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*Living the Xaverian Human
Face for Mission in time of
Pandemic*

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The image is a sketch and it expresses something that is in progress, not yet finished. Thus, our human growth is a lifelong task. There are two human faces in two different positions. One looking in front and another one alongside (3/4). The third face looking in front intends to be the face of Jesus, who is our model in this journey of human growth.

Biblical Icon

*“I have become
all things to all, to
save at least some.”*

(1 Cor 9:22)

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Introduction

Living the Xaverian Human Face for Mission in time of Pandemic

We are living the beginning of this new academical year in a very particular context characterized by peculiar challenges and opportunities. We are celebrating the Jubilee of the publication of the Testament Letter and the approval of the first Constitutions. As Xaverian family we are called to reflect upon the spiritual legacy we have received through the Testament Letter. Furthermore, the approval of the Xaverian Constitutions one hundred years ago signifies the official recognition by the Church of the *ad gentes* charism of St. Guido as a gift of the Spirit to the whole Church and the world. This is really timely, as the Church of the Philippines will dedicate the next year to Mission *ad gentes*, in the context of the celebrations of the 500th Anniversary of the evangelization of the Archipelago.

In this context the community of the Theologate of Manila has chosen to focus on the dimension of the Xaverian Human Face. We believe that as the Word of God, came to the earth through the process of incarnation, then our being disciples, as well as our evangelizing work, cannot but rely on our being human. We value, therefore, our humanity and at the same time we strive to make it grow. We deeply accept the culture, experiences, and familial background which characterize our personal stories of salvation. It is through these personal experiences, both good and bad, that we have been molded and become who we are. The awareness on our human reality, including its negative side, is the basis for our growth: our failures and frailties, once acknowledged and accepted, can become the fissures through which we are touched by the healing power of the salvific grace.

Moreover, we are aware that this pandemic is asking us to accept our vulnerability and weakness, our need of the help of others and of the community. We expect also that it will make our learning more difficult and demanding, as well as it will become a hindrance in our apostolate. Nevertheless, we are aware that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (cf. Rm 8:35), and that he will be able to perform his mission also under these dramatic circumstances. Therefore, we desire to put at disposal of his work all our energies and creativity.

Through this community planning, we renew our commitment in following Jesus, the Missionary of the Father, through valuing our personal human reality. We also commit ourselves to make our human dimension grow, letting the Spirit regenerate what should be revitalized and discard what must be left behind, willing to listen to his voice with *docibilitas*. Finally, we entrust this community planning to God, so that our formation and mission may bear fruits according to his providential plan.

Manila, August 28, 2020

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Community Profile

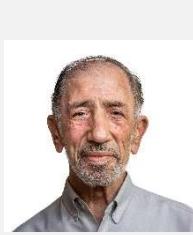
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Priority



PRIORITY

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Challenged by the reality of the Pandemic, this year, we desire to reflect on the human face of the Xaverian as our priority, taking Jesus as our model. "Just as Jesus Christ's humanity has been a bridge for the encounter between mankind and God, so the Xaverian is called to make of his humanity a bridge – and not an obstacle – for the encounter between others and Jesus Christ" (iQ. 114, 25). We remember that our Founder wanted "his missionaries to possess broad vision, a rich and balanced personality capable of adaptation, and a cultural formation consistent with the demands of our mission" (C 4). Thus, as members of this religious family we want to live out what our Constitutions say about the human face of the Xaverian: "a personality endowed with a balanced character, loyalty, serenity, creativity, altruism, ability to listen, with a welcoming and sharing attitude towards others" (C 58).

In addition, our documents insist on the humanity of the Xaverian, underlying important human elements for the mission: "balance, firmness of will, consistency, tenderness, spirit of sacrifice; moderation, correctness and pride in things well done; incarnation and solidarity with the people; a great respect for every person combined with a consistent fidelity to our identity; industriousness and a sense of responsibility in the use of time and freedom; sensitivity, patience, love and courage in our commitment to justice and truth" (RFX 294). In answer to this, we will nurture our awareness of these elements and work to embody them so as to configure our humanity to Jesus Christ and make it a necessary instrument of mission.

Furthermore, the Covid-19 pandemic presents us new challenges as Missionaries, and brings us to fundamental questions that require of us new dispositions in all dimensions of our life to carry out our mission. To overcome the trials of the pandemic with serenity, as disciples of Jesus in the uncertainty of time, we keep our eyes fixed on the crucifix with flexible spirit, ready to accept any changes. We do hope that this time of trial for us can become not only time of endurance and survival, but also time of grace, growth, new understanding, mission, deeper communion with God and with our neighbors.

Although our life is changing due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we cannot be discouraged, instead we turn to God under the light of the Testament Letter so as to properly live our human face in standing firm in our resolve and increasing our fidelity to our commitment.

Dimensions



1. The Human Face of the Xaverian

The humanity of Jesus is the instrument through which salvation has been given to us (cf. PDV 43; cf. RFX 293). He is also the model of our humanity which enables us to grow as a person and missionary who helps others to encounter God in their daily life. “We will live in this way if we make faith the absolute norm for our conduct and allow it to shape our thoughts, motives, sentiments, words and deeds” (TL 7).

In this Jubilee Year of the approval of the first Constitutions and the Testament Letter 2020-2021, the GD invites us to “cultivate the quality of our humanity.” As a community, we engage ourselves in nurturing the Human Face of the Xaverian in view of the needs of our missionary vocation and to make credible what we announce during this time of pandemic (cf. iQ. 114, 25).

We acknowledge that we are the first responsible for our own formation, accepting and integrating our strengths, wounds and limitations, conscious that all these factors play an important role in our missionary journey. Therefore, “Each one of us must [...] nourish a profound interest in his own human growth, in the awareness that human formation is both personal effort and a grace that we must desire, ask for and welcome” (RFX 293).

Means & Moments

- **The Personal Project of Life** encompasses all the dimensions of our life and time management. It will be prepared at the beginning of the school year and evaluated after the second semester with a written report. The PPL must be synchronized with the CPL. The PPL should be deepened during the Spiritual Direction and with the Rector during the formative dialogue.
- **Formative Dialogue and Spiritual Direction.** Each of us is required to have a spiritual director, who will be chosen in dialogue with the rector. We meet the spiritual director monthly to share with trust and openness our spiritual journey, difficulties, and joys. (cf. C 59.1)
- **Psycho-diagnoses and Counseling:** the psychological assessment takes place during the second year of presence in the community. Psychological counseling can be done anytime according to the need.
- **Informal Sharing** is everyone's initiative. We encourage each other to be more open and proactive. This personal sharing should be more spontaneous where we can share more about our personal experiences.
- **Story-telling:** twice per semester one of us will share about his life and vocational-journey. We are encouraged to share more about the feelings and spiritual experience we had at the starting point of our vocational journey.
- **Cultural Nights:** cultural night will be held twice a year. It will involve the presentation of the country, the history of the Xaverian presence, and the main traits of that particular culture. The countries selected for this year are Mexico and China. The committee for the celebrations will be responsible for the implementation of this activity.

- **Cultural Activities:** we will hold some activities in order to nourish our general knowledge and learn more about Filipino culture, history, and arts.
- **Holistic Formation:** according to our own possibilities (time, capacity, taste), we are encouraged to choose, in our personal project of life, one personal skill or ability that we would like to cultivate for our personal growth.
- **Fraternal correction:** it will be held at the end of the first semester. The whole community should participate in this activity. Aside from the formal fraternal Correction, each brother is encouraged to practice the informal fraternal correction during the year.

2. Contemplative Dimension

Prayer is an indispensable foundation of our life and spirituality. As Xaverians, we maintain “a personal union with Christ, the missionary of the Father, the center of our life, the source and inspiration of our thoughts, love and action” (C 3; cf. TL 10; cf. iQ 114, 21). The service we render to the world must be born from a profound and intimate relationship with Jesus our source and model of contemplation. Thus, “prayer asks us to break out our monologue with ourselves and to imitate Jesus by turning our lives into an unceasing conversation” with God (*Clowning in Rome*, Henri Nouwen). “In fact, it is prayer, as communion with God that makes us more human and leads us to recognize him in mankind. A life guided by worldly criteria and behaviors, centered on oneself, and always settling for the minimum, reflects the absence of true prayer” (iQ 114, 33). We are also aware that “[a] life of consecration to the Lord where true prayer does not occupy the first place would slowly flatten on mediocrity” (iQ 114, 33). In contrast to this, it is through prayer that we grow as disciples of Christ, develop an open heart and become freed of self-absorption ready to share the gift of life with others (cf. EG 282).

We believe that a genuine Human face of the Xaverian emerges from the intensity and quality of our prayer because through prayer we cultivate the “balanced character, loyalty, serenity, creativity, altruism, ability to listen, with a welcoming and sharing attitude towards others” (cf. C 58). Thus, in this Jubilee Year and time of pandemic we are called to intensify our prayer for ourselves, for our Congregation, for the mission, and for the world affected by the pandemic. We pray that God may reveal himself to those who are in despair and to those whose faith is put to test because of the pandemic.

Means & Moments

- **Personal Prayer:** each of us is committed to define in his PPL how to live his daily encounter with God. At least one hour daily should be dedicated to personal prayer.
- **The Eucharist** (cf. Timetable, p.33). In order to facilitate the preparation of the celebration, we will make a special effort to observe the 30 minutes of silence before the beginning of the Mass, making sure that everything is prepared beforehand and our punctuality guaranteed.
- **Praying for one another:** each one of us will pray for the confreres around the world and especially for the members of our community as a way of growing together in holiness and supporting one another in our mission.
- **Our departed confreres** and beloved relatives will be remembered with special mention during the Eucharistic Prayer. During our prayer, we are encouraged to share about those deceased confreres we have personally known.
- **Xaverian Martyrs:** We commit ourselves to give special attention to the remembrance of these confreres as witnesses to holiness in mission (C 51).
- **The Word of God:** in order to preserve the dignity of the celebration, we will improve the quality of the reading of the Word of God by preparing it properly.
- **Wednesday Rosary:** we will deepen our devotion and love to the Blessed Virgin Mary by praying the Rosary every Wednesday evening (at 6.30 pm cf. Timetable p.33) in Tagalog, English or other languages. Whenever possible, the Rosary can be prayed two by two.
- **Liturgy of the Hours** (cf. Timetable p. 33). We will pray the liturgy of hours to sanctify our days, bless the Lord and pray for the world. We will pray them loudly and slowly

to interiorize what we read. The practice of giving a brief introduction on the prayer should be kept.

- **Liturgical Formation:** we will dedicate some of the formation meetings per semester to deepen our liturgical life.
- **The Adoration** will take place every Thursday evening at 6:45 pm and will be inspired basically by the Xaverian Spirituality. We are encouraged to have longer moments of silence during the holy hour.
- **The Lectio Divina** will take place every Friday in small groups at 6: 45 pm and together on the day of the recollection.
- **The Recollection** will occur monthly, on the third Friday and Saturday of the month starting on Friday with the *lectio divina* and ending on Saturday with Eucharist at 11:30 am.
- **Annual Retreat:** it will be held in July.
- **The Liturgical Teams** will take turns in order to prepare the liturgical celebrations meaningfully and creatively, in cooperation with the priest presiding for the week.
- **Choir Practice** will take place twice a month: the 1st and 3rd week.
- **Liturgist:** he prepares the Rota of the readers; together with the priest in charge and the appointed liturgical group, he cooperates in the preparation of special liturgical celebrations (Perpetual Vows, Founder's Day, Xavier's Feast, etc.); he is responsible for the sacristy and the chapel; when necessary he acts as Master of Ceremonies.



Spiritual exercises with Dr. Jake Yap



Simon's first profession 2020 (Theology)

3. Community Dimension

As Xaverians, each one of us has received the gift of living in community, the place where “we share everything: faith, apostolic commitment, hopes, joys, concerns, spiritual, and material goods (C 35)”. We are celebrating the Jubilee of the Testament Letter. In this time of grace, Saint Guido invites us to treasure the gift of living in community, loving each other as members of the same family: “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” says the psalmist. May the Lord grant that our Society always reflect such a comforting image. This will come about if the love of Christ, described by the Apostle of the Gentiles, governs our relationships and forms of all the confreres a single heart and a single mind” (LT 9).

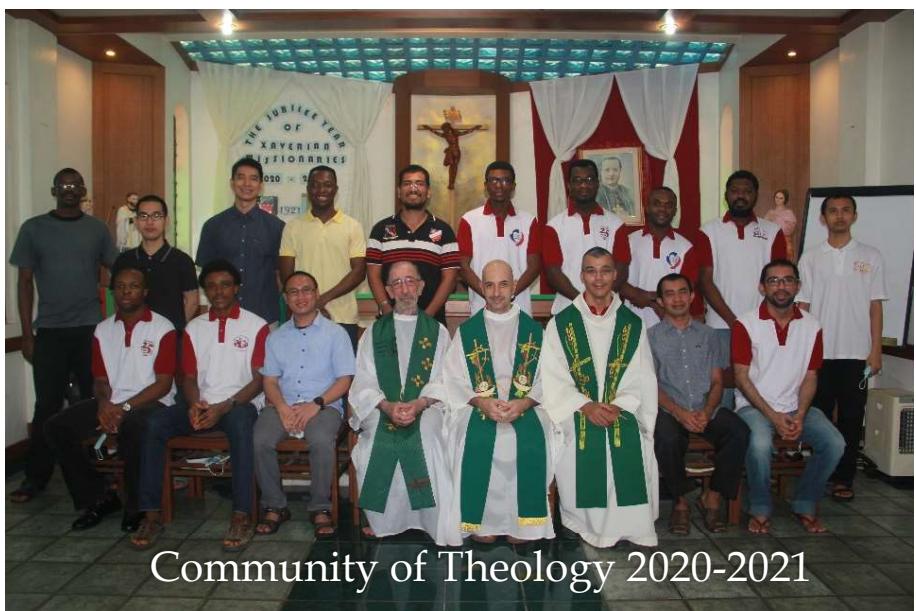
To emphasize the value of the Xaverian Human Face during this time of pandemic, we are invited to come together as a community with “a spirit of living faith which enables us to see God, seek God, love God in all things” (LT 10). Thus, we need to face this dramatic moment with the eyes of faith, which gives us the strength to live through it. In this time, we need to recur more than ever to the cornerstones of our communal life which are: “acceptance of others with their values and limitations, loyalty in interpersonal relationships, capacity for correction and forgiveness, friendship and gratuitousness” (C 36). It is time for strengthening our fraternity by fighting against the excess of protagonism, which makes us consider our brothers a sort of obstacle to our fulfillment (cf. iQ 114, 35). We are aware that this time is calling us to strengthen our mutual acceptance, overcoming cultural differences, growing in fraternal service, and supporting each other. We are grateful for being together in facing this trial as one family.

Finally, we cannot separate the community life from mission and our apostolic activities. In fact, “we Xaverians are called and helped by the Holy Spirit to live our vocation in *koinonia*, aware that the community is in itself already a missionary witness and that it, and not the individual, is the most suitable subject of the mission. Thus, we are called to adapt our personal and community life to the demands of the Gospel we preach” (RMX 19). For these reasons, we commit ourselves to a renewed determination in building fraternal relationships among us.

Means & Moments

- **Community and formative Meetings** are important opportunities to grow, express openly our ideas, feelings, and concerns. Whenever possible, we will invite experts in special fields. The meetings will be held every Saturday except for the week of the recollection.
- **Service to the Community:** following the example of our Master who washed the feet of his disciples, we will contribute at the practical level to the life of the community through our responsibilities and other services such as: house cleaning (every Saturday after the community meeting and according to the needs), cooking, answering the phone, welcoming guests, etc. If necessary, we encourage the brothers to take initiative in serving, and to go beyond the mere limits of one's duty.
- **Community Celebrations** are special moments which help us to break the monotony, make memory, and create an atmosphere of joy. Special emphasis will be given to some, like Christmas and Easter, welcoming and farewell of confreres, birthdays which will be celebrated monthly, and anniversaries which will be prepared with modesty, creativity, and cooperation. We will celebrate the Maundy Thursday (*Missa in Coena Domini*) in community and have a special meal at this day. Christmas and New Year will be held in our community.
- **Sports and Recreation:** If possible, every Friday we will practice sport all together as a community. Besides, whenever possible we will interact with other communities.
- **Use of Gadgets:** we are exhorted to be respectful, discreet, and sensitive as stated in the guidelines of use of gadgets and the Internet (cf. appendix).

- **Every Friday evening**, if there is no other community commitment, shall be reserved for the community recreation. The coordinator and the team of celebration will be in charge of it.
- **Outings** possibly will take place during the semester break and at the end of the school year.
- **Tools and common goods.** Everybody must be responsible for the good use and preservation of tools and common belongings of the community. If something gets broken or disappears, we need to communicate it to the bursar or the person in charge of it.
- **Facing Pandemic Together:** we try to observe the regulations implemented by the local government. In the community, we take care of whatever is necessary for avoiding possible contagion.



Community of Theology 2020-2021

4. ACADEMIC DIMENSION

Academic formation is a tool for deepening our knowledge of the One we love and have chosen as our only Good, and therefore it unquestionably becomes a platform for our drawing close to God. Study is also the gate for accessing a deeper understanding of the contemporary culture and so it represents an important tool for dialoguing with the world. In fact, "Study is a valuable and indispensable instrument of our personal formation; it broadens our knowledge of self and others, it promotes dialogue with contemporary humanity, the various cultures, religions and languages, and it teaches us to grow in the knowledge of God" (RFX 177).

Being aware that study is a permanent component of our missionary endeavour, and that the stage of temporary vows is particularly dedicated to intellectual preparation, we fully commit ourselves to study. According to *Ratio Formationis Xaverianae*, "Study is the main task of students in formation. Fidelity and the ability to apply oneself to study is an element of vocational discernment" (RFX 179).

We are aware that acquiring a broad understanding of the reality that surrounds us, is an important component for the shaping of our human face as Xaverians. The Founder reminds us that we need to "acquire as wide, though not trivial, a culture as possible and, above all, with a correct understanding of the Christian faith and morals" (C 1921, 194; RF 53).

In this pandemic, we are aware that we need to adapt to a new way of learning online. Nevertheless, we commit ourselves to self-discipline and to make use of all the means available for our academic and cultural formation.

Means & Moments

- **Personal Study:** we understand our studies as a way of self-formation and preparation for mission. To study is our daily duty and needs to be given substantial time. Our study hours are non-negotiable, and we need to consider that online learning will be successful only with strong self-discipline. We are also encouraged to make use of group study.
- **Personal Research** helps us to deepen our studies, according to our personal interests, sensitivity, and gifts. Reading books and recommending them for our library is highly encouraged.
- **Sharing:** we are all encouraged to share what we learn, our thoughts, discoveries, and papers during daily conversation, in moments of communal sharing as well as through our bulletin board, our journals, and website. This also involves the disposition of asking for help when we face difficulties in understanding subjects and the disposition of helping others when necessary (e.g. reviewing papers, explanations, clarifications).
- **Languages:** with learning languages we prepare ourselves to embrace the new culture, theological studies, and ministry, and therefore, we commit ourselves to improve our skills in both English and Filipino. Watching the news on television, reading newspapers, magazines, correcting each other's mistakes, and asking for help are some of the ways of doing it.
- **LST Facilities:** we are encouraged to make the most out of the facilities offered by the Loyola School of Theology (library, audiovisual room, multimedia room, on-line classes, and electronic materials provided by the professors) to deepen our knowledge.

- **Extra-Curricular Activities:** When conditions will be favorable, we will attend seminars, lectures (e.g. Theological Hour at LST), and workshops that may help us in our process of formation. We appreciate the extracurricular activities of the School and, if possible, we will join some of the committees organized by the Students Council in LST.

- **Library:** we commit ourselves to enrich our library by adding new books and journals. We should take more advantage of the books that are already in our library. As for its use, we are reminded that our library is primarily a place of study, and we commit ourselves to be responsible in the use and organization of books and computers.

- **Academic Support:** The Academic Advisor will facilitate the communication with schools' administration, guide the students in their plan of studies, and assist them in their academic duties. All the brothers are responsible for handing on the grades and for informing on the situation of their studies to the formators.



5. Apostolic Dimension

As Xaverian Missionaries, we are called to cultivate “a spirit of living faith that enables us to see, love, and seek God in all and intensifies our desire to spread his Kingdom everywhere” (TL 10). Since the new missionary challenges require always-new answers, we are becoming aware that the historical realization of our Charism is not static, but dynamic, particularly in this time of Covid-19. This entails the uneasy union between fidelity and creativity (cf. iQ. 114, 29).

In the same way, the CBCP reminded us that “we cannot anymore do things the way we used to do them [...] The need for adaptation is going to be very exacting. But we just have to find ways to adapt to the new or the next normal” (CBCP: Formation under the new normal). Responding to this invitation, our community will implement new ways of doing online apostolate to reach out those to whom we minister. In this perspective, the theology stage of formation provides an “initiation to the apostolic ministry (cf. PI 62), by strengthening the young confreres' zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel *Ad Gentes* in an atmosphere of shared responsibility” (RFX 264). Mindful of the call to live out our Xaverian identity for mission even in time of crisis, we read this moment of Pandemic as one of ‘signs of time’ that demands us to give our best despite the restrictions we are facing to carry out our apostolic activities.

Therefore, we ponder that our apostolate is an important means to discover the mystery of God and his salvific plan. It is also an opportunity to bring together our talents, skills, and aptitudes in community level. While dealing with people in our apostolate whether through social media or face-to-face activities, we “strive to behave in the same way as Christ our model would behave” (FR 14). Despite our limitations in the digital field, we are encouraged to be persistent and creative, and dispose ourselves to welcome difficulties and failures as an integral part of our mission.

Means & Moments

- According to the possibilities, **our Fields of Apostolate** are the following: youth ministry (Zones I, II, IV, V, VI and VII), social actions, Interreligious and Ecumenical Dialogue, and Mission animation activities.
- Those in charge of **Interfaith dialogue** will join the possible activities. At community level, we will have Seminars on Interreligious Dialogue once per semester.
- **Missionary Awareness and Vocation Promotion Ministry:** we will offer our cooperation to the initiatives of our Delegation, the Mission Vocation Animation Team, Mission Ministry of the Diocese of Novaliches and the SFX Parish. In addition to the initiatives of the team in charge, some topics in our apostolate with the youth will promote missionary awareness and Xaverian vocation.
- **The Pastoral Year** may take place immediately after the first year of Theology.
- **The Weekly Apostolate** will be given a reasonable amount of time (including the preparation and evaluation), bearing in mind communal activities and the demands of our studies.
- **Some Experiences** for specific forms of apostolate will be possibly taken during summer.
- **The Exchange of Experiences** of our apostolate is encouraged during the moments of communal prayer, especially every Tuesday Evening prayer, in order to enrich one another.
- **Pastoral Meeting:** we will have planning in the beginning of the first semester and evaluation of our apostolate at the end of every semester possibly with the pastoral team of SFXP.
- **Whenever possible**, we will invite guest speakers to present their pastoral experiences to help us to know better our Local Church and the context where we live and work in, once per semester.

- **Materials for the Apostolate:** we collect and organize materials for the apostolate to make them available to all. Thus, we are encouraged to share our online videos to our respective zones and Facebook pages.

- **Theologate website:** we commit ourselves to provide content for our website (www.philippines.xaverians.org). We consider it as an area of our apostolate having it as a venue for missionary animation and for sharing our activities, reflections, papers and insights, and as training in the responsible use of mass media for evangelization. The team will set up a strategy in order to keep it constantly updated.

- **Inter-Xaverian Communication** will continue to be given attention, especially with the other international Theology houses (cards, pictures, greetings for special occasions, etc.), as well as with the Novitiate and Philosophy communities. The coordinator will take care on this matter.

- **Pastoral advisor** will help in facilitating the contact with the areas where we work. He will help also in the accompaniment and planning of the pastoral activities.



6. Incarnation and Solidarity

“Incarnation and solidarity are [...] essential parts of our life style” (Cf. RMX 49). While living out our Xaverian mission in this time of pandemic, we have realized the necessity of universal brotherhood and the urgent need of solidarity. That is why, Pope Francis reminds believers worldwide that the Bible teaches us that “prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable” (Message for the World Day of the Poor amid Pandemic: We are all Responsible, November 15, 2020).

Following the example of Christ, we are called to share the life and the destiny of the people with whom we are working by responding to the needs of the poor (cf. C 14). Therefore, since the presence of Jesus in our midst vivifies our way of living with people around us in their own context, we must first “remove our sandals” in an attitude of respect and humility, and be open to them in order to welcome them as a gift from God (cf. XV GC 26; 29).

Although we desire to be closer to the Filipino people in this time of trial, we recognize our limitations due to the preventive measures taken by the local authorities to avoid becoming agents of contagion. In this way, incarnation and solidarity also mean to follow the health guidelines which make us feel impotent in our encounter with Filipino people. However, our use of mass and social media can be transformed into instruments of communion by listening to them, consoling, encouraging and praying with them (cf. Letter of the GD in time of Pandemic, iSaveriani 115, p.13).

Means & Moments

- **Exposures:** Besides the ordinary apostolate, other special exposures are encouraged whenever possible as precious opportunities for a closer encounter with the Filipino culture and Asian context.
- **Relationships with the local people:** As a sign of respect and unity, we will join the local folks in the popular celebrations that are meaningful to them.
- **Monitoring our Lifestyle:** a financial report will be presented and analyzed in August and January.
- **Personal inventory:** We will report the inventory of our valuable goods (gadgets and expensive things) in May and September. Moreover, everybody will report gifts and donations received in his monthly financial report.
- We will continue the “**Lenten Fasting Activity**” as a way of exercising concretely our communal solidarity with the poor.
- **Use of Mass and Social Media:** in order to know more about local events, the use of local TV channels and newspapers are encouraged. As for the use of the Internet we should be disciplined, aware of its great advantages and dangers (Cf. RMX 45.1).
- **Xaverian Friends:** we will continue to welcome them to the Monday Mass as long as the situation allows. We consider important to strengthen our relationship and involve them in some of our activities.
- **Hospitality:** if the conditions allow, we will make our house and its facilities available to the groups with which we are working. However, we need to maintain the balance between this kind of hospitality and the other needs of the community.
- **Fundraising Activity:** Due to the Covid-19 situation, we will find other alternatives in order to replace our traditional way of fundraising activity.
- **Relationship with our Benefactors.** We express our thankfulness for supporting us by sending Christmas greetings. Possibly, in March, we will have a meeting with them.

Complements



A. Apostolate

PARISH

Zone 1: Isidore, Friwandi

Zone 2: Cassien, Arsene, Venan

Zone 4: Giomar, Cedrick, Simon

Zone 5 : Pasteur, Richard

Zone 6 & Buenavista: Lucivaldo, Purba, Anselm

SOCIAL WORK

Prison: Augustin, Friwandi

Servants of Charity: Cassien, Erasto

Missionaries of Charity: Cedrick, Richard

IALOGUE: Giomar, Pasteur, Arsene

MAM and Vocation Animation: Fr. Cesar, Lucivaldo

B. Community service teams

Four groups alternate for the weekly services: liturgy, dish and car washing, cleaning of the dining room and kitchen.

Team A: Purba, Anselm, Augustin, Simon

Team B: Cassien, Cedrick, Isidore, Giomar

Team C: Erasto, Venan, Richard, Pasteur

Team D: Friwandi, Arsene, Lucivaldo

C. Timetable

“Ora et Labora”

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
6:00			Lauds- Eucharist				
6:30					Eucharist		
7:00						Eucharist	
12:30				Lunch			
6:15				Silence			
6:45		Sharing & Vespers	Rosary & Vespers	Holy Hour	Lectio Divina		
7:00	Vespers	Vespers				Vespers	
7:30				Dinner			
9:00						Compline	
10:30				Lights off and good night!			

D. Non-weekly activities

Choir practice: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 8:30 pm.

Recollection: 3rd Friday/Saturday of the month

Story telling: c/o coordinator

Cultural Night: c/o coordinator and celebration team

E. Personal duties and responsibilities

Coordinator	Giomar
Gardens	Erasto, Cedrick
Library	Richard, Purba & Simon
Shopping	Lucivaldo, Simon & Friwandi
Guest Rooms & Laundry	Cassien
Photocopier and Computers	Purba, Arsène
House Maintenance	Isidore
Treasurer	Pasteur
Photographer, Archive, and Correspondence	Isidore & Cassien
Post Office	Erasto
Garbage	Anselme
Celebrations	Friwandi & Augustin
LST Representative	Pasteur
Music	Purba & Anselme
Vehicles Maintenance	Augustin & Fr. Matteo
Health	Venan
Liturgist	Venan & Arsène
Community Website	Pasteur, Arsène, Richard
Sports and Court	Cedrick

Calendar



Notes: _____

August 2020

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	2 18 th Sunday Ordinary Time	3	4
	9 19 th Sunday Ordinary Time	10	11
	16 20 th Sunday Ordinary Time	17 Indonesia Independence Day	18 Bro. Cassien's Birthday
	23 21st Sunday Ordinary Time	24 St. Bartholomew Apostle	25 <i>Choir Practice</i>
	30 22th Sunday Ordinary Time	31 National Heroes' Day (Holiday)	

August 2020

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1
5	6 The Transfiguration of the Lord	7	8
12 Bro. Cedrick's Birthday	13	14	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
19	20	21 Ninoy Aquino'day (Holiday) Bro. Giomar's Birthday	22
26	27 LST First Semester Starts	28	29

Notes: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 <i>Choir Practice</i>
6 23h Sunday Ordinary Time	7 Martydom of Bernardetta, Olga & Lucia Burundi 2014 Brazil Ind. Day	8
13 24th Sunday Ordinary Time Bro. Friwandi's Birthday	14	15 <i>Choir Practice</i>
20 25th Sunday Ordinary Time	21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	22
27 26th Sunday Ordinary Time	28 St. Lorenzo Ruiz and companions, Martyrs	29

September 2020

September 2020

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 LST Mass of the Holy Spirit (3:00pm)	3	4	5
9	10	11	12
16 Mexico Independence Day	17	18 Recollection	19 Recollection
23 LST Para-liturgy (Creation Month)	24	25	26
30 Martyrdom of Marchiol, Maule & Gubert (Burundi, 1995)			

October 2020

Notes: _____

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	4 27th Sunday Ordinary Time	5	6
	11 28 th Sunday Ordinary Time	12	13 <i>Choir Practice</i>
	18 29th Sunday Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	19	20
	25 30 th Sunday Ordinary Time	26 Fr. Justin's Birthday	27

October 2020

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus China's foundation Day	2	3
7 LST Recitation of the Rosary (online)	8	9	10
14 Bro. Isidore's Birthday Fr. Cobbe's Martyrdom (Bangladesh, 1974)	15 Advisory Council of Superiors (5:00 pm)	16 Recollection Fr. Deiana's Martyrdom (Brazil, 1987)	17 Recollection
21	22 Bro. Martin's death anniversary	23 Founder's Canonization Anniversary	24 LST end of the 1st Quarter
28 Start of Classes for the Second Quarter	29	30	31

November 2020

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 Solemnity of all Saints (Holiday)	2 Commemorat ion of all the Faithful Departed	3
	8 32st Sunday Ordinary Time	9	10 <i>Choir Practice</i>
	15 33 rd Sunday Ordinary Time	16	17
	22 Solemnity of Christ the King Fr. Patrick's Birthday	23	24 <i>Choir Practice</i>
	29 1st Sunday of Advent	30 Bonifacio Day St. Andrew, Apostle	

November 2020

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 St. Guido Maria Conforti Renewal of vows FASRA (online)	6	7
11 Fr. Javier's Birthday	12 LST FASRA	13 Recollection	14 Recollection
18	19	20 Fr. Petrus' Birthday	21
25	26	27	28

December 2020

Notes: _____

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
			1
	6 2nd Sunday of Advent	7 LST final Examinations starts	8 Immaculate Conception Bro. Erasto's Birthday <i>Choir practice</i>
	13 3rd Sunday of Advent		15
	20 4th Sunday of Advent	21	22 <i>Choir practice</i>
	27 The Holy Family	28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	29

December 2020

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Feast of St. Francis Xavier	4	5
9	10	11	12 Death anniversary of Fr. Aldo
16 Simbang gabi begins	17	18	19 LST End of Second Quarter and End of First Semester Fr. Matteo's Birthday & Ate Aury's Birthday
23	24 Fr. James' Birthday	25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	26 St. Stephen, Martyr
30 Rizal Day	31		

January 2021

Notes: _____

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	3 Epiphany of the Lord	4 Fr. Emmanuele's birthday	5 <i>Choir practice</i>
	10 The Baptism of the Lord	11	12
	17 St. Nino Sunday	18	19 <i>Choir practice</i>
	24 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time	25 Conversion of St. Paul	26
	31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time		

January 2021

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	2 Bro. Arsene's Birthday LST Enlistment
6 Online posting of 2nd Qtr. Grades in LSTISIS	7	8	9 Black Nazarene
13	14	15 Recollection Bro. Richard's Birthday	16 Recollection
20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30

Notes: _____

February 2021

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1	2 Bro. Lucivaldos' Birthday Presentation of the Lord
	7 5th Sunday Ordinary Time	8	9 <i>Choir Practice</i>
	14 6th Sunday Ordinary Time	15	16
	21 1st Sunday of Lent Bro. Venansius' Birthday	22 St. Peter's Chair	23 <i>Choir Practice</i>
	28 2nd Sunday of Lent Fr. Rastelli's Martyrdom (China, 1901)		

February 2021

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 President's Day (No Class)	4	5	6
10	11	12 Chinese Lunar New Year's Day	13
17 Ash Wednesday	18	19 Recollection	20 Recollection
24	25 EDSA People Power Revolution	26	27

March 2021

Notes: _____

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 Fr. Handrianus' birthday	2 <i>Choir practice</i>
	7 3 rd Sunday of Lent	8	9
	14 4 th Sunday of Lent	15 Deacon Patrick's Birthday	16 <i>Choir practice</i>
	21 5th Sunday of Lent	22	23
	28 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	29 Holy week	30 Holy Week <i>Choir practice</i> St. Conforti birth anniversary

March 2021

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6
10	11	12	13
17	18	19 Recollection St. Joseph, husband of Mary	20 Recollection
24	25 The Annunciation of the Lord	26	27
31 Holy Week			

April 2021

Notes: _____

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	4 Easter Sunday Fr. Veronesi's Martyrdom (Bangladesh)	5 Easter Octave	6 Easter Octave <i>Choir practice</i>
	11 2 nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy	12	13
	18 3rd Sunday of Easter	19	20 <i>Choir practice</i>
	25 4 th Sunday of Easter	26	27 Sierra Leone Independence Day

April 2021

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Maundi thursday	2 Good Friday	3 Holy Saturday
7 Holy Week	8 Easter Octave	9 Easter Octave Araw ng Kagitingan (Holiday)	10 Easter Octave
14 LST's Celebration of Easter	15	16 Recollection	17 Bro. Augustin's Birthday Recollection
21 Bro. Pasteur's Birthday	22	23	24
28	29	30 Fr. Botton's Martyrdom (China, 1944)	

Notes: _____

May 2021

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	2 5th Sunday of Easter	3	4 <i>Choir practice</i>
	9 6th Sunday of Easter	10	11
	16 The Ascension of the Lord	17	18 <i>Choir practice</i>
	23 Pentecost Sunday	24 The B. V. Mary Mother of the Church	25
	30 Most Holy Trinity	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

May 2021

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Labor Day St. Joseph Worker Bro. Anselm's Birthday
5	6	7	8
12	13	14 St. Matthias, Apostle	15
19	20 Reunification of Cameroon	21 Recollection	22 Recollection
26	27	28	29

Notes: _____

June 2021

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
			1
	6 Corpus Christi	7	8 <i>Choir practice</i>
	13 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time	14	15
	20 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time	21	22 <i>Choir practice</i>
	27 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time	28	29 Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles Fr. Cesar's Birthday

June 2021

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5
9	10	11 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	12 Philippines Independence Day Immaculate Heart of Mary
16	17 Bro. Purba's Birthday	18 Recollection	19 Recollection
23	24 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	25	26
30 Independence Day of D.R. Congo			

July 2021

Notes: _____

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	4 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time	5	6 <i>Choir practice</i>
	11 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time	12	13
	18 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time	19 Spiritual Exercises	20 Spiritual Exercises
	25 17th Sunday of Ordinary time	26	27

July 2021

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Burundi Independence Day (1962) Fr. Simone's Birthday	2	3 St Thomas, Apostle
7	8 Bro. Simon's Birthday	9	10
14	15	16	17
21 Spiritual Exercises	22 Spiritual Exercises	23 Spiritual Exercises	24
28	29	30	31 Fr. Innocent's Birthday Fr. Pierobon's Martyrdom

Notes: _____

August 2021

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 18 th Sunday Ordinary Time	2	3
	8 19th Sunday Ordinary Time	9	10
	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16	17 Indonesia Independence Day
	22 21st Sunday Ordinary Time	23	24 St. Bartholomew Apostle
	29 22th Sunday Ordinary Time	30	31

August 2021

XAVERIAN INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGATE OF MANILA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6 Transfiguration of the Lord	7
11	12 Bro. Cedrick's Birthday	13	14
18 Bro. Cassien's Birthday	19 Quezon City Day (Holiday)	20 Recollection	21 Recollection Ninoy Aquino Day (Holiday) Bro. Giomar's Birthday
25	26 National Heros' Day (Holiday)	27	28

Appendix



1. GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF GADGETS AND THE INTERNET

The genuine use of gadgets is one of the instruments which can facilitate our academic and missionary activities.

1. The use of gadgets (Tablets, Laptop, etc.) requires the dialogue with the Rector.
2. The formative dialogue and spiritual direction are moments to evaluate the responsible use of the digital devices. If necessarily, the formative team can restrict the use of gadgets due to particular and formative reasons.
3. We are encouraged to be responsible for one another through fraternal correction. In case of disturbing others while making call, misusing personal and community gadgets we can remind right away the person who is concerned.
4. We are aware of the risks connected with the use of the media and the Internet such as wasting of time in digital amusements, abuses in communication, addictions etc.
5. We avoid to use gadgets during the community moments.
6. We make our best to use the mass media for the missionary awareness and the promotion of our charism.
7. Sharing of information and missionary insights are recommended through the use of media inside and outside our community.
8. We are called to reflect upon our religious identity on the way we present ourselves in social media by avoiding playing double identity. When communicating and posting

material we preserve politeness and respect towards other people, just as we were communicating face to face.

9. We are aware that any action in the Internet leaves traces (the Web does not forget and does not forgive) that cannot be easily erased.
10. Any kind of online abuses affecting the integrity and credibility of our family refers to a personal answerability according to the civil and ecclesiastical regulations. (Cf RFX 377).
11. We are encouraged to be responsible enough in charging load.
12. The formative team is reminded to give the model in the responsible use of these instruments.

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3. PRAYERS

A. Prayer in memory of St. Guido Maria Conforti

God, Father of all peoples,
through the Spirit of your Son
you are the source of all goodness
and holiness,

We praise you
for the life of your servant
St. Guido Maria Conforti.
He contemplated your love for every
creature in your crucified Son,
and dedicated himself entirely
to the urgent need to announce the Gospel.

We thank you
for giving him
to the Xaverian Missionaries as Father,
to the Church as a Shepherd and Missionary,
and to all as an example of virtue
and model of holiness.

We pray to you
through his intercession:
increase our faith that we might be
messengers of your love,
witnesses of hope,
and builders of your Kingdom.

**To you be praise and glory forever.
Amen.**

B. Prayer for the Jubilee year of the Xaverian Missionaries

Praise and glory to you, God and Father,
for our Founder
St. Guido M. Conforti,
who, fascinated by your crucified Son,
and inspired by the Holy Spirit,
founded the Xaverian Family
to spread the Gospel
unto the ends of the earth,
so that our Lord Jesus Christ
may be known and loved by all.

We thank you
for the gift of the missionary vocation.
Forgive our betrayals to the charism received,
and strengthen in us the desire and zeal
to live the mission ad-gentes,
with a passionate family spirit.

Give us a spirit of living Faith
to bear witness with love, in the world,
to the Hope that gives meaning and life.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen!

C. Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. *And she conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. *Be it done unto me according to your word.*

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. *And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray

Pour forth; we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to the Father...

D. Prayer to the Holy Spirit

V. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

R. *And enkindle in them the fire of your divine love.*

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. *And you will renew the face of the earth.*

Let us Pray:

O God, you enlighten the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit; grant that, through the same Spirit, we may know what is right and rejoice always in his consolation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

E. Veni Creator Spiritus

*1. Veni, creator Spiritus
mentes tuorum visita,
imple superna gratia,
quae tu creasti pectora.*

*2. Qui diceris Paraclitus,
altissimi donum Dei,
fons vivus, ignis, caritas
et spiritualis unctionis.*

*3. Tu septiformis munere,
digitus paternae dexteræ
tu rite promissum Patris
sermone ditans guttura.*

*4. Accende lumen sensibus,
infunde amorem cordibus,
infirma nostri corporis,
virtute firmans perpeti.*

*5. Hostem repellas longius
pacemque dones protinus;
ductore sic te praevio
vitemus omne noxiun.*

*6. Per te sciamus da Patrem
noscamus atque Filium,
te utriusque Spiritum
credamus omni tempore.*

*7. Deo Patri sit gloria,
et Filio qui a mortuis
Surrexit, ac Paraclito,
in saeculorum saecula.*

Amen.

1. Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly
aid to fill the hearts which Thou
hast made.

2. O comforter, to Thee we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love, and
sweet anointing from above.

3. Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are
known; Thou, finger of God's hand
we own; Thou, promise of the
Father, Thou Who dost the tongue
with power imbue.

4. Kindle our sense from above, and
make our hearts o'erflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high
the weakness of our flesh supply.

5. Far from us drive the foe we
dread, and grant us Thy peace
instead; so shall we not, with Thee
for guide, turn from the path of life
aside.

6. Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow
the Father and the Son to know; and
Thee, through endless times
confessed, of both the eternal Spirit
blest.

7. Now to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory
given, with Thou, O Holy
Comforter, henceforth by all in
earth and heaven.

Amen.

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