

26 October 2023

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

Warm greetings from Rome!

It is harrowing even to imagine what is happening in Israel-Palestine, and let me not forget Ukraine, Manipur in India, Myanmar, Nicaragua and many other countries across the world. Violence, killings everywhere and worse still, the words of vengeance from the leaders. I am unable to share with as much joy as ever the various social and ecological actions around the world in this HL. You can understand why. Our world still faces challenges to build peace, reconciliation and prosperity for all. War and violence seem to blur our vision to see each other as human beings. Yet, as we approach COP28, we cannot forget that the climate crisis has received an inadequate response from states, as the Holy Father acknowledged in his recent apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum*. Fr Arturo Sosa, in *De Statu* (p24), also said how in our present world, 'human relations are increasingly affected by violence with many faces'. As the Pope urged, let us consciously take only one side, that is PEACE.

In this context, it is worth reexamining our commitment to social justice and discerning what more we can do to build a better and sustainable future. Examining witnesses is a good way of achieving the latter goal. The life of **Father Michael Campbell-Johnston**, for example, my predecessor between 1975 and 1985, who returned to the father on 12 October at the age of 92. He devoted his life entirely to promoting justice and walking with the excluded. The same goes for the 25 stories we have published in our new book "**Cannonball Moments: Testimonies of Conversion**". Reading them can help us reexamine our lives and inspire us to make this personal commitment. We'll be launching it on 10 November.

Reflection is another step, as Sandra, Assistant Coordinator of the PCCP project, did on the **International Day of Non-Violence**. We need to connect and network to have more impact on our actions. I am happy to inform you that we have just updated the **Global Interactive Map of Social Centres** on our website. I hope that this will help us recognize

the potentiality and become a powerful tool to unite, connect and work together for the greater glory of God and his people.

With deep gratitude,

Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ  
SJES - Rome

## TESTIMONY

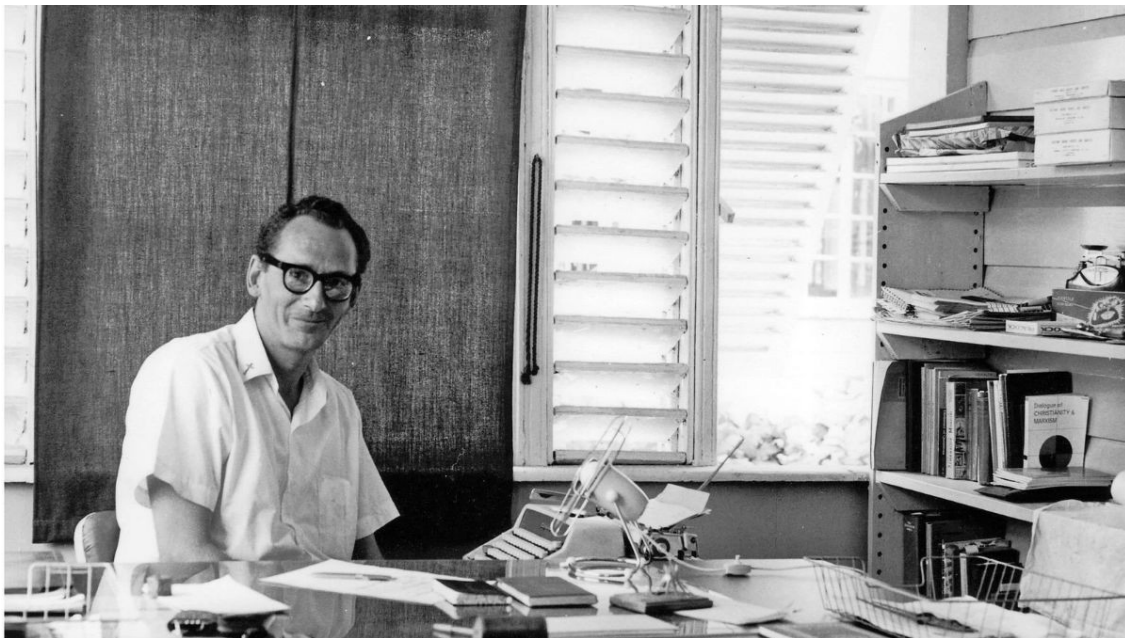


### **Why I Got Involved in the Movement that Cares for Victims of Human Trafficking**

*Ignatius Ismartono SJ*

My journey into the movement against human trafficking has had a long history. I was once the pastor of a poor rural parish, where I met many poor children. From that parish, I spent 14 years teaching Catholicism at a state university [Read more...](#)

## SJES NEWS



## Rome – Remembering Fr. Michael Campbell-Johnston SJ, Former Secretary of SJES (1931-2023)

Michael Campbell-Johnston SJ, the second Secretary of the Social Apostolate at the General Curia (1975 – 1985) from British Province, said the “last amen of his life and the first alleluia of his eternity” on October 12, in the Corpus Christi Jesuit Community in Boscombe -United Kingdom. [Read more...](#)



## Rome – Updated Global Map of Jesuit Social Centres 2023

An updated 2023 Global Map of Jesuit Social Centres is now accessible through the SJES



website. The online map includes 275 social centres across six Jesuit Conferences, shown in different colours, giving a global picture of the unity and universality of the Justice and Ecology mission of the Society of Jesus in one go. [Read more...](#)

## GLOBAL CHURCH NEWS



### **Global – Pope: ‘May Weapons fall Silent, Situation in Gaza is Desperate’**

Appealing for peace in the Holy Land, Pope Francis expresses concern for the humanitarian situation in Gaza, calling on all parties to lay down their weapons and all Christians to pray and fast on 27 October for peace. [Read more...](#)

## CONFERENCE NEWS



### **CPAL – Statement: Citizens' Agreement for Peace in Mexico**

Below, we share the citizens' statement of agreement for Peace in the Province of Mexico: "Peace is a joint effort at different levels and with all social sectors. It implies the sum of wills, the coordination of efforts, and the generosity of everyone to overcome the fear that affects us due to the inactivity and inefficiency [Read more...](#)



### JCAM – Jesuits and Nuns Team up to Bring Education to Vulnerable African Girls

Resources for these young women are limited; many girls depend upon other adult figures in their lives, like teachers, to escape abuse at home, but there is a shortage of educators trained to help these girls. [Read more...](#)

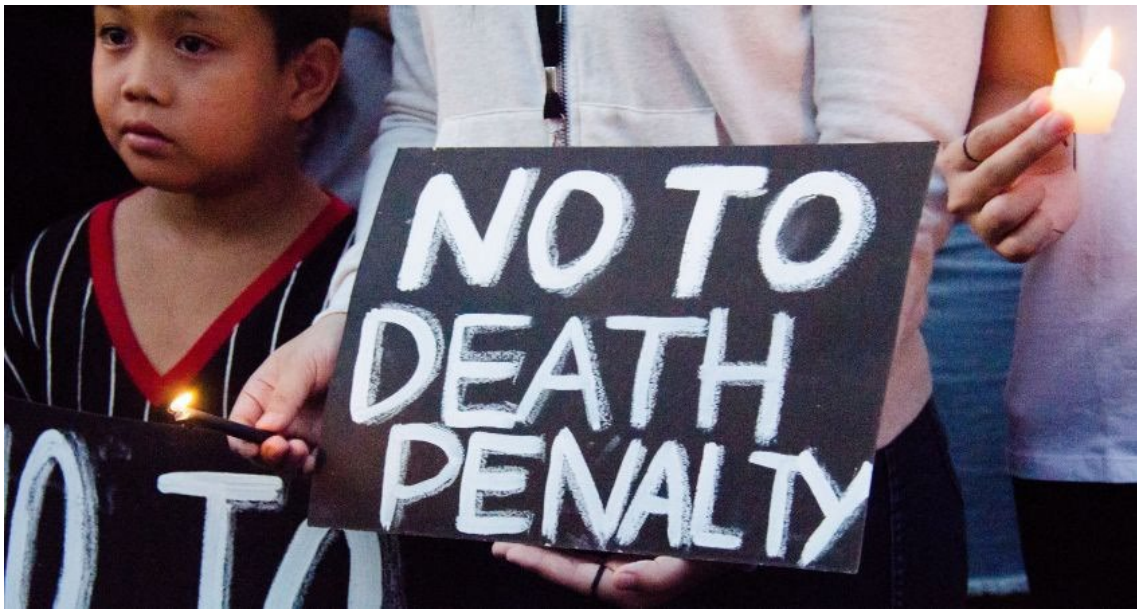


### JCAP – Green Blueprint

One of our key achievements is the reduction of our carbon footprint through various initiatives. Our newly refurbished Campus provides energy-efficient lighting systems, significantly reducing energy consumption. [Read more...](#)

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### **JCCU – Faith Communities Mobilize Across the Country on World Day Against the Death Penalty 2023**

Faith communities across the United States are joining hands to observe the annual World Day Against the Death Penalty on October 10. [Catholic Mobilizing Network \(CMN\)](#), a national organization working to end the death penalty, [Read more...](#)

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### **JCEP – Institutions for Future Generations – Our Literature Review**

In 2023, JESC embarked on a journey to explore innovative institutional solutions to this challenge. While we are not the pioneers in this endeavor, we recognize the urgency of the European Union (EU) enhancing its capacity for long-term, transformative thinking. [Read more...](#)

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### JCSA – Integral Ecology for a Diversified Region

‘Northeast India,’ comprising seven states, perhaps has the highest density of cultural diversity in the world with 166 different tribes (population of 51,670,000) present in just 262,179 km<sup>2</sup>. With plains, mountains and valleys, the altitude varies from the sea-level to its highest point at 7,090m above sea level. [Read more...](#)

## GIAN NEWS

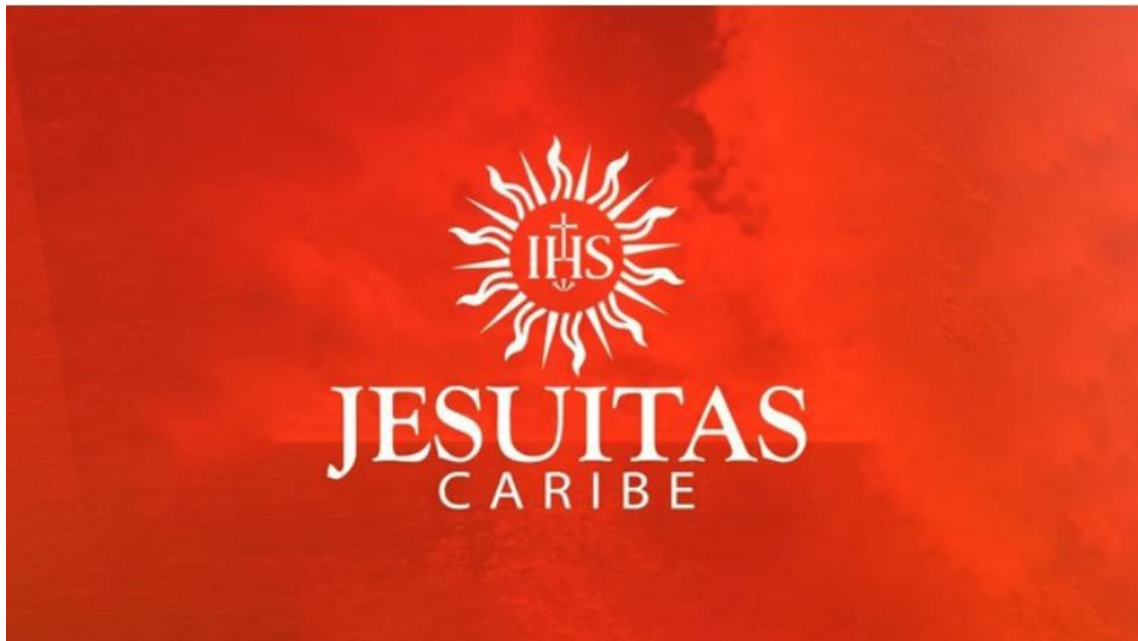


### GIAN - Right to Quality Education - **Spiritual Exercises in Fe y Alegría Paraguay**

Since August 2022, collaborators of the Association *Fe y Alegría* Paraguay have been participating in Ignatian Spirituality formation workshops. The main themes are the



biography of Ignatius of Loyola, the phases of prayer, the [Ignatian] election, personal and communal discernment, and distinguishing disordered affections [Read more...](#)



**GIAN - Justice in Mining - Statement of the Jesuits on the Caribbean Border on the Extractivist Model of Mining**

We reproduce below the full statement published by the Jesuits on the border between the Dominican Republic and Haiti in which they warn of the risks posed to the local populations and their livelihoods by an extractive mining project. [Read more...](#)

**MORE NEWS**

- ♦ [Change of Leadership in Xavier Network.](#)
- ♦ [JESC's take on the 'State of the Union' address](#)
- ♦ [New delegate for CPAL's socio-environmental apostolate](#)

**REFLECTION - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE**





**Sandra Racionero-Plaza – A Violence-free Society Requires a United Response from the Entire Community: St. Ignatius of Loyola as an Upstander**

This episode from the autobiography of St. Ignatius is especially relevant today, October 2<sup>nd</sup> when we celebrate the International Day of Non-Violence. What Ignatius did that night was to act as an "Upstander", that is, he did not turn his back on the episode of violence against those two women, but on the contrary, he broke the silence [Read more...](#)

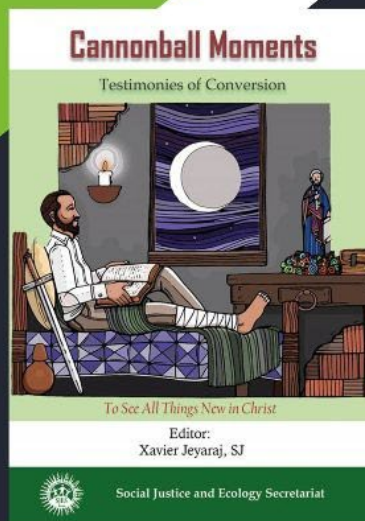
### ON LAUDATE DEUM

- ♦ **Xavier Jeyaraj, SJ**, "Laudate Deum: From Head to Heart to Hand", [Read](#)
- ♦ **Bryan P Galligan, SJ**, "A Backgrounder on the Document and What it Means for Cop28", [Read](#)
- ♦ **Jojo M Fung SJ**, "On Laudate Deum: A voice from Asia", [Read](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

# SJES PRESENTS CANNONBALL MOMENTS

BOOK LAUNCH



## PANEL

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**FRIDAY**

**November 10, 2023**

**15:00 (CET)**



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