



An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

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



SEP 2021

- 01-02 Visitation – Xavier Residence, Porvorim
- 07 POSA consult
- 10 Province consult
- 15-16 Visitation – Jesuit House, Panjim
- 17 AGBM and visit - SWADES
- 20-21 Stan Swamy legacy – meeting at ISI, Delhi

Announcement

Varun Rodrigues, for medical reasons, left the Society on 15 August 2021. We are grateful for his years of service, wish him well for the future, and pray for his good health.

ST. ANSELM CHURCH, SOUTHALL, UK

The Jesuit Communities in London met at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, Stamford Hill on 31st July to celebrate the feast of our Founder along with the parishioners as it was also the feast of the parish. It was a good opportunity for me to meet a number of Jesuits living and working in London.

The month of August is a time when people take a break, as schools are closed for a month due to the summer vacations. This time around not many were eager to travel far because of the changing covid regulations. This has led to a steady increase in the number of people attending services offered in the Church; hence the PP has been tied down to take care of his sheep. However, I did have a day’s break visiting a few places.

The young adults of the Parish conducted a candlelit evening of prayer, adoration, singing and evangelization, called ‘Light after Eight’. The youth who were part of the evangelization called ‘Street Mission’ joined in. Just as Jesus had appointed seventy-two and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go, the youth were sent out two by two, to different streets with lamps in their hands. They spoke to the passers-by and invited them to visit the Church and light

a candle or spend some quiet time with the Lord. The main focus was to invite people of other faiths to visit the Church. It was a heart moving experience for me to see people walk up to light a candle and pray.



We all know that for a Jesuit, a life of study never ends, so I took it upon myself to celebrate Mass in Urdu once a month. I must confess I haven’t learned to read and write the Urdu script; all I do is read a translation which is in Roman script. Moreover, this gives me a certain sense of consolation otherwise this community would have missed out on the Eucharist. St. Anselm’s is a busy parish where the law of love is supreme.

Fr. Jovito D’Souza

ST STANISLAUS COLLEGE, SITAGARH

Covid-19 pandemic has brought in a lot of fear and uncertainty in the lives of people. **Allwyn** and **I (Felix)** were gripped by a similar sort of uncertainty at the time of our departure to Ranchi for our Tertianship. We arrived safely at Birsa airport, in Ranchi and thanks to Allwyn's cousin who had made all the travel arrangements. It was indeed heartening and inspiring to see Fr. Ignatius Tete, our instructor, awake at midnight ready to welcome us to the community. Our quarantine period was from 1st to 7th August.

Tertianship is a time where we revisit our roots and sources. It is also a time for reunion with companions from different provinces. On 31st July along with Jesuits from 16 different provinces we began our Tertianship programme. St. Stanislaus College community consists of Novices, Juniors, Tertians and the staff. Nearly 80 members gathered for the feast mass which was presided over by the Rector, Fr. Anil Aind.

The official inauguration of our tertianship programme was on 1st August with the celebration of the Eucharist presided by Fr. Santosh Minj, the Provincial of Hazaribagh. The theme this year was, "**With New Mind and New Heart, Seeing All Things New in Christ.**" Fr. Provincial highlighted the importance of the tertianship with stress on the life of Ignatius and the Society at large.

After the introductory classes, we were slowly led into the preparation for the long retreat beginning with the autobiography on the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola, UAPs, Spiritual Exercises, the discernment of spirits, and the Spiritual Diary. We began our long retreat on 28th August. Do keep us in your prayers.

Fr. Felix D'Silva

LOYOLA HALL, MIRAMAR

At the onset of this new academic year, Loyola Hall community has witnessed a change of faces with three new members, **Nigel**, **Menoy** and **Joswalt** joining the community. The Community is ever grateful to Malcolm who has been a true shepherd guiding the flock for the past two years and **Apollo** who during his sabbatical made a lot of difference in guiding the candidates. At the start of the month the Scholastics had their scholastic meet for three days.

Loyola Hall has a new cook, a fine lady from Jharkhand named Mary. She began her service here from June and has picked up quite a lot in the meantime. We bid farewell to our long serving coworker Mrs. Philomena Caldeira and Loyola Hall community is ever grateful to her for her generous services over the past 9 years.

This year we have 3 second and 4 first year candidates. They are slowly learning our way of proceeding and trying to groove themselves to understand their call to serve the eternal King. They have just renewed themselves with **Alendro** giving them a recollection on the theme, "Personal Relationship with God", and **Cedric** orienting them on "The importance of their call". At the moment the second years are busy answering their exams. Being the Ignatian Year the community participates in the Assistancy prayers and also share our 'Cannon ball' experiences during the time of our evening prayer. Our two theologians, **Alendro** and **Velenson** have finally reached their destination in the US after a year of patient waiting and will now continue their theological studies. **Joswalt** is moving to different communities and works of the Province, to collect information in order to help in updating the province website.

Pratap Naik's article "Fr Vasco do Rego: his contribution to Church and Konknni" was published in Revista da Casa de Goa", Portugal. Renevação, Goa published his article "The origin and Solution to Covid-19.

Brothers, feel free to visit Loyola Hall to encourage our youngsters who are discerning the will of God.

Fr Menoy D'Souza

XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE, DESUR

On 31st July, with a feeling of great joy we celebrated the feast of our founder, St Ignatius of Loyola. Prior to this, we reflected on the 'Autobiography' and had the novena. The Solemn Mass was celebrated by **Augustine P.** In his homily, he touched on the life of St. Ignatius as a faithful and brave knight of Christ. Thus, it ignited our spirit of commitment and zeal for our mission. The sisters and postulants from Gyan Niketan along with the parishioners graced this auspicious occasion and later joined us in the fellowship meal.

In the first week of August, **Ronnie** conducted a course on the Letters of St. Paul. The course consisted of a series of classes, group discussions, presentations, movie reviews, sharing, and question and answer sessions. We were enlightened by the life of St. Paul and his teachings.



We celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary and the 75th Independence Day with the Holy Eucharist, celebrated by **Savio Barreto**. With great passion, he spoke of Mary as God's masterpiece. After the Eucharist, we all proceeded to the lawn to hoist the National flag. Master Ethan D'Souza, representing the future generation of India, graced the celebration as the Chief Guest and hoisted the flag; followed by a motivating speech. Thereafter, we had the foundation ceremony of Our Lady's Grotto at St. Xavier's farm. **Savio Barreto** placed the relics of St. Francis Xavier and a mantle of Our Lady of Valankanni in the foundation.



During his short stay with us **Augustine P** enlightened us on such topics as: self-awareness, care-frontation, music, and preservation of the environment. On 19th August, we organized a farewell celebration for Augustine P and wished him well as he got ready to embark on his trip to the US for studies at Loyola University, Chicago.

Nov Neville Gonsalves

XAVIER RESIDENCE, PORVORIM

The preparations for the feast of St. Ignatius began with the novenas and a recollection for the scholastics by **Joseph Cardozo**. The theme for the recollection was, "Called to an Ignatian Way of Serving Others." The main celebrant for the feast Mass of St. Ignatius was **Joseph Cardozo** and the theme was: "**Called to imbibe the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola.**" In his homily, he stressed on the three groups of the early companions of St. Ignatius and how they faced challenges, setbacks, trials, and inquisitions. He laid emphasis on the third group, who were called friends in the Lord. He urged the community to imbibe Ignatius' spirit of being accommodative in nature, being gentle in dealings with others, being patient with companions, trusting in divine providence, learning from mistakes, at times being assertive, have his persevering attitude, ingenuity, respecting people in authority, and his farsightedness in guiding the Society of Jesus, and his faith in God.

TSKK-XCHR celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius for its staff, on July 30 at TSKK. Staff member TSKK, Swara Pednekar welcomed the gathering and was the MC for the evening. **Jose Silveira** presented a short video in Hindi highlighting some moments of Ignatius' journey.

On 28th July the XR community took part in the 'National Justice Day' prayer service for Fr. Stan Swamy.



On 9th August, **Fr. Gregory Naik** passed away peacefully at HCF. The funeral mass was presided over by **Archbishop Felipe Neri Ferrao**. In his homily, **Amit** spoke on

the tears of love and tears of sorrow. He used a ship as a metaphor to highlight the life of Gregory, that though he is out of our sight, we can see him not with the eyes of sorrow but with the eyes of faith



On 14th August, the first death anniversary Mass for **Fr. Patrick de Melo** was celebrated. Present were his close relatives, XR community members and the Scholastics resident at TSKK. **Joseph Cardozo** in his homily reflected on the gospel of the day (Mt 19:13-15) and urged the congregation to imbibe the spirit of Fr. Pat, namely, the childlikeness of Jesus manifested in His ministry through his friendly, alive, intuitive, genuine, transparent, and forgiving nature. He then highlighted how Pat listened to people, showed his compassion with understanding and love.

On 12th August, **Glinson** left for Chennai, Satya Nilayam, to continue his 2nd year of Philosophical studies. **Mark** completed his online B.A. final exam and after a short break resumed his 1st year of online Philosophical studies. **Edmond** is busy with his online classes whereas **Danzil, Irivo,** and **Swapnil** are engrossed with their courses, assignments, and exams. The Scholastics are in high spirits and the vegetable garden has begun flowering and will hopefully soon yield its produce in abundance.

Sch. Swapnil Borges

BOM JESUS, OLD GOA

The Goa Province, Ignatian Year Coordinator, **Apollo** participated in the online meeting of the Core Committee Coordinators. At the meeting the Coordinators shared briefly the programmes organised by each Province during the months of June and July. Apollo also participated in the online Ignatian Year Web page Inauguration ceremony on 7th August, at the hands of Fr. Stanislaus D' Souza, President of JCSA.

In the month of August, the **Casa Professa** community celebrated the birthdays of **Patricio**, **Jude** and **Apollo**. In keeping with tradition the community members concelebrated at the Eucharist on the respective birthdays.

The Basilica, has been opened for 'pilgrims', following the SOPs recommended by the Government. A few of the lay faithful have also begun to attend Sunday and daily masses at the Basilica of Bom Jesus.

From 2nd to 6th August, **Jude** conducted a 5-day Ignatian retreat for Postulants of the Poor Sisters of Our Lady at Diwar. Later, from 16th to 18th August, **Jude**, was invited to give talks on the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, to the Missionaries of Charity Sisters, at their convent in Carambolim. This was followed by the celebration of the Eucharist on 22nd August, to commemorate the Foundation Day of their institute.

Fr. Jude Carrasco

NORTH BELAGAVI DISTRICT (KANNADA MISSION)

On the 26th July, 12 Jesuits of the Karnataka Province from the Bijapur Mission visited us. They first set foot at Christ Niwas, where **Tom** and **Basil** extended a warm welcome and treated them with a welcome drink (herbal), followed by a short introduction of the works at Christ Niwas by Tom. They then proceeded to the Deshnur Mutt and were warmly welcomed by Swami Menino with a traditional shawl, and a garland of freshly sewn flowers. Menino briefed them on the spiritual and healing apostolate and the challenges he faces in carrying out his ministry. We then celebrated the Eucharist in the traditional

Indian style. **Prakash** gave a beautiful introduction in Kannada to the Ignatian Year. **Tom** broke the word of God and in his homily he emphasized the role of the Swamijis in this part of the mission. After the Eucharistic celebration we shared a sumptuous 'vegetarian' buffet that was prepared by the staff of the two schools. Our visitors expressed their gratitude and praises to Swami Menino for sharing with them his enriching experiences. They then left for Madwal with Prakash, who gave them a glimpse of the works of the Madwal Mutt.

On 31st July, the feast day of St. Ignatius, the Jesuits in the Kannada mission were invited to participate in the Eucharist at Our Lady of Fatima Cathedral, Belagavi that was presided over by Rev. Bishop Derek Fernandes of Belgaum Diocese. We also attended the Inauguration of St. Paul's Jesuit School (ICSE). **Menino** was the delegate of the Provincial for the Inaugural Ceremony.

Fr. Basil Vago

ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL, BELAGAVI

The solemn feast of the 500th Year of Conversion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated on 31st July. The celebrations began with the solemn concelebrated Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Fatima. The catholic students, parents, well-wishers and religious were invited to attend the festive Mass. Bp. Derek Fernandes, Bishop of Belgaum Diocese was the main celebrant. The choir sang melodious hymns in English, Hindi, Kannada and Konkani. Bishop Derek preached an inspiring homily and encouraged the faithful to imbibe the good qualities of sacrifice and service just like St. Ignatius did. A meaningful offertory procession on the life of St. Ignatius was held.



After mass St. Paul's Jesuit School, ICSE was inaugurated. Shri. Anil Benake, MLA of Belagavi North was the Chief Guest. The programme began with a prayer dance by the students. Some of the dignitaries addressed the gathering and appreciated the services of Jesuits in the field of education. The Principal, **Savio Abreu** said that it was the vision of the Jesuits that this ICSE School would be ranked as one of the best schools not only in Karnataka but on the world stage at large. The Jesuits of the Belgaum Mission were felicitated for their work in making this venture a success.

The June 2021 issue of the Alumni Magazine – 'Paulite Link' was released in the presence of Mr. Shahab Bandukwalla. The programme ended with a sumptuous fellowship meal in the school hall prepared by the staff members.



This year the School has achieved **100%** results in the SSLC Board Exam. The staff and the students deserve a pat on their backs.

Fr Sebastian Pereira

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius after being struck by a canon ball, St. Paul's Media Team came up with a very innovative idea, known as 'Ignatius and I'. From 1st to 31st July, 31 persons associated with St. Paul's School including the Archbishop of Bangalore, Bishop of Belgaum, Provincial of Goa Jesuit Province, Paulites, Teachers, Priests and Religious narrated their own 'Canon ball' experiences. These were recorded as one-minute videos and broadcast on the school YouTube channel. Besides these 31 videos, a song "St Ignatius we hail" written and composed by **Ashwin** and former Paulites was also uploaded on the YouTube. The vocals and music were rendered by St. Paul's P.U. College students.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Independence Day celebrations at St. Paul's were held on a low scale. The National Flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest, **Ronnie**, Manager of St. Paul's Institutions in the presence of the Principals, Vice-Principals and staff members. The brass band of the school was in attendance. **Savio Abreu** and a staff member, Manju Nair spoke on the sacrifices of the martyrs and our responsibilities towards our nation.

The annual talent fest cum competition for our students was held event-wise and class-wise in the school. Every student had to compulsorily participate in at least two events. Students had to record and send their performances through videos for events like: 'best out of waste', 'design on egg shell', 'solo singing', 'step touch aerobic exercise' and 'handwriting'.

To explore the talent in music of our students, a singing audition was conducted by the Media Team of St. Paul's in the month of August. The judges encouraged the participants and instructed them to put in more hours of practice with their musical instruments and encouraged them to listen to music and songs to develop a keen listening ear.

The community members are on their toes with **Ronnie** conducting an online retreat for priests. **Guy** is working on a project (behind closed doors for the time being) which will be beneficial to the province in days to come. **Tony** has been keeping himself updated with the ever-changing rules and regulations, including amendments of laws in the financial sector. The scholastics are now getting ready for offline classes, and are happy to render their services to the community members whenever the need arises.

Sch Anthony Noronha

LOYOLA, MARGAO

The mass on the feast of St. Ignatius was held on 30th July, since on the 31st the school premises was the venue for the Common Entrance Tests (CET) being conducted by the Goa Board for students applying for admissions to Std XI Science stream.

On 30th July, the main celebrant for the Feast mass in the school hall was **Joseph Cardozo** whereas the Higher Secondary staff had their celebration in the school chapel with **Amit** as the main celebrant. The purpose of having two masses at two different venues was to attend to covid-19 protocols. The community members concelebrated at the different venues. After the Eucharist, all the staff assembled in the quadrangle as **Willy** unveiled the Logo for the 'Ignatian Year'. The Logo was mounted and displayed on the wall of the school, opposite the entrance gate. This was followed with a round of refreshments. The staff of the School and Higher Secondary took the initiative to decorate the altars and be part of the choirs at the two venues. Prior to this the High School staff took time off from their busy online schedules to prepare the novenas and to upload them for all the students. The primary (unaided) staff displayed a wall paper with the theme: "Cannonball Moments."

on 28th July **Jimmy** and **Raul** attended the meeting held at Holy Spirit Church hall to commemorate National Justice Day to honour Late Fr. Stan Swamy and all that he stood for. They were joined by some religious and laity as they participated in this All India Day of Solidarity.

On 07th August, the school bid farewell to 3 of their retired staff members, namely, Mrs. Socorine Gomes, Mrs. Dorothea D'Costa and Mrs. Leopoldina Falcao. The function was earmarked with speeches of appreciation from staff members, **Pedro** the In-charge Headmaster, and **Willy** the Chairman of the Managing Committee. The retired staff members responded with messages of gratitude. The occasion ended with lunch offered by the retired staff members. Besides honouring the retired staff with potted plants, framed paintings with fingerprints of all the staff, they also received cheques from the staff, Staff Welfare Fund and the Management. The occasion was also punctuated with moments that added some laughter to an occasion that normally brings tears.

Independence Day was celebrated with the Flag

hoisting ceremony. The Chief Guest was Mrs. Dorothea D'Costa (ex-teacher of the school). Besides hoisting of the Flag and singing of the National Anthem, there was a Prayer service, speech by the Chief Guest, taking of the pledge and singing of a patriotic song. The function was organized by the staff of the High School and this programme was later sent via YouTube to the students. A wallpaper titled: "1947 - India Platinum - 2022" was displayed by the Secondary staff.

As part of the Ignatian Year programmes that has been chalked out, **Willy** conducted an input session on "The Examen" for the staff of the primaries and the High School. The staff members were also put through a practical session of how to undertake this 5-step programme. The Higher Secondary Staff will have their share in the following month.

On 25th Aug to keep alive the taste for Konkani, the High School staff under the leadership of Mr. Elliton Fernandes, organized a programme to honour Konkani writer, late Fr. Antonio Pereira, SJ on his 102nd birth anniversary. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Faust da Costa. The programme titled: "FR. ANTONIO PEREIRA SJ UGDDAS DIS" included a song on St. Ignatius of Loyola, garlanding the portrait of Fr. Pereira, showering of rose petals, lighting of the lamp, distribution of certificates of the Konkani Recitation competition held earlier in the academic year 2020-21 and spot prizes based on the Chief Guest's speech. The winners received books authored by Fr. Pereira. The programme ended with the singing of the National Anthem. Prior to the programme the Chief Guest unveiled a bulletin board that displayed book-covers of some of the books written by Fr. Pereira.

On 31st July, LESA (Loyola Ex-students Association) had their anniversary mass. It was the occasion of the installing of the New President and Executive Committee. **Jimmy** was the main celebrant and **Willy** rendered the homily. The other members of the community concelebrated. After the mass, the PAC (Province Alumni Coordinator), Willy thanked the outgoing committee and welcomed the new President and

and his team. The new President is Mr. Emanuel de Jesus Furtado.

The outgoing LESA Executive team through a benefactor presented the school with 10 microscopes, 1 high-end microscope for teachers that projects the images on to laptops with data; and 3 desktop computers. The old and new committees were present for this handing over. All this is part of improving and digitalizing the school laboratory that the out-going committee had planned during their tenure. The incoming committee has pledged to take this forward.

The Provincial, **Fr Roland** was here on his annual visitation. Besides meeting the community members, offering mass for the community and the exhortation, he also met the staff of the three institutions at a common meeting in the school hall.

Fr. William Rodrigues

TRIBALS & MIGRANTS IN GOA CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS DAY

On 8th August, Adivasis from Chhottanagpur came together to celebrate and uphold their cultural heritage. The Jesuits of Goa Province along with The Good Shepherd Congregation sisters provided them with this opportunity. They came in their traditional attire to participate and to perform their tribal dances.



The Maria Bambina sisters in Cuncolim gave an opportunity for these less privileged tribals to come together and showcase their lives. They followed the protocol required of Covid-19 and also maintained a clean environment around them. **Joe Nazareth** celebrated the Eucharist for the community and highlighted some of the important values of their respective tribes.

He encouraged them to work towards human dignity and to fight for their rights.

Tribal children performed their traditional dances and won the hearts of many; the elders too performed solo and group dances. **Thomas** was one of the evaluators for the singing competition. Sr. Maria, the Principal of the Higher Secondary in Cuncolim gave away the prizes. Mr. Blasuis, a senior leader of the tribals in Cuncolim spoke of how this ‘International Indigenous Day’ came into existence. He also appealed to the tribal community to encourage their children to acquaint themselves with their cultural heritage and to preserve it.



Joe Nazareth stressed on the three Js (Jal, Jamin, Jungle) and how these are closely related to the tribals, and how these help to preserve the environment. Sr. Monica proposed a vote of thanks and expressed her personal sentiments about how the tribals have been faithful in their workplace and encouraged them to build up that unity and harmony in Goa. The Jesuits of Goa Province along with other local partners are trying to establish a network for the safety of migrants in Goa.

Fr. Joseph Nazareth

THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE AND THE REVEALED TRUTH

The Second Vatican Council had a dream when it said: “Let the laity, therefore, diligently apply themselves to a more profound knowledge of revealed truth...” (LG, 35). Sharing in the same dream the Goa Jesuit Province (Collaborative Learning Café and Pedro Arrupe Institute) has collaborated with Vidya Jyoti, Delhi, in enrolling 13 members in the new Distance Education Programme in Theology (DEPT_H) primarily for



the lay faithful. These 13 Participants (10 lay faithful and 3 religious sisters) from Belgaum and Goa have committed themselves and decided to attend this course over the next 2 years.

This programme will help them to deepen their knowledge of the Bible and develop a closer relationship with God. The 13 participants will be led through theological reflections (that is Ignatian in character) every 3 months in Raia, Panjim and Belgaum depending on their place

of residence. They will share their experiences and be available to serve at the local parishes so that the church becomes more vibrant, inclusive and at the service of our sisters and brothers. **Cedric** will coordinate the proceedings and accompany the participants with the help of other Jesuits from the Province.

Fr. Merwin D'Souza

Ignatian Year Reflection

Seemingly Small Things Matter

*By Valeria Méndez de Vigo
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“Seemingly small things matter.” Just as the cannonball wounded Ignatius, his worldly dreams were shattered to make him start living out God’s plan for him. In doing so, he changed the course of his life and the world. *“Because God’s dream for Ignatius was to help souls, to go out into the whole world, accompanied by the poor and humble Jesus.”*

These inspiring words of Pope Francis were for me one of the highlights of the Global Ignatian Prayer “Pilgrims with Ignatius” held last May 20. It was a global prayer event to begin the Ignatian year, which commemorates the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola, some 500 years ago. This prayer gave us the opportunity to live and pray together as an Ignatian family, from the very start of the year. It also gave us the chance to unite thousands of people across five continents, and though there were great differences in age, nationality and cultural heritage... still everyone felt united, interwoven as a common apostolic body in the same universal mission. In the first few hours alone we had almost 30,000 views, which demonstrates its scope and potential.

Furthermore, beyond the numbers, global prayer is a beautiful time to unite ourselves through Ignatian spirituality and to strengthen our sense of belonging. In prayer, we are confronted with moments of silence, messages, testimonies, images, music, and the possibility of interacting with each other and expressing ourselves, and we feel united by the challenge of answering such profound questions. *“Seemingly small things matter”*.

The whole prayer was a call to conversion, just as Ignatius had experienced it. As the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Fr. Arturo Sosa, pointed out, *“this Ignatian Year should be an*

opportunity for an experience. We want to invite people to live an experience of conversion (...) it is about knowing Christ more clearly (...) We want this celebration to be a spiritual experience". An invitation "to see all things new in Christ". But conversion does not happen once and for all, insisted the Pope and Father General. Because Ignatius was converted day by day, throughout his life, by putting Christ at the center.

As Pope Francis pointed out: "On this pilgrimage that is the world, we meet others. God speaks to us through them and through situations." "Seemingly small things matter." Conversion is carried out in dialogue with God, with others and with the world. Because "no one is saved alone. Either we are saved in community or we are not saved at all". Prayer also unites us as an Ignatian family in this pilgrimage, in this journey that we're taking together. *Seemingly small things matter.* May we, like Ignatius, be prepared to follow God's dream for us.



September

- 01 Glinson Fernandes
- 04 Rufino Coutinho
- 11 Roland Coelho
- 12 Hector Almeida
- 21 Kelwin Monteiro
- 21 *Fean Anson Almeida
- 24 Simon Fernandes
- 25 Fermin D'Souza

LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Fr Paul Valappila SJ (Guj) 78/60 passed away on 31 July in Vadodara.
Fr. Joseph Parekkattil, SJ (PAT) 85/65 passed away on 27 August in Patna

MEN WHO TOILED IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD
SEPTEMBER

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| 10 | De Melo Joaquim I | 15 | Msgr Gomes Charles |
| 12 | Moolacherril Joseph | 20 | Shantananda Swami |
| 12 | Silva Liborio da | 21 | D'Souza Joseph V |
| 12 | Carvalho Jacob | 25 | Amaral Antonio |

IN MEMORIUM



Fr Gregory Naik S.J
23.06.1933 -- 09.08.2021

The long life of Fr. Greg Naik of 88 years is best captured with the metaphor of a pilgrim; Greg the pilgrim. That is who Greg was from birth until the end of his days. A pilgrim is a person on the move; in continuous quest. For Gregory his quest took him from the Catholic village of Navelim in Salcete, to distant destinations in India and around the globe. As a Jesuit scholar his quest was for knowledge and wisdom; as a Jesuit priest his quest was for service and holiness.

Greg, the pilgrim, received as much from the people he served, as he gave to them. From teacher and counsellor at Loyola High School, Margao to National Education Secretary of the Jesuits in Delhi, the people appreciated his abilities to teach and communicate. As a young priest and pastor he willingly delved into youth ministry, training and educating future leaders of the Church and country.

In Jesuit circles Fr. Greg is celebrated and remembered for the challenges he undertook as Rector of Loyola, Margao and later as the Regional Superior and Provincial of the Goa Jesuits. Ten years of international ministry followed, at the Borgo Santo Spirito, the World Headquarters of the Jesuits, in Rome. Being a stone's throw from the Vatican, Fr. Greg drank deeply of the rich art and culture in the adjoining Basilica of St. Peter's. On returning to India with newly acquired computer skills, Fr. Greg quickly built up the Goa Jesuit Province Archives. He also published his final book, entitled: *"Jesuits of the Goa Province: A Historical Overview."*

As a Jesuit priest, Fr. Greg was well liked. Recorded in his personal file in the office of the Provincial, is this touching assessment: ***"He is liked as a decent, concerned human being who cares. He is a very warm hearted person and so evokes a lot of confidence and trust from his brothers."*** It was also a delight to observe the cheer and warmth on the face of Greg when his family members visited him in these final months of his illness. He loved dearly his family and they returned his affection generously.

A pilgrim eventually arrives at his final destination. In the case of Greg it was the Xavier Jesuit Community at Porvorim under the initial care of the Infirmarian, Fr. Nelson and in more recent times, Fr. Amit. They gave of their best to care for a fellow Jesuit who gave of his best to God and fellow humans. In the very last months of Greg's pilgrimage, to care for him became a labour of love. And we all know how hard Fr. Amit laboured and how much he loved. And so it is with gratitude to God that we bid our pilgrim farewell. To our erudite pilgrim, who knew well his classical history, the profound words of the Greek historian Thucydides of the 4th century BC, are most fitting and proper. He said then: ***"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments but is woven into the lives of others"***.

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