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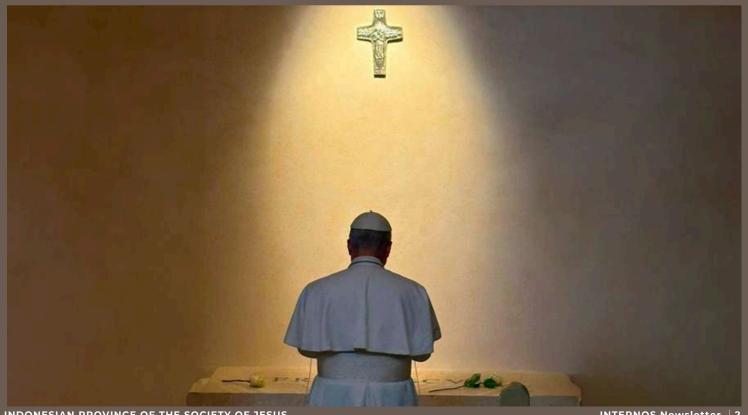
APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER JUNE 2025

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

FOR THE INDONESIAN CHURCH

Let us pray that the elderly are happy and gratefully enjoying their old age and are eager to share their life experiences with the younger generation.



PROVINCIAL AGENDA

1-7 Jun	Meeting of JCAP Novice Masters in Cambodia
3 Jun	Workshop for the board of directors of PT Kanisius
9-12 Jun	Annual visitation to Mertoyudan Minor Seminary and
	the Parish of Muntilan
16 Jun	Meeting of the Monetary Board
17-18 Jun	Meeting of the IDO Consultors
19 Jun	Meeting with Karya Bhakti Foundation in Surakarta
19-21 Jun	Meeting of Local Superiors in Tawangmangu
20 Jun	Meeting of Community Ministers and Treasurers
21-22 Jun	IDO Jesuit Brothers visitation to KPTT in Salatiga
24 Jun	Pronunciation of first vows
25 Jun	85th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Semarang
29 Jun	Gala celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the
	Archdiocese of Semarang

PROVINCE UPDATES

- Sch. Albertus Alfian Ferry Setiawan, S.J., doing regency at Kolese de Britto High School in Yogyakarta as of June 20, 2025.
- Sch. Alexius Aji Pradana, S.J., doing regency at Kolese Loyola High School in Semarang as of June 20, 2025.
- Sch. Alfonsus Ignatius Franky Njoto, S.J., doing regency at JRS Indonesia, residing at St. Mary the Queen Parish-Jakarta as of June 20, 2025.
- Sch. Daud Kefas Raditya, S.J., theological studies at Wedabhakti Pontifical Faculty of Theology Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta as of June 25, 2025.
- Sch. Engelbertus Viktor Daki, S.J., theological studies at Loyola School of Theology Ateneo de Manila University, Manila as of June 25, 2025.
- Fr. Fransiskus Wawan, Setyadi, S.J., first minister of scholastics of Kramat VI Scholasticate Kolese Hermanum, Jakarta as of June 1, 2025.
- Sch. Isidorus Bangkit Susetyo Adi Nugroho, S.J., diaconal ministries at YPPK Adhi Luhur High School in Nabire as of June 1, 2025.
- Sch. Lambertus Alfred, S.J., theological studies at Wedabhakti Pontifical Faculty of Theology Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta as of June 25, 2025.

PROVINCE UPDATES

- Sch. Leander Emanuel Arya Wikan Prabantara, S.J., doing regency at Kolese Kanisius, Jakarta as of June 20, 2025.
- Sch. Yohanes Krisostomus Septian Kurniawan, S.J., theological studies at Wedabhakti Pontifical Faculty of Theology Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta as of June 25, 2025.
- Fr. Yosep Fristian Yulianto, S.J., preparing special studies and residing at Johan Baru Residence as of June 1, 2025.
- Foundation of PTPM Yogyakarta:
- 1. Governing Board: Fr. Paulus Suparno, S.J.
- 2. Member of Governing Board: Fr. Bambang Alfred Sipayung, S.J.
- 3. Chairperson of Management Board: Fr. Agustinus Eko Budi Santoso, S.J.
- 4. Secretary of Management Board: Fr. Thomas Surya Awangga Budiono, S.J.
- 5. Treasurer of Management Board: Fr. Alexander Hendra Dwi Asmara, S.J.
- 6. Supervisory Board: Fr. Yohanes Nugroho, S.J.

DEPARTURE FROM THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

- Fr. Nikolas Kristiyanto, S.J., as of April 23, 2025.
- Bro. Robertus Sigit Adi Nugroho, S.J., as of May 26, 2025.



RUBRIC

* Labour Day & Feast of St. Joseph the Worker *

Hi Insight Seekers, Happy Labour Day and Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker!

On this occasion, let us reflect on the meaning of work in our faith. Like St Joseph, let us work with a heart of love and faithfulness, serving God through every step of our work.

Cover: Pope Leo XIV makes his first appearance after being elected in the conclave. Documentation: X @VaticanNews.

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Pope Leo XIV greets the faithful.

HABEMUS PAPAM!

Fr Arturo Sosa, S.J.

Dear Brothers,

With all the people of God and so many people of good will, we share the joy of the election of Pope Leo XIV, Bishop of Rome and Pastor of the Universal Church.

In this Easter season, we have contemplated the scene where Jesus, the crucified-risen one, confirms the call to the Apostle Peter to follow Him, to take care of his brothers and sisters gathered in the Church, sent to spread and be witnesses of the Good News throughout the world. The source of the mission entrusted to the Apostle Peter and his successors is the unconditional love of the Father. The Son, Jesus, gave His life to fulfill the Father's redemptive will and entrusted to the community of

His disciples the continuation of His m ission in history. He sent the Holy S pirit as inspirer and counselor of H is apostles and ministers responsible for carrying it out. The Petrine ministry thus plays a key role in animating the service of the Church to the redemptive mission of the Lord Jesus in all the complex situations of human history.

For us, it is an opportunity to renew one of the characteristic dimensions of the charism received through Saint Ignatius and the early fathers, founders of the Society of Jesus, namely, the willingness to receive from the Roman Pontiff, Vicar of Christ on earth, the mission with which we can offer the best service to the universal Church. As my predecessors did with previous Popes, I have communicated to the Holy

Father Leo XIV the availability of the Society of Jesus to offer our cooperation wherever and however his universal vision considers we can give the best of what we are today.

I have also assured Pope Leo XIV of the prayers of the whole body and of each member of the Society of Jesus. Let us take this moment to renew our thinking with the Church, finding, in creative fidelity to our charism, the best way we can today serve the mission of the Lord Jesus.

We therefore wholeheartedly commend Pope Leo XIV to Mary, Mother of the Church, Our Lady, who accepted the call of the Holy Spirit, trusting that nothing is impossible for God, accompanying her son Jesus during His earthly life and, as a privileged witness of the resurrection, accompanying the first steps of the early Church.

Rome, 8 May 2025 (Original: Spanish)

VOCATION SUNDAY 2025 REFLECTION FOSTERING A CULTURE OF VOCATION PROMOTION

Schs. Tomas Becket Pramudita, S.J. and Ignatius Dio Ernanda Johandika, S.J.

On Sunday, November 5, the Universal Church celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday, also known as Vocation Sunday, which focuses on promoting religious vocations. The Vocation Promotion Team received invitations to participate in various activities at several parishes in the Archdiocese of Jakarta (KAJ) and the Archdiocese of Semarang (KAS). Jesuit scholastics, brothers, and priests participated in live-in experiences, informal meetings like 'Ngopi Bareng Jesuit,' interactions with young people, and gave homilies during Eucharistic Celebrations.

In Jakarta, the activities took place primarily at Kolese Hermanum. More than ten parishes, including the Cathedral and Kramat, invited Jesuits to engage in activities like live-ins, choir,

and providing vocation talks for youth. They also helped distribute communion and shared personal vocation stories in their sermons.

In the Archdiocese of Semarang, activities were centered at the College of Saint Ignatius in Yogyakarta. Jesuits participated in events across ten parishes, including Babadan and Warak. They engaged in various events, like live-ins at parishioners' homes, environmental cleaning initiatives, pilgrimages, and assisting priests with communion and homilies.

Several participants shared their positive experiences. A parishioner from St John Paul II Parish in Yogyakarta expressed gratitude for meeting Jesuits, hoping it would inspire more local

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Sch. Mikael in Palur Parish, Surakarta

interest in religious vocations. A child from Christ the King Parish in Solo Baru also shared joy in meeting Jesuit Brothers and receiving promotional items, expressing a desire to become a priest. Sr. Colleta from Wedi Parish highlighted the Holy Spirit's role in inspiring attendance and praised the Jesuits for enhancing their community activities.

Fr. Arturo Sosa emphasized the significance of promoting the Jesuit vocation in a letter to Major Superiors in 2021. During a session about Priesthood Month 2025, Fr. Benedict Hari Juliawan stressed that parishes play a significant role in fostering vocations. He noted the ongoing collaboration between the Society of Jesus and various dioceses, which often leads to new vocations for the Society.

Pope Francis, in Evangelii Gaudium (EG 107), points out the decline in vocations

to the priesthood and religious life, often due to a lack of enthusiasm within communities. He emphasizes that fostering fraternal life and community in parishes can inspire young people to dedicate themselves to God. Vocation safaris seem to present religious figures for observation, yet they serve a deeper purpose. These events allow religious individuals to engage with youth and encourage them to be open to God's call, particularly towards religious life. The approach taken influences how vocations are promoted, especially within the Society of Jesus. In a time when the call to vocation is often overlooked, Jesuits participating in these safaris can inspire young people to consider their life vocation. Thus, creating a culture of vocation promotion is a crucial pastoral effort, helping to develop sensitivity to God's voice amidst distractions, as the Society of Jesus works to prepare hopeful young Jesuits.



- 1. Schs. Arnold and TB at Christ the King Parish in Solo
- 2.Sch. Herdian with children in one of the parishes in Jakarta.
- 3. Sch. Wahyu Mega at Gedangan Parish, Semarang.
- 4. Vocation Promotion activity at Toasebio Parish, Jakarta.
- 5. Schs. Benic and Amadea with the Religious in Boro Parish,





The Eucharist of the Young People of Johar Baru this year was attended by around 120 participants from various communities.

JOHAR BARU YOUTH EUCHARIST 2025: "HEALING THE WORLD, WE RISE TOGETHER"

Sch. Ignatius Dio Ernanda Johandika, S.J.

On Saturday, May 17, 2025, the Scholasticate of Johan Baru, Jakarta, hosted EKM (Eucharist Youth Movement) that focused on faith and contemporary life. The theme, "By Healing the World, We Rise Together," highlighted the Society of Jesus' preference to care for our planet. Approximately 120 participants from various communities attended, including members from Jesuit Vocation Promoters, MAGIS Jakarta, and Atma Jaya University of Jakarta. The diversity of the participants made the EKM a lively and relevant celebration.

The event began with a Creative Mass led by Fr. Effendi Kusuma Sunur, S.J., who urged participants to think about love in ecological terms. He stressed

that indifference is a greater problem than hatred when it comes to environmental harm. Fr. Effendi's message encouraged attendees to reflect on their habits and recognize that loving God also involves caring for His creation. The liturgy was enhanced by the presence of Sisca Saras, a former JKT48 member, who performed as the psalmist and contributed to a prayerful atmosphere.

A notable feature of this year's EKM was the altar made from 86 Eco-bricks, created by the Johar Baru brothers. These Eco-bricks are constructed using plastic bottles filled with nonbiodegradable waste. This project demonstrated a practical commitment to ecological care.

After the Eucharist, participants engaged in small group discussions. Each session began with an ecology video, followed by three rounds of sharing. The first round prompted individuals to consider their ecological lifestyles. The next encouraged empathy by sharing experiences, and the final round asked each participant to commit to specific ecological actions as a result of their involvement. This format provided a reflective space to enhance ecological awareness and drive lifestyle changes.

The mood shifted to celebration with a People's Party and Art Performance, where communities showcased music, poetry, and other artistic contributions. This demonstrated that young people's faith is vibrant, creative, and joyful. Local micro and small enterprises set up stalls, which supported the local economy. Such initiatives highlight that caring for the earth includes building connections with others.

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Towards the end of the event, Gobind Vashdev, a writer and ecological facilitator, spoke about the root of ecological issues being a spiritual crisis within humans. He explained that environmental degradation often stems from greed and a lack of gratitude, suggesting that when people forget to be content, they harm the earth. Gobind urged participants to reflect on their inner selves before blaming external factors. He emphasized that unsustainable behavior towards nature is often a sign of an unfulfilled spirit.

The Jesuit scholastics involved in organizing the EKM learned valuable lessons in listening, teamwork, and fostering ecological awareness among youth. They recognized that the event was not merely a celebration but also a key aspect of their formation as "Men for Others." The Eucharist represents an ongoing journey of growth, ecological responsibility, and an expression of faith, rather than just an annual event.

After the sharing session, the performance continued.





Reflective seminar organised by PRAKSIS at the KWI Building Hall.

A BEAUTIFUL MOSAIC: INDONESIA THROUGH THE EYES **OF POPE FRANCIS**

Fr Angga Indraswara, S.J.

Interfaith Reflection on the Legacy of Pope Francis and Hope towards the Leadership of Pope Leo XIV

Jakarta, 10 May 2025 - PRAKSIS (Jesuit Center for Research and Advocacy) held a reflective seminar called "A Beautiful Mosaic: Indonesia in the Eyes of Pope Francis" at the aula of the office of the Indonesian Bishops' Conference in Jakarta. The seminar aimed to reflect on Indonesia's role in creating a universal Church that is inclusive and peaceful, while also commemorating Pope Francis and welcoming Pope Leo XIV's leadership.

Prominent speakers, including Mgr. Antonius Subianto Bunjamin, Ignatius Jonan, Prof Dr Siti Musdah Mulia, and Rev Jacklevyn F. Manuputty, actively engaged in discussions led by Francisia Saveria Sika Ery Seda, a sociology professor at the University of Indonesia. The Indonesian Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Benedictus Hari Juliawan, S.J. opened the event by highlighting the importance of recognizing the spiritual and social connections made by Pope Francis and embracing Pope Leo XIV as a promising successor. He described Indonesia as a "beautiful mosaic," emphasizing love, dialogue, and brotherhood among people.

Mgr. Bunjamin expressed that Pope Francis urges a shift from indifference to solidarity worldwide, and believes Pope Leo XIV embodies this vision. Professor Musdah Mulia emphasized that Pope Francis' legacy serves as an interfaith call for peace, advocating dialogue and respect for life and human rights. Rev Manuputty referred to Pope Francis as the "Shepherd Father of Humanity" and noted his alignment with vulnerable communities. Ignatius Jonan invited participants to recognize the significance of Pope Francis' visit and

the election of Pope Leo XIV as a divine invitation for transformation within the Church.

The seminar represented a moment to honor Pope Francis's positive influence in Indonesia and to look forward to the Church's direction under the papacy leadership of Pope Leo XIV.

Documentation video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=wfpI54HoYmQ www.praksis.id





The inauguration of the ELC and the Kanisius Children's Gathering was opened by Fr Heru Hendarto, S.J., (Chairman of the Kanisius Foundation).

ECO CAMP GRAND OPENING & KANISIUS FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S **FESTIVAL**

Fr Th. Surya Awangga, S.J.

On 28-29 April 2025, Yayasan Kanisius (a foundation for schools of the Archdiocese of Semarang) celebrated the Feast of its patron saint, Petrus Kanisius, and inaugurated the Eco Learning Camp (ELC) in Ambarawa, Central Java. This event aimed to promote care for the earth and character development in children, involving over 300 students from Kanisius schools of Semarang.

The ELC, situated near SMK SPP Kanisius Ambarawa, serves as an ecological learning space for character building and outdoor activities such as leadership training and spiritual development. It features facilities like

joglo, limasan (javanese houses), lodging rooms, educational plants, and camping tents.

Fr. Heru Hendarto, S.J., Chairperson of the Kanisius Foundation, opened the ceremony with Mass, emphasizing the need for the Church to support children's growth through curriculum and learning facilities. He referenced two important teachings from Pope Francis: Fratelli Tutti, which promotes universal brotherhood, and Laudato Si', which calls for love of the environment. He stated that the ELC represents a commitment to caring for the earth and future generations.

The ELC aims to be both a learning and reflective space, showcasing plants that nurture human life and serve as symbols of environmental care. Fr. Heru urged everyone to take care of the environment and each other.

Attendees included students, teachers, local officials, and community leaders. The event was enlivened by performances from Kanisius Harjosari Kindergarten and Elementary School children. The two-day gathering, Temu Anak Kanisius, was the first opportunity for students to experience the ELC, focusing on leadership, cooperation, and environmental appreciation through educational activities and games aimed at developing students' physical, mental, and spiritual abilities.

The ELC aligns with the Kanisius Foundation's priority to integrate digital

communication technology a nd environmental care into its mission, echoing the principles of Laudato Si'. The Foundation hopes the new facility will benefit everyone in the Kanisius community and beyond.

Additionally, Yayasan Kanisius launched a profile video showcasing its initiatives, created entirely by its resources and accessible on YouTube. With the ELC's inauguration, the Kanisius Foundation reaffirms its commitment to transformative and ecological education, aiming to inspire a generation that cherishes the earth.

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Providing material for children in the Kanisius Children's Gathering event.





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The twelve ORSIKA board candidates accompanied by three accompanying teachers finished their speeches.

FFROM SIDEWALKS TO THE THRONE OF LEADERSHIP: COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DOUBT

Sch Y. K. Septian Kurniawan, S.J.

The ORSIKA (school organization of PIKA) candidates experienced a unique public speaking exercise on May 16, 2025, where they had to give impromptu speeches in front of strangers during a traffic jam. Initially seen as a public speaking task, it became a moment of reflection on overcoming fears and the significance of courage.

Participants like Evelyn shared their nervousness, with her mistakenly saying 'good morning' in the afternoon, but realizing that courage is about taking the first step despite imperfections. Galuh reflected on her fear of being scolded but felt confident when no one criticized her during her speech. Saka, who went first, dealt with feelings of panic but learned that overthinking can hinder progress. They all recognized

that facing experiences is crucial for managing feelings and thoughts.

The idea that self-confidence does not come naturally was evident. Isa, despite thorough preparation, found herself blank, realizing that self-mastery takes practice. Vania's perspective changed when she saw her friends' confidence, emphasizing that a supportive environment fosters growth. Kevin discovered that he could speak in public without needing familiar faces around, while Kenzi noted that doubts could hinder improvement.

Participants also discussed how labels and expectations hold them back. Joy faced self-limiting beliefs from her past as an introvert but found bravery by expressing her opinions spontaneously. Brigitta experienced freedom from worrying about others' judgments, stating that "daring to be disliked is liberating." Gio reflected on overcoming his shyness and past failures, realizing through this speech that he could be confident.

The importance of community support emerged strongly as participants shared how their surroundings influenced their experiences. Jenifer, who often overthinks, learned that people do not dwell on our mistakes, feeling proud rather than ashamed of performing. Mulky, while admitting some challenges during his speech, felt bolstered by his friends' encouragement and aimed to support others in discovering their potential.

Although it lasted no more than a minute, the oration experience had a profound impact on the ORSIKA candidates. Each of them discovered something new about themselves such as courage, poise, spontaneity, and selfacceptance. It's not just about performing and speaking in public, but they learnt to know themselves and others better.

The twelve candidates cultivate positivity, from fear to gratitude. This experience is a good start to learn to be a courageous leader. A leader is not the one who is fearless yet someone who dares to act despite fear. They wanted to learn to lead not because they could, but because they tried to be faithful to the task they were given. From the red light that afternoon, these young leaders-to-be have shown us a sign that they are ready to go further, not to be articulate, but to bring positive influence to their community.

One of the ORSIKA board candidates, Isa, did an impromptu speech at the red light about Finding God in All Things.





Kak YS, a student at Al Fatah Islamic boarding school.

AL-FATAH: AN ISLAMIC INSTITUTE FOR TRANSGENDER

Basilika Rain - volunteer teacher at Pingit Social Village

On Sunday, April 27, 2025, the volunteers of Perkampungan Sosial Pingit (part of Realino societal service unit) were eager for their visit to Al-Fatah, an Islamic institute for transgender people, situated in the village of Cokrodiningratan, Yogyakarta, a location often overlooked by the broader community but significant for the marginalized community living there. The volunteers were warmly greeted by the students, particularly by Kak YS, a transgender woman. She shared the history of Al-Fatah, founded in 2008 by Ibu Shinta Ratri, a transgender Muslim activist. The school was established to create a safe space for transgender individuals to learn and practice their faith.

Al-Fatah is inclusive, welcoming both Muslim and Christian transgender women. It aims to offer compassion and acceptance to individuals facing discrimination and rejection in society, providing them with a sense of belonging. The community encourages students to engage in various activities, including community service and learning skills like makeup and catering, to support their livelihoods. Many students, however, face challenges in securing jobs due to societal stigma and a lack of formal identification.

Kak YS shared her personal experiences with stigma, recounting instances of discrimination even from religious figures. Despite this, she emphasized

the importance of self-acceptance, urging students to stay true to themselves regardless of societal expectations. The life lesson of embracing one's identity amidst adversity resonated deeply, highlighting the significance of personal acceptance.

Ustadz Arif Nur Safri, who teaches at the school, encouraged critical thinking about the negative labels used against transgender individuals. He highlighted that awareness and education are vital in combating discrimination and fostering acceptance of everyone's identity.

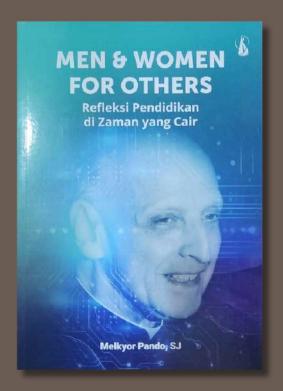
The visit was timely, occurring shortly after Easter and just before Eid al-Fitr, reinforcing a message of love and acceptance reminiscent of the teachings of Jesus. The volunteers reflected on the importance of

embracing marginalized groups with compassion, inspired by the idea that we are all children of God, deserving of love, regardless of our differences.

As the day came to a close, the volunteers left with a renewed commitment to support marginalized individuals. They recognized the ongoing challenges faced by these communities and were motivated to contribute positively, including through teaching and community involvement. The heartfelt exchanges during their visit left a lasting impact, underscoring the idea that justice and love can coexist in the pursuit of equality for all.

The lovely dusk of that afternoon sent us home after we all had a warm conversation with the students of Al-Fatah.

NEW BOOKS



Men & Women for Others: Refleksi Pendidikan di Zaman yang Cair

MELKYOR PANDO, S.J.