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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection" said Winston Churchill. If we could condense all the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: **"God with us" (Emmanuel)**. God wished to be born with and in us in the form of a child. Mary and Joseph created a space for him in their hearts and in their home. In Jesus, God continued to create spaces for us by giving us "life and life in abundance".

In the context of the growing divide between the rich and the poor, the urban and the rural, the polarisation of majorities and minorities, the increase of crony capitalism, corruption, violence and hatred in our country, **Gifts of time and love** are surely the basic ingredients of a truly joyful Christmas.

Every time a hand reaches out to help another.... That is Christmas.

Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding... That is Christmas.

Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other..... That is Christmas.

I believe that in the context of a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous) world of today, each one of us is **called to create safe, brave and creative spaces** in our communities and ministries with vision, understanding, courage and adaptability. May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding and closer to the blessing of peace!

I wish you the Joy and Peace of Christmas and the New Year 2023 filled with God's choicest Blessings. Let us stand in the light of Christ – where Love overcomes hatred; Truth overcomes deceit and Hope overcomes despair.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



## APPOINTED/ APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

**Fr Vincent Hansdak, (HAZ):** Provincial of the Province of Hazaribag, South Asia

**Fr Daniel de Ycaza:** Provincial of the Province of Ecuador

**Fr Alfredo Infante:** Provincial of the Province of Venezuela

**Fr Francis Lim:** Regional Superior of the Region of Malaysia-Singapore

**Fr José Minaku Lukoli (ACE):** President of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JCAM).

**Fr Kanikiaraju M** and **Fr Robert Clement Rodrigues** are approved for the Final Vows.

## APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Denzil W Lobo:** Director, Loyola ITC, MSJ, Bengaluru

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### December - 2022

01-02: Visitation: SAC, Harihar

03-04: Meeting of House Ministers: Ashirvad, Bengaluru

05-09: Discernment Leadership Program - S&W Zones: Prerana

13-17: Visitation: SAC, Mangaluru

18: Province Consult: SAC, Mangaluru

20: Decennial Celebrations: St Aloysius Gonzaga School, Mangaluru

21-22: Visitation: Ashirvad, Bengaluru

24-25: Christmas Mass: FRH, Mangaluru

26-28: Home visit

### January - 2023

03-04: Visitation: Loyola Sadan, Kalaburagi

05-07: Visitation: DNC, Pune

08-10: Visitation: Juniorate, Mumbai

11: Meeting of MSJ Campus Development, Bengaluru

13-14: Visitation, SN (Chennai)

15-23: Meeting of South Zone Provincials in Sri Lanka

26: Platinum Jubilee: SJU Boys Hostel, Bengaluru

28-29: Bijapur Mission Consultation

30: Province Consult: Bijapur

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Triduum for Young Priests:

**December 29-31, 2022, Place:** Ryshivana, Mangalore, **Preacher:** Fr Royston Madtha, SJ

**January 6-8, 2023: Place:** Prerana, Bengaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Anthony Pradeep, SJ

### Province Retreats:

**May 14 – 22, 2023, Place:** Prerana, Bengaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Cedrick Prakash, SJ (GUJ)

**July 01-09, 2023, Place:** Xavier Sadan, Mysuru, **Preacher:** Fr Amalanadan, SJ (AND)

**The Jesuit Family Get-Together:** 14 May 2023 in Bengaluru; 21 May 2023 in Mangaluru; 28 May 2023 in Hassan

## POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN) DECEMBER 2022

**For volunteer not-for-profit organizations:** We pray that volunteer not-for-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

## MEETING OF THE LOCAL SUPERIORS, DOWS & CCMS



A two-day meeting (Nov 13-14) of the Local Superiors, Directors of Works, Commission for Choice of Ministries of the province was held at Prerana. The theme of the meeting was 'Row into the Deep'. Fr Provincial through a brief input on the vow of poverty invited the group to reflect over personal, communal and institutional poverty in order to arrive at some concrete points for implementation. After the input and personal prayer, the group had spiritual conversation and the plenary. The entire exercise was done in a spirit of introspection and openness.

On this occasion, "Naanu Mooka Prekshakanalla" (Kannada translation of Fr. Stan Swamy's book 'I am not a silent spectator') by Dr Vincent and Ms. Lilly Therese, was released; and



the writers were appreciated and honoured. Fr. Maxim Dias, coordinator of the Province Task Force on promoting pluralism, suggested possible ways and means to address the issue. The

## MEETING OF THE HOUSE MINISTERS



House ministers' meet with 14 participants was held on 3 & 4, December at Ashirvad, Bengaluru. Fr Shantharaj T through his reflective input on the theme, "Cura" invited the house ministers to reflect over their role in promoting a culture of care in their communities. The entire first day morning was spent on recollection and spiritual conversation. The afternoon session was handled by Dr Srinivas VK, cardiologist, who spoke on health issues like hyper tension, diabetes, cholesterol, infection, heart ailments. Fr Provincial, in the evening, engaged the entire group on 'Conflict Management'.

The first session of the second day was on Healthy Living and Food Habits by Srs Annie

other topics for deliberation were: Review of the Implementation of KPAP by Fr Ronald Pais, Discernment on our apostolic intervention at Haliyal by Fr Anil D'Souza, and youth ministry by Fr Maxim Dias.

The second day was marked by the joyful celebration of Fr John Pradeep's birthday and the blessing of the renovated cemetery by Fr Provincial. In the session that followed, Fr Teyol Machado made a presentation of the study done on our apostolic intervention at Koppal and Yadgir. While Frs Don Lobo and Santhosh Walder made a study on Koppal, Frs Teyol Machado and Alwyn D'Souza did a study on Yadgir. Our Province is grateful to them for their contribution. Fr Melwin J Pinto presented the evaluation report of the Secondary Schools by the JEASA. Ms Prameetha Adoni shared with us the rationale behind the NEP and the future course of action vis-à-vis the NEP in Karnataka.

A plethora of doubts and queries were raised in connection with the recently introduced 'personal account system' which were clarified, calmly and coolly, by our dynamic province treasurer Fr. Jason Furtado. At the end of the meeting Fr. Provincial addressed the whole group with words of appreciation and encouragement, not without drawing our attention to a few challenges. The meeting ended after a brief evaluation. - Fr Rayappa M

Joseph, Scholastica and Flavia, PDDM, from Holistic Health Care, Bengaluru. While Fr Ja-



son Furtado spoke on "House Maintenance", Fr Joseph D'Mello spoke on maintaining a health

profile in the community and points to be noted while writing the *historia domus*. The two-day programme concluded with the address by Fr Provincial. The house ministers have returned

to their communities with a renewed spirit to set their communities with the flame of care.  
- Fr Vinod AJ

## FACELIFT TO THE MOUNT ST JOSEPH CEMETERY

As the available burial space in the MSJ cemetery was insufficient, the need was felt for its re-vamping and renovation. When the same was intimated to the provincial, he at once vibrated with the idea of giving a facelift to the cemetery. Hence the work began in right earnest in April 2022 with Mr. Justin Fernandes as the architect and Mr. Loy D'Mello as the contractor.

Fr Provincial took keen interest in the entire renovation project, visited the cemetery several times and closely monitored the work. Fr Anthony Joseph personally monitored the work despite all hassles. Fr Jason Furtado looked into the logistics. Fr Clarence D'Souza was a great help in providing the data of the departed Jesuits while exhuming the 42 graves and putting the mortal remains in the urns and depositing them in the 42 niches built in the form of a honeycomb. Now, we have provision for 60 more burials in 20 graves. We have altogether 72 niches to keep the urns built in the hexagonal shape. The renovation work started with the

the project was completed in November 2022.

The splendid fruit of the hard labour of the architect, the contractor and the laborers can be now seen in the beautiful cemetery which has an elegant and imposing structure. The blessing of the renovated cemetery was done by our Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, on 13 November 2022, the feast of St Stanislaus Kostka, the youngest of our saints who died when he was not yet 18. The cemetery is so attractive that



some of the Superiors and DoWs present at the blessing were heard saying that they are dying to come here.

The cemetery has a new look and a beautiful garden. Our novices under the guidance of the Novice Master Fr. John Pradeep and the Socius Fr. Nithin Machado did a wonderful job in creating new alleys with a variety of flower plants all along the cemetery wall, a few alleys lining the main path leading to the crucifix. The crucifix itself, with a canopy, is the cynosure of all eyes.



exhumation of the graves which was a herculean task as the workers, mostly Hindus, were a bit scared and hesitant, to work in the cemetery. This and the incessant rains slowed down the work. Despite all these difficulties and pitfalls,

With its new and very attractive look, the MSJ cemetery is indeed a worthy memorial to the "Resurrecturis" as the inscription on the pedestal of the cemetery cross notes, to those who are awaiting the resurrection. - Fr Richard Sequeira

## SJCC GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Formerly a department of St Joseph's College (SJC) since 1949, St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC) became an independent college in 1972 with its own building on Brigade Road. The year 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of its establishment. The college has the unique distinction of being the only single-discipline college in

the country, and has been awarded 'A++' grade in the NAAC assessment in the Fourth Cycle. Also, the college has been ranked among the 100 top colleges in the country in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for the past several years. Moreover, the reputed periodicals have ranked SJCC among the top ten in the country.

Generations of Josephites have been moulded by the institutional ethos of cultural diversity and constitutional values. Known as an institution of great social relevance it has strived to live by its motto of 'forming men and women for and with others.'

Year-long programmes and activities comprising academic, outreach, student welfare and staff enrichment seminars have spanned the



Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Under academic activities, each of the six departments conducted a unique national-level program which saw participation from across the country. Under social outreach, the institution initiated a sustainable community library project in collaboration with rural NGOs. In addition, the institution has pledged support to the Kole Basava (nomadic tribe) and Snake Charmers communities for projects of solar panels and pushcarts.

The Closing Ceremony of the jubilee celebrations was preceded by a series of programmes: a round-table conference on professional education, a day-long performance and exhibition ("paraspara") from marginalized communities, a national-level short film festival on mental health awareness, and a Travel Expo introduc-

### KJES YOUTH WORKS (PCYM)

The Youth Works team organised a leadership programme (November 19-21) for the student council of St Joseph's High school, Hassan. The sessions were uniquely planned in different Jesuit institutions in Bengaluru so that the leaders-in-the-making could be introduced to the variety of Jesuit works. Moreover, some of the youth who had been part of our earlier leadership programmes took up animation roles and assumed responsibilities as resource persons for different themes.

On the occasion of AICUF Foundation Day and

ing cultural tourism - to name a few. The closing ceremony on November 19 began with a Thanksgiving Mass presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore. Most Rev. Francis Serrao, SJ, Bishop of Shimoga, delivered a thought-provoking homily. Other concelebrants at the Eucharist were Fr. Dionysius Vaz SJ, Provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province, Most Rev. Henry D'Souza, Bishop of Bellary, Most Rev. Bernard Moras, Archbishop Emeritus of Bangalore and over 80 other priests. Students, parents and alumni - over 1300 in number - participated in the Mass.

A formal concluding programme was held at 11.30 a.m. in the college auditorium at which Shri Thawarchand Gehlot, the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, was the chief guest. Mr. F.R. Singhvi (Alumnus 1973) and Mr. Mohandas Pai (Alumnus 1978) were the Guests of Honour. Fr. Dionysius Vaz, SJ, Provincial of Karnataka



presided over the function. The day ended with a splendid performance of "Serenata Chorale" performed by the 120-strong college choir on the college grounds enthralling a gathering of 1200 students, parents, and alumni. - Fr Charles Lasrado

Indian Constitution Day on November 26, the Bengaluru Zone AICUF gathered at St Joseph's University for an inter-unit meet. The event drew together nearly 600 AICUFers from 17 units. As part of our advocacy initiative, a thematic street play based on the Constitution was enacted both for the public as well as the students in attendance. This was followed by an address by Dr Akkai Padmashali on the significance of the Constitution and relevance of AICUF today. On this occasion the North East and Tibetan Students Forum distributed 4000 preamble souvenirs to every staff and student in the campus.

The day concluded with inter-unit sports and a panel discussion on the Indian Constitution.

A Session on 'Synodality and the Role of Youth as Christ Bearers' was conducted for the youth

## ARRUPE NIVAS



With the initiatives of Fr Denzil E Lobo and Fr Xavier Savarimuthu (CCU), a multiyear MOU was signed between the corporates EUROFINS India Limited and SJU for setting up a state-of-the-art research facility equipment lab. Fr Joy Rodrigues, Secretary, BJES, signed the document in the presence of the Vice-Chancellor Fr Victor Lobo and the regional director of EUROFINS. In addition to promoting research, this project will provide hands-on experience to PG students about the latest instrumentation for analytical chemistry, making them industry ready before they graduate. In collaboration with Erasmus+ and FSL India, SJU conducted a full-day youth capacity building international workshop, "CTRL+ALT+DEL" on Cyber-bullying for all the MA (Journalism and Mass Communication) students. Fr Peter Balleis SJ, Director for Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) was at SJU for the JWL meeting.

Fr Victor Lobo attended the Board of Governors' meeting of XIM University, Bhubaneswar. The Outreach Team carried out several activities such as anti-corruption awareness and cleanliness drive, traffic awareness and cleanliness drive, slum survey, paper bag making, sticker campaign on stigma around periods, celebration of Child Rights' Day and a visit to the Bosco Mane children to celebrate Children's Day with them.

The University celebrated Constitution Day with the core objective of showing reverence to the framers of the Indian Constitution and cherish-

## ASHIRVAD



Children's day was celebrated at Spandana Study Center. The Center for Social Concern organized a medical camp for 68 children of the evening study centers of KR Puram area with the help of St Philomena's Hospital. Fr Prashant Madtha underwent angioplasty at Vydehi Superspeciality Hospital. Rid of all the blocks, he says, his heart is now supplied with a lot of fresh

of Resurrection Parish and a similar gathering was made possible at Basavanapura and Kalenaagrahara Parishes by Jesuit theologians on 3rd and 4th December respectively.

- Fr Maxim Dias

ing and inculcating the core values enshrined in the Constitution to the student fraternity. Karnatka Rajyotsava was celebrated by Shift-III staff and students and a well-known film director in the sandalwood industry, Mr Sunil Kumar, popularly known as 'Simple Suni' was the chief guest.

Fr James Chin Kap Sian Muang (KHM) has joined Arrupe Nivas community and is appointed Coordinator of the NECCB (Northeast Catholic Community, Bengaluru) for the ministry among the Northeast People in particular. Fr Victor Lobo published an article entitled 'Linguistic Diversity towards Global Competitiveness,' in Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai.

Sch Julius Tudu (KHM) organised a Migrants Get-together and Karam celebration for the Adivasi migrant community of Jigani on October 30 at SJU. Around 1500 migrant workers working in Bengaluru attended the event. The event began with a Eucharistic Celebration, by Fr Joseph Beck (Director of the Migrant Commission, Archdiocese of Bangalore) and talks by Adv Clifton Rosario and Fr Arun Luis SJ. The occasion was also marked by the presence of a medical team from St. Philomena's hospital for a free medical check-up arranged by the Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru. The organizing committee is thankful to all who generously supported making this event meaningful.

- Fr John Baptist

blood that keeps him more active than ever before! Fr Arun Luis spent about two weeks at a naturopathy treatment center in Chengala (Kerala). He looks more natural now, despite his multiple responsibilities. Fr Joseph A (MDU) attended the annual meeting of Jesuit psychologists at Ranchi. Fr Kuldeep Bara (MP) was back in his province for a three-week legal internship

in a local court. Fr Joseph Lobo was away at JD Pune giving classes to the MTh students. 17

## BIJAPUR



Amidst his regency responsibilities, Sch Noyel Serrao made time to attend IGNOU exams. A few of our parishioners made a pilgrimage to Balki Jatra. The staff of all the units of Bijapur mission attended an awareness programme on POCSO at Loyola PU College & School - at which Fr Cyprian Tellis was the resource person. At the annual sports day of Loyola School and PUC, Mr Kuldeep Chavan, Ex-military man, was the chief guest. Some of our staff paid visits to government schools and addressed the students on how to prepare for exams, and how to protect our environment.

Encouraged by CNFE, the Women's Federation units organized inter-religious celebrations of Deepavali at Shehanshah Nagar and Basaweshvara Colony. The domestic workers' union celebrated the festival of lights at CNFE. For the first time, CNFE had the privilege of organizing a five-day "immersion programme" for the SJIM students who took part in the socio-economic survey of the village. Children's Day was celebrated in 180 children's groups with authentic information about and due honour given to Chacha Nehru. In collaboration with DAPCO and Al-Ameen Medical College, CNFE organized a health camp and HIV-tests. The district judge was the honoured guest at the celebration of Constitution Day arranged for the unorganized youth. Different units and federations of CNFE came together to celebrate the Constitution Day at Barakhaman in which

## FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



As a spiritual preparation for Christmas, we invited Fr Joseph Martis (Mangalore Diocese) to give a talk on Advent ('filling valleys & lowering mountains') which was attended by about 170 people. Fr Terence Farias, Joseph Monteiro and Joseph Rodrigues directed the retreats of small groups of Sisters. Fr Joseph Rodrigues attended a meeting of Jesuit Psychologists in Ranchi. Fr John Gomes is convalescing here after a

## INIGO SADAN



The festive atmosphere of 'Makkala Habba', organized by the Centre for Social Concern for the benefit of less privileged children, includ-

Jesuit House Ministers met at Ashirvad for their annual training program. - Fr Joseph Lobo

nearly 300 people brought home-cooked food and shared it among themselves to express their equality and solidarity. In collaboration with Prison Ministry of India, CNFE conducted a training session for women prisoners in Darga jail on crafting jewellery.

At Sangama, Sindagi, 300 children of 10 tuition centres came together for "chinnara mela". Children's Gram Panchayats were organized in 15 villages. Fr Alwyn D'Souza attended an inter-religious gathering on the occasion of Tippu Jayanthi at Devarahippargi.

Students – 36 in number - from St Joseph's CBSE School, Bengaluru, interacted with the Grade X students of our CBSE School, as part of the twinning programme. A week-long festival of competitions "Talenton" was held as a preparation for Children's Day. The staff entertained the students with a splendid cultural programme. Guess who the chief guest on the occasion was? It was Ms Tanushree Pitrody, child prodigy and Guinness Record Holder in Yoga from Udupi. In response to the students' request, Loyola Snacks Corner (a small canteen) was inaugurated by our campus minister Fr Thomas D'Souza. On World Aids Day, our students reached out to the children of Nava Sanidhya Children's Home. Having cleared the KARTET exam, Fr Lancy Fernandes is now fully authorized to be a teacher.

- Fr Lancy M Fernandes

minor surgical procedure in Fr Muller Hospital. Fr Norbert Fernandes, too, had a check-up and treatment at Muller's, and is back on track. About 50 'Jesus Youth' along with their resource persons had a 2-day resident retreat here. We have resumed the practice of having prayer & Mass at the Fatima Shrine (open area) on Saturdays. - Fr Thomas Quadras

ed a magic show topping the programme of fun and games. On Children's Day the campus buzzed with exciting activities. The social

awareness programme, in which student council members of our institutions focused on creating social awareness among fellow students, had Fr Francis Balraj and Dr Fr Selvin Raj (AND) as the resource persons.

All the units in the campus celebrated the Constitution Day with due solemnity including assemblies and competitions. The AGM of PTA of our institutions, held on November 19, felicitated Mrs Janet Fernandes (high school teacher) on her 25 years of service. On this occasion, cash prizes were awarded to meritorious students. Fr Cyril Menezes shared his reflections on the role and importance of the PTA in assisting the administration of the school. Our high school hockey team has made us proud by securing third place in the State Level Hockey Tournament.

St Joseph's School CBSE took its high school students to Goa on an educational tour. The students interacted with the children of Bijapur and also visited places of historical interest. International Men's Day and the cultural fest 'Tarang' were some of the other important cele-

## JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



Our community joined the CIRW in organizing the Balamela for nearly 500 children from the neighbouring villages. The chief guest on the occasion was Mrs Jayalakshmi (BEO



of Anekal Taluk). We were indeed delighted to have Frs Oswald Mascarenhas, Maxim Dias, Vishal D'Souza and Anthony Arul from Jesuit Nivas and Ashirvad who encouraged and supported us by their joyful presence. Fr Provincial was with us for his annual visitation. We had our recollection talks: on the spirit of Advent by Fr Arun Prashanth D'Souza, and on synodality by Fr Shantharaj T. Fr Cyprian Tellis is presently in Jnana Deepa, Pune, to give a course on Social Teachings of the Church

brations in the campus.

The ELC Club of St. Joseph's Indian Composite PU College organized a few events to spread awareness among students on procedures involved in elections, and also to take part in the mock parliamentary sessions held at the district level. The interclass cultural fest 'Ankura' provided a platform to the students to exhibit their talents in the performing arts. The inter-religious prayer meet had for its theme "Journeying together towards transformation". On this occasion five speakers from different religions spoke on the relevance and urgency of inter-religious harmony. We are proud of the achievement of Ms Sowmiya Carmel who has been awarded a PhD in Chemistry by Bangalore University.

At the annual athletic meet of St Joseph's Indian Primary School the chief guests were Mr Madhukumar (an alumnus and international swimmer) and Mr P L Thimmanna (an alumnus and Indian Hockey player). We congratulate our students on their creditable performance at the State level Hockey and Cricket tournaments.

- Sch Larren Menezes

We had a mid-term evaluation of CIRW in early November, animated by Fr Jerald D'Souza. The celebration of Constitution Day at CIRW was marked by an online competition on "my country, my rights" designed to create awareness of the constitutional rights and values, for about 260 students of Akanshe study centre. St Joseph's Boys' High School students who came here for their outreach program were placed in five different villages of Anekal. They engaged the local people in the "clean village drive", planted saplings, and created awareness on the harmful effects of using plastic. On the occasion of Constitution Day, observed at CIRW with the self-help group women and tailoring students, the resource persons were Mr Baskar Simha and Mr Harish G (faculty at St Joseph's College of Law). Fr Dionysius Vaz, our Provincial joined the celebration of Kannada Rajyotsava and Deepavali organized by the students of tailoring centres at CIRW.

The students of St Joseph's PU College took active part in 'KALOTSAVA' by showcasing their



talents through various cultural activities. On the Constitution Day, the students enacted a mime on Inter-religious harmony and fundamental rights. Fr. Ivan Mendonca inaugurated the Josephite Cricket Premier League. It was heartening to see four girls' teams coming forward to take part in the league.

## JESUIT NIVAS



Std X students of SJBHS visited villages in Anekal as part of their outreach programme. Many schools participated in the 30+ events in 'Phenomenon-2022', a carnival-cum-literary cultural fest organized by the school. 'Eucranium' and 'Infinity' - intra-school fests - enabled students to make exciting expeditions into the world of science and maths. The Primary School had their fun fest, 'Chilgala.' Children's Day and Constitution Day were celebrated with gusto. The school emerged champions at the Clarence Inter-school Basketball U-16 tournament.

At SJPU, 'Equinox' (Inter Collegiate Cultural and Literary Fest) was held after a gap of three years and attracted many participants from the neighbouring colleges. The Book and Literary Club, in association with the KPAP Team, organised an essay-writing competition on the theme "Finding God in All Things". The Constitution Day Celebration was graced by the presence of Justice V Gopala Gowda (former Justice of the Supreme Court of India). The Harmony Club conducted an interreligious harmony dialogue as part of ongoing formation activities.

SJPUEC observed Rajyotsava, Children's Day & Constitution Day with due earnestness. Prof Harisha (of BMS College for Women) addressed the students on our Constitutional rights. The Annual Athletic Meet was the highlight of the month.

St Joseph's College of Commerce which is in its 50th year of independent existence, concluded the Golden Jubilee celebrations on November 19 with a Thanksgiving Mass and closing ceremony programme. Among the dignitaries who attended the programme were the Governor of Karnataka, the Archbishop of Bangalore, and the Provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province. A significant gesture of the Golden Jubilee was the educational tour of 46 administrative and

Apart from the meaningful liturgical celebration on Mission Sunday, the parishioners conducted various activities to raise funds for the Mission. A meaningful liturgy and a programme was organized for all the children to celebrate the Children's day on 27th of November.

- Sch Paul Anand

support staff to Delhi in two batches. The college organized a national level short film festival, 'Animum '22', with the theme "Mental Health among Emerging Adults." Serenata Chorale, the college choir, in association with the Old Students Association, hosted a concert "Back in the Day" on 19 November, thus marking the end of the jubilee celebrations.

The different associations and cells of St Joseph's College of Law organized workshops and seminars on various topics such as "Analysis of public policy" and "Entrepreneurship Development." Weeklong activities dotted the Constitution Week which included street plays, flash mobs and inter-collegiate public speaking competitions – to highlight the constitutional values and ethics. The members of the Constitution Club of SJCL staged a play for the students of Jyothi High School, Kacharakanahalli, highlighting the importance of the Constitution. SJCL played the host for South Regional Rounds of ConQuest, organized by the Centre for Law Policy and Research (CLPR) on the 26th of November, in which 32 teams across India took part.

In the first week of November, St Joseph's Evening College organized COMM-Quiz called 'QUIZOPHILE' An autobiographical theatre performance was staged by a prominent Indian Transgender activist Akkai Padmashali and team as part of "27th Karunegonda Savaalu- Akkai" in SJEC on November 10. Prominent poet Dr. K R Sandhya Reddy was the chief guest for Karnataka Rajyotsava. On account of Constitution Day Celebration, a speech was delivered by Advocate Vasanth Aditya. Dr. Paul Newman, Principal of SJEC, addressed the Minority Forum of the UN Human Rights Council at Geneva on 1st December and made a strong point on the attacks on Churches, the CAA, the hijab controversy and the anti-conversion law in Karnataka. - Fr Praveen Kiran Martis

## LOYOLA Pre-Novitiate



Loyola Annual Day Celebration - a day that evokes nostalgic memories in all the Jesuits who have passed through this, their second home - was celebrated on 22 November. It was an occasion for the pre-novices to showcase their God-given and acquired talents in the presence of their parents and benefactors. Deprived of this celebration in the last two years owing to Covid, the pre-novices amply made up for it



with a solemn Konkani celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, at which Fr Chethan, OFM, officiated and delivered a fervent homily in Kannada. After the Mass the pre-novices entertained their parents, relatives and benefactors with music and dance, and with a short play that conveyed a touching message. We had Fr

## LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



At SXPUC, a talk by Mr Raghavendra (Police Inspector) was organized for the students so as to instill in them values of traffic regulations and women's safety. Fr Maxim Misquith (President of Gulbarga unit of the CRI) organized a CRI

## MANVI



Pre-Novice Leston Prajwal D'Souza (from Loyola, Mangaluru) is here for a three-month mission experience in Pannur. The birthday of Fr Maxim Rasquinha was celebrated with great joy both in the community and in the institutions. Nineteen Bethany tertians spent one month in mission experience in various parts of Pannur-Manvi mission. Around 45 past students turned up for the meeting of the Old Students' Association. In the Job Mela, jointly organized by Loyola College and Loyola Social Work Centre, nearly 160 youth took part from the organized and unorganized sectors. Our benefactors, Marshal and Lenka, along with their two children Marisha and Paulo, after their stay for nearly two weeks, left for Bellary on their way

Cyril D'Mello presiding over the function and



a lay parishioner from Bejai Parish as the chief guest.

Director Fr Anush D'Cunha, who is also the vocation promoter in our region, attended a three-day meeting of directors and vocation promoters at the assistancy level, in Darjeeling. A tangible fruit of the meeting, among other things, was a jarful of rasagullas that he brought as a token of the sweetness of our vocation. We had a hard time getting our meals on time for a few days since both our cooks left without notice. Thanks to Fr Anush's resourcefulness we managed to have food supplied to us on those days by our friends and well-wishers. - Fr Peter Pinto

meeting of Gulbarga deanery. St Xavier's English Medium School had its first PTA meeting. A fun fest "Gulchilgala," was celebrated with several activities to mark the Children's Day. - Sch Christon Gonsalves

back to Slovakia.

Frs Kevin Sequeira, Anil D'Souza and representatives of local units of Vimukthi, Jnanodaya and Loyola Social Service Centre took part in the annual evaluation of Lok Manch. Fr Don Prem Lobo was the coordinator. Lok Manch leaders went through a training in organic farming at the Agricultural University Raichur.

Under the leadership of Fr Praveen Kumar and his team, our athletes from Loyola PU College took part in the District level sports and bagged several prizes including the championship shield in football and volleyball.

Fr Melwyn D'Cunha and his staff went for a

week's study tour to Delhi. Around 60 students from St Joseph's Institute of Management Bengaluru had a four day rural exposure in Pannur. Frs John Crasta and Praveen Kumar attended a five day leadership programme at Chennai. Fr Marcel Rodrigues from Vidya Niketan, Dharwad, spent a few days in our mission to collect data for his doctoral studies. Fr Don Prem Lobo

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH



The Annual Visitation of Fr Provincial helped strengthen our Jesuit companionship. Frs Arockiasamy, Prashanth Wesley D'Souza and Pratap Chandru attended the Jesuit Psychologists' Meet at Ranchi. To their pleasant surprise they realised that the largest contingent of participants were from our Province. Fr Balaraju A. gave classes on Church History, spread over two weeks to our scholastics at KJFCT. Fr Provincial was the main celebrant at the Mass in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kalena Agrahara, on 20th November, at which 53 children received First Communion.

The Novitiate was a beehive of activities in November. Fr Francis Fernandes from Bombay Province (Socius to the Novice Master of the Belgaum Novitiate) finely tuned the spiritual life of the Novices with his vocation story. The Novices celebrated the feast of their patron St Stanislaus Kostka on 14 November, a day after the birthday of their Novice Master Fr John Pradeep, having prepared for it with a triduum. The "Nutty Night with Novices", a community gathering in honour of the feast of St Stanislaus, was not only a feast for the eyes, but also a food for thought. The skit on La Storta Vision, the international dance and the instrumentals, gripped the attention of all who had gathered to celebrate with the novices. Novice Akshay Kumar essayed a pivotal role of Fr Stan Swamy

## NAVASADHANA



In view of the annual day of Navasadhana (NAVASAT-2K22), we conducted a variety of games and competitions for the pre-novices. The theme of the annual day was Kristhananthe naanaagalu. Enhancing the joy of the celebration was the affable presence of parents of Pre-novices, Jesuits from the main community, our neighbors and well-wishers. Fr Santhosh D'Souza, the main celebrant at the Eucha-

rist, preached an inspiring homily. The guests had a successful operation at Vydehi Super-speciality Hospital (Mallya Hospital), Bengaluru and has returned after a week. Mrs Dinah along with her four friends is with us, after a gap of two years, for a weeklong visit to the mission. Mrs. Dinah was the chief guest at the annual day celebration of Loyola Kapepaladi school. - Fr Maxim Rasquinha

during the declamation called YOUNG STAN. Novices were enthused to have an outing to the Jesuit communities in the city. The Jesuits of Arrupe Nivas, Inigo Sadan, Loyola Mandir and Ashirvad ushered us with replenishing generosity. The words of wisdom shared by Fr Ralph da Costa enlightened the novices about the significance of Jesuit obedience. The beauty of Vidhana Soudha, the zeal of lawyers in the High court and the fun and frolic in Indian High School swimming pool boosted the vision of companionship. The novices also cherished the ring side view of the Golden Jubilee of St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Rajyotsava Day was celebrated with cultural programmes by our Institutions. The LCPUC had an exhibition of handicrafts on display. LCPUC celebrated the Constitution Day under the title "The Preamble of the Constitution". The Parent-Teacher Association of LCPUC held its meeting that witnessed an encouraging attendance.

Loyola Degree College observed the Constitution Week with talks and seminars. "Glorium – 22", the third Graduation Ceremony of Loyola Degree College, was marked by solemnity and a 'We Loyolite' feeling. The 'Graduation Garb' (used for the first time) not only highlighted the joy of the students but also that of the staff. - Fr Clarence D'Souza

rist, preached an inspiring homily. The guests



of honour at the cultural programme were Fr



Shanthraj (Director of CMSS) and Fr Daniel Fernandes. The pre-Novices joined the parish

### ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, Hassan

The student council of St Joseph's High school had a three-day leadership training camp at St Joseph's CBSE School, Bengaluru. The students were accompanied by Fr Henry Saldanha and two teachers. It was inaugurated by Frs Maxim Dias and Rohan D'Almeida. The students also had the opportunity to visit St Joseph's University and other Jesuit institutions in the State capital and to enjoy and appreciate the hospitality of the Jesuits. Constitution Day, meticulously planned by Fr Santhosh D'Souza and Mr Peter Rodrigues, was an occasion for the students to recall and value the Preamble, and human rights and duties enshrined in the Constitution.

### SWAMI RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli

We celebrated Kanaka Jayanthi with our staff members. Fr Anthony Dass' inspirational talk led the Holy Angels School staff to a reflective discussion followed by a sharing on their teaching-learning experience in the school. On Children's Day, teachers put up a cultural programme and organized Quest-2022 to enter-

### XAVIER SADAN, Mysuru

Fr James Gonsalves directed an 8-day retreat for religious sisters. Fr Edward Philip attended the meeting of Jesuit Psychologists and Counsellors in Ranchi. On his return he directed an individual retreat and a triduum for a few Sisters and Scholastics. Fr Ivan Sequeira guided a retreat to a group of Sisters. Fr Freddie D'Silva gave a course on discernment, first to the Montfort Tertiaries at Gurumandir, and then to the Sisters at Dhyana Sadhana, Mysuru. He guided a 30-day retreat to religious priests and seminarians and also an 8-day retreat to religious Sisters.

youth to conduct games and competitions in the parish on Mission Sunday. Fr James (from Chikmagalur Diocese) gave a recollection talk to the pre-Novices on 'Our Conversion.' Fr Dheeraj D'Souza was out for the Assistantcy-level meeting of Psychologists at Ranchi and then for the meeting of Pre-Novitiate directors at Darjeeling. We congratulate Schs Sanson D'Souza and Joyal D'Sa, who have been elected as the President and the Academic secretary respectively of St Joseph's College, Hassan.

- Sch Chethan Kumar

"Prerana", an inter-school literary competition, sponsored by Mr Nagaraj (an alumnus) and conducted in the High School, had a rich variety of contests including quizzes, crossword puzzles, essay writing, rangoli, drawing etc.

The school had its sports day, the first after the pandemic. The chief guests were Mr Venkatesh H S (alumnus 1981) and Mr Shanthappa (our retired teacher). At the PTA meeting of St Joseph's Primary English Medium School, Mrs Geetha Kiran Das (retired Deputy Director, Women and Child Welfare Department) spoke on the skills and challenges of parenting.

- Sch Avin Anthony

tain children with fun games. On Constitution Day we had Mr Naveen Kumar (S.I. of Malavalli) as the chief guest and Mr Stevanson (retired ASI) as the guest of honour. The celebration was coupled with the investiture ceremony of the student council. - Sch Steven Joseph

We had a simple celebration of the feast of St Francis Xavier with our retreatants and neigh-



bouring religious sisters. Fr Xavier Christopher was the main celebrant and Fr Freddie was the homilist. Our festive joy was enhanced by the gracious presence of Jesuits from Swami Ra-

Rajendra Nilaya, and tertian Fr Felix Anand who is doing his "internship" at the MC Broth-

### **VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad**



Over 50 youth were present for the youth animation and leadership programme held on the first Sunday of November. Deepavali celebration brought a lot of inter-religious vibe in the community. The president of Dharwad Journalist Guild, Dr Basavaraj Hongal, was the chief guest. Celebration of Children's Day at our tuition centers (Danu Nagar and Ram Nagar) brought a lot of joy to the slum children. Celebration of Constitution Day in collabora-

### **VIDYANIKETAN, Trivandrum**



The beginning of November saw us paying a visit to the cemetery in the campus where four of our deceased brother-Jesuits lie interred. Fr George Sebastian (KER) enlightened us on media education. The presence of the Provincials of the South Zone of JCSA who had a meeting at VN was a blessing to us. The five of them concelebrated at the Eucharist on the feast of

### **SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai**



The sweltering heat of Chennai was mitigated by a spell of northeast monsoon showers - as if to welcome our PCF Fr Francis Fernandes. He motivated us to excel in studies as well as to foster community life. The visit of Fr Henry Saldanha and his fellow-principals of the province schools, was an encouragement for us to aim higher for God's glory.

We had a philosophising session by Justice Chandru (retired judge of Madras High Court, and of Jai Bhim film fame) who spoke to us on "Constitution and Human Rights". Fr M K George, Regional Assistant from Rome, visited us, had a meeting with the staff, and celebrat-

### **VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi**



The socius to the Provincial of the Japanese province visited the community and interacted with the scholastics and gave us a bird's eye view of the mission in Japan. A day of Delhi darshan was an occasion for us to explore the history and culture of Delhi. The visit of our PCF, Fr Francis Fernandes brought us joy. Fr Anil D'Almeida went to Ranchi to take classes

ers' Home for the Destitutes in Mysuru.  
- Fr Edward Philip D

tion with Lourdes Nursing School was a boost to our national identity. The visit of the Procurator Delegate, Fr Joseph D'Mello, gave us a broader perspective of our province. The newly ordained priests' pastoral sharing was held at Vidya Niketan under the guidance of PCF Fr Francis Fernandes. Fr Joyson Vas attended the assistancy level meetings in Ranchi and Darjeeling. - Sch Prakash

St John Berchmans - with Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial of Karnataka as the main celebrant, and Fr K A Stanislaus (AND) as the homilist. The solemn Mass was the culmination of the preparation by the whole community by way of choir practices, novena and other arrangements.  
- Sch Frewin G D'Souza

ed the Eucharist for the whole community. Sch Vivian Saldanha went to Jnana Deepa along with seven others to present a paper on "transgenderism and feminist critique" at a seminar jointly organized by Satya Nilayam and Jnana Deepa. Our involvement in weekly ministry in parishes, neighbourhoods and slums has become more committed thanks to the prayerful sharing session we had. Fr Francis D'Souza went for a short visit to Jnana Deepa, Pune for the revisor's work. Fr Lawrence Fernandes, despite his hectic schedule, took time off to go to Bengaluru to attend the annual meeting of the Catholic Faculties of India at Dharmaram Vidyakshetram. - Fr Francis D'Souza

on Hinduism. Fr Anthony D'Souza prepared us for the feast of St Francis Xavier by giving us a recollection talk on "Missionary par Excellence." Schs Arvin Pais, Leston Lobo, and Fr Anil D'Almeida had to be hospitalised due to Dengue. Sch Leston in particular was more affected and is now back in the community recuperating.  
- Sch Avinash D'Souza

The participation of the juniors in MAGIS 2022, held at St Peter's Church, Bandra, was a boost to the youth who had attended it. We accompanied the youth in their visits to various social outreach centres for their 'Anubhav' (experience). Shortly after Magis, we went to Khandala for an outing. Fr John Francis (KER), who was on the staff here bade farewell to us. The ju-

niors were happy to welcome the 'Halo Hero', Bl Carlo Acutis (the saintly youth model) whose relics were brought to and venerated in the Holy Family Church, Chakala. The juniors conducted an adoration service on the occasion. We were happy to welcome Fr Francis Fernandes, our PCF who was here on his annual visit.

- Sch Denver A Pushpam

### OURS IN PUBLICATION

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### REST IN PEACE

**Fr Patrick Tete, SJ, (RAN)**, 97/73, on 26 November in Ranchi.

**Fr Abraham Adappur, SJ, (KER)**, 96/78 on 03 December in Calicut.

**Fr Francis D'Souza, SJ, (DAR)**, 69/51, on 06 December in Matigara, Darjeeling.

**Fr John Santos, SJ, (PUN)**, 94/71, on 11 December in Sanjeevan, Pune.

**Fr I Chinnappa** from the Arch-diocese of Bangalore, uncle of Fr Vinod Paul, on 11 December in Bengaluru.

**Fr S Arulanandam, SJ, (NEP)**, 62/35, on 12 December in Kathmandu, Nepal.

**Mr John Pais, 82**, paternal uncle of Fr Antony Pais, on 23 November, in Mangaluru.

**Mr Edwin Frederick Martis, 80**, paternal uncle of Fr Praveen Kiran Martis, on 01 December, in Mangaluru.

**Mr M.R. Augustine, 91**, paternal grandfather of Sch A Abraham Clinton on 03 December in Bengaluru.



**Fr Provincial and Loyola Mandir Community wish all readers of KS a very happy Christmas and a grace-filled New Year 2023. May God-with-us, Emmanuel, bless each one of us.**