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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>>,

The pandemic Covid-19 has affected more than 3.5 million people all over the world, including almost 248,000 deaths during these last 4 months. This is not just a moment of health crisis but a moment for personal and collective introspection into the fundamentals of our lives and our priorities. Covid-19 has come as a challenge to every system that we have developed over the years. Covid-19 has provided us an opportunity to reach out to the vulnerable and needy in a real way. This third Headlines Newsletter specially dedicated to Covid-19 response, you will find many inspiring works done by Jesuits and the collaborators all over the world.

Let us stand united in solidarity with all the victims of Covid-19 and their families and also with all those who are at the forefront of reaching out to the poor and vulnerable.

Xavier Jeyaraj SJ
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SJES RESPONSE TO COVID-19

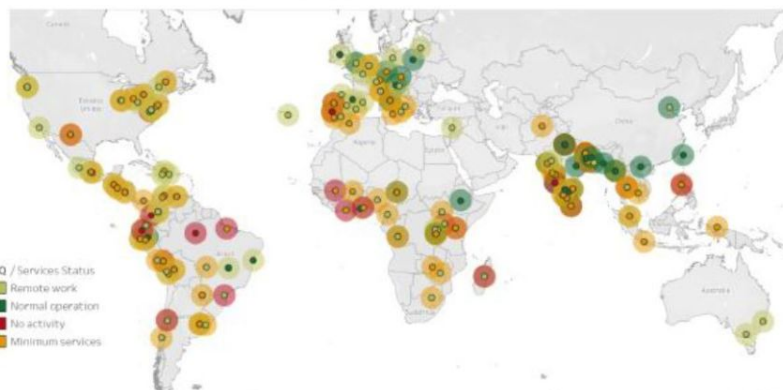
GLOBAL COVID19 JESUIT SOCIAL RESPONSE



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GLOBAL MAPPING

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SJES Coordinates Covid-19 Global Responses for Social Apostolate

Since mid-march the Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat (SJES) has been holding bi-weekly extraordinary meetings with the six Conference delegates, the four GIAN leaders, along with the Xavier Network (XN) emergency group to share and listen to one another about the Covid-19 crisis situation in various countries, in the Conferences and networks.

Taking advantage of the expertise of the Xavier Network emergency group, the SJES elaborated the need and the response to the health crisis through a global mapping. This simple mapping exercise was intended, a) to obtain information on the present status of works in the social apostolate, opportunities and difficulties encountered, b) to detect innovative responses, actions taken and plans made, and c) to help detect how best to approach this moment of emergency and plan the recovery phase. [Read more...](#)

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South Asia: A Jesuit Resource and Response Hub (JRH) for Covid-19

Through JRH, the Jesuit Conference of South Asia is collating and updating information on the relief works done across provinces, regions and others during this time of Covid-19. They reach out to the unreached migrants by providing food, dry rations, economic support; creating shelter homes, helpdesks, and quarantine centres, etc. [Visit JCSA website](#) to find the consolidated reports of the Provinces.



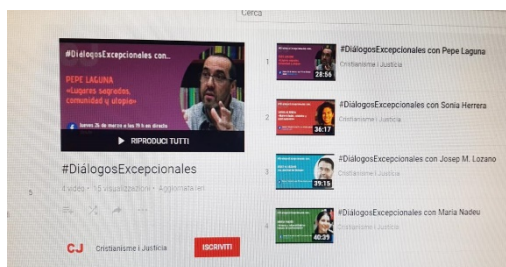
Honduras: Women Alternative Solidarity Practices

Historically, crises have had different impacts on women's life, out of three main reasons. First of all, due to the power relationships among men and women; [Read more...](#)



Latin America – AURORA magazine: Jesuit voices about the pandemic

The Conference of Jesuit Provincials in Latin America and the Caribbean (CPAL) presents AURORA, *frecuentando el futuro*, an online magazine which is started in order to visualize reflections, experiences and solidarity actions of the apostolic body of the Society of Jesus as part of the response to COVID-19. [Read more...](#)



Spain: Cristianisme i Justicia's "Diálogos Excepcionales" reflections on Covid-19

Cristianisme i Justicia has launched a new initiative called *#DiálogosExcepcionales*, consisting in live interviews in Spanish to staff members, streamed through Facebook Live and open to participation. These interviews focus on [Read more...](#)



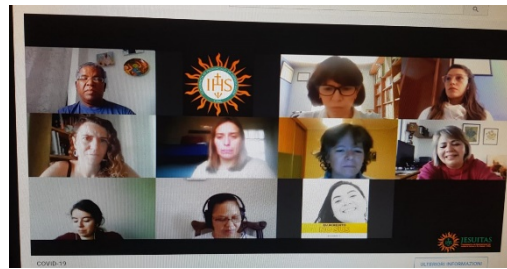
Philippine Jesuits, De La Salle Brothers raise \$200,000 for Covid-19 relief

The Jesuits and the De La Salle Brothers in the Philippines have joined hands to raise funds for people affected by the coronavirus disease. Together, they have raised more than \$200,000 [Read more...](#)



The Effects of Coronavirus at the Border

The coronavirus has had profound impacts on the global community, and the border is no exception. Due to policy shifts and the realities of structural inequalities, migrants and asylum-seekers have been heavily impacted by the implications of the virus. The ability of migrants to access asylum, economic stability [Read more...](#)



Latin America: The Women's group of CPAL- The coronavirus and gender inequalities

Reflection by Rosa Cañete Alonso, economist, specialized in public policies against inequality. [Read more...](#)



Economic Stimulus is Not Enough: The poor and the vulnerable in Africa Need Relief

In the wake of COVID-19, something must be done, else people in Africa will fall back into poverty and many people in Africa will fall into destitution. These are not normal times. What is needed now is not just stimulus for the markets to function as usual. The support that [Read more...](#)



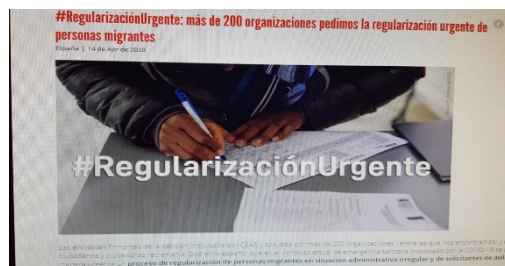
India: Patna Jesuit Body Distributes Food to 5,000 Dalit Hamlets

A Jesuit voluntary organization in Patna has distributed cooked meals to nearly 5,000 people in 13 Musahar (a dalit community) hamlets in various parts of the capital city of Bihar. The Manthan (Churning) of the Patna Jesuit Society took the initiative on April 11 in view of the nationwide lockdown to combat the spread of deadly coronavirus. "We have distributed khichdi [Read more...](#)



What is to be saved first and foremost, lives or economy? – by Francisco de Roux, SJ

"This is a false dilemma because every serious economic thought is developed for the people, In Colombia there are right now 13 million people who cannot go out to work and are isolated at home without savings and without receiving any salary... Our present economic [Read more...](#)



Spain: More than 200 Non-profit organizations demand Urgent Regularization of Migrants

The groupings signing up a petition started by CEAR (Spanish Committee for Refugee Aid) and backed by more than 200 non-profit organizations – we among them – and almost 40 000 citizens are asking the Spanish Government to urgently start in the present context of health emergency caused by [Read more...](#)



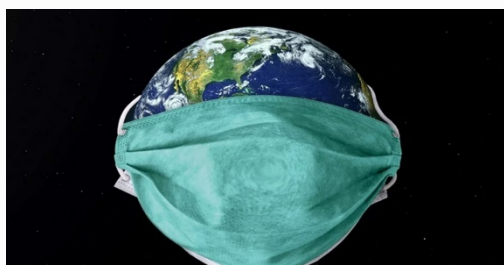
The hidden side of Honduras exposed by the pandemic – by Ismael Moreno SJ.

The pandemic has shaken the foundations on which humankind stands. Not only the human foundations have been shaken, but the economic, social, technological, cultural, political, financial and spiritual ones too. Humankind as a whole is experiencing a collapse of realities as essential [Read more...](#)



The impact of Covid-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean

The social sector of the Jesuit Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean organized a reflection on “The impact of Covid-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean”. It counted with the participation as main speakers of Rosa Cañeta, economist and specialist in public policies, and Pablo Mella SJ. You can hear it here [Read more...](#)



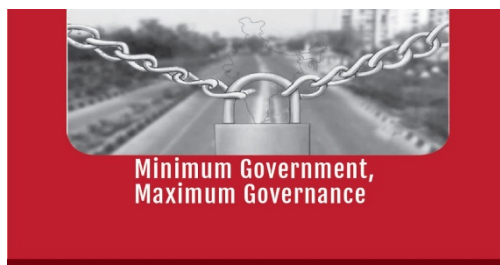
Latin America: Manifesto of the organizations of Connect yourself for Justice

The coronavirus crisis highlights the inequalities between countries. Today more than ever we are aware that there are things that cannot be subjected to the logic of the market: the value of human life, the protection of every human being, the universality of health and care for the most vulnerable people and the planet [Read more...](#)



Kenya- Food response in informal settlements led by youth

The restrictions and measures taken by the government have adversely affected the communities living in informal settlements in Kenya, in Nairobi County, which has most of the Coronavirus cases. Informal settlements in Nairobi are characterized by congestion and poor infrastructure. Families in poor neighborhoods [Read more...](#)



South Asia: Minimum Government, maximum Governance.

As the coronavirus crisis deepens and its impact unfolds on over 1,340 million population of India, it is pertinent to take the ground reality as given and plan any response. At this juncture every common and conscious citizens of this country are grappling with the various impact and fall out of this crisis. It is a fact that not only India but the global [Read more...](#)



Canada and the USA- How can we be people for others in the time of the Covid 19

Amid the Covid 19 pandemic, “men and women for others” are taking action to combat the effects of the Coronavirus on our global community. “There is something which lies at the very center of the Ignatian spirit, and which enables us to renew ourselves ceaselessly and thus to adapt ourselves to new situations as they arise,” [Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ](#), once said. “What is this something? It is the spirit of constantly seeking the will of God”. [Read more...](#)



Asia Pacific: God in the midst of boxes and dried fish

Since the early days of the quarantine, the Ateneo de Manila University and the Society of Jesus have been organizing a relief operation to aid poor families who have lost their regular source of income “We are doing this because we share a common humanity. Their hunger is no different from our hunger. We are able to eat every day, but some of these families are not even sure where to get their next meal. That cannot be the case. We need to do something; even just a little”. [Read more...](#)



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