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Headlines

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Dear SJES SJES,

In this 2nd issue of our *Headlines* for this month, we bring to you more happenings in the social apostolate. The testimony of **Paola** in the social apostolate goes a long way to reiterate the presence of God in every action in the social apostolate, as we saw in the celebration of Fr. Stan's birthday.

The wishes to Stan, the Indian Jesuit who is being unjustly imprisoned, on his 84th birthday were a concrete manifestation of this presence of God. Thousands of cards sent to Stan from all over the world testified that his life is a prophetic witness which has inspired many. We continue to pray for him and to imitate him in the quest for a just world.

It is this same longing for a just world, that pushed the Indonesian people to stand with the people of Myanmar during the ASEAN Summit and for the Ignatian family to commit themselves to climate justice and to reflect on a more just post-covid world. We keep praying that this desire becomes a reality.

Warm greetings from the Secretariat.

Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ
SJES Secretary

NARRATIVE



My Story in the Social Apostolate: God is always there!

Paola Piazzi

My first and fundamental approach to the world of “the least” was through the scout movement (Agesci) of which I was an active member from 1975 to 2001. Three key words encompass the adult scout style: road, community and service. When the formative period is completed, one can decide [Read more...](#)

NEWS



Celebrating the Prophetic life of Stan Swamy on his 84th Birthday

Fr. Stan Swamy, celebrates his 84th birthday on 26th April. Although we are sad that he is forced to celebrate his birthday in solitude inside the prison walls near Mumbai, yet we celebrate the gift of his life - *life as a prophet of truth and justice and a voice* [Read more...](#)



We Stand With The People Of Myanmar: Indonesian People Respond To The Asean Summit

Till date the situation of Myanmar has known no substantial moves towards normalcy. Since the 1st of February when the Myanmar's military junta seized power by force and arrested the State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, the people of Myanmar have been living a precarious [Read more...](#)



India – Post-Covid World

Dumka: In post-Covid world, if there will be one, what will be the shape of humanity? How many of us will survive? If someone were to ask, whether any human beings will survive, what will be our answer? As

it is, even the best of our scientists will have [Read more...](#)



Global - Why 84-Year-Old Indian Jesuit - Fr. Stan Swamy - is in Prison

The 22nd March 2021 saw the refusal of bail on humanitarian grounds to Fr. Stan Swamy SJ, the 84 year old Jesuit priest who is being unjustly imprisoned in India. The struggle of the team of lawyers, the Jesuit Conference of south Asia, and many [Read more...](#)



Spain – The Earth is the Space where Life Materializes

On International Earth Day, Alboan and Entreculturas called attention to the important role of social organizations and activists who defend the environment. The intensive exploitation of natural resources, the uncontrolled growth of

urban areas and land grabbing are some of the threats that endanger [Read more...](#)



Africa – Covid-19 Effects and Response in South Sudan

Coronavirus remains a major security threat to the people of South Sudan. This pandemic has cast a dark cloud of despair, fear, death, starvation, confusion, hopelessness, grief, sorrow and uncertainty [Read more...](#)





Cameroon – Inauguration of the Centre for Therapy and Protection of Minors In Yaoundé

On Thursday 20 March 2021, the Provincial of the PAO, Fr Mathieu Ndomba, S.J., officially inaugurated the Centre for the Therapy and Protection of Minors (CTP) in [Read more...](#)

Global – A Commitment from the Ignatian Family for Climate Justice

The celebration of the International Earth Day was marked by the subscription of a commitment by the Ignatian family for climate justice. Ecojesuit, along with the Social Justice and [Read more...](#)



Global – Webinar Urges Common Efforts to Care for Biodiversity

In partnership with the Vatican Covid-19 Commission Ecology Taskforce, the Dicastery for Integral Human Development on Tuesday hosted a webinar on Biodiversity, inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical [Read more...](#)

Asia Pacific – 40,000 Trees for 40 Years of Jesuit Refugee Service

To mark the 40th anniversary of the founding of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) by Fr Pedro Arrupe, JRS Asia Pacific is launching a yearlong environmental



campaign that aims to increase cultural rootedness and strengthen [Read more...](#)



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