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REGION SUPERIOR APPOINTS

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ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, JAWALAKHEL



A school has no beauty without students; it is deserted while whole country is lock down.

On May 2, 2020 Fr. Mathew handed over the Superior's job to Fr. Sanjay Ekka and he joined HRDRC community on May 8, 2020. St. Xavier's school community was blessed by the number of retreatants during lock down. Sisters from Godavari - Sr. Carmella, SJC, Sr. Rebecka Rashmika, SJC and Sr. Seema George of St. Ann's made use of free time during lock down by making retreat under Fr. Etienne. On the other hand, Fr. Cap Miller also stayed with us and began his retreat on May 22. Fr. Sanjay Ekka is giving guided retreat to Fr. Tek Bahadur Poudel in St. Xavier's school community. Fr. Bobby is relaxing in Jawalakhel community after handing over the Region Treasurer's responsibility to Fr. Mathew A. In spite of unfavorable situation, the community members do some spiritual ministries; they go to nearby convents for masses.

Fr. George is making many efforts to make online ZOOM class successful. St. Xavier's Jawalakhel teach-

ers are showing lots of enthusiasm to conduct online classes. They are busy preparing for the classes, HoDs are having evaluation constantly through zoom meeting to improve online classes. Thus, school is giving its best to engage the students in study during lock down period. Nevertheless, the ZOOM class is a new and unique experience for most of the teachers. On a serious note, the school provided relief materials for people who were in need during the time of lock down. Fr. Tomson is busy giving online classes; at the same time, he is also having his university online classes. On 21st of May, Fr. Anil managed to come back to his community from Baniyatar after two months. Although he got stuck there, it turned out to be good for poor people. He is doing lots of charity works for them, the daily wage earners by providing them foodstuff.

Sanjay Ekka

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, GODAVARI



The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

The road from Dolkha to Doti, Dailekh and Kailali.

The parable of the Good Samaritan was seen and understood during lockdown. It was about migrant workers who were cornered, chased, humiliated and left alongside the road of Godavari bus stand. Literally they were stranded and helpless.

It was 3.30 p.m. afternoon of May 16th. Seventeen poor migrant workers were going from Dolakha to Doti, Dailekh and Kailali and they walked and passed through Godavari area, stopped by the villagers and local authorities in Kitini village, they cornered them, reprimanded them and chased them and departed, leaving them unwanted near Godavari bus stand. Five days of walk from Dolakha made them feeble, hungry and exhausted. They were stranded and helpless in Godavari. Many people saw them and their pathetic conditions. When Villagers saw them, they scolded and ostracized them. In the same way local leaders and authorities also, when they came to the place, and saw them, refused to accept them. Police treated them as if they were criminals. It was 10 p.m. dark night nowhere to go. SXG intervened and opened the door for these abandoned migrant workers with love and respect. Like Samaritan, community members and staff cared for them by giving food and shelter. Kudos to Fr. Samuel and Sch. Ashish, teaching and supporting staff who accompanied them with compassion.

While staying in SXG, migrant workers tried to contact their MPs of Doti, Dailekh and Kailali were having their meetings in Kathmandu but they did not give any positive response.

After two days police officials assured of their security and they were sent off with dignity.

Local Government authorities visited the place with mask of Covid-19 along with their real disguise. Some local authorities and villagers disliked the parable of Luke 10:25-37.



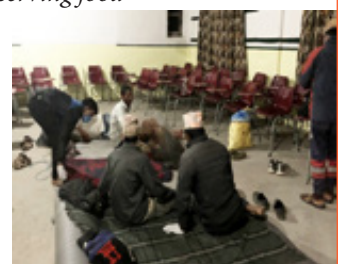
Fr. Samuel conducting thermal screening



Fr. Samuel keeping detail records of each person



Supporting Staff serving food



After long journey a better place to rest.



While eating meals uncertainty still shrouds them



Local authorities visit the place.



Teachers serving food



Next... not sure of SXG hospitality.



Long way to go... getting ready to depart.



Some dry food for their journey.



Send off with dignity and respect.

The fear of the spread of the corona virus, now named COVID-19, is affecting our lives, not only our students and our staff, but also our educational Institutions.

Black clouds signify dark and even stormy times are coming. But at the edge of the dark clouds one can see a silver lining which show that not everything is black and behind the darkness there is the sun shining. With trust and hope in God, SXG community members are working meticulously on planning for the school. On line class continues.

After JCSA meeting and General's visit all programmes in Ashram have been cancelled.

Brother Dorje (a dog of Godavari Ashram) followed lockdown very strictly. Dorje did not allow any animals to move around the compound. As a result Civet Cat faced the consequences. During lockdown students made their own prayers and prayed for all who suffered by the ongoing pandemic. One of the prayers is shared below.

*Almighty God,
Thank you for your love and presence,*



Planting strawberry in Ashram

Today, in this situation I am fortunate enough to be with my family, all safe and healthy.

*Nowadays every day when I wakeup
I wake up to a unique silence.
Nothing seems to be the same
I see the environment being healed.
I find Mother Nature happy.
But behind the peace and the silence I find chaos.
I hear people's cry and I see them suffer.
Today, the world is suffering and so are the people.*

*So dear God
May the hungry be fed and the homeless be sheltered.
Fill the world with love, hope and togetherness.
Give the families who have lost their loved ones the strength to endure this situation.*

*Guide our thoughts and actions
So that we can mend what is broken, rebuild what is damaged and restore the world to full health. Amen.*

SXG Correspondent

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MAITIGHAR

Online classes are in full swing for the Bachelors and Masters programs. Attendance has been very good for most of the programs. For some programs where a big number of students are from the remote areas, attendance has been low due to unstable internet connections. Online teaching-learning has been initiated for the A Level student from the last week of the month. Plus Two teachers have started preparing various modules for conducting online classes. It is going to be more difficult for Plus Two students to attend online classes since many of them are from outside the valley. We also have to wait for the decision of the government regarding class 10 and 11 examinations to launch online classes for Plus Two.

Teachers have been busy updating their computer skills to make their online teaching more efficient and effective. All the departments have been given training in using Google Classroom for their online teaching-learning. Meanwhile, the IT department is scouting for a more efficient and effective LMS (Learning Management System) since online teaching-learning is here to stay. A lot of staff are attending webinars and online workshops made accessible

by JHEASA.

We have been reaching out to the families of some of our PiE students who are affected badly by the lockdown. Some were given ration while a few others were given temporary work in the college campus. Our outreach coordinator is back in Kathmandu to respond to the needy. So far we have not had any reported case of Corona among our staff or students. Anup handed over his responsibility in the college to Victor and is now busy working on his thesis. James keeps himself occupied with the preparation of and taking online classes for the Microbiology students. Cap took the lockdown opportunity to make his annual retreat at SXJ from 22 to 30. Jiju has regular online meetings with the HoDs, faculty and staff besides conducting online conferences for the students of the various departments. Victor has been spending a lot of time in his new office to discover the mysteries there. In the evenings, he and Jiju walk/cycle up to SXJ for playing basketball almost every day, keeping themselves fitter to fight Corona! Jomon is with us to finish the documentation and proposal process for his PhD from Trnava, Slovakia.

SXC correspondent



Fr. Casper J. Miller in his pensive mood.

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, DEONIA

It was a blessing to receive Fr. Boniface Tigga in the community as a new member and a new Principal localities. Nearly 20 families are benefiting directly from the school relief fund, which was given to the



Birthday wishes to Fr. Daniel

of the school. All members of the community extended a warm welcome and it was captivating to see incoming and outgoing Principals welcoming each other with a hug. We sincerely appreciate and are grateful to Fr Dennis Soosai for generously carrying out the mission in the school. Father has toiled in the footsteps of his predecessors day and night to accomplish the vision of the school. Big thanks to Fr. Dennis and best wishes to Fr. Boniface for taking over as a new principal of the school. Currently Fr. Dennis and Sch. Ivin have joined online classes. Sch. Ravindra would join his Theological classes through



Welcoming new Principal, Fr. Boniface

Municipality for the same. The online classes are going on well. After the third cycle, the online assessment was conducted for all subjects.

Sr. Maria Goretti took interest in checking our Blood Pressure (BP). The good news is that all of us are having normal BP.

The community mourned the death of our formal General Fr. Adolfo Nicolas. During these days, we have been having special prayer services and Holy Masses offered to pay homage to Fr. Adolfo Nicolas. Thanks to our scholastics for taking

great interest in conducting special prayer services and Eucharistic Adoration to express our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Adolfo Nicolas whose governance and leadership God had blessed abundantly.

Wilson Kandulna



Out going and in coming Principals embrace



Making sure every needy gets what is his/ her due

online from 1st June. We also celebrated Fr. Daniel's birthday with a dinner inviting Sisters to join for the same. We gave away dry ration to people around our



Distribution of food supplies to neighbours and other villagers

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, SADAKBARI

Ever since the lock down began, school campus is empty and we feel it very badly. In the month of May, we had the meeting of Private School Prin-



Fr. Peter distributing food supplies to people around his parish. Fr. Peter has distributed class 5 books to the principals twice regarding class 5 books. Jhapa Rural Municipality will conduct board exams from next year onwards. The meeting was also regarding what we are doing for the students during the lockdown, and how we can keep staff and students engaged. It was also dealt regarding the fee, as government has asked not to charge the fee of Chaitra.

During this time Fr. Peter went to distribute the relief materials to ward office in Jhapa Bazar for the people of Sadakbari, Baluwapar, Fulgachi and Lasuna. He also went to Kamatoli for the people of Panthapara. In Simalbari, it is yet to be distributed though the paper work is done.

Br. Irenius is busy beautifying the campus by cleaning the garden, weeding and planting lots of hedge plants and flowers. He keeps himself busy with his paper writing work which is due. His final exam is due in June, but it's unsure.

Fr. Vijay managed to get the books delivered to all the three schools SXD, MMS and SXS. In first week

of May, teachers were asked to come and prepare the lessons and study materials with instructions and guidelines and deliver it to the students. A lot of distribution and collection of study materials is done. So, teachers are busy correcting the homework and assignments. Parents seem to be happy and appreciate our effort to keep the students engaged. Teachers are also busy in preparing their lesson plans for the entire syllabus. Fr. Vijay is busy receiving the lesson plans and going through them. This is an effort to make a model lesson plan for now and for future. The school got the approval for the up gradation for class 7 and Loyola school too for class 5. In Loyola school too teachers are busy teaching students one by one and collecting homework.



Dry ration kits provided to villagers

Taking part in ZOOM and Skype meeting was another break through, thanks to lock down.

Vijay Toppo



ST. XAVIER'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

Members of St. Xavier's Social Service Centre have busied themselves planting and uprooting the plants as weather seem to favour farming activities. Moreover, they are keeping themselves fit by creating, recreating and beautifying the garden during the lockdown. Tilling the land together to produce vegetables and corns gives more joy and happiness than being tired of lockdown. On tenth of May, we celebrated birthday of Fr. Dilip at Aruna Bhawan. Aruna and Gafney Bhawan thanks Ms. Lila, one of the neighbours for providing special tea and snacks to all the members. We celebrated feast of Pentecost with the Eucharist and then had lunch together at Gafney Bhawan. We had killed four fattened chickens reared by the inmates themselves.

Dilip Toppo

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
FR. DILIP



Neighbours helping out in Gafney Bhawan



Gafney Bhawan inmates enjoying birthday treat.



Inmates of Gafney Bhawan and Aruna Bhawan working on thier kitchen garden.

MORAN MEMORIAL, MAHESHPUR

Month of Rosary. All the parishioners were asked to bless their homes by themselves and recite the rosary throughout the month. Fr. Boniface moved to Deonia on 10 of May.

We had some parish planning along with the sisters, during this free time. We have formed 7 Zones of our immediate neighbourhood catholic family for better pastoral care and to build an active faith community. During this month we have given some dry food kits to people at Kalimora and Godamara.

Godamara is a village on the way to Dhulabari, where Br. Bipin's family members stay. We had memorial mass after a month of Sr. Vianey's death. We too had the cyclone effect with storm and rain. Quite many trees fell down. One of them knocked down the electrical pole in the compound so we did not have electricity for three days.

Clarence Joseph

SHISHU BIKAS KENDRA – POKHARA

After two months of complete lockdown due to COVID-19, the life in Pokhara city seems to be gradually getting back on the track. There has been movement of people early in the morning and in the afternoon. Since “Sabgi Mandi” is in Bagale Tole, a lot of people flock to buy vegetables. Everyday po-

ing the social distance and with precaution measure visited most of the Catholic families alone on foot in the afternoon, blessed the houses, prayed rosary with them and distributed Holy Communion. It was a spiritual elevating experience for most of the Catholics. Many expressed, “We are in lockdown for more



Family visit, prayer and distribution of Holy Communion by Parish Priest.

lice goes around in the evening whistling, with sticks and ordering the shops to close down. The police are vigilant and on toes to maintain the social distance, and time to time they announce on the streets. Thus people become aware and are very cooperative.

In the midst of COVID-19 Shishu Bikas Kendra (SBK) remains silent. Occasionally few non-teaching staff come to SBK to get rid of boredom of lockdown. They spend few hours cleaning around the area. Fr. Amit is in touch with all the teaching and non-teaching staff. He visited their houses and found them in good health. He also paid visits to nearby SBK students' houses. Students were very happy to see him and welcomed him warmly at home saying “Our Father”. The first question they asked was “Father, is our school open?” Another shouts “Mom, a bike has come; school is open, mom.” So is the desperation of SBK students to come to school. Many SBK students have grown fat and parents are in good condition. Parents were happy to see a Father visiting their children's families. Very often Pokhara Jesuit Community phone rings and the sound comes T-t-t-Tej, a boy of SBK inquiring about the school.

The activities in the church seem invisible but certainly each Catholic family has become the visible church now. The month of May – Rosary month had its own devotional practices and prayers. Fr. Amit took the initiative in the lockdown situation keep-

than two months and felt as if we have not received Holy Communion for years, “Having received Holy communion now we feel spiritually nourished.” They were also touched by the commitment of a young priest visiting them in this tough time. They continue to seek prayers, blessings of God from priests. By God's grace all our Catholics are safe.

Fr. Paul went around to different convents for Mass basing himself at M.C. Sister's convent. He keeps himself up-to-date with the news around the world. Fr. Jomon went to Kathmandu to fetch some books. He went there by an ambulance. On Sundays, Fr. Amit went to Kawhundada M. C. Sister's convent to attend to their spiritual needs and also spent his time and days in the old age home taking care of them. Thanks to Hemja, Good Shepherd Sisters who distributed some relief food materials to Catholic families. There has been heavy lightening, thundering, rains and hailstones which destroy the crops, and shattered the hopes of the farmers. Sometimes a group of army moves about on streets. A big salute to the frontliners for their relentless service. Pokhrelis are eagerly awaiting the lockdown to be lifted. An old lady questioned a policeman, “How long will you force us to stay home, child? It has become difficult.” “Just few more days”, assures the policeman.

Amit Lakra



ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, BANIYATAR

After 28th of March, there have been no obligatory Masses or any common events in the church as per the guidelines of the Vicariate and the government. Therefore, 'Way of the Cross' were initiated in the families as a part of the family prayers. The Holy Week and the Easter celebrations were observed with a few exclusive numbers of people staying close to the church. From then on there have been regular private Masses to families separately as per request on weekdays only and not on Saturdays. One of the smallest groups, 'Legion of Mary', has been requesting Mass on weekdays in a regular basis. Chulen, a church employee along with his family participates in the Mass regularly on Saturdays. However, in the absence of Sisters, he is learning an extra bit of work

Catholic families were helped only once while helping non-Catholic poor families around the church. By the end of May, 191 families have been aided by the church through various resources: 131 families by Nepal Jesuit Society, 35 families by Couples for Christ, Dhobighat and 25 families by St. Xavier's School, Jawalakhel. The CFC Dhobighat had supported about 50% of the expenses. Other 50% of amounts were born by its members - Pradeep Shrestha and his wife Sajina who are the CFC In Charge for Baniyatar unit and Chirendra Satyal and family. The help materials contained 4 kgs. of rice and ½ kgs. of pulses per person, and 1 litre of cooking oil and 1 kg. of salt packet in the family. Apart from these basic food items among the Catholic families 2 kgs. of



Food supplies given to needy during lockdown

of sacristy like simple arrangements of the altar. His primary work is cooking, and gardening in the church premise. Once the lockdown is relaxed the annual house blessings would be carried out. After the first round of lockdown, when there was a relaxation on travels about 10 families of St. Ignatius Church left Kathmandu for Tipling to avoid uncertainty of lockdown. Others are safe but scared as lockdown continue getting extended, with scarcity of food materials taking toll in their families. Now, with extended lockdown, even well managing families among the faithful are struggling and worried how to manage their kitchen-household expenses. Until now, very poor families were helped which included both the Catholic and non-Catholic. The

whole grain chana (grams), 3 kgs. of sugar, ½ kgs. of tea, vegetable masala packets, etc., were distributed. The reliefs were extended to more than five Wards of Kathmandu Nagarpalika covering as far as Mhepi – 26, behind Naya Bus Park area and Goldhunga – 5, way to Nuwakot below the hills. On the request of Fr. Amrit, 38 families in Goldhunga – 5 who originally belong to Linjo – Tipling were also helped by NJS through St. Ignatius Church Baniyatar. The Baniyatar church community is very grateful to Fr. Amrit – NJS, Fr. George – SXSJ, CFC – Dhobighat, Pradeep, Sajina, Chirendra and his family for the continued support and encouragement to fight out difficult times. We would like to thank in a special way all our dear supporters for your love and con-

cern for us and we assure you of our prayers for you. It is sad to say that the lockdown food supplies and help by the government, its local agencies have hardly reached to real needy people besides only to a few locals. As noticed and information gathered by the parish priest, almost 99% of the people from outside the valley living here in rented houses have not received any help and about 80% of rahat food materials have been pocketed by the local agencies who are responsible for the distribution. The system cre-

During the lockdown and quarantine, two weird women in our neighbourhood pick up fights between themselves and with anyone around for silly reasons. This creates some commotions and noises for the change. Their fight lets people be aware and know that all must fight to survive the COVID-19 and be alive. Otherwise, the surroundings of Baniyatar – Tokha seem very quiet and deserted. A good thing in the area is that local leaders have taken responsibility of keeping unknown people away from



Easter mass with social distancing

ated by the local agencies was supposed to help real needy. Instead it has helped them to practice corruption and amass the rahat materials for themselves. No institutes or individuals are allowed to help the needy directly. In the name of formalities, the local agencies have denied the rahat to the real needy people, specially people from outside the valley. The parish priest, noticing what is happening around negotiated to a few shop keepers and gave rahat from the shops itself and not letting local agencies know that the church is distributing rahat to people. The system followed by the parish priest helped to avoid crowd in the church and at the shops. It also avoided being noticed by the local authorities who could have prevented him to distribute reliefs. Moreover, they would have asked to give entire rahat supplies to them instead to distribute it through their office. If this would have happened, no Catholic families, other non-Catholic poor families would have got it. They neither are from here nor have documents to fulfil formalities.

their localities and also not allowing their own people to venture out unnecessarily on the streets. The interior streets are guarded intensely by locals. However, four positive cases have been found around Baniyatar, Dhaneshwor – Microbus stand. This has created panic among the people.

In this time of mental and physical health worries and concerns, there is a good reason to cheer for Baniyatar parishioners. Ms. Sujita Tamang, one of our youths, is playing the role of 'Corona Warriors' at one of the hospitals in the valley. She completed her nursing from Bangalore, India four years ago with the guidance and support of the parish priest. It is a happy moment for the parish priest to see her helping people fight corona and recover from it. Foreseeing difficult times ahead the parish priest had decided to stay in the parish itself once the lockdown was imposed. However, he is very happy and available for his sheep in tough times foregoing his comforts.

Anil Beck



GOOD SHEPHERD, TIPLING

Flavours of the lockdown: tubers and roots from the jungle (see photograph). Whereas some of our schools in the valley are feeding their neighbours, up here in the mountains Tipling villagers are supplementing the Fathers' diet with gifts of tubers,

temporary four years" kitchen lies open to the village traffic. Daily we observe, and are observed, by our people leading their cattle to and from their grazing ground in the high ranges and people, men, women and children, carrying back- breaking loads of fire-



Sch. Pankaj (blue jacket) along with his students from Tipling at Pangsang height.

wild sag, newly harvested potatoes, wheat and corn flour and a drink made from jungle fungus (non-alcoholic). In return the Jesuits have been assisting neighbours with their printing, T.V. and solar panel issues during the lockdown.

Sch. Pankaj, trapped here by the lockdown, spent two nights and three days in Pangsang pass. He had joined a group of Tipling boys also who had been studying in Kathmandu but who have been seeking refuge in Tipling during the pandemic. Ayar later followed them in another group. The groups never met but eventually returned somewhat sun burnt and frost bitten! Ayar's group had to grope their way back down the mountain in dark wet weather.

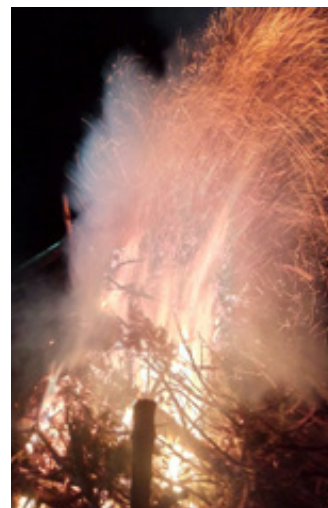
In a recent meeting with our staff (one cook) we stressed lockdown protocol be followed, counter to village custom, and not invite everyone passing by our very exposed kitchen in for a cup of tea. "Our

wood. Gas is no longer available thanks to the lockdown and potatoes have to be cooked!

Our ex-dozzer is working again after someone put salt into its diesel fuel tank. It has been seen clearing snow in the Pass and breaking rock for the road to Puru and Lincho. Tipling is the junction for both roads. Another local dozer has been maintaining our new road making drainage, retaining walls and clearing landslides.

Pastorally, three souls have left us for the afterlife in the course of the lockdown. People young and old have expressed their desire for community Mass to resume. Many request prayers and home blessings. Finally, a piece of land is available for a prayer chapel in Lapdung. All we await is registration of the land to be completed once the lockdown ends, if it ever does. Be safe, be well.

Jesuit sources, Tipling



DESIDERI HOUSE, BOUDHA

I am now the Desideri House international correspondent it seems. I have been locked down at the UNE Province's retirement home since the beginning of March. I came to the USA for eye surgery and for some other medical procedures. I had one cataract fixed; then the lockdown struck. All other procedures and tests were cancelled or postponed. The good news is that my eye surgeon successfully placed me on a high-priority list. I will have the second cataract taken care of later this week. Like others I will then see when Nepal re-opens the airport, and Qatar flights resume.

Greg Sharkey

HRDRC

Fr. Mathew Assarikudy joined the community on 8th May. He received the responsibility of a Region Treasurer from the former Treasurer, Fr. Bobby Joseph on 10th of May. Frs. Dilip and Juel continue taking online classes for the college students of St. Xavier's College, Maitighar. Fr. Dilip has shifted his night base



Mobile Clinic staff distributing medicine to villagers

to Social Service Centre, Jawalakhel at least for the duration of lockdown. Fr. Bobby is relaxing at Jawalakhel Jesuit community after he handed over the charge of Region Treasurer to Fr. Mathew. He has taken up a new sport - lawn tennis to keep himself physically fit. He is learning the game fast and consistently. Fr. Tek is making his annual retreat at Jawalakhel guided by Fr. Sanjay, a good time to make use of lock down period. Region office staff come to office whenever there is emergency or else they stay home. They may join the duty regularly this week onwards.

Sr. Jaya through **Mobile clinic** (Nepal Jesuit Society), conducted awareness program and also distributed masks and medicine in Dhadhing and Kathmandu districts.

Juel Kispotta

Sr. Jaya distributing face masks to policemen and villagers



DIASPORA

PREMAL JYOTI, AHMEDABAD

The globe is facing an unprecedented health crisis at present and India is no exception. There is no denying the fact that recession and unemployment are beginning to hit nations across the globe. Besides, we are facing the problems of fake news and communal hatred along with Covid-19, its effect all over the world. We do not know for sure as to what is going to happen in another two months' time; and we do not know how this virus is going to play out in coming days. Neither do we need to presume or assume anything in fear and anxiety.

There are divergent opinions about the Corona Virus. Everybody is making their own guess, so also, the doctors, the scientists and the nurses. In the midst of all these confusion and anxiety, the best thing we can do right now is to upgrade ourselves physically, mentally, emotionally and dynamically. Therefore, in order to keep ourselves engaged we had various courses in the community and it was unique learning experiences for individual.

On 6-7th of May we had interculturality workshop by Fr. Vinayak Jadav, S. J, (vice principle of St. Xavier's college, Arts Department). We live in multi-cultural world but failed to live in intercultural world.

We all have unique cultural backgrounds, identities customs and beliefs. Therefore, we need to acknowledge, preserve and promote our origin.

On 11-20th of May we had two new workshops i.e. Spanish language and video editing. After English



Spanish class is in full swing

Spanish is another foreign language mostly spoken in the world. We had an opportunity to learn basic Spanish. Classes were taken by Frs. Alpesh Macwan, Hector and Sch. Raman Dalvi S.J, (Socius, assistant treasurer, collegian of Gujrat Province) respectively.

We also, had an experience of how movies are made in this modern era. Schs. Anjum Lomga and Raja (Jamshedpur and Hazaribagh Province) respectively conducted this workshop and we all learnt a lot from it. Laudato Si-week was celebrated. Fr. Lancelot D Cruz, S.J (principle of St. Xavier's college, Ahmedabad and ecologist) offered mass for us.

This month we celebrated numbers of birthdays including provincial of Gujarat. All these birthdays were celebrated in a unique way. Lastly, due to uncertainty of exams Premal Jyoti scholastics are going back to their respective provinces.

Bipin Bara



Celebrating Karam with Karm dance



Scholastics of Premal Jyoti; Sch. Bipin with beard

ASHA KIRAN, MANGALURU

These days due to lockdown we are engaged in various activities such as Canada class, online certificate courses, online classes as well as recreation and discussion about Covid- 19. On April 29 we celebrated Ruben Hembrom's birthday. On 15th we had farewell mass followed by short programme in honor of Fr. Michael John the minister of our community. The outgoing minister signed the papers of handing over his responsibility. Some Scholastics have come to know him very closely, and expressed their gratitude to him in different ways.

On 26th of May Fr. Celestine Sera took over his responsibility as a minister and treasurer of the house. The welcome programme began with the Holy Mass. Karnataka Scholastics welcomed him with a traditional dance and a song which added beauty to the programme.

Ruben & Niroj

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, BANGALURU

On 10th May there was a final profession ceremony for two of the Karnataka Jesuits, namely Fr. Praveen and Fr. Marcel. The Arrupe Nivas Community extended hearty welcome to 8 new members to the community and bid adieu to the old members who are being transferred to different mission places. Most of us are busy in attending online courses and webinars. The social work department conducted online Viva-voce and fulfilled the internal evaluation. The Karnataka government has expressed that by July the final exams will be conducted for the UG students. In Karnataka the transport and other things work normal with conscious self-distancing. This week the heavy rains uprooted hundreds of trees in Bangalore but retained the Bangalore weather.

B.Rajasekaran

ST. PETER'S GAYAGANGA

Spending time in lockdown has helped the community and its members in various ways. Introspection and bonding are the fruits of it.

Fr. Nabor guided an eight-day retreat for FC Sisters from Navjeevan and St. Mary's. As per the directions of the District Inspector of Schools and School Education Commission, the High School has started online classes. So school administration is busy with the preparation and helping the students. Fr. Simon and Br. Robert are busy with correcting board exam papers. The Primary School staff is meeting to discuss matters pertaining to the current academic year in the wake of the pandemic.

Fathers Gabriel Tirkey, Peter Bhujel and Arul Das

(DUM) were admitted in Navjeevan hospital and on being discharged they rested in the community. Fr. Arul was generous enough to cook some delicious meals before his departure. The cooking has been an opportunity for the community to come together as many of the members pitched in with their expertise and indigenous knowledge. We have rediscovered many leaf vegetables in our garden which were otherwise thought of as weeds.

The hostel premise has been beautified as the trees were pruned and new saplings were planted. In primary the vegetable garden is coming up nicely.

David Donald

ATENEO, MANILA

Though COVID-19 pandemic has kept people home over two months, life here in Jesuit residence continues to be active finding creative avenues



Ateneo Jesuit Community

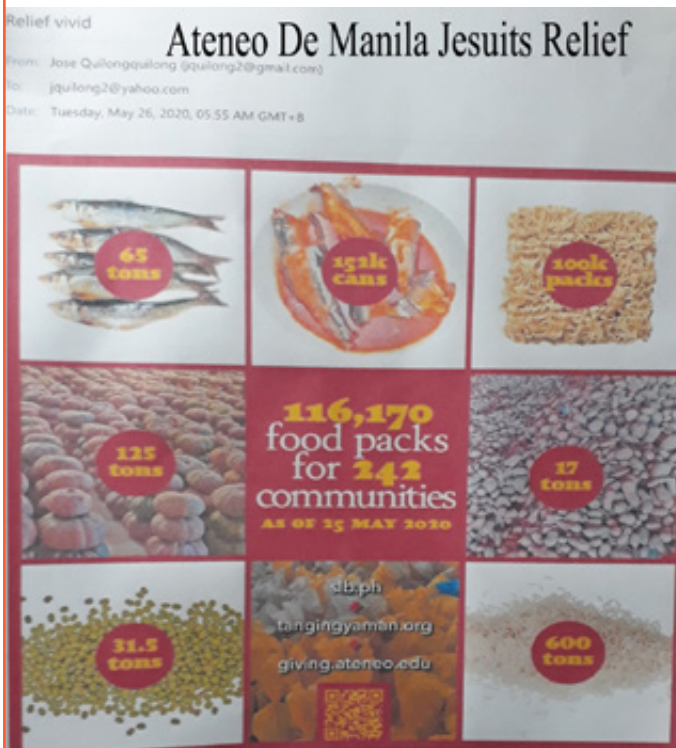
to be pastorally, socially and professionally effective. One of them was the solemn Mass at the Church of Gesu on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. The Mass was live streamed through the Jesuit communication online portal. The Eucharist included a special ceremony for the departed souls by COVID-19 and was celebrated with 28 of us concelebrating but sans congregation. The Mass was participated online

all over the world by 123K. Augustine and I continue to be engaged in the various endeavours of the community. Under the guidance of Augustine, we made MOMO for the community. We also had cultural evening where Augustine and I performed Adivasi dance. Besides that, keeping ourselves occupied and away from isolation stresses and anxieties we had solemn blessing of our COVEG (Community Vegetable Garden). If interested in our life here, please follow us on Facebook (Jesuit Residence Ateneo de Manila). Metro manila is in Modified Enhanced Community quarantine (MECQ) and the talks are on to further relax the quarantine with guidelines by June 1.

Tej Kalyan



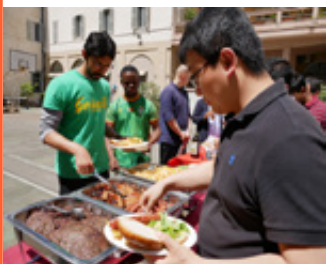
Community recreation



Fr. Tej practicing social distancing in a Church.

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We were fortunate to have some activities in the community. On the 9th of May, we had a community day where all of us experienced love, collaboration, and the bond amongst us through various activities. We started the community day with an ice-breaking session which was conducted by Sch. Jude, Srilankan scholastic. Then the Coordinator, Sch. Huy, from Vietnam, requested us to stand by the Gruppo Misti, like a living group, and gave us the guidelines for the treasure hunt game. To find it, we had to pass through many stations by clearing the different kinds of puzzles. All the puzzle games were very interesting and hard. In the afternoon we had the fellowship meal prepared by the Minister of the house. Then we ended the day with some sports activities. The third-year theologians began their preaching in



Community day celebration

the mass. They are also busy with their final papers as well as some classes regarding the diaconate ministry. Some of the first and second-year theologians received the ministries of the Readers and Acolytes. All of us are busy with the daily classes as well as busy in preparing for the exams. After three months, the government reopened country with some limitations and regulations. For example, the government has asked the people to wear masks and keep some social distance when they go out for a walk as a group. As for the community, we have decided not to invite any guests in the house. The priests are allowed to celebrate mass in the church with the masks and gloves. Likewise, the faithful should also wear the mask to get into the church. A limited number of people are allowed to part take in the Eucharistic celebration. Therefore, hoping in the Risen Lord, our Savior, we have started a new way of living in this pandemic situation.

V. Devadhas



June 12	Fr. Michael J. Parent
June 12	Fr. Norber D'Souza
June 22	Fr. Augustine Amakkatt
June 19	Br. Irenius Guria

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS



* The former Superior General, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, died on 20 May in Tokyo.

*Fr. Philip R. Amidon, S.J., (UMI) 76/59 died on May 13, 2020 at the Creighton University Jesuit Community in Omaha

* Fr. John T. Dillon, S.J., (UMI) 90/68 died on May 12, 2020 at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan.

*Fr. Thomas Anthraper SJ (KER) 90/70 passed away on May 06, 2020 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode.

*Fr. Jerome D'Souza SJ (BOM), 70/45, passed away on May 01, 2020 at Andheri, Mumbai.

THOSE WHO SERVED IN NEPAL

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