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*“Our commitment to follow a poor Lord,
quite naturally makes us friends of the poor.”*

(St. Ignatius of Loyola, Aug. 6, 1547)



**FIRST JESUIT SOCIAL APOSTOLATE CONGRESS
NAPLES, JUNE 16 - 21, 1997
AROUND 160 PARTICIPANTS**



**SECOND JESUIT SOCIAL APOSTOLATE CONGRESS
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SJES (1969 - 2019)
ROME, NOVEMBER 4 - 8, 2019
AROUND 210 PARTICIPANTS**

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Ignatius Soo
seeing all things
new in Christ



Remembering in gratitude...

I believe 2020 and 2021 will go down in history as the most catastrophic and yet the most life transforming years of our time. After a fruitful gathering and celebration of the 50th anniversary Congress of SJES, between 4 and 8 November 2019 in Rome, the COVID-19 pandemic, shutting down the entire world, came as a big jolt. It upset all our plans, strategies and activities envisioned at the SJES Congress.

In this first annual report of SJES, you will see how people have made changes creatively and innovatively. Words are inadequate to express my feelings of gratitude and appreciation to each one of you who have been part of this journey in bringing justice and reconciliation through an Ignatian common discernment, collaboration and networking. The two encyclicals of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* and the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) of the Society of Jesus promulgated in the beginning of 2019 and most importantly, the call of our Superior General, Fr. Arturo Sosa SJ, 'To see all things new in Christ' during this Ignatian Jubilee Year (May 2021 – July 2022) have been the inspiration and motivating force for many of our collective discernment, planning and action despite the lock down.

Many of us were awakened to the reality, though at different moments, of how a tiny RNA virus caused a prolonged horrific nightmare. We saw how this minuscule virus which brought the entire world to its knees, disproportionately affected the poorest of the world, exacerbating the impoverishment in the world like never before. The virus simply shattered the claim of reasonable scientific certainty and security of life.

In the aftermath, we cannot forget the immense personal tragedies and pain the virus inflicted; the fears and anxieties it caused; the vulnerability and fragility we encountered when some of our near and dear ones departed. Also the tears of hundreds and thousands of poor migrants, women and children who went hungry, jobless and fled their places of work when the lockdown crumbled every human, ecological and economic security that we were told to believe. We can keep enumerating many tragic moments of these two years.

Yet, despite rather because of the pandemic, we woke up from our prolonged slumber to acknowledge that we require a global shift from many peripheral attachments to focus on the fundamentals of our lives and relationships. In the words of the United Nations, 'No one is safe, until everyone is safe'. This applies not only to the health crisis, but also to many other socio-economic, political and democratic crises that are much bigger. As Pope Francis said, Covid 'has given us a chance to develop new ways of living' and relating with God, with one another and nature. It gave us an opportunity to realize that we are all interconnected and interdependent. It exposed flawed economic models of growth and exposed the false insecurities of amassing material wealth and over dependence on science and technology. The lockdown showed that given a chance, nature would recover as we saw how birds chirped when traffic noise and pollution dropped. The call for urgent ecological transformation / conversion became clearer than ever before.



"THE CALL FOR URGENT ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION/CONVERSION BECAME CLEARER THAN EVER BEFORE."



Many worked selflessly in the time of crisis. We appreciate the sacrifices made by invisible, voiceless, silent informal workers in hospitals, crematoriums, burial grounds and municipalities. Millions of generous people went out of their way with energy, passion and commitment, to reach out to the needy - delivered necessary things at the door of affected people locked at home or they cooked food for the homeless. Doctors and nurses with selfless hours of toil, often without breaks and at considerable risk, gave us reason to hope. Scientists and pharmacists worked tirelessly to give us vaccines.

However, in spite of sustained efforts to reach vaccines to all, some keep hoarding them and striving to make maximum profit during this global humanitarian emergency. Some political leaders use pandemic as an opportunity to suppress the dissenting voices of rights activists. It shows the fundamental weakness and fragility of our system that is organised by the rich and for the rich.

As I look back at the year that has gone by, I can positively say that it has been full of abundant graces and blessings, despite numerous difficulties, uncertainties and challenges. Our SJES team in Rome, as well as in all six Jesuit conferences, apostolic networks, social institutes and centres were creative and dynamic, able to discern and respond collectively to the many challenges faced at local, regional and global levels. In all these, there was a deep sense of 'hope' and trust in God. I dare to say that I feel immensely consoled and grateful for the Covid crisis, although it has been a treacherous journey. Because, I believe that every crisis, taken with faith, is an opportunity to sift through our fallacies and failings and find the right focus for our life and our mission. Crisis is not what we desire, but crisis serves as a means to change our direction.

Covid-19 has been a mirror, truly reflecting the reality of our world as it is: the good and bad, hope and grief, sharing and hoarding, life and death and many other contradictions. The challenges are going to be much bigger yet we shall strive with faith and hope. It is up to each to build a better, a fairer, greener and a more inclusive world.

Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ
Secretary of SJES



UNIVERSAL APOSTOLIC PREFERENCES

Universal Apostolic Preferences

They are four working fields to which the Society of Jesus will pay special attention and in which it will invest a significant portion of its various resources over the next few years.



SHOWING THE WAY TO GOD

Show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment



WALKING WITH THE EXCLUDED

Walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice



JOURNEYING WITH YOUTH

Accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future



CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Collaborate, with Gospel depth, for the protection and renewal of God's Creation



SJES - WHO ARE WE?

The Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat (SJES) is one of the four apostolic secretariats of the Society of Jesus. It assists the Superior General to develop, coordinate, and promote social justice, ecology and reconciliation works of the Society of Jesus. Founded as Jesuit Socio-Economic Development Secretariat (JESEDES) by Fr. Pedro Arrupe in 1969, it became Social Secretariat in 1980s, Social Justice Secretariat (SJS) in 1990s and finally rechristened as Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat (SJES) in 2010.

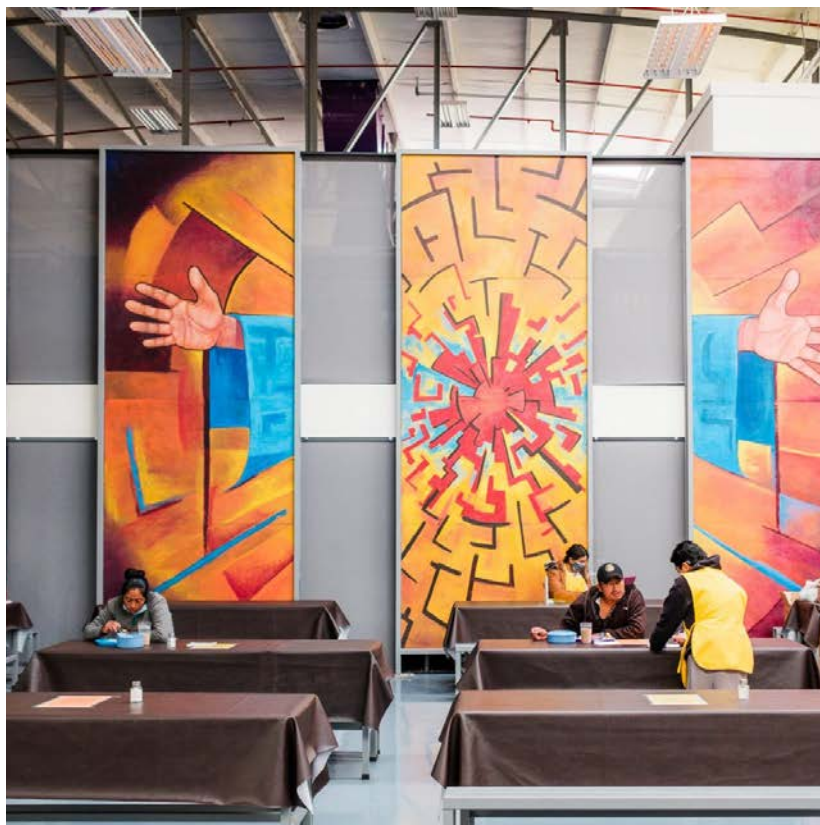
This mission of SJES is carried out in collaboration with the six Jesuit Conference Social Delegates (CSDs) and four thematic network leaders. Through them, the secretariat learns about the reality of the vulnerable and marginalised communities in Jesuit Provinces, Regions and Conferences. Together with them, the Secretariat coordinates, discerns, promotes networks and takes appropriate advocacy actions for a just and reconciled world.

"Wherever in the Church, even in the most difficult and extreme fields, in the crossroads of ideologies, in the front line of social conflict, there has been and there is confrontation between the deepest desires of man and the perennial message of the Gospel, there also there have been, and there are, Jesuits."

- Address of Pope Paul VI to the members of GC32, Dec. 3, 1974

The Secretariat:

- **advises** Fr. General to discern and deepen the commitment to justice and reconciliation mission and to promote a consistent culture of protection of the vulnerable;
- **serves** as a channel of communication between Fr. General & his council and the entire apostolic body of the SJ;
- **coordinates** the conference, province social delegates and directors of social centres/ institutes to fulfil their mission;
- **strengthens** advocacy links between the global networks of SJES and other similar networks of the SJ, Church and civil society organisations; and
- **promotes** its mission by helping at all levels the local-global tension beyond the borders of apostolic sectors, provinces or regions.



Kino Border Initiative Dining Hall

"A community founded chiefly for this purpose: to strive especially for the progress of souls in Christian life and doctrine and for the propagation of the faith by the ministry of the word, by spiritual exercises and works of charity, and specifically by the education of children and unlettered persons in Christianity."

(Formula of the Institute 1540)

THE OBJECTIVE

Our endeavour is to walk with the marginalised and the excluded, to care for our common home and to bring equality and justice of the Gospel in the world. This is done through prayer and discernment, personal, institutional and structural transformation and by ensuring proper implementation of the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs).

"Love ought to manifest itself more by deeds than by words."

- Spiritual Exercises § 230

THE TEAM

"GIVEN THE NEED TO RESPOND COLLECTIVELY TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES, ARTICULATED SO WELL IN THE UNIVERSAL APOSTOLIC PREFERENCES, I FEEL IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE WORK JOINTLY."

R.P. ARTURO SOSA, SJ - SUPERIOR GENERAL



XAVIER JEYARAJ, SJ
(CALCUTTA PROVINCE, INDIA)
SECRETARY
(Since 13 Jun. 2017)



FALA VALERY, SJ
(WEST AFRICA PROVINCE)
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
(Since Nov. 2020)



JOHN GUINEY, SJ
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(Since Dec. 2018)



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NETWORK AND ADVOCACY COORDINATOR
(Since Nov. 2018)



TINA CAMPBELL
ASSISTANT PCCP PROJECT COORDINATOR
(Since Jan. 2021)



ROSSANA MATTEI
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
(Since Nov. 2017)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF SJES

On 17th December 2020, Fr. General appointed a new SIX-member Advisory Committee (AC) for SJES composed of two women, two men and two Jesuits, who work with the Secretary of SJES. Until now, the AC membership was restricted to Jesuits. In his appointment letter Father General says, "Given the need to respond collectively to global challenges, articulated so well in the Universal Apostolic Preferences, I feel it is essential that we work jointly."

**"COLLABORATION IN MISSION HAS RESULTED IN ABUNDANT BLESSINGS FOR THE APOSTOLATES AND THE SOCIETY OF JESUS. BEING WITH APOSTOLIC COLLABORATORS IN MISSION ENCOURAGES US TO LIVE MORE FULLY AND AUTHENTICALLY OUR JESUIT RELIGIOUS VOCATION."
(GC 35, D6, § 15)**



CHRISTOPHER G. KERR

IGNATIAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK
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Chile, (CPAL)



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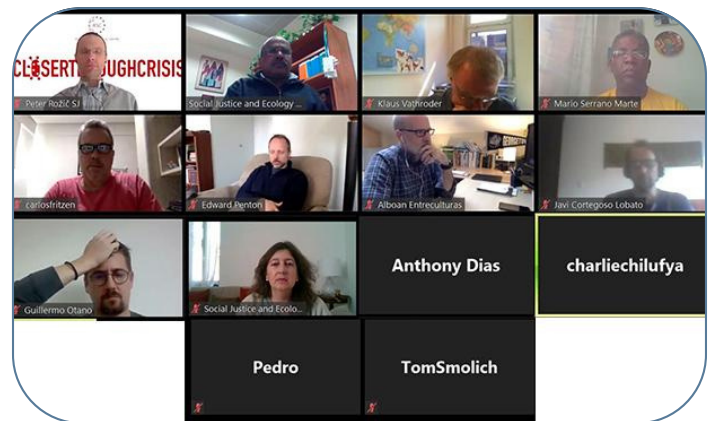
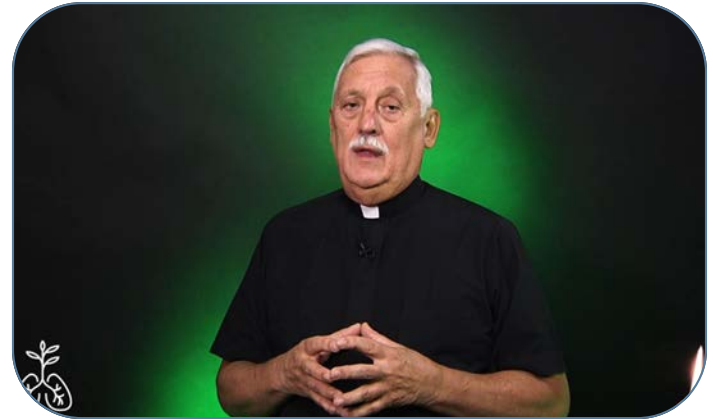
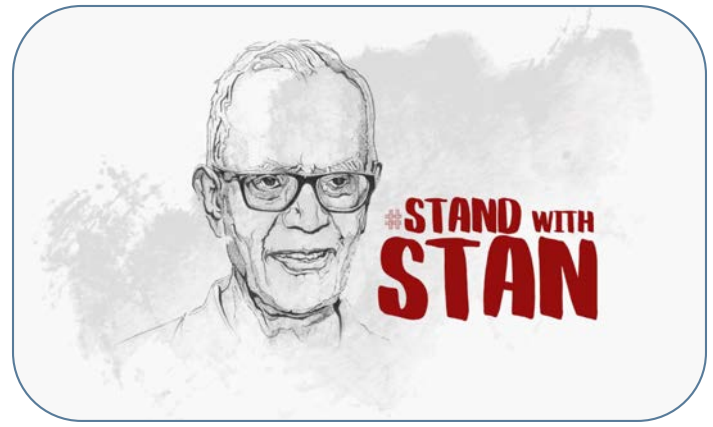
RECONCILIATION WITH CREATION PROJECT OFFICER
Australia, (JCAP)

Our global campaigns and activities

"In each Province and Assistancy, this Social apostolate incarnates the social dimension of our mission, concretely embodies it in real commitments and renders it visible. In different places and in varying circumstances, the social apostolate takes multiple forms: social research and publications, advocacy and human development, and direct social action with and for the poor."

R.P. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ

(On the Social Apostolate, 24 January 2000, PI N° 73)





FOR THE RELEASE OF FR. STAN SWAMY SJ

Jesuits and collaborators in solidarity calling for the release of Fr. Stan Swamy SJ in front of the General Curia, Rome

The eighty four year old Fr. Stan Swamy SJ a human rights activist, who suffered from Parkinson's disease and other ailments, was arrested on 8th October 2020, kept in Taloja prison in Mumbai, denied bail despite his worsening health, and finally 'died' on 5th July 2021.

Stan was a person of integrity with a sensitive and a compassionate heart for the vulnerable indigenous, and the voiceless environment. His main work since 1990 was among the indigenous people in Central India. He started Bagaicha, a social research and advocacy centre in order to coordinate, mobilise, and strengthen his work among tribals (Indigenous). He lived with them, participated in their movements, organised workshops to train them on their legal rights and helped them to protect themselves from exploitation and displacement from their land and natural resources.

To do it, he did research, wrote articles and conscientized people to defend their rights. He also filed cases against the mining companies and the government when the laws were not followed and people's rights were trampled upon. This did not go well with the government and many mining companies saw him as a danger in pursuing their economic interests.

Hence, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in India arrested Stan under an

archaic anti-terror law, falsely accusing him of plotting to kill the Prime Minister of India and instigating caste violence in 2018 in Western India - a place where he had never been, - and falsely further of having links and supporting the extremist Maoist group. Fr. Stan in a video recorded two days prior to his detention said: "What is happening to me is not something unique happening to me alone. It is a broader process that is taking place all over the country."

Advocacy actions of Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat for the release of Stan Swamy:

- Soon after the arrest of Stan in October 2020, an international solidarity group was formed to launch a global campaign for the release Fr. Stan Swamy and other human rights defenders in India;
- Prepared statements, gave interviews to several news and social media channels, made press releases, video appeals in favour of Stan, highlighting the erosion of democracy and violation of human rights in India today;
- Presented appeals for support to several political institutions, United Nations HR Commission, the European Union Commission, the European Parliament, and the political authorities (including ministries, human rights commissions and or parliaments) in Austria, Canada, Germany, Portugal, Spain, USA, and UK;

- Submitted letters to Indian Embassies in several European countries, US Congress and Latin American countries;
- Organised online prayer services on important moments of case hearing and Stan's birthday;
- Organised protest marches, rallies in front of Indian embassies on international Human Rights Day in several countries;
- Mobilised Jesuits communities, staff and students worldwide with signature campaigns;
- Thousands of birthday cards and video messages were sent on Stan's birthday;
- More than 200 articles were written in several newspapers in Spanish, Italian, French and other languages during Fr. Stan's 9 months of imprisonment.
- Fr. Stan's situation made headlines in the world's leading newspapers, as well as in the social media. This global campaign and solidarity movement joined efforts with the #standwithstan movement in India.

Unfortunately, the aim of obtaining the release of Fr. Stan Swamy was not achieved. However, his legacy will remain with us to 'speak truth to power' uncompromisingly.

COVID-19 Jesuit Social Response

On the side of
the marginalized



"It would be sad if this vaccine were to become the property of this nation or another, rather than universal and for all," warned Pope Francis on 19 August 2020, about the risk of prioritizing access to the vaccine to the richest nations. In fact, it happened. Eight seven percent of the administered vaccines have gone to high income or upper middle countries while low-income countries have received only 0.2% of available vaccines.

The Jesuits added their voice to the growing calls advocating for equity and justice in the production and distribution of vaccines. As Fr. Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Society of Jesus said: "COVID-19 is showing us that we are one humanity and how overcoming a crisis is possible when we become aware of the importance of looking after the common good and taking seriously our own individual responsibility. We can only live as one body."

- Jesuit organisations and networks are actively involved in advocating towards Justice on Covid19 vaccines since October 2020.
- The Secretariat, together with the six Presidents of Conferences and four Apostolic Secretariats, issued a public statement on 10 May 2021 entitled "The Society of Jesus calls for justice in the global allocation of Covid19 vaccines".
- The Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM) joined the request for a temporary waiver of patent rights on medical products.
- On 23 February, Fr. A.E. Orobator, President of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM) addressed the German government with a direct letter.

- On 14 June 2021, Fr. Charles Chilufya, JCAM social delegate, joined a panel of global leaders, including Prof. Joseph Stiglitz, to address an online press Conference on TRIPS Waiver.
- In Europe, Jesuitenmission Deutschland and Austria wrote letters to their political representatives and promoted online petitions for a TRIPS waiver.
- In Spain, ALBOAN, Entreculturas, Radio Ecca and others joined this initiative, wrote to their Prime Minister, and promoted an online petition.
- The Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice of the Irish Province stressed the importance of vaccination reaching prisons.
- Jesuit Missions in the UK launched a campaign on Covid19 Vaccine Justice, asking the public to take action and organised ad hoc prayers on the eve of relevant international meetings.
- CPAL published 17 issues of Aurora, a journal of reflection on Covid19.
- Canada Jesuits International organised webinars, advocated with their government and engaged with others in the cause of global vaccination.
- The Jesuit Conference of USA and Canada joined other like-minded organisations to advocate for equity and justice and took several steps with the new administration.
- Statements by Red Jesuita con Migrantes and JRS have insisted, among others, on the fact that vaccination plans should ensure universal access to all people, regarding their particularly those with migratory status.

"The Society of Jesus calls for justice in the global allocation of Covid-19 vaccines"



"COVID-19 is showing us that we are one humanity..."

SAFEGUARDING

PROMOTING A CONSISTENT CULTURE OF PROTECTION

The General Congregation 36 (GC36) called on the current Superior General of the Society of Jesus 'to continue working with Major Superior and Conferences, to promote, within the communities and ministries of the Society, a consistent culture of protection and safety for minors'. Fr. Arturo Sosa responded by establishing a Task Force (TF) to explore how best to fulfil this mandate and then launched a new project to Promote a Consistent Culture of Protection (PCCP) in October 2018. Fr. Xavier Jeyaraj, the Secretary of SJES was given the responsibility to coordinate this project. Fr. John Guiney (AOR) was appointed as Project Coordinator in October 2018 and Michelle Hennessy as Assistant Project Coordinator in February 2019.

During 2019 and 2020 the Promotion of a Consistent Culture of Protection project mapped and assessed the current situation within the Society and identified a range of stages of implementation in Provinces/Regions from concerned to compliant and committed.

The PCCP project aptly aligns with the second Universal Apostolic Preference (UAP), to walk with the excluded, embraced by the Society of Jesus, in February 2019. The preference, to walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world and those whose dignity has been violated, states:

"We commit ourselves to help eliminate abuses inside and outside the Church, seeking to ensure that victims are heard and properly helped, that justice is done, and that harm is healed. This commitment includes the adoption of clear policies for the prevention of abuse, the ongoing formation of those who are committed to mission, and serious efforts to identify the social origins of abuse. In this way, we effectively promote a culture that safeguards all vulnerable persons, especially minors". (UAP -2)



- The Project is advised and supported by an Advisory Committee.
- PCCP meets with the Safeguarding Delegates from each Conference four times a year. This enables the sharing of resources and expertise whilst providing an overview of safeguarding activity on a global scale.
- Meeting in person and travelling was restricted because of the pandemic. However, the work of safeguarding continues, and online international meetings became routine. PCCP continues to be invited to present at Webinars and Conferences.



Credits: Manolo Fortuny SJ (Kyabe - Chad)

- In October 2020, Michelle Hennessy left the PCCP and her successor, Tina Campbell, was appointed in January 2021.
- A focus for the year 2021 was the letter from Fr A. Sosa on 13 May 'On the implementation of minimum standards of safeguarding in the Society of Jesus during this Ignatian year'.
- Currently PCCP is creating a global Audit and developing a Toolkit as a resource to accompany the implementation of the Standards.

The global Society is responding with zeal to both what is being asked of them in relation to these tasks; responding to the call of both Pope Francis and Fr A. Sosa to work collaboratively in making the world a safer place for children and vulnerable adults.

"Prevention and early intervention are good companions. When individuals and groups view their behaviour and activities through the lens of prevention, change can happen. The culture can change too."

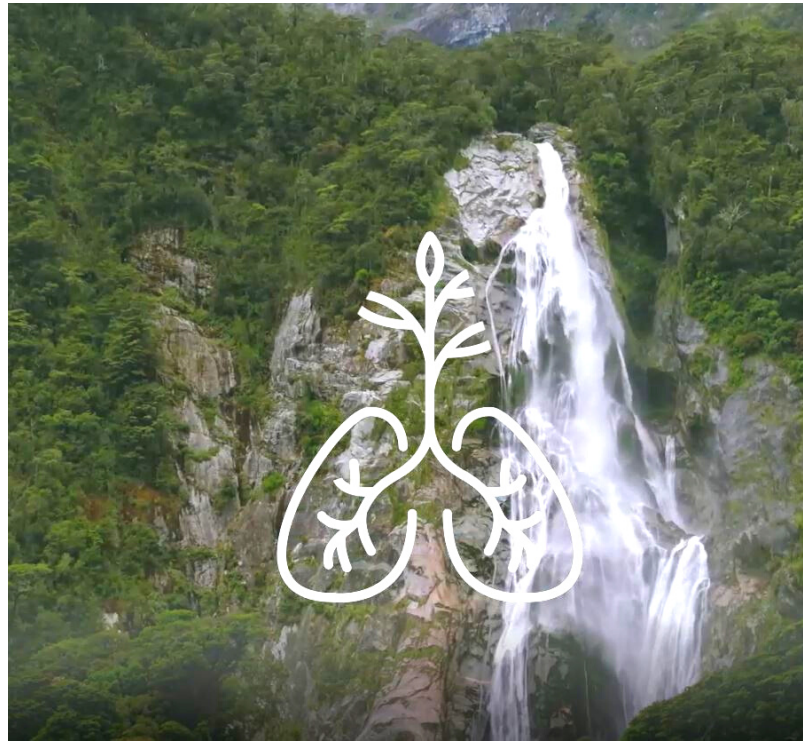
<https://www.sjesjesuits.global/safeguarding/about-pccp/>

GLOBAL IGNATIAN PRAYER VIGIL "BREATHING TOGETHER"

On September 25, 2020, SJES, along with various Jesuit networks, organised the Global Ignatian Prayer Vigil *Breathing Together*. In order to have a global reach, the Vigil broadcasted live in three different time zones (8 pm in Manila/Rome/New York), was simultaneously streamed in English and Spanish, and attended by over 16,000 people. It combined prayer with testimonies from indigenous people, reflections from leaders, songs and music and some symbolic and interactive elements.

As Fr. Xavier Jeyaraj SJ, Secretary of Social Justice and Ecology pointed out: *"The vigil was an amazing way of connecting people to the call of Pope Francis to care for our common home, along with the four Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) of the Society of Jesus. It was a vigil to show the way to God (UAP1); to care for our common home particularly the three lungs of the earth (UAP4); to walk with the poor indigenous people whose rights and dignity have been violated (UAP2); and finally, a way to accompany the young indigenous by listening to their testimonies (UAP3)."*

On Global Climate Action Day, *"Breathing Together"* vigil emphasized the need to defend the lungs of the earth - in particular, the Congo Basin, the Asian forests and the Amazon, that are "literally and figuratively on fire," as Cecilia Calvo noted in her reflection.



"We are called to take better advantage of the global potential that exists in our numerous apostolic institutions for building networks. They can promote projects beyond provincial, national and continental boundaries. This endeavour requires a new thinking and the use of imagination and creativity."

RP. Adolfo Nicolás SJ, Medellín, Aug. 15, 2013



SJES Season of Creation 2020 - Plant passing

The 12 testimonies of indigenous people from the Congo basin, Asian and Amazon highlighted the reality of the three lungs of the earth and the communities in these regions. As Amba Lobota Bongila, belonging to the Ekonda community, DR Congo, said, *"The forest belongs to us. It belongs to our ancestors. Our rivers have become polluted; animals have run away, caterpillars are not growing anymore on trees. Loggers enrich themselves at the expense of indigenous peoples."*

Dorotheé, of the Baka community in Yahuma territory, DRC, added, *"Our community is threatened by the loss of their lands, land expropriation, by the Bantu neighbours, forest companies, mining companies, and others seeking natural resources."*

Enesio Martins, belonging to the Ticuna community at the Amazonia emphasized: *"we have been affected by the forest fires, by the deforestation carried out by the big multinational corporations."*

Jason Menaling from Mindanao in the Philippines noted: *"I hope the rest of the world will not be deaf to the cries of Indigenous Peoples. We want a future where we live in peace, nurturing our connection to our environment and to each other."*

Father Arturo Sosa, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus pointed out that, *"never has our commitment to care for our common home and to heal this broken world been more urgent. We cannot heal this earth by ourselves. Healing begins by joining others, especially the most affected and vulnerable, the poor, the indigenous, the migrants, the refugees... and by turn ourselves collaborators for the care of our common home."* "But change will happen only if we make room for it", as young activist from Papua New Guinea, Ms. September Kelokelo, added.

Change must start with individual commitment leading to collective and institutional conversion with changes in laws and public policies. Hence, the final prayer of commitment called on the international community and world leaders to listen to *"the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor"* and to take effective action, guaranteeing the well-being (*buen vivir*) of all and the equilibrium of our Common Home.

JOINT GLOBAL MAPPING OF COVID-19

On 27 March, during the special *Urbi et Orbi* Pope Francis said, “The storm [coronavirus] exposes our vulnerability and uncovers those false and superfluous certainties”... “uncovering once more our belonging to one another as brothers and sisters.”

The covid-19 numbers rose every day, disrupting life in almost every corner of the globe. In response, many countries decided to close their borders, cease all non-essential activities, and imposed a lockdown on all activities and movements. Healthcare systems collapsed. Both health and economic consequences were huge, affecting the most vulnerable individuals and communities, including elderly people, children, migrants, refugees, and forcibly displaced persons, dalits, and indigenous people. Many were saying, “If I have to choose between hunger and coronavirus, I would choose the latter.”

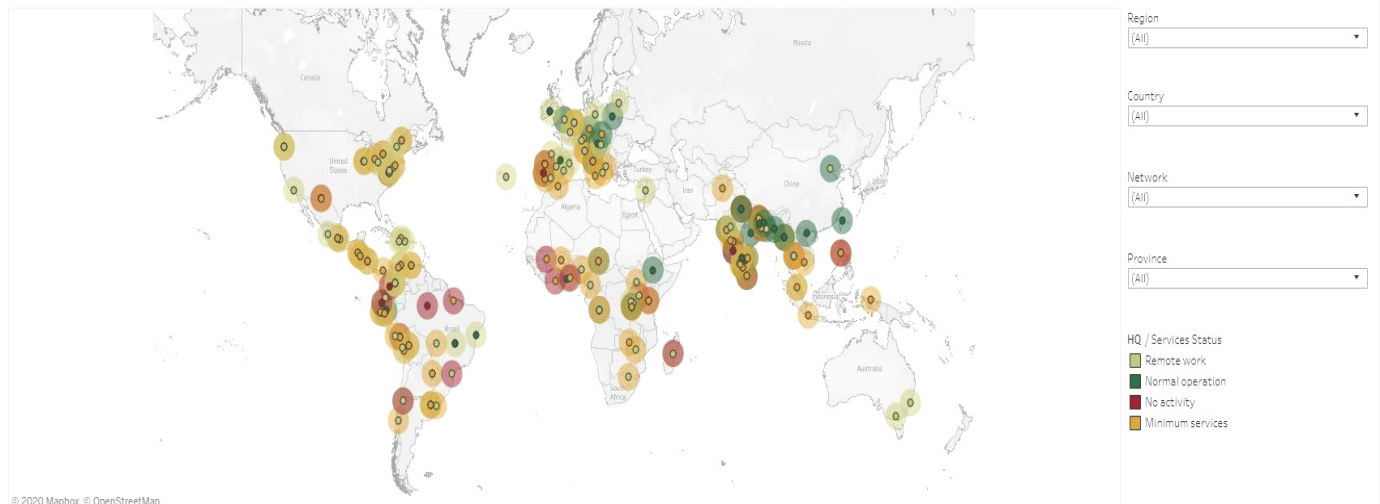
At the same time, the current global pandemic did give us an opportunity to acknowledge our interconnectedness and of being part of the same human family in a common home. Inviting us to inner transformation and to alleviate the plight of the marginalised and to reflect and advocate for another world of help to all emerging from this pandemic.

On 11 March 2020 WHO declared Covid-19 a pandemic. Within 15 days of this announcement, the Secretariat (SJES) called an emergency meeting with Xavier Network (XN) and responded with a global mapping of the impact of the pandemic on our Jesuit social justice works around the world. This study, done together with Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), Fe y Alegría (FyA) and all the Jesuit Social centres and institutions provided the needed information for collective discernment to establish global coordination, joint strategic framework and action both now – in the emergency response – and during the recovery phase.

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.

- Nearly 450 Jesuit organisations in the global social justice and ecology network participated in the study.
- Regular meetings were organised between conference social delegates and coordinating team to understand the status in various conferences
- The social centres/institutions reached out to more than 4.1 million people from various marginalised communities around the world.
- Despite lockdowns in many countries, 94% of Jesuit social centres provided some minimum services remotely or functioned partially to reach out. The emergency responses included prevention, awareness generation, food security, emergency aid, support to stranded migrants, communication, etc.
- Prepared four official reports that were sent at regular intervals to all concerned;
- Helped to understand that we can work together even in a paralyzed situation;
- Recognized the local – global connection, importance of discernment, networking and collaboration;
- The data helped to join the global advocacy campaign for TRIPS patent waiver.

Covid-19 Response - Organizations Status



HQ Status	Quantity	Staff Number	People Served	Emergency People Served	Services Status	Quantity	Staff Number	People Served	Emergency People Served
Normal operation	43	1,477	364,346	220,046	Normal operation	35	1,414	734,872	646,491
Remote work	137	16,578	2,670,127	1,751,629	Remote work	103	9,730	2,292,559	1,525,070
Minimum services	94	17,925	2,888,388	2,093,013	Minimum services	106	19,165	2,382,601	1,697,582
No activity	10	785	147,830	30,800	No Activity	40	6,456	660,659	226,245
Grand Total	284	36,765	6,070,691	4,095,388	Grand Total	284	36,765	6,070,691	4,095,388

TOWARDS WOMEN'S COMMISSION

During the Social Apostolate Congress in November 2019, Fr. General raised the question about the place of women in the Society of Jesus. His challenge fell on fertile soil. The women participants met Fr. General and asked that a Women's Commission be set up for the Society of Jesus. As a start, a Task Force on Women was set up under the coordination of the SJE Secretariat to make a proposal. Having received the proposal from the task force, suggestions of the Presidents of Conferences and the advice of his Council members, Fr. General established the 10 member Women's Commission on the Role and Responsibilities of Women in the Society of Jesus, on 8 March 2021, International Women's day.

The members include six women from six Jesuit Conferences, three Jesuits and a Layman. They are:

1. Andrade, Donna - Fairfield, JCCU
2. Assouad, Victor SJ - Rome
3. Duffy, Michael - San Francisco, JCCU
4. J. Lao, Maria Elissa - Philippines, JCAP
5. Joseph, Victor Edwin SJ - Delhi, JCSA
6. Muñoz, Maria del Carmen - Colombia, CPAL
7. Sujita, Mary SND - Bihar-India, JCSA
8. Vanneste, Cecilia - Belgium, JCEP
9. Waiyaki, Catherine - Kenya, JCAM
10. Yi, Simon Kuen-Sang SJ - South Korea, JCAP

"...when women can share their gifts, the world finds itself more united, more peaceful. Hence, every step forward for women is a step forward for humanity as a whole."

- Pope Francis, Homily Jan. 1, 2020



Xavier Jeyaraj, as the interim moderator of this group helped the members to become acquainted with each other, select their moderator and agree on the goal, objectives, structures and the plan of action. After spending time in getting to know each other through many online meetings, prayer and reflection, the members elected **Cecilia Vanneste**, from Flanders, Belgium as their moderator on 16 June 2021. Best wishes to Cecilia and the members a fruitful mission!

"In transforming culture so that it supports life, women occupy a place, in thought and action, which is unique and decisive. It depends on them to promote a "new feminism" which rejects the temptation of imitating models of "male domination", in order to acknowledge and affirm the true genius of women in every aspect of the life of society, and overcome all discrimination, violence and exploitation."

- St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae. § 99, 1995

Conference campaigns and activities

“Without a concrete social centre in the Province, social awareness will finally decline. There has to be in the Province itself an element that constantly reminds everyone of social issues and social problems. Everybody knows this; it is impossible not to know. But to be touched by this reality you need people who are immersed in this work, and who are living not only for the poor (many will do this), but also with the poor, and in many cases, like the poor. It is they who can really move their fellow Jesuits to stay and grow in social awareness.”

RP. PH Kolvenbach, SJ

(Meeting of Assistency Coordinators of the Social Apostolate, 14 May 2004, PI N° 85, 2004/4)



SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORKS (CPAL)



CARMEN DE LOS RÍOS

(PERU)

Latin America (CPAL)

Like everywhere else, the covid-19 pandemic adversely affected the activities of our social apostolate. We noticed a drastic increase in the number of cases and a consequent total shutdown of towns and villages. In all these the poor and marginalised were the most affected. Even getting tested in order to know their status was impossible.

Despite these, the social apostolate could discern some areas of action.

At the conference level:

- The Jesuit Migrant Network (RJM) became very active following the challenge to care for migrants;
- Some of our institutions supported Caritas and government food distribution initiatives; and
- The social centres became places for analysis.

At the global level:

- Collaborated with others to assist the underserved and marginalised populations: migrants, indigenous communities and people of African descent.
- Shared analysis and information on the pandemic given that this situation revealed the disastrous dynamics of neoliberal capitalism and its process of privatizing fundamental services: health, education, water, etc.



"Our service, especially among the poor, has deepened our life of faith, both individually and as a body: our faith has become more paschal, more compassionate, more tender, more evangelical in its simplicity"

GC 34, D 2, § 1

- Collected global data to help advocacy campaigns in favour of laws and policies.
- With the goal of strengthening our advocacy plan, we found ourselves expanding our social networks and developing a strategic plan.
- Given the lessons we learnt during this time of pandemic, we published 17 issues of AURORA Magazine with reflections on the Pandemic, which rapidly gained many readers.

We remain ever grateful to God for using us to realize His plan for the poor and marginalised and the consolation we received.



Photo by Red Solidaridad y Apostolado Indígena of CPAL

JESUIT JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY NETWORK (JENA-JCAM)



Jesuit Missions Reaching out to the People of Mbare in Zimbabwe during lockdown

As a second focus, JENA developed a longer analysis paper that the Vatican dicastery will use in its work of advocacy on the following themes:

- Dignity in work and the jobs of the future, today
- External Debt and Tax Evasion,
- From one to many; new structures for the common good,
- Governance, peace and security, at the heart of global solidarity,
- Rebalancing social systems with nature in the wake of COVID-19,
- Financing Pharmaceutical Innovation: Global Justice and CST Perspectives,
- Corporate Accountability and Social Responsibility and Natural Resource Governance.

The COVID-19 crisis has opened our eyes to deeper underlying injustices that create poverty. We must attend to these root causes, if we are to prepare a better, healthier and just future for our world. Also guided and inspired by the Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs), our work has been categorized in four clusters of our transformational agenda that will contribute to making the justice of the Gospel and the Goals for Sustainable Development (the 2030 Agenda) a reality for all. The four clusters of our transformational agenda are:

- Promoting Pope Francis' vision of an inclusive global economy;
- African Structural Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Decent Jobs;
- Peace and Security, Social Cohesion and Human dignity; and
- Financing for Development in the COVID-19 Era and Beyond.

To achieve this, we are creating partnerships for greater impact. In fact, partnerships are a cornerstone of our work. Partners inspire new ideas and enable systematic sharing of experiences and best practices. They are a reason for joy and hope.

CHARLES CHILUFYA, SJ

(SOUTHERN AFRICA PROVINCE)
Africa and Madagascar (JCAM)



Like all other organizations and institutions, the JCAM Social Apostolate also known as the Jesuit Justice and Ecology Network Africa (JENA) had to reorient its plans for the year 2020 in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak. JENA's work in 2020 has mainly been its active collaboration with the Vatican's COVID-19 Commission from its inception, providing insight into the situation in Africa and the unique difficulties the continent faces.

JENA collaborates with regional conferences of Bishops and, as appropriate other regional and national conferences. JENA has been serving as the coordinator of the Africa Task Force of the Vatican Covid-19 Commission. More concretely, JENA provided input with conceptual papers on the four thematic issues of the Vatican Task Force as they relate to the Africa region: Economics, Health, Ecology, and Security, all issues understood in a holistic or integral way.

"COVID-19 is showing us that we are one humanity..."



A healthcare worker administers the COVID-19 vaccine at Jamaa Mission Hospital in Bururuburu in Nairobi, Kenya. Photo: Marvin Mwaaura/JCAM.

SECRETARIAT FOR SOCIAL MINISTRIES (JCAP)



ADRIANUS SUYADI, SJ

(INDONESIAN PROVINCE)

Asia Pacific (JCAP)

“Fear” is what has characterized life in the countries in the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific (JCAP) throughout this period, given the pandemic and the numerous fake information disseminated about the pandemic. Many were caught up in great panic and worries. Due to the pandemic, many international meetings were cancelled or postponed or made online.

In our meetings, we were deeply concerned on how the social secretariat could be more strategic than merely administrative. We came up with an action plan to animate and facilitate each province/region to make discernment and planning for the next 5-years in line with the UAPs.

Realizing that the livelihood of the poor was severely affected, the JCAP gave a small amount of funds to the Myanmar mission and JRS Indonesia to respond to the people affected by Covid-19. The Secretariat for Social Ministries also reallocated its approved budget to respond to the emergency of Covid-19 in the Myanmar Mission.

Some online sensitization conferences were organised on the pandemic and on the socio-political situation of Myanmar. The unfortunate coup in Myanmar pushed us to organise an interreligious prayer for Myanmar, which saw the participation of several religious groups and persons. While campaigns continue, we pray with hope for a long-lasting solution to the Myanmar crisis.

Through several collaborative efforts, we find it opportune to strive even more for spiritual conversion especially during this



Vietnam Jesuit Social Apostolate Office in collaboration with parishes and Congregations in Saigon Archdiocese reach-out to low-income households during Covid-19 Emergency Food Program

We are convinced, "when in the name of an ideology, there is an attempt to remove God from a society, that society ends up adoring idols, and very soon men and women lose their way, their dignity is trampled and their rights violated..."

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, § 274

Ignatian Year in the social apostolate and to prioritise our fight against poverty and also striving continuously for a more just ecological world.

To support the Indonesian Migration & Anti-Human Trafficking Network, we translated two documents of Pope Francis on “Pastoral Orientation on Human Trafficking” and “20 Action Points for the Global Compacts”. These documents were printed and published in Indonesian by the Bishop Conference of Indonesia and distributed to networks and those interested.



Online Inter-religious prayer for Myanmar on the 23rd April 2021, eve of the SEAN Summit

OFFICE OF JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY (OJE-JCCU)

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected all our ministries. The JCCU Office of Justice and Ecology has participated in national and global advocacy campaigns for greater equity in the distribution of vaccines. We are grateful for the strong statements from Pope Francis and the Vatican on the need to ensure that all countries and people have access to vaccines, regardless of income, and we continue to push our governments in the Global North to implement policies that will make this a reality.

Sadly, the pandemic continues to be used as a pretext to deny migrants their right to seek asylum in the US. Going back on his campaign promises, President Biden has extended indefinitely the closure of the southern border begun by his predecessor. Restoring the asylum system, and creating a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people, remain very high advocacy priorities.

Across the Conference we continue to reckon with the history and present reality of racial injustice in society at large and in the Society of Jesus. Several provinces have begun “Jesuit Antiracism Sodalities” as fora for discussion. Jesuits West brings together representatives from across their ministries for advocacy through “Collaborative Organizing for Racial Equity.” Jesuit ministries of all types have heightened their efforts in examining issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. This spring marked an important step forward with the establishment of the Descendants Truth and Reconciliation Foundation, jointly led by descendants of men and women enslaved by Jesuits, and the present successors of Jesuit enslavers. In August the Jesuit provincials committed to examining the history of Indigenous boarding schools run by the Society in the United States.

The Canadian province’s work on the history of its former residential school, and the steps they have taken towards reconciliation, serve as a helpful model, even as the broader Church in Canada reels from the discoveries this spring of unmarked graves at several former (non-Jesuit) Catholic schools for Native students.



TED PENTON, SJ
(CANADA PROVINCE)
Canada and the United States (JCCU)



Bellarmino Chapel parishioners take action for racial justice in Cincinnati, OH. [Image courtesy of Bellarmine Chapel]

“...the Social Apostolate is completely linked through discernment to the changes and characteristics of social situations...”

Patxi Álvarez, SJ, PI N° 129, 2020/1

With our brothers and sisters in India and around the world we mourn the loss of Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ. It is appalling that he died in the custody of the state, based on false accusations. Even in death, though, he continues to bear witness to God’s call to love and serve our neighbor, particularly those most in need. Our advocacy efforts on his behalf over the past year may not have secured his release, but they did raise awareness of the plight of the Adivasi people in India, and of the threats facing human rights defenders around the world. We know that through his prayers Fr. Stan continues to accompany our efforts to promote the rights of all those living on the margins of society.

The launch of the Vatican’s *Laudato Si* Action Platform is a major step forward in helping the Church put into action the calls found in Pope Francis’ prophetic encyclical. It is proving a useful rallying point to coordinate the efforts of Jesuit provinces and institutions across the Conference. The upcoming COP 26 meeting in November is another rallying point, as we work with faith-based and secular partners to participate in this important forum.



JESUIT EUROPEAN SOCIAL CENTRE (JESC - JCEP)



PETER ROŽIČ, SJ

(SLOVENIAN PROVINCE)
Europe (JCEP)

The Pandemic greatly affected our activities this year. Most of the projects with the marginalised and the vulnerable have been shut down since the lockdown. Homeless, refugees, elderly often could not receive services from our Social Centres.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our European Leadership Programme (ELP) had over 20 highly qualified Fellows participating. After five months of Ignatian leadership training, the fourth and fifth Cohort Fellows graduated successfully by defending their research papers at the Saint Ignatius University of Antwerp (UCSIA). Besides forming young leaders, ELP raises our advocacy profile tremendously.

Also we greatly got involved in the campaigns for Fr. Stan Swamy. Martin Maier has been great in leasing with the European Parliament, European Commission and the European Union External Service. Our social media had at least one publication a week on the campaign, with growing support.

It has also been a period of great networking and collaboration. Edmond Grace SJ, JESC Secretary for Ecology, worked with religious actors and businesses on a Charter to



“As fellow pilgrims with them (the poor and those committed to justice) towards the Kingdom, we have often been touched by their faith, renewed by their hope, transformed by their love.”

GC 34, D 3, § 1

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If we want to promote the European common good we have to reach reconciliation.

FR FRANCK JANIN SJ

President of the Conference of European Provincials



implement the EU Green Deal (EU Parliament and Commission). He organised a webinar “Think Big in Europe”, creating a network of people interested in Jesuit spirituality and ecology.

Taking this crisis as a call, JESC launched a daily social media campaign to offer accompaniment by sharing inspiration, reflectiveness, resourcefulness and hope.

We had great joy by witnessing that our alumni who work within the European Institutions in Brussels, work in policy positions and advocacy work.

We are actively working towards our Social Apostolate Congress in March 2022 in Loyola, Spain. The Congress will represent an activating milestone in the “deeper renewal” and alignment processes of the JCEP Justice Networks, equipping them to implement together the UAPs by 2029. Its goals include:

- To strengthen the Apostolic Body of the Society of Jesus in Europe and the Near East (JCEP) so that it can credibly respond to and weave together the UAPs and
- To align the mission, needs and resources of our Justice Networks (Delegates, Social Centres, Xavier Network, JRS) as well as GIAN and beyond.



"Advocacy is a form of conversation or dialogue: it seeks to include those people we challenge in the conversation, not to reject them."

The Indian Farmers' Agitation: A Farm Committee was formed which conducted or coordinated several activities: Solidarity Visits; Providing Relief Material; Dissemination of information for awareness and conscientisation; writing articles and some documentation; organizing a physical meeting with farmers' representatives at the ISI, Online Webinar inviting several stakeholders, especially the social activists and all the network partners, especially Lok Manch (LM). This had five presenters led by two women. All of them had frequently visited the protest sites. The reflections were also related to the UAPs. Videos are also prepared for documentation and awareness. We can learn lessons on democracy and peaceful protests from the farmers in what is billed as a 'historic and unprecedented protest in the history of the world'.

Lok Manch (People's Platform): Launched in 2015, it completes its second 3-year phase in October 2021. We have undertaken an Evaluation of LM which is now complete and testifies to the hard work done in the field. LM has been instrumental in changing the lives of lakhs of people, especially among the most vulnerable sections of society. Grassroots leadership has been created and a large number of women leaders have emerged. LM has disturbed the status quo and so it faces stiff resistance in many pockets of the country. It is on the watch list of investigating agencies, which have tactics to intimidate and stop voluntary organizations from working with and empowering people and grassroots democracy.

The Campaign for Stan Swamy's release: We joined hands with Indian Social Institute (ISI) and others and also had its own campaigns to support the Stand with Stan movement. We also participated in the PUCL's programmes. In order to listen to the voices of women especially in the context of the arrest and imprisonment of Fr Stan and other rights defenders, we organized a women's Webinar early this year.



ANTHONY DIAS, SJ

(BOMBAY PROVINCE)
South Asia (JCSA)

The Pandemic and the Lockdowns: Almost all countries, and all states in India, were affected by the covid-19 pandemic. The lockdown badly hurt the poorer sections of the society, such as migrants, who have no safety nets. In the midst of this reality we sought to:

- Work with the government, even though we may criticize its policies and programs;
- Engage with the voluntary sector, civil society, the Church, and some good companies;
- Cooperate and help hospitals and clinics struggling to cope;
- Forge International linkages, contact with world bodies and organizations;
- Raise awareness of all sections of society;
- Set up help desks at various places;
- Fund ongoing and future efforts (relief, research etc.); and
- Disseminate best practices, helpful literature.



Among those who spoke was a woman whose husband is still in prison. A follow-up in the form of a Book was planned and is now in the final stages.

Protecting and Promoting Democracy: Online meetings were also held with Secular groups, such as the SAFRFB (South Asian Forum for Religious Freedom and Belief) to promote democracy, communal peace and harmony. These processes are linked to the Conference's Apostolic Preferences on Peace and reconciliation. The danger to the secular fabric of the nation and an existential threat to the Republic itself have come from anti-democratic forces. The problems we witness today are due to a rise of authoritarian rule; or, to put it in the words of a woman analyst, 'a genocidal majoritarianism'. The biggest and the most urgent need is to restore and strengthen democracy in all its manifestations. This is a herculean task which would succeed only if all the ministries and institutions work together and join hands with secular and democratic forces. This is difficult but not impossible.

Networks campaigns and advocacy activities



"The complexities of the problems we face and the richness of the opportunities offered demand that we build bridges between rich and poor, establishing advocacy links of mutual support between those who hold political power and those who find it difficult to voice their interests."

GC35, D3, § 28



GIAN MIGRATION

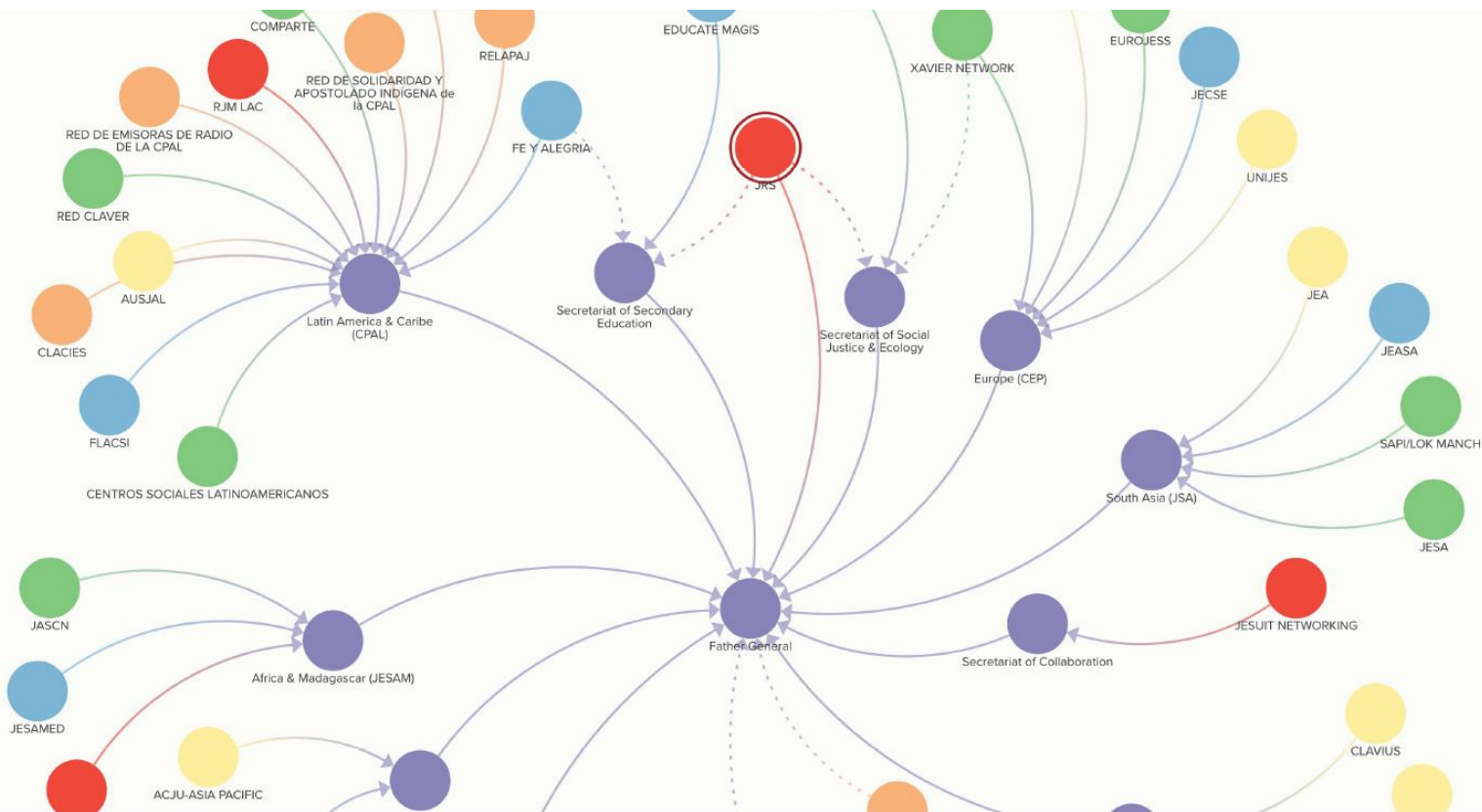
The Global Ignatian Advocacy Networks (GIAN)



VALERIA MÉNDEZ DE VIGO
NETWORK AND ADVOCACY COORDINATOR

The Global Ignatian Advocacy Networks (GIAN) were established following the General Congregation 35, which emphasised the global challenges that demanded the Society of Jesus to “act as a universal body with a universal mission.” They attempt to present a global vision and work on themes that are considered relevant for the Society of Jesus such as Right to Education, Ecology, Migration and Justice in Mining. Under the umbrella of SJES, the GIAN networks have focused their actions, among others, on denouncing rights violations, making proposals for a just society and accompanying the most vulnerable people and communities.

Specifically, in the past year, the GIAN networks have amended their strategic and working plans in view of the Covid-19 pandemic, have issued several advocacy statements and commitments, organised and participated in webinars and conferences and strengthened their advocacy and communication tools.



Credit: Jesuit Networking

In addition, the GIAN networks have worked towards their internal governance structures, clarifying their mission and the roles of the different stakeholders and establishing certain general protocols for advocacy actions. They meet regularly with the core group members and with the social conference delegates to facilitate relationships and networking within and among the Jesuit Conferences. All of the GIAN networks have increased their relationships with other Church-related and civil society organisations.

“The aim of IA (Ignatian Advocacy) is to transform those structures of power that foster unequal relations, that is, structures that favor the powerful over the powerless. Finding its model in the theology of creation, IA seeks to modify the imbalances in power relations by empowering the persons on whose behalf it does advocacy.”

José María Segura SJ, A theological foundation for Ignatian Advocacy, PI N° 110, 2013/1

GIAN - ECOLOGY (ECOJESUIT)

PEDRO WALPOLE, SJ
(PHILIPPINES PROVINCE)



A year of listening and invitation

Ecojesuit started 2020 by building on the momentum gained from the [2019 Annual Meeting in India](#), and [COP25 in Madrid](#) where the network organised a merged session at the [Capacity-Building Hub](#). Before global lockdowns in March, a [Workbook on Effective Collaboration](#) was shared, and the message of Querida Amazonia was supported. The network also engaged with Loyola University Chicago's [Climate Change Conference pre-event workshop](#) on community-based participatory research for Jesuit-affiliated colleagues. Case studies from [India](#), Nicaragua, and the Philippines were presented.

When global lockdowns took effect, Ecojesuit organised over a dozen regional- and global-level meetings with the Conferences to better understand their context, and explore possibilities for collaboration. Outcomes of these discussions formed the basis for six [Lead Actions](#) as a basis for local-global networking. Communications were also given a clearer focus, and stories shared on Ecojesuit online more than doubled from figures in 2018, from 34 to 81. This was followed by engagement in the [Laudato Si' Week](#) in May, and related events on food and agroecology such as [Protecting Earth - Our Common Home: Reviving Agroecology](#) in July, and [Agroecology for Food System Change: A dialogue series on life, land, and livelihood](#) in November.



Lead Actions developed with the Conferences.

The network also engaged with the [Economy of Francesco](#) process by organizing a three-part dialogue series with young people in collaboration with Don Bosco Green Alliance and Living Laudato Si' Philippines from August to September.

Two videos of note were released that highlight local-global challenges, and the collaborative response needed:

1. [Connecting Voices, Connecting Laudato Si': Action 2021](#)
2. [Urgent Action for the Oikos](#)

The multifaceted challenge of caring for our common home calls for a multifaceted response from the Society. We begin by changing our personal and community lifestyles, adopting behavior coherent with our desire for reconciliation with creation. We must accompany and remain close to the most vulnerable.

- GC 36, D1, § 30



Ecojesuit Team analysis of 2021 challenges and changes.

Taking Lead Actions and commitments forward

Particular interest in moving forward is on food security (Lead Action 1), climate action (Lead Action 3), and the Laudato Si' Action Platforms (Lead Action 5). In expressing this, the COP26 commitment is prioritised this year that covers food justice and climate reconciliation, and the several members of the Ecojesuit network have been identified to work with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (DPIHD) on the Laudato Si' Action Platforms (LSAP). Stepping forward with the Lead Actions means inviting participation, focusing on communications strategies, and promoting collaborations from local to global levels. This involves continuing and sustaining several efforts:

- Participating in regional and global events and processes such as the [UN Regional Climate Weeks](#), the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, [Season of Creation](#).
- Organizing [COP Workshops](#) in preparation for COP26 in November, and beyond. This builds on recent works such as the [Ecojesuit joint statement for urgent climate action](#), the [open letter to European leaders signed by Xavier Network and JCAM](#), and [participation in recent COP events](#).
- Developing a hybrid physical-virtual COP Pilgrimage that invites communities to come together share stories, experiences, art, and more.
- Animating online platforms that are open to inputs such as the [Ecojesuit@COP26 website](#) and [Farm For Care](#).
- Supporting the initiatives of the Conferences such as the [Eco-Stories Platform](#) with JCEP, and food security collaborations with JCSA and JCAM.
- Promoting dialogues at local- and [Province-levels](#) around climate, ecology, and related concerns that encourage learning and collaboration. An outcome of a related process is the [EOF Province Ecological Transition Roadmap](#).
- Integrating the Laudato Si' Action Platforms and the Universal Apostolic Preferences in discernment and planning.



GUILLERMO OTANO

(ALBOAN)

Our plans for 2020 were affected by the pandemic. Many of the social centres and organisations involved in the network had to adapt their way of working and reorient their priorities to meet the new urgencies. During the second half of the year, we focused on disseminating the statement "COVID19: A call for solidarity with communities affected by mining" (ES - EN - FR). In Spain, the weekly Vida Nueva dedicated a report to the network and the call for solidarity was also shared through the Xavier Network and the websites of the different Jesuit Conferences.

GIAN - JUSTICE IN MINING (JIM)



"The network on the Governance of Natural and Mineral Resources, guided by gospel values and Ignatian ideals, stands in solidarity with communities affected by resource extraction and exploitation and those throughout the world who seek justice for them."

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There was an increase of webinars on mining, human rights and integral ecology organised by the members of the network. In September 2020, we published an Open Letter to the Elected Representatives of Latin America and the Caribbean (ES - EN) to call for the ratification of the Escazú Agreement, which guarantees access to information regarding environmental projects and the protection of human rights defenders. We also updated our website to be available in Spanish and English, the new domain is www.justiceinmining.org

Several members of the network are actively engaged in advocacy campaigns:

- In JCCU, Jesuits International Canada participated in a Campaign calling on Parliament to empower the [Canadian Ombudsman for Responsible Enterprise \(CORE\)](#) and enact mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence legislation; also the Saint Louis University College for Public Health and Social Justice in Missouri, United States, and the Reflection, Research and Communication Team (ERIC) in Progreso, Honduras published a joint report on "Extractivism and Human Insecurity in Honduras" (ES - EN), the report was shared also through [SJES website](#), [Jesuits.org](#) & [Ignatian Solidarity Net](#).
- In CPAL, ERIC-RP is participating in the "[GUAPINOL RESISTE](#)" campaign calling for the immediate release of 8 water defenders who have been illegally detained and imprisoned for almost a year; and CINEP participated in a side event during the [6th Round of UN Binding Treaty](#) negotiations to denounce the case of [Cerrejon's mine](#) in Colombia.
- In JCEP, Alboan Foundation recently [published a report](#) on the implementation of the EU Regulation on Conflict Minerals and also joined the campaign "Access for Justice" by CIDSE network. Magis Italia also launched the Cooperation Project "[Oro Senze-Conflitti](#)" with REBAC, in DR Congo, which is sponsored by the Italian Province.
- In a broader context, we supported the Campaign on the liberation of Fr. Stan Swamy through the international solidarity group and we are in touch with Churches and Mining Networks to support their campaign on [Divestment in Mining](#).

In the first quarter of 2021, JIM core group had monthly meetings to discuss the draft Working Plan 2021-23 which was validated in April. It includes three activities: 1) documentation of cases of study (2 or 3) in each Jesuit Conference; 2) editing a publication on mining and advocacy; 3) organising a seminar in 2022 with other networks to discuss opportunities for collaboration among the members of the network and with other networks (such as, CIDSE, Iglésia y Minería [Churches and Mining], JPIC Commission). In the second half of the year, we will start working to implement this working plan.



GIAN - MIGRATION

JAVIER CORTEGOSO

(RED JESUITA CON MIGRANTES)



Throughout this year, GIAN-Migration has been very concerned about the situation of migrants due the pandemic. We know that neither the essential role of millions of migrants in the health care system nor their role in the economy been recognized, nor are they taken into account in national recovery plans. Access to the vaccine is still not guaranteed in a large number of countries. In the global context, we identify how the violence that generates forced migration increases in complexity, the number of migrants and refugees grows and their conditions are more precarious. The response from the states, in general, implies greater restrictions on regular migration and fewer possibilities of integration and access to rights in transit and at destination. Migrants are forced to opt for informal routes that expose them to greater risks. We note with concern a general increase in rejection, xenophobia and criminalization of forced migrants.

Refugee
Week



**IT IS JESUS CHRIST
PRESENT IN THE MOVEMENT OF
PEOPLE ACROSS BORDERS,
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO FLEE
IN SEARCH OF PROTECTION AND
A MORE DIGNIFIED LIFE.**

Some of the activities and commitments of the network in this year include:

- The implementation of our action plan.
- Improving the dynamics of sharing context analysis within the Core Group.
- Identification (within the plan or outside of it), of areas of increased collaboration between conferences, especially between the US/Canada Conference and CPAL, between the European Conference (especially the Spanish province) and CPAL, and between the European Conference and the Africa/Madagascar Conference.
- Presentations of the book "The Frontiers of our World" at the global level, with the participation of Father General and other guests and the joint presentation between CPAL and the USA/Canada Conference, with the participation of several authors and editors of the book.
- Launching of the new joint research process on Culture of Hospitality (Leadership at Comillas/IUEM -Spain- and GIAN).
- Systematization of good practices of Hospitality in the university environment (Comillas, SJM Spain and RJM LAC -CPAL) in collaboration with the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU).
- Research on Migration and Refugee alternatives. Research from RJM-LAC, involving CPAL and the USA/Canada conference, and with the participation of JRS International. Although the territory of study is the American continent, we hope that it will contribute to the international discussion and advocacy strategies around asylum and alternatives for protection and international integration, as well as more operationally to the good practices of accompaniment from the Jesuit apostolate of migration and refuge.
- Other minor activities have also been carried out, such as virtual meetings of the Core Group (3), publication of articles and participation in Campaigns and Initiatives of different conferences.

This network is built on two fundamental values:

HOSPITALITY, as a call to offer a warm welcome to migrants and displaced people, as a cultural characteristic of a truly humane society, and as a value that needs to be protected by laws and policies. Hospitality is the Christian expression of welcoming the Other.

INCLUSIVENESS, as a structural dynamic that incorporates people into a society with all their rights, despite ethnic, cultural, religious or economic differences.

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GIAN - RIGHT TO QUALITY EDUCATION



CARLOS FRITZEN, SJ

(FE Y ALEGRIA)

The global health crisis diminished radically the attention that was always given to the educational sector. Because of the pandemic, education in general was greatly affected everywhere at all levels, both formal and informal, urban and particularly the rural and marginalised areas. Nevertheless, national and Conference-level networks and alliances gave and continue to give supplementary support to large numbers of marginalised students through various initiatives with schools, social action centres and parishes. In the course of this year, there has been:

- Restructuration of GIAN Education
- The renewed core group began meeting in April, during lockdown and in the context of school closures at its peak, when more than 90% of learners worldwide had been affected.



Networking:

- We started working on an agenda with JCAM on advocacy efforts for access to quality education.
- Supporting CPAL and EduRed (AUSJAL, FLACSI, FyA) with operational plan around four projects: (1) DUEC, universal right to quality education; (2) the service of faith in our schools and learning centres; (3) Kolvenbach Jesuit learning continuum: scholarship programs for underserved students; (4) Ignatian pedagogical innovation.
- JCSA made efforts to establish the SANKALP network.
- Through our recent meetings we have confirmed that our main challenge at this time is to encourage the formation of GIAN-Ed core groups at each Conference in order to advance the work of the global network.



"As a group of Jesuit organizations working in education within different conferences and under the leadership of the Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat (SJES), we have decided to unite forces and resources in order to collaborate in political advocacy for the right of all persons to quality education. We seek to promote the cultural and political changes that are needed to achieve this right of quality education for all."

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EXPANDING COMMUNICATIONS

The pandemic stressed the need to expand and improve our communication system and strategies. The inevitable social distancing and the reduction of mobility were bridged by the digital world. As the new Communication Coordinator of SJES since October 2020, I was fully engaged in giving a facelift to the website and social networks of the Secretariat. Some of the major expansion and outreach of our networks and advocacy action include:



FALA VALERY, SJ
COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

1. New SJES Website:

Synchronized the management of the website content and structure to the Society of Jesus' website with many user-friendly features.



2. Headlines (HL):

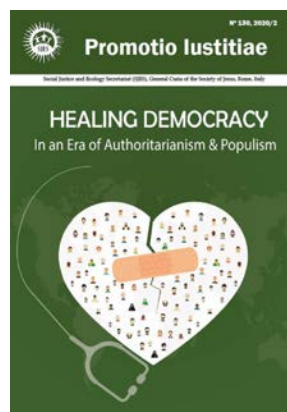
- 7,000 subscribers
- Published 18 [Headlines](#) in 4 languages (English, Spanish, French and Italian).
- Special numbers were on *Covid*, *Laudato Si'*, *Season of Creation* and *Fr. Stan*.

3. Promotio Iustitiae (PI):

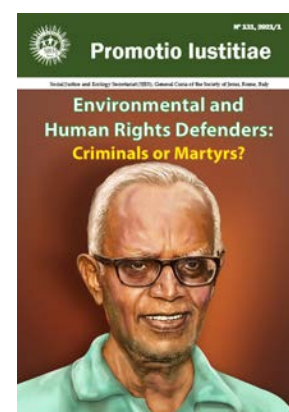
Promotio Iustitiae began in 1977 as a journal to exchange news, ideas and experiences from the field eventually came to be the official journal of the Secretariat to share reflective articles and documents on specific social justice and ecological themes.

Since 2009 (PI no. 102), PI is published only as [e-versions](#). However, the e-versions of previous issues from 1992 (PI no. 49) are also available on our website with more than 4,000 subscribers.

During this year, we published two issues of *Promotio Iustitiae* on two relevant themes that the pandemic made it more glaring.



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4. Joint Declarations, Statements and Publications:

In the face of increasing injustices, the secretariat did not remain indifferent. In the course of this year, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Conferences and Networks, prepared a number of declarations, statements and reports contributing to the advocacy works for justice and reconciliation.

a) For Release of Fr. Stan Swamy

- [Celebrating the Prophetic Life of Stan Swamy on his 84th Birthday](#)
- [In Solidarity with Fr. Stan Swamy, a 83 year old Jesuit arrested in India – A Statement from SJES, Society of Jesus](#)
- [Bail denied to Fr. Stan Swamy SJ in India](#)
- Published more than 2000 articles, reflections in various international journals.

b) For A Just Allocation of Vaccine

- [The Society of Jesus calls for justice in the global allocation of COVID-19 vaccines](#)

c) For Climate Justice - Ecology

- [A commitment from the Ignatian family for climate justice](#)
- [Jesuits promote justice and reconciliation with Creation](#)
- [The Society of Jesus participates in announcement of the Laudato Si' Action Platform](#)
- [An Open Letter by Global Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples for the Establishment of a new UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change](#)

d) For Hospitality to Migrants

- [Connected in the Globality of Forced Migration and Hospitality](#)

5. Video Messages

To make our campaigns more relevant and to give it a different form, a few of these were done in the form of video messages either directly, or through interview in collaboration with others. These are:

- [Jesuits Mourn The Death Of Fr. Stan Swamy SJ](#)
- [Seeing Social Ministry New in Christ](#)
- [Why an 84-year-old Indian Jesuit—Fr. Stan Swamy—is in prison](#)

6. Social media pages

In this technological age another place of meeting people in their reality is in the social media platforms. This year, in addition to the Facebook and Twitter platforms which we had, we have joined Instagram and LinkedIn. In doing this we hope to continue the mission of justice and reconciliation by meeting all in his own reality.



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LIKES: 1,118
POSTS / WEEK: 10



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FOLLOWING: 166
POSTS / WEEK: 10

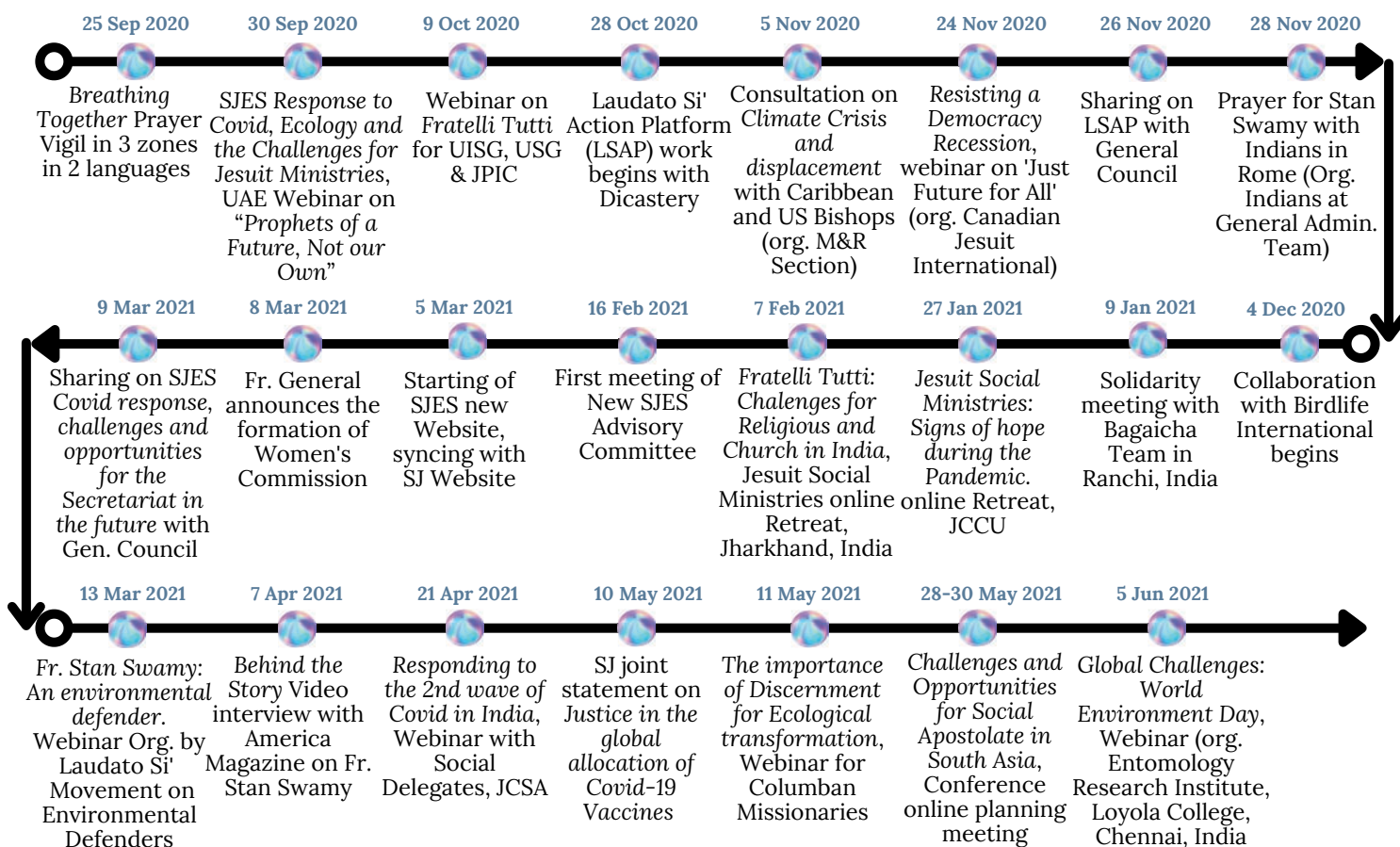


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FOLLOWING: 128
CONNECTION: 300
CONTACTS: 128



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FOLLOWERS: 1,416
FOLLOWING: 384
TWEETS / WEEK: 15

SJES CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES



ACTIVITIES OVER A PERIOD

Mar - Dec 2020: Covid-19 Global mapping of Jesuit Response with XN, JRS, FyA & CSDs (Refer: P. 14)

May - Oct 2020: Task Force on Women's Commission (4 Apostolic Secretaries & Valeria Méndez de Vigo)

Jul - Sep 2020: Season of Creation Prayer vigil coordination (Refer: P. 13)

Oct 2020 - Mar 2021: Coordination of Women's Commission (Refer: P. 15)

Oct 2020 - Jun 2021

Global Advocacy campaign for Fr. Stan Swamy's release (Refer: P. 10)

Oct 2020 - Oct 2021

LSAP 7-Year plan preparation and Joint leadership of Religious Sector





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