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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

Elections are over and an NDA government is in place, but the battle to restore democracy, after 10 bruising years, must continue. The results although not in favour of the I.N.D.I.A. alliance, have strongly brought out the message that equality, pluralism, and collective leadership have triumphed over cronyism, polarisation, and autocracy. The task of the Opposition is now to nurture the culture of questioning and public accountability. International ratings on hunger or human development or press freedom, need to be taken seriously. The people have endorsed India's diversity and endorsed state governments. Our task as citizens is to promote equality, diversity and collective leadership in all our institutions and works.

We have begun the new academic year with orientations for students and the staff. The growth of our students to become men and women of exemplary character and servant leaders will not be possible without the collective efforts of our dedicated staff who are steadfast in their zeal and commitment to making a difference in the lives of their students. Jesuit education ultimately aims at altering in students (1) their world of learning, i.e. the life of the mind; (2) their world of loving, i.e. their human and spiritual imagination and affection; (3) their world of living, i.e. the life of social realities.

We have lost three great Jesuits during the past two months. Fr Hilario Fernandes (93) was truly a man of the heart and his forte was *cura personalis*. His love for the Society, his knowledge and appreciation of Ignatian Spirituality, and his rich repertoire of humorous anecdotes made him a well appreciated Jesuit. Fr Rossi Rego (86) was a man who cherished community life and cheered everyone with his songs. He loved the poor and contributed much as the province procurator garnering funds for the missions. Although struck by Parkinson's disease, he was resilient till the end. Fr Anand Pereira (56) was a zealous and optimistic Jesuit and inspired many young people. He was a pioneering missionary and transformed every single place he went, the recent being Arunachal mission. As a Regional Coordinator for Formation, he motivated scholastics for bigger dreams and as a Regional Development Director, garnered funds for different missions and projects of the region. May Frs Hilario, Rossi and Anand rest eternally with their Creator.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Vimal Kishore: Provincial of Patna Province

Fr Valerian Castelino: Regional Superior of Kohima Jesuit Region

Fr Arun Kumar: Socius and Admonitor to the Provincial of Karnataka

Fr General has approved **Frs Joy Pradeep Rodrigues** and **Rayappa M** for the profession of final vows in the SJ

APPOINTED BY FR POSA

Fr Francis Fernandes: Director-Centre for Ignatian Spirituality & Research, DNC-Pune

Fr Joseph Lobo: Staff of Jnana Deepa, Pune residing in DNC

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Name	Designation	Community
Fr Aravind Royce	MA, St Joseph's University	Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru
Fr Arun Kumar	Vice-Superior, LM	Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru
Fr Brian Pereira	Director, HRDC	Ashirvad, Bengaluru
Fr Harry Noel Terry	LLM, Christ Deemed to be University	Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru
Fr Henry Saldanha	Vice-Superior	Joseph Nivas, Hassan
Fr Josephvaz Monteiro	Teaching, Loyola PU College	St Anne's Church, Vijayapura
Fr Norwin Pereira	House Minister & Teaching, SJBHS	Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru
Fr Prashanth Sequeira	Teaching, SJCL	Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru
Fr Pratap Chandru	Vice-Superior	Vidya Niketan, Dharwad
Fr Roshan Castelino	House Treasurer	Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru
Fr Royston Pinto	House Treasurer-LM & FO-SJS, CBSE	Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru
Fr Steevan Gonsalves	House Minister	Xavier Sadan, Mandya

Appointed by the Bishop of Gulbarga:

Fr Christopher Xavier: Assistant Parish Priest of Christ the King Church, Ujini

Fr Josephvaz Sebastian Monteiro: Parish Priest of St Anne's Church, Vijayapura

Appointed by the Bishop of Shimoga:

Fr Francis R Noronha: Director, Sacred Heart PU College, Shivamogga

Fr Richard Mascarenhas: Asst PP, Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Health, Harihar

FIRST VOWS

The following 3 second year Novices are approved for the First Vows: Anthony Ranjith K C, Jayanth Christy M and Avin Fernandes

WELCOME TO THE NOVITIATE

The following eleven Pre-Novices will be joining Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru:

Name	Parish/Place	Diocese
Aaron Francis Colaco	Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sakleshpur	Chikmagalur
Adrian George Saju	Immaculate Conception Church, Pappinisseri	Kannur
Akshay Devapriya	St Joseph's Church, Solur	Bangalore Archdiocese
Anideekshith K A	St Anthony's Church, Kadashanahalli	Bangalore Archdiocese
Anoop Savio Fernandes	St Joseph's Church, Belman	Udupi
Infant Briand S	Sacred Heart Church, Silvepura	Bangalore Archdiocese
Jokim A	Our Lady of Assumption Church, Pandavpura	Mysore
Noha Veigas	St Francis of Assisi Church, Nainadu	Mangalore
Ryan D'Cunha	Christ the King Church, Venur	Mangalore
Sherwin Loy D'Mello	St Antony's Church, Fermai	Mangalore
Denzil Joshua Pinto	St Joseph's Church, Baskal	Chikmagalur

The following two pre-novices will be joining Xavier Training College, Belagavi:

Shawn Bernard D'Souza: Corpus Christi Church-Moodbidri, Mangalore Diocese

Sanjan Babu: St Anthony's Church-Gayathripuram, Mysore Diocese

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

June

01-02: Visit to Vijayapura
07: Meeting on SJU Development: MSJ (B'luru)
08-09: Visit to Goa (personal visit)
16: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)
19-21: Religious Leadership: Prerana (Bengaluru)
21: First Vows: MSJ (Bengaluru)
22-23: ToT - Task Force RRSJSA: Prerana (B'luru)
25-26: Visit to Manvi
27: KRRCR Meeting: Bengaluru
28-30: Religious Leadership: CJ Sisters (Bengaluru)

July

02-10: Personal DSS Retreat: XS (Mandya)
11: Meeting with the Deacons: XS (Mandya)

13: Convocation of SAC (Autonomous): (M'luru)
14: Jubilee Celebrations of Frs Clarence D'Souza & Joe Mathias: MSJ (Bengaluru)
17-18: Programme for Deacons: Xavier Sadan (Mandya)
20-21: Meeting of Local Superiors: Prerana (B'luru)
21: AGM, KJES: LM (Bengaluru)
22: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)
23-24: Religious Leadership: Cluny Sisters (Pondicherry)
26-27: Meeting of Finance Officers, Treasurers: Prerana (Bengaluru)
27: Inauguration of Jubilee: Anekal
28: Meeting of the Formation Commission

CONGRATULATIONS

Frs Arun Prashanth D'Souza, Lancy Manoj Fernandes and Maxim Dias on pronouncing your Final Vows in the Society of Jesus

Fr Francis D'Almeida is appointed as a member of the Task Force of Higher Education under State Education Policy for 3 years

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sch Merwin Desmond Mathias left the Society on 07 May, 2024

Sch Vivek Clitus D'Souza left the Society on 31 May, 2024

Sch Noel Melwyn Serrao left the Society on 31 May, 2024

We wish them God's blessings in their life.

DSS RETREATS

02-10 July, 2024, Place: Xavier Sadan, Mandya, **Preacher:** Fr Freddie D'Silva, SJ

03-11 October, 2024, Place: FRH, Mangaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Stan Alla, SJ (AND)

ORDINATIONS

28 September 2024: St Joseph's Boys' High School, Bengaluru at 10.30 AM

12 October 2024: Divine Mercy Church, FRH-Mangaluru at 10.00 AM

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

23 June 2024 - YUVA at St Joseph's College, Hassan

29 June 2024 - Mega Job Mela at Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

The official number of Vocation Promoter: 7022619197

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): JUNE 2024

For migrants fleeing their homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.



FINAL VOWS



Frs Arun Prashanth D'Souza, Lancy Manoj Fernandes and Maxim Dias pronounced their solemn final vows in the Society of Jesus on 21 April 2024 in the chapel of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, representing Fr General, received their vows. The homilist on the occasion, Fr Shantharaj T, impressed upon the vovents the crucial importance of the three key dimensions of Jesus' mission: the motivational, the transformative and the communitarian. He also spoke of the significance of the final vows as the Society's definitive acceptance of the Jesuit, in contrast to the first vows which express the initial desire of the novice to embrace the Society as his mother.

Witnessing the event were a good number of Jesuits, and parents, relatives and friends of the vovents. Fr Provincial, while felicitating the three

newly professed Jesuits, highlighted their valuable contribution to the mission and ministry of the Province. He also expressed his deep appreciation for and sincere gratitude to the members



of the vovents' families for their generosity and prayerful support. Speaking on behalf of his fellow vovents, Fr Lancy

Manoj Fernandes expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the countless blessings they received from their parents and relatives, their Jesuit companions, mentors and superiors, not forgetting the kind and generous hospitality of the Arrupe Nivas community. - Fr Royston Madtha

SAHODAYA



Sahodaya-2024, held from 19-23 May in Mundgod, was led by Sch Arun Lobo and his team under the theme ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಗಳ ಮಿಲನ ಐಕ್ಯತೆ ಸಾಧನ (Cultural Fusion: A Tool for Unity). The event began with a vibrant cultural dance by children from the Siddhi community, followed by a welcome address and the unveiling of the Sahodaya logo.

The inspiring talks and enriching discussions included Fr Anil Kumar D'Almeida's thematic address, Vidwan Imam Saheb's presentation on Janapadha, and sharing of experiences by Frs Johnson R Pinto, Anil Anthony D'Souza and Jerald M D'Souza about the Mundgod Mission. Dr Isabella Xavier spoke appreciatively of the pioneering work done by the Jesuits. Vidwan Ramu Mulagi raised our awareness lev-



el regarding Karnataka folklore. Cultural performances by the Siddhi, Gowli, and Lambani community artists captivated the audience.

The village outreach programme engaged the scholastics in visiting five villages to interact with elders, youth, and children. The event also welcomed 14 juniors and bade farewell to newly ordained priests.

On the final day, the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, encouraged the scholastics to focus more on mission-driven leadership, emotional maturity, forward-thinking, physical health, and holistic growth. At the close of

Sahodaya-2024, we witnessed the transfer of office of PCF from Fr Francis Fernandes to Fr Pratap Chandru and concluded it with the Holy Eucharist by Fr Provincial. - Sch Anvil Mascarenhas

KJES YOUTH WORKS (PCYM)



The programme Be the Light, organized on 01 May by AICUF Karnataka. It was held at SJU, and was aimed at nurturing leadership qualities among the participants. It was a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the AICUF Centenary programme. The AICUF Centenary Celebrations were held at St Joseph's College, Trichy, the birthplace of AICUF from 24-27 May 2024. About 250 AICUFers from across the country, including

36 from Karnataka took active part in it. The inspiring talks, depth sharing and lively discussions on the relevance of AICUF in the contemporary socio-political context, made the celebrations relevant and vibrant. Moreover, the participants gained a deeper understanding of cultural pluralism and the quality leadership required in the country today. The Karnataka AICUF contingent was quite active in this unique AICUF event,

particularly in popularizing the newly composed AICUF Anthem through singing. The centenary

year is slated to conclude in May 2025.

- Fr Joel Fernandes

ARRUPE NIVAS, Bengaluru



During the flagship initiative "Puraskara 2024" of St Joseph's University, held on the annual day, attracted over 130 members of the staff – both teaching and non-teaching. They were felicitated for their achievements, services and for their contribution to the institution.

While the month of May was quiet for most part, thanks to the end-semester exams, we had the satisfaction of witnessing several of our students successfully clearing competitive exams like NET, KSET and GATE. Of the nearly 35 successful students, Sch Melwil Vaz topped the list at the state level securing the highest marks in Computer Science. Also, a few other students of SJU topped the state list

in Environmental Science and Political Science.

Ranking the universities in India, the news magazine 'The Week' has graded SJU 58th (in the All-India multidisciplinary university category), 25th (in the All India private/deemed university category for the south zone), 21st (in the multidisciplinary category for the south zone) and 10th (in the private/deemed multidisciplinary category for the south zone).

The senior leadership team of SJU including Jesuits and faculty members participated in an intensive three-day Vision Workshop at Mysuru.

- Fr Roshan Castelino

ASHA KIRAN, Mangaluru



The month of April was full of celebrations. On 06 April, we celebrated Fr Sera's birthday in a grand style. Fr Rony Pais attended DSS retreat and returned with a renewed spirit. We had been to John's Water Park on 09 April for our community picnic. Some of the scholastics participated

in Aloysius Got Talent, Aloysius Theatre League, and Basketball League of St Aloysius College, and won prizes. At the end of the month, we organized Community Days, which helped us to enjoy each other's company with much fun and joy.

- Sch Anson Alex

ASHIRVAD, Bengaluru



Ashirvad Centre for Social Concern and Bem-bala Team of St Joseph's University jointly organized a 10-day Spandana Summer Camp from 11-20 April for 55 underprivileged slum children of KS Garden. On the last day of the camp, the children were taken for a picnic to Bannerghatta Farm and Mount St Joseph.

As part of MAIN, Fr Arun Luis took a session for the SJU students. Fr Arul Anthony and Ms Deekshitha conducted the annual evaluation of social work centers in Mundgod. Fr Francis Noronha spent a part of his sabbatical at Shembaganur attending the Roots and Wings programme. Fr Elvis Lewis is attending online sessions on Interna-

tional Christian Peace Academy (ICPA). 'Yeddelu Karnataka' had several meetings of its coordinators at Ashirvad raising 'election consciousness' among the general public. In this connection, Fr Arun Luis was invited to address the think tank of the Archdiocese of Bangalore. Mr Prakash Raj, noted cine artist, addressed a group of civil society representatives on the importance of voting. A training course for youth animators was organized by Fr Joel Fernandes and team in Ashirvad from 21-30 April. Fr Arul Anthony conducted a one-day session on "Social Media." The would-be regents of the four Southern Provinces had an 8-day pre-regency programme at Ashirvad.

- Fr Elvis Lewis

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru



Welcome to Frs Ajay D'Silva and Felix Victor, the two new members of the FRH community. Fr Raymond D'Souza (KHM), having recovered from his illness, returned to the Region with a smile. FRH is grateful to him for his spiritual ministry. A triduum preceded the solemn feast of Divine Mercy which was celebrated on 6-7 April, combined with the conclusion of the Platinum Jubilee Year of FRH. The Provincial Fr Dionysius Vaz presid-

ed over the Eucharist in English and Fr Francis Fernandes celebrated the Eucharist in Konkani. Frs Leo D'Souza, Felix Victor and Boniface Lewis (KHM) had a short stay each in Fr Muller Hospital attending to their health issues. Sch Jeevan Kishore (KHM) had a knee surgery and is recuperating. All are now back with sound health and good cheer. Fr Boniface returned to Kohima after having spent two months with us and edifying us

with his cheerful presence.

Fr Tom Quadras, moved to Mount St Joseph for the greater service after four years of service at FRH. Fr Ivan Sequeira rendered valuable service for one year and gained adequate experience as campus administrator, hostel director and house treasurer. He has been chosen to be the minister of De Nobili College, Pune. FRH community is grateful to both of them.

We celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on 11 & 12 May, preceded by the novena. The preachers at the festive concelebrated Mass were: Fr Edward Rodrigues (treasurer designate of FRH) in Konkani, and Fr Ivan Sequeira in Kannada. They were warmly greeted and honoured by the faithful.

Fr Anil D'Mello, our superior, is out of the coun-

HOMBELAKU, Manvi



The community bade an informal farewell on 07 April to our outgoing scholastics Joyal D'Sa, Royster Monis and Sujay Paul. Frs Xavier Soreng (RAN) and Jerry D'Souza from Bengaluru were with us for a two-day evaluation of Lokmanch. Congratulations to Fr Praveen Kumar and team for the very good results in Loyola PU (Arts- 90%, Commerce 100% and Science 96%). Fr Maxim Rasquinha, who completed 50 years after his final vows, joined the jubilee celebration on 12 April at the invitation of Fr Provincial.

Seven Jesuit novices accompanied by their socius, Fr Nithin Machado, have arrived at Pannur. They will be planting saplings in the Pannur campus. Four junior scholastics - Harrison, Sudarshan, Royal and Akshay - are now in our mission, two in Manvi and two in Pannur for a fortnight. Fr Francis Balraj has come to Manvi for a few days to design a course for the unorganized youth. Fr

JESUIT NIVAS, Bengaluru



The new academic year witnessed a change of leadership at Jesuit Nivas with the Rector, Fr Brian Pereira, handing over the charge to Fr Daniel Fernandes, and the Minister, Fr Vishal D'Souza, entrusting his role to Fr Norwin Pereira. Frs Brian Pereira, Sunil Cletus Fernandes and Manoj D'Souza made a trip to the US on an "Alumni-Connect Mission" to strengthen the ties of the Josephite alumni with their alma mater and to ensure their tangible support.

try attending a six-week "Ignatian Immersion programme" in Spain. Fr Ajay D'Silva directed a retreat of the scholastics. Frs Terence Farias, Norwin Pereira and Kiran Cotha directed the retreat for a group of sisters. Fr Jossy Rodrigues, in addition to his regular inner healing and discernment retreats, sets aside time for counselling and other responsibilities. In the midst of his devoted service to the elderly and the sick, Fr Joseph Monteiro made time to direct a few individual retreats.

The month of June began on a sad note. On the evening of 01 June, Fr Rossi Rego - a cheerful, veteran Jesuit - slipped quietly, in his sleep, into the arms of the eternal Father. Having taken his supper at the usual time he went early to rest, and at 10.30p.m., was found sleeping peacefully into eternity, with the rosary by his bedside. May his soul rest in peace.

- Fr Joseph Monteiro

John Crasta was here to attend the final profession of two Bethany Sisters (Sr Rita & Sr Gita), and to cast his vote for the Lok Sabha elections.

Welcome to Fr Bartholome who has come on transfer from Xavier Sadan Mandya, and has taken up his mission as assistant parish priest at Pannur. Welcome also to Fr Avinash Lobo who has joined our community and taken the place of Fr Wilson Moras. Fr Don Prem and his team are helping the migrants of Raichur district to obtain their Ayushman cards. Fr Don had already done the same service to 241 families in Pannur.

Fr Olvin Veigas was one of the resource persons at the faculty orientation programme. Sch Melvil Vaz, doing his PG studies in Bengaluru, is with us for a fortnight helping Fr Vinod Paul in the college.

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

St Joseph's Institute of Management held its 27th Convocation which saw 177 of its students graduating with PGDM. Presiding over the function was the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, who is also the Chairman of the Governing Council of the Institute. Among the graduates was Lt. Col. K Damodaran, currently serving in Kashmir. On the occasion of his visit to the Silicon Valley, Fr Manoj signed an MoU with Leavey Business School of Santa Clara University. The "SJIM Eminent Social Entrepreneur of the Year" was awarded

to Mr Srikanth Bolla who, though born blind, is now the co-founder and CEO of Bollant Industries Ltd. With the AICTE granting permission for an intake of 300 students for I Year PGDM beginning from 2024-25, SJIM has registered an increase in number by 180. With this, the SJIM building will be fully utilized. Fr Olvin Veigas conducted a day long FDP for the teaching staff of Loyola Institutions of Pannur-Manvi Mission.

The Legal Aid Cell of St Joseph's College of Law (SJCL), collaborating with St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC), helped the migrant labourers in Chandapura by providing them with Ayushman Bharat health cards and e-shram cards. Over 2000 women participated in the Women's Day programmes organized by SJCL in a few adjoining villages of Mundgod taluk. Also, SJCL conducted a seminar for the teachers of Jyothi High School, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru, on POCSO Act and its implications.

St Joseph's PU College (SJPU) had, at the com-

mencement of the academic year, a 3-day staff enrichment programme, "Ameliorae 2024," and an orientation programme for the XI & XII Std students. The Committee for Social Concern organized a drive for collecting unused textbooks and notebooks from former students and gifted the same to those who couldn't afford to buy them. SJPU is collaborating with the Loyola Centre for Social Concern to support the Loyola SHG women of Pannur - Manvi.

The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) for the staff at SJBS had Mr Joe Boniface and his team as resource persons – who dealt with themes like "21st Century Learning Design", "The Six Cs of Education" and "Stress Management." Fr Henry D'Almeida spoke on "Leadership Insights from the World of Religions." The school bade farewell to Fr Vishal D'Souza, Primary School Administrator, and welcomed Fr Norwin Pereira in his place. Environment Day was celebrated with Dr Manu V Mathai as the chief guest.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

LOYOLA MANDIR, Bengaluru



Fr Joseph D'Mello took 2-day classes for scholastics of pre-ordination programme at Shembaganur. He also guided an 8-day DSS retreat for Bombay Jesuits at Vinayalaya. Fr Royston Pinto took a basic course on Scripture and Theology for the pre-novices at Navasadhana-Hassan from 20-25 April. Fr Olvin Veigas conducted a half-day Faculty Development Programme for the teaching faculty of Loyola PU College, Bannerghatta Road, and then a weeklong retreat for SND sisters in Bengaluru. Fr Joseph D'Mello was a resource person at the General Chapter of the JMJ Sisters in Bengaluru. Fr Jason Furtado conducted a day's course on Financial Management at Prerana to the participants of the course on Religious Leadership.

In the month of May, Loyola Mandir witnessed the arrival and departure of Jesuits on transfer,



marked by the welcomes and farewells. To begin with, Fr Joseph A D'Mello, Socius to the Provin-

cial and Superior of Loyola Mandir community, passed on the baton to the young and sturdy shoulders of Fr Arun Kumar. During the Eucharist, celebrated in the Pratiksha chapel, Fr Provincial appreciated and thanked the outgoing superior and the other members of the LM community for their dedication and commitment. He also extended a warm welcome to Fr Arun Kumar and wished him well in his new roles as socius and superior.

Fr Royston Pinto took over from Fr Olvin Veigas as the Treasurer of Loyola Mandir community. Fr Harry Noel Terry joined the community after his tertianship experience in Lebanon. His co-tertian, Fr George Theodoro (Midwest Province, USA) visited a few places of historical importance and a few houses and ministries of Karnataka Jesuits. He was particularly impressed by the province initiatives in Vijayapura, Bengaluru, Mangaluru and Mysuru. Frs Suman Balu and Yesunath Karlekar were thanked profusely for their presence and contribution to LM community at a sendoff programme, before they moved to Vijayapura and Anekal for their new ministry. Frs Joyal D'Sa, Steve Rodrigues and Noel Prabhu are residing at LM while learning French, prior to their departure to France, by the end of June, to study Philosophy. Fr Royston Pinto took charge as the finance officer of St Joseph's CBSE School.

Fr Arun Kumar, the new Superior of LM, went to Pune to hand over the charge

to his successor, Fr Francis Fernandes. - Fr Harry Noel Terry

LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE, Mangaluru



encouraging number of 84 boys, an assortment ranging from 8th Standard to PUC. Many of them had come - without openly admitting it - to relax after their annual school exams, but only a handful of them seemed inclined towards the priesthood. A second camp was held for a few aspirants selected from the first camp. And of these, a dozen hopeful candidates have joined the pre-novitiate. The credit, however, does not go entirely to Loyola. Behind-the-scene vocation promoters like Fr Maxim Rasquinha, Fr Joyson Vas, a few SAC Jesuits, and last but not the least, the scholastics who conducted the vocation camps, have been preparing the ground for a modest harvest. Of course, the lion's share of the credit goes to Fr Anush D'Cunha, who has not only

been tending the sheep already in the fold but also kept incessantly searching for the new ones. Now that he has gone round with Fr Provincial visiting the families of would-be novices, he is exuberant at the success of his labour. And it is with a sense of fulfillment that he has passed on the mantle of directorship to his successor Fr Leston Lobo. Likewise, his able assistant, the regent Sch Elson Lobo, has handed over his office file to the new regent, Sch Vivian Saldanha. Fr Anush is all set to sail to Thiruvananthapuram to be the Dean of the South Indian Common Juniorate, and Sch Elson to Anekal for theology. Farewell Fr Anush and Sch Elson, and a warm welcome Fr Leston and Sch Vivian!

- Fr Peter Pinto

MAITRI SADHANA, Vijayapura



This year, the Bijapur Mission has been invigorated by the arrival of Frs Suman Balu and Josephvaz Sebastian Monteiro, who brought new life and spirit to our mission. Loyola School is proudly celebrating its 25th Jubilee Year, inaugurated on Environment Day by the Superior of the Bijapur Mission. Our institutions have demonstrated excellent academic performance: Loyola School achieved a 96.29% pass rate, Loyola PU College 98%, and Loyola CBSE School Sindagi 100%. Beyond academics, our Social Work Centre has been actively engaged in significant events. CNFE staff attended the annual review at

Azim Premji Foundation. A summer camp for study center students was conducted, thanks to Scholastics Princeton Vinoy D'Souza and Felix Vinal. Additionally, CNFE, in collaboration with Loyola ITI, Akshaya Shakti, and Sarojini Handicrafts, started a skill training center at St Anne's



Church, inaugurated by Fr Provincial. Financial support was organized for 20 Devadasi women to sustain their families through livelihood initiatives. The mission also introduced a new Mobile Health Unit, thanks to the support of Fr Francis Menezes and his friends. These achievements mark a significant milestone for the Bijapur Mission, reflecting our commitment to academic excellence and community development.

- Fr Ronald Serrao



Mundgod and visited SMSSS in Shivamogga and Honnavar. They also played a crucial role in promoting electoral participation and organized a youth program in collaboration with the

MOUNT ST JOSEPH, Bengaluru



The peaceful passing away of Fr Hilario Fernandes, the oldest member of our community, into the hands of his Lord and Master on 10 May, was a poignant time for us in the community. His quiet, gentlemanly and gracious presence will be

missed a lot. His funeral was held on 12 May, Ascension Sunday.

On completion of his term as Rector, Fr Anthony Joseph UG, handed over the baton to Fr Joseph

Anthony D'Mello on 16 May, during a prayer service and Benediction. It was followed by a short felicitation programme to thank Fr Anthony Joseph and welcome Fr Jossie D'Mello. The community bade farewell to Frs Anthony Joseph, Edward Rodrigues, Pratap Chandru and John Baptist wishing them all the best in their new assignments. We also warmly welcomed Frs Tom Quadras, Vincent Pinto and Arun Sunil Lobo to our community and wished them a fruitful stay at MSJ. We are grateful to Frs Leo Pereira, Rayappa M, and the entire Pannur-Manvi Jesuit community for accommodating the seven first-year novices to go through their work experiment. Meanwhile, the second-year novices had a fruitful hospital and house maintenance experiment. The novices had a three-day Kannada crash course called ಕನ್ನಡ ಕಿಡಿ. They also learned more about inter-religious dialogue through the innovative sessions offered by Fr Anil D'Almeida.

Fr Balaraju, Parish Priest of Kalena Agrahara, organized a summer programme for the parish children which included, among other things, a number of learning skills.

Fr Joe Mathias was the resource person at the three-day workshop at Bethel, Shillong, for a group of 25 formators of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians; followed by a two-day seminar for 21 vocation promoters of the same Congregation. Later he directed a six-day retreat to a group of 11 RNDM Sisters at Banaswadi, Bengaluru.

NAVASADHANA PRE-NOVITIATE, Hassan

We gave a warm welcome to 13 freshers who together with 9 second year pre-novices, form a community of 22 at Navasadhana. The freshers are not wholly new to Navasadhana since they had been here for various camps. Our pre-novices have excelled in their PU exams, all securing a First Class, one even with a distinction. We are grateful to Scholastics Agil Roy J, Maria Divij, Anu Vimal Raj, Pradeep D'Souza, and Barnes Reoin Richard who trained the pre-novices for several days in different ways.

SADHANA, Mundgod

The new academic year has begun with renewed enthusiasm in all of us thanks to the excellent results, Loyola Institutions have brought. Loyola Children's Home which held its 'prarambhostava' had the Mundgod veteran, Fr Johnson Pinto, as the chief guest. The hostel students had a three-

The staff of Loyola High School had an orientation programme with Fr Alphonse Fernandes as the resource person. Senior teacher Mrs Gracy Samuel has been promoted as the Headmistress of Loyola English Medium School which hitherto had Jesuits as headmasters. The school had 97% results (Kannada medium) and 100% results (English medium) – in the SSLC Exam. Fr Edward Rodrigues gave an orientation programme for the staff of Loyola School Sindagi.

The LCPUC began its academic year on May 11, with a Staff Orientation Programme conducted by Fr Olvin Veigas. The Principal, Mr Adivappa Halagi, guided the orientation of the student body.

VIDYA Centre of Excellence and Fortis Hospital jointly conducted an informative session at Loyola ITI on 'basic life support' and 'cardiac arrest response.' The session gave the trainees tips on community safety and preparedness. Other notable events at Loyola ITI were: a visit to ELCIA consortium of automotive companies in Electronic City, a workshop on fire safety, and an awareness session on "Say No to Tobacco."

Loyola Degree College bade farewell to Fr Pratap Chandru as he left for Dharwad for his new assignment. On the 133rd birth anniversary of Dr B.R. Ambedkar, the College inaugurated the new 'Sauharda Peace and Harmony Club.'

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

We gratefully acknowledge the services of our former regent, Sch Darshan Kumar, and in his place, we welcome Sch Princen Michael, the new regent. Our heartfelt thanks go to Fr Dheeraj D'Souza for his exceptional service as the director of Navasadhana. As we bade farewell to him on 30 May, he gracefully passed on the baton to his successor Fr Vinod Saldanha. Welcome, Fr Vinod!

- Sch Princen Michael

day orientation programme conducted by Scholastics Canon, Merwin, and Kiran. Loyola Children's Home now has an annex specifically for CBSE students.

Loyola Vikasa Kendra, Mundgod, has been

been abuzz with vibrant events and celebrations. We welcomed Fr Alwyn D'Souza who took over as the new director of the Siddi Development Programme. We celebrated International Women's Day on 15 May which saw nearly 1500 women participating in a variety of games and activities. The theme was: 'ಸ್ತ್ರೀ ಅಂದರೆ ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಸಾಕೇ.' Notably, 15 students from St Joseph's College of Law collaborated with LVK to organize and conduct sports and fun games for the attendees. Fr Jerald D'Souza, Director of SJCL, was the chief guest on the occasion.

LVK Mundgod played host to Sahodaya 2024 held from 19-23 May. The event served as a melting pot of diverse cultures, ideologies, and perspectives, fostering harmony and mutual understanding among the scholastics. Seventeen MSW students from a Government First Grade

College, Barkur, were placed in four of our villages for the rural exposure programme. We are pleased to announce the reopening of our fifth village hostel at Malagi which had been closed in 2019 owing to the pandemic Covid.

LVK-Hanagal extended a cordial welcome to Fr Vincent A Jaison, the newly appointed Assistant Director. The training programme, organized by LVK for the members of SC/ST communities, focused on enhancing their awareness on various government schemes available for their socio-economic empowerment. Fr Melvin Lobo met the staff of LVK Hanagal to discuss various administrative matters and future plans for LVK. The process of our annual planning was facilitated by Mr Lokesh Gowda. A few more hostels are in the offing.

- Fr Leo Florence

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Harihar



St Aloysius Community and PU College bade farewell to Fr Avinash Lobo SJ and welcomed Fr John Baptist SJ as a new Hostel Director, Lecturer, and Maintenance Officer in the College. A diocesan level youth program called *Yuvamitra*, was held in our college premises. The first ever International School has commenced along with PU College after a strenuous effort by the staff on 3 June 2024. St Aloysius International School was

inaugurated during the grand programme on 7 June 2024. Fr Rohan D' Almeida SJ was the chief guest and Fr Melwin J Pinto SJ was the president of the programme. The Scholastics conducted intensive English classes to the students as part of their summer programme, besides working towards the promotion of the new International School.

- Fr John Baptist

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



The New Indian Express carried an article on Aloysian Institute of Management and Information Technology (AIMIT) titled "Beyond Textbook - Practical Skills and Industry Readiness at AIMIT." Fr Praveen Martis, Vice-Chancellor of St Aloysius Deemed-to-be University, accompanied by Registrars Dr Alwyn D'Sa and Dr Ronald Nazareth, and Director of Arrupe Block Dr Denis Fernandes, spent ten days at Oxford University in the UK for interactive sessions with the university officials on the establishment and operations of the premier Said Business School at Oxford University.

SAPUC students have garnered commendable results in the II PU Annual Exam conducted in March 2024. Out of 2235 students who appeared for the exam, 2213 have cleared it, with an overall pass percentage of 99%. Of these, 1009 passed with Distinction, while 1114 secured First Class. In the staff enrichment programme held at SA-PUC at the commencement of the academic year the following topics were covered: Integrating Jesuit educational principles and spirituality in

contemporary classrooms (Fr Pradeep Sequeira), the Importance of Cura Personalis and personal reflection in the life of a teacher (Fr Melwin Joseph J Pinto), Fostering inclusive learning spaces (Dr Deepa Kotari), Mastering the art of communication (Ms Roshni Goveas), Fostering teacher-student relationships (Dr Rameela Shekhar), Importance of continual self-renewal for teachers (Fr Clifford Sequeira), Self-awareness and professional development of teachers (Mr Prasad), and Cyber Safety and Awareness (Mr Robinson D'Souza). The academic year commenced with the Mass of the Holy Spirit, celebrated separately for the Catholic students of I and II PUC. The chief celebrant at the II PU Mass was Fr Leston Lobo, Director of Loyola Pre-novitiate, and at the I PU Mass, Fr Melwin J Pinto, Rector of St Aloysius Institutions.

St Aloysius High School secured 99% results in the SSLC; but on re-evaluation, successfully demanded by the lone failed student, the results now stand at 100%! Gonzaga CBSE School has

kept up its tradition of 100% results.

SAITI organized a talk on blood donation which was followed by an actual blood donation camp in the campus. Of the students who had enrolled this year for SAITI, 48 had not cleared their SSLC exam. But thanks to the painstaking and sustained coaching provided by the staff of SAITI, 35 out of the 48 have passed the SSLC exam along with their ITI course. The Campus Placement Drive - the mega-event organized by our Institute - attracted as many as 39 industrialists to participate and to pave the way for prospective job placements.

We were greatly edified by the demonstration of "friends in the Lord" as we witnessed the coming together of eight of Fr John D'Souza's novitiate companions. They had a reflection and sharing together to cherish their companionship in the

Society. We had a community Mass on Fr Praveen Martis' 50th birthday, to thank God for the blessings God has poured on him, his mission, and his near and dear ones.

We bade farewell to Fr Vincent Pinto and thanked him for his service to SAC as its finance officer and to our community as its treasurer. We welcome Fr Balaraju R who has taken over from Fr Vincent as the new community treasurer, and from Fr Vishwas Misquith as the new Secretary-cum-Treasurer of MJES. Congratulations and best wishes to Fr Vishwas Misquith who has assumed charge as the Finance Officer of St Aloysius Deemed-to-be University.

The first phase of renovation (of roof and flooring) of our community residence is completed to our satisfaction.

- Fr Melwin J Pinto

SWAMY RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli

After a yearlong devoted service at Pandithahalli, Fr Steevan Gonsalves has moved to Xavier Sadan, Mandya, while Sch Shaun D'Silva has reached Satya Nilayam, Chennai to pursue his philosophical studies. Fr Alwyn D'Souza, the newly appointed principal, having recently completed his tertianship, exudes confidence and unwavering commitment to his mission at the newly baptized St Joseph's School (formerly Holy Angels School). Following the handover of his duties as the rector

of Mt St Joseph, Fr Anthony Joseph UG is staying with us for a few days as he prepares himself for the sabbatical. The new academic year has begun with a good number of admissions, bringing the total number of students to 670. Scholastics Arun Lobo, Darren Joy Menezes, Joel Dias, and Saul Abhishek contributed significantly by conducting orientation sessions and taking classes for the students.

- Fr Anthony Pradeep

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad

We bade farewell to the outgoing batch of juniors on 01 April 2024. They left for their summer camps on 06 April. All the juniors from 3 common juniorates (Kolkata, Mumbai, Thiruvananthapuram) arrived on 14 April, to attend Kannada Kammata led by Frs Jerome D'Souza and Anil D'Almeida. Our terrace roofing and kitchen renovations were completed in time. Soon after his birthday celebration, Fr Francis D'Almeida left for Abu Dhabi to visit his family members. Fr Pratap Chandru took over as the new superior of Vidya Niketan on 25 April. Fr Francis Fernandes

left for De Nobili College, Pune on 29 April after a meaningful and moving farewell by the community. Fr Joyson Vas was busy conducting a Teacher Enhancement Programme for all the teachers of the Gulbarga Diocese, Youth Leadership Programme for students of St Joseph's PUC, Anekal and a triduum for the would-be novices of Navasadhana in Hassan. Besides these engagements, he found a quiet time to compose and sing a hymn on St Anthony of Padua!

- Sch Little Merinth Aamose A

XAVIER SADAN, Mandya

Fr Provincial's visitation was a time of serene and salutary examen at the personal and community level. We took the opportunity to have a combined birthday celebration of Frs Bartholome J, Edward Philip and Freddie D'Silva. While Frs Bartholome and Edward helped out in the parishes during the Holy Week, Fr Arockiasamy M com-

pleted directing a retreat and rushed home to be with his sister who was recovering from a serious accident. On his return he led a group of three Golden Jubilarian Sisters of Charles Borromeo through a month's retreat, and is currently giving a Psycho-spiritual retreat to 65 Sisters of Mercy in their Provincialate in Mysuru.

Fr Edward Philip directed a retreat of five Sisters of St John the Baptist preparing for their final profession, and then went to Loyola pre-novitiate in Mangaluru, for the psychological assessment of the pre-novices, and, on his return, had the same programme for 2 pre-novices from Kerala, who came to Xavier Sadan for the purpose. At present he is completing an 8-day retreat for an Asha

Kiran Scholastic and a Claretian Sister.

The two communities of Pandithahalli and Xavier Sadan came together to bid farewell to Sch Shaun D'Silva and Frs Bartholome, Christopher Xavier and Steevan Gonsalves.

- Fr Edward Philip D

XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE, Belagavi



The national director of PWP, Fr Jagadish Parmar (DAR), enlightened us on how our common practice of prayer leads us to walk in the footsteps of the Lord. The neighbouring community of Sisters also attended the talk.

Our long-awaited major holidays commenced on 29 April and ended on 04 May. We were housed in Loyola Hall, Miramar, Goa. We paid a condolence visit to the family of Fr Lawry Trini-



dade (GOA) and conducted a prayer service for the repose of the soul of his mother Precilla. It was our special privilege to visit the house of our Novice Master where we witnessed and experienced much love, affection and hospitality. We enjoyed our holidays, not only the leisure and relaxation, but also a taste of God's loving care which came to us in the shape of delicious meals sponsored by a few families.

The DSS retreat of Goa Province was held at XTC (May 7-15) and was guided by Fr John Fernandes (GOA). Following the retreat, Goa Jesuits had a province get-together (May 16-17) which was, for us Novices, an occasion to be acquainted with all and to join them for meals. We have begun earnest preparations for our Vows on 21 June.

- Nov Adarsh Paul

INNSBRUCK, Austria



After completing my tertianship at JCCU in Portland, I flew back to Austria. I spent three weeks in Innsbruck waiting for my visa, which was also a nice occasion to meet and bid goodbye to my fellow Jesuits, friends, and acquaintances. I arrived in Boston on 24 April, where Fr James Keenan, SJ, received me warmly. At present, I am a research fellow at the Jesuit Institute of Boston College for three months. As part of this fellowship, I will be working on a book, writing articles, and preparing for my classes at Fordham University starting in August. I reside at Robert's House which is a sub-community with six Jesuits. The

Jesuits here are friendly and cordial; I know many of them from my last stay at Boston College two years ago.

- Fr Bala Kiran Kumar



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REST IN PEACE

Fr Hilario Fernandes, SJ (KAR) 93/72, on 10 May 2024, in Bengaluru.

Fr John Baptist De Rossi Rego, SJ, (KAR), 86/65, on 01 June 2024, in Mangaluru.

Fr Joseph Thomas Muriyankavunkal, SJ, (GUJ), 87/66, on 02 May 2024, in Vadodara.

Fr Isaac Xalxo, SJ, (RAN), 67/43, on 03 May 2024, in Ranchi.

Fr Satya Prakash Tigga, SJ, (MAP), 74/56, on 05 May 2024, in Raipur.

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Fr Joseph Kallepallil, SJ, (KER), 80/61, on 06 June 2024, in Kozhikode.

Fr Anand Pereira, SJ, (KHM), 56/37, on 09 June 2024, in Guwahati.

Mr D Zachariah Babu, 74, Paternal Uncle of Fr Aravind Royce, on 28 April, in Jalahalli.



FR HILARIO FERNANDES, SJ (93/72) (14 JAN 1931 – 10 MAY 2024)



There is an African proverb which says that "Death of an elder is the loss of a library". It fits Fr Hilario Fernandes very well. Aged 93 with 72 fruitful years in the Society of Jesus, he was an elder among us and he was a man of wisdom. As prolific reader, he had a collection of fine books. Not for him the cheap novels of the pulp fiction variety, but solid tomes on Theology, Spirituality, Church history, Psychology, Counselling, Discernment, Spiritual Direction and, most of all Ignatian Spirituality. He was a much wanted and widely acclaimed retreat director and spiritual guide. His talks and conferences were much appreciated for their depth, scholarship, and inspiration. He would invariably spice them up with incidents, stories and quotes from great Masters, especially his favourites, like Archbishop Fulton J Sheen and Paul Claudel. We have indeed lost an elder of unusual wisdom. Therefore, when we laid him to rest in the eve-



ning of 12 May, 2024, it was with deep regret and a great sense of loss, as well as a strongly felt and widely shared sentiment of gratitude for having been granted the grace of knowing, admiring, appreciating, accompanying and associating with such a jewel of a man.

Jewel, he truly was. Fr Hilario was a man of the heart because of which he touched the hearts and lives of so many Jesuits, religious and the laity. He was a formator both in the province and in Singapore and his forte was cura personalis. He came across to one and all as a perfect gentleman: gentle, decent, peaceful, and loath to hurt anyone, not even the most difficult people. His love for the Society, his knowledge and appreciation of Ignatian Spirituality, his wide general knowledge and his rich repertoire of humorous anecdotes made him a much sought after and well appreciated Jesuit. His love of books, his artistic temperament and his love for literature both secular and spiritual had been important factors in making him a well-integrated Jesuit.

Born on 14 January 1931 to a Goan immigrant family in East Africa, what is today Tanzania, he was named Hilario, after the name of the saint on whose feast day or thereabout he was born, and that name fitted him so well. He was indeed full of cheer and humour, always finding something to cheer about, always seeing the funny side of life, always enlivening his company with fresh jokes, always regaling the community recreations with funny anecdotes from the past. Hilario had a phenome-



nal memory. At the drop of a hat, he could conjure up a series of stories from his student days, early formation, about his teachers and professors and about his companions and friends. He was a connoisseur par excellence and a raconteur beyond compare. With all that he was a gentleman to his fingertips. His humour would never hurt. His jokes were never risqué. His stories would never disparage, demean, denigrate or defame. It was always an ennobling, encouraging and enriching experience to engage him in a conversation.

From what one could deduce from the rare occasions, when Hilario would open up about himself, he and his siblings drank the Christian faith with their mother's milk. Theirs was a pious family with traditional Christian upbringing. When Hilario was an infant, he was struck with a life-threatening ailment, and his mother made a secret vow saying that if the infant would survive, she would offer him up for God's service as a priest. The infant did indeed survive and even thrive, came to Bangalore for his education first in St Joseph's European High School, and then in St Joseph's College, and eventually, and perhaps naturally, and certainly providentially he joined the Society of Jesus. It was only then his mother told her son about the vow she had made and carefully concealed all those years since his infancy.

After his initial formation in Calicut and philosophy and theology in Pune, he was ordained to ministerial priesthood in Mangalore, did a Masters in Counselling in USA, where he also completed his Tertianship and made his final profession in Bangalore. For a few years he was on the staff of his

Alma Mater, now re-named St Joseph's Boys High School, during which time he was appointed the Acting Rector for a year to resolve a minor crisis in Jesuit governance. Then in 1974 he was sent for a year's Sadhana course in Pune under the legendary Fr Tony D'Mello, before being appointed the Novice Master in the just re-opened Jesuit Novitiate at Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru. He held that post with distinction for four years and a half, till 01 January 1980.

Thus, during his long and exemplary life, Hilario has been a religious superior, formator, retreat director, spiritual guide and counsellor. But more than that he was a genial companion, an engaging conversationalist, a versatile resource person and an inspiring example, in all the posts in which he distinguished himself by his competence, compassion, conscientiousness, commitment and character. He was deeply human, genuinely happy, vibrantly healthy, unfailingly harmonious and unostentatiously holy. So, as we bade him goodbye on 12 May 2024, we all knew and felt that we were saying farewell to a fine human being, an exemplary Jesuit and a holy priest.

Once, when a fellow Jesuit told him a quote from Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, who, dying of pancreatic cancer, had written that for him "to die meant yielding himself gently into the waiting arms of a loving Father", Hilario spontaneously expressed his wish that when his time came, he too



would get the same grace. He did get that grace. He yielded himself gently into the waiting arms of a loving Father in the evening of Friday, 10 May 2024, with a gentle smile on his dying lips, surrounded by a caring community by his death bed. And, now, we can see him there resting in the father's embrace, looking at us with his usual smile, and promising to obtain for us too, the same grace. During his earthly sojourn he clung passionately his companionship with the Lord. May he now in his heavenly sojourn enjoy the eternal companionship of his Master and Lord. Adieu, Fr Hilario, till we meet again.

- Fr Freddie D'Silva



FR JOHN BAPTIST DE ROSSI REGO, SJ (86/65) (23 May 1938 – 01 June 2024)



A we mourn the passing over of Fr John Baptist De Rossi Rego to the risen Lord, we also rejoice in the profound impact he had on all of our lives and the people around him.



Fr Rossi was more than just a Jesuit priest; he was a beacon of compassion and wisdom. His dedication to serving others especially the poor, knew no bounds. In his tireless pursuit of excellence, Fr Rossi touched countless lives through his ministry of counseling, Spirituality and retreats. His advocacy for the marginalized and excluded has left an indelible mark on society, challenging us all to strive for a more just and equitable world.

He could sing a variety of songs, with ease in multiple languages, he used to be the life of the parties and common gatherings. Since his special interest was psychology and spirituality, Fr Rossi prepared himself from the beginning to make himself useful to as many as possible in these fields. With his expert knowledge in counseling and with his truly empathetic disposition, he was able to help many



a parent that was looking for an understanding guide in the fulfillment of their parental role in their crucial struggles in families.

When God blessed Karnataka Jesuits with a good number of vocations and superiors were finding it hard to get the required means to support and form them on the one hand, and on the other to carry on the many apostolic works in the new missions of the Province, Fr Rossi was God-sent right hand to the Provincials. The Karnataka Province cannot thank him enough for the tireless work he has done as Mission Procurator for 14 years. The number of contacts he established and kept up with benefactors through constant correspondence and personal visits, the meticulous and responsi-

ble way he dealt with finances, and the personal interest he took in the Missions were a clear proof of his commitment to the task assigned to him.

Though he longed to preach retreats as well as conduct various courses and seminars, when the Province needed his services as Mission Procurator, Director of various Works and Superior, Fr Rossi was ready in true Ignatian indifference to set aside his personal preferences and devote himself totally to the assigned responsibility.

Fr Rossi came from a very devout family of religious vocations, His two sisters, Sr Delarosa Rego FMM and Sr Meerabel Rego AC, are very well known in their respective congregations. He brought with him a deep commitment to the Christian faith and the Church which found ample scope in the Society to grow and blossom. They also enabled him to be a wonderful Jesuit who dedicated himself in the service of the people of God, especially the poor and the neglected. Convinced that the finances the province procured were the patrimony of the poor, he was very particular that the funds really reached the poor. Without looking for limelight or popularity, Fr Rossi would do quiet and hidden work, in the true Gospel spirit. May the Father who sees what is done in secret, bless you dear Fr Rossi with the heavenly Treasure, Riches and Peace you richly deserve.

As we bid farewell to Fr Rossi, let us carry forward his legacy of love, compassion, and service.



Though he may no longer walk among us, his spirit lives on in the countless lives he touched and the enduring impact of his work. May we honor Fr Rossi's memory by continuing the work he started, by standing up for those in need. Though we

grieve his loss, we take solace in the knowledge that his spirit will forever guide and inspire us.

Rest in peace, dear friend. Your light will never be extinguished, and your legacy will live on in our hearts forever.
- Fr Jossy Rodrigues

LIFE AND LEGACY OF FR ANAND PEREIRA, SJ (56/37) (19 March 1968 - 09 June 2024)

Born in Mangaluru on 19 March 1968, Fr Anand Pereira joined the Society of Jesus on 10 July 1986 at Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru. After completing 14 years of Jesuit formation, he was ordained a priest on 30 December, 2000 in Mangaluru. He took his final vows on 01 May, 2008.

Throughout his priesthood, Fr Anand made significant contributions to the communities he served. From 2001 to 2006, he worked in Pftusero, Nagaland, as the Director of the Pastoral Centre and Principal of three village schools. His commitment to education and pastoral care was evident in every role he undertook. In 2007, he became the Principal of St Paul's Institute of Education and St. Paul's High School in Phesama, Nagaland, where he served for a year.

In 2008, after completing his tertianship and taking his final vows, Fr Anand embarked on doctoral studies at Creighton University in



Omaha, Nebraska. During his time in Omaha, the Jesuit community became his home and he found a niche with new friends, both within and outside the community. He actively engaged in various community activities, assisting in parishes of the Omaha area, counselling students in the residence halls, facilitating CLC groups, and accompanying the students of the Magis Teachers Corp. He gradually introduced those he met to the Kohima Region and the ministries of the Jesuits. He organized several groups that would visit Northeast India for immersion and exposure programmes. As a result of his initiative, the CLC group from St John's Parish in Omaha is currently committed to introducing the CLC movement in the Jesuit parishes of the Kohima Region.

He earned his doctorate in 2013 and was subsequently appointed as the Superior of St Paul's Jesuit Community in Phesama. In addition

to his responsibilities as Superior, he served as the Kohima Region Consultor and Region Coordinator for Formation.



From 2017 to 2019, Fr Anand was the Principal of St Xavier's Higher Secondary School



in Moirang, Manipur. His leadership and vision greatly benefited the students and staff. In 2019, he took on the role of Superior of the Jesuit House Community in Guwahati, Assam, and served as the Region Development Director. Since 2023, Fr Anand had been serving as the Superior of the Arunachal Mission of the Kohima Jesuits.

A Jesuit to the core, Fr Anand was a man of passion and depth. His zeal and optimism were contagious, and he inspired many to traverse boundaries they had thought impossible. With his



disarming smile, warmth, and mischievous humor, he brightened up every place he visited.

We will remain forever grateful to Fr Anand for the impact he had on our lives and on the lives of the people he served in the Kohima Region. He will be deeply missed by his Jesuit brothers, family members, colleagues, students, the faithful, and all who knew him.

May his soul rest in peace.