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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

**T**his year India celebrates its 75th year of Independence. What does freedom mean for us during the time of Covid when right to life, right to human dignity and free speech are at stake? At this juncture we need to probe into the nature of Indian democracy and the state of freedom that is now available in the nation. We celebrate two great feasts and two towering personalities during the month of August while we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the 75th Independence Day of our nation.

Mary is a great model of discipleship during crisis and especially during Covid times. We have lost nine of our Jesuit brothers in our Province in the span of a year, the recent being Fr Roshan Lobo. Every time a Jesuit of our Province dies, a sword pierces through our heart. Mary who gave birth to the Messiah also had a sword pierced through her heart. There were tragedies aplenty, but in each of them, she saw that God could open her to new possibilities. Every event, whether glorious or painful was always a call to go beyond, a call to a deeper life in the Father.

While we celebrate and recall the history of our independence and thank God for the galaxy of freedom fighters who fought for our country, we recall Mahatma Gandhi and his contribution to our freedom. Gandhi is a beacon of light to all the fearless and heroic soul force warriors of India who sacrifice their lives in the struggle of right over might. Gandhi was much more than an apostle of non-violence. His was a distinctive combination of truth and non-violence – a pro-active, passionate and path-breaking approach, rather than a passive absence of violence. His biggest contribution, was to channelize the spirit of self-sacrifice in a revolutionary drawn to violence and convert it into a soul force.

To live meaningfully in a free India is to experience what Tagore strove for: "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, into that heaven of freedom my Father, let my country awake."



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ

## APPOINTED/ ASSIGNED BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Pradeep Anthony** – Finance Officer, SJCC, Jesuit Nivas

**Fr Alwyn D'Souza** – Finance Officer, Loyola School CBSE, Sindagi

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### August 2021

09-13: Course in Financial Administration:

Ashirvad (B'luru)

14: AGM: ISIB (B'luru)

15: Province Consult: LM (B'luru)

20: AGM: AJECS (Anekal)

23: AGM: NKJECS (Mundgod)

24: AGM: BJES (Bijapur)

25: AGM: CNFCE (Manvi)

28-31: Visitation: Inigo Sadan (B'luru)

04-05: Visiting homes of Novices (M'luru)

06-07: Visitation: Asha Kiran (M'luru)

10: AGM, KJES

11: AGM, BJES

11: Archdiocesan Major Superiors' Meet (B'luru)

12: Regents Meet: Ashirvad

12: AGM, HJES (Hassan)

13-15: Visitation: St Joseph's (Hassan)

16: AGM, MJES

18-19: Meeting of DoWs: Ashirvad

20: Province Consult: LM

23-25: Visitation: Pannur - Manvi Mission

27-30: Visitation: Bijapur Mission (Vijayapura)

### September 2021

01-03: Visitation: FRH (M'luru)

02: GBM: St Joseph's Seminary (M'luru)

## MEETING OF LOCAL SUPERIORS' & CCM'S



The meeting of the Local Superiors and Coordinators of Province Commissions was held on 16-17, July at Ashirvad to deliberate upon "Our response to the challenges faced by COVID in our ministries". Fr Cyprian Tellis gave a pep talk on "Transforming Charity into Solidarity and Justice: Developing a Critical Social Consciousness" followed by prayer and sharing in smaller groups. We had three eminent speakers, all of them non-Jesuits, but admirably Jesuitical in their presentations. Mr Nikhil Dey, an RTI and MN-REGA activist laid out the newer approaches to social action. Dr Niranjana Aradhya working with the Government of Karnataka shared that the

pandemic is an opportunity for redesigning education to supplement the traditional education process. Fr Juventius Andrade, CSSR invited us to think out of the box in our pastoral ministry.

Fr Jerald D'Souza in his presentation laid out the Master Plan for KPAP 2021-22. Fr Jason Furta do made a presentation on the Covid relief work carried out meticulously and gratuitously by the Province Disaster Management Committee. Fr Provincial in his concluding comments invited all of us to be creative and innovative in our ministries and to read the signs of the times and respond accordingly. – Fr Ronald Pais

## ANEKAL



We bade farewell to the seven III Year theologians who left for Pune. Fr Wilson Bennis left for Bengaluru after spending some time with us documenting the history of Anekal Mission. On 29 July, we celebrated the feast of St Ignatius with our collaborators from PUC, CIRW, and Parish. Fr Merwyn Fernandes was the resource person. The feast day culminated with the Eucharistic celebration followed by breakfast with the religious -Sisters and Brothers.

The staff of our PU College attended a week-long training programme organised by the BJES at SJIM. For the first time since its inception, our PU College was chosen as the center for SSLC exams. Fr Ivan Mendonca, the parish priest, commended the services of the second-year theologians during the past one year and the parish council honoured them soon after the Eucharist.

The silent candle light procession organized by the CIRW on the streets of Anekal town was joined

in by Jesuits and a few NGOs - in protest against the treatment meted to the late Fr Stan Swamy. Fr Kevin Sequeira who was with us for a few weeks for his block placement as an MSW student, is expected to return to Anekal for his next assignment. The Balajyothi Girls' Hostel bade farewell to their warden Sr Jansy Rani FSM as she headed towards

## ASHIRVAD



Ashirvad held this year's first IRHM inter-religious prayer meeting under the direction of the new Superior, Fr Arun Luis with 41 members present. Fr Gabriel Lobo CSSR addressed the audience. The second IRHM meeting of the month was in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius at which Fr Jossie Lobo was the resource person. The prayer service was conducted by Fr Denzil E Lobo with assistance from the Arrupe Nivas Choir. We respectfully received the urn containing Fr Stan Swamy's ashes on 16 July. We had a memorial mass for the repose of the soul of Fr Francis Guntipilly SJ. After the mass, the Ashirvad community along with Fr Francis' family proceeded to Mount St Joseph to pray at his grave. Ashirvad played host to the Finance Officers for a five day seminar organised by the province.

Fr Jossie Lobo organised the first 3-day Advance JESCOL Seminar for the Bangalore Zone at Ashirvad. 35 staff members were present. The resource persons were Frs Swebert D'Silva, Denzil Lobo, Jerry D'Souza, Joe Xavier, Jossie D'Mello and Jossie Lobo. Fr Jossie Lobo presented an on-

## BIJAPUR



To pay homage to the late Fr Stan Swamy and to disseminate the values of his life and work, Bijapur mission with CNFE and all its units organised a silent candlelight procession on the main roads of Bijapur in which more than 1000 people participated. In view of our Founder's feast, we went on a day's pilgrimage to Deshnur. The CRI unit of the diocese and the Parish community jointly celebrated the feast of St Ignatius and St John Mary Vianney and honored all the priests. The parish community celebrated also the feast of St Anne the patroness of the Church in the newly inaugurated church.

CNFE organised with the help of LabourNet two online training sessions on Covid-19 for the 119 ASHA helpers working in the various PHC's of the districts. "Ration for Vaccine" has been a big

North India on her new mission. We welcome Sr Philomena FSM as the new warden. The CIRW in collaboration with KJES helped 10 poor families who were severely affected by Covid-19. – Sch Vishal M Pinto

line paper titled, *Challenges of Querida Amazonia* at the All India annual Bishops and Theologians colloquium. He went to Chandigarh to give a 2-day orientation to a religious chapter. He also gave a day's programme on Inter-religious Dialogue at St Peter's Seminary, Bengaluru.

By way of preparation for the feast of St Ignatius, we had a recollection and penitential service guided by Fr Edwin Colaco, OFM (Cap). Fr Richard Britto, Rector of St Peter's Seminary, was the main celebrant at the Feast Day mass. At noon we had a prayer service - together with 15 Covid Warriors and family members of our co-workers - followed by a festive lunch.

Ashirvad, along with ISI Bengaluru, has formally initiated the slum work for the migrant labourers. The project is funded by Caritas Germany. Ashirvad Community warmly welcomes Fr Joseph A. (MDU) who has joined our community for his Masters in Counselling Psychology at Sampurna College. – Fr Eugene Lobo

success in motivating people to go for vaccination. We held a vaccination camp for 100 people with the help of the Taluk Health Officer. Six staff members from Loyola PU College participated in the training program organised by SJPUC in Bengaluru.

At Sindagi, all our collaborators joined the celebration of the feast of St Ignatius in Loyola School. The Provincial of RNDM was present along with her team for the celebration of the feast. Covid 19 vaccination drive is in full swing. The art teacher of the school, Mr Vijay, has drawn a beautiful portrait of St. Ignatius. Loyola School CBSE has secured 100% results with its first batch of outgoing students. - Fr Jeevan James

## KALABURAGI



Fr Richard Mascarenhas presided over the Eucharist on the feast of St Ignatius. As many as 32 North Karnataka Jesuits gathered in the campus on August 2nd for a triple



celebration: the Cannon Ball Moment, homage to Fr Stan Swamy, and the 75th birth anniversary of Fr Anand Prabhu. The presence of Fr Dion, Provincial, and Fr Rohan D'Almeida, PCSE, enhanced our joy. A good number of saplings have been planted, under the guidance of Sch. Nishanth, in the land which is soon to be registered in our name. – *Sch Nishanth Noronha*

## MUNDGOD



Both Loyola School and Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya have secured good results this year. LKV organized a series of lectures on staff enrichment on various topics. Fr Francis Menezes conducted a session on – Jesuit spirituality for education. Fr Ronald Pais spoke on Emotional Wellbeing of Teachers in Covid times. Fr Harry Noel Terry conducted a session to motivate the teachers for the new normal. An inter-religious prayer and a candlelight procession were organized to mark

National Justice Day. Fr Harry Noel Terry's inputs on the subject enthused and motivated our collaborators to become informed citizens of India.

The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated in common by all the Loyola institutions with a solemn Eucharist for the Catholics and an inter-religious gathering of all our collaborators. The entire day focused on the theme of the Ignatian Year - "To see all things new in Christ". – *Fr Melvin Lobo*

## ASHA KIRAN



Several lay people who attended the presentations and prayer sessions conducted by us on St Ignatius were appreciative of the richness of Ignatian spirituality. We were fortunate to have different Jesuit Fathers to preach on the themes of each day of the Novena. Fr Celestine Sera attended his brother's Month's Mind mass in his home parish.

We took part in the candle light procession near the Clock Tower to mourn the death of Fr Stan

Swamy. Fr Ronald Pais gave a course in Prerna on 'Growing in Intimacy with God through Prayer'. He also gave a virtual retreat for the faculty and students at St Joseph's CBSE, Bengaluru, and a virtual seminar for teachers of Loyola institutions, Manvi, on Emotional Wellbeing. We had batch-wise outing in mid-July to relax ourselves and to build our companionship. – *Sch Macwin D'Souza*

## FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



Taking advantage of the visit of Fr Dion Vaz, Provincial, on July 8th, the community celebrated triple jubilees: of Denis Rasquinha- 70 years in the Society, of Fr Rossi Rego-51 years a priest (a year late), and of Fr Terence Farias- 50 years a priest.

We welcome deacons Yesunath Karlekar (called Yesunand) and Nithin Machado to the community. With their arrival, the community age-average has dived down. While Yesunand is already ministering at Kabale parish (Shimoga diocese), Nithin is convalescing, post knee-surgery. Fr Devadatta Kamath who was hospitalized, is back and slowly bouncing back to normal. Do keep them both in your prayer.

The departure of Fr Stany Miranda was sad but,

at the same time, consoling that he is back to God, freed from all pain and suffering. Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha presided over the funeral mass. Fr Terence Farias preached. Fr Tom Quadras gave the eulogy. Fr Dion conducted the funeral rite. We are glad that Fr Dion was here for his retreat. He found this place quiet and suitable for retreats. So all of you out there... Welcome.

On 31 July, the Festal mass was in Konkani in the church. Fr Boniface, professor at St Joseph's seminary, presided over and preached. After the mass a short candle light memorial service was held for Fr Stan Swamy. As the community was in self-quarantine, the feast of St Ignatius was celebrated on low key. – *Fr Thomas Quadras*

The Jesuits organized a condolence meeting for Fr Stan Swamy in which all the staff members participated. Fr Rayappa shared a few reflections on Fr Stan with the gathering. Fr Maxim Rasquinha went to Mangaluru with Frs Melwyn D’Cunha and Rayappa. Fr Maxim got a clean chit from Dr Sudheep at Fr Muller’s Hospital.

The North Karnataka Jesuit Mission took part in an online reflection on the Strengths and Constrictions of Loyola College – Manvi. The programme was moderated by Fr Melwyn S Pinto and organised by Fr Melwyn D’Cunha. On July 16 our two Bethany sisters Sr Navya and Sr Reshma conducted a special prayer programme to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Bethany Foundation.

A New ambulance is gifted to the sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes of Loyola Medical Centre - Pannur

## LOYOLA, Mangaluru



Frs Pradeep Crasta, Peter Pinto and the cook Mrs Radha got “jabbed” with Covid vaccine. Nine of our pre-novices, promoted to join the novitiate, were given valedictions on two separate functions. We felt rather sad that the parents and dear ones of the would-be novices could not be present at the farewell function owing to Covid restrictions. The SAC community invited the would-be novices

## LOYOLA MANDIR



Frs Dion Vaz and Jossie D’Mello took online sessions for Prerana on Spiritual Direction for the OMI Fathers. Fr Jossie D’Mello gave a three-day seminar on religious life at Prerana. He also gave a number of talks on Ignatian Spirituality at the JESCOL seminar in Ashirvad, to the Scholastics of Chennai Province, to the secondary education staff of JCSA, and to the students and staff of St Joseph’s College of Law, Bengaluru. Fr Olvin Veigas gave a course on the theology of the Holy Spirit at the RTC, Anekal. Our young historians - Frs Wilson Bennis, Alwyn R D’Souza, Praveen Kumar and Rayappa - spent a few days at Loyola Mandir working on the project of writing the histo-

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH



On the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola apart from the Solemn Eucharist the whole day was devoted to programmes like cricket match between novices and senior community and fun games. Prior to the feast, as part of the Community Day,

partly funded by the Jesuits. Fr Maxim blessed the ambulance. A new park next to the staff quarters was inaugurated by Fr Leo Pereira after blessing the statue of Our Lady.

We had a two day Staff development programme organised by Fr Melwyn and Fr John Thomas. Fr Edward Philip gave them various activities. Fr Freddie D’Silva spoke to them online on Ignatius’ conversion and on Seeing God in All Things. Fr Ronald Pais spoke online on Psycho-Emotional development of staff and students.

Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated by the Jesuits with the staff. There was a quiz, a film on St Ignatius and a prayer service followed by a fellowship meal. – Fr Maxim Rasquinha

es to a fellowship meal. One more pre-novice is planning to join the novitiate after completing his final degree examination a month from now. Now that the 10th Standard results are out, our vocation promoters - Fr Pradeep and Sch Larren Menezes- have set out on their “fishing expedition”. They are hopeful of a good catch, God willing. - Fr Peter Pinto

ry of the four Jesuit Missions in Karnataka, namely, Anekal, Mundgod, Bijapur and Pannur-Manvi respectively. They also spent two fruitful days in prayer before they are to embark on their journey to their tertianship destinations. Fr Arun Prashanth D’Souza has joined the community to assist the Province Treasurer in his work. Fr Royston Pinto has moved to St Peter’s Seminary, Mallechwaram, to pursue his studies in Canon Law. Fr Jason Furtado organised a week-long course on Financial Administration for the Finance Officers, House Treasurers and DoWs of our Province. - Fr Olvin Veigas

several games were conducted. At Dhyanaashrama, Fr Arockiasamy conducted a 30-day retreat; Fr Godwin Serrao is directing an 8 day retreat; Fr Clarence D’Souza is guiding a retreat for our scholastics from Asha Kiran; and Fr Mohan

Joseph is directing a one month retreat. Fr Sunil Fernandes gave a scintillating message on the theme of “seeing all things new in Christ” to the staff of Loyola institutions. A memorial service, rendered special by the presence of the urn containing Fr Stan Swamy’s ashes, was conducted at Mount St Joseph at which the neighboring CRI members participated in large numbers.

Eleven first probationers have entered the novitiate. The second year novices committed themselves to God on the entrance day. ‘Fiesta 2021’ saw novices exhibiting their talents to celebrate Ignatius feast which culminated with the celebration of the Eucharist and the novices extending their musical notes. The novices proved their mite in winning the ‘Inigo Cup’ and displayed their skills in acting, singing, dancing and other cultural presentations as part of the celebrations. ‘Manaparivarthane’ was a show stopper.

At Loyola PU College, ‘Reimage-Recreate-Restore’ was the theme of a webinar to mark ‘The World Environment Day’. Fr Stan Swamy was remembered at a condolence prayer meet. Discourses on Ignatius the soldier, pilgrim and saint

## ARRUPE NIVAS



The inauguration of the Ignatian Year was held on 1 July with a webinar for staff and students. The preparation for the feast of St Ignatius included various competitions on social media - like posters, quiz, motivational speeches, etc. The holy Eucharist on the feast day was celebrated by Archbishop Peter Machado. In his homily the Archbishop expressed his appreciation for the contribution the Society of Jesus has made to the Church and the world. A candlelight condolence meeting was held in memory of Fr Stan Swamy. Among the dignitaries who spoke on the occasion were Prof Babu Mathew (National Law School of India University), Archbishop Peter Machado and Advocate Ravikumar Verma. A good num-

## JESUIT NIVAS



The Jesuits of the community were privileged to take part twice in the candlelight vigils in solidarity with Fr Stan Swamy. The feast of St Ignatius was special this year with the Jesuits celebrating it with the house-keeping staff of all our institutions. Archbishop Peter Machado joined the fellowship meal in the evening. We welcome Fr Oswald Mascarenhas who has joined our community.

and a webinar on ‘IPP’ made a great impression on the staff. The theme of the Graduation Day was: ‘Go, set the world on fire’. A prayer meeting for students and staff focused on Finding God in All Things.

The Degree College campus is vibrant again with the start of offline classes. Webinars conducted by the Departments of Psychology, Journalism, English, Mahatma Gandhi Study Centre and Kannada have attracted both scholars and students. Celebration of the feast of St Ignatius and inauguration of the Ignatian year was a meaningful experience to all. Catholic students and staff were invited for a Eucharist on the day of the feast of St Ignatius. Ignatian Premier League 2021, Cricket League Tournament was a great relaxation for the players and enjoyment for the spectators. Shivaji K won a silver medal at ‘Pykka National Games’ in Kabbadi and Rahul Chettri got the first place in an international essay contest. Fr Francis D’Almeida conducted two days of orientation at SJIM, and Dr Vincent A conducted a staff orientation programme at St Joseph’s P U College. – Fr Francis D’Almeida

ber of Jesuits and lay persons were present at the meeting.

Frs Denzil Lobo and Swebert D’Silva were the resource persons for JESCOL at Ashirvad. The scholastics of Arrupe Nivas, under the leadership of Sch Julius, organized an Inter-religious prayer service at Ashirvad in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. Institute of Communication and Media Studies of our college, under the leadership of Fr Richard Rego, has been ranked 11th in the country among all the universities and colleges for its Mass Communication programme. It is also ranked fourth in Karnataka in the Outlook Magazine survey. – Fr John Baptist

In SJBHS, the “Good Samaritan Book Bank” (a collection of old but usable books) has proved a boon for needy students. An online retreat was our gift to the Catholic students, parents and staff in these difficult Covid times. The festivities connected with the Feast St Ignatius of Loyola saw a large number of students, staff and parents participating online in as many as 26 competitions.

"Ignatian Principles", a video presentation, highlighted a few significant ideals and insights of Ignatian spirituality. The Eucharist celebrated by Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, was streamed live. 'Transcendence' our annual inter-school Science, Technology and e-Sports Fest went online - for the second time. It was inaugurated by Dr Devi Shetty, premier cardiologist, and will go on till the second week of August. All our 10 and 12 Standard students have done well as shown by the final exam results. Also, it was a moment of pride for our school when three of our ISC students bagged the top ranks in the CLAT exam.

SJPU College, in collaboration with BJES, organized a weeklong experience-based workshop "Chiguru" for forty PU staff of our missions. Thanks to SJIM for hosting the workshop.

In St Joseph's Institute of Management, Mr Bidhan Roy of CISCO was the chief guest at the online inauguration of the PGDM batch of 2021. Frs Francis D'Almeida and Felix Victor conducted the orientation for the students. The institute bade farewell to the Dean, Dr Narasimhan and welcomed the new dean Dr Rajgopalan. We are happy that a veteran professor, Fr Ozzie Mascarenhas, has joined the SJIM.

## INIGO SADAN



SJIPS began the academic year with an inaugural mass, and started online classes through a new platform MS Teams. Mr Stanley, the General Secretary of Skip India, visited our Community College and conducted staff evaluation. Rev Dr V M Thomas SDB was the resource person at the one-day workshop, "Work Smart", jointly organized by the Community College and SJIPS. Multiple cultural activities were organized in honor of St Ignatius.

St Joseph's CBSE School observed Vanamahotsav by planting a few saplings in the campus. Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was well planned and organized with a week full of events and competitions – not only for the students but also for staff and parents. Fr Ronald Pais conducted an online retreat for Christian students. The feast day itself was celebrated with a solemn mass followed by a fellowship meal. We joined the Jesuits of other institutions to observe "National Justice Day" with a peace walk to show our solidarity with human rights defender Fr Stan Swamy.

The legal aid cell of SJCL organized a webinar to pay tribute to Fr Stan Swamy. The speakers on the occasion were Fr Joseph Xavier, Director, ISI, Bangalore and Mr Clifton Rosario, Advocate. A webinar on trafficking of women was organized on July 7. Prof Dr V Sudesh, Professor, University Law College, PG Dept. of studies and research in law and former Vice Chancellor in charge, Bangalore University addressed the students giving comprehensive insight into the prevalent laws and its working. The SJCL Pandemic Working Paper Series 2021 was launched on July 12. The first SJCL national level "moot court", conducted from 16 to 18 July, saw the participation of leading law schools across the country. The event was graced by legal luminaries including former judges of the high courts and renowned senior advocates.

The Campus ministry of SJCL organized the Ignatian Week with a number of interclass competitive events. At the webinar on "Ignatius – Relevant Saint for Modern Times", by Fr Joseph D'Mello highlighted the relevance of Ignatian ideology in modern times and the importance of rising above caste and class in reaching out to those affected by the pandemic. The weeklong celebration culminated with a mass concelebrated by Fr Jerald D'Souza, Director, and Fr Michael John.

- Fr Antony Pais

With the inauguration of the 'Mobile Bank', the management along with the alumni ensured a seamless transition from offline to online education in SJIHS & SJICPUC. The "Batch of 1989" donated mobiles to the deserving students to ensure more equitable access to learning. Mr Raji Koshi, an alumnus, was the chief guest at the Investiture Ceremony of newly appointed student leaders. Fr Cyril Menezes and Fr Felix A felt a great sense of relief after successfully conducting the SSLC Exam amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fr Prashanth Wesley D'Souza was the chief guest at the online inauguration of the Ignatian Year. The novena and live streaming of the Festal Eucharistic celebration brought together in prayer and worship all the catholic staff, students and parents. An inter-religious prayer service 'Restoration of Unity' was a poignant experience to all. The PU results of the year 2020-21, with 225 distinctions and 596 first classes, brought cheer to the staff and students. – Fr Felix Anand

The community, along with all the units of St Joseph's Institutions, observed National Justice Day on July 28 in memory of Fr Stan Swamy. Our collaborators as well as the Sisters from the neighbouring convents participated in the event. All the units came together for the celebration of Ignatius feast.

The students of the 1986 batch were back on the campus for a reunion and to "walk down memory lane". They took the opportunity to organize 'guru-vandana' to express their gratitude to their

teachers. Fr Henry Saldanha, Principal, appreciated the alumni and urged them to be partners in the growth of their alma mater.

St Joseph's Degree College observed Environment Conservation Day by holding a seminar on the importance of preserving nature for the future generations. The speaker on the occasion was Mr Rangaswamy, faculty from the commerce department. With the gradual influx of students into the campus, offline classes are gaining momentum. – Sch Arvind Royce

In preparation for the feast of Ignatius, we had a novena talk series by various Jesuit priests for our pre-novices. Competitions were held to enhance our spirit of Magis. We have ten new comers who have expressed their desire to join the band of Navasadhana. Although the cannonball moment has been trending these days, Fr Dheeraj D'Souza has had his basketball moment trending

on the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. Sch Sanson D'Souza and Sch Joyal D'sa have taken their academics seriously. They have been a part of some events held in the college and, in fact, have animated a few of them. Fr Daniel Fernandes and Fr Balaraju R are working round the clock to beautify the campus and to attract more admissions to the College. – Sch Noel Dias

The creative fun activities in the Ignatian month included a variety of competitions both for the Jesuits and others (lay collaborators and parishioners). Winners were suitably rewarded. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated separately for the Parish community, and for the religious and well-wishers.

Vidya Niketan community members joined the candlelight procession and rally on the National Day for Justice and Peace. Fr Francis Fernandes

assisted three Charity sisters in their month's retreat. Fr Edward Philip conducted a staff development programme at Manvi. He made successful attempts to livestream the mass in Kannada on Sundays and feast days.

With the ban on offline classes lifted by the Government of Karnataka, the scholastics are attending classes in the college, writing their assignments and answering internal assessment exams. – Sch Shaun D'Silva

The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated by every Aloysian institution with a variety of activities online. Novena videos prepared by Fr Roshan Pinto were shared. The main celebrant at the feast day mass was Fr Leo Lasrado from the Jeppu Seminary. The mass was telecast on Divine Word channel. There was also an inter-religious prayer conducted online for all the staff and students. At the evening get-together of Jesuits from Mangalore in the high school hall, Fr J. B. Saldanha, PP of Bejai, was the chief guest. The Jesuits' dance, to the beat of the song 'Seeing all things new', was widely circulated online and appreciated by all. The man behind this initiative, Fr Sujay Daniel, is now much in demand for composing

songs, choreography, and videography. A Kannada short film 'Navya Dristi' - also prepared by Fr Sujay with the help of Mr Mohan Raj and the PUC team - was released on the feast day.

We joined the Mangalore Citizens Forum to mourn the death of Fr Stan Swamy, and to hold a silent candlelight procession near the Clock Tower in the city. On the National Justice Day a panel discussion was organized, along with the CRI unit, on 'Understanding Stan Swamy: The Role of the Church in the Struggle for Justice and Peace.' Dr Rita Noronha, Fr Joachim Fernandes and Sr Jeswina AC were the panelists. The Bishop of Mangalore was present and gave the concluding remarks.

Miyawaki - urban forest campaign was launched at St Aloysius College in collaboration with our alumni association. The college inaugurated the renovated computer lab and named it Joseph Willy Computer Lab in honour of the first rector and principal of the institution. On the same occasion three other projects were launched, namely- the Virtual Tour of St Aloysius Institutions, Digital Garden and St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) Website.

Fr John D Souza has assumed the mantle of directorship of SAITI from Fr Cyril D' Mello. The President and Secretary of SKIP visited SAITI and interacted with our staff regarding the challenges faced by the technical institutes. We participated in programmes paying homage to the late Fr Stan Swamy. The Covid-19 vaccination drive organized in our premises and with our leadership and initiative, several staff of the government-run and private ITIs. Lions Club organised a one-day workshop to acquaint our staff with the "Expectations of Industries" and to help us respond to the available opportunities. We are happy that the recent government circular has declared our ITI as a study centre of NIOS.

Atal Innovation Mission (of NITI Aayog) has approved and sanctioned ATL - Tinkering Lab (Robotics Lab) to St Aloysius Gonzaga CBSE School. Science Week, Parent-Teachers' Meeting, Go-Green Week and Investiture Ceremony of the newly constituted Student Council are some of the important programmes held in the Gonzaga School in the last month. A farewell was arranged on July 17 for the former Vice-principal, Ms Jacinta Anita D'Costa and former Finance Officer,

Fr. Pradeep Sequeira. On the same occasion, Ms Laurel D'Souza was welcomed and felicitated as the new Vice-principal. Mr Ivan D'Souza, former MLC, was the chief guest at the virtual Investiture Ceremony of the newly constituted Student Council. Dr Shalini Aiyappa, of St Aloysius College was the resource person at a seminar organized for the parents on parenting skills. The International Tiger Day was observed by uploading a video presentation on YouTube.

At AIMIT, the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes - newly constructed with financial help from of our benefactor Mr Max Rasquinha - was inaugurated on the of feast of St Ignatius.

Under the leadership of Fr Joel Fernandes, the campus is getting a new look, anticipating its upgradation into a Miyawaki urban forest. Meanwhile, Fr Ashok Lakra and Sch. Sandeep have gone for their internship to Bilaspur and Sindagi, respectively.

The highlight of the "Ignatian month" at SAPUC was the online address by Dr Francis Gonsalves SJ, President, Jnana Deepa, to the staff on '10 Ignatian Principles for a Principled Life'. Fr Pradeep Sequeira conducted a workshop for the Vice Principals, Deans and HODs on Discernment & Decision-Making. The Staff underwent a training programme on digital skills for effective online classes. Vanamahotsava and Bakrid were celebrated with several online and offline activities. 'Muddhugumma' written by Mr Deevitha, our Kannada lecturer, has been selected for Kannada Sahitya Award. – Fr Pradeep Sequeira

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Harihar



The month of July saw the Jesuits and the staff actively involved in preparing and distributing dry ration kits to the needy people in and around Harihar. Under the auspices of Spandana, the outreach unit of the college, a team of our collaborators conducted a survey of the surrounding areas to assess the socio-economic condition of the people, especially of those most in need. Five of our students have been selected – 3 by KJES and 2 by MJES - for scholarships for higher studies. To pray for the repose of Fr Stan Swamy who died in judicial custody, an online inter-religious prayer was conducted, during which Bishop Fran-

cis Serrao gave a message calling for justice for Fr Swamy. The staff and the students made a nine-day spiritual preparation, in virtual mode, for the feast of St Ignatius. Fr Pradeep Sequeira helped the community and the staff to reflect on the Canon Ball event and Ignatian values. As many as 51 of our students, who excelled in II PUC exams, were felicitated in the college on the Loyola feast day. Deacon Vincent Jaison, assigned to do pastoral ministry in the Minor Basilica at Harihar, is a welcome 'attached member' of our community. – Fr Praveen K Martis

## SRN, Pandithahalli



Fr Lancy Fernandes gave a novena talk to the pre-novices; he also took part in the meeting of clergy and religious of Mysore Diocese. Fr Norwin Pereira's efforts to make our school known in the neighbouring villages, with the help of some of our staff, have begun to yield results.

We had an inflow of welcome visitors on different days this month, beginning with Fr Provincial, Fr John Pradeep and three Novices, followed by six Arrupe Nivas scholastics on picnic, Frs Anand Prabhu and Sunith Prabhu. We prayerfully ob-

served nine days of Novena in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius. Fr Paul, MST, led us through the penitential service on July 29. On the following day, when we had the feast of St Ignatius with our collaborators, our staff conducted an interreligious prayer, followed by a quiz conducted by Sch Marvin Apose.

Thanks to Fr Norwin's efforts with BSNL, we are now blessed with Wi-Fi in the school for online classes. – Sch Marvin Apose

## XTC, Belgaum (Novitiate)



A new academic year at XTC began with 8 friends in the Lord making their first vow on 21 June. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas, the provincial of Pune Province, the homily was given by Fr Arun D'souza, provincial of Bombay Province. Fr Roland Coelho, provincial of Goa Province, proposed the vote of thanks.

In the following days, Fr Vijay Chokhar (PUN) Socius to the Novice Director, led 11 young members of different provinces of Gujarat, Pune, Bombay, Chennai and Karnataka into their first probation giving us a foretaste of our way of living in the Society of Jesus. After our Triduum we were welcomed into our second probation on the feast of St. Thomas.

We were given the opportunity to plant our vocation plants in the garden of XTC. We planted saplings of Avocado and Coconuts. Novice Director Fr Anil and Socius Fr Vijay Chokhar and the second year novices assisted us in this memorable event.



Frs Francis Fernandes and Edward Philip from Vidya Niketan paid a short visit. In preparation for the feast of St Ignatius Fr Anil led us through a recollection day on the theme "parallel between Ignatius and myself". – Novice Fean Almeida.

## SATYA NILAYAM



The entire SN Community participated in the memorial service for Fr Stan Swamy when his ashes were brought from ISI, Bengaluru to Loyola College. The chief minister of Tamil Nadu paid floral tributes on this occasion. The National Justice Day was celebrated with a prayer and candlelight service which was well attended by our neighbours, parishioners and religious.

To our great relief, all at SN – Jesuits and lay collaborators - tested negative to Covid test organized by Chennai Corporation. Major works of

repair and renovation of the different blocks, approved by POSA, have just begun. We expect to begin classes on SN campus in the second week of August for all the second years. Admission process for the first years for MA Philosophy at Loyola College has just begun.

Fr Lawrence conducted a webinar on the life of St Ignatius of Loyola for the staff, students and alumni of St Joseph's Boys' High School. He also spoke on Ignatian Pedagogy in the Ignatian Principles series for SJBHS. – Fr Francis D'Souza

## BELGIUM



After the successful completion of my Licentiate in "Religion and Theological Ethics" in Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KUL), I have returned to India. Instead of coming to the Province, I travelled directly to Vidyajyoti College of Theology,

Delhi to begin my new apostolate of educating young theologians. I was warmly welcomed by VJ community members. Slowly I am getting used to the life in Delhi. My stay in Leuven, Belgium was very pleasant. Jesuit community in Belgium

was very cordial and caring. This experience gave me a little exposure to the European Jesuit way of life. The Katholieke Universiteit, from which I acquired my licentiate is very progressive in its outlook and studying in this university broadened my horizon. The pandemic was a hurdle to the classroom learning hence I had to do most of my courses online and I had to remain confined to my room for several months. Unfortunately, the restrictions imposed did not allow me to travel

anywhere abroad during the two years of my stay in Belgium. I was fortunate enough to explore some parts of Belgium and appreciate the rich Christian culture and heritage that was very much prevalent in the past. Amidst the pandemic and its restrictions, I completed my licentiate with distinction and now I am ready for the new mission assigned to me at VJ. – Fr Anthony D’Souza.

### XAVIER SADAN, Mysore



We had a month long renewal programme for silver jubilarians by Frs Dionysius Vaz, Freddie D’Silva, William Sequeira and Sr Rose Celine BS and a 25 day pastoral preparation programme for deacons by Frs Dionysius Vaz, Freddie D’Silva, Joseph Rodrigues, and Bishop Francis Serrao. Fr Freddie gave a 30-day retreat for DHM juniors in preparation for their final vows and an eight day retreat for Bethany Sisters as well as a six day retreat for SCC sisters. He also gave several on-line talks to different groups. Fr Lancy Fernandes gave a six day retreat for the seminarians of Shimoga Diocese. Meanwhile, our ever busy and multi-tasking Co-ordinator Fr Anil D’Mello found time to give a two day ongoing formation programme for the PDDM juniors in view of their final profession. Fr Solomon of Dumka who was

the companion of Fr Stan Swamy for the last 3 years just finished his 30-day retreat here. Thanks to BJES for their timely and generous help, we could reach out to the Covid sufferers by helping 15 deserving Catholic families of our area. We were happy to play host to several welcome guests and visitors, Jesuits and others. Many more are most welcome. God has been generous with us this year too by lavishing on us a bumper crop of mangoes so that we were able to distribute quite a few to various communities in Bangalore and Mysore. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated simply and piously with a prayer service, an inspiring and challenging message by Bp Sebastian of Mandya, games and dinner. Some 50 invitees graced the occasion. – Frs Freddie D’Silva & Anil D’Mello

### VINAYALAYA, Bombay



Joel and I embarked safely to Vinayalaya, Mumbai, for our Juniorate studies. We are nineteen Juniors in all, from 8 different provinces. After a few days of quarantine, we had our inaugural mass. The theme of the mass was “I am the potter and you are the clay.”

The first week was an orientation week. Fr Learoy, the Dean, conducted a course for us on ‘Understanding Transitions.’ In his *Lectio Brevis* he stressed the need for us Juniors to grow in *Eloquentia Perfecta* (Articulate Wisdom). We then had a few sessions in group dynamics, conducted by Fr Aubrey, the Minister of the Juniors. After this we moved on to sharing on our vocation stories,

our dreams, fears and expectations as we look ahead to the Juniorate year. The week really prepared us for regular class which commenced on 5th July.

We have begun our course in homiletics, and so homily deliveries have



started in full swing. The feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated on a grand scale. We look forward to our journey ahead. We ask for your prayers too. – Sch B Steven Joseph

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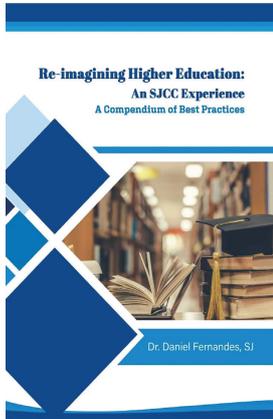
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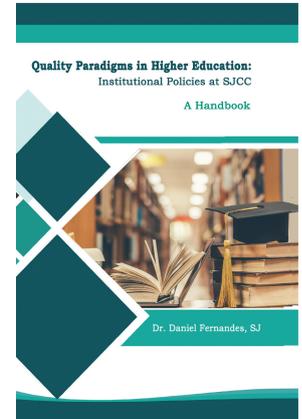
## NEW BOOKS



*Congratulations to Fr Fr Daniel Fernandes  
on his new books -*

**Re-imagining Higher Education: An SJCC  
Experience - A Compendium of Best Practices**

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**Quality Paradigms in Higher Education:  
Institutional Policies at SJCC - A Handbook**



## REST IN PEACE

**Fr Stanislaus (Stany) Miranda, SJ (KAR)**, 91/68, on 19 July, in Mangaluru.

**Fr Roshan Lobo, SJ (KAR)**, 49/32, on 13 August, in Bengaluru.

**Fr Paul Valappila, SJ (GUJ)**, 78/60, on 31 July, in Our Lady of Pilar Hospital, Vadodara.

**Fr Placie Fonseca, SJ (BOM)**, 84/ 62, on 1 August, in Mumbai.

**Fr. Cheruparambil J John, SJ (AND)**, 72/56, on 07 August, in Secunderabad.

**Fr Gregory Naik, SJ (GOA)**, 88/70, on 9 August, in Goa.

**Mrs Kanta Mary**, 65, aunt of Fr Edward Philip, on 21 July, in Mysuru.

**Ms Lourdes Fernandes**, sister of Fr Hilario Fernandes, on 27 July, in Goa.

## FR STANISLAUS MIRANDA, SJ (05 August 1930 – 19 July 2021)

At 7.30 in the morning, yesterday - 19 July, 2021 - Fr Stany winged his flight to heaven. Thus, his near ninety- one years of life here on earth came to an end. No, it did not come to an end. Fr Stany only moved on to life-unending, to be with his Creator and Lord. Because for God's faithful people life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven. (Roman Missal, Preface of Dead 1)

Born in Cascia, Mangalore, Fr Stany grew up living life to the full. Fr Denis Rasquinha who lives with us, and who is about 5 months older, was his good friend and companion. They went together to St Aloysius School and College. They played cricket on the Kankanady ground. When Fr Denis joined the Jesuits, Fr Stany, too, felt God's call and followed his friend about a year later, and

entered the Jesuit Novitiate in 1952.

Ordained priest in 1964, Fr Stany was sent for studies to Rome to prepare himself to teach in the Seminary. He returned with a doctorate in moral philosophy-theology, and he was assigned to St Joseph's Seminary wherein he taught for many years. He has served as Rector there and also as the Parish priest of the Jeppu Parish. Later, Fr Stany also served as professor in other theologates like, St Joseph's Seminary-Alahabad, Vidya Jyoti-Delhi, Jnana Jyoti Anekal, for some years. He was Superior and Director of Fatima Retreat House, here. And during his tenure, he brought about growth in retreat ministry



and over-all campus development. He has also served as pastor in Mundgod – a rural parish in Karwar diocese.

I wish to highlight a couple of typical traits of Fr Stany:

1. Deep down, he was a man of faith- a Jesuit and Priest in steady and deep contact with God. He nourished himself daily celebrating the Eucharist, pondered on the Word of God, and prayed the Divine Office. Thus he sustained his faith and close relationship with his God.
2. Fr Stany was a man of the heart – and very much with a heart for the poor. During his sojourn in St Joseph’s Seminary, Jeppu, where he was rector and parish priest, he helped many parishioners to build their houses – and helped them generously. He was fatherly to the seminarians and also reached out to many of them for their family needs. He did the same also when he was the parish priest in Mundgod.
3. Fr Stany was a priest - friendly, simple and approachable. He always had a welcoming face and a welcoming word for whoever approached him - Jesuits, priests, religious or lay persons. People felt at home with him. And we Jesuits enjoyed his sociable nature.
4. Fr Stany was a down-to-earth and compassionate man. Though well-educated and trained to teach ethics and moral theology, his feet were on the ground - quite in touch with ground realities - whether they be family struggles, moral issues, marriage conflicts, financial hardships - he had a heart like the heart of the Good Shepherd. Not only was he non-judgemental and respectful, but he would go out of his way to help couples and families.

For the last 12 years, Fr Stany was here with us in Fatima Retreat House Jesuit Community. In the earlier part of those years he served with retreats, Masses, confessions and personal guidance. Later, as his health deteriorated, he was confined to his room and needed continuous assistance. Whatever pains and ailments he had, he accepted and bore them in humble faith-surrender. His non-complaining, silent, endurance has always amazed me, edified me.

Dear Fr Stany, thank you for the person, the Jesuit and the Priest that you were all along. Thank you for the immense good you have done in innumerable ways, whether teaching and forming priests in the Seminaries, or quietly helping many a poor for housing, education, medical or other needs. Thank you for walking the talk, showing us how to be compassionate pastors. Thank you for contributing your mite in bringing about God’s kingdom in our world.

Using St Paul’s words, you are already being poured out as a libation, and the time for your departure has come. You have fought the good fight; you have finished the race; you have kept the faith. From now on, there is reserved for you the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to you. (2Tim 4:6-8)

Farewell Fr Stany, our dear brother. You are in a better place now, being freed from all that enslaves us. And as you know, our world today is a scary valley of sorrow and tears. So while you are resting and refreshing in the Bosom of God, do smile on us, intercede for us and send down God’s blessings that all of us need, blessings our world needs.

Bye for now, Fr Stany - Till we meet at Jesus’ feet.  
- Fr Thomas Quadras

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### INI launched on Inigo’s Feast

In an online function on 31 July 2021, the feast of St. Ignatius, the Madurai Province launched a new venture – an e-magazine called INI. INI stands for ‘Inigo’ and ‘initiative.’ Fr.M.A. Joe Antony, SJ, editor, INI, said that INI would be a quarterly that would focus on ‘Apostolic Preferences’ of Jesuits. He said INI is meant for Jesuits everywhere and their associates – professors, teachers, alumni, students, all those who belong to the IGFA (Ignatian Family), who are drawn to the Ignatian spirituality, and all men and women of good will who collaborate with Jesuits in their work for faith and justice.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

(In this section some of our Senior Jesuits will share their experiences of Jesuit life and mission)

### FR SUNITH PRABHU, SJ

Born in Jeppu, Mangalore, on 14 April, 1941, I was the fourth child in my family. From my childhood years, my mother nurtured my faith by taking me for daily mass to St. Joseph's Seminary which was quite close to my house. I loved to serve as an altar boy at those daily masses. Later on, I became the prefect of Altar Boys' Sodality and the secretary of the Sodality of Our Lady in the parish. The seminary became my second home as I came to know the Seminary Fathers and they came to know me. Soon after my SSLC exams, I made known to my parents my wish to join the Jesuits; and expressed my desire to Fr Denis Pinto who was then the director of Gonzaga House.

I was the youngest among 13 candidates from Karnataka who joined the Society of Jesus on 1 July, 1957. We were sent directly to Christ Hall, Calicut, where our novitiate was housed. I was still a novice when the province was bifurcated into Calicut and Karnataka. Together with the Karnataka contingent, I moved to Mount St Joseph, Bangalore, where I completed my novitiate and took my First Vows in 1959. After completing two years of juniorate I was sent to Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, for my philosophy. I did my regency in St. Aloysius Boarding House, Mangalore.

Fr Rocca, who was the acting Provincial at that time, assigned me to Dharwad to do my studies in Kannada. I humbly expressed to him my reluctance to study Kannada, and also revealed to him my desire to work in the Northeast. His response was simple: "Take it as God's will". I soon realized that it was indeed God's will for me and that I was to be the first Jesuit in the province to study MA Kannada. It was while pursuing MA in Dharwad that I decided to change my baptismal name from Justin Pinto to Sunith Prabhu.

On completing my MA, I was sent to De Nobili College, Pune, for theology. I was still in my third year of theology when my father fell critically ill. Therefore, by special permission of the Superiors, I was granted the privilege of being ordained to the priesthood on Christmas day in 1970, a few months before my other companions were to be ordained.

My first appointment after ordination was to teach Kannada in St Joseph's Indian High School, Bangalore. That marked the beginning of my teaching ministry. A year later, I did my B Ed as an external

student of R.V. Teachers' College, Bangalore. Initially I served as the vice-principal of the school. I had to take a break from teaching to do my tertianship in Hazaribagh. On my return to the province, I was appointed Principal of SJHS, Bangalore. After five years of service as Principal, I went to the US on sabbatical leave and spent six months in general studies in Fordham University, New York.



Back in the province, I was assigned to be the Principal of St Joseph's High School, Hassan. In addition to my academic and administrative responsibility, I had the task of putting up the new school building. For a few years thereafter I went on transfer to SJHS. I went back to Hassan again as Principal of the School and Superior of the Jesuit community till my retirement from service in 1999. In all these years of priestly ministry, my desire to work in the North East was alive but dormant. Post retirement, therefore, I opted once again to work in the Northeast, but the Provincial had different plans for me.

I was assigned to Bangalore - this time to St Joseph's College - with the mission of overseeing the construction of the new building for St Joseph's College of Arts & Science on Langford Road. I was fortunate to have Fr Clarence D'Souza as my companion during those stressful years. The task entailed a lot of hardships and inconveniences. The pressure of work took its toll on my health. I suffered a stroke which left me partially paralyzed for a while. By the grace of God I was able to recover from the stroke and return to normal life and work. After my recovery I went to Hassan once again to construct the new Boarding House and Jesuit Residence. Mission accomplished, I was assigned to Jesuit Nivas community in Bangalore.

As I take this delightful trip down memory lane, I find myself overwhelmed with profound gratitude to God for all the blessings He has showered on me, chiefly the blessing of my little service to the Society by actively involving myself in the various apostolates of the province. I am happy that many of my students have come up in life as zealous priests, devoted professors and committed public servants. I feel gratified that by promoting vocations I have been able to contribute my mite for the growth of the Society of Jesus.