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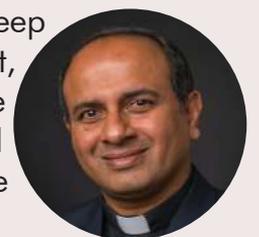
PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

These days I have been pondering on how to navigate the province in “rowing into the deep,” to discern in the midst of challenging times with issues that confront us like the NEP, challenges to pluralism, the growing divide between the rich and the poor, and the polarisation between the majorities and minorities. As religious committed to reconciliation, justice and peace, we express our concern at the deteriorating situation of our nation on every front.

In order to achieve greater spiritual, intellectual, emotional and collaborative depth we need to have a growing appreciation of solitude, contemplation and discernment. We need to develop a contemplative attitude toward life in general if we are to nurture and sustain a rich healthy inner life. The interior life is a place of self-knowledge, self-nurturance, challenge, and peace. Several ways we can do this are by:

1. Listening to the poor and the world around us, because it is in and through poor and events that we encounter God and what God is calling us to be;
2. Prioritizing the God-relationship in our lives by recognizing the importance of both personal and communal prayer and then acting accordingly.
3. Reading the signs of the times and praying with scripture where we encounter God's self-revelation most directly.
4. Maintaining a healthy balance between action and contemplation;
5. Making efforts to nurture our faith through spiritual reading, spiritual conversation, and on-going formation;
6. Opening ourselves to the possibilities of grace that fill and surround us and sometimes the kinds of grace that even come kicking, scratching or begging at our door.

The inner life, the spiritual life, the one we all long for as a way of finding a deep well within ourselves will remain calm and pure no matter how stormy, violent, or polluted the interpersonal “weather” around us becomes. The possible way forward during these challenging times should be Hope, Healing and Harmony, along with Struggle, Solidarity and Sustained engagement in the present socio, political, economic, cultural and religious context.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED/ APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Joseph Pham Tuan Nghia: Provincial of the Province of Vietnam
Fr Máximo Mendoza Coronel: Provincial of the Province of Paraguay

Fr Jerald M D'Souza and **Fr John Lang Bosco** are approved for the Final Vows.

APPOINTED/ ASSIGNED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr James Chin Kap Sian Muang (KHM): Coordinator of North East Catholic Community in Bengaluru
Fr Prashanth Sequeira: Legal Work, CNFE, Bijapur Mission

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

November

03-06: Visitation: Bijapur Mission
08-11: Visitation: Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru
12-13: Meeting of LS, DoWs & CCMs: Ashirvad, Bengaluru
14: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru
19-23: Visitation: MSJ Seniors, Bengaluru
24-25: Visitation: SICJ, Trivandrum
26: Meeting of South Zone Provincials, Trivandrum
27-30: Visitation: Jnana Jyothi, Anekal

December

01-02: Visitation: SAC, Harihar
03-04: Meeting of Ministers: Ashirvad, Bengaluru
05-10: Discernment Leadership Program - S&W Zones: Prerana
12-17: Visitation: SAC, Mangaluru
18: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru
20: Decennial Celebration: St Aloysius Gonzaga School, Mangaluru
21-22: Visitation: Ashirvad, Bengaluru
24-25: Christmas Celebrations: FRH, Mangaluru

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholastics **Aravind Royce J, Arvin Jeevan Pais, Ashwin D'Silva, Avinash D'Souza, Jaison Lobo, Leston Baptist Lobo, Vishal Melroy Pinto** and **Vinod Mathias Saldanha** have applied for their diaconate ordination. If anyone has information or suggestions for a discerned decision on this matter, please send them to the Provincial by **25 November 2022**.

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN) NOVEMBER 2022

For Children who Suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

YOUNG PRIESTS' MEET: Mundgod



The first Young Priests' Meet of the academic year was held on 22-23 October at LVK, Mundgod. The resource person, Fr Jerome D'Souza, spoke on Intellectual Apostolate and referred us to the documents of the GCs and to Fr Arrupe's letter on intellectual apostolate. Speaking to the young priests, Fr Provincial stressed on the importance of the intellectual life for a

Jesuit both as a way of life and as an integral part of the Society's ministry. In the plenary session, in the afternoon, the summaries of small group discussions were presented, and Fr Jerome gave his concluding remarks. The Meeting concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist in the evening, followed by the address of Fr Prashanth W. D'Souza (PCF) to the young

priests. The day ended with a fellowship meal.



The second day made time for sharing, caring

KJES YOUTH WORKS (PCYM)

MAGIS: Shortly after the MAG+S programme at Manvi in early October, another MAGIS was organised for 130 students of SAPUC at St Aloysius Student Hostel, Mangaluru from October 22 to 24. The uniqueness of this MAG+S lies in the fact that the entire programme was planned, organized and executed by a core group of AICUF youth who had attended the earlier MAG+S. Some distinctive features of this latter MAG+S are: Taize prayer and Eucharist on the beach, Ignatian immersion, candle light rosary, Deepavali celebration, Yakshagana, personal faith testimonies, etc.

IGNATIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME: The KJES Youth Commission initiated a new programme called "Ignatian Youth Leadership Training Programme" (modelled after JESCOL). It is aimed at training upcoming Christian leaders to contribute to Jesuit apostolates in different capacities. The first

ARRUPE NIVAS

A team from Loyola College, Chennai, visited St Joseph's University to explore the avenues for upgrading Loyola College to the status of a University. Frs Victor Lobo, Swebert D'Silva, Francis D'Almeida and Mr Clement D'Souza attended the Xavier Board Triennial in Goa. The Alumni/ae Association, in collaboration with St Martha's Hospital, organised a medical camp for all the staff. The first elected body of the Student Council of SJU had their investiture ceremony in the presence of our alumnus, Dr M V Rajeev Gowda (former MP and a spokesperson for the Indian National Congress). We celebrated Diwali with an inter-religious prayer service at which Dr Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy (well known Kannada poet) was the chief guest. A week-long programme was conducted for

and relaxing. The highpoint was the picnic to Dandeli and a visit, on the way back, to Sch Noel Dias' family, which was followed by a visit to West Coast Paper Mills. Thus, the Young Priests' Meet was filled with moments of intellectual vigour as well as fraternal care and bonding. Fr Wilson Moras, along with the Superior and Community of Mundgod, played an important role in making the Meeting fruitful and memorable. - Fr Vinod A J

workshop (Oct 28-29) was held at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru which was attended by 60 students from different institutions across Karnataka.

AICUF: Nearly 70 AICUFers from Karnataka participated in YUVAJANOTSAVA-22 (Oct 22-25) held at Christ School, Bengaluru. Two of our members - Mr Bala Ranjith and Ms. Viola Reshma Lewis - were honoured with the *Yuvaratna* Award for their selfless and exemplary service towards society. Similarly, six AICUF members from Karnataka took part in the National Youth Skill Training Program held at AICUF House, Chennai. The AICUF State Council has signed an agreement with a government school at Shantinagar according to which AICUF members will conduct classes on a voluntary and regular basis for the school children on subjects like computers, music, Yoga, spoken English, etc. - Fr Maxim Dias

the induction and mentorship of the new faculty members. Also 'Mentorship at SJU - A Trans-



formative Practice' was organised for the benefit of all the mentors.

The thanksgiving Eucharist on 1st November, presided over by Archbishop Peter Machado, was followed by a programme of felicitation of all the persons who had toiled to turn St Jo-

seph's University from a dream into a reality. Some of our students participated in the National AICUF leadership camp held in Chennai, and more than a dozen AICUF members attended YUVAJANOTSAVA organised by Mandya Diocese in Christ University. Many of our students took part in the Ignatian Leadership Seminar conducted by Fr Joyson Vas and Fr Maxim Dias. CLC, CSA and Jesus Youth have resumed their prayer meetings and service activities in the campus on a regular basis.

Fr Xavier Savarimuthu (CCU) participated (3-5 November 2022) in YOUTH FOR CLIMATE ACTION: A UN conference for advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) organised by

ASHA KIRAN



Internal exams over, the scholastics had a few days to relax. During the one-day outing, they embarked on exploring Mangaluru. A few scholastics assisted as animators at the Magis programme in Manvi. Fr Francis David Kullu, SJ (RAN) shared with us his experience as a Je-

ASHIRVAD



Spandana Study Center: Four scholastics from Inigo Sadan began their weekly ministry of four evenings a week at the Spandana Study Center. They are involved mainly in taking classes to the slum children. Meanwhile two more evening study centers are opened, one each in Nagavara and K R Puram. Communities of Arrupe Nivas and Jesuit Nivas have generously donated note books to the children of these centers. XLRI Rotary club has come forward to support two of these centers.

HRDC: After three JESCOL II programs for our collaborators in the Education apostolate, a series of 'Laitiy Formation' programs have begun at Ashirvad. The first series includes topics like marriage and family, sacraments, liturgy, social teachings of the Church, option for the poor, etc. Fr Cyprian Tellis is the resource person for these sessions. The second series, with Bible as the subject, will begin in the first week of January, 2023. Fr Jerome D'Souza will be the resource person. The HRDC also organized two interreligious Ignatian retreats at Dhyana-

The Sustainability Platform (TSP) Asia and Mysore University. The post graduate students of Environmental Science and Sustainability from SJU cherished their participation in this conference to send a climate dialogue paper to the Participants of COP 27 (6-18 November 2022) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

Our student, Tarushi Vikram, was named the fastest woman driver in the FIA Rally Star Asia Pacific Finals held at Chennai. Another student, Cedric Paul, won the gold medal in the Karnataka State Boxing Championship. Ayush Dipu won silver in the IHFF 2022 AIMMAF National MMA Championship held in Bombay.

- Fr John Baptist

suit. Fr Ronald Pais directed an Ignatian retreat at St Joseph seminary, Jeppu. Dr Mona Mendonça (of St Aloysius College, Mangaluru) gave us a talk on Christianity in Mangalore and her encounter with the Jesuits. - Sch Agil Roy J

ma for our staff members from educational institutions, each lasting for four days. Frs Joseph D'Mello and Joseph Lobo were the respective preachers. Fr Joseph Lobo taught theological courses at Vidyajyothi (Delhi), JD (Pune) and Ryshivana (Mangaluru). He was the resource person for a day's programme on 'Challenges of our mission today', for the superiors of the Karnataka-Goa province of the Capuchins.

MAIN: The MAIN has now got a helpline number (18008912995). At present training programs for various collaborators are on. AICUF, CRI of Richmond zone, PG political science students of SJU, migrant groups at Jigani are made aware of this available helpline. Frs Arul Anthony and Prashanth Sequeira conducted sessions at ISI, Bangalore for the staff of various Jesuit organizations, who work with migrants.

IRHM conducted a meaningful celebration of Deepavali. Ashirvad hosted the annual meeting of PDDs of the Assistency. Our own Fr Joel Fernandes resided at Ashirvad during his internship at ITC Devanahalli. - Fr Joseph Lobo

Fr Francis Menezes and a few others attended the Bhalki Jatra of Infant Jesus Shrine on its 25th anniversary. The annual Visitation of Fr Provincial helped us refocus on the relevant aspects of our mission.

CNFE-Vijayapura was the proud recipient of the Rajyotsava Award at the district level when it was recognized and honoured for its humanitarian service to society in 2021-22. Kudos to Fr Teyol Machado and the CNFE team. Some of



the other important events held at CNFE were: the celebration of World Suicide Prevention Day at Madin Kani Slum; a health camp for domestic workers organized in collaboration with Family Planning Association of India; Gandhian values imparted to 19 slums, 301 SHGs and 180 children's groups, and Senior Citizens' Day celebrated in collaboration with St Anne's Parish. Legal awareness programme was held at Maruti Colony, Darga to enable people to

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



Frs Joseph Monteiro, Joseph Rodrigues and Terence Farias directed retreats to groups of sisters. About 1300 students of St Aloysius PU College had a 2-day retreat here preached by Fr Franklin D'Souza (Shimoga) and team. On their Patron's feast day (St Alphonsus Rodriguez), Brothers Anthony Crasta and Benedict

INIGO SADAN



The community had a two-day outing to spend time together and relax. In collaboration with Lions International, the Centre for Social Concern organised a two-day eye camp for the students of our high school and community college.

St Joseph's School, CBSE and St Joseph's Indian High School held their Annual Athletic Meet.

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Ten batches of students from BJES institutions have, so far, completed their exposure programmes, hosted by Sangama CIRW. The students went back carrying eye-opening experiences and heart-warming memories of their stay in the villages. Their activities included - among others - surveys on school dropouts, differently-abled persons and those deprived of government facilities, environmental conservation, street plays on the ill-effects of alcoholism, etc. One day evaluation of social action work was conducted by Fr Jerald D'Souza. Children's rights awareness programmes were held in government schools. Inter-religious celebrations of Diwali and Eid Milad had four leaders present - representing different religions.

At Loyola CBSE Pre-Primary School, Dr Vinaya Hugar, IAS, was the chief guest during the 'Balloons Day' (a kite festival). At the annual Sports Meet, the chief guest was Ms Annapurna Bho-sale (famous Women's Cricket T-20 player from Vijayapura). Gracing the occasion was Mr H N Hammal (BEO of Sindagi). A special Sports Day was held for parents too. Mr H. M. Poojar (child litterateur) was our honoured guest at Kannada Rajyotsava celebration. Our students won 4 medals at the Sports Meet held at St Joseph's CBSE School, Bengaluru.

- Fr Lancy M Fernandes

Rosario were warmly greeted and treated by the community with a special prayer, felicitation and dinner. As this report goes to the editor, Fr John Gomes is in Muller's hospital for investigation of and treatment for a couple of health issues. Do keep him in your prayer.

- Fr Thomas Quadras

The sprawling playground wore a festive look with colourful flags and well laid tracks. The highlight of the event was the well-coordinated March Past by the PTA members and the senior alumni.

The staff members of St Joseph's Indian High school and St Joseph Composite PUC were happy to visit Goa and Dandeli for a three day

tour. The Harmony Club in association with the PTA organized a meaningful celebration of Eid Milad and Deepavali celebration. The students had the privilege of attending the eventful programmes of “Koti Kanta Gayana” and the Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations at Kanteerava stadium. A training programme was organized for the staff on understanding the skills of mentoring students by the Samagra team at St Joseph’s PUC campus to undertake academic, psychological and career mentoring of our students. The boys’ hockey team of PUC were the

winners at the Department District level tournament. Eleven of them are selected to represent the state level.

The staff of SJIPS had a rewarding educational tour to Manali. They also had an interactive workshop on value education, commitment and student centric teaching skills. Many of our students took part in the All India Child Art Competition organised by Maruthi Art academy; and 37 of them have won gold and silver medals. - Sch Larren Menezes

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



Having completed their semester exams and paper presentations, the scholastics left for Dharwad for ‘Kannada Deevige’. The programme comprised talks by renowned persons, performances by folk artists and visits to different religious places in and around the twin-city of Hubli-Dharwad. Frs Jeevan James and Vincent Jaison had their immersion programme as part of their college activities.

Our benefactors – the Taldeka team from Spain - paid a visit to Anekal mission. The team was

present with Fr Kevin Sequeira, Director, to witness the inauguration of the tailoring center in Gaurenahalli. The existing tailoring centre at the Jnana Jyothi campus celebrated Ayudha Pooja in the true Dasara spirit. Fr Shantharaj T, blessed the vehicles and the building.

Twelve of our catholic students participated in the MAG+S programme in Manvi. The ‘Koti kanta’ singing competition was organised in the college to encourage students in singing.

- Sch Paul Anand

JESUIT NIVAS



At St Joseph’s Boys’ High School, ‘GRAMEENA UTSAVA - Namma Halli Habba’ was inaugurated by distinguished dignitaries: Fr Brian Pereira (Rector), Dr Akkai Padmashali (a social activist), Mr Lohithashwa Reddy (DDPI, Bengaluru North), and Mr Jayaprakash P (BEO Bengaluru North). Josephites and their parents got a glimpse of rural games, traditional cuisines, varied dance forms and the rich heritage of the state. It was indeed a celebration of rural life. SJBHSMUN, an inter-school Model United Nations Conference, met with resounding success. The young, fiery delegates engaged in three days of debate, youthful deliberations, negotiations and diplomacy. Mr Achim Burkart, the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Bengaluru was the chief guest. The school celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with joy and fervour. Hindi Diwas, Gandhi Jayanti, and Deepavali were celebrated with pomp. A few staff members attended a two-day fire safety training workshop. Our special educators and pre-primary teachers conducted a two-day workshop for the staff

of our twinning partners, the schools in Pan-nur-Manvi.



SJBHS are champions in the Baldwin Shield Inter-school

U-10 & U-14 football tournament and runners up in the U-16 tournament.

The team of Samagra (St Joseph’s Holistic Wellness Centre) were involved in conducting a number of workshops on personality development: a faculty enrichment programme for the PU teachers of Harihar and Mundgod; a faculty enrichment programme for the teaching staff of St Joseph’s PU College, Bengaluru; a workshop for the high school students of Cluny Convent, Bengaluru on the topic “Mental Health for Adolescents”; and a staff enrichment workshop for the staff of St Joseph’s Indian Composite PU College, Bengaluru.

The research centre of St Joseph's College of Commerce, facilitated a two-day Faculty Development Programme on Data Analysis. Dr S Xavier of Loyola College, Chennai, was the resource person. The Student Council conducted 'Big Day OFF' - a programme designed to recognize and thank the support staff for their immense contribution to keeping the campus clean. As part of the programme, nearly 40 students cleaned the college floor, corridors and staircases from 9.00 am to 12.15 pm on Oc-

LOYOLA MANDIR



Fr Boniface Lewis returned to the Kohima Region after completing his medical checkups and fixing his health issues. Fr Jason Furtado attended the South Asia Assistency Treasurers' (COJET) meeting in Darjeeling. Fr Gerard Rego (KHM) spent a few days at LM looking into his medical needs. With the latest gadgets in his

LOYOLA Pre-Novitiate



Loyolites celebrated their annual Community Days from October 17 to 19 under the baton of Sch Royster Monis and pre-novice Lestern. In three batches of six each, they contested in various activities – games, acting, oratory, drawing, painting, marathon, treasure hunt, etc – making certain that everyone was an achiever in one or

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



St Xavier's Institutions bid farewell to Sch Arun Lobo and welcomed the new regent Sch Christon Gonsalves. The latter has taken charge as the warden of Boys Hostel. Fr Maxim Misquith (President of the CRI Gulbarga Unit) addressed the CRI members of Bidar Zone on the theme of Mission. Bishop Robert Miranda, the local Ordinary, visited the campus and addressed the staff and students of the PU College and interacted with the community members. The PTA meeting of SXPUC had Dr Suryakanth Sujath as the main speaker. The Christian students

MANVI



High school and PU students – 51 in all - spent one week in Bellary {Tornagal} for training in target shooting. Fr Joseph D'Mello (Procurator Delegate) met every one in our community to gather information on our life and mission here. Five teachers and special educators from St Joseph's B.H. School spent two days with us and interacted with our staff and students. Fr

tober 15. Kalotsav - 2022, an intra-collegiate cultural fest, was hosted this year on the theme "CINEMA". More than 2000 students took part in the various events. As the Bharath Jodo Yatra led by Mr Rahul Gandhi touched the outskirts of Bengaluru, the students of Hashmi Theatre Forum, an association of the college, presented a street play highlighting the plight of the people of the country which was highly appreciated by Mr Gandhi and his team.

- Fr Praveen Kiran Martis

ears, Fr Rego says he can even hear the whisper of angels. Fr Jossie D'Mello gave a day's FDP to the staff of AIMIT, Mangaluru. Fr Olvin Veigas preached a weeklong retreat to the Caritas Christi members in Montfort Sadan, Pune.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

the other of the contests. The variety of banana saplings planted by Sch. Larren Menezes have been yielding large bunches of sweet plantains. Pre-novices - Lestern and Edward – are out at Manvi and Mundgod respectively on a three-month mission experiment. - Fr Peter Pinto

of the college participated in the MAG+S programme at Manvi and the leadership training programme at Bengaluru.

Back from their mid-term holidays, the students are actively participating in the mandatory and regular competitions and programmes. Now that the first summative assessment is complete, the school is gearing up to the first mega parent-teachers meet. Our classrooms are all set for LCD projectors with the required electrical wiring and fittings. - Sch Christon Gonsalves

Wilson Moras spent a few days at Jesuit Nivas as Revisor of St Joseph's institutions. Fr Ashwin Cordeiro celebrated his Thanksgiving mass at St Peter's Church, Pannur. At the felicitation ceremony that followed, Fr Rayappa eulogized the life and services of Fr Ashwin as Deacon in Manvi Parish. Sisters of Premanjali and the parishioners separately felicitated Fr Ashwin.

Sr Cecilia Mendonca, Bethany Provincial spent a day with us and met her three Sisters. Our benefactors Lenka and Marshal with their chil-

dren Marisha and Paulo have arrived from Slovakia. - Fr Maxim Rasquinha

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



The Collaborators Day, organized by Frs Pratap Chandru, Denzil W Lobo, and Kanikiaraju, brought all our collaborators together. Fr Jerome D'Souza addressed the gathering on the occasion. Fr Clarence D'Souza is back in the community after helping the retreatants at Mangalore and Mysore to find God in all things. Fr Alphonse Fernandes attended the Xavier Board



Meeting held at Goa. We were all saddened by the sudden demise of our

dear Fr Victor D'Silva. He suffered from cerebral haemorrhage and though rushed to hospital, he breathed his last in the early hours of 3 November. The funeral Service, Mass and Burial, took place on the following day. Fr Provincial presided over the Eucharist and Fr Victor's nephew Fr Ajay D'Silva, led the Final Prayers



of Commendation. We, in the Community, miss the visible, quiet, gentle and silent presence of Fr Victor, who was regular for all activities – spiritual and community. May he intercede for us from above.

The novices attended the first Thanksgiving Mass of Fr Anthony Derrick. It was a multilingual mass and the soothing choir by novices added feather of beauty to the celebration. Fr Arun

Kumar gave us enriching inputs on SOF (service of faith) that inspired the novices to gain insights on pastoral ministry. On the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the novices conducted a creative recitation of the rosary around the campus on the theme 'synodality'. Fr Mohan gave us a few tips on sight-singing and voice culture.

The Novices went to FISI (Franciscan Institute of Spirituality, India) at Kengeri for a week as part of the inter novitiate programme to deepen their knowledge of the book of Psalms. Fr Salvador, OFM (Cap), was the resource person. Fr Pradeep Perez (CCU) shared his splendid vocation story and enthused the novices to know and love the Society of Jesus in a deeper way. A few benefactors (Taldeka group from Spain) visited the Novitiate and interacted with the novices. Fr John Pradeep, the Novice Director, guided the retreat of the Canossian sisters at Desur, Belgaum. The novitiate has a new team of office bearers led by Royal. Fr W. K. Pradeep (KHM) shared with us his insights on vocation promotion.

The ward leaders of the parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Kalena Agrahara) organized the devotion to the Rosary in their respective wards. Confirmation was administered to adults of the parish numbering 88 by Most Rev Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, on 30th October.

Students of LCPUC enthusiastically participated in the 3-day Kalotsava celebration. The chief guest at the concluding function was Mr Abhishek Shetty (Film Actor/Director), an alumnus of the college. After winning in some sports events at the district level, our students have been selected for the state level competitions. On the occasion of the 67th Karnataka Rajyotsava, the staff and students of Loyola Institutions joined in the singing of "Koti Kanta Gayana"

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated by LVK-Hangal with 'Cleanliness Drive' in two villages. Women SHGs and Lokmanch leaders took up a similar drive in a few more villages. Two programmes on self-employment separately for men and women were organized with an interface with government departments and other NGOs.

'Samskruthika Mela', organized by LVK-Mundgod and the Yuvaratna Youth Federation, attracted 14 youth groups to participate. The special camp, organized for the children of the learning centers, included activities like sports, input sessions on child rights, health & hygiene, and motivation talks. The MSW students of Government First Grade College, K R Nagar, Mysore were in Ugginkeri as part of their immersion programme. LVK conducted Positive Deviance Hearth (PDH+) programme in Tamyankoppa

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



The department of Political Science and the Nehru Study Centre of Mangalore University jointly organized a one-day National seminar on 'Understanding Gandhi'. Kendonians, a Kannada drama directed by Mr Christopher Neenasam, is selected for the prestigious Bharath Ranga Mahotsav 2022. Diwali was uniquely celebrated with an inter-religious participation promoting interfaith harmony. Ms Viola Reshma Lewis (III B.Com) has received the Yuva Ratna award at 'Yuvajanotsava' (Karnataka Regional Youth Convention).

St Aloysius College (Autonomous) paid its last respects to Professor Dr Norbert Lobo who passed away on 20th October after a brief illness. Staff and students - nearly seven thousand in number - gathered in the Mother Teresa Peace Park to bid farewell to their beloved professor, the director of the Admin Block and a strict yet gentle mentor. May he rest in peace. The College observed World Food Day, World Mental Health Week, and Wildlife Week. The Institute of Konkani organised a national-level symposium on the theme Konkani Bhaas – Novo Sonvsar Novo Distavo. Our NCC cadets (from Army, Navy, Airwing) represented the Karnataka and Goa directorate.

In SAPUC, Rev Dr Henry D'Almeida SJ (Pro-

Village.

The annual visitation of Fr Provincial was a moment of grace for all of us. We were happy to welcome 35 young priests of our province who had their annual Young Priests' Meet at LVK.

The staff of Loyola Children's Home together with the support staff of LKV had an outing at Sathodi Falls. 'Deepavali' was celebrated in Loyola Institutions and in the hostel with interreligious prayer followed by a cultural programme. On World Food Day, LKV collected grocery items from the students to be distributed to poor families. Kannada Rajyotsava was observed with a fitting cultural program in our institutions. As a community we went to Holy Cross House, Honavar, for a day of prayer and faith sharing. - Fr Leo Florence

Professor of Philosophy, JD, Pune) addressed the students on 'Spiritual Insights from Indian Religions', and the staff on 'Insights on Leadership from various Religions'. The College organized a two-day annual retreat, "Renew 2022" for catholic students at FRH; and also MAGIS - a three-day Ignatian retreat. The Centre for Inter Religious Harmony (CIRH) celebrated Deepavali. The non-teaching Staff attended a day's enrichment programme at Aloysian Students' Home, Someshwar. A talk on 'Incredible Serpents of India' by Ms Sharanya (an ophiophilist) was organized by the Centre for Ecological Concern. The Centre for Social Concern organized a collection drive in order to help the students of government schools, and inmates of old age homes and orphanages. College fests – Cosmos 2022 for science students, and Metacon 2022 for Commerce & Arts students - were organized. NCC cadets of SAPUC represented Karnataka and Goa directorate in All India Vayu Sainik Camp Jodhpur and All India Thal Sainik Camp Delhi.

Two members of the staff of St Aloysius Gonzaga School - Ms Laurel D'Souza and Ms Aparna Suresh – attended the 4-day JESCOL inter-religious Ignatian retreat at Prerana. A talent hunt, named "Gonzaga Got Talent (GGT)" was held for classes KG to XI. The school was selected by

by CBSE as a lead school to organize a session for the hub schools on financial literacy and the use of digital tools. The resource person for the session was Mr Vishal R N, a well-known professional in learning and development. The "Fruit Salad Day", celebrated in the Kindergarten, sensitized the tiny tots on consuming fruits in their regular diet, and also taught them the art of preparing fruit salads.

The High School PTA, with the cooperation of the staff and students, organized an interfaith prayer service. A powerful message was delivered on this occasion by CSI Pastor Sandeep Theophil, an alumnus of the school, on the necessity and urgency of living in communal harmony. At the Taluk level sports event, the Primary and High School students won a good number of prizes and have qualified themselves for the District level.

St Aloysius Institute of Education had its annual athletic meet on the centenary grounds. Dr Suresh Kumar T (Director of Physical Education at St Ann's College of Education) was the chief

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, Hassan



A team consisting of Frs Melwyn A Lobo, Melvin Lobo and Steevan Gonsalves visited our schools for an evaluation. They met the HM, staff, Jesuits, PTA and Alumni. Fr Henry Saldanha and Sch Avin A. accompanied the office staff and support staff on their two-day sight-seeing trip to Bengaluru. Among other things, they had the joy of seeing the Vidhana Soudha, St Joseph's University and other Jesuit institutions.

A well appreciated staff seminar on Mentoring and Counseling Skills was organized by the management. Fr Cyril Pereira, a Franciscan priest from Palya, was the resource person, and the participants were teachers of our high school and of our primary (Kannada & English medium) schools. At the interfaith celebration of Deepavali, Mrs Premkumari gave a beautiful message. On the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava which was celebrated on a grand style, Mr Kireetappa (Kannada teacher) gave an appropriate message. Our NCC troop participated in the Rajyotsava programme organized by the Department of Education at the District Stadium.

guest, and inaugurated the athletic meet. At the 15th Annual Day of the Institute, Dr Flossy D'Souza (Associate Professor, St Ann's College of Education) was the chief guest.

Our technical training institute (SAITI) has a new computer lab inaugurated by Fr Praveen Martis and blessed by Fr Rohan (Director of ICYM) on the occasion of Ayudha Pooja. Our tailoring and fashion design students visited a few malls and a number of garment showrooms in the city in order to study the quality and variety of clothes. Our students of MRAC (Refrigeration and Air-conditioning) serviced 80 air-conditioners at AIMIT as part of their practical training. Also, our student-electricians paid a visit to Varahi Power Plant to gain first-hand knowledge about generating electricity. Having visited the homes of some of our students, our staff have realized with dismay the pathetic living conditions of some of the students, and have now resolved to make some arrangements to provide assistance. Director, Fr John D'Souza, attended a three-day Management Development Programme at Pune. - Fr Leo D'Souza

Students of St Joseph's English Medium School won the overall championship in the cluster level sports. Visits to places of worship of different religions and interactions with religious leaders gave our students a fist-hand experience of unity in diversity. Also, a visit to the School for the Blind had a lasting humanizing impact on them. As a token of their love, they gifted the school with a Braille Ludo. A meeting of the PTA was held on a convenient day during which relevant issues related to the school were discussed.

St Joseph's College has just commenced the academic year. A spree of events has created an atmosphere of learning and cultural extravaganza. The Kannada Sangha organized an impressive programme on the 67th Rajyotsava Day. The building construction work is in full swing bringing it nearer to completion. The college has also got clearance from the University of Mysore to start the M.Com programme from the current academic year. The efforts are on for publicity and promotion in order to get the maximum admissions. - Sch Avin Anthony

SWAMI RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



Our bus drivers had a simple celebration of the Dussara festival during which Fr Anthony Dass blessed the vehicles. The staff members had a day of shramadan thanks to which the school campus appears like a piece of Swachch Bharath. Most parents were present for the first PTA meeting of the academic year, and expressed their appreciation for our work. We were happy to have Fr Joseph D'Mello (Procurator elect) who paid us a visit and met each one of us. We had a meaningful inter-religious

celebration of Deepavali. Thanks to the encouragement by Fr Norwin Pereira and Sch Stephen Joseph, our staff and students put up a spectacular programme on the occasion of Kannada Rajyothsava. It was also an occasion for our school to pay homage to the late Kame Gowda, an environmentalist, popularly known as "pond man" because he was credited with creating 16 lakes around Pandithahalli.

- Sch Steven Joseph

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



October has been a month of visitations: first of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the month of the Holy Rosary, next by the Provincial, Fr Dion Vaz on his canonical visit. On our invitation, neighbours of VN joined us one evening to pray the rosary as parishioners. Fr Dion's visit was an occasion for us to recollect and reflect on our vocation and to recommit ourselves to our mission in the Society. Schs Adline Monteiro, Prakash, Nikil Robin, Sujay Paul, Joshua Fred Lobo and Arun Raj had the opportunity of rendering valuable service in the MAGIS programme at Manvi – under the inspiration and guidance of youth coordinator Fr Joyson Vas. Also, Schs Melvyn Govias, Sujay Paul and Shaun D'Silva returned from Shivamogga with the rich experience of

training the junior seminarians in fine arts and leadership. The Bishop of Shimoga, Most Rev Francis Serrao, SJ was sincerely grateful for their service.

A three-day tour to Mysuru enthralled and enlivened us, coming as it did after the semester break with programmes and activities held at Vidya Niketan and elsewhere. In tune with our ministry of inter-religious dialogue at Vidya Niketan, we celebrated Deepavali with our neighbors and classmates. Our community was 'houseful' for three days with 23 scholastics and 6 priests from KJFCT Anekal who were here for the 'Kannada Deevige'. - Sch Steve Rodrigues

XAVIER SADAN, Mysuru



Fr Edward Philip conducted orientation programmes for degree students of St Joseph's Institutions of Mysore diocese, took classes on religious vows and community life for the junior sisters of St Joseph's of Lyons, preached recollections and heard confessions in different convents. Fr Freddie D'Silva gave an 8-day retreat to a group of Jesuits both of our province and of Kerala, and is now directing a 30-day retreat for a small group of religious men. Fr Clarence D'Souza was here to guide a retreat of religious sisters. Fr Ivan Sequeira attended a renewal

programme at Sadhana, Lonavala, and is now back here fully involved in the ministry.

Fr Arun Luis, the PDD, was here for a day with the benefactors. The Vidya Niketan community from Dharwad was here for three days (with the exception of Fr Louis D'Souza who held the fort at VN in their absence). Our retaining wall at the erstwhile main entrance is all done, giving Xavier Sadan a new look. Right now, renovation work is in progress on sanitary and drainage facilities. - Fr Edward Philip D

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



The famous tribal festival, Karam, celebrated in the community, enhanced our joy. The "rain picnic" took the scholastics to Lonavala giving them a chance to explore new places. During semester holidays the philosophers, along with first and second year theologians, went on a tour to Ajanta and Ellora, while the third year theo-

logians went to Belagavi to do their diaconate retreat under the guidance of Fr George Beck (DUM). Community days, bearing the theme 'Relax-Rejoice-Rejuvenate' was a time for fun while it also helped in group building. Fr Lawrence Fernandes SJ was here to engage courses for the PG students. - Sch Aravind Royce

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



The department of philosophy was the winner at the inter-department basketball and table tennis tournament held at Loyola College. The second-year students went to Pondicherry for a day-long educational tour visiting Auroville and other places related to Sri Aurobindo. The first-year students went visiting places of worship of different religions in the city as part of their study on World Religions. Fr Lawrence Fernandes, in his capacity as the course instructor, accompanied both the groups. Fr Francis D'Souza spent

a few days at DNC, Pune for revisor's work. 'Quest for Human Dignity in a Conflicting World' was the theme of World Philosophy Day which was celebrated in Satya Nilayam. Sch Prathap L was on the organizing team and Sch Ovin Rodrigues was the quiz master. Sch Vivian Saldanha participated in various competitions and succeeded in getting his team emerge victorious in group singing. - Sch Ovin Rodrigues

VIDYANIKETAN, Trivandrum



Our province celebration of Dasara on 11th October gave us an opportunity to share Karnataka's rich heritage with our companions. The presence of the families of Schs John Samuel Robert and Frewin D'Souza added to our joy.

Fr Roy M. Thottan (KER) gave us a 3-day course on art appreciation. The course included a visit to the Sree Chitra Art gallery. Fr Francis Fernandes, our PCF, was with us on 19th October for his annual visit. - Sch R John Samuel Robert

VINAYALAYA, Mumbai



Sr Neeta Lopez, FDCC, enlightened us with her talk on Integration as an integral part of religious life. Fr Cedric Prakash (GUJ) spoke to us on current affairs. We had a workshop on Psycho-Sexual Integration by Dr Nirmala Almeida (of St Xavier's College Mumbai). We were de-

lighted to be part of Magis 2022 at St. Peter's, Bandra (Oct 22 – 24). It opened to us a new world: a world of youthfulness, dynamism, and spirituality. After a hectic schedule, we were on the hills at Khandala for our vacation for four days. - Sch Amith Antony

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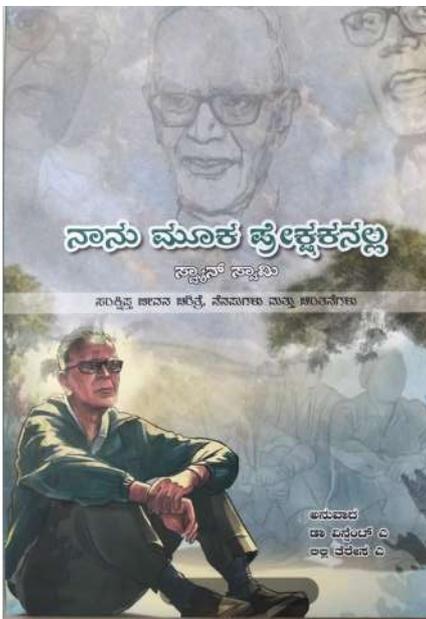
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NEW BOOK

Book Title: ನಾನು ಮೂಕ ಪ್ರೇಕ್ಷಕನಲ್ಲ
(I am not a Silent Spectator)

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ನ್ಯಾಯ ಶಕ್ತಿಹೀನವಾಗಿ, ತಳಸಮುದಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ, ಅಪಾಯದ ಅಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವವರಿಗೆ, ವಂಚಿತರಿಗೆ, ನ್ಯಾಯ ತಲುಪುವುದೇ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೂ ಸತ್ಯವನ್ನೇ ನುಡಿಯಬೇಕು, ಭಿನ್ನಮತದ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿ ಹಿಡಿಯಬೇಕು, ನ್ಯಾಯ ಬಡವರ ಬಾಗಿಲು ತಲುಪಬೇಕು ಹಾಗಾಗಿ, ನಾನು ಮೂಕ ಪ್ರೇಕ್ಷಕನಲ್ಲ.





REST IN PEACE

Fr Victor Eugene D'Silva, SJ, (KAR), 80/62, on 03 November, in Bengaluru.

Fr Rappai Poothokaren, SJ, (GUJ), 78/61, on 24 October, in Vadodara.

Fr George Nedungattu, SJ, (KER), 90/72, on 26 October, in Calicut.

Fr Ornellas Coutinho, SJ, (GUJ), 80/61, on 27 October, in Vadodara.

Fr Nenjamin Lakra, SJ, (RAN), 78/57, on 6 November, in Ranchi.

Fr Ronald Sanctis, SJ, (GUJ), 54/ 31, on 12 November, in Anand, Gujarat.

Fr Marcel Ekka, SJ, (MAP), 70/52, on 15 November, in Ambikapur.

Dr Norbert Lobo, 57, Associate Professor of SAC, Mangaluru, paternal uncle of Sch Leston Lobo, on 20 October, in Mangaluru.

Mr Ignatius Thomas Sequeira, 91, brother of Fr Pradeep Sequeira, on 22 October, in Bengaluru.

Ms Thecla Pereira, 92, paternal aunt of Fr Brian Pereira, on 27 October, in Brahmavar.

Mrs Jessy Gonsalves, 81, sister-in-law of Fr James Gonsalves, on 29 October, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Lucy Ranjar, 73, beloved mother of Fr Sunil Ranjar, on 04 November, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Magdalene Monteiro, 90, paternal grandmother of Fr Josephvaz Monteiro, on 06 November, in Belagavi.

Mrs Leena D'Souza, 88, paternal aunt of Fr Brian Pereira, on 06 November, in Udupi.

THE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE JESUIT WORLD – A GLOBAL SURVEY

By Melissa Navarra – Ateneo de Manila University

The research team members are from the Institute of Philippine Culture of the Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines. We were commissioned by the General Curia of the Society of Jesus to support the research objectives of the 10-member Commission on the Role and Responsibilities of Women in the Society of Jesus (the "Women's Commission"). This was set up to keep track, document, update, and recommend to the global leadership of the Society of Jesus the implementation of Decree 14 (titled "Jesuits and the Situation of Women in Church and Civil Society") promulgated at the 34th General Congregation of the Jesuits in 1995.

The research team was recruited in March 2022 by the Women's Commission to co-design and implement a global survey to locate women's participation, roles, and responsibilities within the structures of the Society of Jesus. The survey has five parts. The first section asks for the socio-demographic profile of the respondents. There are three sections corresponding to the three objectives of the survey: (1) perceptions about women's roles and responsibilities in the Society of Jesus, (2) how these translate into practices in the ways of proceeding within Jesuit institutions, and (3) recommendations to support the further engagement of women in the Society. The last section contains a few open-ended questions about how respondents define the equality between men and women, the gender issues women find most pertinent, the types of assistance women need from the Society of Jesus, and the efforts the Society of Jesus needs to make to implement Decree 14. The survey tool was a result of the strong

collaboration between the Commissioners and the research team - from crafting the appropriate questions to validating the translations in four languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French)

The pilot survey was implemented from 6 September to 7 October 2022. Out of 192 target respondents, 141 responded to the survey (73.44% response rate) across six Conferences. Findings from the pilot survey suggest that overall, the respondents perceive the Society of Jesus as gender-responsive and inclusive. The role of women in the Society of Jesus is perceived as crucial and significant, but respondents disagree that men and Jesuits are more suited to work and lead Jesuit institutions. Additionally, some women still point out that male domination and condescension remain part of their realities.

The research team and the Women's Commission hope to implement the full survey from November 2022 until February 2023. We intend to reach a minimum of 1,440 respondents across the six Jesuit Conferences, covering the education sector, social apostolate, spiritual life, and other ministries and apostolates of the Jesuits. With the support of the General Curia, Assistancies and all Jesuit institutions and collaborators concerned, we envision obtaining crucial insights and evidence to help the Commission make appropriate (and, why not, revolutionary) recommendations to the Society of Jesus in fulfillment of the prophetic declarations proclaimed by Decree 14 of General Congregation 34.

Source: <https://www.jesuits.global/2022/11/02/the-women-s-participation-in-the-jesuit-world-a-global-survey/>

FR VICTOR EUGENE D'SILVA, SJ
(23 AUGUST 1942 – 03 NOVEMBER 2022)

We are all saddened by the sudden demise of our dear Fr Victor D'Silva. He suffered from a cerebral haemorrhage on the night of 2 November 2022 and, though rushed to hospital, he breathed his last in the early hours of 3 November. He was 80 years of age and 62 years a Jesuit. In his passing away, we have lost a warm friend, a zealous yet quiet priest, an earnest religious.



Announcing the sad news of Victor's death, Fr Jossie D' Mello, our Socius wrote: "Fr Victor was a simple, childlike Jesuit, always friendly and cheerful. Whatever works the superiors gave him, he readily accepted them and fulfilled his responsibilities with all his heart and soul. Mainly trained for educational apostolate, Fr Victor was frequently called upon to shoulder responsibilities as a formator, which he carried out to the satisfaction of superiors and formees alike. As Headmaster of two different schools in the province, he was known for his efficiency, constancy and administrative acumen. He made a difference in the lives of people through simple ways".

Fr Victor was a spiritual powerhouse. Those of us who have had occasions to interact with him have been greatly impacted spiritually by him. He has not kept a record of the number of persons to whom he gave the Spiritual Exercises, the groups and communities to whom he gave recollection talks, individuals – lay or religious - who availed of his personal guidance and counseling. Neither has he kept a count of the Masses he celebrated, the inspiring homilies he delivered, the sacraments he administered. I recall with nostalgic admiration the stirring sermon he delivered on the day of my First Thanksgiving Mass 22 years ago. Fr Victor was way ahead of his time. He was a polyglot in his own style, master of Kannada, but quite conversant in Konkani, Tulu, Sanskrit, and English. He had numerous friends among people of other faiths, and was from time to time invited to participate in the 'sarva dharma sammelana' and to deliver lectures on the Christian faith and the Church's teaching on inter-religious dialogue.

Fr Victor lived a life of dignity and died in dignity. In the past six or seven years that he spent in the infirmary at Mount St Joseph, he chose to live like a hermit – speaking only when there was extreme necessity, not indulging in levity or laughter, keeping his cool even when instigated to break silence, not allowing himself to be provoked into irritation or anger. It is no wonder then that he chose to depart from this life causing the least bit of inconvenience to others. Nevertheless, he has left a void in our hearts.

Fr Victor has left many pleasant impressions on his confreres, brothers or sisters, cousins, uncles or aunts, colleagues or subordinates. All found in him a loving friend and a compassionate priest. Many will remember his ready availability as a priest who blessed their wedding, baptized their children, buried their loved ones, and above all, prayed for them at the Eucharist.

Victor had, like any of us, his faults and failures. Like St Paul (Rom 7:15), he was painfully aware of his spiritual dilemma. He would candidly share about them in our faith sharing sessions. These



lacunae in no way hindered or blocked his longing for a life of perfection. If we humans didn't mind them at all, we can be absolutely certain that the merciful God would be infinitely kinder to him. God's response to Victor would be: "My grace is sufficient for you, for in your weakness, power reaches perfection" (2 Cor 12:9).

Dear Fr Victor, as your name suggests, today you are really a victor. You will no longer be a victim to blood pressure, diabetes, bodily wear and tear, ailments and physical sufferings. You have triumphed over all these earthly conditions. You have fought a good fight; you have finished the race in style. You have gone to heaven where you really belong. Rest in peace and pray for us. Adieu Fr Victor, till we meet again!

- Fr Edward Rodrigues