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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

**W**ish you a very happy and holy Easter! We Christians are called not to keep watch on Calvary forever, nor spend our life contemplating the empty tomb. Rather, we are called for a personal encounter with the Risen Lord and then to go and spread the Good News. Easter is about the climax of a love story. Love is the greatest reality. Love never dies. Love is a power that every human being has. It is the one thing that makes all of us equal before God and before each other. Therefore, **Easter calls us to believe in the tremendous power of love.**

We all experience all moments of dying in our lives. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, when loneliness enfolds us, when fears oppress us, when sadness overwhelms us, and when we give in to despair. In those moments the world is closing in on us, and we have one foot in the grave already. But we also experience moments of resurrection in our lives: when we know true love, when we are accepted, when we are forgiven, when we open our hearts to our neighbour, and when hope returns. In those moments our horizon is widening and we are emerging from the tomb.

The Resurrection of Jesus also reminds us of **truth's protest against power.** Tagore's greatest expressions in prose of truth's protest against power: "Give me the faith of the life in death, of the victory in defeat, of the power hidden in the frailness of beauty, of the dignity of pain that accepts hurt but disdains to return it." This could be said about the resurrection of Jesus and all those human rights and climate activists who continually stand up for truth against power.

As "Pilgrims of Hope," we are called to embody and share hope, mirroring the journey of faith and the promise of a better future, particularly during the Jubilee Year 2025, a time for reflection, renewal, and a renewed commitment to justice and peace. It is a call to be present to others in their suffering, walking with them in love and solidarity. It is about recognizing that life itself is a pilgrimage, a journey toward the fulfilment of God's Kingdom.



- FR DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ

## APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

Fr General has approved **Frs Anthony D'Souza, Cyril Raj & Santhosh Wilson Walder** for the profession of Final Vows in the Society of Jesus.

## APPOINTED BY POSA

**Fr Anthony Joseph U G** as the spiritual Director of Satya Nilayam, Chennai

**Fr Francis Fernandes** as the tutor for Jnana Deepa, Pune

## APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

| NAME                   | DESIGNATION                      | COMMUNITY           |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fr Arockiasamy M       | Staff, Dhyanashrama              | MSJ, Bengaluru      |
| Fr Anthony T. V.       | Kohima Region                    |                     |
| Fr Arun Kumar          | PCF, Young Priests               | LM, Bengaluru       |
| Fr Celestine Sera      | Member, FRH                      | FRH, Mangaluru      |
| Fr Cyprian Tellis      | Director LSWC                    | Hombelaku, Manvi    |
| Fr Cyril R Castelino   | Staff, SJHS                      | IS, Bengaluru       |
| Fr Dheeraj A D'Souza   | Youth Coordinator, Prov Voc Prom | VN, Dharwad         |
| Fr Edward Philip       | Coordinator, PCSF                | XS, Mandya          |
| Fr Felix Anand         | Staff, SJHS                      | JN, Hassan          |
| Fr Francis D'Almeida   | Staff, FRH                       | FRH, Mangaluru      |
| Fr Francis Menezes     | Director, Prerana                | Prerana, Bengaluru  |
| Fr Frederick B D'Silva | Staff, FRH                       | FRH, Mangaluru      |
| Fr George Pinto        | Asst. Director, LSWC             | Hombelaku, Manvi    |
| Fr Godwin Serrao       | Staff, XS, Mandya                | XS, Mandya          |
| Fr Jaison Pais         | Asst. Director, LVK, Hanagal     | LVK, Hanagal        |
| Fr Jerald M. D'Souza   | Sabbatical – ongoing formation   |                     |
| Fr John Crasta         | Staff, LEMS, Vijayapura          | MS, Vijayapura      |
| Fr John Pradeep        | Kohima Region                    |                     |
| Fr John Thomas         | Principal, LEMS, Vijayapura      | MS, Vijayapura      |
| Fr Joseph Jerald A     | Staff, St Xavier's PUC           | LS, Kalaburagi      |
| Fr Joseph K Pashan     | Sec and Treas of AJECS           | JJ, Anekal          |
| Fr Kevin M Sequeira    | Director, CNFE                   | MS, Vijayapura      |
| Fr Lancy M Fernandes   | Principal SJEMS, Hassan          | JN, Hassan          |
| Fr Manoj D'Souza       | Coordinator, AIMIT               | GN, Mangaluru       |
| Fr Melwin J Pinto      | Coordinator, PCAA                | SAC, Mangaluru      |
| Fr Melwyn A Lobo       | Principal, SJS-CBSE              | IS, Bengaluru       |
| Fr Melwyn S Pinto      | Staff, SJU & Coordinator, PCHE   | AN, Bengaluru       |
| Fr Norwin Pereira      | Principal, SJBHS                 | JN, Bengaluru       |
| Fr Olvin Veigas        | Staff, SJC, B. Kattihalli        | JN, Hassan          |
| Fr Paul Anand Prasad   | Minister, Staff, SJBHS           | JN, Bengaluru       |
| Fr Pradeep RS          | LM, Bengaluru                    | LM, Bengaluru       |
| Fr Robert Rodrigues    | Principal, SXPUC (add'l resp)    | LS, Kalaburagi      |
| Fr Rohan D'Almeida     | Principal, SAGS                  | SAC, Mangaluru      |
| Fr Roshan Pereira      | Director, SJIM                   | JN, Bengaluru       |
| Fr Santhosh D'Souza    | Staff, SJHS                      | IS, Bengaluru       |
| Fr Santhosh Fernandes  | Principal, SJPUC, Dir. SJS       | JJ, Anekal          |
| Fr Thomas D'Souza      | Staff, Vidya Niketan             | VN, Dharwad         |
| Fr Vincent Jaison A    | Director, LVK, PP, Hangal        | LVK, Hanagal        |
| Fr Vishal D'Souza      | Principal, LS, Sindagi           | Sindagi, Vijayapura |

| NAME   | DESIGNATION   | COMMUNITY  |
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| Fr Wilson J Moras<br>Fr Wilson Saldanha  | Sec and Treas, BJECS<br>Staff, LKV, Mundgod   | MS, Vijayapura<br>Sadhana, Mundgod   |
| Fr Anthony Pais<br>Fr Don Prem Lobo<br>Fr Jeevan Gomes<br>Fr Joyson Vas<br>Fr Lumnesh S Kumar<br>Fr Merwyn L Fernandes<br>Fr Teyol P Machado | Tertianship<br>Tertianship<br>Tertianship<br>Tertianship<br>Tertianship<br>Tertianship<br>Tertianship | AH, Kandy, Sri Lanka<br>SSC, Sitagarha<br>SHC, Shembaganur<br>SSC, Sitagarha<br>SHC, Shembaganur<br>CB, Dominican Republic<br>AH, Kandy, Sri Lanka |

**Appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore:**  
**Fr Shantharaj Thomas:** Parish Priest of St Joseph's Church, Anekal

| PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME                                    |   |
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| April 2025  | May 2025  |
| 04: Meeting the II year Pre-Novices: Navasadhana (Hassan) | 01: Programme on Leadership: Bethany Sisters (Bengaluru)  |
| 06: Meeting the II year Pre-Novices: Loyola (M'luru)      | 03-05: Retreat Directors Course: Prerana (B'luru)         |
| 07: SAC (Mangaluru)                                       | 08: Programme for would-be Regents of SZ (B'luru)         |
| 09-11: Religious Leadership: Prerana (Bengaluru)          | 13: Jubilee Celebration of FSI Sister (Bengaluru)         |
| 14: Visit to Mysore                                       | 15: Tempo Forte: Prerana (Bengaluru)                      |
| 16: Meeting II year Theologians                           | 16: Province level felicitation of Jubilarians at MSJ     |
| 21: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)                      | 17-19: Course on Mid-life Transition – FMM Sisters (Ooty) |
| 23-24: Visitation: XTC Novitiate (Belgaum)                | 22: Meeting would-be Tertians                             |
| 26: Convocation: SJIM (Bengaluru)                         | 31: Sahodaya  |
| 28: Meeting with the Tertians                             | 31: Inauguration of SJBHS playground (Bengaluru)          |
| 30: Programme on Leadership: Bethany Sister (B'luru)      |   |

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To our newly ordained Deacons **Johnson R, Nishanth Noronha, Noel Dias, Preethesh Vijeth Misquith, Pruthvi Ryanal Rodrigues, Roydon Misquith, Sandeep Gonsalves** and **Sharun Roy D'Souza**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**26 April:** Convocation: SJIM, Bengaluru  
**15 May:** *Tempo Forte* at Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru  
**16 May:** Province Level Jubilee Celebration at Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru (10:30 AM)  
**31 May:** Inauguration of SJBHS playground with double basement (Bengaluru)

**Fr Felix Victor SJ**, through the rescript of the Congregation for Clergy dated **31 March 2025 (Prot. N. 2025 0644/S)**, by which the Holy Father has granted him dispensation from all priestly obligations (including priestly celibacy) with loss of the clerical state and dispensation from the religious vows (effecting the departure from the Society of Jesus). He has accepted the rescript and its terms on **08 April 2025**. We wish him God's abundant blessings as he begins a new phase in his life.

**POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): APRIL 2025**

**For the use of the new technologies:** Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.





## Meeting of Superiors, DOWs and CCMs



The Meeting of Local Superiors, Directors of Works (DoWs), and Commission Coordinators for Missions (CCMs) was held on 29-30 March, 2025, at Prerana - Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru. The theme of the gathering was "Pilgrims of Hope."



The meeting began with a prayer by Fr Anthony Pais and a welcome address by Fr Provincial. Fr Frederick D'Silva then led a reflection on the theme, helping the group deepen their understanding of hope in their mission. The morning session continued with faith sharing and a plenary discussion. Fr Lancy Fernandes led the Examen before lunch. The afternoon session focused on the evaluation of the Province Apostolic Commissions. Fr Sunil Fernandes chaired the session on the assessment of the Commissions related to education, social justice, and Formation, and

Fr Francis Menezes conducted a review of the Commissions handling finance, vocations, youth ministry, and media apostolate. The day concluded with the Holy Eucharist with Fr Jerald D' Souza as the main celebrant and Fr Joseph D'Souza as the homilist.

The following day - Sunday, March 30 - began with the Holy Eucharist led by Fr Joyson Vas and Fr Vinod Saldanha. In the first session in the morning, Fr Brian Pereira presented the roadmap for RRSJSA, and Fr Jason Furtado discussed important financial matters. The KPAP Review was conducted by Fr Ronald Pais, followed by Examen led by Fr John Thomas.

The afternoon sessions included a report by Fr Arun Luis on the PDD and its plans; a discussion on archives by Fr Arun Kumar; and Fr Provincial's address. The meeting ended with an evaluation session led by Fr Eric Mathias. The event was efficiently coordinated by Fr Maxim Dias, while Frs Santhosh Fernandes and Rayappa served as secretaries. The choir was led by Frs Vinod Paul. Frs Anthony Pradeep and Marcel Rodrigues handled photography and videography.

- Fr Robert Rodrigues

## ARRUPE NIVAS, Bengaluru



SJU hosted the annual BJES Institution Day this year. Fr Victor Lobo attended the Ignatian Leadership Programme at Sadhana Institute, Lonavla. He co-authored an article in the Deccan Herald on "Promise and Peril in Academic Research", and later presented a paper on Post-Democratic Challenges in India at the international conference held at Loyola College, Chennai.

Some of the notable academic accomplishments of our students are the following: two students of BBA completed CMA-USA exams; 22 students across various streams cleared their JAM and GATE exams; several students presented papers and published articles in local, national and international electronic or print media.

The SJU Kannada Sangha was declared the overall winner at Anikethana 2025 and claimed the championship at "Advithya'25". The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI, has awarded our alumna, Ms Meghna Murthy, with the National Youth Award for 2022-23 for her accomplishments in social work. Additionally, our

distinguished alumnus, Major Dr Pradeep Arya (currently Income Tax Commissioner for the states of Karnataka and Goa) has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He has also earned the Vishista Seva Medal in acknowledgment of his exceptional service of the highest order.

A few of the important international, national and state-level conferences, organised on the campus, are: SPARKS 2025 (by the School of Social Work) in collaboration with the University of Houston; ICCTIT 2025 (by the School of Inf. Tech) on current trends in information technology and artificial intelligence; "Microcosmos" (by the Dept of Microbiology) on emerging innovations in Microbiology; NPLSSF 2025 (by the Dept of Botany and Biology) on New Paradigms in Life Sciences; Gender Inequality (by the Dept of Economics) on Pursuits of Sustainability in Emerging Economies, etc.

The outreach programme, organized for the Arrupe Nivas community by Fr Richard Rego, was a rejuvenating experience for all. The visit to

Bosco Vatsalya Bhavan - run by the Salesian Fathers for underprivileged children – and the time spent with the children engaging them in games, action songs, riddles and stories was an enriching encounter. We are happy that Sch Melwil Vas, pursuing MSc Computer Science at SJU, has secured 622nd rank in the GATE exam

with a score of 764 - no small achievement considering the lakhs of students who took part in the competitive exam. *Concordia 25*, Hostel Day programme under the leadership of the director Fr Jaison Pais, was a perfect platform for the hostel students to showcase their talents and skills.

- Fr Aravind Royce

### ASHA KIRAN, Mangaluru



Our scholastics continued online sharing of their creative and reflective videos on Lenten themes. The “AK Ted Talks” have proved to be invaluable in encouraging us to be creative and innovative in exploring new topics. Some of our scholastics have won certificates of merit from the University in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. We are thankful to Fr Anthony

Pinto (faculty at St Joseph’s Seminary, Mangaluru) who guided our monthly recollection. As the academic year drew to a close, we bid a fond farewell to our third-year scholastics. Meanwhile, Fr Ronald Pais has gone to attend the Ignatian spirituality course, “Roots and Wings”, at Kodakanal.

- Sch Anson Alex

### FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru



Lenten retreats for Sisters were directed by Frs Edward Rodrigues, Joseph Rodrigues, Joseph Monteiro, and Ajay D’Silva. Fr Anil D’Mello guided the recollection of the Bethany Juniors. Fr Ajay represented the community at Fr Maxim Rasquinha’s Diamond Jubilee of Priesthood at Manvi. During the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross are conducted every Friday both in

Konkani and English. Fr Santosh Ravi Kamath was hospitalized for a minor ailment. He is back, hale and hearty. The newly elected Provincial of the Apostolic Carmel and her team of Councilors had a three-day programme at FRH. Our lay collaborators spent a day relaxing at the Manasa Water Park.

- Fr Edward Rodrigues

### HOMBELAKU, Manvi



The month of March began with the Graduation Day for UKG children of Xavier School. The school staff embarked on a two-day tour to Dandeli which not only provided them with a well-deserved break but also an opportunity to bond outside the classroom. The Loyola Centre for Social Concern (LCSC) and Janashakthi Trust jointly celebrated the 50th International Women’s Day on Loyola Grounds, Manvi. Over a thousand women from Manvi and Sindhanur participated in it, not counting 80 transgenders from Raichur district who were also invited. Dr Akka Padmashali (a Liberal Feminist) gave a stirring message on the liberation of women. The staff and students of Loyola College, under the direction of Fr Don Prem, shared the responsibility in conducting the programme. LCSC, in collaboration with CIRW, Anekal, also conducted a health camp for migrants in Jigini.



inauguration and blessing of the newly built girls’ hostel. Present on the occasion were Fr Dionysius Vaz (Provincial), Mr Boseraj (Karnataka Minister for Minor Irrigation), Mr Hampaiyah Nayak (MLA, Manvi) and, of course, a large number of Jesuits. Mr Boseraj inaugurated the building while Fr Provincial did the blessing. The Jubilee Mass followed. Fr Rohan D’Almeida preached the homily, Fr Freddie D’Silva raised the toast, Fr Provincial felicitated the Jubilarian, and Fr Maxim spoke a few words of gratitude.

The most notable event of the month was the Diamond Jubilee of Fr Maxim Rasquinha’s priestly ordination, celebrated on March 17. Bishop Henry D’Souza of Bellary joined the concelebration, preached a homily and felicitated Mr Maxim. The memorable event was celebrated again on March 24, this time in Manvi, followed by the

Loyola Degree College faculty attended a three-day FDP at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru. Loyola Degree College’s theatre team won the first prize at the competition hosted by St Joseph’s University, Bengaluru.

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

## INIGO SADAN, Bengaluru



The Institution Day, celebrated on the feast of our patron St Joseph, brought us – Jesuits and our collaborators - together for a day of thanksgiving and celebration. The community members paid a visit to the senior citizens' home run by MC Sisters at MS Palya and spent quality time with them. Preparing and presenting papers on current trends in Ignatian spirituality gave the scholastics an opportunity to engage in serious reflection and discussion.

The session on positive parenting, organized by the CBSE School for a group of parents, had Dr Sandra Sunitha Lobo as one of the resource persons.

The School also observed Women's Day with appropriate programmes. St Joseph's Skill Academy has been successful in tapping CSR funds to upgrade its labs. The celebration of Ethnic Day was an occasion for students and staff to appreciate and demonstrate their cultural traditions. In addition, the Academy arranged an activity-based seminar on Emotional Intelligence and Conflict Resolution for the students. The highlight of the month was the solemn Graduation Day ceremony which set the outgoing students on a path to chase their dreams.

- Fr Vishal Melroy Pinto

## JESUIT NIVAS, Bengaluru



St Joseph's Boys High School (SJBHS) had an FDP for its staff during which one of its alumni, Dr Thimappa Hegde, gave an inspiring talk on positivity, acceptance, and love. The new block

Our sporting victories deserve a special mention. Trophies, shields, cups, medals, and certificates kept pouring in as our boys and girls excelled in Golf, Boxing, Badminton, Rifle Shooting, Taekwondo, Gymnasium, Swimming, Table Tennis, Chess and a host of other sports. Indeed, a befitting end to an action filled and fruitful year!



of St Joseph's Boys Hostel at Victoria Layout (formerly Navasadhana) was inaugurated and blessed by the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, on March 30. The new hostel block can accommodate up to 205 student residents. Congratulations to Fr Pradeep RS, visual arts student at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, who has been recognized as a student sculptor at the 16th International Art Expo, Santiniketan.

St Joseph's Institute of Management (SJIM) celebrated its 57th Foundation Day with Mr Emmanuel David (former Director of Tata Management Training Center) as the chief guest. The 8th SJIM-Albers International Business Plan Competition brought together students of global institutions from US, Mexico, Spain, Taiwan, Philippines and India, to develop AI-driven solutions for the care of the elderly.

St Joseph's College of Law (SJCL): The alumni meet "Sangama – 2025" was organized where new office bearers were chosen. The College celebrated Women's Day by bringing together *Pourakarmika* women to the campus for a session on health and legal awareness, concluding the session with lunch and gifts. The Moot Court Society conducted Arche Moot Court Competition for First Year students.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

## JOSEPH NIVAS, Hassan



St Joseph's Primary and High School held separate farewell programmes for the VII and X Std students. Our high school teachers are conducting a summer camp for the high school students. Women's Day, celebrated at St. Joseph's College, had Ms Vathsala Rangegowda (entrepreneur, philanthropist and our proud alumna) as the

chief guest. The NSS unit held a camp in Magge. Quite a few of our staff and students have been visiting different educational institutions to give the students there an idea of the special features of St Joseph's College and the benefits of joining it for higher studies. A week-long educational support programme was conducted for students



of Katihalli Government School, which included various activities and creative competitions. Our staff took a much-anticipated two-day break for a fun trip to Hyderabad. The college celebrated the feast of St Joseph, preceded by a week of exciting competitions and events organized by

the AICUF. The chief guest on Sports Day was Mr. Girish H T (an alumnus, a national volleyball player, and currently a traffic police officer); he spoke of the importance of discipline and sportsmanship in life.

- Fr Santhosh D'Souza

### LOYOLA MANDIR, Bengaluru



Fr Arun Kumar, Province Socius, was away for a little over two weeks (March 9-25) attending a meeting of the Socii in Rome, and thereafter, a few days meeting Karnataka Jesuits in France.

Fr Royston Pinto gave an eight-day retreat to the novices of St Charles Borromeo Sisters. Frs Wilson Moras and Kevin Sequeira are back from their tertianship in Kandy. Fr Provincial and Fr Arun Kumar attended the Diamond Jubilee of Fr Maxim Rasquinha's priestly ordination, followed by the Inauguration of the new Girls' Hostel Block at Manvi. Fr Royston Pinto and Ms Alphonsa Ngoruh attended an online webinar on 'Jesuit Archives in Canada.' Fr Ryan Rodrigues from DNC spent a few days with us during his summer break.

- Fr Royston Pinto



### LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE, Mangaluru



Having completed their annual exams, the 2nd Year pre-novices paved the way for the 1st Years to follow suit. Soon after the exams, the 1st Years had a week-long work camp at Vijayapura under the guidance of the regent, Sch Vivian Lloyd. From what we have learned, they did useful manual work like preparing a basketball court, laying running track, conducting programmes in slums, etc and also visiting of Jesuit schools in the mission. But it wasn't 'all work and no play.' The pre-novices found time for sightseeing as

well. They visited the Golgumbaz and the Almatti Dam. Fr Leston preached Lenten recollections to two different groups (one, a group of senior ladies, and the other the members of the Sodality of the Immaculate Conception). In the meantime, the 2nd Year pre-novices take care of the house while awaiting their II PU results and departure thereafter to the novitiate. Fr Leston, busy with planning a vocation camp, has been casting his nets into the deep, hoping to catch at least a dozen.

- Fr Peter Pinto

### LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



Over a hundred grandparents of students (of Stds I to IV) of St. Xavier's English Medium School, Sirnoor, were honoured on the occasion of Grandparents' Day on March 7. The event had Mr Gundanna Diggi (a Kannada comedian) as the chief guest and Fr Maxim Misquith as the president. On the following day, the School celebrated the UKG Graduation Day with Mr V. Jamakhandi (BEO) as the chief guest and Fr Anand Prabhu as the president. The installation (on March 22) of an on-grid solar power plant - the first for Kalaburagi schools - is a major achievement for the school. It was inaugurated by Fr Arun Luis (PDD of Karnataka Province) and blessed by Fr Elvis Lewis.

the following events and programmes at St Xavier's PU College: an "inter-religious visit" (March 5-12) by PU students to Buddha Mandira, Bande Nawaz Dargah, Saint Mary's Cathedral Church, Shree Swamy Ayyappa Temple, and Samadhana Ashrama; a visit by our lecturers to high schools in nearby towns and villages in order to apprise the students in those schools of the advantages of joining SXPUC; an inter-religious prayer meeting held on March 17 with the participation of leaders of different religions; and a promotional meeting held on March 19 to evaluate the performance of the first-year students. Coaching classes for CET and NEET commenced on March 24 for 2nd PU students to prepare them for the upcoming competitive entrance exams.

- Fr Roshan Pinto

In addition to the regular curricular and co-curricular activities, the month of March covered

### MAITRI SADHANA, Vijayapura



Women's Day was celebrated at Loyola English Medium School, marking in particular, the dedi-

cation and service of our women staff. Two of our staff attended the JESCOL seminar.

Loyola School Sindagi proudly celebrates the achievement of our student Sreekar Patil (Grade IX) who received the Rajyapuraskar award (Bharath Scouts and Guides) from the hands of the Hon'ble Governor. Fr Lancy Fernandes served as the Chief Examiner at JNV Alamatti. Grade X students, 45 of them, had their moving 'Passing Out Parade', and donated three water filters to the school as a token of their gratitude. Currently, Sch Nikhil Robin is overseeing the residential summer camp, while Fr Jeevan D'Souza takes care of school maintenance.

Loyola ITI recently hosted a campus placement drive. In the two-week life skills program for 2nd year students, conducted with the help of KIA Company and Unnati Foundation, 19 of our students were selected for internships with Honda, in Bangalore. Our MMV and non-formal automobile students visited the TATA Motors unit in Dharwad, while Electrical students toured the Almatti Power Generation Station.

On March 4, Sangama CIRD celebrated Megha Women's Day, attended by around a thousand women from Sindagi Taluka. The presence of Dr

Nagalakshmi Choudhary (President, Karnataka State Women's Commission) as the chief guest ensured the participation of local officials and public figures in the event and garnered signifi-



cant media coverage thus amplifying the event's impact. Fr Joseph Vaz attended the inter-religious prayer and Iftar party organized by the Taj Hotel Group at Gandhi Chowk. He also accompanied the parishioners and Kristubhaktas on a pilgrimage to the Nandgad Miraculous Cross. On its part, CNFE organized an Iftar party at St Anne's Church with around 700 attendees, thereby confirming in the public mind CNFE's reputation for social harmony and development. CNFE's scholarship program has supported 106 deserving students, enabling them to continue their education.

- Fr Suman Balu

### **MOUNT ST JOSEPH, Bengaluru**



Fr Vincent Pinto was the main celebrant at the Eucharist on the feast of St Joseph. Fr Jossie D'Mello, Rector, conducted a few sessions on Discerning Leadership for a group of laity and religious at Raia, Goa. Improved in health and strength, Fr Sunith Prabhu has started coming for daily mass in the senior's chapel. The annual visitation of Fr Provincial added new vigour and vitality to the Novitiate community. We were delighted to host a lively group of children from Pannur, thanks to Fr Rayappa M, the Parish Priest of Pannur. The Novices had an insightful and energizing talk by Fr Lasantha de Abrew (SRI) on the legacy of Fr Pedro Arrupe. They also had a half-day recollection at Anekal, combined with a visit to the

mission, where Fr Ivan Mendonca gave the recollection talk.

The LCPUC staff visited nearby schools to advise students on different course-combinations available at LCPUC. We also conducted training sessions for NEET exams to enhance student prospects in academics and career opportunities. The events at Loyola ITI included: interviews for students from Automobile and Computer trades, Women's Day celebration, industrial visits, and participation of eligible students in the NSDC certification exam.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

### **NAVASADHANA PRE-NOVITIATE, Hassan**



PU Board Exams ended; the 2nd year pre-novices are diligently preparing to enter the novitiate. Meanwhile, the 1st years joined their counterparts at Loyola pre-novitiate, Mangaluru, and spent a few days in Bijapur for a work camp and mission experience. They had the privilege of direct encounters with the poor and the marginalized, in particular the HIV-infected persons, the LGBTQ community, leprosy patients, slum dwellers, and rural folk. The hands-on experience gave them an inkling into the Jesuit options of service of faith

and promotion of justice, as well as the values of hard work, solidarity and compassion.

Fr Provincial's visit was a special moment of encouragement to all of us, especially those preparing to move into the novitiate. The Navasadhana community had a day of picnic to GRS Fantasy Park which gave us a refreshing break from our routine and deepened our sense of companionship and joy. We warmly welcomed our new regent, Sch Macwin D'Souza, and promised him



our full cooperation. With grateful hearts, we look back at March as a month of grace, learn-

ing, and joyful companionship.

- Sch Princen Michael

## SADHANA, Mundgod



Most Rev. Duming Dias, Bishop of Karwar, on his first pastoral visit to Mundgod, conferred Priestly Ordination on Deacon Daniyar Siddi, SVD, a native of Mainally Substation and a former student of Loyola School. The Bishop also conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation, marking a significant event for the local parish community.

The Social Action staff of LVK-Mundgod participated in a two-day evaluation of the Province Commission for Ecology and Justice (PCEJ) at Ashirvad. During the month, the Social Action team also arranged for differently-abled persons (beneficiaries of the Sustainable Development Project) to receive medical treatment in Davangere. Women's Day was celebrated both at LVK and in the village centers. Social Work students of Alva's College, Mangaluru - 22 in number - had a rural exposure experience in eight different villages of Mundgod. LVK village hostels organized a summer camp for the hostel children and arranged to take them to visit the Mundgod Police Station and the Court Complex.

In Hangal, Fr Jerald D'Souza and Ms Honnamma participated in the orientation and concept-sharing session held at Dhyanaashrama. LVK-Hangal also organized a health camp in Baichulli village, benefiting 106 individuals. A summer camp for

high school students, held at the Hangal campus, had 96 children participating. Nearly 40 youth took part in the training session on Fundamental Rights and Duties, conducted by Mr Prasanna Kumar.

LCH successfully hosted a six-day summer camp for primary and high school students. Among the resource persons at the camp were the Civil Judge of Mundgod and BEO of Mundgod Taluk. The LCH community celebrated Fr Jeevan Gomes' birthday and bade him farewell as well. The event was a heartfelt tribute to his dedication and service to the institution. A prayer service was held for the repose of the late Ayako Sono, the Japanese donor who had generously contributed to the construction of the hostel buildings.

At Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya (LKV), an Open House was organized to allow parents to interact with teachers and discuss their children's progress. The UKG students proudly graduated, marking an important milestone in their academic journey. Mrs Suma G (BEO) was the chief guest at the graduation ceremony. LPUC staff organized a Women's Day event, recognizing and celebrating the contributions of women.

- Fr Leo Florence

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



Two teachers from St Aloysius Gonzaga School attended JESCOL III – Retreat – (March 4-8) in Bengaluru. The orientation programme for Class X and XII, at the beginning of the academic year, was conducted on March 10, with Fr Leston Lobo (Director of Loyola Pre-Novitiate) as the resource person. Kindergarten Graduation Day was held on March 14. Class XI and XII student-members of Sahaya and Eco Club participated in a beach cleaning drive at Thannirbhavi Beach. Dean Dominic D'Souza (Class IX) was felicitated as

the Second-Best Cadet of 2025 at the Mangalore Group's Annual Ceremony held at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), recognizing his outstanding performance and dedication. Corp. Keegan (Class X) and Divith Kodman (Class VIII) have qualified for the INSPIRE Award by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, and are selected for the district level, receiving a cash prize of ₹10,000/- each.

- Fr Melwyn Anil Lobo

## VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



Presenting our well-researched assignments on Ignatian spirituality to the VN community has given us a sense of achievement and confidence. Fr Dheeraj D'Souza gave an inspiring talk on "Pilgrims of Hope" at the CRI-Zonal Recollection Day. Fr Joyson Vas conducted a follow-up programme for MAGIS volunteers at St Xavier's PU College, Kalaburagi. He also gave a retreat to

nearly 300 youth of Belgaum Diocese, followed by a three-day discernment retreat to 12 candidates for the Sisters of Charity. Additionally, he guided a five-day JESCOL retreat for the Principal of St Paul's PU College, Belgaum, and facilitated a youth programme for parish animators at Mount St Joseph.



Along with Fr Provincial, Fr Prathap (PCF) visited the parishes/families of our newly ordained priests in different dioceses in Karnataka. He also organized a half-day session for the superiors of college-going scholastics in Bangalore, with Fr

Konrad Noronha (BOM) as the resource person. Fr Konrad presented a thought-provoking article on the crises and challenges faced by college-going scholastics. VN and Samarasa Vedike jointly celebrated Ramadan in an inter-religious programme in which students and neighbours participated, displaying unity and harmony.

Fr Francis D'Almeida had a fall inside a train and injured his back. He has been admitted to Lourdes Hospital and is now steadily recovering.

- Sch Princeton D'Souza

## XAVIER SADAN, Mandya



Fr Provincial's Annual Visitation (March 10-11) was for us a time of grace as he listened to each one of us and helped us as a community to discern our life and ministry. We are grateful for his guidance and encouragement. Fr Vishal D'Souza was with us as a guest on the occasion of the common celebration of the birthdays of Frs Freddie D'Silva and Edward Philip. Fr Edward Philip took classes for the Satya Seva Junior Sisters; addressed the parents and students of Ashirvad School, at K.R. Pete; visited Kohima Region for the psychological assessment of the pre-novices; and conducted a one-day teacher orientation seminar in Kolar.

In the meantime, Fr Arokiasamy guided the retreat of the silver jubilarians. Fr Steevan Gonsalves, after giving a retreat to a group of Sisters, proceeded to Sameeksha, Kalady, to attend a course on NLP. Fr Freddie D'Silva conducted a half day recollection at Prerana, for the Superiors, DOWs and Commission Coordinators, on "Pilgrims of Hope." He is now directing a 30-day Lenten retreat to a group of five (2 diocesan priests, and 3 Religious). Fr Kevin Sequeira, fresh from his tertianship in Kandy, is here giving a retreat to a group of religious Sisters.

- Fr Steevan Gonsalves

## VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi



The VJ community joyfully celebrated the Diaconate Ordination of 42 candidates—41 Jesuits and one diocesan—on March 29, 2025, at St Xavier's School Campus, Delhi. Most Rev. Anil Joseph



Thomas Couto, Archbishop of Delhi, presided over the sacred ceremony. Among the newly ordained deacons, eight are from Karnataka Province: Johnson R, Nishanth Noronha, Noel Dias, Preethesh Vijeth Misquith, Pruthvi Ryanal Rodrigues, Roydon Misquith, Sandeep Gonsalves, and Sharun Roy D'Souza. The presence of Frs Shantaraj T and Anil D'Almeida added to our joy.

Fr Anil D'Almeida offered a course on Anthropology of Grace to the KJFCT students, Anekal.

- Dn. Nishanth Noronha

## VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



A visit to Sneharam at Anjengo, a Jesuit social action centre of Kerala Province, helped us learn a little about the work of Jesuits in Kerala. Fr Shin, the director, briefly traced the history of the centre highlighting its current involvement in the struggles of the fisher folk. The Juniors conducted a short prayer service. Thanks to Frs Shin and Shibu for hosting a delicious dinner. Other programmes of the Juniors were: helping out in parishes for Ash Wednesday ministry; and an excursion to Kanyakumari and a few places of interest. We

cherish the kind hospitality of the Thozhamai Illam Jesuit community. We had a short course on film appreciation given by Ms. Catherine Thomas (staff at Loyola CBSE School).

The VN community celebrated 25-years of priesthood of Fr John Francis, the superior. On March 18, after days of preparation, we wrote the English Standard Test (J-SET) stipulated by the Conference. A "movie-out" and a "supper-out" the same evening helped in unbending our

tired mind! We had the opportunity of visiting the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre and witnessing the rocket launch pad. We had a social analysis course by Fr Saji (KER) and Mr Andrew Michael.

The academic year came to an end with the third trimester exams, followed by a day of “Integration” and a tearful farewell.

- Sch Anthony Jackson

## CENTRO BELLARMINO, Dominican Republic



After my Licentiate in Ignatian Spirituality from Comillas University Madrid, I reached the Dominican Republic at the end of January 2025 to do my tertianship. The Caribbean province that is spread across five different countries (Dominican Republic, Cuba, Guyana, Jamaica, and the United States) welcomed me in such a way that even the minute detail of my journey was taken care of by them. Since the time I arrived here, I have been doing my tertianship with six other Jesuits from Bolivia, Brazil, Mexico, and Peru in Santiago de los Caballeros, the heartland city, under the guidance of Fr. Nano Polanco, the tertian instructor. Within a week of our arrival, we had classes on the culture and nature of the country. Fr Martin Lenk, SJ, the provincial, briefed us about the province

and its ministries. After some weeks of classes on the life of St Ignatius and our personal autobiography, we went to do the Spiritual Exercises at Manresa-Loyola, one of the retreat houses of the province located on the Caribbean shores of Santo Domingo. After a wonderful retreat experience, we are back to where we had begun two months ago. Every moment of my life is precious as it fills me with memorable experiences. The time I spend with people here adds beauty to my Jesuit life. Visits to the educational and pastoral institutions of the province have been an opportunity to learn about the Jesuits and the standards of the Jesuit mission.

- Fr Merwyn Fernandes

## INNSBRUCK, Austria



Happy to be back in the Province, I wish to greet you with joy and gratitude. I successfully defended my PhD thesis on “Individual and combined effects of warming, elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and drought on grassland canopy greenness and phenological shifts” on 18th March 2025 at the Department of Ecology, Faculty of Biology, University of Innsbruck, Austria. The defense was attended by Jesuits, friends, and academic colleagues, followed by a

joyful gathering to celebrate my success and bid me farewell.

After spending four years and three months at the Jesuit College in Innsbruck, I returned to India on 31st March. I was warmly received by the Loyola Mandir community in Bengaluru and welcomed by the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, and Socius Fr Arun Kumar.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Jesuit Community in Innsbruck for their fraternal support and scholarship, especially to the Rector, Fr Christian Marte, and my academic supervisor, Prof. Michael Bahn. I am also deeply grateful to the Karnataka Jesuit Province, particularly former Provincial Fr Stany D’Souza and current Provincial Fr Dionysius Vaz, for the opportunity, encouragement, and unwavering support throughout my doctoral journey. I also extend my sincere thanks to Fr Jossie Lobo and Fr Richard Rego for their guidance and encouragement.

- Fr Lumnesh Kumar

## OURS IN PUBLICATION

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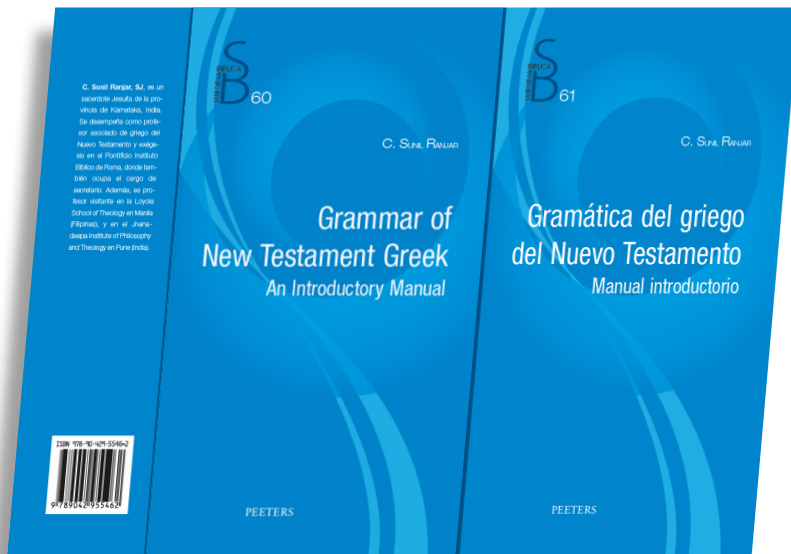


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## NEW BOOKS

Congratulations to Fr Clifford Sunil Ranjar on his new Books



**Fr Clifford Sunil Ranjar**, *Grammar of New Testament Greek, An Introductory Manual* (2nd edition) (Peeters Publishers: Belgium 2025).

**Fr Clifford Sunil Ranjar**, *Gramática del griego del Nuevo Testamento. Manual introductorio* (Spanish edition; Peeters Publishers: Belgium 2025).

## REST IN PEACE

**Archbishop H.G. Pascal Topno, SJ, (MAP)**, 93/71, on 06 April 2025, in Ambikapur.

**Fr Eligius Kandulna, SJ, (MAP)**, 48/28, on 13 March 2025, in Chhattisgarh.

**Mr Gauldin D’Cunha**, (57), brother of Fr Melwyn D’Cunha SJ, on 28 March 2025, in Mangalore.



*We wish all our readers the true joy of Easter!*

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