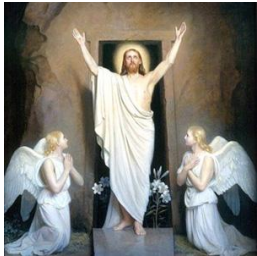




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A HAPPY EASTER

FROM THE CURIA

Convocation of the 70th Congregation of Procurators

In his letter of 12th March 2011 to all Major Superiors, **Fr General** has convoked the Congregation of Procurators for 9th July 2012.

The Society in Numbers

The Statistics of the Society of Jesus worldwide have been just published. The various tables present its composition as of January 1, 2011. The total number of Jesuits is **17.906**: 12.737 priests, 1.535 brothers, 2.850 scholastics and 784 novices, with a decrease of 341 members from 1st January 2010. The various tables show the actual situation of novices, scholastics, brothers, priests; comparison among Assistancies; changes happened last year, etc. This year the statistics have been enriched by many graphs that offer a more precise geography of the Society around the world. For more information you can consult the complete document in the "documents" section (for Jesuits only) of the Society's webpage: www.sjweb.info

Restructuring in the Society of Jesus' Governance Structure at the General Curia

Jesuit Superior General, **Fr. Adolfo Nicolás** announced last month a major restructuring in the Society of Jesus' governance structure at the General Curia in Rome.

In a letter sent to the whole Society, Father General explained that the changes will occur in three ways; a restructuring of the secretariats at the General Curia, instituting a commission on the Society's Mission, and creating a reflection group for continued discernment of mission. "With the help of the General Counselors, we are *restructuring the Secretariats*. The structure that has been in force till now has primarily been organized according to apostolic sectors."

The reorganization of the secretariats will break the focus on apostolic sectors and instead focus on the important dimensions of the Society's mission, which should be present in all apostolic sectors. The General Curia will now have Secretaries for the Service of Faith, the Promotion of Justice and Collaboration with Others.

Father General explained that much of the ordinary governance such as admission to final vows and appointment of superiors will stay the same. The changes being made were in fact prompted by the 35th General Congregation and meetings with major superiors in the Society. "The changes we are introducing concern primarily our capacity to address issues

related to our mission, with the flexibility, depth and creativity required at this moment of history and the life of the Church,” wrote Fr. Nicolas. (National Jesuit News)

JAPAN: The Jesuits and the Earthquake Report from the Provincial of Japan

Ten days have passed (24-Mar-2011) since my first report on the situation in Japan immediately after the earthquake and tsunami of March 11. The number of victims has increased daily, to over 24,000, as more bodies are discovered and more people are reported missing. Meanwhile, the critical situation at the Fukushima nuclear power plant is causing concern not only in Japan but around the world as well. Local farm and dairy products have shown higher levels of radiation, and only yesterday warnings were issued concerning contamination of the Tokyo metropolitan water supply.

Many thousands of people lost their homes in the tsunami or have been urged to evacuate a 20-km radius around the nuclear power station. Besides providing needed supplies to these shelters, parishes and religious houses have been probing possibilities to make empty space available to evacuees. Our large house in Kamishakujii has offered to accommodate 10 evacuees.

Mid-March marks the end of the academic year in Japan. Most schools have canceled formal graduation ceremonies as well as opening ceremonies for the new school year in April. There are a number of Catholic educational institutions in the Sendai Diocese, which received considerable damage from the earthquake but sustained no on-campus fatalities. Some of their students, however, have relocated elsewhere.

As the days wear on, we still experience frequent seismic jolts. Three-hour programmed cutoffs of electric power are affecting areas beyond the central Tokyo wards. There is also a notable lack of some basic foods and commodities. The main fear, however,

concerns the invisible threat of radioactivity. We pray that more adequate measures will quickly be taken to cope with the triple disaster that has crippled such a large area of Japan. (www.sjweb.info).

Jesuitica: The price of a Jesuit

Three hundred years ago, with Penal Laws at their stiffest in Ireland, the Bishop of Kerry recorded the scale of rewards for priest-hunters. It was: £ 30 for a simple priest; £ 40 for a Vicar-General; £ 50 for a bishop; and £ 50 for a Jesuit. This inflated price reflected the Protestant ascendancy's exaggerated fear of Jesuits, because of the Society's international network. An Irish Jesuit superior acting through his General could even nudge the English into moderating the treatment of Catholics in Ireland, and that was seen as a threat by the minority government in Dublin.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

APRIL 2011

- 01 Budget Meeting: Sanjeevan
- 05- 06 Western Region CRI Assembly: Sanjeevan
- 09 Province Consult
- 12 - 16 Confluence: Sadhana, Lonavla
- 17 - 18 Western Region Provincials' & Early Formators' meeting: Sanjeevan

PROVINCIAL APPOINTS

Status I

Fr. Francis D'Souza – Full-time Vocation Promoter

Tertianship

Fr. Subhash Tribhuvan – Raia, Goa
Fr. K.K. Joshy – Sitagarha
Fr. Rajendra Shelke – Shembaganur

Diaconate Ministry

Deacon Anish Kochanichottil – Loyola, Pune

Scholastics

Sch. Sameer Kerketta – Social Centre, A'nagar
Sch. Savari Joseph – Regency, Dnyanamata
Sch. Francis Lobo – SJTI, Pune

Sch. Sandeep Jagtap – Philosophy, DNC, Pune
Sch. G. Jesus Raja – Philosophy, DNC, Pune
Sch. Emil Xalxo – Philosophy, DNC, Pune
Sch. Michael Raja – Philosophy, S.N, Chennai
Sch. Francis Raja – Philosophy, S.N, Chennai
Sch. Roshan Toppo – Philosophy, S.N, Chennai

AROUND THE PROVINCE

Snehasadan, Pune

Fr. Walter de Souza celebrated his diamond jubilee in the Society of Jesus on 20th March 2011 at Snehasadan, Pune. **Father Provincial** was the Main Celebrant at the Eucharist, who spoke of Fr. Walter as a man of strong will power, who always stood for Gospel values, fought for justice and brought up St. Vincent Night College of Commerce for the working boys and girls in the midst of many obstacles. Fr. Walter's sister, **Sr. Irene**, MMS was present on the occasion. The Celebration was enlivened with the melodious singing led by the Sisters of MMS and the Jesuit Scholastics. Fr. Walter is recovering from his sickness as he has been operated for cancer and undergone radiation therapy. Please keep him in your prayers.

'**NIROPYA**' magazine organized a writer's workshop for the budding writers in Marathi on 13th March 2011 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Bishop's House, Nashik. 50 men and women, including youth, from Nashik participated in this workshop. **Rev. Fr. Ravi Tribhuvan**, Vicar General, said the opening prayer and invoked God's blessings. **Mr. Uttam Kamble**, Chief Editor of Sakal, Marathi daily gave an inspiring and thought provoking inaugural address. **Mr. Simon Martin**, well-known poet and writer from Vasai, guided the group on how to write articles and poetry. **Fr. Joe Gaikwad, S.J.**, Editor of **NIROPYA**, solicited the co-operation of the people to increase the circulation and improve the quality of the magazine. He clarified all the queries asked by the people regarding NIROPYA. **Mrs. Philomena Bagul** and her team under the

guidance of **Fr. Joe Pereira**, Parish Priest, St. Anne's Cathedral, Nashik Road saw meticulously to the logistics, food and snacks arrangements. The Nashik edition of Sakal published the next day the news of this workshop in 3 columns with photos.

Sch. J. Savari Joseph

St. Vincent's Community, Pune

The month of March began with a recollection for the scholastics given by **Fr. Benny Gracias, SJ** at B.T.C. The theme for this recollection was "love". As their exams have begun, the scholastics are busy in putting their best foot forward for the exams. St. Xavier's Parish had arranged a 'Lenten Mission' week for the Parishioners. This was preached by Redemptorist Priests, **Fr. Peter D'Souza** and **Fr. Clement Campos**. The Sunday school is closed for this Academic year. **Fr. Andrew Fernandes** was out from 17 to 27 March for the Treasurers' Meet at Rome.

Sch. Prashant Shaharao

St. Joseph's Technical Institute, Pune

The month of March brought a lot of joy and happiness to each and every member of the community of St. Joseph's Technical Institute. **Fr. Bhausheb** pronounced his final vows on 19 March in the presence of Fr. Provincial, **Fr. Bertram Rozario**, who was the main Celebrant at the Eucharistic celebration. The Mass was made more devotional due the singing of the hostel boys. Special thanks to **Fr. James Thorat** who came all the way from Loyola, Pashan to train the boys in singing. **Sch. Sachin** and **Sch. Jesus** accompanied the singing with musical instruments. It was followed by a fellowship meal for all. The whole programme was well organized by **Fr. Subhash**. The hostel boys too contributed to it.

At present there are five candidates, two of them are studying in the eleventh standard. Congratulations to **Sch. Jesus** for participating and winning the prize for creative presentation of advertisement. This competition was held at

the University level. He also received a prize for his all-round performance in the college. **Fr. Tony Viagula** continues to conduct various seminars and retreats to further the mission of God.

Bro. Sameer Kerketta

SADDAC, Daund

It is our joy to see SADDAC growing. In March, **Vicky Kasaute** and **Rohit Mohite**, wrote their Std. XII exam in Arts and Commerce stream respectively. **John Shinde** and **Puja Pundige** appeared for their Std. X exam. We implore God for their good results. **Sr. Olive**, with the help SADDAC Women's Self-Help-Group (SHG) and the Coordinator, **Jyoti S. Mokoll**, organized the inauguration of tailoring and beautician courses on 8 March. The Person-in-charge for SHG from the Municipality, **Mr. M. Gund**, in the presence of Strimukti Association's **Mrs. Poorna Bagadhe** cut the ribbon. In his speech, he praised SADDAC for actively cooperating with the Municipal Programmes for women and for availing the facilities at SADDAC for such programmes. 65 women, including a several drop-out girls, took part in this programme. On 25 March the Panchayat Samiti organized an exhibition cum sale event at Daund Market. 10 girls from the SADDAC SHG group put up sales of Papad, pickle and baby dresses.

The Women's SHG Group deeply mourned the death of **Mrs. Julie Rodrigues** on 11 March. She was an active supporter of the women's activities at SADDAC. The Catholic Women's group organized a special Mass for Mrs. Rodrigues on her 99th Birth Anniversary on 25 March.

Sr. Olive Oliveira

Loyola Divyavani, Shrirampur

The 9th Convention of the Dalit Christian writers was held from 25-27 February at the Loyola Divyavani premises. The Convention was a great success. It was attended by a good number of Christian writers. A

'*Granth Dindi*' with Christian literature, including Khrist Puran, Niropya, Dnyanodaya, Suwarta and other literature was taken to Shrirampur city starting from Loyola Sadan Church. Various analytical papers, poems and other literary forms on the plight of Dalit Christians; injustices inflicted on them; opportunities of progress denied; Dalit Christian movement to fight injustices, etc., were presented and discussed by various speakers. The Convention was inaugurated by **Mr. Abraham Mathai**, Vice President of the Minority Commission, Maharashtra State. Mr. Mathai strongly pleaded for granting benefits of the Government's backward class reservation policy to Dalit Christians and the expeditious removal of injustice perpetuated by the State for so long in the name of Christian religion. He also emphasized on support of the Church for improving the socio-economic-educational conditions of Dalit Christians. During the convention, a resolution was unanimously passed asking the Government to grant the benefits of backward class reservations to Dalit Christians as recommended by the Ranganath Mishra Commission, without further prolonging the issue.

Mr. Francis Sansare, a socio-political activist and social worker, was the host president of this Convention and welcomed the dignitaries. He also bore the burden of the Convention expenses. The elected president of this 9th Convention was **Adv. Anupama Dongre-Joshi**, who addressed the convention with her well-studied paper on the Dalit Christian Literary Movement. **Mr Kamil Parkhe** has been elected as the president of the next Convention. Other members elected were **Fr. Joe Gaikwad** and **Mr. Francis Sansare** as the vice presidents, **Mr. Prabhakar Makasare** as secretary, and **Dr. Rev. Roshan Jambhale** as treasurer.

Fr. James Shelke

Loyola Sadan, Shrirampur

If one comes to Loyola Sadan, one cannot escape seeing the activities that go on

here. The house now with the extension, self contained rooms and a fresh coat of paint has a great look and adds to everyone's comfort. Thanks to the painstaking efforts of **Fr. Valente**. Province members are welcome for rest, relaxation or to spend some quality time here. **Bro. Daniel** after a stay of two months at St. Luke's Hospital due to throat infection and a minor operation, has just returned. He is now better and is recuperating in our Community. He was taken great care of by the Sisters and the nurses. The school, as usual, is very busy with a lot of activities. The tenth standard students have just finished their exams. The rest of the students are in the midst of their exams. This year saw a very great demand for LKG admission from various quarters. Our Technical Institute is making all the necessary preparations to start summer vocation courses in basic electrical and mobile repairing. The Parish, as part of preparation for lent, organised a 'Gospel Music and Preaching' by Navajeevan Tara, Aurangabad on 20th March. It was very much appreciated, and devotees from neighbouring parishes, too, attended in great numbers. **Fr. Raju** plans to have a few more meaningful programmes in the coming days.

Fr. Nelton

Dnyanamata Vidyalaya, Sangamner

Dnyanamata's *shet tal* i.e., the farm pond, is in full use now with the filling in of river water which is released occasionally. Though it is hot in the town, our campus is cool because of this water. All are welcome for a rejuvenating stay at Dnyanamata. It is also harvesting season in the farm. Wheat and grams are ready and the harvesting is on, thanks to **Fr. Prakash**'s concerted efforts. **Fr. Robert Das** had arranged a cricket match in the school, coinciding with the World Cup, in which several schools from the town took part. The Dnyanamata team won the final match and received the beautiful trophy which was every team's dream. This trophy was sponsored by

Mr. Richard Fernandes of 'Brandon's Taekwondo Academy'.

Deepak Shermale, a fifth standard student of our school, died in an accident just in front of our gate while trying to cross the road. We, all at Dnyanamata, expressed our condolences to the family and continue to pray for them. We, along with the parents of the students from our neighbouring villages, are requesting the authorities to put sign boards and proper speed breakers on the Nagar road in front of our school. Further, our teachers and students are assigned to control the traffic before the start and the close of the school every day.

We have started getting water from the Municipality water tank in our campus. The Community as a whole has struggled hard to get the '24 hour free 1 inch water connection', which was part of the contract. Our water woes seem to have come to an end. Thanks be to God!

Fr. T. Titus

GREEN CORNER

Due to the global environmental crisis, the world governments at large have very strict laws concerning new constructions, especially buildings. Governments encourage Green Buildings. Green building (also known as green constructions or sustainable buildings) refers to a structure and using processes that are environmentally responsible and resource-efficient throughout a building's life-cycle. A green building is one which uses less water, optimises energy efficiency, conserves natural resources, generates less waste and provides healthier spaces for occupants, as compared to a conventional building.

Here, it would be interesting to talk about a "Green Community". This includes not only our buildings (most of them are not so "Green") but also the members who live in the community. Some practical tips to make our Community more "Green" are as follows:

- Conscious effort of every member of the community to reduce the waste of water and energy and live an environmental friendly life.
- Switching over to CFL bulbs or LED lights (though expensive it is a good long term investment). Switch over to solar water heaters. Look for the possibility of solar lighting and cooking.
- Get rid of the old electrical gadgets and buy new energy efficient gadgets.
- Recycle and reuse water. Make provision to use waste-water from kitchen and bathrooms for watering gardens and trees. Repair any leakage of water immediately.
- Use drip irrigation for gardening. If possible make provisions for water harvesting.
- Maintain and service house vehicles regularly so that they emit less pollution and maintain their efficiency.
- Segregate waste into wet and dry. Use lasting carry bags made of cloth or paper for buying things and try to avoid plastic bags.
- Subscribe to periodicals which deal with environmental issues. Have discussions in the Community level. Every environmental problem out in the world is our problem too!
- Avoid those food items which indirectly put a burden on the environment.
Of course, the cost of creating a “Green Community” is high. But it is worth the effort!

FROM BOMBAY PROVINCE

From the Socius, Bombay Province

Father Provincial, **Tony J. D’Souza**, has asked me to give you some information on our province holidays. As you know, as part of the inter-provincial collaboration, we offer the possibility to Jesuit members of our neighboring provinces of Gujarat, Pune and Goa, of spending the summer holidays together.

The details of our 2011 holidays are:

- **When:** May 2, 2011 in the morning through May 9 in the evening.
- **Where:** St. Stanislaus’ Villa, Ryewood Park, Opp. Ravi Society, Lonavala 410 401, Maharashtra.
- **Contact:** Socius Bombay province or Fr. Juan, St. Peter’s Church, Bandra, Mumbai. Mobile: 9820717054.
- **Deadline for registration:** April 20

SCHOLASTICS PROGRAMME

14th May evening to 21st Afternoon:
Annual Retreat - B.T.C. Vitthalwadi, Pune

21st May Evening to 25th Afternoon:
Scholastics Meet - St. Joseph Convent, Panchgani

PROVINCE HOLIDAYS

The Province Holidays have been fixed for 25th May 2011 (evening) to 28th May 2011 (lunch) at Loyola, Pune. Please do come and enjoy the fellowship.

PRAY AND WISH

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02 Simon Shingare
04 Anil Soares
14 Anil Chakranarayan
18 Benny Gracias
25 Pramod Dushing
27 Desiderio Pinto

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03 Prakash Bhalerao
06 John Santos

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