



Jesuit Educational Association (JEA)

John Ravi, SJ (Secretary of Education)

Fr. John Ravi, SJ (DEL) assumes charge as the new JEA Secretary

The outgoing Secretary, Fr. Sunny Jacob, SJ handed over the charge to the new Secretary, Fr. John Ravi, SJ during an online meeting of the PCE's and some of the Conference Secretaries on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Fr. Stan D'souza, SJ, the POSA welcomed Fr. Ravi, SJ to the Conference and thanked Fr. Sunny, SJ for his valuable services to the school education sector of the Conference and to the Church in general. He made a special mention of Sunny's contribution towards establishing a strong network among the people of goodwill inside and outside the Church. Fr. Ravi, SJ thanked Fr. Sunny, SJ for his contribution to the JEA Secretariat for the past seven years and wished him well for the new international assignment in Galway, Ireland.

Strategies & Plans to respond to the second wave of Covid Pandemic

During the PCE's Meeting held online on Sunday, May 8, 2021, Fr. Ravi, SJ initiated a detailed discussion on the question – **how can we, as JEA SA Secretariat, respond to the devastating consequences of second wave of covid-19 pandemic?** The following are some of the concrete suggestions proposed by the members:

1. We need to promote healthy living/ healthy life style/ hygiene among our staff and students through various programs. We could involve our Alumni to chalk out various programs. Digital Teams could be formed to disseminate right and proper information about Covid-19 and to conscientize people about the false propaganda and fake news related to Corona Virus and the pandemic.
2. Encourage all our stake holder to strictly follow the Covid Protocol/SOPs/Guidelines issued by both the central & state governments.
3. Create a Helpline with the help of core groups (Jesuits/Doctors/Counsellors) for counselling and mentoring the students, parents and teachers in order to promote positive mental health and emotional growth among students.
4. Concrete strategies to help the economically deprived children to have access to online classes by providing internet facilities, required gadgets, etc. This is to be done to narrow down the digital divide resulting from digital learning through online classes. A separate corpus could be created for the same by every institution with the collaboration of alumni and parents and the target group needs to be identified.

5. There is urgent need to strengthen the faith formation of our staffz and students through spiritual accompaniment as the whole world is going through a faith crisis resulting from the pandemic. Online prayer services could be conducted for the staff and students. A separate link could be established.
6. Establish Covid Care Centers in collaboration with the alumni in our institutions for the poor and others who cannot afford for Covid treatment. Several examples were cited in this regard.
7. We can distribute medical kits, dry ration to the poor families from our social service centers. Financial resources for the same could be pooled in from our institutions, communities, alumni and other donations.

Province Level Ignatian Year Programs

The following are the suggestions which emerged from our discussion during a meeting of PCEs held on Sunday, May 16, 2021:

- » Hold a virtual colloquium on IPP for the staff
- » Recollection (at least once in every three months) on Ignatian themes for the staff
- » Special writings and depiction on St. Ignatius of Loyola and the important aspects of his life in the school diaries (like Darjeeling Province)
- » Special webinars on Ignatian themes for the staff
- » Special workshops on 'Examen' and 'Discernment of Spirits' for the staff and students and conduct online examen for the students on a regular basis
- » Exhibition on St. Ignatius and his life
- » A day of initiation for the Jesuits, staff & alumni to have 'Canon ball moment'
- » Have a 'vocation day' to promote and motivate young boys to join the Society of Jesus
- » Prepare a short documentary on the life of St. Ignatius and his relevance today in English, Hindi and Gujarati, Bengali, etc., and circulate it among all the Jesuit schools to be shown to all our staff and students
- » Create a YouTube channel or a Blog to hold regular Talk Show on various Ignatian Themes by the staff and students of different schools across the Conference
- » Ignatian Leadership Training for the staff
- » Making a flex focusing on Ignatius' conversion experience and display it in all our school campuses
- » Inter-school quiz competition on the life of St. Ignatius for the staff and students

Fr. Ravi, SJ requested all the PCEs to consider these suggestions seriously and plan out for themselves in their province level by choosing a few concrete suggestions from the given above and work out their implementation in terms of time, resource persons and technical expertise. He suggested to the PCEs that each PCE could form their own core team at the province level to facilitate better coordination and implementation.

Conference Level Ignatian Year Programs

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A Short documentary film in English & Hindi on St. Ignatius of Loyola and his relevance today

Core Team:

- » Fr. Francis Macwan, SJ (GUJ -Chair)
- » Fr. Anand D'souza, SJ (GOA)
- » Fr. P.J. James, SJ (HAZ)
- » Fr. Erentius Minj, SJ (RAN)
- » Fr. John Kennedy, SJ (MDU)
- » Fr. Lawrence, SJ (DAR)
- » Fr. Alben Minj, SJ (DUM)
- » Fr. John Ravi, SJ (Secretary, JEA SA)

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Create a YouTube Channel or a Blog to hold regular Talk Show on Ignatian Themes by the staff and students of different schools across the Conference

Core Team:

- » Fr. Norbert Menezes, SJ (PAT – Chair)
- » Fr. Sebastian James, SJ (CCU)
- » Fr. Francis Swamy, SJ (BOM)
- » Fr. Rohan Almeida, SJ (KAR)
- » Fr. Tompson, SJ (KER)
- » Fr. Paul Benedict, SJ (CEN)
- » Fr. Tony, P, SJ (JAM)
- » Fr. John Ravi, SJ (Secretary, JEA SA)

Virtual International Colloquium

Fr. Ravi, SJ, the Secretary, convened an online meeting of all the Colloquium Delegates on Sunday, May 30, 2021. Most of the delegates attended the meeting. Fr. Ravi, SJ explained the dynamics of the colloquium to the delegates and strongly urged all the delegates to listen to the pre-colloquium video inputs on the four strands – Educating for Faith, Educating for Depth, Educating for Reconciliation and Educating for Global Citizenship. The theme of the colloquium is 'Discerning for a Hope-Filled Future'. It is being organized by Asia Pacific Assiatancy from June 28-July 2, 2021. Fr. General along with the worldwide Secretary of Education, Fr. Jose Messa, SJ will participate in the opening& closing ceremony of the colloquium.

ICAJE Online Annual Meeting -2021

Due to Pandemic, this year's ICAJE meeting was held online from May 25-28, 2021. Fr. Jose Messa, SJ, the International Secretary of Education presided over the meeting. Fr. Ravi, SJ, the Secretary, JEA SA attended the meeting for the first time. Fe Y Alegria and JRS- Education were invited for the first time to attend the first part of the ICAJE meeting along with other ICAJE members. Fr. Ravi, SJ presented a short report on various covid relief related activities undertaken by the Jesuits and their collaborators including the alumni in South Asia through a PPT. Various issues were discussed during the meeting – Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic in our schools and the challenges ahead, II Colloquium- Global 2021, Ignatian Year Celebrations, Global Compact on Education, Integrated Perspective Infographic, etc.

