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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

**W**e celebrate two important feasts this month, the Independence of our country and the Assumption of our Blessed Mother. We should feel proud of our country for various reasons: for its diversity in terms of cultures and languages, for its spiritual heritage, for the philosophy of life, and for scientific and technological accomplishments. But these accomplishments should not blind us to the present realities. Our country is wounded and caught in the web of violence and communalism, politicization of religion, omnipresent corruption, rural under-development, ecological crises, and injustice perpetrated against Dalits, tribals, minorities, women and children. We are in a culture where the words debate, dissent and dialogue are anathema or taboo. The might of majoritarianism, militant nationalism, stigmatization of minorities and growing disempowerment of the poor and the subaltern have destroyed the democratic fabric of this country.

In his recent letter to me, the Regional Superior of Kohima wrote, *"Manipur is still burning. It is sad and shocking that the powers that be are allowing the mayhem to continue. They are yet to bring the conflicting parties on the dialogue table."* The ruling establishment has been a silent spectator to the violence in Manipur and Haryana.

I am reminded of the prophetic words of Fr Stan Swamy, "Why truth has become so bitter, dissent so intolerable, justice so out of reach?" This is so "because truth has become very bitter to those in power and position, dissent, so unpalatable to the ruling elite, justice, so out of reach to the powerless, marginalised, deprived people." He goes on to declare, "Yet, truth must be spoken, right to dissent must be upheld, and justice must reach the doorsteps of the poor. I am not a silent spectator."

May we get inspiration from our elder brother and prophet of our times, Fr Stan Swamy to continue his legacy. May Mary, our Blessed Mother, help us to prophetically announce the coming justice of God with her great song of liberation: "God will put down the mighty from their thrones and raise up the lowly."



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



## APPOINTED / APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

**Fr James Arjen Tete (CCU):** Provincial of Calcutta Province

**Fr John Wilfred Lobo (DAR):** Assistant General Treasurer, Rome

**Fr Anthony Lawrence, Fr Francis B, Fr Maxim Dias** and **Fr Pratap Chandru** are approved for the Final Vows.

## APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Cyril J D'Mello:** In-charge of land and building, SJU, Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru

**Fr Wilson James Moras:** Director, Loyola School, Manvi

**Province Media Committee:** Frs Melwyn S Pinto (C), Anush D'Cunha, Anthony Arul, Pradeep RS, Roshan Castelino, Schs Royster Monis, Joel Dias, and Shaun D'Silva.

**Province Revisor's Team for 2023-24:** Frs Jason Furtado (Province Treasurer), Arun Prashanth D'Souza, Balaraju R, Cyprian Tellis, Joy Rodrigues, Praveen Kiran Martis, Roshan Pereira and Wilson Moras.

**Province Team for Safeguarding:** : Frs Cyprian Tellis (C), Jerald D'Souza, Francis Menezes, and Prashanth Wesley D'Souza. Fr Jerald D'Souza will be the spokesperson.

**Fr Cyprian Tellis** continues to be the protection officer of the Karnataka province safeguarding team.

**Chairpersons for the Zonal Internal Grievance Cells for 2023: Bengaluru Zone:** Fr Brian Pereira; **Mangaluru Zone:** Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto; and **North Karnataka:** Fr Francis Menezes

## REGENCY

**Sch Joyal Stephan D'Sa:** Pannur, Manvi

**Sch Adline Monteiro:** Siddi Project, LVK Mundgod

**Sch Sanson Clefers D'Souza:** Loyola School, Bijapur

**Sch Sujay Paul A:** CNFCE, Manvi

**Sch Arun Raj:** LVK, Hangal

**Sch Shaun D'Silva:** Holy Angel's School, Pandithahalli

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### August 2023

18: Meeting of Vocation Promoters, Secondary & Higher Education Commissions

19-20: Meeting of DoWs: Prerana, Bengaluru

20: AGM, KJES

21: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru

21: AGM, BJES

22: AGM, AJECS, Anekal / Final Vows of Fr Francis B, SJ at ISI, Bengaluru

23: AGM, NKJECS, Mundgod

24: AGM, BJECS, Vijayapur

25: AGM, CNFCE, Manvi

26: Meeting with Regents

28: Programme for formators of Bethany congregation

31: AGM of St Josephs' Seminary, Mangaluru

### September 2023

01-04: Visitation: Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru

05-06: Religious Leadership: Prerana, Bengaluru

07-09: Visitation: FRH, Mangaluru

10: AGM, MJES, Mangaluru

11: AGM, HJES, Hassan

12-14: Visitation: St Joseph's, Hassan

16-17: Meeting of Ministers, Finance Officers, Treasurers: Ashirvad, Bengaluru

18: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru

19-22: Visitation: Bijapur Mission, Vijayapura

23-24: Meeting of the Committee Reimagining SJ in South Asia

26-28: Visitation: Pannur-Manvi Mission, Manvi

30: Ordination: SJBHS, Bengaluru

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Name:** The Jesuit Community of Hassan will be called from now on '**Joseph Nivas**'.

**Final Vows:** Fr Francis B will make his final vows in ISI, Bengaluru on 22 August. The Holy Eucharist will be at 5.30 PM.

**Ordinations:** The ordinations of our deacons will be on Saturday, 30 September, in St Joseph's Boys' High School (Bengaluru) at 10:30 AM and on Saturday, 14 October, in Fatima Retreat House (Mangaluru) at 10:00 AM.

**August 18:** Meeting of Vocation Promoters, Secondary & Higher Education Commissions

**August 19-20:** Meeting of DoWs: Prerana, Bengaluru

**October 27-29:** North Karnataka Mag+s, Mundgod Mission

**December 28-30:** Province Sammelan: Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru

### Province Retreat

**October 05-13, 2023, Place:** Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Jose Jacob, SJ (KER).

**Fr Rayan Joel Lobo** has been preparing points for monthly recollection of our communities from July 2023. He will send us the points till May 2024.

Another Jesuit among the soon-to-be cardinals: **Ángel Sixto Rossi:** On 30 September, Pope Francis will create 21 new cardinals. Among them, in addition to the Archbishop of Hong Kong Stephen Chow whom we have already mentioned, is the Archbishop of Córdoba, Argentina, **Ángel Sixto Rossi** (64). Born in this same city, he served there as novice master and superior of the Córdoba Jesuit community, before Francis chose him as archbishop in 2021. He has published several books and has been very involved in a number of social works.



### POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): AUGUST 2023

**For World Youth Day:** : We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



### Fr Maxim Dias on World Youth Day 2023



A delegation of 41 representatives from JCSA, including three from Karnataka - Ms Viola Luis from Mangaluru, Mr Terrance Lawrance from Bengaluru and Fr Maxim Dias - took part in World MAGIS and World Youth Day 2023. Recognizing the diversity within the group, the delegates underwent preparation meetings held in Baroda and Mumbai. These sessions not only fostered self-awareness but also enhanced the quality of planned activities. **World MAGIS Days 2023**, a gathering that united young individuals, predominantly students from Jesuit educational institutions worldwide, took place at Lisbon. This assembly transcended conventional Catholic gatherings, integrating Masses, prayers, faith sharing, and catechesis with immersive experiences. Approximately 80 distinct activities, such as farm work, the Camino of Santiago pilgrimage, spirituality through arts, and sports-oriented spiritual engagements, were organized. Additional elements encompassed enlightening talks, input sessions, and vibrant daily Masses. A noteworthy highlight was the culmination on the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, featuring Jesuit Superior General, Arturo Sosa, S.J. In a compelling dialogue with five young participants, he addressed thought-provoking inquiries, followed by a grand open-air Mass uniting 2,400 youth. **World Youth Day 2023:** Despite global turmoil marked by conflict and polarization, over 1.5 million young individuals, including over a thousand from India, congregated for World Youth Day 2023. The event spanned six days, offering a plethora of activities across multiple locations. Key moments encompassed the inaugural Mass, reconciliation sessions, vigils, Masses, and catechesis. The Holy Father's empowering words resonated deeply, affirming the potential of young people to break down barriers, illuminate the world with Christ's love, and address societal challenges. He encouraged them to follow the example of Jesus, demonstrating sensitivity





to diverse cultures, the needs of the marginalized, and the well-being of the planet. These events not only nurtured spiritual growth but also empowered young individuals to transcend personal boundaries, fostering a sense of shared purpose in a complex world.

**Fr Merwyn Fernandes on World Youth Day 2023** 

**The World Magis 2023:** Portugal brought together almost 2000 youth from all the corners of the world to share the Catholic faith and to be enriched by God’s experience of one another. The theme, ‘Hope filled future’ was the constant slogan throughout the Magis. I was enthused by the oneness and the cultural exchange of youth, who were excited to greet and meet one another, so much so that they created the ambience of Catholic spirit. All were divided approximately in a group of 25, who went for different experiences such as pilgrimage, faith and spirituality, eco-spirituality, art and culture, etc. I was privileged to guide as a spiritual director, 25 youth from five different countries, whom I accompanied for an experience of eco-spirituality to Vouzela, North Portugal, the native place of Simon Rodriguez, one of the first companions of St Ignatius. I was moved by the faith and devotion of the youth who reciprocated their spirituality during the Magis circle. Some of the youth shared with me that Magis has increased their faith and love for Christ. The culmination of Magis was the coming



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together of all the youth from different experiences on the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola with the Eucharistic celebration presided over by the General, Fr Arturo Sosa. The overwhelming joy and dynamic singing of the youth, in spite of the sun beating down mercilessly, was an indication that Magis had indeed touched the heart of the youth. This experience of knowing one another’s faith and culture became a platform for World Youth Day for the Magis participants, who carried forward their God experience through their spiritual participation. The vibrant presence of Pope Francis was motivating the youth to Christ. His words, during his homily at the Eucharistic celebration of WYD ‘The Church and the world need you’, and his repeated phrase, ‘Do not be afraid’ oriented the youth to carry this experience in their hearts to their homeland with the hope-filled future. These events containing silence, prayer, spiritual conversation, etc. during Magis and WYD have had an impact not only on the participated youth but also the people of Portugal, who have felt their closeness to Christ.

**PROVINCE JUBILEE CELEBRATION** 

July 15 was a day of jubilation at Fatima Retreat House. We joyfully hosted the province-level celebration of the jubilees of three eminent Jesuits: Fr Denis Rasquinha (60 years a priest), Fr Peter Pinto (50 years a priest) and Br Anthony Crasta (60 years a Jesuit). Officiating as the main celebrant at the Jubilee Mass, Fr Peter

Pinto reminisced his encounters with Fr Denis Rasquinha in SJBHS way back in the early sixties and with Br Anthony Crasta in Jakhama in the early eighties. Fr Ronald Pais, in his homily, pointed out how the trio had in their lives as Jesuits magnified the lives of others, and how fittingly they sing today Mother Mary’s Magnificat.

In the felicitation programme that followed, Fr Joseph Monteiro raised the toast to the jubilarians comparing them to Buddha: Br Anthony as *Prou-*



*da Buddha* - being majestic in his demeanor; Fr Denis as *Prabuddha Buddha* - being ever cheerful, and Fr Peter as *Mandasmitha Buddha* - ever smiling with wit and humour. He added that Fr Peter seldom threw his weight about when he was in power, Fr Denis always remained gentle and genial, and Br Anthony remained helpful and sociable despite being privileged to have served under two Jesuit Generals and three Popes. Felicitating the jubilarians, Fr Dion Vaz, Provincial,

drew our attention to the daily mysticism of the three veterans – the mysticism of gratitude to God, the mysticism of letting go and letting God, and the mysticism of childlike wonder and awe. Fr Peter responded to the toast and gratefully remembered his formators; and particularly mentioned the novice Master Fr Apoline D’Souza in whose opinion his first batch of thirteen novices (including Peter Pinto) were the most mischievous!



The pre-novices from Loyola pre-novitiate led the choir. Fr Ivan Sequeira compered the programme.  
- Fr Anil D’Mello

## MEETING OF THE LOCAL SUPERIORS at FRH, Mangaluru



The Local Superiors of Karnataka Province met at Fatima Retreat House for a two-day deliberation on July 15-16. It was the first meeting of its kind for the new academic year 2023-24 and had for its theme ‘Building mission-driven communities / teams.’

The input talk on the first day was given by the Provincial Fr Dion Vaz. He said that Jesuit communities must be countercultural. “Solidarity, servanthood and obedience define our life together. While we work for the poor, it is also important



to work with the poor,” he said. He further spoke of the various stages of community groups such as orientation, inclusion, control, conflict, cohesion, faith sharing, intimacy and termination. “It

## ARRUPE NIVAS



After a well-deserved break, St Joseph’s University reopened for the new academic year at the beginning of the month. The first pro-

gramme is important to see where each member of the community stands with regard to these stages,” he added.

Later in the day, Fr Walter Fernandes (KHM) gave an input on the ethnic conflict in Manipur. He said that what began as an ethnic tension in Manipur has been turned into a communal conflict by vested interests. Fr Jossie D’Mello, Socius, who had attended the Procurators’ Congregation in Loyola, Spain, made a brief presentation of the proceedings.

On the second day, Fr Swebert D’Silva, Rector of Arrupe Nivas, made a presentation on the developments in St Joseph’s University; and Fr Melwin J Pinto, Rector of St Aloysius College, briefed us on the status of St Aloysius Deemed-to-be University (SADU). There were also deliberations on the Province priorities for the year. As many as eight priorities have been enlisted to align with the UAPs and KPAPs to give a focused orientation to the works in the province.

- Fr Melwyn S Pinto

gramme was the induction of the newly recruited faculty – a programme that was carefully prepared and beautifully executed. The



formal inauguration of the academic year took place on 12 July with the Lectio Brevis by Mr Harish Bijoor, an alumnus (and now a Brand-Guru and Business Strategy Specialist). The day also witnessed sessions from other eminent speakers including our own Fr Frederick D'Silva who spoke on Jesuit spirituality. The orientation for the newly admitted students followed suit. And now, with regular classes and activities, the campus is brimming with life.

A Peace Meet was held on campus to pray for the victims of ethnic violence in Manipur. The University also held a candlelight vigil – in collaboration with St Claret College and AIMS Institute, Bengaluru - for peace and justice in Manipur. Both the events were organized by Fr James Chin Kap (KHM), our campus minister, and were attended by a large number of our staff and students to express solidarity with the suffering people of Manipur.

Our Office of International Affairs, headed by Fr Richard Rego, secured the prestigious Magis Exchange Programme for two of our students (one each from II B.Sc and II B.Voc) for the Programme

## ASHIRVAD



Sch Praveen Kumar of Chennai Province who joined our community recently will be pursuing his studies in Counselling at Sampurna College. We celebrated the feast of St Ignatius with our student boarders and neighbouring religious. Fr Elvis Lewis was the main celebrant at the Eucharist and Fr George Pinto the homilist. It was followed by a sumptuous breakfast for all present. Ashirvad hosted the annual meeting of the Socii of the Assistancy. Frs Arul Anthony and George Pinto were actively involved in the students' retreat at SJCC.

Fr Arun Luis, who has been appointed a member of the CRI Executive Committee, is now in charge of the Richmond Town and Indira Nagar zones of the CRI. He was invited to be the resource person at an awareness-creating program held in Chhattisgarh, in view of the assembly election in that state. The participants of the programme in-

## FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



Frs Joseph Monteiro, Joseph Rodrigues, Ivan Sequeira, Anil D'Mello & Terence Farias guided the retreats of groups or individuals. The

2023-24 which entitles them to attend their third Semester in Sophia University, Tokyo, and Loyola University, New Orleans, USA, respectively.

The festal Mass of St Ignatius of Loyola, which brought together the staff and students, was presided over by Rev Fr Jayanathan, the VG of Bangalore Archdiocese. He highlighted the qualities that made Ignatius of Loyola a saint. He also thanked St Joseph's for the service it renders to the Church. In the run-up to the feast, Arrupe Nivas hosted the annual basketball tournament of Jesuit communities in Bengaluru. Called the "Inigo Cup," the tournament was planned and organized by Fr Arun D'Souza and Fr Jason Pais. The month of July also witnessed many prominent people visiting us: Fr Antoine Kerhuel, the Secretary of the Society of Jesus visited the university and interacted with the office bearers. Fr John Joseph Puthenkalam (Trustee for International Affairs, Sophia University, Tokyo) addressed the deans on the areas of potential research collaboration between the two universities. Fr Sunil Ranjar our attached community member spent a few days with us before proceeding to Pune to teach Scripture.

- Fr Roshan Castelino

cluded Jesuits, CRI members and a few Bishops.

The 2-day meeting of the Karnataka Regional Conference of Religious (KRCR) held at Dharmaram College utilized the services of our community members: Fr Joseph Lobo was the resource person for a half-day, Fr Arul covered the event with his media skills, Fr Elvis conducted the choir, and Fr Arun contributed by his active participation. Fr Joseph Lobo also gave a 3-day program on 'Mission of Jesus – Mission of the Religious' at Prerana, besides being the resource person at the annual national convention of the AICUF secretaries and conveners, held at Chennai.

Spandana tuition centers are running well. This year their number has increased to ten. We may start nine more shortly with the support of the XLRI Rotary. There are 12 volunteers from SJU for this year.

- Fr Joseph Lobo

2-day retreat of over 400 nursing students of Athena Nursing College had preachers arranged by the ICYM. Fr Rossi Rego has sur-

surprised us by graduating from using a wheel chair to moving about with a walking stick. Feeling younger and steadier, he is contemplating disposal of the props. Any takers?

We had the privilege of hosting the Local Superiors' Meeting and the Province Consult that followed. More such gatherings are welcome as the 'hoi-polloi' here at Santrupti can enjoy the fringe benefits. Fr Joseph Rodrigues of East Africa Province is with us these days attending to his health. We are happy to have him with us and to be edified by his rich pastoral experience in several countries of the African continent.

The feast of Divine Mercy Church was celebrated on Sunday, 30 July, with Fr Ronald Pais presid-

## INIGO SADAN



The celebration of the feast of St Ignatius was preceded by spiritual preparation which included an inspirational talk by Fr Joseph Lobo, a novena of St Ignatius and the sacrament of reconciliation. On the feast day all the Catholic staff, students and their parents joined the Eucharistic Celebration which was arranged in the Primary School hall and presided over by Rev Fr C. Francis, VG of Bangalore Archdiocese.

The Primary School had its first PTA meeting soon after the first assessment test. After the hectic academic schedule, there was 'Prerana', a week-long programme for a festive celebration of the feast of St Ignatius. Fr Joseph D'Souza, Superior and Director, inaugurated the festive week by hoisting the novena flag. The week included a variety of contests and competitions to bring out the talents of both students and staff.

Neethi Prakasam scholarships were distributed to the deserving 25 students on the occasion of the golden wedding of our esteemed alumnus, Mr Neethi Prakasam who, year after year, has been generously providing scholarships to economically disadvantaged students. During the event, Mr Leonard (Mr Neethi Prakasam's son) inspired our students by placing on record the excellent academic achievements of his dad in 1963. The investiture ceremony of the elected student leaders was held on the second death anniversary of Fr Stan Swamy, thereby symbolizing the self-sacrificing leadership of the heroic Jesuit priest. The event featured a prayer service, an inspiring speech by the chief guest Mr Vishal Pereira, and the official release of the school magazine, Span-dana. "Ignatian Fortnight" activities, under the

ing over the solemn Eucharist. The same evening about 120 clergy and religious – who are our collaborators or neighbours - were at home with us. On the feast of St Ignatius we had the community celebration of the Eucharist. At noon, our campus collaborators had a get together with some of the community, and celebrated the feast with prayer, fun games and lunch. In the evening the Jesuits of Mangaluru came together at FRH to celebrate the feast. The members of SAC community took charge of the event and made it truly a gathering of Friends in the Lord. Deacon Leston Lobo who has been assigned to our community has brought down significantly our average age! We wish him fruitful diaconate ministry in the parish of Bejai.

- Fr Thomas Quadras

theme of "Finding God in All Things", launched on 18 July, included a novena, story narration, quiz and photography. As the chief guest at the students' programme, Mrs Nola D'Lima won the hearts of all with her touching message. She thanked the institution as it bid farewell to her on her superannuation.

St Joseph's CBSE School had in its premises the Bangalore Sahodaya Prize Day. Grades VIII to XII had their annual retreat on 3 July. AIKYAM, an inter-religious prayer service, was held on 10 July. The chief guest was Mr Muralidhar Koteshwar (an engineering professional and the CEO of Uplad). A special assembly was held on 5 July with the theme of 'The Dream of a Caged Bird' - to remember and pay homage to the late Fr Stan Swamy. Sessions on positive parenting were organised in batches for the parents of our students. The pre-primary had organized Fun and Frolic 'bagless day' (Activity-based learning) with the theme "Animal world". The feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was preceded by a novena conducted by the teachers and students, and by competitions held during the Ignatian week. The 'Inigo Cup' – the Inter Unit Sports organized for the first time, engaged all the students in active participation.

St Joseph's Composite PU College had the installation of the new student council and the inauguration of various clubs and associations – in the SJII auditorium. Spardha (Intramural games) were spread over a fortnight to provide students with scope for showcasing their sports skills and prepare themselves for intercollegiate sporting events. The Commerce and Humanities students had a Mock Stock event. The second death an-

-niversary of Fr Stan Swamy was observed with activities highlighting the values of justice and equality. A national level numismatic exhibition (Nanya Darshini – 2023) was put up by 25 II Year students. A visit to Vidhana Soudha and Legislative Assembly, and a seminar on web development with alumnus Mr Mohammed Shamsuddin as resource person, were some of the innovative programmes organized. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated over a week with events like painting competition on the life

of our Founder, the Canon Ball moment, etc. In the programme organized on 28 July, the chief guest Fr Olvin Veigas delivered an inspiring message and then released 'Pratidhwani', the college magazine. Our students participated in the intercollegiate literary and cultural fests - 'Disha' organised by Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College, and 'Nisarg' organised by New Horizon Pre-University College - and won quite a few prizes.

- Sch Avin Anthony

## JESUIT NIVAS



The festivities connected with the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola saw a huge participation from students and staff. Fr John Lang Bosco was the main celebrant at the feast day mass, and Fr Ashwin Cordeiro at the children's mass. Xavier Auditorium (the renovated OBA Hall) was blessed by Fr Oswald Mascarenhas. The orientation programme - organized for the parents of LKG children, and conducted by the resource person Dr Debmita Dutta - was well attended. Sahaya students had a workshop on Basic Computer Science, and a session on "Foundational Literacy and Numeracy."

Samagra – St Joseph's Centre for Holistic Wellness - conducted its monthly meeting of the counsellors in which the participants from various BJES units shared on the work they had been doing and the new initiatives they were planning. Samagra also conducted staff wellness sessions; and Kyros (Gratitude sessions) for the graduating students of St Joseph's College of Law (SJCL).

At SJCL, an inter-class cultural fest (Manthana-2023) was organized which enabled students to participate in a variety of competitions. The theatre committee staged a play titled "Silence! The Court is in Session", which is based on a book by Vijay Tendulkar. At the initiative of Campus Ministry, interested students paid a visit to the Church of Our Lady of Good Health, Nelamangala. The Research Committee of SJCL organized a national conference on "Invisible Workers in Society: Recognition and Protection through Labour Law." The preparation for the feast of St Ignatius included many activities spread over a week, which culminated in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Capuchin deacons from Darshana Institute of Theology, Kengeri, had a certificate course on the fundamentals of law organized by the SJCL Constitution Committee.

The newly elected student leaders of SJPUC visit-

ed Vidhana Soudha and witnessed the Assembly in session. We observed Remembrance Day on 5 July, the second death anniversary of Fr Stan Swamy, and paid homage to his inspiring legacy. Transformational Masculinity - a training programme on gender equitable attitudes was organised by NIMHANS at our request. The newly renovated library and the Arrupe Computer Lab were inaugurated by Fr Roshan Pereira. The ALCUF Unit of SJPUC fixed up a number of events during the Ignatian Week centred on Ignatian ideals and principles. Catholic students and staff participated in the Holy Eucharist celebrated on 27 July, and also attended a session on Ignatian Discernment. Integrated Courses (offered by BASE, Career Launcher and J K Shah Academy) are periodically conducted on the campus to empower our students with competitive skills.

In SJCC, the month of July was packed with activities such as student council elections, investiture ceremony and leadership workshops. Mr Leo Lobo (Founder of Exordia) and Fr Pradeep R S were the resource persons at the workshop on student leadership. Prof Shome Parthasarathi (an internationally renowned economist) delivered two scholarly lectures to students and staff. With the collaboration of Cubbon Park Police, the college organized an instructive awareness programme on drug abuse and illicit trafficking. The post-graduate section, relocated from the main college campus to the Gonzaga block of SJPUC, was duly inaugurated. The retreat for Catholic students, organized by the College Campus Ministry unit, witnessed 25 Jesuits as resource persons animating the students on such topics as prayer methods, the examen, spiritual e-resources, Lectio Divina, etc.

Welcome to Fr Shantharaj A who has joined the Jesuit Nivas community and will be pursuing his law studies at SJCL. - Fr Praveen Kiran Martis





Nine days of novena prayers and an inspirational talk on St Ignatius by Fr Cyril Raj set the tone for a fervent and joyous celebration of the feast of St Ignatius. The "triple" celebration of the feast - involving collaborators, Jesuit families, and clergy & religious - was an occasion to share the spirit of Ignatius with all. At St. Joseph's PU College we feel blessed with a good number of admissions this year. A month-long preparation for the feast of St Ignatius helped the young minds to look at St Ignatius as a great leader. The newly elected Student Council imbibed the spirit of Ignatian leadership. The investiture ceremony and welcome to the newcomers were both arranged on the feast of St Ignatius thereby igniting both with Ignatian inspiration. The First Year students who secured distinction in their final examinations were awarded scholarships. The college campus is now bubbling with new life with the childish prattle and innocent mischief of kindergarten and first-standard children. Truth to tell, the thrill of the feast of St Ignatius this year was, in no small measure, thanks to the dance performance of the KG scholars!

The Centre for Integral Rural Welfare (CIRW) remembered Fr Stan Swamy on 5 July, the second anniversary of his death, fittingly as a day of justice, peace and reconciliation. A general health



Fr Henry Saldanha, HM of St Joseph's School, addressed the joint PTA meeting of both the Primary & the High Schools on the importance of education and the role of parents in the grooming of their children. The Cultural Day enabled many students to showcase their talents. The highlight of the feast of St Ignatius Loyola was the skit 'Inigo' staged by the students under the direction of Fr Santhosh D'Souza.

The momentous Annual Day Celebration of St Joseph's College drew the curtain on the plethora of curricular and extra-curricular activities that dotted the first semester. While bidding farewell to the outgoing students, the college gracefully



A few Jesuit guests visited LM for various purposes, including health check-ups and other work-related activities. The list of guests includes Frs Philip Abraham (KHM), Ashwin Rebello, Joseph Kiran Pashan, Antoine Kerhuel, Secretary of the Society of Jesus,

camp was conducted as part of the Health & Hygiene project at St. Joseph's High School. Nearly 800 students were medically examined in this camp. At the Centre, Dr Archana took sessions for the adolescent girls and women of our tailoring centre on women's health and hygiene. Also a one-day training programme was held for the new members of five SHG groups. The SHG Group of Lakshmipur-Anekal (Shri Choudeswari Women Self Help Group) conducted a Clean Village Drive in order to encourage cleanliness and hygiene in the village. A rally was conducted in Anekal to protest against the atrocities committed against the people in Manipur. The rally was jointly organized by the local Dalit Progressive Group, the Women Federation and our Jesuit community.

In St Joseph's Parish, the feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with, among other things, a fancy dress competition and community-building exercises (organized by I Year Theologians) for the parishioners. On 9 July, 32 children and youth of the parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation, conferred by Most Rev Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, who also took the occasion to felicitate Fr Ivan Mendonca, the newly appointed dean of Begur Deanery. - Sch Johnson R

acknowledged the contribution they had made to the institution. The student community, in their turn, were indeed grateful for the transformative days they spent on the campus. Currently the College, apart from gearing up to conduct the semester exams is, at the same time, grappling with the umpteen formalities to be complied with in transferring its affiliation from the University of Mysore to Hassan University.

Mrs Shashikala, a staff member of St Joseph's College, conducted an insightful session for the hostel boys on 'Balancing Student Life and Upholding Core Values'. - Fr Santhosh D'Souza

Vincent Crasta, and Paul Coelho (KHM).

Fr Jossie D'Mello conducted classes on religious leadership at Prerana and led sessions for JESCOL at Ashirvad. Additionally, he addressed the Local Superiors and Directors

of Works (both Jesuits and lay) on Ignatian leadership in Matigara (Darjeeling Province). He also conducted a retreat for SJCC Students. The meeting of the Province Commission for Formation took place at Pratiksha. Fr Dion Vaz gave classes on religious leadership at Xavier Sadan, Mysuru and Prerana Bengaluru. He also addressed the CRI Belgaum and conducted a retreat for SJCC

### LOYOLA, Pre-Novitiate



Fr Peter Pinto's Fifty Years of Priesthood was celebrated on 15 July in Fatima Retreat House along with Fr Denis Rasquinha's 60 years of priesthood and Br Anthony Crasta's 60 years in the Society. Two days before the feast of St Ignatius, we held 'Benefactors' Day' to thank our donors and well-wishers. We had a wholehearted response to our invitation. A short prayer service followed by a brief felicitation programme concluded the happy event.

The pre-novices had a number of activities like quiz and competitions to mark the feast of St Ig-

### LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



At the beginning of the academic year, an orientation session for students was organized by Fr Maxim Misquith which had Fr Stany Lobo (VG of Gulbarga Diocese) as the resource person. The hostel staff organized Ignatian Sports for the hostel students. We shared our joy of the feast of St Ignatius with the clergy and the religious, and with the staff of St Xavier's English Medium School (SXEMS) and St Xavier's Pre-University College (SXPUC). On 30 July the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Kalaburagi. Fr Anand Prabhu presided over the Eucharist, and Fr Robert Rodrigues delivered the homily.

The pre-primary section of SXEMS enthusiastically celebrated "Green Day" at which Fr Anand Prabhu was the chief guest. A coconut sapling was planted as a symbolic gesture of environmental

### MANVI



Fr Dion Vaz, Provincial, spent two days with us going through various activities of the Mission. He gave us feedback after listening to the short- and long-range plans of each unit on the campus. Fr Jerry D'Souza was with us to make an evaluation of our work among unorganized youth. Fr Kevin Sequeira from Anekal, accompanied by Fr Satish of Pothnal and Sr Selvi of Jnanodaya, Manvi, was here for the half-yearly evaluation of Lok Manch programme.

students. Fr Olvin Veigas taught a course on the Theology of the Holy Spirit at KJFCT, Anekal. He also conducted an orientation programme to the parents and teaching faculty of Newton Public School, Bengaluru. Fr Jason Furtado conducted classes on Financial Administration at Xavier Sadan, Mysuru, and Prerana, Bengaluru.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

natus. The short play enacting the Battle of Pamplona was so realistic that one of the soldiers was wounded badly in fact, and taken to the hospital! He is now recuperating and reading the books on Business Studies and Accountancy (for want of Flos Sanctorum) and thus getting ready for his class test. Tests, as the pre-novices know, are unavoidable pests. They are at present, writing their first unit exam of the year. Thanks to these exams the house is quiet and peaceful! The only noise is caused by the barking of our canine domestics Lear, Lennie, Labi and Patty.

- Fr Peter Pinto

stewardship. The students are now gearing up to the forthcoming Hobli-level "Prathiba Karanji" and Sports & Athletics event organized by the Education Department. Provincial Fr Dion Vaz paid a passing visit to the School, but to us it was a moment of grace.

Bishop Robert Miranda of Gulbarga Diocese was present with us on 29 July on the occasion of the celebration of the feast of St Ignatius Loyola. Our students took part in the process of electing their representatives by following the electoral system followed as a matter of rule in a democracy. The investiture ceremony that followed had Prof. V.R. Badiger (Retd from Gulbarga University) as the chief guest. On 5 July, we had a memorial service to venerate the prophetic and self-sacrificing service of Fr Stan Swamy.

- Fr Roshan Pinto

We greeted the Bethany Sisters on 16 July, the foundation day of the Bethany Congregation. Mr Alexander and Mrs Sleeva from St Joseph's BHS were with us to coach our students in Basketball and Volleyball. Mrs Sleeva also guided our college students in the finer points of personal hygiene. The MSc and MSW students of St Joseph's University spent three days each in Manvi as part of their outreach programme.

Fr Maxim Rasquinha gave a triduum to the staff and students of St Aloysius PU College, Harihar, in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius. We invited our collaborator-Sisters for the feast of St Ignatius. The new Ladies' Hostel had its foundation laid on 31 July by Mr N S Boseraj (Minister

for Minor Irrigation, Govt of Karnataka) who was the chief guest for the cultural programme along with Mr Hampayya Naik, MLA Manvi. In Pannur, Fr Rayappa celebrated the Loyola feast on 30 July and combined it with "couple's day."

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH



The MSJ community was spiritually enriched by the novena prayers prepared by Fr John Pradeep. The community was also prepared intellectually by the creative Quiz competition. The celebration of the Ignatius feast in the parish at Kalena Agrahara was very meaningful. Fr Anthony Joseph, the Rector, was the main celebrant and the novices organized the liturgy and the choir.

The feast day was of course a cherry on the cake. The liturgy was prepared by the novices under the theme 'Soldier, Sinner, Saint'. The Eucharist was presided over by Fr Joe Mathias. In the evening, the neighbouring communities of religious priests and nuns, the parish priests of the deanery, our collaborators and well-wishers were invited for a prayer service and gathering. The novices played a major role in the preparation and execution of the cultural programme. The guests gathered in large numbers for this delightful celebration. The 'mob singing' by the senior community was one of the major attractions of the evening. A sumptuous meal was arranged by Fr Prakash D'Souza, the minister.

The addition of eight new novices infused a rich essence into the novitiate community. The entrance day Eucharist was presided over by Fr Anthony Joseph, the Rector, and concelebrated by Frs John Pradeep, the Novice Master, and Nithin Machado, the Socius. After guiding them for 15 days of probation, Fr Nithin Machado handed over the eight novices to the care of Fr John Pradeep. The novices have already begun with zest their Saturday social and Sunday pastoral ministry.

## MUNDGOD



The acute water crisis which badly affected the Loyola Campus caused many hostel children to be infected with conjunctivitis which, in turn, created chaos in the campus. To our good fortune, however, the crisis has passed thanks to the plentiful rains which have filled our lakes and recharged our borewells. Fr Provincial paid a visit to Mundgod in view of initiating Siddi intervention

The MSJ community had the privilege of hosting the Secretary of the Society of Jesus, Fr Antoine Kerhuel. Alongside the festive mood, the novices underwent a five day intensive English course facilitated by Frs Richard Sequeira, Clarence D'Souza, Edward Rodrigues, Anthony Joseph and Nithin Machado. This was followed by an inter-novitiate course on 'Holiness and Wholeness in Consecrated Life' given by Fr Joe Mathias. The novitiate community was honoured to witness and participate in the KRCR program held at DVK (Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram). The MSJ community won the 'runners up' trophy in the 'Ignatian Cup' held at St Joseph's University. This joy was doubled with the highlight event of the month called 'FIESTA,' where the novices had the opportunity to showcase their talents in music, acting, and singing.

Dhyanashrama is busy as ever offering 8-day and 30-day retreats. It conducted a half day retreat for 50 couples who gathered from seven parishes of the Archdiocese. Frs Edward Rodrigues, Clarence D'Souza, Anthony Joseph and Mr Francis Victor were the resource persons.

The month of July was dedicated to St Ignatius of Loyola in LCPUC. The month began with various interclass competitions such as portrait making of St Ignatius of Loyola and Fr Stan Swamy, Quiz competition, Essay writing, Collage, Painting, Video presentations on St Ignatius etc. In the "Investiture Ceremony" held on 12 July, the student representatives took oath to serve the institution with the spirit of Magis. Dr Anandraju A, DDP, Bengaluru South, was the chief guest of this ceremony.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

programs in Haliyal. We, as a community, had a fruitful faith-sharing session at Shimoga following a thought-provoking talk on community life by Bishop Francis Serrao.

Loyola Composite PU College was the venue for the Legal Aid Awareness Programme organised by Mrs Dhanavati, Civil Judge, Mundgod. Sch



Noel Prabhu introduced our hostel students to Ignatian values as part of our monthly talk series. Some religious of Karwar Diocese joined us for the celebration of the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. Fr Vijayaraju was the main celebrant and homilist at the parish level celebration. Fr Gilbert Saldanha was the chief guest as the hostel celebrated Loyola Day. Caring for our Common Home was visibly witnessed to when we planted over a thousand saplings in our campus.

Two of the LKV staff, accompanied by Fr Jeevan Gomes, attended the TEEP program at Trivandrum. Also four of our teachers attended the Capacity Building Program organized by the CBSE for the Hubli-Gadag region. Fr Francis Fernandes was the chief guest at the celebration of the feast of St Ignatius. A "Farm Club" was newly inaugurated in the campus with the starting of a vegetable garden.

LVK staff participated in the protest rally expressing solidarity with the victims of violence in Manipur. At the annual meet of the Women Federation, Mrs Dhanavathi (Civil Court Judge, Mundgod) was the chief guest. Sr Anitha D'Souza, UFS (Roshini Social Centre) animated a training session for women community leaders. We

had a health camp for our village hostel children with the help of the Government Hospital. Mr Panduranga Tikkoji (Taluk Education Coordinator for high schools) was present to witness our hostel children preparing for the commencement ceremony. Fr Anil D'Souza gave the festal message to the hostel children on the occasion of the feast of St Ignatius.

LVK-Hangal organized an awareness programme for women on 'the Prevention of Atrocities on Women Act 2016' at which Advocate Ms Supriya Kerodi was the resource person. Speaking at the annual general body meeting of Pragathi Loyola SHG Trust, Fr Jerald M D'Souza underscored the importance of unity and cooperation among the federation members. Sr Anitha D'Souza, UFS and Ms Yamuna from Educational Department were the resource persons. Two new women SHGs have joined the federation. Ten youth who attended the exposure programme organized by Samvada-Baduku Institute came back with rich experience. LVK-Hangal organized a one-day inter-religious programme and a two-day Yuva Sangama programme. A total of 97 youth took part in it. Ms Nazma, a renowned Human Rights activist, kept the youth participants spell bound by her speech.

- Fr Leo Florence

## NAVASADHANA



Navasadhana, in collaboration with Loyola Pre-novitiate, organized online talks in view of the feast of our Father and Founder, St Ignatius Loyola. Resource persons were invited to speak on different days on Ignatian themes. Pre-Novitiates from other provinces such as Bombay, Gujarat, Calcutta and Patna joined the online talks. It was an occasion for the pre-novices to participate in a few competitions

held to mark the occasion and to explore new horizons. Jesuits from Joseph Nivas community joined us for the Holy Eucharist followed by a fellowship meal. Schs Sanson D'Souza and Joyal D'Sa are counting their last few days at Hassan as their final UG exams are fast approaching as also their departure to the next stage of formation.

- Sch Darshan Kumar

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



The College ensured professional development through workshops on Outcome-Based Education and AI-enabled technologies. A team from Universidad Católica de Valencia, Spain, visited the campus to initiate a Cooperation Development Project. A team from SUNY Cortland, USA, were invited for a talk on "Human Sexuality." Our student Ms Aashna Rai represented NCC (Karnataka & Goa) at the Youth Exchange Programme in Vietnam. Our alumnus, Sri U T Khader (Honourable Speaker of the Karnataka Assembly) was felicitated by the College. Ms Nishel D'Souza's exceptional performance in the Mangalore University Intercollegiate Weightlifting Competition earned her a Gold Medal.

The second death anniversary of Fr Stan Swamy was commemorated in St Aloysius PU College with Dr

Selvaraj Arulnathan SJ (Director, ISI, Bengaluru) delivering a memorial talk to staff and students. Our student Rachael Anisha Crasta has been selected to participate in the 25th World Scout Jamboree-2023 in Korea. The feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was marked by the observance of the "Ignatian Week" which included a variety of programmes, events, activities and competitions. Fr Ronald Pais addressed the staff on 'Spiritual Consciousness of St Ignatius.' SAPUC also put up an "entomology exhibition" designed by Mr Kiran Vati K. The Centre for Social Concern (CEC) organized a workshop on Walking with the Youth. The II PU Catholic students had their annual retreat with the theme: "Revive: Be the Light of the World." The theme for Eco Week this year was "Embrace the Challenge and Be the Change"

Mr Ranjan Bellarpady (Coordinator of Swachhata Mission at Ramakrishna Matt, Mangaluru) addressed the students. The Department of Counselling arranged talks by eminent psychiatrists and counsellors on "Teen Parenting: Positive Strategies" for the parents and guardians of I PU students. The core committee members of SAPMUN (St Aloysius Pre-University Model United Nations) organised an outreach drive to distribute essentials to needy families in and around Mangaluru. Our students are proud winners in the National French Word Power Exam, the State Level Kickboxing Championship and the National Level Open Karate Tournament.

The Air Wing of St Aloysius High School won the Overall Championship at the NCC Camp held for JD cadets.

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### VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



The first year scholastics spent a few days in Manvi and Mundgod before commencing their classes. The audio-visual novena prayers on St Ignatius Loyola, prepared and widely circulated by the scholastics, were well received. We had a three-fold celebration of the feast of St Ignatius: first, with the teaching and non-teaching staff of various colleges of our scholastics; secondly, with the priests and religious of Hubli Dharwad deanery, as well as the friends and benefactors of Vidya Niketan; and thirdly, with the parishioners of Our

### VIJAYAPURA



A procession that stole the show and culminated in an apt message delivered at Gandhi Chowk in Vijayapura marked the Feast of St Anne on 30 July. The celebration reached its climax with a delectable dinner prepared and served by the parishioners. At the ITI, the Feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated in unison with an emotive send-off to the outgoing students. The College organized a variety of competitions by way of preparation for the feast of St Ignatius which fostered a vibrant festive atmosphere. Loyola PU College celebrated the feast of St Ignatius, the event being graced by the presence of Ms Jyothi Koth (PSI of APMC, Vijayapura). Two of our staff members attended the Teacher Empowerment Education Programme (TEEP) held in Kerala. The approval for the additional section in our PU College has finally come

### XAVIER SADAN, Mysuru



13 Deacons from Andhra, Delhi, Karnataka and Kerala attended a three weeks course on pasto-

ral preparation for diaconal and priestly ministry, conducted a quiz on the life of St Ignatius of Loyola, and a two-day talent competition for its trainee-teachers on the theme: 'Creativity Meets Opportunity.' The latter programme was inaugurated by Mr Walter Nandalike (Founder and MD of Daijiworld Media). A three-day workshop on phonetics and communication had Prof. Raju Victor as the resource person. A session on S.T.D. (sexually transmitted diseases) was organized in order to enable students to break the stigma of talking about it.

Gonzaga School implemented its "Go Green" project with two campaigns for the students and their parents: First, a campaign for E-waste Collection, second a campaign for Plant-a-Sapling. For the celebration of the festival of Bakr-Id, a few parents of Muslim students were invited to highlight the significance of the feast to our students.

- Fr Leo D'Souza

Lady of Perpetual Succour. "Inigo Cup", the cricket match organised by Vidya Niketan, included the participation of parishioners and Sisters, and added excitement to the festivities. Our talented and budding editor, Sch Adline Monteiro, helped Fr Ronald D'Souza, parish priest of Gardolli, to produce an album conveying warm wishes to grandparents. Also, with the help of Vidya Niketan scholastics, he created a video designed for promoting vocations.

- Sch Shaun D'Silva

through, thanks to the dedicated efforts of a few Jesuits under the leadership of Fr Rohan D'Almeida. The Loyola School CBSE, Sindagi, has introduced the bi-monthly mentoring sessions for students. 'English Week' was observed featuring inter-class English skit competitions. The Patron's Day celebration had Fr Ronald Serrao as the chief guest, and Mr Ashok Managuli, MLA, as guest of honour. The 'Joy of Giving' campaign inspired our students to give their mite in kind - by way of stationery items, clothes, confectionaries and other gifts - to help underprivileged children. The visit of the School Cabinet members to the HIV-infected children in Vijayapura - spending a half-day with them, gifting the inmates with presents and tokens, and filling their hearts with joy and hope - was indeed a moving outreach programme.

- Fr Ronald Serrao

ral preparation for diaconal and priestly ministry, with our own Frs Dion Vaz, Jason Furtado, Anil

D'Sa (SDB) and Joseph Marie of Mysore Diocese as resource persons. The programme ended with an eight-day retreat directed by Fr Pradeep Sequeira. As an integral part of the programme the deacons also visited the shrine of the Servant of God Fr Rajendraswami at Chikkarasinakere and St Anthony's Shrine, Dornahalli, with a sumptuous dinner at Swamy Rajendra Nilaya, Pandithahalli as a bonus.

The feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was preceded by a novena, and was celebrated first with our parishioners of Palahalli on the eve, a community mass with a group of our neighbours the

### DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



The first-year philosophers had a constructive dialogue with people of other faiths when they visited various places of worship under the guidance of Fr Ryan Rodrigues. The community participated in the 'Silent Peace March' organised by the Diocese of Pune, and expressed our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Manipur. We also had the first of our 'social gatherings' at DNC, during which the brothers from the Northern provinces

### DHYAN ASHRAM, Kolkatta



Juniors, 21 in all, from eight provinces - Kolkatta, Ranchi, Patna, Karnataka, Chennai, Andhra, Madhya Pradesh and Madurai - arrived on 3 July and began the Juniorate Academic Year. The Mass of the Holy Spirit was presided over by Fr Sunny George, Rector of DA and PCF of Kolkatta Province. The week began with fun-filled orientation classes by the Dean, Fr KC Philip (PAT), assisted by Sch Johnson (CCU) and Fr Joe Kootinal

### SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



Our community went on a pilgrimage on foot to St Thomas Mount on 3 July on the occasion of the feast of St Thomas. On 5 July we remembered Fr Stan Swamy on his second death anniversary – with a meaningful Eucharist in the morning and a prayer service in the evening followed by candlelight procession at the main gate. The neighbouring religious, friends and well-wishers of Satya Nilayam joined us.

Fr Cedric Prakash (GUJ) was with us to conduct a two-day workshop on Social Analysis. Joe Bala, an SNRI research scholar who did his PhD under the guidance of Fr Lawrence Fernandes, had his Viva Voce at Satya Nilayam on 10 July. As part of the SN outreach programme, the staff and students helped in organizing a carnival at Asha Niketan to help raise funds for their work. On 20 July,

CSST Sisters on the morning of the day itself, and with about 80 neighbouring religious and parish priests in the evening, where the New CMI Provincial of Mysuru Fr Augustine Payyampilly was the chief guest. Fr Edward Philip was a part of the organizing group for the Mysore Diocese CRI annual meeting and the peace rally expressing solidarity with the victims of the Manipur violence. He also went around preaching recollections and hearing confessions in different religious communities. Right now, Fr Arockiasamy M is busy with what he always does best, namely, leading a group of Religious in an 8-day retreat.

- Fr Edward Philip

introduced us to their culture, and also the ministries undertaken by Jesuits in these provinces. The living groups conducted the novena to St Ignatius of Loyola, both online and offline, with appropriate themes. The feast of St Ignatius was a day of immense joy to our community, with holy mass followed by a festal lunch with our collaborators and donors, and high tea with the neighbouring religious communities. - Sch Maria Divij

(PAT). A day of Kolkatta Darshan acquainted us with the city of Kolkatta. We visited 'The Science City' and also St Xavier's University. On 10 July we began our first semester classes which commenced with a session on 'Humanities' and the IPP. Our involvement in parish ministry gives us the feeling of missionaries trying to converse with people despite the language barrier.

- Sch Daran Cardoza

14 students and 3 staff members participated in a seminar on "World Christianity: Select Global Issues, and Continental Practices", organised by the Department of Christian Studies, University of Madras and the Asian Centre for Cross Cultural Studies. The first year scholastics had "Chennai Darshan"; and the second year scholastics paid a visit to Mahabalipuram to be familiar with the place, its culture and rich heritage.

In preparation for the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, our staff and students participated in a blood donation camp on 25 July, organised at SN, and donated 40 units of blood. The festive Mass of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated with Fr Joe Andrew, Rector of Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee, as the main celebrant.



Later, the community had a prayer service followed by a festive lunch with our collaborators, neighbours, and guests from parishes. Prof Dr Frank Clooney SJ, Parkman Professor of Divinity

at Harvard University, is with us till mid-August. He spoke to us on "Journeying with Hinduism: An Intercultural Encounter."

- Sch Vivian Floid Saldanha

## VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi



Welcome to the six Karnataka scholastics who have joined the VJ community. While getting acclimatized to the Delhi weather, the initial days were spent in settling down, orientation programme and visits to Jesuit communities. The inaugural mass of the academic year was presided over by Archbishop Anil Couto of Delhi, and the inaugural lecture was delivered by Fr Cedric Prakash (GUJ). It was an honour for us to have, for a few days, Fr Francis Xavier Clooney, a renowned Jesuit scholar and a professor at Harvard University. He enthralled us with an enlightening lecture on 'Comparative Theology in the Light of Jesuit Tradition'.

Our social outreach programs – for the slum dwellers, domestic workers, rickshaw pullers, sex workers, and a few poor parishes - have been resumed under the direction of Fr Anil D'Almeida, the fieldwork coordinator. VJ has ventured into

Youth Ministry, a new initiative undertaken this year in line with the UAP.

On 20 July, the faculty and students of VJ spent time at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Delhi, listening to the heartrending stories of persons internally displaced from Manipur and praying with them. On 21 July VJ scholastics took part in a protest rally at Jantar Mantar demanding justice for the people of Manipur.

The celebration of the feast of St Ignatius brought positive vibes to the VJ community. Fr Soosai Mani, Provincial of Delhi Province, presided over the Eucharist. The unique feature of the feast was the presence of victims of Manipur violence and their most distressing experiences. VJ has committed itself to help the people of Manipur in various ways such as supplying relief material, finding schools for children and jobs for the youth, and counseling trauma victims. - Sch Joswin Pereira

## VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



We enjoyed our 'Trivandrum City Darshan' on July 8. It gave us an idea of the geography of the city. The community bid farewell to Fr Jose Thachill (KER), the outgoing Minister. We had a session conducted by Sr Lilly Pushpa, UFS, on Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. We have begun with great enthusiasm our Sunday ministries - pastoral and social - in the near-

by parishes and rehabilitation centres. As a part of our preparation for the feast of St Ignatius, we went on a pilgrimage as a community, to St Ignatius Church, Puthenthope. The feast itself had the theme 'Sinner to Saint'. The solemn Eucharist was presided over by Fr Vincent Pereppadan (KER) and rendered more fervent by the multilingual choir. - Sch Felix Vinal

## VINAYALAYA, Mumbai



The Juniors at Vinayalaya have begun both their regular classes and weekend ministries. Prior to the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, Xavier Institute of Engineering at Mahim organized the Loyola Football Tournament in which the Juniors took part with great gusto and enthusiasm. The icing

on the cake was the quiz on St Ignatius by using MAC computers. On the feast of St Ignatius, Fr Ambrose (BOM) made his final vows. We had a prayer service and festive meal with our collaborators, benefactors and the religious.

- Sch Fean Almeida

## REST IN PEACE

**Fr Chettiyathara John M (Fr C.M. John), SJ (DUM), 71/45, on 22 July, in Kolkata.**

**Fr Augustine Fernandes, SJ (GOA), 55/31, on 25 July, in Gadhinglaj, Maharashtra.**

**Fr Leslie Francis, SJ (GOA), 92/72, on 31 July, in Porvorim, Goa.**

**Fr Edward D'Souza, SJ (JAM), 86/66, on 04 August, in Jamshedpur.**

**Fr Alexander John Robinson, SJ (DUM), 55/35, on 12 August, in Kolkata, West Bengal.**

**Mr Charlie D'Souza, 83, paternal uncle of Sch Maxim D'Souza, on 16 July, in Mangaluru.**

**Mr Sunil Wilfred Walder, 44, brother of Fr Santhosh Walder, on 17 July, in Bengaluru.**

**Ms Emalda Theresa, 67, youngest sister of Fr Chinnappan Mariaraj, on 05 August, in Trichy.**



## ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS

ON THE OCCASION OF THE XXXVII WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



Dear young people: at this World Youth Day, let us help each other to recognize this reality: may these days be *vibrant echoes of God's call of love*, for we are precious in God's eyes, despite the fact that sometimes our own eyes are dimmed by negativity and dazzled by distractions. Let these be days when my name, and your names, spoken with friendship by brothers and sisters of many languages and nations, resonate as unique news in history, for God's heart beats uniquely for you. Let these be days when we fully realize in our hearts that we are loved just as we are. Not as we want to be, but as we are now. This is the starting point of World Youth Day, but above all it is the starting point of our lives. Young men and women, we are loved the way we are, without makeup. Do you understand that? And each of us is called by name....

That is why we, his Church, are *the community of those who are called*: not of people who are better than others – no, absolutely not – but of sinners, called as such. Let us think seriously for a moment about that: we are called as we are, with our problems and limitations, our overflowing joy, our desire to be better and to get ahead in this world. We are called as we are. Think of this: Jesus calls me as I am, not as I would like to be. We are the community of brothers and sisters of Jesus, sons and daughters of the same Father.

Friends, I want to be clear with you, for you are allergic to falsity and empty words: in the Church, there is room for everyone. Everyone. In the Church, no one is left out or left over. There is room for everyone. Just the way we are. Everyone. Jesus says this clearly. When he sends the apostles to invite people to the banquet which a man had prepared, he tells them: "Go out and bring in everyone", young and old, healthy and infirm, righteous and sinners. Everyone, everyone, everyone! In the Church there is room for everyone. "Father, but I am a wretch, is there room for me? There is room for everyone! All together now, everyone, repeat with me in your own language: Everyone, everyone, everyone. I can't hear you: again! Everyone. Everyone. Everyone. That is the Church, the Mother of all. There is room for everyone. The Lord does not point a finger, but opens his arms. It is odd: the Lord does not know how to do this (pointing), but that (opening wide). He embraces us all. He shows us Jesus on the cross, who opened his arms wide in order to be crucified and die for us.

Jesus never closes the door, never, but invites you to enter: come and see. Jesus receives, Jesus welcomes. In these days, each of us transmits the love of Jesus. God loves you. God calls you. How lovely this is! God loves me. God calls me. He wants me to be close to him. (...)

Extract from the address of Pope Francis is taken from: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2023/august/documents/20230803-portogallo-cerimonia-accoglienza.html>

### Happy Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### Happy Independence Day 2023!

