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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

 October is a joyful month of ordinations for the province. This year we have been blessed with seven newly ordained priests, a gift that God has given us during this Jubilee Year of St Ignatius' conversion. I remember what a prophetic priest told me on the day of my ordination: "The sacrament of Holy Orders is meant to bring wholeness and order in the chaos and confusion of people's lives." Living in an increasingly polarised world today, large sections of the population continually struggle with discrimination, disparity, denial and despondency. A priest is therefore called to be an animator and builder of the community, to be the prophet of the good news, and to be the servant of the worship of the community.

Joy in the priesthood comes from responsibility, a committed prayer life, a sense of sacrifice and pure love. The joy of every priest is the joy of a person in love. In love with his vocation, in love with his people, in love with his God. The story of the priesthood is a love story. It is about falling in love with the God who loves you, and feeling that love so deeply that you want to spend your life bringing it to others in the most simple but profound ways: in drops of water, in crumbs of bread, in the sign of the Cross, in building communities of solidarity, in reaching out to the most deprived.

Pope Francis has formally launched the two-year global consultation process leading to the 2023 Synod on synodality. He calls the Church to discern a path forward as a community of faith, to become a Synodal Church that reaches out to the world, especially to those who are outcast or rejected, a Church that joyfully proclaims the infinite, unconditional, and universal mercy of God. May we learn to dialogue with others towards discernment, reform and renewal required in a Synodal Church.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



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Fr Jason E Furtado – Revisor of Kerala Province

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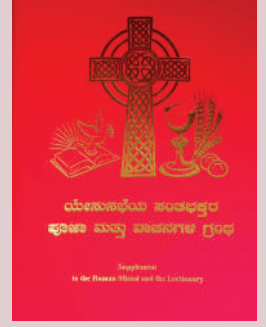
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CONGRATULATIONS!

To our newly ordained priests, **Frs Anush Prasad D'Cunha, Jason Stewart Martis, Joseph Kiran Pashan, Nithin Machado, Pradeep RS, Vincent Jaison A** and **Yesunath Karlekar**. May God bless you and your priestly ministry.



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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

OCTOBER 2021

- 02: Ordination: SJBHS, Bengaluru
- 03-06: Visitation: Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru
- 07: Hassan
- 08: Ordination: FRH, Mangaluru
- 09: AGM, MJES
- 11-13: Visitation: VN, Dharwad
- 14-16: Visitation: Mundgod Mission
- 17: First Mass: Alnavar
- 20: UFS: Mangaluru; St Joseph's Seminary: GBM
- 22: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru
- 23: Young Priests' Meet: Ashirvad
- 24-30: JCSA: Hyderabad

NOVEMBER 2021

- 01-05: Visitation: MSJ Seniors, Bengaluru
- 06-07: Meeting of LS, DoWs & CCMs: Prerana, MSJ
- 08: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru
- 10-13: Visitation: Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru
- 16-17: Visitation: Ashirvad, Bengaluru
- 18-19: Jesuit Psychologists Meet: Prerana, MSJ
- 22-23: Visitation, SN, Chennai
- 24-25: Visitation: SICJ, Trivandrum
- 26: Meeting of South Zone Provincials: Trivandrum

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWP), OCTOBER 2021

Evangelization: Missionary disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

The Karnataka Province this year has seven new priests. They were ordained in Bengaluru and Mangaluru on October 2 and 8 respectively. Three deacons, including one from Andhra province, were ordained by Archbishop Peter Machado at St Joseph’s Boys’ High School Chapel in Bengaluru, while five deacons received the Holy Orders from Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha at Divine Mercy Church, Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru.

In his homily, Archbishop Machado drawing from the wellspring of St Ignatius’ Suscipe and prayer for Generosity, said, “The call to the priesthood is also a call to experience death, that God makes success out of our failures. I urge you deacons to prioritise God above all things.”

Two deacons from Karnataka, R S Pradeep SJ, and Vincent Jaison SJ, and a deacon from Andhra Province Augustin Kurian Thottathil SJ after they were ordained priests, joined Archbishop Machado and Provincials of Karnataka and Andhra Frs Dionysius Vaz and Stanislaus Koppala in the celebration of the Eucharist. Fr Anthony Pradeep, the master of the ceremony, paved the way for the Holy Eucharistic



celebration with his introduction. Scholastics from regional theologate, Anekal conducted the choir. Fr Shantharaj T raised the toast for the newly ordained priests during the short felicitation that followed.

In his homily at the ordinations in Mangaluru, Bishop Saldanha said: “A priest must integrate in him the fatherhood of God and motherhood of the Church.” Five deacons, namely, Anush D’Cunha, Jason Martis, Joseph Kiran Pashan, Nithin Machado and Yesunath Karlekar were called to be ordained by the Provincial Fr Dionysius Vaz in the presence of a host of other Jesuits and priests.



Fr Dionysius Vaz thanked the Bishop for presiding over the ordination and consecrating the new priests. In his message he said quoting the words he had heard during his ordination: “You are receiving today Holy Orders. Bring wholeness and order amid the chaos and confusion of life.” A short felicitation function followed where Fr Ivan Mendonca raised the toast for the newly ordained priests. Both ordinations in Bengaluru and Mangaluru were live telecast on YouTube. – Fr Melwyn S Pinto

MEETING OF THE DoWs: Ashirvad

“We must put our trust in the collective potential. It is this collective potential that will keep us in good stead in times of situations that seem to be of less hope,” said Dr Vasu, a social activist. He was speaking to the directors of work (DOWs) of the Karnataka Jesuit province on September 18. Speaking about the pandemic that has struck the world, Dr Vasu said that we must be more worried about the ‘pandemic of hate’ that is gripping this country in the recent past. “However, it is possible to fight such a pandemic through the vaccine of love and harmony,” he said.

Dr Niranjana Aradhya, senior fellow and programme head Universalisation of Equitable Quality Education Programme, was the resource person on the second day September 19. In his

presentation, Dr Aradhya stressed the need for alternatives in education in the post-covid situation. He said that it is important that we address issues that have emerged due to Covid from a rights perspective. “Right to education (RTE) is a fundamental right coming under right to life given in article 21 of the Constitution of India. However, unfortunately the New Education Policy (NEP) does not have any reference to RTE,” Dr Aradhya said.

The meeting had a number of group discussions reflecting on various questions based on the themes discussed by the resource persons. The programme ended with the address by Provincial Fr Dionysius Vaz. Over 45 DOWs took part in the two-day programme. – Fr Melwyn S Pinto

Fr Prashant Madtha gave us a monthly recollection talk on 'transforming our wounds into wisdom'. The community led the choir at the ordination ceremony at SJBHS on October 2. We are grateful to Fr Francis Fernandes, our recent visiting professor. Fr Cyprian Tellis spent a week in Prerana giving a course on 'Social Justice'. Under the leadership of Fr Cyprian and Sch Joswin Pereira, we had a half-day outreach program with the migrant workers in Kambalipura.

At the IRHM prayer meeting on United Hearts, Ms Malini SP was the main speaker. The prayer service was conducted by the Inigo Sadan Scholastics. Slum Development Programme is taking shape under the guidance of Fr Arun Luis. Rotary Bangalore has come forward to support evening tuition centres in the slums of Shanthinagar and KA Gardens. Fr Arun and his team have plans to start similar tuition centres in the Nagavara slums for the Manual Scavenging People.

Ashirvad residence has had a facelift. The Centre for Social Concern is functioning in the new setup with modern office structure – with Mr Debdulal Mondal as the field staff and Mrs Karen as office staff.

Fr. Prashanth Madtha's new book, *Pranshupala*, was released on 7 October at St Aloysius

Among our distinguished visitors, we had the provincials of Charity and JMJ Sisters, followed by Dr. Thomas Vazhappilly (Bp Emeritus of Mysore) who came to Bijapur to greet his sister, Sr Elsy, SJT on her birthday. The climax was the fruitful annual visitation of Fr Provincial (preceded by the revisors) who came, saw and enkindled our spirits by his gracious presence. He addressed the staff of Loyola institutions of Bijapur and Sindagi and the staff of social work centre.

Schs Melvyn Govias and Prakash were in Bijapur and Schs Adline Monterio and Shaun D'Silva were in Sindagi - for their mission exposure. Fr Anthony Dass, addressed the PTA meeting of JMJ School, Devarahippuragi. Fr Jeevan James was the chief guest at the Ignatian Year celebrations at Loyola Yomiuri school and PU college. Mr Patel Biradar was the chief guest for the investiture cer-

emony of the students' council. Fr Edward Philip was the animator of the youth day organized in St Joseph's church. On Gandhi Jayanthi Day, Fr Prashant Sequeira was the resource person at the awareness program on women's rights for the CIRW SHG's zonal members. AICUF students from St Joseph's College of Law had a day of exposure programme at Anekal. The activities included fun games for children and distribution of ration kits for the migrant families. – Sch Jaison Lobo

College, Mangaluru. A three-day advanced JESCOL program on Jesuit Leadership was conducted at Ashirvad for a group of 30 office bearers of our schools and colleges from the Mangaluru-Hassan-Pandithahalli zone. Frs Jerald D'Souza, Joe Xavier (MDU), Joseph D'Mello and Joseph Lobo were the resource persons. This was followed by a second JESCOL programme held in the first week of October for the Mangalore-Hassan-Harihar regions. Fr Joseph Lobo gave a three-day program on Ignatian Discernment to a group of religious superiors and office bearers in Hyderabad, and also a programme to a group of formators at Dhyavanava, Mysore, on "Discernment in Spiritual Direction". He also addressed online the PCFs of South Asian Conference and the Rectors of our national formation centres on "Challenges of a socially oriented Jesuit formation today". – Fr Eugene Lobo

emony of the students' council.

The farmers rally led by CNFE and other organizations in support of the farmers was a great success. More than 1000 people responded to our call. In Bijapur, Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated with Devadasi women. A retired judge spoke on legal aid. Smti Sunandamma, Registrar of Women's University, spoke on the role of the government in protecting the vulnerable. A street play, a rally to the DC's office and a meeting with the DC made the day. Impressed by our initiatives, the DC has invited CNFE and its partners to play a role in planning welfare programmes for these vulnerable groups.

In Sindagi, Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated at Sangama CIRD with *shramadaan*. A programme on "Legal Awareness and Assistance" was

organised in collaboration with the Taluk Lawyers' Association and the Judges' Association. Those who attended the programme included women

groups, differently-abled groups, unorganized youth group, and construction workers.

– Fr Jeevan James

KALABURAGI



The College observed *Kalyana Karnataka* day with great enthusiasm. We celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi with full day classes – not without a special common programme to commemorate the day. Mr. Prabhakar Khombin, the chief guest on the occasion urged the students to walk in the footsteps of the Father of the Nation. We are

grateful to Fr Jason Furtado for taking the trouble of travelling to Gulbarga and registering 4.2 acres of land adjacent to the College campus. Fr Melwin Mendonca accompanied him to the Sub-registrar's office and assisted him with the logistics. – Sch Nishanth Noronha

MUNDGOD



Mundgod Mission is currently busy with "Impact Analysis" - in view of the celebration of 40 years of Jesuit presence in Mundgod. ASK training-learning team from Delhi, headed by Dr Manas Bhat-tacharya, is conducting field visits and interviews of all our stakeholders. Fr Harry Terry is back after his final semester exams and graduation. Fr Francis Menezes gave a 3-day programme for the Silver Jubilarians at Prerana. Frs Cyprian Tellis and Denzil W Lobo were with us for the Revisor's work. Scholastics from Dharwad, Hassan, Mangaluru and Bengaluru were with us for their mission exposure. Under the leadership of Fr Francis Balaraju, ISI-Bangalore conducted a three-day workshop on Panchayath Raj for more

than 50 unorganized youth.

The Teachers' Day event at Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya started with an inter-religious prayer, followed by a lot of fun filled activities and a fellowship meal. Sri Basavaraj Horatti, Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Council, gave us a pleasant surprise by his friendly visit to LKV, along with the DDPI and the BEO.

St Lawrence Jesuit community House, Hangal, is renovated and extended (with additional rooms for guests and visitors) in view of the 75th birthday of Fr Tom D'Souza. – Fr Melvin Lobo

ASHA KIRAN



We felt blessed to have our dear Fr Provincial for the annual visitation. He was the main celebrant at the feast day mass on Nativity. With the arrival of I Year scholastics from different provinces, Asha Kiran community is now complete. We had an orientation programme conducted by Fr Sujay Daniel which was followed by the address of Fr Praveen Martis, the principal of St Aloysius College. The community had a short felicitation programme to thank Frs Maxim Misquith and Joseph Monteiro (Superior and Minister of Fatima Retreat House) who took care of us during the Covid quarantine. Fr Celestine Sera is back af-

ter spending four days in Fr Muller hospital. Our community assisted a cancer patient -a student of St Aloysius College - by visiting her in the hospital and extending a token of financial assistance. Fr Jerome Sequeira (JAM) from Afghanistan paid us a visit and shared with us his experiences about life in the JRS mission. Fr Ronald Pais conducted a five-day course on personality development and emotional well-being for Bethany Novices. He also conducted a two-day course on affective maturity for the Scholastics in Dharwad.

– Sch Macwin D'Souza

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



Thanks to the help by the province, we have a new car (exchange offer) as the old one needed to be replaced. As Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial, recited blessing prayers, Fr Denis Rasquinha sprinkled on it the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Aaron. Hence so well-protect-

ed, you are most welcome to travel in it- absolutely safe. Fr Melwin J Pinto animated and led the community to Spiritual Conversation. Frs Joseph Monteiro and Thomas Quadras directed a few persons through retreats. Fr Maxim Misquith preached a retreat at Xavier Sadan, Mysore. FRH

hosted a webinar on “Family trends in post-covid era” with Fr Dionysius Vaz as the speaker.

Fr Terence Farias gave online talks on Discernment to the participants at Prerana, MSJ. He also gave offline talks on Religious Leadership to Jesus & Mary Sisters in Baroda. We are happy and grateful that deacon Nithin Machado was with us during the last couple of months giving medical

LOYOLA PRENOVIATE



The Nativity of the BVM was celebrated in due festive spirit. Vegetables used for the feast were from our own garden, tended by Sch Larren Menezes. The pre-novices have begun their off-line classes and are busy preparing for mid-term exams. Thanks to the generous contribution of the MJES

LOYOLA MANDIR



Frs Arun D’Souza and Rayappa left for Kandy for their Tertianship at the end of September. Fr Jason Furtado was away in Chennai to do the work of the revisor of Satya Nilayam. Fr Olvin Veigas gave a 20-hour long online course on the “prayer of Jesus and contemplation” to 50 Asian tertians of SCCG congregation. Fr Robert Rodrigues has reached India safe after a few anxious weeks of Taliban takeover in Afghanistan. Having gone through institutional quarantine in Delhi, Fr Robert spent some quality time in the calm and serene

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



Frs Anthony Joseph and Edward Rodrigues conducted recollections for the priests of Ulsoor Deanery and Begur Deanery respectively. The melodious Konkani choir, conducted by Fr Merwyn Fernandes, added to the solemnity of the celebration of the feast of the Nativity. Anvil Mascarenhas who joined the novitiate recently had his first probation under the guidance of Fr Merwyn. A course on ‘prayer and prayer methods’ by Fr William Sequeira deepened our prayer life. The religious of Bannerghatta CRI Unit were invited to MSJ for a talk by Fr John Pradeep on the significance of the Ignatian Year. The novitiate community was out on a day’s pilgrimage and picnic to Indian Social Institute, Jesuit Nivas and Infant Jesus Church. The hospitality received by the novices at these centres will linger in their memory for a long time.

For the first time in many years, Prerana saw a fully packed house with 70 participants from different

attention to his knee. While still recuperating, he ministered in several ways, bringing smile and sunshine on the faces of the seniors here. He took every opportunity to serve as deacon in the church and preach the Word of God. Our five deacons were guided by Fr Alphonse Fernandes during their *triduum* in preparation for their Priestly Ordination. – Fr Tom Quadras

our basketball court is getting a fourth layer of concrete over a tar layer and two concrete layers. The new basketball poles which came all the way from Bengaluru are a gift from the KJES.

– Fr Peter Pinto

atmosphere of Loyola Mandir. Fr Joseph D’Mello gave a series of lectures to the sisters of the Apostolic Carmel on “Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises”. He also spoke on *Ignatius of Loyola: Turning a crisis into an opportunity* to the Goa Jesuit Province. Loyola Mandir witnessed an overwhelming number of Jesuits attending the AGM of KJES at Pratiksha. The community went out for a community building exercise and returned refreshed and rejuvenated. – Fr Olvin Veigas

age groups. An online course on ‘Discernment’, conducted by Fr Terence Farias, was well appreciated by the participants both from India and abroad. Fr Pradeep Sequeira guided the eight-day retreat of 46 silver and golden jubilarians - priests and sisters.



Loyola Composite PU College organized a pep talk for our lay collaborators on the Jesuits Way of Proceeding by Fr Anthony Joseph. Fr William Sequeira shared his expertise on how to develop our counseling skills. Administrators of our institutions attended the 3-day JESCOL programme at Ashirvad. ‘Jesuits’ contribution towards Indian

Education' was the title of the talk by Mr Kiran as part of the celebration of the Ignatian year.

Loyola Degree College welcomed the new batch of students with a two-day orientation programme. On Gandhi Jayanthi Day, Dr Jeevan Kumar gave

ARRUPE NIVAS



National Education Excellence has awarded St. Joseph's College with 'Best Degree College of the Year 2021 in South India' award; and also 'Outstanding Performance in Virtual Knowledge delivery during Pandemic'. We had a two-week induction programme for our new faculty members during which Fr Francis Pinto gave an input on "Organizational Culture - Constraints and Challenges." The deans and the directors participated in the advanced JESCOL Programme at Ashirvad. On the occasion of the 138th College Day celebrations, our outgoing students and retired staff were honored. The chief guests for the occasion were Mr D. Anil, IRS, and Mr. Vishal Gunni, IPS. A free vaccination drive was conducted in our college campus thanks to which 1300 students and their parents benefited. On International Chari-

JESUIT NIVAS



Ordination of our three deacons was held in SJBHS Chapel. SJBHS celebrated 'Cadence', Inter School Music Fest which brought a festive spirit to the campus. The fifth edition of Bifrost, an inter-school, international commerce fest, was hosted as a virtual event with 400 students participating from 51 schools. Our teachers attended the JESCOL seminar held at Ashirvad. Hindi Diwas and Gandhi Jayanti were celebrated online. An innovative online knowledge video series 'Jnana Manthana (ಜ್ಞಾನ ಮಂಥನ)' has been created by our teachers. The series will cover a range of topics and will benefit students, parents and teachers. At SJPU, the Student Council and the OBA jointly celebrated Teachers' Day. Our students took part and won prizes in three events in the Math Fiesta organized by St Aloysius College, Mangaluru. The Character Formation Committee organized an online webinar, "Gratus" - growing with gratitude. The second edition of 'Chiguru'- an academic enrichment programme for our mission partners was held online on 27 and 28 September.

SJCL, in association with BBMP, organized a vaccination drive. Student volunteers, accompanied

a lecture on "Contemporary Relevance of Gandhi". CA Valerian D'Almeida of Newskarnataka gave a well-appreciated talk to the I year degree students on the 'SAGA' of life.

– Fr Francis D'Almeida

ty Day our outreach team organized distribution of ration kits, chocolates and biscuits to the poor and marginalized. At the JESCOL programme, organized for SJBHS staff, Frs Denzil E Lobo and Swebert D'Silva were the resource persons. Fr Xavier Savarimuthu SJ (CCU) who recently joined the Arrupe Nivas community has been appointed as Director of Research Centre of SJC.

AICUF had its long due State Council meeting (offline) with the theme "Marching Ahead in MAGIS" in early October at St Joseph's College. More than 130 students from 13 Colleges across Karnataka participated in the meeting. New officer-bearers were elected and programmes planned for the coming year. – Fr John Baptist

by the Director, Fr Jerald Dsouza and faculty coordinator, Ms. Lincy, visited some areas of Indiranagar constituency and assisted in administering the vaccination. SJCL marked the birthday of the late Fr Stan Swamy SJ by organising a quiz competition titled "The life and struggles of Fr Stan Swamy SJ" on September 4.

More than 30 teams from across the country participated in the event. Hon'ble Justice Indires



of Karnataka High Court was the chief guest at the first SJCL graduation ceremony held for the outgoing batch of students of the 2021 LLB programme.

An alumnus of SJCC, Mr. Salil Shetty (Vice President designate of Global Programs at the Open Society Foundation and former Secretary General of Amnesty International) was the chief guest at the inauguration of the student council. SJCC

conducted as many as 19 workshops in August of academic and research interest. The college organized vaccination drives on an average of once a month. Moreover, the college Theatre Team staged more than 60 street play shows in various slums in the city.

INIGO SADAN



Study groups have been formed at Inigo Sadan for all the scholastics with a guide as per the guidelines of the PCF. Schs Cicil (KER) and Romiyio (DAR) were energized by their visit to Mundgod mission for a week. Our scholastics conducted the monthly inter-religious prayer session at Ashirvad.

The PTA of SJIPS along with the school management celebrated Teachers' Day paying rich tribute to the teachers. The staff were given a demo on "Schoolphins" - a software that gives access to parents, teachers and management on school programmes related to academic and general matters.

The students of the Community College have begun their offline classes in right earnest. At the inaugural Eucharist, Fr Felix Anand was the main celebrant and Fr Dheeraj D'Souza the homilist. Present at the inaugural function were Fr Joseph Rodrigues, Fr Rohan D'Almeida and Mr Stanley of SKIP. The chief guest on the occasion was Mr

NAVASADHANA, Hassan



On the occasion of the feast of the Nativity of the BVM we were happy to have with us the parish priest and his assistant. The canonical visitation of Provincial Fr. Dionysius Vaz was indeed a blessing to the Jesuits and the pre-novices. On completing their exams, Schs Joyal D'Sa and Sanson D'Souza visited different communities of the province. They also took part in various

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



The NIRF ranking of 95 at the national level continues to stimulate SAC staff towards Magis. Fr Praveen Martis, our principal, was recognized for his growth driven and innovative administration. The management has blessed and commissioned a 605-KW rooftop solar power plant in our campus.

Our staff members - including Jesuits - who are in leadership roles in our institutions attended the

SJIM has been accredited as the India hub of the Economy of Francesco (EoF). The India hub will play a pivotal role in linking Indian business and economic experts and Indian economic views with the global *Economy of Francesco Movement*.
- Fr Antony Pais

V Satish, Regional Director of NIOS. The School reopened with the Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 6 after a span of five months of delay owing to the pandemic. The student council of SJHS and SJICPUC, along with the Rotary Club, celebrated Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm. Six of our staff members were identified and honoured by the Rotary Club for their significant contribution to the education of students during the testing time of the pandemic.

At the SJS-CBSE, the world literacy day was observed. The students of class IX & X took the initiative of organizing the Teachers' Day celebrations at which the alumni as well as the students from all the classes greeted the teachers and made them feel special. An inter-religious prayer service was conducted virtually on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi. Hindi Diwas was celebrated online at which Dr Sajida Ahmed was the chief guest. The Literary Club conducted various activities on the theme "Read and Grow."

- Fr Felix Anand

programmes like leadership training and AICUF Meet. Fr Dheeraj D'Souza visited a few schools in Bengaluru to inspire prospective candidates to the Society. Meanwhile, he made it a point to visit the houses of the pre-novices who are currently pursuing their studies at Navasadhana.

- Sch Noel Dias

advanced JESCOL programmes at Ashirvad. Jesuit Principals and Directors of PU colleges who were here for their meeting joined the community at dinner for celebrating Monthi Fest. The 82nd birthday of Fr Santosh Kamath was kept up with much joy both by the Jesuits and by his lay friends and relatives.

The AIMIT campus is becoming greener by the day, thanks to the relentless efforts of Fr Joel

Fernandes and team who have planted over 700 saplings of indigenous variety, 500 of them planted in the Miyawaki forest soon to be christened Fr Stan Swamy Peace Park. The 150-KV rooftop solar power project, now completed, can generate an average of 600 units of electricity daily. Our student Jesuits Fr Ashok Lakra and Sch Sandeep Gonsalves have begun their daily routine of online and offline classes while Fr Joel is preparing for his PG CET exam.

A one-day AICUF workshop was organised for SAPUC students at AIMIT campus. Over 150 students from all over India participated in the third edition of SAPMUN (St Aloysius Pre-University Model United Nations), a three day educational simulation of actual UN committees. Students organised a virtual Teachers' Day Celebration. SAPUC lecturers won various prizes at 'Yenergy' a talent competition organised by Yenepoya Institutions. A programme named "Students of the Month" has been initiated to recognize and ap-

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



The celebration of Monti fest brought the much needed cheer to the community amidst the tension of semester exams. After the exams, the first-year scholastics went to Bijapur, Manvi and Mundgod for their mission exposure. The second years went for their home visit. Fr Jerald

SWAMY RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



Invited by a few parishes in Bengaluru and Mysuru, Frs Lancy M Fernandes and Norwin Pereira went out of town to celebrate the Nativity Festival masses. Jesuits in Mysuru had a get together at Xavier Sadan on the occasion of the feast. Fr Lancy gave an online orientation programme for about 200 students of Stds IX & X of St Ursula's School, Pune.

At Holy Angels School, children enter the campus with great joy for offline classes. A two-day parent-teachers' meeting was organized under the

VINAYALAYA, Mumbai



We continued our process work with the assistance of Dr Evelet Sequeira who conducted a course on "Group building through Creative Art." Fr. Richard D'Souza (GOA) from the Vatican Observatory spoke to us on the role of the Church in the field of astronomy. On Teachers' Day, the Juniors and the pre-novices expressed their gratitude to their teachers with a vivacious skit, a song,

and a memento. Mr Amitendra (Product Head, Career Launchers) addressed the students on Careers in Management and Law. At the one-day Staff Enrichment Programme, Mrs Vidya Dinakar, a social activist, spoke on Human Rights & Justice. A movie based on the life of St Ignatius was also screened. Students won prizes at Asia International Mathematical Olympiad Union open contest, National level open Yoga Championship 2021, State Level Karate tournament and various inter-collegiate events.

On Teachers' Day Gonzaga School students and parents organized a programme for the teachers. The Management too honoured the teachers during the function at which Dr. Farita Veigas, Principal of St Aloysius Institute of Education, was the chief guest. Fr. Melwin Pinto, the Rector, graced the occasion. The School Annual Magazine was released on this occasion.

– Fr Pradeep Sequeira & Sch Ovin Rodrigues

D'Souza, director of SJCL, gave us a two-day course on social analysis; and Fr Ronald Pais, Superior of Asha Kiran, gave a course on 'Affective Maturity'. Fr. Francis Fernandes gave a course on Christian Spirituality to the II Year Theologians at RTC, Anekal. – Sch Christon Gonsalves

leadership of Fr Norwin. Two of our staff attended the three-day Advanced JESCOL at Ashirvad. They also benefited by the two-day exposure and skill training at St Joseph's Boys High School and St Joseph's CBSE. Fr Norwin has kept himself busy with the task of updating the school documents in view of the permission to be obtained for 9th & 10th Stds, a process which has already included two rounds of inspection by three member teams from the education department.

– Sch Prajwal Marvin Apose

and a memento. Fr. Wendel D'Cruz SJ (BOM) conducted a 5-day workshop in "Appreciating Art and the Inscape." We also had a session on liturgy by Fr. Savio Rodrigues of the Archdiocese of Mumbai. While clarifying our doubts on liturgy, we also tried to straighten out the old adage concerning Jesuits and Liturgy – 'being as confused as a Jesuit in Holy Week.' – Sch Joel Dias

Having arrived here at Vidyaniketan on 2nd July and being quarantined for two weeks, we the five Juniors from Karnataka joined the other Juniors and staff – 28 in all - for the inauguration of the academic year. Sch Sohan Fernandes (KAR) is our beadle. After the orientation programme conducted by Fr Jose Thachil (KER), classes began with an introduction to the curriculum by our dean Fr Williams Christopher (MDU). We attend-

ed the Independence Day celebrations at St. Xavier's College and sang a patriotic song. Kerala Juniors enriched our knowledge of Kerala culture through the Onam celebrations.

Monthi Fest was an opportunity for the Karnataka scholastics to share with their companions on the rich heritage of the Karnataka province.
– Sch Anson Alex

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai

Teachers' Day, celebrated by the Philosophers to honour their professors, was rendered more joyful by the presence of Fr Stanislaus D'Souza, POSA. Fr Lawrence Fernandes, along with Karnataka scholastics at SN, conducted a webinar on the theme 'Gratus' (Gratitude), organized by St

Joseph's Pre-University College, Bengaluru. The entire SN community took part in the celebration of 'Karam', the regional feast of Chotanagpur people. Fr Francis D'Souza was away for a week on revisor's work at DNC, Pune and Sadhana, Lonavla. – Sch Royster Monis



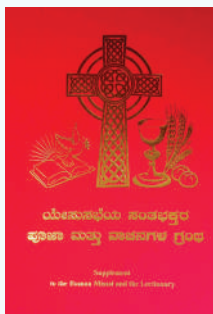
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- Fr Lalit Kumar Ekka, SJ (MAP), 50/30, on 24 September 2021, in Ambikapur (C.G.)
- Fr Lawrence Caruana, SJ (DUM), 95/76, on 03 October 2021, in Naxxar, Malta.
- Fr Marianus Kullu, SJ (DAR), 61/38, on 11 October, in Hatighisa.
- Mr Joseph D'Mello, 60, brother of Fr Anil D'Mello, on 10 October, in Puttur.
- Mrs Cosses Mary Lobo, 101, mother of Fr Joseph Lobo, on 13 October, in Neermarga, Mangaluru.

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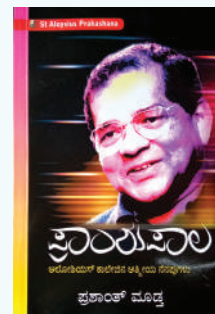
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DOWN MEMORY LANE

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

FR JOHN B MENDONCA, SJ

I was born in December 1943 in a devout Catholic family at Gurpur, Mangaluru, the youngest among four boys. All I remember about my childhood days is that we were a happy farming family quite content with what we had. The love and affection I received from my parents and brothers in my childhood was an important factor in shaping my personality. My father was an inspiration and role model to me. His qualities of initiative and leadership, both in the church and in the parish community, were a source of inspiration to me. I admired his piety as well as his love and dedication to the family.

My primary schooling was in Rosa Mystica Convent School run by Bethany Sisters. The role played by the Bethany Sisters in fostering my religious and priestly vocation is second only to that of my father. In those days, the nearest high school was six kilometers away from home. It was not

easy to get admission in that school owing to the large number of children who applied. Neither was it easy to cover on foot the distance between home and school. But these hurdles did not deter me from seeking and securing admission to the IX Standard in order to pursue my high school studies.



In the summer of 1958, a Capuchin priest visited my parish and spoke about St Francis of Assisi and the call to religious life. Enthused by the talk, I wished to join the Capuchins and began to pray for my vocation. But for some reason, the Capuchin priest showed no interest in me; instead he invited my friends to join his Order. I was disappointed. After about a month, our parish priest asked me to meet Fr. Bertram Rebello (for-

mer Novice Master of the Jesuits) who had come to visit our parish. Looking at my VIII Std marks card with appreciation, Fr Bertram asked me if I wished to become a Jesuit priest. But knowing that Jesuit formation took several years, I refused his invitation and returned home disappointed. A few weeks later, the parish priest told my father that Fr Bertram had written to him renewing his invitation for me to join the Society of Jesus. With the encouragement I received from my father and the parish priest, I decided to join the Jesuits. Accordingly I came to St. Aloysius High School, Mangalore, for my high school education. After completing my matriculation and pre-university course, I joined the novitiate at Mount St. Joseph, Bengaluru, on 29th June 1962.

Life in the novitiate was a pleasant and relaxed time under the paternal guidance of the novice master Fr Apollinaris D'Souza - a simple, gentle and saintly person - whose personal example nurtured and strengthened my vocation. The two-year novitiate was followed by one year of juniorate, during which I learned Latin, Greek, English and Kannada; and was introduced to the study of Ignatian spirituality and the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus. Then in 1965, I was sent back to St. Aloysius College to do my B. Sc, and thereafter to Kodaikanal for my philosophy studies.

I was posted to St John's High School, Bellary, for my regency where I had the privilege of being appointed to an aided post (though I did not have the B.Ed. qualification!), drawing government salary. But I had work to do - full time teaching, supervision of the boarding house, assistance in parish ministry, etc. The only other Jesuit at St John's School was Fr Apollinaris who was once my novice master! Post regency, I had the opportunity to do my B.Ed. in Bangalore in 1973 and then to proceed to Vidyajyoti, Delhi, for my theology.

I was ordained a priest in May 1976 in Mangalore, and returned to Delhi for the fourth year of theology, the "pastoral year". It was at this time that I began giving 3-day retreats to students, and it was at this time too that I preached my

first 8-day retreat in Shimla to a group of Sisters. Though I expressed to the Superiors my desire to preach retreats and do counselling work as my future ministry, I was posted back to St. Aloysius High School, Mangaluru in 1977 as a teacher of science and maths. I was also the Assistant Headmaster in charge of discipline. In addition to full time teaching, I had to arrange for substitution when teachers were on casual leave and keep an eye on student behaviour. This last was an unpleasant task. But when I began to visit the homes of the boys and met their parents, I found it was a rewarding experience. I was for ten years Assistant H.M. of the school.

Therefore when, in 1986, I was appointed Headmaster of the school, I did not find it much of a challenge. In the midst of my teaching assignment and administrative responsibilities, I managed to find time to give one or two 8-day retreats each year. After eight years as HM, I had one full year of sabbatical in 1995. When I returned, I was asked to take over as Superior of St Joseph's High School in Hassan, and two years later HM as well, until I retired from service in December 2001.

A chance to engage in pastoral ministry came, when after my retirement, I was assigned to Fatima Retreat House, Mangalore. Two years later - on 3 May, 2004 to be precise - I was transferred to Dhyanaashrama, Bengaluru, where I am currently fully engaged in retreat apostolate - preaching, on an average, four 30-day retreats a year, and one or two 8-day retreats a month. Besides preaching retreats I make myself available for pastoral ministry in the neighbouring convents and parishes.

I am grateful to God for the 26 years I spent in the ministry of education and 17 years in the retreat apostolate. I am thankful to my Jesuit superiors and companions and also my lay collaborators and friends for the guidance and cooperation I received in carrying out my ministry and helping me in my personal and spiritual growth.



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