



Faith Secretariat

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Fr Xavier Tharamel (KER) and Fr Arun Kumar attended the online Training of Trainer's programme from 8th April till 11th April 2021 organized by JCSA. This training helped them to plan and conduct the Conference Apostolic Planning for all the members of the Secretary of Faith. The meeting is scheduled from 1st July to 3rd July 2021 with better preparation. All the province secretaries have been helped with the necessary materials and sufficiently motivated to make the forthcoming meeting effective.

Another meeting was held on 21st April for a few Jesuit pastors, to encourage them in their pastoral care. The topics dealt in the spiritual conversation were: how to destress oneself and parishioners, and how to make sense of God in this darkness of death and deprivation of medicine and some practical ways of caring for oneself. The suggestions of the meeting were shared among the pastors.

The meeting of all the Province Secretaries of Faith was held on 9th May 2021. It helped us to listen to each other with solidarity for those suffering due to Covid and pray together for the repose of the souls of all the departed Jesuits.

The Secretaries of Faith of Kerala, Chennai and Karnataka provinces have been organizing regularly webinars relevant to the

Secretariat of Faith. Many of our stakeholders were encouraged to take part in it by sharing the links. Similarly, the resources on liturgical feasts and social concerns like environment etc... are shared regularly with all the secretaries and through them to the people they serve.



An online meeting of Interreligious experts of our Conference was held on 20th June 2021 to take stock of the present works and engagements in this ministry. The practitioners of the Interreligious dialogue shared at depth, their pain and problems, hope and aspirations and above all suggested some concrete plans to carry on this

ministry fruitfully in this Covid era. Victor Edwin conducted the entire session using the methodology of spiritual conversation. There will be a meeting with larger group of Jesuits soon to discern and concretize the suggestions which emerged from the meeting.

The details of the Secretary of Faith along with the history and resources on JIGSA, JEPASA, IRD, PWP (former commissions) are sent to the Province Secretaries of Faith to go through and for documentation.

The Secretary keeps in touch with the Province Secretaries through phone calls and other communication channels and updates himself on all the 4 ministries of Faith.