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## Voice of **JAAI** Newsletter

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### President's Message

*Dear Rev.Fathers, Brothers and Alumni Friends*

I am happy to convey my fraternal greetings on the occasion of the release of first e-news letter "Voice of JAAI" for the term 2020-2023 of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI). I greatly appreciate the efforts of Prof.Edmund Frank, the editor of JAAI news letter in bringing it to us as a reality.

COVID 19 pandemic has had a great impact on the day today life of mankind and by the grace of God ,efforts of the Government, the medical fraternity , the health workers volunteers, lot of relief work have been carried out to prevent the spread of this pandemic. Many of our Jesuit Institutions and alumni associations have carried out wonderful COVID relief work providing beds, pillows, blankets, food rations, provisions, oximeters, face masks etc. Many of our alumni associations have taken novel methods of providing relief for the relief against COVID pandemic. Further Jesuit Relief Hub(JRH) which is a part of the Jesuit Conference of South Asia (JCSA) has been also working in close conjunction with the beneficiaries in providing relief work especially for migrant workers. It is also planning to bring out more relief programs for the migrants especially in providing the migrants with the local work of the State of origin and trying to help them with reverse migration to get back to their work for livelihood. I am thankful to JRH for Co-opting me in the capacity of President of JAAI. Rev.Fr.George Pattery and the JRH also highlighted the need for the alumni support in helping to create a data base of the migrants which could be used by JRH and the alumni associations in

providing relief work for the migrants when they reach their states of origin. JRH is also planning to launch a multilingual helpline similar to that of child helpline and also manning 24 x 7 multilingual helpdesk for providing relief for the migrants. Further JAAI is also proposing launch webinars on subjects of career guidance and topics of general popularity like in increasing the skills in communication, counselling etc.



I am happy that in spite of the lock down many of our Jesuit Educational Institutions and alumni associations have risen above board in providing relief.

The first JAAI GC meeting was held on 17th May,2020 through Zoom conference call on a marathon 4 hours duration where many of our GC Members and PCA's participated. I am also thankful to Rev.Fr.George Pattery SJ-Provincial for south Asia (POSA) for gracing the occasion and Rev.Fr.Sunny Jacob, National Advisor for his advice and counsel. I wish our alumni associations and alumni, Rev.Fathers, Rev.Brothers, teachers, students all glory and salute them for their yeomen services in being the torch bearers in imparting their knowledge through teaching and mentoring. Let us follow the tenets of Ignatian spirit by following the Universal Apostolic Preferences(UAP).I have great pleasure in wishing you all a very a happy feast of St.Ignatius of Loyola which will on 31st July,2020.

With best wishes

**S. Chenthil Kumar**

President

Jesuit Alumni Associations of India(JAAI)

## From the Editor

It is matter of great pride and joy for JAAI that despite the lock down that took effect in the month of March, Jesuits and Jesuit Alumni Associations all over India were active during this period directing their attention and effort to give solace to the displaced persons, immigrant labourers and others by distributing to them food grains, medicines, testing kits, masks, beds and mattresses and other necessities of life. I have done my best to project all the JAAI activities during the covid period in this News letter. If anything is missed out, kindly bring that to my attention to get it published in the next issue of the Voice JAAI.

An Institution's alumni are a reflection of its past, representation of the present and a link to its future. Leveraging the Alumni community can be a win - win for both the institution and the alumni. Many of them are willing to give back to their Alma mater as a sign of their gratitude and affinity towards their institution. However most of them are unsure of how and what should be done towards this. It is here that the alumni associations of schools and colleges should step in and act as a binding force between the alumni and their Alma mater. An effective alumni network assures the alumni as a significant stakeholder by making them actively participate in the institution's developmental activities.

A strong Alumni Association can be a strong benefactor of an institution that can contribute towards various activities of the Institution. What is important here is for the Executive Committee Members of the concerned associations to be dedicated and to lead by example. Today we observe a paradigm shift in the way educational Institutions view their alumni. There was a time when the Alma mater and the alumni community were treated as separate entities and they existed independent of the other. There were many local alumni chapters floated just to connect with batch mates with no connection whatsoever with the Alma mater they graduate from. Today this equation has changed for the better and the relationship between the alumni and the Institutions has taken a welcome change and a different flavour. Universities and colleges are increasingly realising the influence of the alumni and have begun to harness the power of the

alumni, leveraging the alumni community to a position of win - win for both the Alma mater and the alumni. This is what the Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) and the World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) strive for, to promote networking between the alumni and their Alma mater for their mutual benefit and to be the brand ambassadors of the college they graduated from.

We are passing through a difficult time. Retrospectively speaking at no time in history a virus has brought all religious activity to a miserable halt and has also caused the world to shut down. Scientists and religious leaders could do nothing but remain powerless spectators before this invisible marauding dragon threatening the human race.

There is a hidden message in this pandemic which asks us to slow down, reflect and introspect and bring order and discipline into our lives. Post corona life is not going to be the same as before and has to be different. We were forced to learn new lessons and rediscover old values much to our chagrin. The lock down has asked us what do we need to live reasonably well? The answer obviously is, not too much but very little. We have seen individuals and groups come to the help of the needy without looking at their colour, cast, and religion. We have also seen gratitude being expressed to the work done. Without naming it as such this issue of the Voice of JAAI is actually a Covid 19 issue and vividly records and announces the work done by the Jesuit Institutions and Jesuit alumni in different regions in our country. Therefore the release of this Newsletter is planed to coincide with the World Humanitarian Day, 19 August 2020.

I express my gratitude to our President, Mr. Chentil Kumar, the Secretary Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh the National Advisor to JAAI Fr. Sunny Jacob SJ and all the members of the JAAI Governing Council for placing me on the Editors seat of the Voice of JAAI News letter. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ, Principal , St Aloysius College (Autonomous) and also Director of the Alumni Association (SACAA) for allocating an office to the JAAI Editor with office assistance to do my work connected with the Voice of JAAI Newsletter which did come as a great blessing. My sincere gratitude to Prasad Printers Mangalore for graphically designing this News letter and for doing an excellent printing job. Thank you everyone and let us get set for the 2nd edition of the Voice of JAAI after it was revived..

**Prof. Edmund Frank**  
Editor, Voice of JAAI



## **Inspiring words from Rev Dr. Stany D'Souza SJ Provincial Karnataka Jesuit Province Appointed as Provincial of the South Asia region**

We are not unaware of the ill effects of Covid 19 pandemic. Like a sudden storm it ushered in abrupt changes globally. Along with new realities like physical distancing, masks, frequent hand sanitizing, on-line meetings, quarantines, etc. it also made the places of worship to be closed, rendered many jobless, caused needless pain to thousands of young guest workers, and above all made many suffer the loss of their dear ones. This phenomenon can certainly be depressing. The worst is that there seems to be no end of the tunnel. The uncertainty is continuing.

However, as there is a silver lining behind every cloud so there was new life in and around the pandemic. Some saw a new direction, trod a new path and made their lives and lives of others meaningful. One such initiative among them was that of the Jesuit institutions. They along with their multiple partners – staff and students, parents and benefactors, alumni, alumnae, made a difference to many with a comprehensive relief package.

Our alumnae/alumni are some of the most significant partners of Jesuit institutions. They are



our constant companions, nay collaborators. They were very much part of the comprehensive relief work. Although they are out of their alma mater and some of them are in their evening years, they neither grow old nor are they tired of their alma mater. The other important feature of our alumni/ae is that they are relentless learners. Hence, many of them have made big in life. I would like to congratulate them for all that they are and do.

I am very happy to hear that 'Voice of JAAI (VJ)', which was not heard for some time has now happily revived under the new JAAI office bearers. It is indeed a sign of faith, hope and love during these depressing times. When the masks and physical distancing and frequent hand washing usher in social distancing VJ will facilitate communication, foster communion and build communities so that all may be healthy, happy and harmonious. I wish VJ and JAAI all success. May you always be beacons of faith, hope and charity!

**Stany D' Souza SJ**  
Provincial of Karnataka Province

Rev. Dr. Stany D'Souza SJ the Provincial of the Karnataka Jesuit Province is appointed as the head of the South Asia region by the Jesuit Superior General Fr. Arturo Sosa on 30 April 2020. He takes over from the outgoing South Asia provincial Fr. Pattery.

The South Asia region is the largest Jesuit unit in the world with over 4000 Jesuits. As the Provincial of South Asia (POSA), Fr. Stany will be over all head of the administration of some important Jesuit training Institutes like Delhi's Vidyajyothi Theological Institute, Jyana Deepa Vidyapeeth Theological and Philosophical Institute in Pune, Sathya Nilayam Institute of Philosophy and Religion in Chennai, Lonavla Sadhana, Indian Social Institute in Delhi and Bengaluru. He will be coordinating the activities of Jesuit Conference of South Asia, a body of heads of 18 provinces and 2 regions. He will animate crucial Jesuit works such as the Jesuit Refugee Service in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Fr. Stany has a good reputation as a very able administrator. The Jesuit Alumni Associations of India wish Fr. Stany all the best in his new assignment.



## Secretary's Message

**Reverend Jesuit Fathers & Brothers,  
Dear Jesuit Alumni/ae,**

It gives me immense joy to welcome you to the newsletter of Federation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India (JAAI) – "Voice of JAAI". The resuscitation of the newsletter after a gap of almost five years will definitely put a smile on your face. The newsletter is one of the main channels of communications with you and we hope you will embrace it. We had a wonderful National Congress at Trichy with a record attendance and constructive sessions offering much learning and knowledge sharing. The success of the congress was largely due to your determination and resolve of the organizing committee.

This newsletter is being released during a time of unprecedented and compounded difficulties. The COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed possibly the worst global public health crisis seen in more than a century and it has also triggered a global socioeconomic crisis, upending the livelihoods and wellbeing of millions of people, disproportionately hurting low & middle wage jobs and widening inequalities. In the face of these challenges, we, the Jesuit Alumni/ae along with Reverend Jesuit Priests, Jesuit Institutions feel proud by way of doing little things, contributing and making efforts and living by the JAAI motto "*to give and not to count the cost*". It is indeed very satisfying to know that many Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations are working in tandem with civil administration, Jesuit Institutions and providing critical medical support and meeting critical needs of communities around the country. This newsletter highlights many such activities carried out by different Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of the country. In days to come, we also need to build a framework for the socio-economic response to COVID-19 pandemic highlighting the need to protect jobs, small businesses and vulnerable workers to weather the current storm and build resilience to other shocks.

This newsletter was made possible with the painstaking efforts of Prof. Edmund Frank, the Governing Council Member and the editor of the newsletter. The support of the various alumni/ae associations in making available the report of their activities and other contributions are commendable.

We have taken many new initiatives and also reinforcing many initiatives taken earlier for strengthening JAAI and visualize the idea of JAAI with 5

I's i.e. Identity, Impression, Ignatian Magis, Involvement and Impact. JAAI can be a strong federation only when its constituent zones, provinces, alumni associations and alumni/ae are active and enjoys connecting with each other. Therefore, I would request all the member alumni associations to kindly support us in our various endeavour to give more zest to JAAI. Few things that needs immediate attention of member alumni/ae associations are as follows:



1. Kindly arrange to update details of office bearers of alumni associations by filling the Google form available just below the slideshow on the homepage of our website [www.jaaindia.com](http://www.jaaindia.com). Alternatively, you may also use direct link "[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezGK KdRS9QIBiuHk6s7dzTRdVqTHbczZtEcelumeNgurMK w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezGK KdRS9QIBiuHk6s7dzTRdVqTHbczZtEcelumeNgurMK w/viewform?usp=sf_link)" to fill the Google form.

2. Kindly arrange for regular sharing of news, activities, updates with photographs on e-mail [editor@jaaindia.com](mailto:editor@jaaindia.com), [president@jaaindia.com](mailto:president@jaaindia.com), [secretary@jaaindia.com](mailto:secretary@jaaindia.com) and [gjmasky@gmail.com](mailto:gjmasky@gmail.com) which will help in bringing out the newsletter periodically and updating our website with latest information.

3. Kindly arrange to popularize "The Xavier Connect (TXC)" App developed by TEXAS, Ahmedabad among Jesuit alumni/ae members of your association and arrange for its extensive use for connectivity, resource sharing and demand-supply win-win transactions. Our Vice-President Shri Bhaumik Thakar may be contacted on his e-mail id [bhaumik.thakar@gmail.com](mailto:bhaumik.thakar@gmail.com) for more details.

4. Kindly arrange to share details of user IDs/link/handle of your alumni association active on different social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube etc. so that the same may be linked with JAAI account on the respective platforms and information, news and updates are shared and disseminated quickly.

5. Kindly arrange to design and formulate one activity of the alumni association that is a. mapped with any one of the four Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) of Society of Jesus 2019-2029 i.e. showing the way to god, walking with the excluded, journeying with the youth and caring for our common home.

- b. reserved for inter-province or intra-province collaborative, fellowship, sporting or any such activities.
- c. dedicated to fund-raising to sustain development of the organization.
- d. extending physical, financial or logistic support to a nascent or dormant alumni association of the region to grow and excel.
- 6. Kindly arrange to work with Jesuit leadership for cobranding and to make JAAI an integral part of the Jesuit Institutions.
- 7. Kindly arrange to share the soft copies of directory/contact details of alumni members of your association. Try to update the directory with details of profession, position, expertise, interests and yellow pages before sharing. Further, if available, share a list of distinguished alumni members of your association.
- 8. Kindly ensure timely clearance of JAAI membership fees and its reconciliation with our Treasurer.

This year brings the new Governing Council of JAAI for the term 2020-23 and I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all of you on being entrusted with the responsibility of the Secretary, JAAI. I hope the rich experience of senior members of the Governing Council will guide the federation and the vibrant young blood will take the federation to new horizons rich in activities, excellent in networking and committed in bringing about bondage among its member associations. The path is

long and strenuous but I am sure it will be achieved in no time with unstinted effort from each one of you to this goal. As Rudyard Kipling writes in his famous poem 'if'

"If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
*With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,*  
*Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,*  
*And which is more-you'll be a Man, my son!"*

I invite suggestions from you to make JAAI more vibrant and dynamic. I have committed my hundred percent to the cause of serving the JAAI and seeking your cooperation just as always to build a JAAI which is stronger and stellar.

**With best wishes,**



**(Neel Mani Rangesh)**

**Secretary**

**Federation of Jesuit Alumni/ae Associations of India (JAAI)**



*St. Ignatius of Loyola"*



**"To give and not to count the cost"**

Motto of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India ( JAAI)

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**President**

**NEEL MANI RANGESH**  
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**REV. FR. SUNNY JACOB SJ**  
**National Alumni Advisor**

**Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI)**

## Message from Fr. Sunny Jacob S.J., National Adviser of JAAI

Dear Esteemed JAAI members,

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, (the Jesuits) on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, we are actually celebrating Jesuit history and values. JAAI invites all its members and associates to join us to ignite the spirit of creativity, community, the soul and mind, justice, sportsmanship, and action and service in the spirit of St. Ignatius. Our News Letter, Voice of JAAI contains rich experience of JAAI unites in the time of the Pandemic sweeping across the globe and particularly in India.

Jesuit ideals and values were first established more than 500 years ago by St. Ignatius of Loyola, whose teachings are incorporated into Jesuit schools and colleges around the world today. Jesuit education focuses on educating the whole person and emphasizes a commitment to lifelong learning, social justice and service —all of which are celebrated during Loyola Feast. As Late Adolfo Nicholas reminded the Alumni that Ignatian tradition has intended to put the human being not in the orbit of "responsibility" but in that of "gratefulness". This gratitude makes the JAAI move forward by giving by not counting the cost.

JAAI has been spearheading it's self-less service to humanity during this Pandemic period. Many of our units are actively participating with their alma mater the local governments, civil Society organizations and Jesuit schools and colleges to serve the affected and needy people. In fact, Jesuit mission and identity in the lights of the UAPs, that is: 1. Showing the way to God, 2. Walking with the excluded, 3. Accompanying the youth and 4. Caring for our Common Home. These four focused areas will lead the Jesuit/ Ignatian ideals in our service for a decade.

This pandemic crisis and related lockdown brought out the best of all of us, when we joined hands and hearts in the spirit of faith, fellowship and commitment. JAAI has been active in many campaigns like blood donation, Relief works, Environmental awareness, Exchange programme, Professional Training sessions for students, and Networking. Former General Adolfo

says, "It is interesting to note that as a result, many of our former students have linked with social volunteer, programs or NGOs that serve the poor, migrants, displaced persons and refugees. In this regard, the response of many alumni has been extraordinarily generous". Same is true with JAAI in India.



Here let us thank the Rev. Fr. (Dr.) George Pattery SJ for his visionary leadership as POSA for the past 6 years. We acknowledge his tremendous support, guidance and encouragement for the past and present teams of JAAI. We also welcome the incumbent POSA Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza SJ.

In the pages of 'Voice of JAAI' you will read about the exemplary service done by various JAAI Units during the pandemic and the future oriented vision of the new Team of JAAI. I appreciate **Prof. Edmund**, Our **National President Mr. Chenthilkumar CS** and our **National Secretary Mr. Neel mani Rangesh** and their team for making the 'Voice of JAAI' heard. As members of JAAI family let us be agents of social transformation through our servant leadership.

I wish 'Voice of JAAI' all the best. Let your light shine and let the flame of your helping hand kindle other flames of services to the needy, the migrants and the marginalized. Post Corona world cannot be the same. With hope, courage, vision and resilience JAAI will look forward to build a world of peace and harmony, where people live in joy and happiness.

AMDG,

**Sunny Jacob SJ**  
National Adviser, JAAI  
Secretary, Jesuit Education Associations of South Asia  
(JEASA)

**World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) Congress  
Scheduled to be convened in Barcelona, Spain  
from 14 to 18 July 2021**

## Message from Dr. Devendra Singh

*Dear JAAI Colleagues, Jesuit Priests and Alumni/ae Friends,*

It is said that a completed work passes its ACID TEST only if the doer of the work feels the delight in his heart, and if offered, is willing to take-up the same assignment again with pleasure. As the President of the Federation of Jesuit Alumni Associations of India from January 2017 to January 2020, I felt the same delight each day, and was extremely satisfied and happy on the day I relinquished office to my worthy successor CA S. ChenthilKumar of Tiruchirapalli in January this year.

The three Vice Presidents of JAAI, the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer are the additional brains of the JAAI President. I am more than happy to put on record my appreciation for their undeterred contribution and unflinching support in the previous JAAI Term.

My predecessors, in their own times, laid a healthy traditions and strong foundations for this vibrant and purposeful organization, which I tried to take miles ahead with wise inputs from all Governing Council members, effective guidance from the National Jesuit Alumni Advisor, Jesuit Province Alumni Co-ordinators, from all collaborating Alumni Associations and their respective Jesuit Parent Institutions; and my humble efforts & myopic vision. Not to forget the role of our esteemed spouses, who sacrificed their share of our time to let us make the flag of JAAI fly-high !

JAAI now has larger visibility, hugely committed membership strength, solid purposes for existence and growth, positive collaboration, and clearly outlined and highlighted objectives. It

is also lending leadership support to the World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA).

Considering the number of Jesuit Institutions that still remain untouched, untapped and un-aligned by / with JAAI, the leadership of 2020-2023 has an up-hill task at hand, for which a positive, concerted, all-out effort needs to be put in. JAAI now has much databases and information available with it. It also enjoys much more confidence, trust and allegiance from the Provincial of South Asia (POSA), the National Alumni Advisor and the entire South Asian Leadership of the Jesuits. We have been able to establish a purposeful, meaningful and mutually beneficial relationship between our forums, and it is now time to both, harness and leverage our collective strengths, fortifications and vision of alumni power. Eminent and resourceful alumnus/na and alumni groups could probably be the best and most trustworthy lay partners in furthering the common missions and goals of this huge collaboration. We must think of ways and means to achieve these ideas.

I take this opportunity to convey (my wife) Dalbir Kaur's and my greetings and best wishes to the JAAI Team of 2020-2023, and reassure them of all my support and advice for all times to come.

Sincerely,



Dr. Devendra Singh

**JESUIT ALUMNI WIVES IN ACTION :** Doranda Old Xaverians' wives (DOX Wives) coordinated for the travel of 25 girls from Tamil Nadu to Ranchi. All stationed at Paras Hospital, HEC. Opposite Prabhat Tara School, Sector III, Ranchi.





### X Congress World Union Jesuit Alumni Barcelona 2021

Barcelona in the upcoming year, for a few days will become the world meeting point of the Ignatian community. After these days of confinement, reflection and solidarity we want to share with you alumni, teachers, members and friends of the Ignatian community, a message: "**United by values, moved by the future**".

Barcelona 2021 comes as a process of reflection and dialogue around the value and actions that the Jesuit Alumni we have in front of us. Our common objective is to revive the potential of our network and to respond to the challenges of today's society, inviting everyone to participate in a live reconciliation and jointly promote the value of union and action among alumni, all over the world and especially young people.

**The X World Union Jesuit Alumni Congress to be held on 14th-18th July 2021 in Barcelona will be part of the acts to commemorate the 5th Centenary of the conversion of Saint Ignatius 500**, which will be held in Spain that "Ignatius year 2021-2022".

On our behalf, in order to commemorate the 5th Centenary in a meaningful way, we invite everybody on the dawn of July 13, to precede the Congress with a pilgrimage from Montserrat to La Cova in Manresa, after a "**shared night candle**" the previous evening in the Montserrat basilica and in the church of Casp Jesuit Barcelona school. It will be a moment of encounter with ourselves and with other alumni from all over the world, **to jointly follow the steps of the path that Saint Ignatius traveled 500 years ago**.

The following day, Father General Arturo Sosa, s.j, will lead us the opening of the Congress showing his reflection on the challenges and actions as alumni we have to conquer, in the Ignatian framework of Reconciliation and the guidelines of the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus. Main challenges that the Society is facing today and elements of aid for our action and its transformation will be worked on, combining the knowledge and experiences of relevant speakers, with the debate and interaction of congress participants in co-creation workshops.

**These are the main challenges and problems that the humanity is facing today, on what we want to discuss:**

- Ecology and our common House
- The problem of migration and the opportunity that arises
- The role of women in society and in the church
- Technology at the service of people
- The potential of religions in reconciliation
- Social innovation as a tool for social transformation

**and these, the elements and tools for our action and its transformation:**

- Education, a transforming element of society
- The professional environment, a commitment for the action of a shared mission
- Social and educational development in the integration of the most vulnerable communities
- Collaboration and networking as catalysts for the Jesuit mission

You can already be part of the congress through [www.jesuitsalumnibcn2021.org](http://www.jesuitsalumnibcn2021.org). Please join us, and be part and follow our Social Media channels.

We want to be all united.

For World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae,

Naresh Gupta  
Secretary

### Divine Retribution

Amidst the current situation of corona virus (COVID-2019), I would like to make a small contribution of my thoughts through this article.

Almost going through months, how do you all feel staying together without any reason for once? Well, if you ask for a personal perception, I would like to express in a vivid description. This event has made our lives stagnant, the fleeting and bustling life has now become poignant. A phase to definitely test our endurance, let's pay the health care workers our reverence. A tribute to returns of our motherland, who has given so much in abundance, sufficing billions of people's demands. The chain of duplication for this virus is unimaginable, a single person's negligence can make the situation so much more alarming and unstable. This minuscule structure has enlightened the brevity of human life.

Are we aware of its effect as a double edged knife? The nature has finally redeemed its lost charm, while the humans are falling like bowling pins, raising the alarm. It's the perfect opportunity for overall introspection, to devote one's time for all unlearned lesson. Some are restless for they have always lacked discipline, for others are diligent following restrictions having faith in medicine. As the situation gets more baffling, let's not give in to our fears, if so Corona will be winning. Which no human being wants.

While sipping through the evening tea, a Shloka from the sacred book of *Bhagwad Gita* crossed through my mind:

जातस्य हि ध्रुवो मृत्युर्ध्रुवं जन्म मृतस्य च।  
तस्मादपरिहार्ये न त्वं शोचितुमहीसि॥ 27॥

*jātasya hi dhruvo mrityur dhruvarṇ janma mṛitasya cha  
tasmād aparihārye 'rthe na tvarṇ śochitum arhasi*

- explained in this verse that life is inescapably a dead end, and so a wise person does not lament over the inevitable.

This exemplifies the power of positivity, let's not take COVID - 2019 as a retribution but a divinity. Its time to Stay safe, maintain social distancing and keep everyone in our prayers.

Remember, This too shall pass! And that too, too soon. Amen.

For World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae,

**Naresh Gupta**

Secretary



## The JAAI team that participated in the 9th World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) Congress Held at John Carroll University, Cleveland - Ohio, USA from 28 June to 2 July 2017



H. E. S. YEDDYURAPPA  
CHIEF MINISTER



CM/HOK/237/2020

Dear Sir,

The deadly covid-19 pandemic caused unprecedented losses to the community all over the world. In India due to strict measures initiated by Government of India we could contain the disease to a large extent. Karnataka in particular, could deal with the problem effectively due to the Governmental measures and great support from local organisations Institutions.

On behalf of the Government of Karnataka, I would like to place on record my gratitude and appreciation to the following Jesuit institutions and Alumni/Alumnae association.

1. St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) Bangalore
2. St. Joseph's College Alumni/Alumnae Association
3. XLRI, Jamshedpur Alumni/Alumnae Association
4. Mount. St. Joseph
5. St. Xavier College, Kolkata Alumni Association- Southern Chapter
6. St. Joseph's Indian Institutions Alumni Association
7. St. Joseph's College of Commerce Alumni/Alumnae Association
8. St. Joseph's Boys High School Alumni/Alumnae Association

During this Unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, the Government acknowledges the efforts put in by the above institutions in mobilizing material and volunteers to ensure that food and relief materials were delivered to more than 43,000 families of the most needy and underprivileged in Karnataka and convey our gratitude for the support rendered by you.

Your's faithfully

*13.07.2020*  
(B.S.Yediyurappa)

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#### Letter of Appreciation

On behalf of the Andhra Pradesh Police and on my own behalf, I wish to place on record our sincere appreciation of the services of Andhra Loyola College Alumni Association (ALCAA), Andhra Loyola College and M/S Srinivasa Farms for their gracious gesture of supplying 'Eggs' for distribution among Police personnel performing "Lock-down" duties.

Discharging professional responsibilities during these difficult times has become a challenge for the Policemen in the field and is draining their energies. It is heartening to note that, ALCAA, Andhra Loyola College and M/S Srinivasa Farms with an awareness of their social responsibility, have come forward with a donation of Eggs for the benefit of Frontline Police personnel for a period of one month on a daily basis.

Please accept our thanks and may I also mention that your assistance would greatly reassure our personnel, that their health and well being is adequately taken care during these tumultuous times.

This simple letter of thanks can never really express our appreciation enough for your efforts. Thank you for your compassion and concern for men in Uniform.

*D.Gautam Sawang*  
D.Gautam Sawang, I.P.S.



To  
The President,  
Andhra Loyola College Alumni Association,  
Vijayawada.

The Principal  
Andhra Loyola College,  
Vijayawada.

M/S Srinivasa Farms,  
Vijayawada.

## New Appointments of Province Co-ordinators

Dear Rev.Fathers, Rev.Brothers and Alumni Friends,

We welcome Rev.Fr.A.Thomas SJ, Principal and Alumni Director of Loyola College,Chennai as the Joint Province Co-ordinator for Alumni (PCA) of the Jesuit Chennai Province. He will be incharge of Colleges and Rev.Fr. Paul Benedict SJ , the PCA will be incharge of Higher Secondary Schools.

The contact details of Rev.Fr.A.Thomas SJ ,Jesuit Province Co-Ordinator for Alumni (PCA) (M) 9443377840;e-mail;thomasmair@gmail.com

Further the Provincials of Madurai and Provincial of Chennai have decided to have :-

JAAT-MDU for Madurai Province and JAAT-CEN for Chennai Province.

We welcome JAAT-MDU(Jesuit Alumni Associations of Tamil Nadu-Madurai Province) and JAAT-CEN (Jesuit Alumni Associations of Tamil Nadu -Chennai Province).

We look forward for the guidance and support of Rev. Fr. A. Thomas SJ with his rich experience and interest in alumni activities. We wish the JAAT-MDU and JAAT-CEN all glory and fame.

Yours Sincerely



**S. Chenthilkumar**  
President  
Jesuit Alumni Associations of  
India (JAAI)

## Dr. Devendra Singh on a good will visiting spree



Visited St. Xavier's School Hazaribag 18 June 2020 morning. Had a brief meeting with Principal Rev. Fr. Rosner Xalxo SJ and Alumni HOXAns CA Alok Agrawal and Mr. Manoj Goyal. Amongst many other issues, assistance & support of Alumni in smooth operations of school in COVID Times, positive image-building of school against undue pressure-building by media-proactive-parents-nexus etc. were discussed. Alumni were also requested to forward activity reports to newsletter editor for coverage and publicity on national level and on the JAAI Website.



Visited Arrupe House, Hazaribag 18 June 2020 afternoon for a warm meeting with JAAI Patron Rev. Fr. Robert (Bob) Slattery SJ and the Provincial Superior of Hazaribag Province Rev. Fr. Santosh Minj SJ. The Provincial very kindly reiterated his commitment to supporting the Jesuit Alumni. He used a fantastic phrase : "We are always with you, because YOU are US" ! Continued with Fr. Bob over a cup of Coffee. Amongst other discussions, he regretted missing the 9th JAAI Congress at Trichy. He has attended all the eight previous Congresses. We appreciated the ZOOM Cloud Meet of the JAAI-GC held on 17.05.2020 and said that perhaps this is the future of JAAI national-level meetings. We can save much time, money and the inconveniences associated with travelling. We however agreed that physical meetings are equally important and must be continued whenever possible. Fr. Bob appreciated the pedestal at which JAAI has escalated itself till now and expressed faith in CAS. Chenthilkumar and Er. Neel Mani to take JAAI higher !



Hi All, It was a pleasure visiting Rev. Fr. Saju Bastian SJ (of the Jesuit South-Asia Eco-Team) on 19 June 2020 afternoon at his Catholic Ashram School in Bhurkunda, Hazaribag Province, India along with Mr. Arun Singh (Alumnus of DeNobili School, Chandrapura, Jamshedpur Province, India) and Mr. Tilak Raj Anand (a philanthropy enthusiast associated with Lions Clubs International). Heard his experiences and experiments with ecology and environment over a cup of coffee. Shared some of my experiences from JAAI's E&E Vertical during my JAAI Presidentship. Overall a very productive meeting indeed.

Mr Shapath and team delivered 500 pieces oximeters to the AMC central medical stores, Dental college campus, Khokara, Ahmedabad on 9 July 2020 as part of the ongoing programme to combat corona virus



The total cost of the oximeters amounted to Rs 6,25,000 including gst.



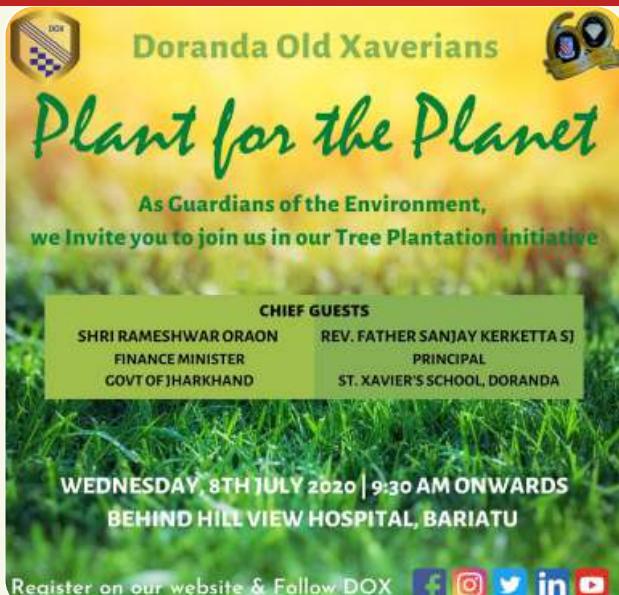
St. Joseph's College Bangalore batchmates from BA and BSc from the 1969 batch celebrated their 50 years Golden Jubilee Anniversary in their Alma mater on 4 August 2019. Around 75 batch mates and 10 faculty members were present on the occasion.

## Blood Donation Camp

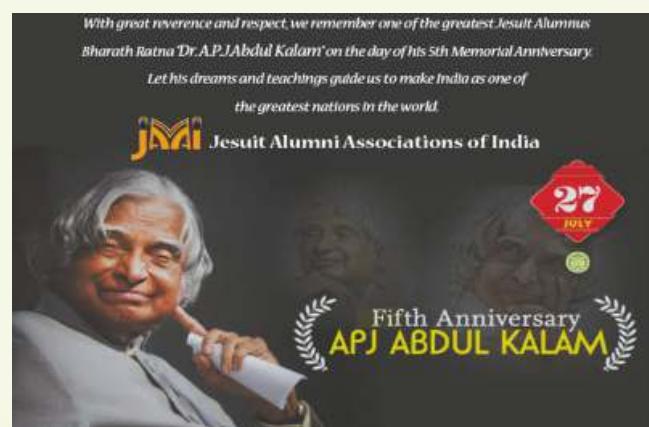
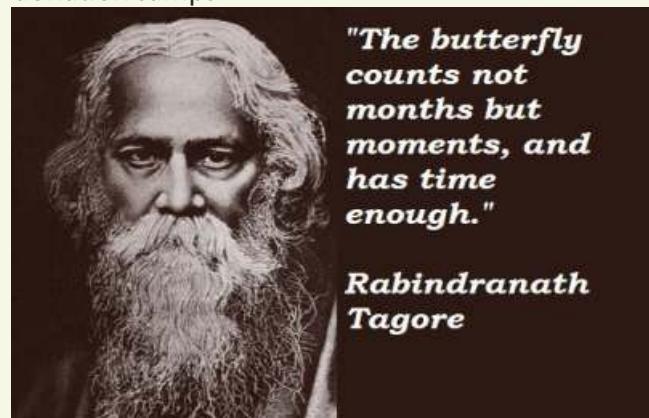
organised by DORANDA OLD XAVERIANS at the Thalassemia Daycare center of Sardar Hospital Ranchi.

Dr. Devendra Singh

This was the 3rd Blood donation camp since the Lockdown, and Doronda and old Xaverians have collected a total of 76 units through all the Blood donation camps



Doranda Old Xaverians, the alumni association of St. Xavier's School Doranda Organized a Tree Plantation Campaign by the Name - Plant for the Planet. This program was held on Wednesday, 8th July 2020 in the hills behind Hill view Hospital, bariatu. More than 1000 trees were planted as a part of this Initiative.



## Greetings from Rev. Fr Praveen Martis SJ Principal, St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru

It is heartening to know that the New JAAI Governing Council team led by its President Mr. Chenthil Kumar, Secretary Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh and National Advisor of JAAI and my close friend Fr. Sunny Jacob SJ have seriously set about their work from day one and the new team JAAI, is all set to build on the high benchmarks set by the outgoing team which was very ably led by its President Dr. Devendra Singh. I am happy that the Voice of JAAI News Letter is revived and that one of our own illustrious alumnus from St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangalore and former President of SACAA, Prof. Edmund Frank, a member of the JAAI Governing Council is appointed as its Editor. I am sure Prof. Edmund would become the significant Voice of JAAI News Letter by elevating it to greater heights.



I am sure the Voice of JAAI News letter can help you in identifying where your batchmates are and bring them once more in contact with the Alma mater. This way the Voice of JAAI can be a very effective Instrument of networking and communication between the Alumni, Alumni associations and their Alma maters worldwide. It's through networking that the incredible potential and tremendous reach of the alumni can be harnessed and put to the best use.

I had a very fruitful experience attending the JAAI National Congress in Trichy St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) in January 2020. I am sure the JAAI Governing Council has some concrete plans for the 10th World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) Congress scheduled in Barcelona, Spain in July 2021. It is a credit to JAAI that for the first time in WUJA history it has an eminent Jesuit Alumnus from India and an active member of the JAAI, Governing Council, Mr. Naresh Gupta as Secretary of WUJA.

My best wishes and blessings to team JAAI for its leadership at this juncture. May you all bear much fruit.

May we continue to work together for the greater glory of God.

## Delhi Old Xaverian Assn



DOXA (Delhi Old Xaverian Assn) with contributions and efforts of all DOXIAN'S donated 80 sim enabled Lenovo tablets to its Alma Mater to enable the needy children study online. The executive committee along with DOXA moderator Rector Fr. Jose Philip handed these tablets to Vice Principal Mr. KJ Devasia on 22 July 2020. More tablets will be donated in the coming days.

**The office of the Voice of JAAI News letter Editor, Prof. Edmund Frank being inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Praveen Martis SJ in the Muffei Block, St. Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangalore on 7 August 2020.**



## Ranchi Province Coordinator for Alumni Fr. Ignatius Lakra SJ Reported by Dr Devendra Singh

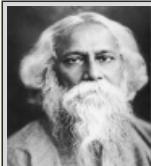
New Province Coordinator for  
Alumni at RANCHI Jesuit Province  
Appointed  
Friends,

Let us all raise a toast for Rev. Fr. Nabor Lakra SJ, the retiring PCA of Ranchi Province. Fr. Nabor was present in most of our GC Meetings and events at the National, Central Zone and JARP levels. He was always committed to networking and alumni welfare. Alumni activity in Ranchi Province flourished in his regime.



Please also join your hands to welcome Rev. Fr. IGNATIUS LAKRA SJ, the new Province Coordinator for Alumni for Ranchi Jesuit Province.

Fr. Ignatius is presently the House Superior and Vice Principal of St. Xavier's School, Doranda. He has been with SXD since June 2016, and has always enjoyed a wonderful rapport with Doranda Old Xaverians (DOX). He also attended JAAI's National Congress held at Trichy in January this year.



**"Don't limit a child  
to your own learning,  
for he was born  
in another time."**

Rabindranath Tagore

## Alumnus, Alumna, Alumni, Alumnae Alma mater

Alumnus is a former pupil or student of a school or college

Alumna refers to a female former student.

Alumni refers to the masculine plural.

Alumnae refers to feminine plural. A group of female graduates.

Alumni - However, today with the co education culture catching up everywhere the term Alumni is universally adopted to refer to both boys and girls. So now it is no longer Alumni | ae but just Alumni.

Alma mater by definition refers to a school, college or university which one has attended or graduated from. The words Alma mater come from two Latin words meaning "nourishing or bountiful mother"



I think the success of any school can  
be measured by the contribution  
the alumni make to our national life.

— John F. Kennedy —

## NIRF RANKING 2020- India

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Eight Jesuit institutions in top 100 -

6th	-	Loyola College Chennai
7th	-	St. Xavier's College Calcutta
30th	-	St. Joseph's College Trichy
36th	-	Andra Loyola college
50th	-	St. Xavier's College Palayamkottai
59th	-	St. Xavier's College Ahamadabad
72nd	-	St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore
90th	-	St. Xavier's College Mumbai

## Which is the richest University in the World? Harward University- \$38.3 Billion.



With a current endowment of over \$ 38 billion, Ivy League Harward University is the wealthiest University in the world. It was founded in 1636 as New College. It was soon renamed in honour of John Harward, a Cambrige educated clergyman who donated Pounds Sterling 1285 and a large collection of books. It had 9 graduates in the 1st year . Today it has 9 schools and over 35,000 students.

It also houses one of the biggest libraries and museums in the world with 28 million artifacts. Given its large endowment and world class faculty, Harward University continues to remain one of the biggest Universities in the world.

## REV. FR. ADOLFO NICHOLAS SJ (Former Superior General of the Society of Jesus) is no more

### A Tribute by Jesuit Superior General Rev. Arturo Sosa SJ

Dear Brothers,

With sorrow, but at the same time full of gratitude, I wish to inform you that today, May 20th, in Tokyo, the Lord called to Himself Father Adolfo Nicolás, our former Superior General. Father Nicolás, affectionately called "Adolfo" by many of us and "Nico" by the Jesuits of Asia Pacific, was born in Palencia (Spain) on 29 April 1936. He entered the Society on 14 September 1953 and was ordained a priest on 17 March 1967. As a scholastic he was sent to the mission of Japan, where, among other things, he was professor of theology, rector of scholastics and provincial, later dedicating himself to social work with immigrants in Tokyo. For ten years he lived in the Philippines, serving as director of the East Asia Pastoral Institute (EAPI) and as president of the Conference of Provincials of East Asia and Oceania. After presenting his resignation as General of the Society, he was a spiritual director at EAPI and in the Arrupe International Residence in Manila.

Father Nicolás was elected Superior General by the 35th General Congregation on 19 January 2008. Eight years later, on 3 October 2016, General Congregation 36 accepted his resignation. On that occasion, representing the members of the Congregation and in the name of the Society, Father Federico Lombardi addressed Father Nicolás with heartfelt words of gratitude for his generous service as Superior General. I invite you to reread that tribute, included among the documents of GC 36. It captures in exemplary fashion the personal style with which Father Nicolás exercised authority -- always full of warmth, goodness, and joy -as well as his innumerable contributions, as Superior General, to the progress of the Society and of the Church. As Father Lombardi said, we will never forget two words that Father Nicolás repeated constantly and that inspired us in the renewal of the Society: "universality" (of our vocation and our mission) and "depth" (spiritual and intellectual, for the sake of our mission). The best way to remember Father Adolfo Nicolás may be with a brief prayer, written in his own hand in Italian after an eight-day retreat with his General Council in 2011,

Exercises that I had the privilege to accompany. Many months after those Exercises, some meetings of the Council began with this prayer, which arose from the personal meditation of Father Nicolás on the miraculous catch of fish narrated by Saint John in chapter 21. It is an excellent synthesis of his person and of his spirituality. The original version of the prayer is this: Lord Jesus, What weaknesses did you see in us that made you decide to call us, in spite of everything, to collaborate in your mission?



We give you thanks for having called us, and we beg you not to forget your promise to be with us to the end of time.

Frequently we are invaded by the feeling of having worked all night in vain, forgetting, perhaps, that you are with us.

We ask that you make yourself present in our lives and in our work, today, tomorrow, and in the future yet to come.

Fill with your love these lives of ours, which we put at your service. Take from our hearts the egoism of thinking about what is "ours," what is "mine", always excluding, lacking compassion and joy. Enlighten our minds and our hearts, and do not forget to make us smile when things do not go as we wished.

At the end of the day, of each one of our days, make us feel more united with you and better able to perceive and discover around us greater joy and greater hope.

We ask all this from our reality. We are weak and sinful men, but we are your friends. Amen.



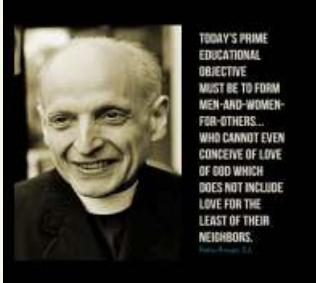
Reading this prayer reveals the true Adolfo: a wise, humble, and free man; totally and generously given to service; moved by those who suffer in the world, but at the same time overflowing with hope drawn from his faith in the Risen Lord; an excellent friend, who loved to laugh and to make others laugh; a man of the Gospel. It is a blessing to have known him. As we pray for his eternal happiness with the Lord, whom he served so well, was ask to be able ourselves to continue serving the mission as he did, with goodness, generosity, and joy.



Fraternally,  
**Arturo Sosa, S.J.**  
Superior General

## Cause for the Canonisation of Fr. Pedro Arrupe SJ 28th Superior General of the Society of Jesus

Cause for the Canonisation of Fr. Pedro Arrupe SJ the 28th Superior General of the Society of Jesus, officially opened in Rome on 5 February 2019 which was also his 28th anniversary of death. Born in Spain in 1907 Fr. Arrupe entered the Jesuits in 1927 after completing his medical education. He was ordained in 1936. When he joined the Society of Jesus, he always asked to go on the missions and finally was sent to Japan to work as a missionary. Between the parentheses, Pope Francis also wanted to go Japan, but Fr. Arrupe told him his lungs weren't good enough so he's better stay in Argentina. Pope Francis and Fr. Arrupe met several times later on. He was in Rome in 1974 for the 32nd General Congregation of the Jesuits. He was 38, so rather young and he had already been appointed provincial by Fr



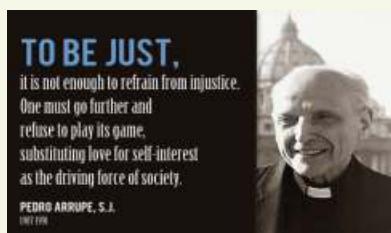
TODAY'S PRIME EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE MUST BE TO FORM MEN AND WOMEN FOR OTHERS... WHO CANNOT EVEN CONCIEVE OF LOVE OF GOD WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE LOVE FOR THE LEAST OF THEIR NEIGHBORS.

Arrupe in Argentina which means Fr. Arrupe had confidence in him. Shortly after coming to Rome as Pope, he went to the Church of the Jesu where Fr. Arrupe is buried. He offered flowers at Fr. Arrupe's tomb and prayed in silence. This was very significant. In many ways we see Francis as a Pope is a reflection of Fr. Arrupe's influence. Fr. Arrupe



Pedro Arrupe SJ  
(14 Nov 1907 – 5 Feb 1991)  
Twenty eighth Superior General (1965–83) of the Society of Jesus, founder of Jesuit Refugee Service

witnessed the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. He served as Superior General of the Jesuits from 1965 to 1983. He led the Jesuits through the end of the Second Vatican Council and its early implementation and died on 5 February 1991. His famous 1973 address to Jesuit educators and students "Men and women for others ." has become a central guiding document for Jesuit education. Men and women for others " are persons who cannot conceive of love of God without love of neighbor. Theirs is an efficacious love that has justice as its first requirement." His commitment to Justice led him to establish the Jesuit Refugee Service which serves refugees and other forcibly displaced persons in 52 countries today. Fr. Arrupe had a great sense of humour. Some eager American Jesuits were passing through Rome on their way to India. Fr. Arrupe asked Vincent O'Keef SJ, what they were doing. "Going to India to learn about the poor," Fr. Vincent replied. Fr. Arrupe quipped in reply, " It certainly takes a lot of money to teach our men about poverty."



## Francisco Bruto Da Costa East Bengals New Coach

Contributed by Da Gama Furtado, Salcete Goa



"Success is not accidental, its hardwork, perseverance and loads of commitment"

This story is of an unassuming, humble boy who stayed committed to his passion, when times were extremely tough but with loads of hard work and zeal has climbed the ladder of success.

Francisco passed out of loyolas in 1997, completed his Bachelor's in commerce and economics and further went on to do his Bachelor's in Physical Education, played and coached the the game that is more than life to him.

All who remember Francisco in loyolas, remember him always inclined towards sports and sports activities.

With immense pride to call our own,  
East Bengals New Coach Mr. Francisco Bruto Da Costa.

Now Experienced and highly qualified with over 18 years of coaching experience across the length and breadth of Asian soccer topography with roles of Assistant coach and Head Coach of

The National Team of India  
The National Team of Malaysia &  
International Club coaching in Bangladesh .

He was also an Instructor for Football Coaching License and Selector for Indian National Team and also includes two years of full time High School teaching Experience.

His many achievements not only indicate his great talent and love for the game but dedication as

well .

Francisco , we at loyolas are extremely proud of all your achievements and wish you greater success in the years to come.

We hope that your success story inspires many of our juniors and upcoming sportspersons to emulate , stick to sports and become successful at it.

May this be a just the start of lot more my friend.

Vernon Xavier, On behalf of the Executive Committee  
Loyola Ex-Students Association  
19-21.

**(Going Back in time)**  
**JAAI invites Borundi students to study in India (June 2014)**  
Reported by Mr. Naresh Gupta



During the 8th WUJA Congress convened in Burundi in June 2014 it was proposed by JAAI to invite students from Burundi to study in India and sponsor the expenses. Responding favourably to the initiative by JAAI, 3 students from Bujumbura, Burundi were sent to India for the 3 year Degree programme. They were

1. Iradukunda Kriss Hosana Jeff ( BCA)
2. Nduwimana Cederic (BA)
3. Ingabire Oliver (BA)

They were admitted to the St. Xavier's College in Ahmedabad with the assistance of the local alumni (APX and TOXA ). The cost of college fees and hostel accommodation for these 3 students for 3 years worked out to Rs. 3 Lakhs. The local alumni bore Rs. 1.5 Lakhs and JAAI paid Rs. 1.5 Lakhs. They did well in studies and obtained their Degrees.

Commendable work indeed.

## Work done by St Aloysius College Management and Alumni Association (SACAA) during covid 19 Pandemic Period

- SACAA Executive Committee members and SACAA donated Rs 1,00,000 to the Mangalore Jesuit Educational Society (MJES) to buy food kits to the poor families and migrant workers as the city was locked down to prevent the spread of Covid19 virus since March 24, 2020.
- Mr Edmund Frank member of SACAA also donated Rs 1 Lakh for the same purpose.
- Mr Sumith Rao also helped the needy by DISTRIBUTING 300 food kits
- Mr M.V Nair from the batch of 1971 also contributed Rs.one lakh towards the MJES Covid 19 project

St Aloysius College Staff set up a counselling centre "Manothejaka" with a toll free number 1800

3130228 which was operated by Listening and Learning Centre, Dept. of Psychology in association with Prajna Counselling Centre Mangalore and Aadyaa Foundation, Bangalore, to give assistance to the depressed persons from the calamity created by Covid 19.

St Aloysius Technical Training Institute prepared 1000 face masks on a request from the district administration.

Radio Sarang, the community radio of the college is continuously broadcasting Covid 19 awareness programmes on protection and prevention.

250 online free certificate courses were designed by the staff and were given on line on a variety of subjects for the students and the general public as well to keep them engaged during the lock down period.

## Two Houses Gifted by Prof. Edmund Frank to 2 Families during the covid 19 Lockdown Period



These two houses together with an expenditure of Rs 15 Lakhs plus were built and gifted by Prof. Edmund Frank during the Covid 19 lock down period in June and July 2020 to two families needing shelter. One house (on the right) is for a 7 member Bodo tribal family in Guwahati Assam and the other one (on the left) is for a 5 member family from Mangaluru in Kelarai, Neermarga. Edmund Frank is an alumnus from batch 1971 St Aloysius



College, Mangaluru and Dean, PGDBM in St Aloysius College (Autonomous) Mangaluru and former President of St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) and member of the JAAI Governing Council and Editor of the Voice of JAAI. He is also an alumnus of Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai and St. Xavier's College Mumbai. With this he has helped 10 needy families all over India to build houses.

## Rev Fr Xavier Amalraj SJ, the newly appointed PCA, Gujarat

*Fr Charles Aruldas the out going PCA of the Gujarat province*

As an Immediate Past President of West Zone Council and on behalf of West Zone Council Team for the year year 2017 - 2019, along with ex- officio Gov. Council, PCAs, ex- officio Wuja, permanent invitee and special invitee, would like to express our deep sense of gratitude to Rev Fr Charles Aruldas S.j.( PCA) of the Gujarat Provinces, for his invaluable support and guidance in reaching out our targeted goals, during my tenure as President.

Rev Fr Charles Aruldas, was a source of strength to Jesuits alumni of West Zone.

The advice and innovative approach in initiating the various ongoing projects like Solar power, water harvesting and environmental projects, has led to the progress of the West Zone and the Jesuits institutes were we serve as Team work, together we accomplished.

It is rightly said Rev Fr Charles Aruldas, a

Leader Par Excellence, who have been humorous at the meetings and always admired for his Creative and innovative approach.

We also recognize the exceptional services provided during his tenure as PCA of Gujarat Provinces is 100 percent attendance in all the participation.

Hats off to Rev Fr Charles Aruldas and together we wish you, all the best in your future endeavours.

I extend a warm welcome to Rev Fr Xavier Amalraj SJ , the newly appointed PCA, Gujarat,

Wish you all all best and GOD BLESS

Regards,

**Francisco Xavier da Costa**

## WUJA launches the Jesuit Alumni Conversations

In times of crisis, Jesuit Alumni worldwide engage into digital conversations Dear Alumnus/ aln these uncertain and unprecedented times, no one should feel alone. At the World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA), we think that this crisis creates the opportunity for Jesuit Alumni to connect and unite on a global scale. WUJA launches the Jesuit Alumni Conversations, live on our Facebook group.

## WUJA 2021 Congress in Barcelona Spain

*Dear friends,*

as you know next year from July 14th to 18th, 2021 we will celebrate the X World Congress of Jesuit Alumni in Barcelona ,while at the same time we will commemorate the 5th Centenary of the conversion of Saint Ignatius in La Cova in Manresa.



A website [www.jesuitsalumnibcn 2021.org](http://www.jesuitsalumnibcn 2021.org) has been created for that, where we describe the content, key speakers and main topics that we are going to discuss. As you will see it is in the three official languages of the World Union - WUJA for your better sharing, among the different associations, entities and groups of the Ignatian community.

We also enclose an article about Barcelona 2021 that we will appreciate if you share with all those other people and close members to the Ignatian family you may consider.

We invite you to sign up in the web registration area or follow us on social networks. This will facilitate us to be in touch with you and to know about your interest about the different themes and events around, before and during the congress.

Thanks for your support in sharing this initiative with the entire Ignatian family in the world.

Yours truly

**Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva S J**

Rector, St Joseph's College, Bangalore

and

Province Co-ordinator for Alumni South Province

## JAII Congratulates an eminent Jesuit alumnus

Jesuit alumnus  
Vaibhavi Devang  
Nanavati has been  
appointed as  
Judge in the High  
Court of Gujarat



## St Xavier's alumni brings back 174 Indians stuck in UAE



ST. Xavier's College Alumni Association (SXCAA) of Dubai in coordination with its parent body St Xaviers college Kokatta Alumni Association and Purvanchal Pravasi Milan (PPM) a UAE based committee, with active support of the Indian Embassy in UAE, Indian High Commission of Dubai and government of West Bengal arranged a chartered Air India flight to bring back to Kolkatta, 174 people from Bengal stranded in Dubai. These passengers consisted of many jobless migrant labourers, 3 pregnant women, 5 senior citizens and 4 persons needing emergency medical treatment.

## St. Xavier's College adopt Amphan Cyclone-hit village in Kakdwip in Kolkatta



St Xaviers college (Autonomous ) Kolkatta donated Rs.10 Lakhs to the Chief Minister's Amphan relief fund. They followed this up by adopting a village in Kakdwip in the Sunderbans which was severely affected by the recent cyclone Amphan. Fr. Dominic Savio, the Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkatta and

also the President of the Alumni Association has reported that the alumni had earlier adopted a village name Bholakhali in North 24th parganas after Aila. Fr. Savio said that they are also distributing consignments of relief material and assential items to the people affected by the cyclone . This way the alumni are establishing a lasting connection with these people which will go beyond this immediate assistance. The College and alumni are also conducting a thorough socio economic servey of the village and are designing a plan of action keeping a priority on education, health care and skill devolpement training. Fr.Savio stressed that this will be amalgamated into the existing college -to -village and village -to -college project. This project he said will also address the environmental issues in the area.

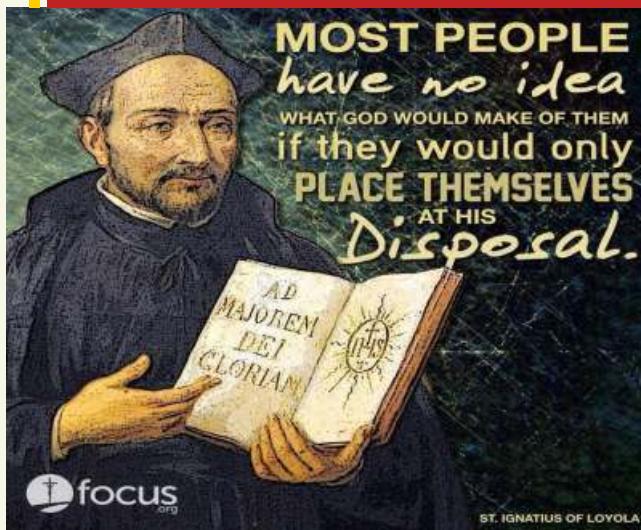
## Condolences to an eminent alumnus



Condolences to Jamshedpur City S.P, Khunti, Ghadhwa, the Ex-Honourable Member of the Special Branch and an honest official, Mr Alok kumar (B.Sc Hons),Alumni of St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, Batch 1988-91) unfortunately died of cancer in his Ranchi located mansion. Mr.Alok Kumar,was struggling from cancer was deprived of Sodium and was being treated for the past 10 days at a stretch. Due to being public and media friendly during his work span in Jamshedpur, he was extremely supportive of other people and their progress. Honourable Chief Minister Hemant Soren of Jharkhand, upon reaching the Jaip-1 ground, Doranda, participated in paying homage to the body of IPS Mr. Alok Kumar too. May his soul rest in peace, and his family gets enough strength to conquer the tough time. Mr Alok Kumar, gone but never forgotten.

## St. Ignatius of Loyola - A brief life sketch

Contributed by Mr. Shapath



St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (23 October 1491 to 31 July 1556) was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannonball shattered his leg. Since there were no books on fiction and romance at hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading books on the life of Christ and saints. His conscience was deeply touched when he read the life story of Jesus Christ and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine Manresa near Barcelona atMontserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice and often in a cave in the hills, praying. After a period of great penance and prayer he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything-prayer, fasting, sacraments and penance. At length he experienced peace of mind.

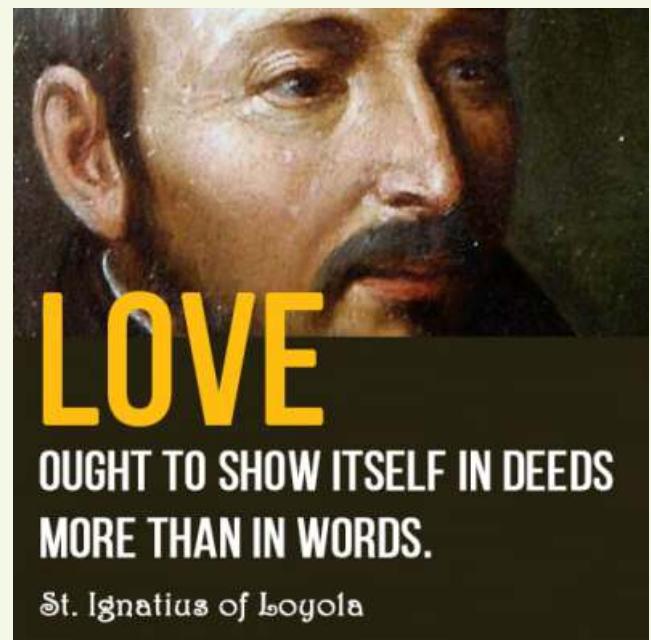
It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the Spiritual Exercises.

He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European Universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others-one of whom was St. Francis Xavier-vowed to live in

poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the Pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first General.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens



and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity-the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, "ad majorem Dei gloriam" for the greater glory of God". In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the Pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

## Jesuit Alumni Associations of India Covid -19 Relief Work



Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) offered relief for the economically weaker section of the society affected by COVID-19 pandemic lock down. S.Chenthilkumar, President of Jesuit Alumni Associations Of India (JAAI) distributed on 31st May 2020 edible oil packets to more than 250 beneficiaries in and around Woraiyur area of Tiruchirapalli in Tamil Nadu.

Our illustrious Jesuit Alumnus Hon'ble S.Thirunavukarasar, Member of Parliament (Loksabha) of Tiruchirapalli Constituency was the Chief Guest. The function was graced by Rev.Fr.Rufus SJ, Director of St.Joseph's College Alumni Association and Rev.Fr.Elangeswaran SJ, Director & Correspondent of St.Joseph's College Higher Secondary School Alumni Association. Prof.Benjamin Elango, Prof. Ravindran from St.Joseph's College Alumni Association graced the occasion.

Regards  
**S. Chenthil kumar**

St.Josephs Indian High School Alumnus - Babu C J. of 1982 batch. Has donated Rs. 8 lakhs to St. Martha's hospital for purchase of High Flow Oxygen supply and other equipments for treating patients in Covid ward. St. Martha's hospital management has profusely thanked Babu C J for this noble gesture in these trying times.



## Dr Devendra Singh inducted into the South Asia Eco Team of the Jesuits

JAAI takes immense pride in announcing that Dr Devendra Singh, immediate past JAAI President is inducted into the South Asia Eco Team of the Jesuits. His name was recommended and endorsed by JAAI taking into account his organizational and leadership skills and his contributions to JAAI in his capacity as President and as a Jesuit alumnus. JAAI wishes him well in his new assignment. Said Dr. Devendra, " It shall take me some time to understand and palate the activities and involvement where after I shall try my best to contribute positively in whatever best ways I can."



## Ronald D'Costa plays a stellar role in procuring Testing Machine, worth INR 30 Lakhs

Loyola School Jamshedpur eminent Alumnus Ronald D'Costa has supported financially, Deputy Commissioner (District Collector, Jamshedpur) Mr. Ravi Shankar Shukla's endeavour for procuring High-end Covid-19 Testing Machine, worth INR 30 Lakh.



Congratulations and a Big Thank You, Ronnie.

You make Loyola Alumni Association (LAA) Jamshedpur, JAAI and the Global Jesuit Alumni Fraternity Proud !

## Strengthening Alumni Network

The newly born Chennai province is a new entrant to the JAAI family. Provincial of Chennai has chosen a young and energetic person to coordinate the activities of the alumni in this province. In this newly born province, we have three Arts and science colleges, one business school, one Engineering college, one College of education and three schools. Fr. Paul Benedict is the new province coordinator for the alumni Association of Chennai province.



During this pandemic we have come to know the power of staying connected with people. Alumni network gave all of us a wonderful platform to get connected quickly and harness the power of human bonding. As an alumni director I personally experienced the power of human bonding and its power to galvanize solidarity and societal support. Across the globe alumni went out of their way to help their neighbors in need and mobilize support for the cause of migrants. There were alumni who lost their jobs, had to rush back to India and had to give hope amidst the gloomy situation; in all such occasions I saw alumni stepping in to extend a helping hand. What was seemingly hopeless became hope giving on account of this alumni network. I think all our alumni were in the forefront helping people in need during this pandemic. I don't think we can ever measure the massive support we mobilized through this network. Jesuit alumni in all regions demonstrated their social responsibility to their fellow human beings.

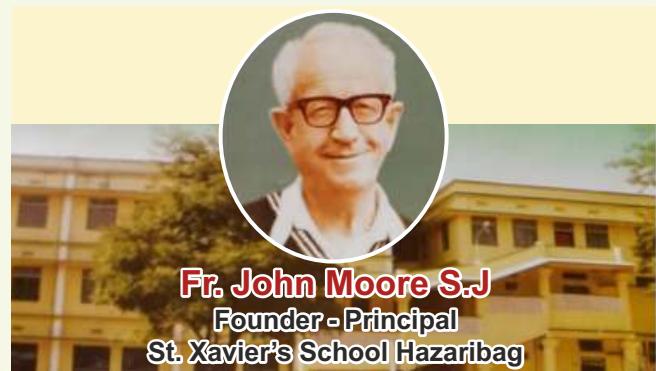
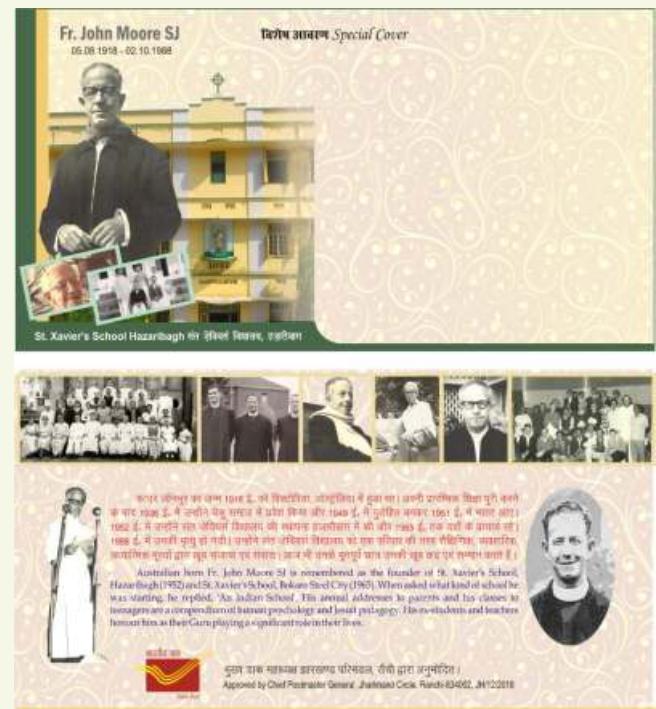
We saw the power of this solidarity and we realized that alumni network has the power to work miracles. Jesuit alumni need to strengthen this network by designing collaborative activities that benefits all. You need to have compelling reasons for an alumnus to join this network and add value to this network. We need to identify that compelling reason to attract more alumni into our fold. I wish the leadership team in JAAI to strengthen this Jesuit Alumni network for redefining the future of JAAI.

**Rev. Fr Thomas Amritham**

Principal, Loyola College (Autonomous) Chennai



**DORONDA Old Xavierans have launched a Helpline No. 9334915048 for the prevention of suicides.** "Let's come out and talk, because we are here to Listen and We care."Please share this post on your WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, status and share it on your personal, social and media platforms so that we reach people who need it most. Please support the Old Xavierans in their humanitarian and noble endeavour. Your small initiative can save a life.



## Report on Jesuit Alumni activities during COVID-19 pandemic

- Neel Mani Rangesh, Secretary, JAAI



The COVID-19 pandemic marks an unprecedented time in modern history that will require the best of humanity to overcome. The world is grappling with possibly the worst public health crisis seen in more than a century. The new coronavirus has taken thousands of lives and spread to nearly every country in the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has gripped nations, compelling governments to impose countrywide lockdowns to contain the spread of the deadly virus. This crisis threatens everyone's way of life, but it is especially difficult for people who are already vulnerable, including those with pre-existing medical conditions, older adults, individuals experiencing homelessness, refugees and migrants, wage workers, and those with inflexible jobs. Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI) believes that Jesuit Alumni/ae deeply rooted in local communities are best positioned to lead and give the communities on the front lines of the crisis the resources they need to act quickly and protect the most vulnerable such as helping in delivering essential items to struggling families and individuals quarantined, arrange doctor, health care persons and other front line responders to communities in need, support hygiene awareness efforts and much, much more.

Many Jesuits and Jesuit Alumni Associations are working in coordination with local administration and providing critical medical support and meeting critical needs of communities around the country. Jesuit Alumni/ae are making efforts and living by the JAAI motto "to give and not to count the cost". Although it will be very difficult to compile all the activities, but I have tried to include activities which have come to our knowledge through social media or other sources. I am very much sure that many services to humanity done by Jesuits and Jesuit Alumni/ae may have been so pure service and goodwill that they could not reach us and thus may not be included here. I sincerely apologize for non-inclusion of any such activities inadvertently. In the next issue of the report, we will surely try to include all such activities. The major activities in response to COVID-19 pandemic and critical situation of lockdown by the Jesuits and Jesuits Alumni Associations are as follows:

### 1. Association of Past Xavierites (APX), Ahmedabad and Members connected to St. Xavier High School, Loyola, Ahmedabad

They formed a small groups and prepared food packets and distributed 10,000 food packets to the needy per day under the direction of Mr Vijay Nehra (IAS), Municipal commissioner of Ahmedabad. An APX, task force was formed by the Municipal Commissioner and was given the responsibility of tapping resources for bed sheets, pillows, beds, plates, spoons etc.



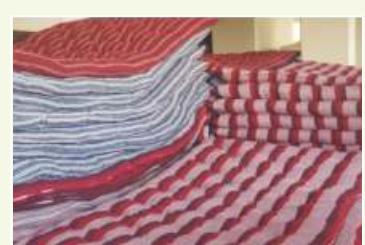
1000 beds, 1000 mattresses and 1000 sets each of plate, spoon, bowl & glass, 1000 pillows, 1000 bed sheets, 1000 pillow

covers, 1150 tooth brushes, 1150 tooth pastes, 1000 bathing soaps, 1040 hand wash, 1000 packets of paper napkins were supplied



at Tapi facility, Nikol and 675 beds, 1080 mattresses, 1000 sets each of plate, spoon, bowl and glass, 1000 pillows, 1080 bed

sheets, 1080 pillow covers, 1152 tooth brushes, 1152 toothpastes, 1000 bathing soaps, 1080 hand wash liquid soap



bottles, 1000 packets of paper napkin and 45,000 food packets were supplied at Gota, Ahmedabad facility till 9 April 2020. With the help of Police, they have distributed milk, bread and Parle-G biscuits to the needy people of Khatraj and surrounding villages and outskirts of the city of Ahmedabad. They have already raised around Rs 1.60 Crores and as need arises; they are ready to raise more.

## 2. Loyola Alumni Association (LAA), Jamshedpur

Loyola Alumni Association (LAA), Jamshedpur supported the needy people who were severely effected. This was



a joint effort of Loyola and XLRI and was executed over a period of 6 weeks. With the help of the Adarsh Seva Sansthan, an NGO they

identified 1100 families in the BPL category. They distributed each day for 6 weeks food packets consisting of rice, dall, oil, biscuits etc through Adarsh Seva Sansthan and their team of Volunteers. XLRI team procured and



packed the material while LAA team transported the packets from XLRI to Adarsh Seva Sansthan in Sonari.

**3. Old Boys' Association, Loyola School (LOBA), Trivandrum** – was selected by the Kerala State government as a Corona Care Center (CCC) Each Corona Care Center is a 24-hour facility manned by 50 people across 10 roles. The center is headed by a person appointed by the State Government Old Boys' Association, Loyola School, Trivandrum (LOBA), his been tasked with planning,

setting up and running a Corona Care Center (CCC) at Loyola School, Sreekaryam, Trivandrum.

<b>LOBA CORONA CARE CENTRE</b>	
<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!</b>	
<b>Nursing/Paramedicals (12 persons)</b>	
<b>JOB FUNCTION</b>	
Assisting doctors for patient care; Help patients with	
Public Relations Officer	Counselling (6 persons)
Entry and Exit Management (8 persons)	Support Staff (10 persons)
Data Engineers (4 persons)	Doctors (2 persons)
Inventory Manager (1 person)	

## 4. St. Xavier's College and St. Xavier's College Calcutta Alumni Association (SXCAA), Kolkata



Jesuit Priests of St. Xavier's, Kolkata and the Xaverians donated Rs. 40 Lakhs to the West Bengal CM's Relief Fund to fight against COVID-19.

On the holy day of Good Friday, SXCAA under the leadership of its President and Principal of the College Rev. Fr. Dominic Savio SJ and other Jesuits of the college distributed food packets to the needy local people with the assistance from Kolkata Police.

## 5. Doranda Old Xavierans (DOX), Ranchi

DOX has partnered with their alma-mater in supporting three shelter homes run by St. Xavier's, Doranda and District Administration and sponsored food for 50 families of the outreach students of the school for a month.

They raised Rupees 2,28,000 for the Project in less than 24 hrs. They supplied grocery kits for a month for 49 families of school's outreach students and 38 families of non-teaching staffs of the school. They have also supplied rice, dal & potatoes to 20 families at C.F. Andrews Memorial English School, Tharpakhna, Ranchi with the





help of local authorities. They are continuously supplying food provisions, bed sheets, pillow covers, etc. for the shelter homes. Stress Bursting messages are also

being circulated in alumni group to get one motivated during the critical situation of lock down.



#### 6. Bokaro Old Xaverian Association (BOXA), Bokaro



Food Bags were distributed to families of mishra colony, sector-1 and villages in Bokaro under the supervision

of local administration led by CO & BDO of the area. The St. Xavier's School, Bokaro is the Nodal Centre for planning, packing and distribution of food bags. They are also provided masks, gloves and caps.



#### 7. Andhra Loyola College Alumni Association (ALCAA), Vijawada, Andhra Pradesh

They collected donations for free distribution of food and water for poor and the needy people and migrants. They also distributed thousands of eggs per day to police colonies in Vijaywad and Guntur. The



college campus has been given to poor farmers for selling vegetables and auditorium is being used by the Police to lodge quarantine victims.

#### 8. Loyola Public School Alumni (LPSA), Guntur

Alumni of Loyola Public School, Guntur along

with non-teaching and teaching staffs of the school carried out food distribution to needy homeless people on streets



of Guntur and all neighbouring villages around. One of its alumni, Aluri Inder Kumar (1976-1977 Batch), who is the CEO of Avanthi Feeds, has personally donated an amount of Rs. 1 Crore to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Relief Fund.

#### 9. St. Michael's Alumni Association, Patna



St. Michael's Alumni Association, Patna distributed food and essential items on daily basis starting from 5 April 2020 to the poor people living behind St. Michael's High School, Patna, Makhdumpur locality, Bind toli and other localities of Digha area of Patna with direct involvement of Digha Police personnel.

#### 10. St. Xavier's Alumni Association (SXAA), Patna

St. Xavier's Alumni Association, Patna is contributed Rs. 1 Lakh to the Chief Minister Relief Fund, Bihar in a gesture of solidarity with fight against COVID-19. SXAA Vice-President Dr. Amulya Kr. Singh has personally donated an amount of Rs. 1 Lakh to PM Cares Fund on 30 March 2020 and Rs. 51,000/- to Chief Minister Relief Fund, Bihar.



Alumni of 2006 batch prepared and distributed food on a daily basis to destitute families. Patna Jesuit Society has also distributed cooked meals to members of Mahadalit community in the slums of Rupaspur, Khagaul, Shahpur and Naubatpur areas of Patna.

### **11. Loyola Ex-Students Association (LESA), Margaon**

LESA committee member Ryan Vaz has developed a hard face mask and given them free of cost to help frontline brave medical brethren at ESI Hospital. They have also distributed perishable and non-perishable items to underprivileged senior citizens and others who have no means to get the essentials or too poor to purchase. They are also providing food for homeless daily. 1996 batch alone contributed Rs. 62,000/- towards provision of food for homeless and 150 biryani packets were distributed to people stranded at Navelim, Goa on 7 April 2020.

### **12. The Ex Xavierites Alumni Association of Surat (TEXAS), Surat**



The Ex Xavierites Alumni Association of Surat (TEXAS), Surat collected around 808 kits of essential items

with the help of its members, fathers, sisters and PTA and distributed to needy people with help of Navsarjan organization. Another set of 220 kits were distributed on 19 April 2020.



### **13. Darjeeling Jesuits of North Bengal**

St. Joseph's School & College, North Point, Darjeeling and Xavier Educational Society of North Bengal sent and distributed the load of essential materials such



as food provisions, personal hygiene materials etc. to needy people of



different areas such as Soam Tea Garden Villages, Lepcha Busty, Singla etc.

### **14. St. John's Jesuit Community, Tamar, Ranchi**

Ranchi Jesuit Society under the umbrella of Ranchi Archdiocese are running two shelter homes—one at



St. John's School, Dorea, Tamar and another at Ursuline Convent Girls High School, Muri. St. John's School, Dorea, Tamar shelter home is taking care of 200 men & 200 women migrants mostly coming from Uttar Pradesh & Bihar and few locals as well. All the essential things, food provisions etc. are being provided to them with the support from Jesuit Institutions such as XISS, St. Xavier's, Doranda and sisters from Samlong, Ranchi.

### **15. Mangalore Jesuits Educational Society (MJES) and St. Aloysius Primary and High School, Mangaluru**

St. Aloysius Primary and High School, Mangaluru distributed food grains and essential items worth Rs. 20 Lakhs to hundreds of destitute families to help them to cope up with the lockdown period.



Many families of Kannada medium students studying in St. Aloysius High Primary and High School and even families of other more impoverished students benefitted from this move. St Aloysius College Alumni association (SACAA) M V Nair and Prof. Edmund Frank and an alumni of St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru and JAAI GC member from Karnataka province have personally donated an amount of Rs. One Lakh each to St. Aloysius management to feed the needy.

## 16. Jaipur Xavier Educational Association and St. Xavier's School, Jaipur



Jaipur Xavier Educational Association (JEXA) has donated Rs. 14 Lakhs to COVID-19 Chief Minister Relief Fund, Rajasthan and Rs.

Two Lakhs to PM Cares Fund on 18 April 2020. Besides the St. Xavier's School and St. Xavier's College, Nevta, Jaipur have distributed food kits worth Rs. 2 Lakhs to 200 deserving poor migrant families in 5 villages of Nevta Panchayat, Jaipur on 4 April 2020 and many such works for the poor are underway at various places.

## 17. Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai

Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai distributed food packets to impoverished people during the lockdown period.



## 18. St. Joseph's College and Mount Saint Joseph's, Bengaluru

St. Joseph's College, Langford Road and Mount Saint Joseph's, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru have distributed 31,754 of essential grocery kits to the impoverished people. Each kit was consisting of 10 Kg Rice, 2 Kg Dal, 1 Litre edible oil, 3 Kg Potato, 1 Kg Salt and 1 packet of Sambhar Powder.

## 19. St. Xavier's School, Shaibganj

St. Xavier's School, Shaibganj delivered essential items to the Paharia Tribals which are particularly vulnerable



tribal group mostly staying in their hamlets in private clusters away from the civilized society and other needy people. Masks which are being made in school are also being distributed free.

## 20. St. Stanislaus School, Bandra, Mumbai

St. Stanislaus School, Bandra, Mumbai has started a



migrant relief camp in the school campus for 100 men and 25 women in coordination with the Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC). The campus was sanitized and bedding, toilet kits and material for cooking is being supplied by BMC and a team of doctors from Bhabha Hospital checks migrants on daily basis.



Vaishali Janarthan an alumnus of St. Xavier's College Mumbai has been working with her team on feeding migrant and power loom workers in Bhiwandi, since 1 April 2020, a city 20 Kms from Mumbai.

A Jesuit Alumnus from Bombay province Vikramjit Singh makes these Sanitiser machines



## Rev. Arturo Sosa S.J. Jesuit Superior General's Keynote Address to the 9th WUJA Congress via Webcam from Rome on 28 June 2017

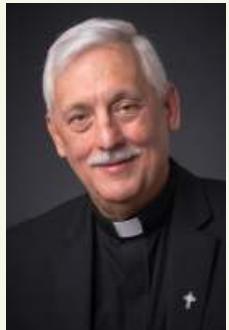
Contributed by Prof. Edmund Frank

Listening to Rev. Arturo Sosa S.J. was a wonderful occasion for all of us who attended the 9 WUJA Congress. His address from Rome was telecast live via webcom. He began by saying, "I am happy to connect with you today personally through webcam on this great occasion." Then his attention flew towards WUJA 2013 hosted in Columbia, city of Madellin and he had high praise for his predecessor who was then in charge. He said, "Fr. Adolfo Nicolas spoke very well at the last WUJA on Social Responsibility which was the theme of WUJA 2013 Congress. The theme at this 9 WUJA Congress is "Finding God on the Frontiers". "God is always challenging us to leave our comfort zones and go to the uncomfortable zones, to the Frontiers of the world where God's love finds resistance and where no one else would dare to go. Since the time of St. Ignatius, thousands of Jesuits have gone to the frontiers staying at the edge of things, serving the people in very uncertain, dangerous and challenging situations. Pope Francis tells us, 'your rightful place is at the frontiers. This is where the Jesuits belong'. Love is shown more in deeds than in words. We must be witnesses of God's love in the present day world which is full of hatred, violence, greed and exploitation.

When I see you I am reminded of the tremendous potential of the alumni and your incredible reach in the world. I can only dream of what you can do if the strong local associations were united at the regional, national and global levels. Today we are more aware of the potential that we have if we work together. Our schools and colleges are attended by students from a great variety of social, cultural, religious, and economic backgrounds. Fr. Pedro Arrupe was very enthusiastic about the alumni possibilities to create that phrase 'forming men and women for others'. We are invited to work to be witnesses of God's love in the present day world which is full of greed, hatred, violence and exploitation.

I request WUJA to join hands with the Jesuits to make this place a better place to live in for all. We must work together to create better citizens to work for common good. To produce good men and

women we have to work for the transformation of the society because a good citizen can emerge only from a good society. Think of all the millions of people on the move looking for a better life because because the world's political, social and economic systems have failed them miserably. To make the world a better place to live in, we have to produce good men and women for others and work for others. This is not easy. It needs tremendous courage and the will to join hands, to collaborate together and network together on the frontiers of the world.



Fr. Arturo Sosa said discernment, collaboration with the laity and networking with all are the guiding focus for the society of Jesus in making the world a better place to live in. In Jesuit institutions today, collaboration between the Jesuits and the lay people was becoming a positive reality but there was a need to move forward. He expressed a need to connect with the alumni and make them feel like companions in the mission. Our goals are to improve networking at all levels with the alumni and with others as well and to collaborate for a better world at whatever level possible and work together for reconciliation, peace and social justice in the world. He briefly but clearly outlined the problems and challenges facing the world today as : 1. war and conflicts, 2. globalization, 3. ecological crisis, 4. information and technology revolution and 5. violence from religious fundamentalists that has created fear and insecurity everywhere he also revisited the expression the audacity of the improbable and the impossible a theme that inspired the general congregation of 2016 during which he was elected as the Jesuit superior General.

We need to look at the world from the eyes of all those people who are suffering as a result of these menacing problems and disasters and understand well what we can do to lighten their suffering. We need to build bridges that touch all corners of the world and open new possibilities to collaborate and cooperate at all levels. Our

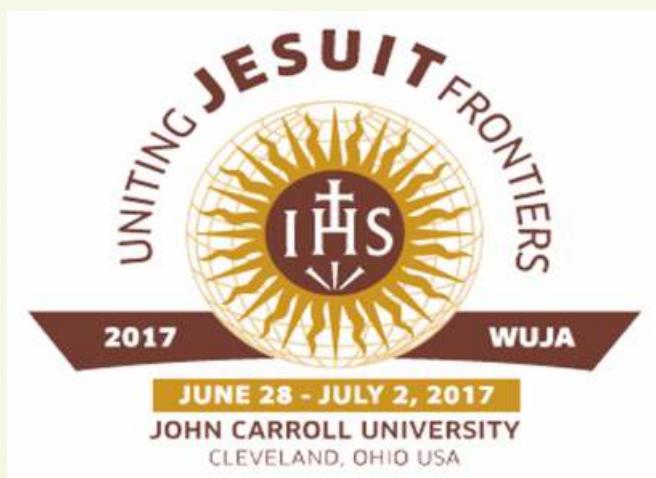
endeavour was to build structures that would support the marginalized communities and help them to rise to a reasonable standard of living. At the same time we seek to form the conscience of individuals and promote a culture of fraternity and acceptance. The General said that through the enormous network of Jesuit institutions and the alumni, we should take care of the global challenges that affect our local conditions. It was in this context the General said the words of Fr. Arrupe to form men and women for others became very relevant.

The Jesuit schools and colleges Fr. Arturo said were centers for preparing young people for the future, to give meaning to their lives and to train them to contribute to the common good of the society and planet earth. The task of the educator particularly in Jesuit educational institutions was to help the younger generation to make the world a better place to find their place in the world and before God. He urged Jesuit educators not merely to teach but to be educators and be a step ahead of the others. The duty of the educators was also to guide the youth to project their social and personal development to help them to build a better world.

The purpose of education, stressed Fr. Arturo was to train students to be men and women of conscience, competence, compassion and commitment. For the educators, their mission of teaching was an intellectual apostolate which needed a thorough understanding of the world to offer the greatest and the best service to the greater glory of God. The intellectual apostolate has been central to the mission of the Society of Jesus today, as it has been formed since its inception. Fr. Arturo stressed, "The Jesuits are called to face the challenges of today's world and

contribute towards reconciliation. The top priority for the Jesuits therefore at this moment in history is to work for the reconciliation in the world. This is a great challenge because we have to strive for 1. Reconciliation between humans and among humans, 2. Reconciliation with nature which was between man and God's creation and 3. Reconciliation with God, which was between God and man. The kingdom of God, cannot be present and cannot exist among us if we do not understand each other, if we do not recognize each other as people and if we do not try to have a situation in which the world can live in peace.. He said Jesuits are called to trust in Jesus and seek not only the improbable but also the impossible, because nothing is impossible for God. But to achieve the impossible, one needs faith, because without it one can do nothing.

Following the talk, there was a thirty minute inter action between the attendees and the General. Fr. Arturo Sosa is a man with a sharp intellect, a sense of profound practical humility and a healthy sense of humour and has an open affection for people. No doubt, he has sparked a renewed vigour among the Jesuits and their collaborators in the countries he has visited as Superior General. In each country along with the Jesuits he has met their collaborators, learning from them about their context and giving them much food for thought with his reflections on the world today His visits have an inspiring impact on the Jesuits and the collaborator partners he meets. Soon on taking office as General, he showed eagerness to learn about the life of the Jesuits in the Society of Jesus in the continents and countries he has visited and has a clear message for every audience he addresses.





The 9th Jesuit Alumni Associations of India Congress was hosted by St Joseph's College (Autonomous) and St. Joseph's College Higher Secondary School, Thiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu from 17 to 19 January 2020. It was attended by around 650 Jesuit Alumni delegates and over 100 Jesuits. The theme for the National Congress was "Networking for a Harmonious World" On day 3 of the Congress, 19 January 2020 the new Governing Council of JAAI for the term 2020-2023 were elected unanimously. President -CA. S. Chenthil Kumar Secretary -Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh Treasurer -Ravin Roy Later in the day the outgoing GC Office Bearers and members for the term 2017 -2020 were felicitated and the new Office Bearers for 2020-2023 were installed. The outgoing President Dr. Devendra Singh presented the new GC members to the Congress. Mr. CA S. Chenthil Kumar delivered the acceptance speech. The Secretary Mr. Neel Mani Rangesh in his speech gave a pressing invitation to all present to attend the next JAAI Congress in Patna in 2023. The JESA Secretary and National Advisor to JAAI Fr. Sunny Jacob SJ thanked the old GC members and welcomed the new GC members. A book written by Prof. Edmund Frank, a new GC Member on WUJA 2017 containing the Keynote addresses was released by the WUJA President Mr. Alain Deneef. In the final session, Mr. Francisco Garner, President, World Union of Jesuit Alumni (WUJA) Congress appealed and invited all Jesuit Alumni to join the World Congress at Barcelona, Spain in July 2021 with a meaningful video presentation. The concluding address was given by Dr. M. Arumairaj, the President of the St. Joseph's College Alumni Association. He thanked everyone present for their contributions and participation and for making the 9th JAAI National Congress very successful. The Congress was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Rev. George Pottery SJ, the Provincial of South Asia. Mr. Alain Deneef, the President of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni was the Guest of Honour. Prof. John Verghese, Principal St. Stephan's College, Delhi delivered the keynote address.

The World Bank has appointed Abhas Jha an alumnus of St. Xavier's School, Patna to a key position on climate change and disaster management in South Asia. Jha will be based in Singapore as World Bank's Practice Manager for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management for South Asia.



### Golden Jubilee of batch 1971

Reported by : Edmund Frank from batch 1971  
St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru

We the Alumni from batch 1971 St. Aloysius College, Mangalore from the B.A, B.Com and B.Sc disciplines are organizing a one day Golden Reunion of Batch 1971 in our Alma mater on 10 January 2021 beginning with breakfast and closing with lunch. We are raising an amount in excess of Rs. one Crore as a gift to our Alma mater which will be utilized to buy equipment to aid research work which will benefit the present and future generations of students and staff. This is the first exercise of its kind in the 140 years history of St. Aloysius College. We wish that our batch next follows this exercise and it is carried forth year after year.

### Loyola Ex. Students Association, Goa rises to the Occasion



LESA renovated 2 hall washrooms that were in very bad condition. with new tiles, commodes and fittings. The roofing of the hall was also repaired in time just before the start of the monsoons.

## Release of the Voice of JAAI Newsletter on World Humanitarian day 19 August 2020



"This World Humanitarian Day, we call for global solidarity and stand together with everyone affected by crisis. We unite as one humanity."

- Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, UNFPA



The release of the Voice of JAAI News letter is scheduled for release on 19 August 2020 which is the World Humanitarian Day, marked to pay special tribute to the real life heroes who have committed their lives to helping others in the most extreme circumstances throughout the world. The members of the Jesuit Alumni Associations of India are unitedly working in this direction to provide whatever humanitarian relief possible to the helpless and the needy throughout India.

**Mission DOX**  
**#MaskForEveryone**

DOX launched #MaskForEveryone campaign with a Ceremonial launch from our Alma Mater St. Xavier's School Doranda, Ranchi



S Chenthil Kumar, President JAAI signalling the release of the Voice of JAAI News letter on 19 August 2020 on the occasion of the World Humanitarian Day.

## Second JAAI GC Meeting



Second Meeting of the JAAI Governing Council held on 17 May 2020 at 10.30 AM to 2.30 PM Via Video Conferencing through Zoom Application software

## The Mangalore Jesuit Education Society (MJES) in the service of the needy during the covid pandemic



The Mangalore Jesuit Educational Society under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Dionysius Vaz SJ, Rector St. Aloysius Institutions (seen in the picture) distributed food grain kits and essential necessities worth over Rs 25 Lakhs to families of poor students of the institution, migrant workers, low wage earners and the needy over a period of 6 weeks to cope with the emergency like situation created by the lock down.

