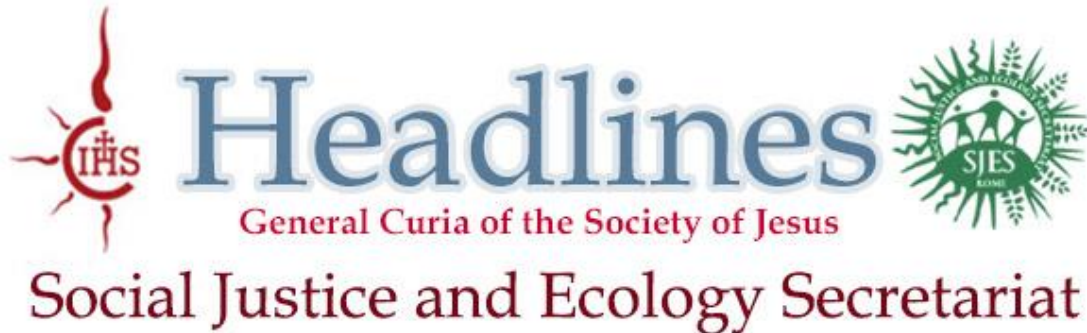


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30th June 2021

Dear SJES SJES,

Warm greetings from the Secretariat!

Quite often, unusual circumstances can lead us to opt for the preferential option for the poor and marginalised. The story of Anu Jebisow in the testimony for this month is a concrete example. From struggling for a fair price of rice, she became an ardent defender of Human Rights. Likewise, the current pandemic is inspiring similar turns in the social apostolate. In the struggle against Covid-19, we have become advocates for food sovereignty, vaccine equity, just prison conditions, just to name a few.

The 20th of June was marked by the turn towards refugees. Given it was World Refugee Day, to honour and respect the dignity of refugees around the world, more light was shed on their plight and work. Many Catholic organisations came together to find long-term solutions to displacement.

Like St. Ignatius, may the pandemic also be an occasion for us to develop a deeper intimacy with God for a more just world.

Best wishes from the SJES team.

Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ
SJES Secretary

TESTIMONY



From Fair Price of Rice to Assertion of Rights

Anu Jebisow
North-East-India

I am a Hrusso Aka from West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh and am married into Apatani Tribe of the Lower Subansiri district. Being married into another tribal community, I am blessed with new experiences and challenges. One such experience, which deeply motivated and encouraged my life toward social apostolate, is the Apatani tribe's great sense of unity and solidarity. I dreamt of such a unity for [Read more...](#)

NEWS

LIVE WEBINAR ON

Food Sovereignty in Sub-Saharan Africa

The Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network of Africa (JENA) in collaboration with Caritas Africa and the Academic Stand Against Poverty East and Southern Africa (ASAP-ESA) invites you to a blended Food Sovereignty Conference in Nairobi, Kenya through the JENA Food Sovereignty Platform (JFSP).

#FoodSovereigntyInAfrica

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<http://bit.ly/JENAFoodConference>
22nd – 24th JUNE 2021 ONLINE ZOOM



Global - Food Sovereignty in times of recovery: Building back better through mainstreaming social justice

The Jesuits Justice and Ecology Network of Africa (JENA) in conjunction with Caritas Africa held an international blended conference on the 22nd – 24th June 2021 in Nairobi, Kenya. The conference was themed “Food Sovereignty in times of recovery: Building back better through mainstreaming [Read more...](#)

MEDIA RELEASE

IBAC report highlights significant corruption risks across Victoria’s prisons

Australia – IBAC report highlights need for urgent changes to state’s prison system

A new report by the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission has revealed a string of serious systemic issues within the Victorian prison system and must be the catalyst for reform, says Jesuit Social Services. The report investigates allegations of prison staff covering the lens [Read more...](#)



Global – Campaign for Vaccine Equity

Canadian Jesuits International supports the current global campaign for a waiver from certain provisions of the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement around COVID-19 medical technologies so that vaccines can be made available to people in low- and middle-income countries. [Read more...](#)



Vietnam – Jesuit Social Apostolate Office’s Emergency Food Program Helps the Poor in Saigon

Hochiminh City, one of Vietnam’s biggest cities, was hit by a fourth wave of COVID-19 infections in the

late April. The city recorded 166 local transmitted cases, the highest daily total since on Monday 21 June 2021, the highest daily total since the start of [Read more...](#)



Australia – Refugee Week 2021

In public debates, Governments will win more votes than they lose through the brutal treatment of refugees. If we care for refugees, then, we must be in for the long haul. When the national mood changes from suspicious of outsiders to a more hospitable outlook, we [Read more...](#)

Global – The Jesuit network gets involved for World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is celebrated every year on 20 June. This international day was designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the world, shed light on their plight and work together to find long-term solutions to displacement. In 2021, the [Read more...](#)

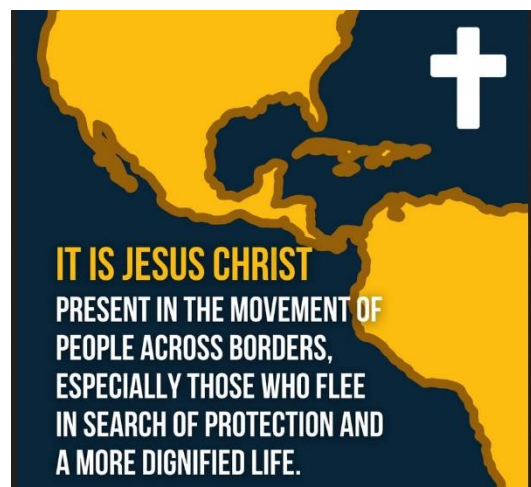


USA – Seattle University Earns STARS Gold Rating for Sustainability

As Jesuit institutions in the U.S. increasingly deepen their commitment to environmental sustainability, Seattle University has earned a Gold rating through The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) for its ongoing work. This marks the third time SU has received a Gold rating. Other Jesuit colleges and [Read more...](#)

America – Wide-Ranging Catholic Call for Regional Church Response to Needs of Migrants

A wide-ranging group of Catholic organizations, including many connected to the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) throughout the Americas, is encouraging Catholic bishops throughout the United States, Mexico, and Central



America to work collaboratively to protect migrants and improve [Read more...](#)



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