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**Headlines**  
General Curia of the Society of Jesus



**Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat**

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

Warm greetings from the SJES !

It is with a profound joy that we bring to you a recap of what has been happening since our last mail to you. As usual, the Church and the Jesuits all over the world have been engaged in several activities in the social Justice and Ecology domain over the past few weeks. All of these activities: the Webinars, the crying out loud for justice, the creation of new networks etc., like you will notice, were animated by the sole desire to actualize what Jesus told us: 'You are all brothers' (Mt 23:8).

Also, it is in this same spirit that the next issue of our *Promotio Iustitiae*, no. 130, which we highlighted in our last Headlines newsletter, will bring to you 20 articles, written by experts from different contexts and continents on **Healing Democracy in an era of Authoritarianism and Populism**. We are very confident that these reflections will fortify our commitment to heal the broken democracy by standing with the poor and vulnerable. In a very short time, this will reach you!

The entire team of the SJE Secretariat wishes you a joyful and fruitful season of Advent.

Xavier Jeyaraj SJ  
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## NEWS



### **Global – A special website dedicate to Pope Francis's Encyclical “Fratelli Tutti”**

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development announces the special website dedicated to Pope Francis' Encyclical “Fratelli Tutti”. It can be consulted by entering the [homepage of the Dicastery](#), and it has direct access from the [URL](#). The site, created with the collaboration of the Dicastery for Communication, aims to spread the message about the fraternity and social friendship of the Encyclical [Read more...](#)



### **Latin America - “A great man, a great Jesuit, a great teacher”**

The words that came out of my mouth, when I heard that Jorge had gone to the Father's house, were: “a great man, a great Jesuit, a great teacher”, says Fr. Roberto Jaramillo, President of CPAL. And with that came the feeling of immense gratitude for the gift God gave us by giving us Jorge as a companion and a friend. Jorge, born in Havana in 1941, studied at Colegio Belén until the year of the revolution (1959) when he entered the novitiate. He did his second year of novitiate and juniorate in Los Teques, Venezuela (1960-63) [Read more...](#)



### **Global - Ensure proper medical treatment for Stan Swamy: Front Line Defenders**

The international organisation expressed concern over the denial of a straw for the Parkinson's Disease affected Jharkhand activist. On 26 November, the NIA Court in Mumbai, rejected the request for a straw, a sipper bottle and warm clothes for 83-year old Jesuit priest and human rights defender Fr. Stan Swamy who has been lodged in the Taloja jail on trumped up charges in connection with the Bhima-Koregaon case. In wake of this, [Read more...](#)



### **Latin America – Migrating to the Extraordinary: An invitation for Young Latin Americans**

In coordinated action, the Ignatian Youth and Vocations Network and the Jesuit Network with Migrants-LAC of the Conference of Jesuit Provincials of Latin



### **Global – Open letters of JCAM and Xavier Network to Boris Johnson and the AU-EU Leaders**

The postponement of COP 26 has been of great interest to the Jesuits conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM), and the Xavier network, two Jesuit institutions which were looking forward, anxiously and with great enthusiasm, to this monumental gathering which had as primary concern, profound reflection on the ecological situation of our 'common home'. It is due to the coronavirus pandemic that the [Read more...](#)



### **Europe - British-Irish pooling of talents**

The first meeting of the Joint Ecology Group of the British and Irish Provinces took place on Friday 13 November 2020. The meeting was a result of consultative discussions and planning undertaken by

America and the Caribbean (CPAL), are organizing a meeting that will allow young people to share experiences for justice and reconciliation, entitled "Migrating to the Extraordinary". The intention is to [Read more...](#)



### **Latin America - CPAL is committed to the Global Education Pact**

The Conference of Jesuit Provincials of Latin America and the Caribbean – CPAL, joins Pope Francis' call to sign the Global Educational Pact (PEG). An initiative that was born on September 12, 2019 and corresponds to the concern, also expressed five years ago in the Encyclical Laudato Si, about the future of this planet. "I renew the invitation [Read more...](#)



### **Asia Pacific - The River Above Asia and Oceania: An emerging network of hope**

the Joint Apostolic Planning Commission (JAPC) of the British and Irish Provinces, headed up by Stephen Power SJ and Pat Nolan, respectively. The Joint Ecology Group was appointed by the British Jesuit [Read more...](#)



### **Global – CJI'S 3rd Webinar – Resisting a Democracy Recession**

On Tuesday 24th November, 2020 the Canadian Jesuit international (CJI) continued its campaign for 'A Just Future For All' with a third webinar: **Resisting a Democracy Recession**. Coordinated by Jenny Cafiso, the Director of CJI and Fr. John Meehan SJ, President of the University of Sudbury, this webinar had as main speakers Fr. Xavier Jeyaraj SJ, the Secretary of [Read more...](#)



### **Canada- Advocacy Priorities for 2021 - The Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology**

For the hundred or so people gathered on Zoom on 24 November, it was a big day for the climate movement. The River Above Asia and Oceania Ecclesial Network (RAOEN) was launched online, uniting the energies, hopes, and dreams of people from Asia and Oceania with those of ecclesial networks across the world promoting integral ecology. [Read more...](#)



### **Global - Pope Francis commemorates the 40th Anniversary of JRS**

As the Jesuit Refugee Service celebrates the fortieth anniversary of its founding by the Servant of God Pedro Arrupe, I ask you to convey my cordial best wishes to those gathered at the Astalli Centre here in Rome, and to all JRS staff and volunteers throughout the world. My thoughts turn also in a special way to the many men, women and children who seek refuge [Read more...](#)

In this time of turmoil, amid the fast-rising toll of the coronavirus, growing calls to take long-overdue steps towards racial justice, and the accelerating impact of climate change, we need to return to basic principles. The inviolable dignity of every human being lies at the foundation of our Catholic faith. [Read more...](#)



### **Latin America – Faith and Joy Schools as shelters to care for families affected by Hurricane ETA**

Hurricane Eta, a Category 4 storm with winds of up to 240 km/h, made landfall south of Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua on Tuesday, November 3. Since then, the hurricane has weakened into a tropical storm, yet local authorities have warned that flooding and landslides are slowly creating a humanitarian disaster. As of Friday morning, at least 57 people had died. The slow [Read more...](#)





## Asia Pacific - Detention in Asia and the Pacific

In line with the second Universal Apostolic Preference—walking with the excluded, the poor, the outcasts, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice—Sanata Dharma University (SDU), the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities in Asia Pacific (AJCU-AP), and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) [Read more...](#)

## Australia - New Place-Based Centre for Research and action

Putting local communities at the heart of decision making, and empowering communities to give them the resources they need to reach their potential, will be key focus areas of Jesuit Social Services' place-based centre for research and action, which will launch in early 2021. "The place-based centre for research [Read more...](#)



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