



NEW CANONICAL COMMUNITY

Through his decree dated August 24, 2021 Fr. General has canonically erected Xavier Jesuit Community situated at XLRI-NCR Delhi Campus, Jhajjar.

**Congratulations to
our newly ordained priest
Fr. Francis Devadoss**

PROVINCIAL'S SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

- 01-4 Ahmedabad
- 05 Delhi Office
- 08 First vows - Sisters of Charity Delhi
- 11-12 RCC Meeting Chandigarh
- 14-18 Visitation - Sahayog
- 20-25 Visitation - St. Xavier's. Raj Niwas

PROVINCIAL'S OCTOBER PROGRAM

- 01-03 Superiors & DoWs Meet, Jhajjar
- 16-20 Denis' Ordination, Mysore
- 24-30 JCSA, Hyderabad
- 31 Delhi Office

SAHAYOG

Community: After being home after the death of his beloved mother, in the wee hours of August 3, **Fr. Dayal** returned to Delhi. On 6th, **Fr. Jinesh** left for a short home visit before he leaves for Innsbruck for his doctoral studies. On 7th evening the community joined in the Jubilee Celebration of Fr. George Peter and Br. John Purackal at St. Xavier's. On 10th, a few of us joined the birthday celebrations of Fr. Anil Kispotta at Shahbad. After completing his BEd in Namchi **Sch. Paul Mickey** returned to the province. On 15th, after the Mass which

was offered for the nation, we had a flag-hoisting ceremony in front of Sahayog and NRC. Xavier's community joined in for the function. A Memorial Mass for **Fr. Mathew's** eldest brother Dr. P.P. Joseph and for Fr Dayal's mother, Mrs. Frances Mary, was offered on 16th. Nearby communities joined in praying for the departed souls. On the same day, though fifteen days late, we celebrated the birthday of Fr Dayal. All the Jesuits who attended the Mass joined in for the celebration. Fr. Joshy and Fr. Sherry from Jaipur had dropped in for some errand. When they returned, Fr. Provincial too joined them to attend the JXEA's General Body Meeting. On the way back he visited Behror and Jhajjar. A number of saplings were planted in front of Sahayog and behind the building. We do not know who would eat the fruits of them when they yielded. On 21st we had relief from sweltering heat. From early morning till evening, we had heavy rains. **Fr. Ed Daly**, who is in Jivodaya Hospital, is visited by the community members regularly with his favourite chocolates. He is doing well. A number of Jesuits and non-Jesuits visited the community. Thank you for giving us a chance to be of help to you, guys.

Dayal

NRC: Fifteen ladies belonging to Women Christian Temperance Union of India had a two-day program at NRC from the morning of August 7. A one-day program for about 13 people was organized by Timoti Initiative on 31st.

Dayal

IISR: IISR collaborated in an international event, Global Conference of *Fratelli Tutti*, on August 18. The organizers wanted the Indian scholars to relate the conference to the Corona-19 pandemic situation in India. **Fr. Job** made a presentation on "The Corona-19

Pandemic - Human-Made or Nature-Given: A Critical Look at Its Origin in Light of *Fratelli Tutti*." It was attended by a large number of scholars from various parts of the world. IISR is also collaborating with SFS College, Nagpur, in a national webinar on Sept 18, on "Recent Developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Their Impact on Religion and Society."

Job

ST. XAVIER'S, BEHROR

School: Fr. Joe Vila organized a second seminar for the teachers on justice. He imparted the legacy of the Society of Jesus during the seminar; he also dealt with the story of Fr. Stan Swamy. The new 'Jubilee Parking Area' in the school campus was inaugurated on July 31 as part of the Ignatian Year celebration. We held a short function to felicitate our teachers **Rakesh** and **Manoj** as they completed 25 years of service in this institution. All the teachers come to school on all working days and take online classes from the school. A number of parents drop in with homework books along with their children to get them corrected by their teachers. The 75th Independence Day of India was celebrated starting with the hoisting of the National Flag by **Fr. Joseph Kochu**. All the teachers and the parishioners were present for the function. The teachers put up a cultural program and snacks were distributed for all. Our school is a centre for the improvement and compartment exams. It is going on well and we are keeping all the protocols of Covid.

House: Fr. Shaju received a fitting farewell from St. Xavier's School, Shahabad two years after he left the place on July 31. The community of Bhiwadi came to Behror to celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius. Fr. Shaju visited a doctor with complaint of ear pain and **Sch. Gnana** and **Fr. Sebastian A.** went to a dentist with various dental complaints. Sch. Gnana has gone home to take part in the wedding of his sister.

Parish: The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated in the parish with various programmes organized by the youth with the help of Sch. Gnana. A short procession before the Mass was appreciated by all. After the Gospel reading the youth put up a short skit depicting the life of St. Ignatius. The feast of Our Lady was celebrated with specially arranged items at Mass. The parishioners did profit from the sharing of experience from a

parishioner. They joined the school for the hoisting of the national flag after the Mass.

Sebastian A.

ST. XAVIER'S, BHIWADI

Community: The community celebrated the birthday of our Superior **Fr. Glenn**. Jesuits from different neighbouring communities joined us for the birthday celebration. The visitation of Fr. Provincial added colour to our community. Fr. Joy John was down with low sugar. He was immediately admitted to the hospital here. Now he is back to his normal self.

School: The school celebrated the birthday Fr. Glenn in the company of a few teachers. On the Independence Day **Sr. Ranjana FSLG**, our collaborator, hoisted the flag. We had virtual Independence Day celebration. Sr. Ranjana gave the message, children sang patriotic songs and presented a dance. We participated in the inter school online competitions of various events organised by Xavier's Shahabad. Our school secured 3 first positions and 2 second prizes. Our teachers attended a number of webinars organized by CBSE on NEP 2020 and also by Sahodaya Schools. Our school organized many cultural competitions like inter-house English and Hindi Debate, Collage Making and Rhyme Recitation for Prep. Patriotic Solo Singing Competition, Calligraphy and Class Assemblies on various themes were held on the occasion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. We are planning to start offline classes for Classes 9-12.

Maria Sadan: Our candidates participated in the flag hoisting ceremony in the school. They are kept busy with various activities like exercise, gardening, cleaning and of course, studies. They are preparing to go to school after a long time.

Parish: We have regular Sunday mass. A number of faithful are regular for mass. We are planning to conduct Novena to Mother Mary.

Antony Arul

ST. XAVIER'S, JAIPUR

Community: Fr. Arun Moozhi came over to Jaipur to write TOEFL Exams scheduled for Aug 4th and 6th. **Fr. Nelson**, **Fr. Packiam** and **Fr. Jose Vatta** attended the monthly recollection organized by Jaipur Diocese for the clergy on 5th. On the same day evening we had community mass and faith sharing based on an Ignatian theme. Fr. Joshy's

birthday was celebrated on 6th August in the community. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Periya who were in Newta, also, joined us for the celebration. On 8th Fr. Nelson, **Fr. Joshy**, **Sch. Manish** and **Sch. Aravind** went to Bhiwadi for the birthday celebration of Fr. Glenn. Fr. Jose Vatta began his much awaited final year University Exams on 10th and completed them on 25th. After the exams Jose took two days off to go to Delhi where he stayed with his brother unwinding and refreshing himself. **Fr. K.P. George** gave a recollection talk to the SFN Sisters in Jhotwara and heard their Confessions on 11th. Sch. Aravind and Sch. Manish, as part of their theological formation, started giving short introduction to Mass once a week. However, they were soon down with a bout of viral fever. A weeklong complete rest and isolation helped them recover fast. On 15th Fr. Joshy along with Fr. Sherry from Newta made a quick-business- trip to our Provincialate in Delhi. Fr. Soosai Mani joined them on their return trip to Jaipur after two days. Fr. Packiam's birthday was celebrated along with Joshy's on 18th in the presence of Fr. Provincial, Jesuits from Newta, Behror, Mahwa and Bhiwadi and our collaborator-Sisters from Jaipur, Mahwa and Nevta. Before the birthday bash, Fr. Provincial chaired a General Body meeting of JXEA to discuss about the roles and responsibilities of Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary. Fr. Nelson was out of town from 22nd to 28th as he had gone to Bangalore to conduct the Ignatian Leadership Programme. Our veterans **Fr. Tony Chelakat** and **Fr. Mani** are hale and hearty by the grace of God. While Tony misses working in the garden tending to the plants and nurturing them Mani misses his bonhomie with his little friends in the school.

Joshy

School: Several scholastic and co-scholastic techniques were used to assess the students' performance and learning in the month of August. Among the online competitions held were tricolour flag making, poem recitation, slogan writing, patriotic song, patriotic dance competition at junior level, and drawing competition at senior level. On 7th, an online PTM was held for all the classes. Majority of the parents were present, and teachers provided valuable suggestions to the students for their academic improvement. On 15th, the 75th Independence Day was commemorated online with a meaningful class-wise assembly to pay tribute to our freedom fighters. On 18th,

a lottery was held to select a group of willing parents to form the school level Fee Committee. It was held in the Principal's Office in the presence of the Manager, Principal, Vice Principals, and a lawyer. The entire process was meticulously documented. The school is now preparing to reopen offline classes for Classes 9-12 on Sept 1, in accordance with the state govt and education dept guidelines.

Packiam

Parish: The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated in the parish on August 1. An entrance dance by a child was the attraction of the day. Although the fear of the pandemic was still looming around, about 130 people gathered for the celebrations. The Jesuit Community sponsored good refreshments in packets which Fr. Packiam got it organized well. The 75th Independence Day and the Feast of the Assumption were celebrated in the parish on 15th. The celebrations began with the hoisting of the National Flag by Fr. N.V. Mani in front of the Church. Fr. Nelson D'Silva was the main celebrant for the Mass in which a good number of people participated. Fr. K.P. George preached a Triduum to the MC Sisters in C-Scheme from 18th to 20th. The Sisters from the Prathap Nagar Community also joined the C-Scheme Community for talks. Fr. K.P. George concelebrated with Bishop Oswald Lewis in Prathap Nagar Convent, on their feast. Feast of St. Monica was celebrated in the parish on 29th; we prayed for all women and especially for all mothers. The feast was well organized by the assigned Zone and Parish Women's Cell. Fr. Joshy was the main celebrant of the Mass. At the Mass scapulars were blessed and distributed to all women and group photo of women present was taken. On 30th Fr. K.P. George officiated the burial of Joseph Dessa, a parishioner to whom he had administered the anointing of the sick and gave the viaticum. Novena to BVM was begun at 6:30 pm on 30th. The specially made flag of BVM was hoisted by Fr. Joshy prior to the Mass. The novena prayers were shared among all the parishioners and the Religious. On the first day there was a huge congregation.

K.P. George

ST. XAVIER'S, MAHWA

Fr. Jose Kuriakose has managed, in his quiet ways, to successfully complete his MSc in Psychology from Singhania University, Rajasthan, during the pandemic period. This is

his second Post Graduate Degree. A new borewell is dug, next to the school building, to ensure regular water supply to the Residence and the School. On the Independence Day after the Sunday Mass, the National Flag was hoisted by Headmistress **Sr. Shanti FSM**. Mr. Prakash George, a teacher gave a meaningful message on the occasion. Some teachers and a few students were present for the function.

Class 9 off-line classes will resume on Sept 1, as per the Rajasthan Govt directive. Hopefully without much further delay the government may allow the lower classes too to function off-line. **Fr. Jugal** is busy with last minute preparations to begin the classes. The long-awaited arrival of Regent **Sch. Paulus Dungdung** will be on Sept 13. At present he is appearing for his much-delayed MA exams in Ranchi. The FSM Sisters' Provincial Sr. Shalini Saleth will be visiting us for two days. She will meet Bishop Oswald Lewis in Jaipur on Sept 2.

John Ari

ST. XAVIER'S, NEVTA

Community: Fr. Soosai Mani made two quick visits to the campus this month to be part of the orientation programme and to attend JXEA General Body meeting. Fr. Periya also came along Fr. Soosai. **Fr. Rex** made a short visit to Vijayawada from August 8 to 14. We had a meaningful Independence Day celebration in the campus in a limited way. The Christian community celebrated Mother Mary's feast cum Independence Day with some games and get-together. **Fr. Sherry** left for a home visit on 15th. **Fr. Sangeeth** got his second eye operated for cataract on 27th and now he is able to see fully well.

School: With heavy rains in the first week of August the whole campus witnessed flooding. The online classes are going on in full swing. The teachers and students are busy like honey bees. Various activities like quiz, speech competition and debate were conducted online. The teachers have become experts in conducting the activities online through Microsoft Team Platform. The 75th Independence Day was celebrated virtually. Col (Rtd) Mr. Manan Mukul, an alumnus of St. Xavier's C-Scheme, was the chief guest. His virtual address was very inspiring for staff and students. The students finished their Internal Assessment 1 in an online platform. This year the results of Class 10 and 12 were not thrilling due to pandemic guidelines given by the

CBSE to evaluate the academic performance of the students. The first batch of Class 12 students had reason to be happy with the results, but some students were disappointed. Some of them are rewriting their exams to improve their results.

College: On August 7, the new academic session for senior students started with an Orientation Programme aptly titled, "New Campus and New Spirit". The celebration commenced with floral tribute to the portrait of St Ignatius of Loyola, lighting of the lamp, readings from the Sacred Scriptures, and invoking divine blessings by Fr. Soosai Mani, Provincial. Shri Sandesh Nayak, Commissioner, College Education was the Chief Guest. The Jesuit Community presented the newly instituted Ignatian Award to Shri Ajay Kochar and Ms Aparna Joshi for having shared the Jesuit vision of '*Creating men and women for others*' by their outstanding contribution to the suffering humanity during Covid-19 relief activities organised by the College. The online classes began on 10th for the second and final year students. On 13th, AICUF, in collaboration with ISREAC, organised an 'Organ Donation Awareness' webinar with Dr. Prakash Medatwal of NIMS Medical College as the resource person. On 15th, the Student Council organised the 75th Independence Day celebration with great enthusiasm following the norms for social distancing. The programme started with flag hoisting and a guard of honour accorded by NSS volunteers to Shri Pankaj Jain and Shri Amardeep Soni who were honoured with 'Corona Warriors' Award. On this grand occasion, children from the nearby villages adopted by the College came up with dance performances and gave the message of unity in diversity through their cultural events. The Department of Economics and Psychology, in collaboration with Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics, Mumbai offered an online certificate course titled "Data Analytics - An Introduction to R Programming" for students from August 18 to Sept 17. On 18th, the Library Committee celebrated the National Librarians' Day with an online session on '*Gateway to knowledge: The Role of Libraries in Higher Education*'. The Resource person was Dr. Dipti Gulati, Librarian, Institute of Information Technology and Management, New Delhi. On 19th, the Rovers and Rangers Club and the Photography Club organised a National Online Photography Contest on the

World Photography Day. The Contest aimed at identifying the creative skills of photographers. Training, Internship, and Placement Cell organised an orientation and an online workshop on Resume Writing and Interview Skills on 24th & 25th. Ms. Fatima Abbas, an International Certified Trainer, trained students to enhance their interview skills and writing CV. Swachhta Action Plan Committee in collaboration with Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin, Dept of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj and Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India organised a seven-day workshop from 24th to 31st to create awareness about the Swachh Bharat Mission among the staff and students. It was inaugurated by Shri Vishwa Mohan Sharma, Director, Swachh Bharat Mission, Govt. of Rajasthan as the Chief Guest and Shri Parag Choudhary, Additional OIC, SBM-G as the Guest of Honour. Shri Vishwa Mohan Sharma explained to the participants on the importance of cleanliness and how to motivate the masses to incorporate the essence of Swachhta into their lives.

Nevta Jesuits

ST. XAVIER'S, RAJ NIWAS MARG

School: Pedro Arrupe Interschool Declamation Contest of Class 10 was held on August 5. Eleven prestigious schools participated in the event. English and Hindi Elocution Finals were held on 10th, 11th and 12th. Each Class in all three departments prepared and conducted separate assemblies on the occasion of the 75th Independence Day. On 17th, an Interclass Personality Contest was held for Class 12. On 18th, a tree plantation ceremony was held; saplings were planted in memory of Mr. K.J. Devasia, Fr. P.T. Augustine, Dr. Shekhar Aggarwal and Mr. Ravi. It was organized by Mytree in association with Tarumitra. The Ramanujan Club organized a Mathematics Quiz for Classes 8 and 10 on 18th and 26th. A webinar on Waste Management was organized by Tarumitra Club for the students of Class 8 on 27th. For the students of Classes 6 and 7 an awareness session was conducted on the topic Electrical Safety During Monsoon and Safety Tips on Kite Flying. G.K. Quiz was conducted for Classes 2-4 on 17th. Slogan Writing Competition was conducted for Classes 5-7 on 9th. The Prep Assembly on the Independence Day started by seeking God's blessings through prayer songs. Students,

donned in colourful dresses, expressed love for their nation by singing and dancing on patriotic numbers. They had decorated their rooms with flags, balloons and kites in tricolour. A few students, dressed up as freedom fighters, quoted some of their famous sayings. The young learners coloured worksheets and made the Indian Flag using origami sheets and paper folding. Students made *rakhi* with different decorative materials. National Sports Day was also celebrated on 27th by the Prep children. Students also participated in interschool events at Montfort School and Presentation Convent School.

T.J. Jose

Community: Fr Manoj Tirkey, after completing his course in Namchi, joined the community on August 11. He will assist in the school administration as well as the house minister. Dn Denis had gone home to fix a date for his ordination. After a long wait on 12th he got an appointment with the bishop and fixed the Ordination on October 18 and Thanksgiving Mass on 19th. He came back on August 31. On August 21 Fr. Reneesh (PAT) arrived at Xavier's and halted for 3 days before he left for Boston for studies. While he was still on his way, his father met with an accident and passed away. Since Fr. Tom Kunnunkal was feeling weak and indisposed, he was admitted to Jivodaya Hospital. When it was confirmed that the symptoms are caused by dengue, he was shifted to Holy Family for intensive care. Then it was Fr K. T. Thomas' turn to report general weakness. The doctors at Holy Family concluded that the symptoms are due to hyperthyroidism.

Augustine

ST. XAVIER'S, SHAHBAD

Community: On August 2 Fr. Scaria and Fr. Anil Kispotta met Fr. Provincial and Treasurer and discussed with them the financial situation of the school. On 3rd we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Remy with mass in the morning and dinner in the evening with sisters from both the CJ communities. On 4th Fr. Remy left for Bettiah to settle some property issues and returned on 13th. While at home Fr. Remy celebrated his birthday with his sisters. Again he left for Bettiah on 28th. On 7th five of us participated in the Diamond Jubilee celebration of Br. John Purackal and Fr. George Peter at Raj Niwas Marg. It was superbly organised by the local community with a solemn Jubilee Mass and a fabulous

dinner. Thanks a million to Xavier Community, especially to Fr. Augustine, Br. John, Fr. Britto, Fr. T.J. Jose & his magnificent Choir. On 10th we celebrated Fr. Anil's birthday. Jesuits from both Delhi communities and sisters from both Rohini communities participated in it. On 15th Fr. Pradeep Kujur (RAN) paid us a visit. On 16th five of us participated in the month's mind mass and the birthday celebration of Fr. Dayal in Sahayog. On 22nd afternoon Fr. Scaria, Fr. Varkey P. and **Br. Gyan** along with Fr. John Ravi made a visit to Bhwadi and on the way back they visited Jhajjar. Fr. Varkey M. came along with them. On 26th **Fr. Varkey P.**, accompanied by Fr. Varkey M., went to Escorts Hospital for a check-up. On 28th morning, led by Fr. George Peter, Fr. Remy and Fr. Varkey M. made an exploratory trip to Narela. Fr. Varkey M. left for Raj Niwas Marg in the evening. In the last week of August Fr. Varkey P. helped out at St. Alphonsa's Church, Shahbad as the parish priest was out of station.

Remy

Parish: On August 1 the new office bearers of our youth group took charge; now they take care of the Sunday liturgy. Govt has not removed the restrictions on religious gatherings; therefore we continue with online masses on Fridays and Sundays. On 15th we celebrated the feast of the Assumption and the Independence Day. After Mass Fr. Varkey Perekatt hoisted the national flag and youth group member Mr. Abhishek Kumar delivered an inspiring speech. During the month Parish Priest Fr. Scaria visited some houses and blessed them. On 30th we started the novena in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady. The novena prayers were sent out to the groups through WhatsApp. In the evenings we have Rosary, Mass and Novena in the church. We had an offline meeting with one group while we continue with online meetings with other groups and thus keep in touch with the families.

Scaria

School: The month of August began with the second Periodic Tests for Classes 1-5. The First Term Exams for Class Prep commenced in the first week of the month. A beautiful Independence Day Assembly with the theme of patriotism was organized on 14th. With an array of programs like dances, songs, speeches and slogans the students showcased the patriotism and sacrifice of the

freedom fighters with a modern twist. To mark the occasion, Junior School organized Fancy Dress competition for Class Prep and Patriotic Song competition for Class 4. A seminar on the topic 'Happy Teachers Create Happy Classrooms' was organized on 16th for teachers by Capt. Rekha Sharma, a resource person for CBSE Capacity Building Programs. It's a time yet again to be proud as our students brought accolades to the school by winning prizes in inter-school competitions. Aysel Maria Raju of 10 C secured second position in Declamation Contest held by St. Xavier's, Raj Niwas. Neeva Dabas of 10 A secured second place in Hindi Debate organised by Lotus Valley International School. We organized virtual online interschool competition in Social Science, Commerce, Computer and Hindi on 17th; about 15 schools from across India participated. Virtual PTMs were conducted from 18th to 27th for all the classes. A special PTM was organized for the selected students of Junior School to help them improve their regularity and academics. A webinar for parents of Class 11 was organized by the class teachers. The teachers explained to the parents the CBSE guidelines of Term I and Term II. They also spoke on the four pillars that support an all-round development of a child. Interclass competitions during the month brought out the hidden talents of our students. Mathematics Paper Folding activity of Class 6 showcased their creativity by making 3-D geometrical shapes with origami paper. A GK quiz was organized for Class 8. English quiz competition was held for Classes 3-4. *Rakhi* making was organized for Classes 2-3 to fabricate beautiful *Rakhis* for their siblings. Keeping the spirit of *Vanmahotsav* alive the Tarumitra Club organized a tree plantation week; saplings were planted in the school garden area. Students tied *Rakhies* to the trees in their homes. E-Report Cards of First Term Exams for Class Prep were sent to the parents on 28th. The school is a centre for conducting Board Compartment and Improvement Exams which started on 25th. Congratulations to the students and teachers for the excellent Board results!

Kispotta

LVI: As soon as the Delhi Govt gave permission to Classes 10 & 12 students to visit their schools for Practicals, the LVI presumed permission and opened its doors to our students, for we are registered with NIOS. We

have 75 trainees doing regular practicals, in batches, for various vocational courses, observing the Corona protocols. We re-opened also our tailoring centre in Sector-27 with its full capacity of 15 trainees. We have signed a contract for renting a bigger room because of the rising demand. LVI's new extension centre at Narela, which was closed due to Corona, was re-opened and we have 23 trainees for two courses. Our 45 SHGs have their regular meetings in Sectors 26 & 27. The Lokmanch activities are going on in our nearby slums and JJ colonies. POSA invited our Lokmanch animators for an evaluation meeting at Jorbagh.

George Peter

ALMORA

Our new priest **Fr. Sahil Gill** was in Almora to celebrate St. Ignatius feast with us. He left for home on August 6. After the feast day celebration we went close to Khairna for fishing, relaxation and entertainment but unfortunately we got only 7 small fish. On 4th we were invited by Bageshwar Parish Priest to celebrate St. Vianney's feast. On 4th-5th we had auditing. After Mass on 8th we went on a community picnic to Gaijol Jharna. While fishing **Fr. Pradeep** jumped into Choti Koshi and came out without his spectacles which was found after few minutes of search. Dwarahat area had very heavy rains making the river flooded so much that we were not able to cross it. Later, we took the help of nearby bridge to cross the river. After the consult **Fr. Rakesh** returned to Almora along with Sch. Paul Micky and **Fr. Anil** on 17th. On 26th we had community mass with the theme "Place us, Father, with your Son". Two of the Behror teachers **Ms. Madhulika Sharma** and **Rajesh Soni** were in Almora with their family on a short visit. On 28th **Fr. Rakesh**, **Fr. Pradeep** and Sch. Paul Micky visited Basauli centre. On 29th after the Holy Eucharist we went to Gaijol and cleared the ginger field of wild grass. **Fr. Pradeep**, **Fr. Rakesh** and Sch. Paul Micky attended deanery recollection on 30th; **Sch. Anupam** stayed back due to his online exam.

Rakesh

ROPAR

Parish: As the Punjab Govt relaxed the Covid-19 protocols, church services resumed in the state. We opened our parish church for prayer, adoration and Eucharist. Our parish youth celebrated the International Youth Day

on August 8 in a unique way in the church. The Parish Priest **Fr. Vincent** takes various initiatives to make the parish more active and participatory. Activities such as music class for youth, spoken English class and catechism for adults are organised.

School: The school campus looks beautiful with lush green playground and newly planted trees growing fast. On August 2 we received a demand notice from the CLU office for payment and obtaining CLU. The money was paid on 4th and CLU certificate obtained for 5 acres of land on 10th. Congratulations to **Fr. Shekhar** and Mr. Kamaljit Rana, our school advocate who worked relentlessly for the same. Now **Fr. Shekhar** is busy with NOC file work. The Punjab govt announced the reopening of schools for all classes from August 2 with proper observance of Covid-19 protocols. After receiving consent of parents/guardians, we reopened the school on 9th for Classes 6-8, on 11th for Classes 3-5 and on 16th for Classes Nursery-2. More than 50% of the children are coming to school and the rest are continuing with the online classes. 75th Independence Day was celebrated in a grand style in the school premises on 15th with the students, teachers and parents participating in the celebration. **Fr. Jose Philip**, our manager, hoisted the flag. This was followed by singing of patriotic songs and dances and speeches. Two of our children highlighted the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters to obtain independence for our Nation. On this day a new assembly ground adjoining the old Building was inaugurated. The reconstruction of the boundary wall is in progress. The weather in Punjab is still hot and humid with some spells of showers now and then.

Community: On August 2, we celebrated **Fr. Shekhar's** birthday along with Holy family Sisters. On 7th **Fr. Vincent** came back after spending time with his ailing mother. He requests our continued prayers for the good health and wellbeing of his mother. On 12th we had a collaborators' meeting in which we shared life in the Ropar mission. Anadpur Sahib land's free electricity connection was disconnected on July 25. The landowner from whom we purchased the land transferred the three phase line into his name. For the time being we have upgraded our single phase electricity connection which is in the name of **Fr. Joseph Kalathil**.

Shekhar

KHARAR/MORINDA

All the SHGs in different villages have recovered from the lull created by different waves of Corona virus. Our animators visit the village folks regularly and animate SHG and Mahila-mandal functions. We are in the process of beginning a few SHGs and sewing-based skill training groups for women in villages. **Fr. Robin** accompanied three animators for the gathering of NGOs and their networking organized by Carmel Social Services at Hoshiarpur, Punjab on August 21. He addressed the gathering and put up a 7-minute presentation on the vision and activities of Sankalp Society and GSSSC Ropar. This turned out to be a meaningful exposure for the animators as well.

Despite regular rains we could gather small groups of village youth, sensitize them against substance abuse and the services Sankalp society renders for deaddiction and rehabilitation. Seven *nukkad-nataks* in villages and three in different educational institutions were presented during the month. Four persons who struggle due to substance abuse have approached our volunteers in view of deaddiction process, yet it is a hard task to get them to the deaddiction centre with their full consent.

Sch. Pawan keeps himself busy with his online theology classes. His occasional visits to Kharar property and garden there, keeps him and the care taker in good spirits. The new care taker has infused new enthusiasm and vibrancy into the trees and plants, within the property. Similarly, once a month visit of all community members from Ropar to Morinda provides sufficient social support to the extended community members at Morinda.

Robin

JAHANGIRPURI

In the month of August we resumed the Sunday Eucharist and other spiritual activities in the parish after long time. The faithful are very happy to have Eucharistic celebration. We also started vocational skill training from August 2. On 13th, **Deacon Devadoss** left Delhi for his Ordination scheduled for 30th. We celebrated the feast of Assumption of Our Lady and the Independence Day in the presence of a few parishioners on 15th. On 20th, **Fr. Arunmozhi** went for his home visit and to attend Devdoss' Ordination. On 29th, we celebrated the feast of St. Monica with a solemn mass and honoured our mothers with

a tea party. Fr. Manoj broke the word of God and highlighted traditional and modern spirituality in his sermon. At the beginning of Mass **Fr. Anil Minj** welcomed Sr. Provincial of PBVM, Fr. Manoj and Dn. Denis on behalf of the parishioners.

Anil Minj

ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE, SITAGARHA

The new classroom set up at the juniorate here brought a new beginning in August. Juniors were introduced to morning yoga by **Fr. K.C. Philip**. On 7th, the SSC community officially welcomed the new Tertian Fathers after a week of quarantine. The community celebrated the birthday of our new Rector **Fr. Anil Aind** on 12th with a grand manner. On the Independence Day we participated in the flag hoisting and the cultural programs. That day evening **Fr. Vinod Kerketta**, Minister of the house, pronounced his final vows. Fr. Santosh Kujur, provincial of Hazaribagh officiated at the Mass. Jesuits from nearby communities joined us for the fellowship meal. **Fr. Benny Moolan** conducted a weeklong seminar on media education and introduced the Juniors to PPT, Video Editing, Photoshop, etc. The Juniors had their first dose of vaccination and they are back to their desks to resume their studies. On 28th, the Tertians began their Long Retreat. All are hale and hearty.

Rohan Ignatius

DHYAN ASHRAM, CALCUTTA JUNIORATE

On June 26, Scholastics Anmol Soreng, Ashish Tete and Deepen Kerketta arrived at Dhyan Ashram, Kolkata, for Juniorate. On 28th, we had our Inaugural Mass of the Holy Spirit followed by faith sharing on the following two days. The Juniors staged a cultural programme called Juniors Got Talent on July 17, where each Junior presented his unique talents and skills. The community celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius on 31st with a solemn mass, fun games and matches, a short evening cultural program and quiz competition. On August 8 we began our Sunday ministry; we conduct prayer service in Bengali, distribute communion and visit families. On 15th, we patriotically commemorated the 75th Independence Day with parade, patriotic songs, and speeches in Bengali, Hindi and English delivered by a Novice and two Juniors. The national flag was hoisted by Mrs. Miloni, one of our co-workers and this year's chief guest. On 28th we

celebrated the birthday of **Sch. Rohit Xess**. Same day we had monthly recollection and evening get together programme with staff members. We, 11 Juniors, are currently involved in umpteen activities such as delivering short speeches, learning computer skills, and presenting current affairs apart from our regular classes.

Barnabas

LOYOLA SADAN, LUCKNOW

Masterji **Fr. Christopher** was out for a few days to bring a staff to our house. Fr. George Nedumattam from Kaiserganj was here for a while on his way home to attend his father's funeral on August 5. **Fr. Joseph Kootinal** left for Kaiserganj to keep company with Fr. Rajesh. We celebrated Socius **Fr. Nicholas'** birthday a evening programme which we planned well. Fr. Master took initiative to teach us hymns. As an expression of our homage to Fr. Stan Swamy a skit on his life was performed. It was much appreciated. The neighbouring religious sisters enjoyed the programme and spoke well of our performance. Fr. Mani Poovakot takes English for us; we are introduced to effective use of the dictionary and sounds of phonetic symbols along with grammar. Fr. Socius taught us good manners and now we are with his liturgy classes. Fr. Joe Kootinal took two sessions on phonetic symbols and their pronunciation with the aid of audio which inspired us to put in more effort during voice culture. Five novices were under medication from the beginning of the month and three of them recovered by month end. We got opportunities to improve our cooking skills since our cook was sick. Commemorating the year dedicated to St. Joseph we had Labour Day on 28th. Our formators work along with us, which is always an inspiration for us. Fr. Jose Elampassery paid a short visit to the community as he came Lucknow for directing an 8-day retreat to the neighbouring community, the M.C. sisters.

Jeyin Jacob

SANJIVAN NIWAS, PATNA

Patna started cooling down with the arrival of monsoon. Nearly after one and a half decades, the pre-novices brought life to Sanjivan Niwas through their youthful presence. We are 21 pre-novices from the Provinces of Patna, Delhi, Jamshedpur and Dumka-Raiganj. Regent **Sch. Maneesh** arrived here on June 23. The inaugural Eucharist of the academic year 2021-22 was

celebrated by **Fr. Sushil Bilung** on June 29. In July and August we had various celebrations. First of all, responding to the call of our Pope Francis, we moved out to wish our elders at various communities, namely, Xavier Bhavan, St. Michael's and Holy Cross Sisters at Asha Sadan. We also organised a wonderful Elders' Day program for our neighbouring Jesuit communities in the Pre-novitiate. The life of our elderly fathers, brothers and sisters are very inspiring for all of us. On the feast day of St. Ignatius Provincial Fr. Donald Miranda visited us and inspired us through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Sch. Maneesh had trained Pre-novices so well that they could put up a good fight with Patna Scholastics in the basketball match at XTTI campus on the eve of the Feast of St. Ignatius. On August 15, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady with a special Mass and offered prayers for our country. After the mass Director of Sanjivan Niwas Fr. Antony Samy, hoisted the national flag. A short program on the terrace and parade by pre-novices followed; sweets were distributed to all. On the same day Pre-novices played a basketball match with Khaspur village youth at Gyanodaya court. Pre-novices gave a tight fight, however the village boys won the match. Sch. Maneesh was remembered and welcomed by the village boys with whom he had related during his Juniorate days. We enjoyed half-day outing on 20th as the govt relaxed Covid restrictions. It was a good exposure for us. We participated in the funeral service of Fr. Joe Parekkattil on 27th. As the Kurji Parish is opened for the faithful, we happily join the parishioners for the Eucharist.

Leo Tagore

XAVIER NILAYA, BANGALORE

On August 7 early morning **Fr. Shailendra** (AND), our new community member, returned from Kerala after a month of treatment. Candidate Ronaldo was admitted to St. Martha's Hospital on 8th due to acute pain in his stomach; he was discharged on 11th. On 13th Schs. Nelson (PAT), Romero (DEL) and Macwin (KAR) from Mangalore made a very short visit to our house. On the Independence Day soon after the mass we had a short flag hoisting ceremony. Mr. Francis Colaco, former DGP of Karnataka, was the chief guest of the day. Candidate Snoban gave the Independence Day speech. On 24th **Fr. Daniel** went to his native place to meet his sick aunt and returned on 30th. On 28th Sch.

Prabhat (PAT) was here for a day with us and the following day he left for his college studies in Mangalore. Sch. Gnana Muthu (DEL) paid a short visit to us. Candidate Vesly left the house for good on 30th. On 31st we celebrated the birthdays of all those candidates whose birthdays fell in this and the last month.

Prakash Toppo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September	October
01 Mathews, Ajay	02 Kerketta, Jack
02 Arulsamy, Amalraj	02 V, Gyanprakash
11 Immac, Andrews	12 *Rex Angelo
15 Abraham Amalraj	14 Kujur, Ashwin
16 S, Arockia Swamy	14 S, Leo Arockiaraj
17 Adwin	17 Indwar, Pradeep
17 A, Chrisostone	19 *Ekka, James
17 George Mla	20 V, Robin
22 A, Antony Arul	25 Minj, Anil
22 Purackal, John	25 Rezin, Romero
28 S, Periyannayagam	28 Gill, Sahil
29 Arockiam, Dominic	28 Kurapati, Joseph
29 K.T. Thomas	28 Perumailil,
30 Joseph Kochupura	Augustine

New Books

St. Pauls Publications has published Antarik Jharoka Vol 1 & 2 by Fr. Raymond Cherubim. They are valuable resources for Value Education. They are also available at Prabhat Prakashan, Patna.

GONE FOR THEIR ETERNAL REWARD

Fr. Cheruparambil J John (AND 72/56) on August 7.

Fr. Gregory Naik (GOA 88/70) on August 9.

Fr. Roshan Lobo (KAR 49/32) on August 13.

Fr. Joseph Parekkattil (PAT 85/65) on August 27.

Fr. Mani Nedumattam's eldest brother Mr. C.D. Ignatius on August 5.

Fr. Sebastian Jeera's paternal uncle Mr. Thomas Jeerakassery, 76, on August 21.

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AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

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Pope Francis' prayer intention for this month of September is for an Environmentally

Sustainable Lifestyle, reminding us that the Encyclical Laudato Si is not only a "green" Encyclical, it is also a "social" Encyclical.

The Holy Father's prayer intention calls us to make a radical change in our attitudes and behaviour. Last month, the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a group of scientists whose findings are endorsed by the world's governments, shared its alarming report that human activity is changing the climate in unprecedented and sometimes irreversible ways. The UN chief called it a "code red for humanity." The study warns that if we don't change our ways drastically, we are going to have increasingly extreme heat waves, droughts, and flooding.

UN Secretary General António Guterres said: "If we combine forces now, we can avert climate catastrophe." Working together with people of good will, we can make a change. I am grateful that we have many Jesuits and collaborators in our province, and around the world, who care for God's creation and wish to protect and preserve our Mother Earth for future generations. Some have harnessed solar energy, others have planted numerous indigenous saplings, while still others have worked hard to separate waste and work towards a zero-garbage house/institution. In keeping with Laudato Si, we can all make a sincere commitment to use less stuff, waste less material, and recycle what can be reused.

This September, with Pope Francis "we pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this."

Roland Coelho SJ

