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**BECOMING COMPANIONS
ON THE JOURNEY OF HOPE**

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APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER AUGUST 2025

INTENTION OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

INTENTION OF THE INDONESIAN CHURCH

80th Year of the Independence of Indonesia

Might the Indonesian people increasingly work together and unite to achieve a clean bureaucracy, fair laws, and equitable prosperity.

PROVINCIAL AGENDA

11 Aug	Monetary Board Meeting
12-14 Aug	Annual Visitation to the Apostolic Community of St. Yusup, Semarang
15 Aug	Final Vows at Canisius College, Jakarta
19-20 Aug	Extended Consult of the Archdiocese of Semarang
21-22 Aug	IDO Consultor Meeting

PROVINCE UPDATES

- **Fr. Aluisius Dian Permana, S.J.**, completing tertianship at Kolese St Stanislaus Community in Girisonta; serving new ministry as the Director of Campus Ministry of De Britto College, Yogyakarta as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Andreas Aryono Mantiri, S.J.**, IDO Treasurer as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Antonius Septian Marhenanto, S.J.**, full time coordinator of the IDO Communication Team as of August 1, 2025.
- **Sch. Engelbertus Viktor Daki, S.J.**, completing regency at YPPK Adhi Luhur High School, Nabire; doing third year regency at Kanisius Schools of Semarang and residing at the Parish Residence of St. Yusup, Gedangan as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Florentinus Suryanto Hadi, S.J.**, doing a doctoral study at Universitas Diponegoro, Semarang and residing at Kolese St Ignatius Loyola Community as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Fransiskus Pieter Dolle, S.J.**, completing tertianship at Kolese St Stanislaus Community in Girisonta; residing at Domus Patrum Kolese St Stanislaus Kostka while preparing a special study in the British Province as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Hendricus Satya Wening Pambudi, S.J.**, completing tertianship at Kolese St Stanislaus Community in Girisonta; serving new ministry as the Moderator of Loyola High School, Semarang as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Isidorus Bangkit Susetyo Adi Nugroho, S.J.**, serving as a staff member of YPPK Adhi Luhur High School, Nabire as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Jakobus Aditya Christie Manggala, S.J.**, serving as the Director of Campus Ministry of Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta and residing at Kolese St Robertus Bellarminus Community as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Justinus Sigit Prasadja, S.J.**, terminating services as the IDO Treasurer; doing a sabbatical at Kolese St Petrus Kanisius Community in Jakarta as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Leo Perkasa Tanjung, S.J.**, doing a special study in Sacred Scriptures at Biblicum-Gregorian Pontifical University as of August 1, 2025.
- **Fr. Yosep Fristian Yulianto, S.J.**, doing a doctoral study at Gadjah Mada University of Yogyakarta, residing at Bener Residence as of August 1, 2025.

Cover: Neomis who have just been ordained as priests.
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The first blessing given by the new Priests.

BECOMING COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY OF HOPE

Bonifasia Amanda - Indonesian Jesuit Communicator Team

Four deacons of the Society of Jesus, SS Antonius Septian Marhenanto, Isodorus Bangkit Susetyo Adi Nugroho, Jacobus Aditya Christie Manggala, and Leo Perkasa Tanjung, were ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop of Semarang, Mgr. Robertus Rubiyatmoko, at the Church of St. Anthony of Padua in Yogyakarta on July 23, 2025. Families, guests, and many other faithful joined the solemn ordination Mass with great gratitude.

In his homily, Archbishop Rubiyatmoko emphasized the importance of commitment and deep determination

for the newly ordained priests. He reminded them that the Sacrament of Holy Orders should be understood as a celebration of gratitude for God's grace. This year's ordination theme was "Becoming Companions on the Path of Hope," which underscored the role of priests as companions to Jesus and the marginalized and wounded. Priests today must be more than just teachers; they need to be present, listen, and heal the wounded.

Archbishop Rubiyatmoko advised priests not to lose hope, as hope brings effort and results. They are not alone in

this task, as God and their fellow members of the Society of Jesus are ready to support them. At the end of his homily, he expressed the hope that the new priests would become true friends to those in need and bring them hope. Additionally, they were reminded to follow the example of Saint Paul in finding joy even amid suffering.

After being ordained, the four new priests were assigned their respective duties: Fr. Antonius Septian Marhenanto will serve as the Full Time Coordinator

of the IDO Province Communication Team, Fr. Isodorus Bangkit Susetyo Adi Nugroho as a staff member of YPPK Adhi Luhur High School in Papua, Fr. Jacobus Aditya Christie Manggala as Director of Campus Ministry at Sanata Dharma University, and Fr. Leo Perkasa Tanjung will further his studies in Sacred Scriptures in Rome. They gave their first blessing to the congregation after the Mass, followed by a reception at St. Ignatius College. It is hoped that they will shepherd the faithful with love and care.

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The nostri and several priests from other congregations were also present to provide support for the deacon who was to be ordained.



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The nostris give a blessing to the deacon who is to be ordained.



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Evaluation and reflection meeting regarding the blessed rice program between donors and the Hermanum College scholastic.

“NASI BERKAH”, A BLESSING TO OTHERS

Sch. Laurensius Herdian Pambudi, S.J.

On June 8, 2025, the Community of Hermanum College gathered with donors to review and reflect on the "nasi berkah" (blessed rice) program, which provided rich learning experiences for the participants from October 2024 to June 2025. This program continues to serve those impacted by economic hardship, expanding from its original location at the Scholasticate of Pulo Nangka to other scholasticates like Kampung Ambon, Johar Baru, Kramat 6, and Kramat 7 (Wisma Dewanto). Each unit distributes 30 food coupons per week, each worth a subsidy of Rp10,000, while recipients contribute Rp2,000 to partner food stalls.

The program faced challenges, including staff changes that affected coordination, price increases from food stalls due to rising ingredient costs, and

miscommunication regarding payment systems, especially when main coordinators were absent. Additionally, irregularity in coupon distribution occurred due to the academic and internal commitments of participants.

A key strength of the program lies in the personal relationships formed. Many participants shared how the coupons provided access to food and meaningful connections. Recipients eagerly awaited their weekly distributions, and food stall owners also felt engaged, some even adding extra food to show their support. Active partners and donors, such as the families of Ibu Fifi and Ibu Khim, view providing decent food as a way to value community and see the initiative as more than an economic transaction but also an opportunity to share kindness consistently.

The program reflects a responsive approach to Universal Apostolic Preferences, particularly in standing with marginalized individuals, emphasizing that no one is alone. Participants, especially expatriates, find this initiative a chance to learn about Indonesian language and culture while engaging with social realities. Despite practical challenges, small moments serve as lessons in deepening love through tangible actions.

Moving forward, decisions were made to improve the program's effectiveness,

such as adjusting coupon prices to match economic needs, enhancing payment transparency with receipts, prioritizing communication with partner stalls, and focusing on the genuine needs of recipients rather than their social status. The aim is to foster collective care and touch many lives—recipients, stall owners, participants, and donors alike. The program encourages consistent, meaningful sharing, posing the question of how individuals can be channels of grace in simple yet significant ways.

The Community of Hermanum College gathered with donors to review and reflect on the "nasi berkah" (blessed rice) program.

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USD Rector, Father Bagus, appeared as a panelist in a session themed "Contextual Intercultural Engagement."

IAJU ASSEMBLY 2025: REWRITING NEW CHAPTERS OF JESUIT HIGHER EDUCATION

Antonius Febri Harsanto - Humas Universitas Sanata Dharma

The International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) Assembly 2025 took place from June 30 to July 3, 2025, at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia. This important three-yearly meeting involved 170 Jesuit universities from around the world, including Universitas Sanata Dharma (USD). The assembly aimed to develop joint strategies to address global challenges in higher education. The theme was "Our Mission in Challenging Times: Let's Write the Next Chapter of Jesuit's Higher Education History," and it began with an inspiring speech by Father General Arturo Sosa SJ, who emphasized the need for Jesuit universities to be creative and dialogic, rooted in Ignatian identity. He outlined three main pillars for Jesuit higher education: Charism, Context, and Way.

Over 300 participants attended the assembly, including the USD delegation led by the Rector Fr. Albertus Bagus Laksana, S.J. and Vice Rector for Cooperation Caecilia Tuttyandari. USD expressed its commitment to strengthening the global network of Jesuit higher education, focusing on transformative, contextual, and socially impactful education.

One significant session addressed the challenges of secularism in Catholic higher education, with Rector Pater Bagus serving as a panelist. He discussed how secularism appears in different forms and contexts, highlighting the strategic role of Catholic universities in confronting these challenges. Msgr. Carlo Maria Polvani encouraged participants to

study secularism's symptoms and challenges specific to their context and how religion interacts with secularization.

Pater Bagus explained the unique dynamics of secularization in Indonesia. In urban youth, there is a tendency to distance themselves from religious institutions while still seeking spiritual meaning. Religious identity is becoming more fluid, open, and often hybrid, reflecting a plural culture and global challenges. He stated that the main challenge is not repression of the Catholic faith but the weakening of Catholic values in public life due to market forces and competitive education systems.

He proposed a framework of human flourishing that creatively unites religious, ethical, and social aspects.

USD has integrated this framework into its academic mission, collaborating with institutions like the Australian Catholic University and Universitas Gadjah Mada. Recently, an international conference on this topic was held in Rome, featuring researchers and delegates from various institutions.

Pater Bagus highlighted the vital role of Jesuit universities in creating spaces for intercultural and interfaith dialogue, supporting students in their search for meaning, and fostering public leadership based on justice and compassion. In this context, secularization is not seen as a threat but as an opportunity to renew faith and spirituality authentically.

During the four-day assembly, various other topics were discussed, including the impact of artificial intelligence on

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Father General Arturo Sosa, S.J. opened the IAJU event.



learning, environmental justice, student mental well-being through Ignatian spirituality, immigration, refugee issues, and the complexities of democracy and identity. USD's participation reaffirmed its commitment to holistic, transformative education, contributing to global solutions, and fostering solidarity with Jesuit universities worldwide.

The assembly aims to strengthen a shared vision for Jesuit higher education globally, develop concrete strategies to confront contemporary challenges, and expand collaboration networks across education and research. This event further establishes USD as a leading Jesuit university in Southeast Asia, contributing to building a more just, sustainable, and hopeful world.

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Rector Albertus Bagus Laksana SJ and Vice Chancellor for Cooperation Caecilia Tutyandari participated on behalf of USD in the IAJU Assembly event.



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300 participants from five continents attended the IAJU Assembly event.





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Volunteers and children at the Pingit Social Village (PSP) prepare ingredients for cooking together.

SOCIETAL SERVICE OF PINGIT VILLAGE: AN ACCOUNT TO REMEMBER

Theresia N.L., - Volunteer Pingit 2025

On Monday afternoon, I felt anxious about the rather worrying cloudy weather. Rain is considered romantic by some people, but for me, who uses public transportation or online motorcycle taxis, rain is a challenge. I, along with the other volunteers, had scheduled a cooking session with the children at the Pingit Social Settlement (PSP) Yogyakarta, with *seblak* (made of noodles and crisp) as the main dish. Despite concerns about a shortage of cooking equipment and ingredients, we prayed that everything would go smoothly.

Upon arriving at the location, the children were very enthusiastic about participating in the cooking class. The

class was held in the community hall for comfort. The children began with a short, heartfelt prayer, and the class went on longer than scheduled, with even children from other classes joining in. The volunteers teaching the class aimed to provide material different from the academic curriculum at school. Our material emphasized values such as “Survive and Sustain.” They hope this material will become a cherished memory for the children when they grow up.

Before the cooking session, the children were allowed to get creative decorating cakes, in the hope that some of them might become chefs or food entrepreneurs in the future. In class,

they were also introduced to maps of Southeast Asian countries to broaden their knowledge and learn about life outside their region.

While cooking, there was a shortage of seasoning, and a young girl offered to buy the seasoning using her own money. Although the author felt touched and wanted to refuse her offer, the child insisted and ran to buy the seasoning. This brave and sincere act from the young child moved the author,

reminding them that as we grow older, we often lose the qualities and spirit of childhood.

That evening's cooking class offered many valuable lessons, and the author realized the importance of maintaining enthusiasm and generosity even as we grow up. With gratitude, the author concluded this experience, hoping that children can learn and find meaning in every process they go through.

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Volunteers and PSP children mix ingredients for cooking.





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Father Windar, S.J. is telling about the Gedangan Church building

BEHIND GEDANGAN CHURCH'S OLD WALL: REVIVING NEARLY FORGOTTEN STORIES

Lusia Pamungkas - Gedangan Muda

Hi, I'm Lusia, though most of my friends call me Aisul. I am a member of the OMK (Catholic Youth Organization) of Gedangan Parish. I love traveling and history, especially when listening to stories about the past. Now, I want to share about Gedangan Church, the oldest Catholic church in Semarang. The OMK here has an exciting platform to get to know our church more deeply, called *Jelajah Gedangan* (exploring the Church of Gedangan). The purpose of this activity is to reintroduce the Church of Saint Joseph in Gedangan, particularly from a historical and faith point of view. The tour guides are also from us, the OMK Gedangan, where we

gather, discuss, and uncover old stories about this church, and share them with those who are interested.

We started *Jelajah Gedangan* at the end of 2019 until early 2020, even though the Covid-19 pandemic had just begun. We took the initiative to replace the activity with virtual *Jelajah Gedangan*, which allowed us to reach people who wanted to know more about Gedangan. During that time, we shared stories about Gedangan's history, the figures who had been part of Gedangan, and the ornaments typically seen during mass. The themes we discussed became increasingly diverse over time.

In 2025, Gedangan Church will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the consecration of its church building. A series of events will be held throughout the year, one of which is the Mini Talk Show *Jelajah Gedangan*, which took place last June. At this event, participants, who were usually taken on a tour of Gedangan, were able to sit down and listen to stories from several speakers related to Gedangan Church.

Three speakers participated in the talk show. First, Fr. Vincentius Suryatma Suryawiyata, S.J., shared fascinating stories about the figures who shaped Gedangan Church and emphasized the importance of the missionary spirit that originated here. In addition to Fr. Suryatma, there was also Fr. Ignatius Windar Santoso, S.J., who showed documentation of previous baptism records. From these records, we learned that Semarang was an important place in the history of Catholicism during the Dutch East Indies period, and Gedangan played a role as the first gateway for Catholic missions in Java.

Another narrative was shared by Mas Yogi, a historical observer. He shared surprising facts about Gedangan Church

archives and his experience guiding Dutch people seeking to learn about their ancestors' history. It turned out that one of their ancestors was a famous artist from the past. They also brought photos to compare the church as it was then and as it is now.

From the stories of the interviewees, I realized how important archives such as baptism records are in bridging generations. These records are not only historical evidence but also help people find their families and connect their life stories. The *Jelajah Gedangan* Mini Talk Show was a true meaningful experience, with each speaker bringing their own unique stories.

I am grateful to have been a tour guide at *Jelajah Gedangan* and to have participated in this 150th anniversary. We will continue to share and learn about history while reviving stories that are nearly forgotten. In November this year, we will organize the second *Jelajah Gedangan* Mini Talk Show with new stories and perspectives. Don't forget to follow Instagram @gerejagedangan and @gedanganmuda for the latest updates!

See you around in Gedangan.