocations from traditional areas like Vasai and other parts of North and South India.

We hope that the apostolic schools at different places, the effort to get vocations also from other states and our own personal examples and motivation to youngsters will bear much fruit.

While we thank God for all the blessings, he continuously showers upon us, let us continue to pray for many more and good vocations.

- Durai Fernand SJ

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### SEPTEMBER

- 04 : 10.30 am GB Meeting, SXSSS, A'bad  
: 04.30 pm GB Meeting, HDRC, A'bad
- 06 – 09 : Modasa-Bhiloda-Vijaynagar-Poshina: Visitation
- 12 – 14 : Sneh Jyoti, Vadodara: Visitation
- 15 : Meeting, Vocation Promotion, Sneh Jyoti, Sevasi
- 17 : Meeting, Finance Commission, Premal Jyoti, A'bad
- 17 – 18 : Consult, Premal Jyoti, A'bad
- 20 : Meeting, JIGSA, Gurjarvani, A'bad
- 22 – 24 : Tech. Sevasi & Anklav: Visitation
- 25 : Meeting, Youth Commission, Vadodara
- 26 – 27 : Meeting, JESAE, Shakti, Songadh

### OCTOBER

- 01 : Meeting, JESCOM, Anand
- 02 - 03 : Meeting, PDT, A'bad

## APPOINTMENTS

### ► GENERAL has appointed

- Fr. Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz: Provincial, Karnataka Province
- **Fr. Keith Abranches:** Rector, Collegio Ineternazionale del Gesu

### ► PROVINCIAL has appointed

- **Fr. Cedric Prakash:** Loyola Hall, Advocacy at SXSSS
- **Fr. M. Gnanaraj:** Coordinator, North-South Gujarat District
- **Fr. Vipul Parmar:** Sughadpanth, Teacher at Loyola Hall & assists in the Pre-novitiate



in times of  
darkness, holding  
the rosary beads is  
like holding your  
Blessed Mother's  
hand.

## PROVINCE HIGHLIGHTS

### ► Towards Actualising the GPAP

#### ► JEPASA Commission

The JEPASA Commission (13 members) met at CCD Sevasi on 24 August. The main purpose of the meeting was to reflect and deliberate on the Province Apostolic Plan particularly on those aspects relevant to Pastoral ministry and to evolve concrete steps towards the internalisation and implementation of the same. **Fr. James Vas** the newly appointed coordinator was welcomed by the group.

**Fr. Fernand Franco** through a power point presentation, highlighted areas of the GPAP which are directly under the responsibility of JEPASA and those areas where those involved in the pastoral ministry could collaborate with other commissions. This was followed by a lengthy discussion on all seven missions but particularly missions 4 and 5 which necessitate a direct involvement by those in the ministry.

The decisions arrived at by the group included:

- to prepare a paper on evangelization, incorporating the teachings of Pope Francis and other relevant sources.
- to prepare a questionnaire for each Parish to evaluate the pastoral ministry.
- to organise workshops to review and plan for the future.
- to ask each parish to send a report to the Coordinator about what has been done for the youth and for vocation promotion. The whole community should be involved in this process. (James Vas SJ, JEPASA Coordinator)

#### ► JESAE Commission

At its meeting held at SXSSS on 2 & 3 August, the JESAE group (together with the lay Directors from three of their Centres) spent considerable time praying over, deliberating the Gujarat Province Apostolic Plan (GPAP) and the role and responsibility of the JESAE in the actualization of this plan.

At the outset, the group reflected on the 'Letter of Fr General' (21 May 2020) approving the GPAP; the members felt that revisiting this letter would help in our way of proceeding. There was also a unanimous agreement by the members to the contents of Fr General's letter particularly with his suggestions / observations.

The group went through the Vision and the seven Missions of the Province in detail. There were plenty of discussions on each of the points; but particularly in areas of and need for concerted engagement by JESAE towards the realization of some of the goals. As we went about discussing each mission and the action plans the group felt that the process of self-transformation was already initiated.

JESAE finally decided that over the next months the group will not only take greater ownership of the GPAP but will also make every effort to disseminate (and ensure implementation of) the vision, mission, goals and action plans among the people at the grass roots. To ensure the smooth implementation of GPAP responsibilities are shared by the members. The group has decided to spend some time in reviewing the progress of GPAP in each of its meetings. (Isaac Rumao SJ, JESAE Coordinator)

### ▶ JEAG Commission (PAP and More)

The uncertainties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and the spectacular seasonal rain on the onset could not stop the enthusiastic JEAG forum to have its first meeting in this pandemic shadowed academic year on 12 August at CCD, Sevasi in which 35 Jesuits were present including the Provincial **Fr. Durai Fernand**. The three main points for deliberation, planning and implementation were:

- a) PAP (Province Apostolic Plan) and its implication for JEAG: **Fr. Fernando Franco** systematically presented different stages of PAP and its outcome that is the renewed V-M statement and its action plan. He helped us to familiarize PAP and pointed out the goals and action plan where JEA has to take a lead role and where JEA needs to collaborate with other commissions.
- b) The Narratives of Online Teaching and some of its ramifications: Sharing of online teaching in our educational institutions and its challenges due to the lockdown was evaluated; more creative and innovative ways to help the students by knowing the contextual requirements, were analyzed for effective implementation. Some concrete guidelines were drawn for the self-financed schools that are facing a financial crunch due to the lockdown period
- c) NEP-2020 and its implications: A PPT was presented by **Fr. Arul Rayan** which provided us the nitty-gritty of the proposed draft and

invited us to reflect upon the changing scenario of the educational system towards the assurance of quality education. The group still felt that we need to have deeper analysis and assessment to understand NEP-2020 in a more professional and deeper level.

The meeting concluded with Fr. Provincial's address where he pointed out that PAP is not merely implementing the action plan but a conversion at three levels: Personal, institutional and Province level along with our collaborators. He asked the members to internalize and personalize it; also, to continue the good practices, rich legacy and traditions of our educational institutions in keeping with our way of proceeding with the Ignatian perspectives. (Anand Antony SJ)

### ▶ North Gujarat District

Much to the relief of anxious farmers our region has received some good rains. After Province Apostolic Plan meetings at the community level the North Gujarat Jesuits met at Dhanduka on the 22 August for a reflection and discernment process guided by **Fr. Fernando Franco**. **Fr. Rajendra Vedamuthu** who was recuperating at Pilar Hospital Sanand after angioplasty, was missed. The warm hospitality of **Fr. Jesuraj Arputham** and **Leslie D'Souza** made up for it. We remember with gratitude the youthful presence of the PJ Scholastics in some of our communities during this period of the lockdown. (Cosmas Isaac SJ)

### ▶ Sabarkantha District

The Sabarkantha District community met together on 27 August under the guidance of **Fr. Ambrose Vedam**, a member of the Acting his introduction he highlighted the importance of owning the PAP at individual, community and commission levels. We were asked to look into our ministries and the work around. The community suggested that we focus on sharing our apostolates and closely monitor them. The missions in the PAP can also be used for our daily community prayer. As a part of Action Plan, different committees were formed and some decisions were arrived at. (Nixon Macwan SJ)

### »» Formation Files

### ▶ Prenovitiate Jottings

Despite the COVID -19 crisis, we began the Prenovitiate on 3 August and are blessed with 6 pre-novices this year; they are Brijal Gamit from Mandal (2nd year), and newcomers Pinkal Gamit from Vyara, Brian Macwan from Maninagar, Kamlesh Vaghela from Limdapura, Rutvik



Gamit from Zankhvav and Sanjay Kemu from Uttan (Vasai).

For the first couple of weeks they had an Orientation Programme in order to familiarize them with the ‘new way of life’. Provincial **Fr. Durai Fernand** presided over the inaugural Eucharist on 20 August. The daily routine has now begun! This year we have **Frs. James Savarimuthu** and **Peter Francis** to teach English to the pre-novices. We are grateful to **Fr. Cedric Prakash**, who is now transferred, for his contribution to the Prenovitate Parivar; in the community for the last many years he has helped us out in various ways. A warm welcome to **Fr. Vipul Parmar** who has now joined us. (Patras Mundu SJ)



### ► Novitiate Tidings

Thanks to God and the efforts of some, in the midst the pandemic, we have also experienced many blessings.



Soon after the first Vows the juniors were taken to Vinayalaya. The First Year novices (one each from Bombay, Gujarat and Goa) arrived on the 14 July and began their first probation on 16 July which lasted for fifteen days including the Triduum. During this period the second year novices had a course, ‘A Way To God’ through the talks of Fr. Tony de Mello; the course was a great experience of inner freedom.



At the Eucharist on the feast of St. Ignatius we welcomed the first probationers into the second probation with a meaningful procession. In the evening the first years planted some trees as a symbol of their vocations. From 1 August we had an orientation programme given to us by Frs. Anil (Novice Master), and Vijay (Socius). It was on the norms, purpose, and life in the Novitiate. We were also blessed to listen to the vocation stories of one another. August 15 was the traditional double celebration: after the Eucharist on the Feast of the Assumption we had the flag hoisting followed by a short programme. (William Santosh, 1st year Novice.)

### ► Scholastics in Mission

After being confined to ‘quarantine’ in Premal Jyoti for almost two months most of the Scholastics were able to return to their home provinces. Those who were unable to return had the privilege of being ‘posted’ in different mission stations. Arif and Polseng went to Vyara mission, stayed for one and half months and came back with delightful experiences. They were touched most by the way the Jesuit fathers live their community life. The regular sharing of their missionary stories at the table inspired them to develop a taste for the mission. Every experience nurtured their spiritual life and helped them to fall in love with the mission. They visited with the parishioners two shrines of Mother Mary: Korvi Mata and Gidhmadi Mata. They visited the people in the villages were impressed by their profound faith and high regard for the religious. Both learned many useful lessons which would be useful for their future mission. Sch. Polseng says, “*in future wherever I stay, I would like my community also to be like theirs.*”

“Being a part of Nanisingloti community for two months was amazing and memorable”, says Sch. Ismael who went there with Sch. Antonio. During their stay they helped in cleaning the house, in the kitchen, gardening and working on the farm. They also visited the villages twice a week with the fathers and were moved to witness the faith of the people and their respect and love for the religious. They experienced the warmth and hospitality of the community and say, ‘Being a Jesuit is to be with the people, serve them and guide them with all the abilities in order to bring them towards God.’

Schs. Sylvester, Bosco, Valerian and Bipin were in Unteshwari and helped in various works of the mission; these included constructing a check dam, water tank, cutting firewood and bamboos, cleaning around the Shrine and the field. They also organized sports for the children and in fact helped in rejuvenating the faith and volunteer service among them.

“My experience in Kalol was more with the community due to the pandemic restrictions which limited outdoor activities,” says Sch. Titus who came back after 57 days stay in Kalol. He was impressed with the community he stayed with. The daily conversation during meals, which were informative and humorous, impressed him. They had a short cultural program on the feast of St. Ignatius; the Jesuits and sisters from the nearby also participated. He says, “My experienced in Kalol motivated me to be a better person and Jesuit. I saw Jesuits there who sacrificed many other comforts, but were deeply rooted and convinced in their ministry.”

Currently, the final year brothers are busy preparing for their final exams which are due in early September. We request your prayers. (Sch. Polseng B Marak, Kohima)

## ▶▶ Jai Adivasi!

### ▶ Vishw Adivasi Din



Due to the impossibility this year of a physical celebration of the World Indigenous People’s Day on 9 August the Adilok team came up with an innovative idea of celebrating it online. They organized a weeklong celebration of tribal culture blended with intellectual discourse on Google Meet from 3-9 August every evening. Well-known thinkers from Gujarat paired with those from ISI-Delhi, Rajasthan, Assam, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh to deliberate on various social issues which included tribal women, youth, politics, education, media, medicine, movements and leadership. The speakers ranged from professors to rural folk and women to youth each expressing their thoughts and sentiments woven around the themes of ‘Identity, Integrity and Dignity of Adivasis’ locally, nationally and globally. The experience of more than 2411 participants of the Web-Saptah on Google Meet and You Tube was eye opening how the tribal reality across the nation was very similar. Blending the discourse with appropriate and evocative tribal songs, dances and rituals deepened the experience of tribal ethos. On the occasion of Vishw Adivasi Din, the special 75th issue of Adilok- ‘Amrutank’ was released by Suhani Vasava and Shubhagi Vasava- two little tribal girl students of Mount Carmel School, Ahmedabad. (Vinayak Jadav SJ)

## ▶▶ Dangs Diary



**Shamgahan:** Teachers and students are actively involved in the home learning process since the last three months; parents are cooperative too. The Principal and teachers have weekly review and planning meetings for a smooth function of the home learning. As a part of the monthly evaluation, our students appeared in the First Unit Test in their respective villages on 29 & 30 July and submitted their papers in the office within a week. In order to pay tribute to the work of the medical fraternity during this pandemic, St. Xavier’s Shamgahan Parivar observed the 74th Independence Day with Ms. Sunanda Pawar from Bhapkhal Village of Shamgahan Mission, a Nurse at the

Referral Hospital Shamgahan as the chief guests. (Sanjay Aind SJ)

**Subir:** Together with the Sisters we distributed some relief kits to some poor and needy people during this pandemic. Besides, we have also initiated some other works to ease the situation of our people, such as, land bunding, distribution of paddy seeds at a subsidized price, aid to around twenty-five widows, and coaching classes for our students in eighteen villages. The parents are happy with the coaching classes and want us to continue them. Twenty-one of our village youth, who are at home because of lockdown, have volunteered and been given the responsibility to take these classes for the children from Stds I to IV. In fact, the youth themselves volunteered to conduct these classes for the children. Evaluation meetings with the volunteers to take stock of these classes are held every month. Along with the evaluation **Fr. Anthony Britto** also gave them some inputs on personality development to enhance their morale. (Thomas Pereira SJ)

### ►► SXC Tops

In the prestigious ‘The Week’ survey of the top colleges in India, St. Xavier’s College, Ahmedabad has once again come out with flying colours. In Science, we are at the 27th position (‘India Today’ survey had given us 26th position) while in Arts we are at the 38th position in the country (‘India Today’ had given us 25th position). This survey does not feature BCA and our fledging Commerce Department is not yet eligible for this survey. (Mundupuzhakal Johnson SJ)

### ►► JRS Afghanistan

On 12 August, JRS Youth from four provinces of Afghanistan celebrated International Youth Day (IYD), on an online platform. They discussed the impact of COVID-19 on their lives, and pledged to reach out to those in need – leaving no one behind. During the sharing, they exchanged ideas and best practices to engage positively in their communities during the pandemic.

Participating in an international consultation organized by ‘Pratyek’, JRS youth talked about their initiatives to help the elderly in their communities, affected by the pandemic. In Herat, JRS organized a ‘Radio Round Table’ program for youth to share their reflections and concerns, and to inspire other youth to work together to build up the country. Mr. Morteza Ahmadyan represented the JRS youth on a TV debate with a Government official and Social activist from



Herat city, and highlighted the desire of youth to become agents of reconciliation and development in the country. Thus, IYD gave JRS youth an opportunity to share their dreams and raise their voices for a better Afghanistan, beyond the confines of the pandemic lockdown. The IYD ripples continue to spread among the youth, motivating them to serve their community during these difficult times. As Ms. Sima Samar said ‘Youth have the power to change the world. We face many challenges but with help of JRS, youth are able to access a better education and change their future’. (Br. Sandesh Gonsalves SJ, Jesuit Refugee Service, South Asia)

▼ ... journeying together with the Commissions, playing the role of the YEAST (Mt. 13: 33)





◀ 05 Mother Teresa – Teachers' Day



▶ 08 The Nativity of BVM

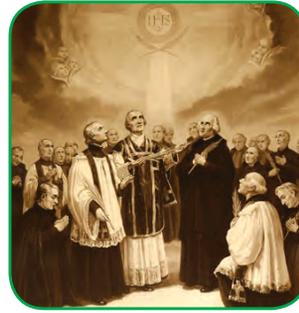


◀ 08 Girl Child Day  
International Literacy Day



▶ 27 World Day of Migrants and Refugees

## JESUIT SAINTS OF THE MONTH



▶ Bl. James Bonnaud & Companions



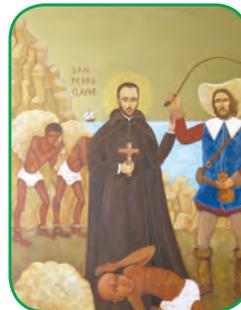
▶ Bl. Joseph Imbert



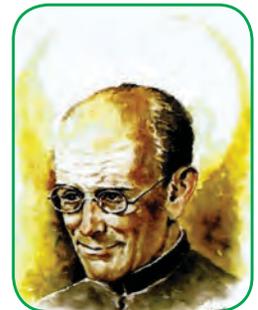
▶ Bl. John Nicolas Cordier



▶ Bl. Thomas Sitjar & Companions



▶ St. Peter Claver



▶ Bl. Francis Garate



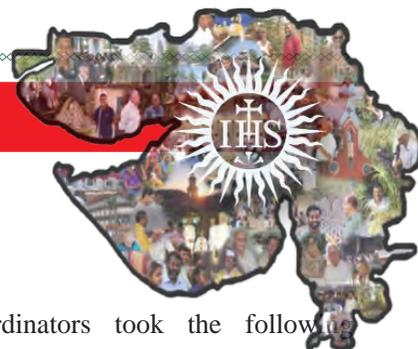
▶ St. Robert Bellarmine



▶ Approval of the Society by Pope Paul III, 'Regimini Militantis Ecclesiae', 1540.

## PAP IMPLEMENTATION

***IF YOU WANT TO GO FAST, GO ALONE;  
IF YOU WANT TO FAR, GO TOGETHER***



As communicated in the August GJS, by way of preparing the ground force in order to enable the PAP to take off, a meeting of the District Coordinators (DCs) was held in Sevasi on 20 July 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss as to how to engage the whole province in the implementation of the PAP. In the same manner, a meeting of the Commission Coordinators was held in Ahmedabad on 05 August 2020. As it is evident in the PAP booklet the Commission Coordinators play a pivotal role in the implementation of the Action Plans. In addition, many of these Action Plans must be undertaken collaboratively by several Commissions. Hence, they met to discuss and decide the activation of the Action Plans and the mode of collaboration between the Commissions.

The Commission Coordinators understood and expressed their role as: an important responsibility of designing, organising, and monitoring the Action Plan that they are responsible for, like the one who plans to build a tower and a king who prepares to fight another king (Lk. 14: 28-33); initiating, activating the Action Plans and journeying together with the Commissions; playing the role of the YEAST (Mt. 13: 33) in the process of causing transformation as emphasised by Father General; helping the Commissions to reflect and finally own up the Action Plans.

They saw lot of hope in the implementation of the PAP because there are competent persons who can put into practice the Action Plans; there is a geographical closeness of the members of the Commission and that would help; there is a blend of young and old; some steps in the implementation have already been taken; there is a lot of energy and power; the Commission has already been working together; there are also committed lay directors of some of our works; there is lot of scope and we wish to count more on those who are "present" rather than complaining about those who are "absent".

The Commission Coordinators also became aware of some of the challenges and resolved to face them with courage and optimism. Some of the challenges expressed by them are: Lack of sustained enthusiasm in some quarters; need of time for physical meetings and other activities. It is difficult to get it; need of experts; working together, as a team; inter-ministry collaboration is a difficult. We are good in our individual initiatives. Hence collaboration is a difficulty; fear that the PAP could remain in paper. But the challenges and difficulties did not put us on lockdown!

The Commission Coordinators took the following decisions:

### **Mission 1, G 1 / AP 2 & 3**

The Provincial will appoint a team in consultation with the JIGSA.

### **Mission 2, G 1 / AP 1**

It was informed that a CENTRAL team of 5 persons [Frs. John Kennedy SJ - Coordinator, James Vas SJ, Francis Macwan SJ, George Fernandez - Layman from Xavier Parish, Jasmine Shaji - Laywoman from Loyola School] is being constructed by the Provincial to respond to the call from our Assistancy.

This team has already prepared and submitted a Protocol/ Checklist to Fr. Provincial for further deliberation and approval. The CENTRAL team would be preparing different training programs to be conducted in all our institutions.

### **Mission 2, G 1 / AP 2**

It was also informed that the District Coordinators would suggest a team of 3 persons [A Jesuit, A woman & a layman] to the Provincial for the approval. The main responsibility of the team of each district community is to activate an annual audit of the Protocol in all Jesuit institutions and all institutions connected to the Jesuits.

It was also discussed that if any institution doesn't fulfil the Protocol, it would be reported to the Provincial through the District Coordinator.

### **Mission 3, G 1 / AP 1 + 2**

The GJYM coordinator would lead this AP 1.

The coordinators of JESA-E & JHEHASA are to be included in the team.

A format would be prepared based on the questions to reflect/review [a. What has been done & is being done? // b. What is to be done?] and sent to all the commission coordinators to prepare the report and then send it to the GJYM Coordinator who will prepare a unified report for PCM February 2021.

### **Mission 3, G 2 / AP 1**

Fr. Alpesh shared about what has been done so far about AP 1. The members of the commission have been organizing vocation camps, visiting the mission centres, schools and

parishes in Gujarat and other states for vocation promotions. Some Jesuits are animating the Inigo groups at local level.

### **Mission 3, G 2 / AP 2**

Fr. James S – PCF along with Fr. Alpeh shared about the discussion and deliberation on the policy of the Apostolic School during the Formation Commission Meeting.

He also shared about the PAP Colloquium with the Scholastics. During the colloquium Frs. Ambrose and Francis Macwan helped the group to chalk out the plan of actions for the scholastics at the personal level and at the level of entire Scholastic body.

### **Mission 3, G 2 / AP 3**

Fr. Alpeh informed the participants about not having the possibility of Arts students who could attend nearby schools as it is very expensive, difficult to follow them in non-Christian schools and the life of the Apostolic School could be affected.

### **Mission 4, Goal 1: Report on Covid-19**

The team has been made as follows: Frs. Isaac Rumao (Coordinator), Moieson, Sudhir Bhatia, Kirit Patelia, Michael Raj and Provincial.

### **Mission 4, Goal 1, Action Plan (2)**

JEPASA Coordinator will take the lead.

### **Mission 4, Goal 2, Migration, Pilot Project of Dangas and Dharampur.**

The Team members are Frs. Jimmy C. Dabhi (Coordinator), Stany Pinto, Ishwan and Robert Mascarenhas.

### **Mission 6, G 1 / AP 1**

JEA coordinator would lead AP 1 with JHEASA coordinator.

### **Mission 6: G 1 / AP 2 + 3**

The Principal of our St. Xavier's College under the guidance of the JHEASA coordinator would handle AP 2.

### **Mission 7, Goal 1, AP 1 & 2: Eco-spirituality**

JESAE will take the lead and collaborate with JEA, JIGSA & JEPASA.

Fr. Lancy D'Cruz's name was suggested in coordinating AP 1+2 by JESAE coordinator.

### **Mission 7, Goal 2, AP 1 + 2, Environmental audit.**

JESAE would lead AP 1+2.

### **Mission 7, Goal 3, AP 1**

JESAE would lead the AP 1 in collaboration with JEA & JEPASA

### **Mission 7, Goal 3, AP 2**

JEA would lead the AP 2 in collaboration with JESAE & JEPASA

The concluding mood of the group was expressed in the words of the provincial reflecting the commitment of the Commission Coordinators: "We are responsible for the implementation of the PAP and we will do it together."

A number of Commissions have already met to discuss and decide about the implementation of the PAP. The Commissions that have not met are scheduled to meet in September and October before the PCM meeting on 11-13 October 2020.

### **BEGIN FROM WHERE YOU BEGAN**

The Genesis of the present form of the PAP traces back to 2013 when the Vision Mission statement was revisited. It is important to note that it was done by involving all the Jesuits of the province on the platform of Local Communities and the District Communities. This is where and this is how the PAP had its beginning. Now its implementation also begins from there. We begin from where we began so that every Jesuit of the province and every community owns and takes responsibility for the implementation! As we know from the previous communication (cfr. GJS August, pg. 5), a meeting of the District Coordinators was held on 20 July in Sevasi. In that meeting after deliberating and clarifying issues, the whole group reached the following conclusion: Organise meetings of the Jesuit Communities. The District Coordinator will meet first the Superiors and share with them the way of proceeding at the meeting.

According to the information provided to the APCT, most of the Communities and District Communities have met to address the mandate given to them through the Local Superiors and the District Coordinators (cfr. GJS August, pg. 5). Besides direct and indirect involvement in the implementation, some communities have taken the PAP to wider horizon. Some of the highlights are: exposition of the PAP including its history by experts; exposition of each goal by different Community members on weekly Community Day (Monday or Thursday); taking up the goals one by one at the Community Liturgy, Prayer and Eucharist; praying for vocation into the Society in daily Community prayer.

Thus, shall we humbly say that the implementation of the PAP has begun well. Well begun is half done! Let us journey together to reach the destiny! Let us also pray that the Spirit of the Lord continues to lead us all to the end!

- Ambrose Vedam SJ

For APCT

## R.I.P

- † Fr. Isidore Pinto (PAT), 78/57, on 07 August in Patna.
- † Fr. Elias Arockiasamy (AND), 80/58, on 12 August in Visakhapatnam.
- † Fr. Gaudentius Kongari (HAZ), 86/66, on 12 August in Ranchi.
- † Fr. Gaston Roberge (CCU), 85/64, on 26 August in Kolkatta.
- † Fr. Walter Stephen Andrade (KAR), 78/53, on 26 August in Mangaluru.



## POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

### Universal - 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.*



## GREEN CORNER

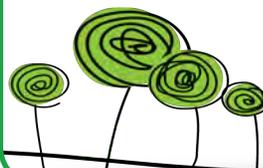
### VEGETABLE NUTRITION GARDEN (VNG)

Several years ago, the Adivasis lived in the dense forests and were mostly 'food gatherers'. Fruits and vegetables, honey, fish and hunt assured good nutrition. Some 'slash-and burn' cultivation of coarse grains supplemented their nutritional needs. The migration of non-Adivasis to the fertile forests ushered in commercial cultivation and with chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

The food intake and its quality that reached the poor suffered much during the lockout particularly in the Dangs and Dharampur districts. With a pilot project **Fr. Stany Pinto** of Rajpipla, and Francis Macwan of GJEM trained the RSSS team to set up VNGs. They also learnt to make organic manure and pesticides, harvest rain water and recharge their tube-wells. The Rajpipla team, trained in VNG, taught the Adivasis, especially women, the techniques of VNG in their backyards.

In a circular marked land of 800 sq. feet or less, some 20-30 vegetables could be organically grown. It needs approximately 300 litres of water, with manure from the kitchen waste, home-made organic pesticides in order to provide some 3 kg of organic vegetable a day for about 45-60 days. Eating organic vegetables, could improve the health of the poor considerably. The villagers, especially women, have shown keen interest. The RSSS team plans continued training and support.

- Francis Macwan (GJEM member)



## BIRTHDAYS & DEATH DAYS 2020

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|---|---|--|
| 01 Piyush Gamit<br>Vincent Vaghela<br>Fr Dabhi John Khengar – 1995+   | 11 Vincent Braganza<br>Fr Ferrao Osborne – 2007+<br>Fr Alphonse Thomas – 2009+  | Fr Espasa Luis Maria – 1988+   |
| 02 Cyprian I. Monis<br>Roy Miranda  | 13 Antonidoss Savarimuthu<br>Bishop Godfrey de Rozario<br>Patras Mundu<br>Raymund Chauhan<br>Fr DeSouza Frederick – 1997+<br>Fr Amalraj Sebastian – 2014+ | 21 Jacob Kulangara<br>Sudhir Chettiar<br>Fr Martin Patrao – 1990+<br>Fr Rafael Aguinaga Moreno – 2017+ |
| 03 James Savarimuthu<br>Richard Lopes<br>Fr Francisco Gabarre – 1968+<br>Fr Francisco Borobio – 1968+<br>Fr Ignacio M. Zavala – 2007+ | 14 Isaac Rumao  | 22 Christopher Baraik – 2018+  |
| 04 Thomas Purayidathil  | 15 Fr Eusebio Azcoitia – 1996+<br>Rt Rev Charles Gomes – 2002+  | 24 Chandresh Christi<br>Jerry Fernandes  |
| 06 Sunil Solanki  | 16 Anthony Mailadumpara   | 26 Andrew Dabreo<br>Vinay Macwan   |
| 08 Louis Lopes<br>Robert Arockiasamy<br>Br Jethabhai Didacus – 1993+  | 18 Alam Parmar<br>Velanganni S.<br>Fr Jeyaraj Bastin – 1994+<br>Fr Gazo Ignacio – 2006+   | 27 Luis Maria Moreta – 2015+   |
| 09 Sandesh Gonsalves  | 19 Fr Ignacio M. Savall – 1973+   | 28 José A. Arroyo<br>Mahesh Bagul<br>Vincent Mookenthottam   |
| 10 Charles Kispotta<br>Fr Diaz del Rio – 2001+  |   | 29 Varghese Mannarkulath<br>30 Sumitkumar Jadav  |

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