

# JESU ASHRAM NEWS NOVEMBER 2020

Staff members of Jesu Ashram Nursing students, and admiration of Jesu Ashram are very conscious of Coronavirus infection in the world, around Siliguri and our locality. We had several inputs by Dr. Louis Tirkey associate professor of North Bengal Medical College and



hospital and Dr. Pankaj Chowdhary an Oncologist, on COVID-19. We are trying to protect more than 150 people most of them are of high

risk categories. We succeeded in it, till 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020 four of us were tested and on 21 Oct 2020 received our test report. All four of us were found to be COVID positive. Soon we found 21 of us are COVID-19 positive in Jesu Ashram. Among them I was the first one. With me two nuns, two priests, a scholastic, two novices who came here for their hospital experience two of the staff members and 10 nursing students and three patients. We



made a COVID Isolation section department and all 21 of us were kept in it under Dr. Louis Tirkey. Providentially Sr. Gita FC one of the core group members was not infected with Coronavirus. She assumed the charge of administration of Jesu Ashram. Fr. Anthony T Kollakkompil the director of pastoral centre in Matigara, came to our rescue. He took charge of providing food material,

medicines. Fr. Provincial John Wilfred Lobo monitor the situation in Jesu Ashram. He came Jesu Ashram practically every day. At present 17 of us are out of Isolation are recuperating; only 4 of the 21 are remaining in Isolation for few days more. I would like to

thank Fr. John Wilfred Lobo my provincial, Dr. Louis Tirkey, Fr. Anthony T Kollakkompil, Sr. Antonia FC. who guided all the nursing students how to take care of COVID patients, Sr. Gita FC, and our staff members for supporting all the COVID infected people.



Two 2<sup>nd</sup> year Jesuit novices Sanchalit and Ashish from Mandresa Jesuit novitiate came to Jesu Ashram on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020 for their hospital experience. David Ekka a Jesuit scholastic, Joined Jesu Ashram next day for his Regency (work experience) during his formation of a Jesuit. They all got OVID-19 infection within few days in Jesu Ashram. they were in Isolation

for 14 days. They are out of it.

During this pandemic situation sick people have the worst problem for getting admission in any hospital. Two patients were brought to Jesu Ashram and left them in-front of our gate. One of them was so bad that we could not handle the problem, therefore Sr. Gita inform our local Police about him. The sick person was taken by police to Medical College and Hospital where he died after 5 days. On the same day the family members of deceased man came looking for him in Jesu Ashram because they had left the patient outside our gate. Another was a young lady Reena 35 years old. Three children brought Reena to Jesu



Ashram. In my inquiry to the children, found out, that these children are begging in street of Siliguri streets and staying in Siliguri Railway station at night, whereas,

Reena for safety stayed in a temple. She was gasping for breath. She was taken in Jesu Ashram and given Oxygen but for other complications same night we transferred her to Navajeen Hospital at Gayagana where she expired after few hours. We brought Reena's body and buried in Jesu Ashram cemetery. She left behind a 8 year old daughter. Among the three children she was one of them. Her name is Gaytri. We kept Gaytri with us for

the night and next day reported it to the police, who in their turn handed over the child to Child Help Line. A month later Reena's brother and sister-in-law came looking for her. I narrated whole story about Reena to them. Reena's brother brook down in the my office. They visited her grave and went back.



West Bengal Government, department of health has provided 50 Rapid kits 21 Oct 2020 for testing Coronavirus. Jesu Ashram is authorised to test all the tuberculosis patients for coronavirus. Till date we have tested 15 people. Once the kits are over the government will provide more kits for testing but reminded it is only for tuberculosis patients.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP TO CARRY ON THE HEALING MISSION IN JESU ASHRAM. THANK YOU.

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