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

Peace!

The second half of this month was characterized by the celebration of the **international day of social justice**. In addition to the reflection on this day, which gives a glimpse of the orientation of the social apostolate now, we find in this HEADLINES, the great strides taken by most of our social centres in facing the current pandemic, and in confronting the ecological crisis.

The joy of realizing that the two big crises we are facing now are given equal considerations is a source of encouragement and a call to all to reinforce our engagement in caring for our common home and of becoming friends of the poor.

Let us keep this call ever true by signing these petitions (to the [German](#) and [Austrian](#) governments) asking them to waive patent rights to the covid-19 vaccine. So doing, you will be joining the solidarity movement which seeks Covid-19 Vaccines be available for all, in all countries.

Best wishes from the SJES team.

Xavier Jeyaraj SJ
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NARRATIVE



CALLED TO BE A FRIEND OF THE POOR

Vincent Lascève, S.J (EOF)

I am a 43-year-old Jesuit who was ordained a priest two years ago. Since last year, I am in charge of a parish in the city of Saint-Denis, a marginalized suburb north of Paris that includes more than 130 nationalities. Although my mission belongs more to the pastoral rather than the social apostolate, my everyday life as a [Read more...](#)

NEWS



Global - A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy

World Day of Social Justice (20 February) is being observed this year in



Africa - JCAM joins countries backing moves to waive Covid-19 vaccine patent rights

We bring to your attention the

extremely trying times all across the globe. The first signs and cases of the pandemic had already gripped parts of the world in December 2019; but it was not until after the middle of February 2020 did the seriousness of situation actually set in. Governments everywhere, UN agencies [Read more...](#)



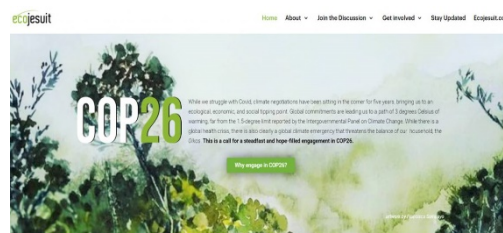
Africa – “Nobody is safe until everyone is safe” by Charles B. Chilufya S.J.

The growing Covid-19 crisis facing Africa will require more extensive levels of international cooperation, coordination, compromise and care than there is now. There is a call here on more powerful nations like the G20 to take leadership, to be a ‘Good Samaritan’ and to promote international cooperation to [Read more...](#)



Europe - Coming together to foster solidarity and overcome this crisis

forthcoming meeting of the WTO’s TRIPS (Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights) Council on 10-11 March 2021. There, patent rights on Covid-19 vaccines and other medical products will be on the agenda. The interest right now focuses [Read more...](#)



We need to ensure that COP26 is a forum for making decisions.

Global - Ecojesuit@COP26 website: Seeking greater climate ambition

Ecojesuit launches the Ecojesuit@COP26 website, an online platform to encourage learning and develop meaningful and collaborative engagement towards COP26, the annual UN Climate Change Conference to be held in Glasgow, UK from 1 to 12 November. Negotiations around the Paris Agreement [Read more...](#)



Global - Justice in Mining Network strategic plan

The world in which we live has become very intricate. This is true of our world in general but also of the Society of Jesus. It is a by-product of the possibilities opened up by communications technology. This issue of Eco-Bites has an interview with Charles Dhinakaran of the Jesuit Conference of India and South Asia. He tells us a [Read more...](#)



Europe - Greening trade without a carbon tax

In line with its commitment to climate action under the Paris Agreement, the European Union (EU) aims to be climate-neutral by 2050. Pledging to drastically reduce Europe's greenhouse gas emissions, the 2019-2024 European Commission (EC) envisages a number of measures. One such decarbonisation measure has already jolted climate and trade [Read more...](#)

Mining is a controversial and complicated issue. The large-scale extraction of minerals is usually justified by the need of ores, metals and other rare earths for developing new technologies. However, the increasing demand of these raw materials is boosted by a distorted and unsustainable development process.

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Latin America - CPAL makes Statement on migrants at the border of Brazil and Peru

On behalf of the Network of Social Centers of the Conference of Provincials of the Society of Jesus in Latin America (RCS-CPAL), composed of more than 43 social centers present in the region, including Peru and Brazil, its coordinator Piero Trepiccione, expresses his solidarity with the migrants stranded on

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Nepal - Reaching Out During COVID Lockdown

The COVID-19 pandemic has completely changed our lives. These are truly unprecedented times that have affected the nation's healthcare systems, leaving people at the risk of exposure and adding livelihood challenges for many, especially the migrant workers. Looking at the problems that made people's lives hard, NJSI distributed [Read more...](#)



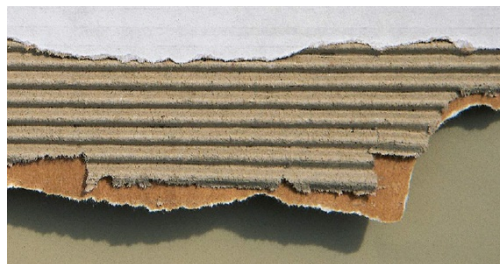
Global - Why engaging with COP26 matters

Climate change is the continuing crisis the world is experiencing since its discovery in the early 19th century, but any global discussion at this time has to start with COVID-19. These are the two existential crises humanity faces today and the UN Climate Change Conference



India - Lok Manch: social campaigns in defense of human rights

India is still experiencing the instability of a situation in which Covid-19 continues to circulate especially in the big cities, the economy is struggling to recover and the high unemployment rate is affecting especially the informal sector that employs the poorest and most marginalized people. In recent months, the country has been hit by a wave of protests [Read more...](#)



Spain - Social crisis: it is raining on wet ground

In view of the elections to the Parliament of Catalonia on February 14, the entities of the Social Sector of the Society of Jesus in Catalonia address to all candidates a set of urgent proposals to improve the situation of the most vulnerable people. They have collected it

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in a document entitled “Social Crisis: it’s raining on the rain”. They claim, among other [Read more...](#)



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