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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

**H**igher Education seems to be the theme this month as both the JCSA at its meeting in Secunderabad and the province have been busy with discerning about higher education.

Fr General had invited the JCSA to discern on the status of higher education in South Asia in the context of the New Educational Policy and the number of higher educational institutions that are not sustainable financially and the severe shortage of personnel in terms of qualification and competence. We have 11 higher educational institutions in the province, most of them sustainable and a few not.

St Joseph's College (Autonomous) has been awarded the University status under the RUSA scheme. After a prolonged discernment and especially in the light of the implementation of the New Educational Policy, we have decided to communicate to the government our readiness to start the university. All the same, we need to be aware of the three challenges that we face ahead of us: (a) the challenge of obtaining the minority status and seeking amendments to the SJU Act; (b) the challenge of having qualified and competent Jesuits in administering the university; (c) the challenge of maintaining the Jesuit character in our university.

In the new world of instant communication and digital technology, of worldwide markets, and of universal aspiration for peace and wellbeing, we are faced with growing tensions and paradoxes. If our students lose their reflexivity, imagination, language and critical voice, they would grow up as mere passive consumers of packaged products. Our core educational mission is to prepare future leaders and citizens for lives of service. Despite the number of hurdles, we should be motivated to develop our institutions into a comprehensive "social project" that approaches its teaching, research and outreach missions not as narrow educational enterprises, but as ways to live out our vision of creating men and women for and with others in practice. May our institutes of higher education live up to this calling.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



### APPOINTED BY PROVINCIAL

**Sch Dilip Xavier** – Regency, Manvi  
**Sch Merwin Mathias** – Regency, Bijapur

**Sch Princen Michael** – Regency, Anekal  
**Sch Suman D’Souza** – Regency, MSJ

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholastics **Anthony Derrick JD, Ashwin Christopher Rebello, Ashwin Praveen Cordeiro, George Jaison Pinto, Jaison Glen Pais, John Rayan Pereira** and **Shantharaj A** have applied for their diaconate ordination. If anyone has information or suggestions for a discerned decision on this matter, please send them to the Provincial by 25 November 2021.

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The Spiritual Directors’ Colloquium will be on 15 January 2022 at Ashirvad, Bengaluru.

Meeting of the Local Superiors will be on 16-17, January 2022 at Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru.

### PROVINCIAL’S PROGRAMME

#### November 2021

10-13: Visitation: Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru  
16-17: Visitation: Ashirvad, Bengaluru  
18-19: Jesuit Psychologists Meet:  
Prerana, MSJ  
21: Mass: First Holy Communion:  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church,  
Kalena Agrhara  
24-27: Visitation: Jnana Jyothi, Anekal  
30: 75th Birthday of Fr Tom D’Souza:  
Hangal

#### December 2021

01-02: Visitation: SAC, Harihar  
03: Final Vows: Bijapur  
06-11: Discernment Leadership Program -  
S & W Zones: Prerana  
14-19: Visitation: SAC, Mangaluru  
20: Province Consult: Mangaluru

### POPE’S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWP), NOVEMBER 2021

#### People who suffer from Depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

### YOUNG PRIESTS’ MEET: Ashirvad



The Young Priests’ Meet was held on 23 & 24 October at Ashirvad. On the first day Fr Joe Mathias SJ invited the young Priests to reflect on ‘The Psycho-Spiritual Processes to facilitate an integral human development’. The Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz SJ addressed the gathering and encouraged the Young Priests to equip themselves spiritually and intellectually to be effective instruments of

Peace and Justice. The second day was a time to relax and enjoy in each other’s company at Angsana resort with cricket, table-tennis and tennis, along with good lunch and lip-smacking refreshments. The Jesuit Nivas community was definitive in making the day special. Our sincere thanks to Ashirvad community for its warm hospitality.  
– Fr Vishal D’Souza

### ANEKAL



Soon after the exams and presentation of papers at RTEC our scholastics, accompanied by the Dean Fr Cyprian Tellis, went to Vijayapura on a three-day visit to participate in Kannada Divige programme and to visit places of historical,

religious and cultural interest. We thank the resource persons who enlightened us with educational inputs and the Vijayapura Jesuits for their hospitality.

The annual family rosary programme in the parish has deepened Marian devotion in the hearts of the faithful. On 31st October ten children had their First Holy Communion.

Fr Cyprian Tellis took sessions on 'POCSO Act' and the policy on 'Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults of the Karnataka Province' to the staff of CIRW and facilitators of the study centers. In

## ARRUPE NIVAS



The annual visitation of Fr Provincial was an enriching experience for all of us. Fr Swebert D'Silva was a member of the team that facilitated the JCSA in its discernment process on higher education in South Asia. St Joseph's College conducted the Igniters Integral Formation Programme for the first-year UG students. Dr. Jayashankar (Dept. of Zoology) was awarded the Excellence Award for his studies in Biodiversity. The Department of English organised a five-day colloquium in memory of the Dalit poet, late Kavi Siddalingaiah, and another colloquium on Dalit Aesthetics in memory of the Dalit activist and writer, late J.C.

## ASHA KIRAN



Many of the Asha Kiran scholastics rendered their service at the ordination ceremony held at FRH. Our team was the champion at the inaugural basketball match held in the renovated basketball court at Loyola pre-novitiate. Fr Jagadish Parmar, the national coordinator for Pope's World-wide Prayer Network briefed us on the history of PWP. The KPAP group organized a webinar on 'How great thou art' by Fr Robert Athick-

## ASHIRVAD



At the October prayer session of the Inter-religious Harmony Movement, Dr Nayeemulla Khan, Retired Professor, St Joseph's College, spoke on "Importance of Peace and Non-violence in a Democracy like Ours." The second session was on the "Significance of Vijayadashami in building Harmony" by Mr Muniappa, retired IAS officer.

Under the direction of Fr Arun Luis, the Centre for Social Concern organised two medical camps for the migrants in Hebbal and Thubrahalli slums. With the active support of St Joseph's College & Rotary Club Bangalore, the Centre has initiated a regular tuition programme for KS Garden slum children in St Joseph's College campus. The office of the Centre for Social Concern at Ashirvad

the training programme conducted by the staff for the SHG members, the importance of SHGs in the present context was stressed. The Director of St Joseph's Community College, Fr Cyril Raj, and the Principal, Ms Jaqueline, addressed the SHG members and tailoring students on the different courses offered in the Community College.  
– Sch Jaison Lobo

Anthony. The Commerce department has been renovated. An induction programme was organised for the new faculty members. SJC hosted the panel discussion on NEP, organised by BJES. The Outreach Cell arranged for online classes for the government college PG students and skill development program for the children of migrants and slum dwellers. In collaboration with Bosco Mane, Bembala conducted sessions on International Day of the Girl Child at Bosco Rainbow Home. 50 students participated in the Blind Walk organized by Bembala as part of the outreach program. – Fr John Baptist

al SJ (PAT), founder of Tarumitra. Some of our scholastics donated blood at the blood donation camp held at St Aloysius College. Fr Ronald Pais conducted a course on personality development for the Ursuline Pre-novices. He also gave a talk on 'Finding God in all Things' for the faculty and students of SJPUC, Bengaluru.  
– Sch Macwin D'Souza

was blessed and inaugurated by Fr Joseph Lobo. Fr Arun Luis took part in the laying of the foundation stone of the new school building of Pandithahalli. Besides, he went to Manvi on a project monitoring visit. Ashirvad community grieves with Fr Joseph Lobo at the passing away of his beloved mother on 13 October.

A three-day JESCOL training program was held at Ashirvad for 45 collaborators and Jesuits involved in Social Action ministry. While the first two days were animated by external resource persons on various themes related to social action, the third day was animated by Frs Joseph D'Mello, Cyril Raj, Edward Philip and Joseph Lobo on Jesuit themes. Fr Joseph Lobo also gave a 30-

hour online course on "Ignatian discernment" to the B.Th and Formation Course students of Mater Dei, Goa. Fr Prashant Madtha attended the

Seminar on the Synod held at Archbishop's House Bengaluru. – Fr Eugene Lobo

## BIJAPUR



Bijapur Jesuits are pleased to have Sch Merwin Mathias for his regency in Loyola Yomiuri School and Dn Ronald Furtado (OCD) for his diaconate ministry in Sindagi. RTEC scholastics and their dean, Fr Cyprian Tellis spent three days with us as they toured the city for a study of North Karnataka history and culture. Also, 23 pre-novices from Navasadhana, accompanied by Schols Noel Dias, Larren Menezes and Fr Dheeraj D'Souza were present with us for their week-long mission exposure program. We had a day of recollection at Almel, at which Frs James Gonsalves, Antony Das and Stany Lobo (VG) inspired us with their inputs.

At the two-day orientation programme for the 1st year students of Loyola ITI, Frs Vinod Paul,

Teyol Machado, Arun Lobo and Jeevan James gave motivational talks to students and staff. Fr Santhosh Fernandes attended the Ignatian leadership program organized by Southern provinces in Dyanashrama, Chennai. Health camp was conducted at CNFE for sixty senior citizens. Also, in collaboration with other progressive organizations in Bijapur, CNFE conducted two rallies to protest against the atrocities against women and the growing intolerance in the state. Nearly 400 women participated in the rallies and submitted a memorandum to the district administration. The staff of Sangama CIRD and CNFE attended JESCOL Seminar held in Ashirvad. Fr Rohan D'Almeida conducted a training session for the staff of Loyola CBSE School on the implementation of NEP. – Fr Jeevan James

## FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



The Priestly Ordination of Anush D'Cunha, Nithin Machado, Yesunath Karlekar, Jason Martis and Kiran Pashan by the bishop of Mangalore on 8th October in our church was a grace-filled moment and a blessing to our province. Fr Pradeep Crasta & Sch Larren Menezes along with the pre-novices put in a lot of work foreseeing and attending to all details. The choir by the lay group created the right mood and ambience for the Sacred Orders. The community had a special Mass and meal with the new priests two days later. Fr Maxim Rasquinha was our guest of honour while he had a good medical check-up and some treatment. Fit as a fiddle, he is back to his mission in Manvi. Frs Terence Farias, Joseph Monteiro and Tom Quadras directed some religious and

lay persons through retreats and triduum. Bro Benedict Rosario took some days off to visit his ailing priest-cousin in Orissa. FRH organized a webinar, "Newer challenges of consecrated life" for which Sr Mariette BS was the speaker. Over 500 had logged in on zoom. Sch Ovin Rodrigues was the technical wizard. The feast of St Alphonsus Rodriguez, Patron of Brothers, was celebrated with a special community prayer and dinner. It is a privilege having the two Brothers of our Province with us: Anthony Crasta and Benedict Rosario. Celebrating the feast with them was our joy. As life around is 'limping back to new-normal', old devotions in the church are being revived. – Fr Thomas Quadras

## INIGO SADAN



The community welcomed with joy two scholastics - Wisdom Ukelo & Justin Dominic Ayo - of the East African Province. All our scholastics participated in the rally against anti-conversion laws. Scholastics from Northern Provinces actively took part in the Karam festival at Jigani. St Louis Boarding House Hostel students are back to the boarding and have gladly begun their academic classes. Inigo Sadan scholastics gave their time to conduct a 3-day orientation programme for the boarders. The music room has been renovated

and equipped with new musical instruments to enable boarders to develop their musical talents.

The primary school classes (from 1 to 5) have started, of course with the consent of the parents. Seminars for PTA members were conducted on NEP and Education Emergency. Health checkup was done for all the students.

The Sampoorna College students are engaging our students in counseling. On weekends, Del-

loitte volunteers are motivating and training our students for life skills. Fr Cyril Raj attended a half day workshop organized by Tata Consultancy Services anticipating future possibilities of partnership on skill-oriented courses.

International Girl Child Day gave an opportunity

## JESUIT NIVAS



SJBHSMUN, an inter-school Model United Nations Conference, hosted as a virtual event met with resounding success. 'Eucranium' and 'Infinity' (Intra School Science Fests) were successfully conducted. As part of our Twinning Programme, some of our staff visited the Jesuit institutions in Pannur-Manvi and interacted with the people, staff and students. The School, festooned in the state colours of red and yellow, celebrated Karnataka Rajyotsava. The core committee had a fruitful Staff Animation Programme.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi, a batch of NSS volunteers from SJCC spent three days in a village near Devanahalli and introduced the tree plantation drive. While another batch of NSS volunteers cleaned the surroundings of BBMP School and whitewashed it. The seven day national seminar by the PG Department and five day national seminar (sponsored by AICTE) organised by the Research Department had an overwhelming response. After almost 18 months of gloom brought in by the pandemic, "Kalotsav" the much awaited 3 day inter-class cultural festival had a grand opening with Kannada cine star Sri Murali as the chief guest. With the sudden demise of another cine star Puneeth Rajkumar, the event was called off half-way.

SJPUC observed Mental Health Awareness Day by creating awareness on the importance of mental health and the need to destigmatize mental illness. The Eco Club organised a Wildlife Week highlighting the rich biodiversity in our country. The Student Council members and representatives assumed their mantle of responsibilities and attended a Leadership Training Programme. The

## KALABURAGI



Thanks to Fr Arun Luis, the PDD, our Boys' Hostel has a brand new RO unit which supplies clean drinking water. The new member of the community, Fr Robert Rodrigues, is fully engaged in his responsibilities as the correspondent of the

for the Human Rights Club at SJS CBSE to create awareness among students on concerns of girl child education. A seminar on Alternative Teaching Model was conducted for the benefit of the staff of Indian institutions. Mr Niranjan Aradhya, well-known educationist and an expert on NEP, was the resource person. – Fr Felix Anand

AICUF Unit facilitated Nirvana - a spiritual walk with the Almighty, a talk by Fr Ronald Pais on "Seeking God in all things". Andromeda, the Annual Intra collegiate fest, made a comeback after a three-year break – with as many as 41 events.

A farewell to Dr Prathima Prabhakar who served as Principal of SJCL from 2018-2021 was organised on 5th October. Ms Pauline Priya was installed as the new Principal and Dr Sneha Balraj as the Vice-principal. A webinar was organised on October 2 on "Gandhi's approach to constitutionalism" by Mr Abhinav Kaul, Human Rights Lawyer. A farewell programme was organised for the LLB batch of 2017- 2020. Ms Sarah Sunny who is the first deaf and dumb advocate in India was felicitated. A faculty development programme on teaching skills was organised for the faculty of SJCL at Ashirvad. A webinar on "Yoga for mental health" was held to mark the world mental health day. The Internship and Placement Cell organised a webinar on "Placement Opportunities in Corporate Law Firms" with Ms Karishma Dugar, Senior Associate AZB & Partners, as the resource person. A one-day orientation on "Outreach initiatives" was organised for the faculty of SJCL. The faculty also had the opportunity to interact with social activists from the field such as Ms Geetha Menon from Stree Jagthri Samiti; Ms Madhu Bhushan, an Independent Activist, writer & researcher; Ms Maitreyi Krishnan, Manthan Law; Mr Manohar Ranganathan, CARE; and Mr Arvind, ALF. The Internship and Placement Cell organised a webinar on "The importance of internships for law students" addressed by Mr Gerald Manoharan, Partner, Jyoti Sagar Associates. – Fr Antony Pais

school. Fr Edward Philip conducted a daylong inter religious retreat for the teaching staff of our institutions. Faith sharing exercises conducted by Fr Joseph D'Mello have strengthened our bonding. Fr Melwin Mendonca organized a day's

outing for the new members of the community to visit the historical places in Gulbarga. The annual sports meet was held with Bishop Robert Miranda as the chief guest. The celebration of the hostel day on 2nd of Nov provided a platform to the students to exhibit their talents. The community joined the resident staff for the celebration

## LOYOLA MANDIR



Fr Olvin Veigas taught a course on Business Ethics at SJIM. He also directed a retreat for the Sisters of OSL Congregation in Vijayawada. Fr Joseph D'Mello took sessions on spirituality for the silver jubilarians at Prerana. He was a resource person at the JESCOL seminar at Ashirvad and at the FDP (on "wellbeing and happiness") organized by AICTE at St Joseph's College of Commerce. Fr Jason Furtado has been busy visiting the Jesuit communities as revisor. Fr Robert Rodrigues who was part of the LM community since his return

## LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE



The long awaited and renovated basketball court was inaugurated on 10th October by Fr Melwin Pinto, rector of St Aloysius College and blessed by Fr Provincial in the presence of an august assembly of Jesuits from the city communities. The occasion was marked by a friendly match between Asha Kiran scholastics (guest team) and Loyola pre-novices (host team). The hosts magnanimously conceded victory to the guests. Sch Larren Menezes saw to it that the annual community days from 19th to 21st October were celebrated with gusto – not only with delicious food but also

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH



Mount St Joseph community went on a pilgrimage to St Ignatius Church Beguru, which is the one and only church dedicated to St Ignatius of Loyola in the archdiocese of Bangalore. The annual visitation of Fr Provincial was a moment of grace for us. At Dhyanaashrama Fr Arokiasamy, is guiding a 30 day retreat. Frs Gilbert Saldanha, Clarence D'Souza, Mohan, J B Mendonca, and Merwyn Fernandes conducted 8 day retreats. Robin Uthappa, member of the IPL Chennai Super King team attended a retreat at Dhyanaashrama guided by Fr Clarence D'Souza.

The novices and the senior Jesuits were privileged to meet and interact with two celebrities, Ms Esther Noronha and Mr Robin Uthappa. Ms Esther, an acclaimed actor, was invited to release

of Deepavali. In a training session organized for the diocesan youth leaders Fr Richard Mascarenhas gave an informative talk on the Synod. The parishioners are all set to go on a pilgrimage (*paadayaatra*) to the Infant Jesus Shrine at Bhalki. – Sch Nishanth Noronha

from Afghanistan, has now moved to Gulbarga. Fr Thomas D'Souza went through cataract surgery on his left eye and is now recuperating at Loyola Mandir. In the meantime he is preparing himself to celebrate his 75th birthday on 23rd November! The recent rains in Bengaluru caused a bit of havoc in the basement of LM building with streams getting rejuvenated with full force and giving us plenty of water for free to pump it out! – Fr Olvin Veigas

with much fun and frolic including a variety of games and competitions. Fr Pradeep Crasta and the pre-novices rendered much valuable service in the Ordination of the five Jesuit deacons at Fatima Retreat House. The four newly ordained priests celebrated a Mass with us on 14th October and were felicitated by the pre-novices. They were 'alumni' of Loyola! The pre-novices who are doing graduation studies have gone to Vijayapura along with Sch Larren for a six days work camp. – Fr Peter Pinto

the Konkani hymn in honour of St Ignatius composed by Fr Merwyn Fernandes. Mr Robin shared his cannonball moments with the novices through an inspiring talk. Fr Roshan Castelino gave a recollection talk for the novices on 'the intellectual tradition of the Jesuits'. The novices were privileged to have an intense course in Kannada titled 'Kannada Kalike' by Fr Jerome D'Souza. Fr John Pradeep was out in Mangalore to preach an eight-day Ignatian retreat to Bethany sisters. Fr Richard Sequeira is tutoring the novices with a renewed zeal after his annual retreat. The new officials led by Novice Darwin D'Souza are taking care of the daily chores in the novitiate.

Loyola Degree College was a hub of activities. Student Council Elections were held and the of-

fice bearers were administered oath of office at the investiture on October 23, 2021. Dr Jerome Xavier, Principal of St Vincent Pallotti College was the Chief Guest at the investiture. The student council had a leadership training at Ashirvad. The NSS students headed by Ms Dorita went on a cleaning drive of Mylasandra church premises. Collaborators' day brought the staff of all the units of Loyola Institutions together with a spirit of belongingness and unity. Rajyotsava was celebrated on November 6, 2021. Mr Chethan Ahimsa, film actor and social activist was the Chief Guest. Students danced in ecstasy to the beats of Jambe by Mr Balu and team of Indian Folk Band. Students participated in "STAUROUS" of Mount Carmel College. Loyola saw an all-time record in the admissions this year. A total of 212 students got admitted to Commerce and 24 to Humanities. The introduction of NEP will find the new batch of students in new perspectives.

## MUNDGOD



The canonical visitation of Fr Provincial stirred our spirits and renewed our sense of commitment. The Impact Assessment Study of our works is in progress. Our regents went to Dharwad for the Assistancy level deliberations on UAP. Our social work core team attended the JESCOL Seminar at Ashirvad. Frs Francis Menezes and Harry Terry spent a few days in Bengaluru for Revisor's work

Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated on October 2, 2021 at Loyola Composite P U College with Mr Girish, Asst. Professor, Soundarya Institute of Management as the Chief Guest. Parent Teacher Interface was held where Parents had the opportunity to interact with the lecturers and discuss the progress of their wards. As part of wild life week, a talk was organized on "Conservation of Biosystem". Photography and essay competition added value to the programme. Mr Adiveppa Halagi, Principal attended Ignatian Leadership Programme at Dhyanaashram, Chennai. "INIQUIZ 2021" was conducted on the theme "THE GLORY OF GOD IS HUMANKIND FULLY ALIVE". Fr Clarence D'Souza was the chief Guest and I PCMB and PCMC were the winners and II HEBA were the runners up. As part of the Ignatian Year, Ms Divya Bharathi, Lecture, Chemistry Department gave a talk on "Jesuits saints". – Fr Francis D'Almeida

at Jesuit Nivas and Ashirvad respectively. Hanagal parish which has only a handful of families made a reasonably good collection on Mission Sunday, thanks to Fr Tom D'Souza's fervent appeal. Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya conducted the annual school cabinet elections, followed by a leadership training program conducted by Schs Roydon Misquith and Johnson. – Fr Melvin Lobo

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Harihar



Gandhi Jayanthi was celebrated with an inter-religious prayer service in the institution, after which the students, accompanied by the staff, went about Harihar town with brooms and sacks to lend a hand in cleaning public spaces and spreading awareness regarding hygiene. Sch Preethesh Misquith accompanied the Student Council members and the hostel student leaders to Loyola College, Manvi, for the Student Development Programme. A new Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) is getting installed in the campus to treat the waste water from various units. The campus glittered yellow and red on 1st November Kannada Rajyotsava day. There were dual

celebrations: one in the college and another in the hostels. Dr Ananda Rigvedi, a renowned Kannada poet chaired the college programme. In the evening hostel students presented Kannada cultural programmes in four groups.

Under the auspices of Spandana (outreach programme of the college) our staff and students are actively involved in the lives of the people in Harihar. A case in point is the distribution of ration kits and plastic tarpaulins to the migrant families whose houses were badly damaged in the recent rain and floods. – Fr Praveen K Martis

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



At AIMIT, there was a two-day workshop for SRA Sisters on leadership and governance - with Fr Melwyn S Pinto as the resource person. Fr Joel Fernandes is making intense preparation to achieve a good ranking in the forthcoming PG-CET. The Green Expert Team which carried out

the Green Audit of the campus has made a few recommendations for further improvement. With the new solar project fully functioning, we have begun to notice a considerable reduction in our electricity bills to the tune of over 1.5 lakhs per month.

St Aloysius PU College conducted CET/NEET extension classes for the students of our rural Jesuit Institutions. A plethora of events were organised as part of "Pulse 2021", an Inter-Class Cultural and Intellectual Fest. Briston Mario Rodrigues of II PU has been elected as the President of Young Catholic Students Movement (YCS) and Young Students Movement (YSM), Karnataka Region. Celebrity Chef Jomon Kuriakose addressed the students on World Food Day on the subject of Future of Food Safety & Sustainability.

On the occasion of Ayudha Pooja, Fr Santosh Kamath was the main Pujari at the ITI while Fr Leo D'Souza blessed Radio Sarang. Our local singer and musician, Fr Sujay Daniel, has received international recognition after being part of the World Jesuit Choir in singing *Suscipe*, a video song of *Jesuitas Acústico*.

The Annual General Body meeting of MJES was held on 9 October. St Aloysius Ranga Adhyayana Kendra organized 'NAGERANGA', a fun filled evening with stand-up comedy, humorous skits and a few soothing songs. The keynote address at the National Webinar on "Western Ghats: Past, Present and Future" was given by eminent Indian ecologist Prof. (Dr) Madhav Dhananjaya Gadgil. In association with Lions and Leo Clubs of Mangalore, our ITI organized a motivational talk, titled 'Inspire', for the students.

Fr Pradeep Sequeira guided the retreat (Oct 30 to Nov 4) of the Vincentian Fathers in Mysore and prepared them for their Province Chapter. The extended and renovated domestic chapel (oratory) of the SAC Jesuit Community was inaugurated and blessed by Bp Francis Serrao on 10th November. – *Sch Ovin Rodrigues & Fr Pradeep Sequeira*

### SWAMI RAJENDRA NILAYA, Panditahalli



Our campus is once again bubbling with life as all our students are back for their offline classes. Six members of our staff attended a three-day Fire Safety Training programme at Mysore. Dr Maria Pais from KMC Manipal was the resource person at the short session on health and hygiene for students and staff at Holy Angels School. On October 21, we had the blessing and laying of the foundation stone for the new extension of our school building. Present on the occasion were Fr Arun Luis, member of Province Building Com-

mittee, and other local religious and civil leaders. Sch Marvin represented the community for the ordinations in Mangaluru. We celebrated the feast of our community patron Swami Rajendra preceded by a Triduum and a pilgrimage to the shrine at Chikkarasinakere. Fr Lancy Fernandes gave a one day session for Junior sisters of St Joseph of Lyons at T C Palya. Among our welcome guests were Fr Joyson Vas, Fr Francis Noronha and 9 staff from St Joseph's Boys' High School. – *Sch Prajwal Apose*

### VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



We bade farewell to four of our senior companions who proceeded for their regency. Fr Edward Philip paid a visit to his home for his father's first death anniversary. He was one of the resource persons at the JESCOL programme for social workers, held at Ashirvad. He also conducted a day's retreat for the staff of St Xavier's Institutions Kalaburagi, and a motivational programme for the catholic youth of St Mary's Church, Manvi. Also, under his guidance, the Nirmal Nagar parish youth distributed clothes to the children of migrant workers in different parts of Dharwad.

in October. The PG scholastics of Karnataka and other provinces had a gathering at VN and had two days of faith sharing on UAPs. One of them - Sch Ovin Rodrigues - addressed the scholastics at Vidya Niketan on study skills. Jesuit regents in Karnataka - 12 of them - had their biennial gathering and faith sharing.

The visitation by the Provincial was indeed a blessing and a time for renewal. The Community was privileged to attend the Thanksgiving Mass of Fr Yesunath Karlekar at Alnavar on 17th October. Vidya Niketan played host to many guests

Side by side with our classes and study, we have been taking part in the activities of the parish, particularly in preparation for the annual feast. We have resumed the "Slum Exposure" weekend tuition classes for the primary school children at Dhanunagar. "Samarasa Vedike", our inter-religious dialogue group (IRD), organised Deepavali celebration at Vidya Niketan under the leadership of Fr Francis Fernandes. – *Sch Pradeep D'Souza*



Classes are in full swing, but still in online mode. The visit of the POSA and the Conference Delegate for Formation (CDF) was a grace-filled time. We were delighted with the visit of the Nuncio, Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, to our campus. He had come to Pune to participate in the golden jubilee celebrations of Bishop Thomas Dabre. The third year theology scholastics made their diaconate retreat at Infant Jesus Shrine, Nashik,

under the guidance of Fr George Beck (DUM). The celebrations of Karam and Diwali festivals kept the community buzzing with excitement and in a festive mood. Fr Ryan Rodrigues has begun his trial teaching while Frs Selva Rathinam and Henry D'Almeida continue contributing their mite to our spiritual and intellectual formation. – *Sch Ashwin Cordeiro*



It was a pleasure to have the company of Frs Rohan D'Almeida, Jerald Dsouza, Ivan Mendonca, Melwyn Lobo and Santhosh Fernandes who had come to Chennai to participate in the Ignatian Leadership Programme. The second years made an educational tour of Pondicherry and visited the places associated with Sri Aurobindo. After our

internal exam, we visited Birla Planetarium which revived our interest in science. Fr Lawrence Fernandes gave a course on Fundamentals of Philosophy to the students of LIBA, Chennai. He also gave an online course on Social Movements and Persons to the students of MTh in Spirituality at Jnana Deepa, Pune. – *Sch Santhosh Kumar*



All the Juniors have got their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccination. Fr TV Antony attended a course on 'Finance Management and Compliances' at ISI, Bengaluru. Juniors make it a point to regularly write letters to the editors in English newspa-

pers and magazines. Sch Sohan Fernandes' poem "The Grace After The Race" was published in 'The New Leader' (Nov. 1-15, 2021). JIVAN has also published another poem of Sch Sohan. Congrats Sohan! – *Sch Anson Alex*



Novices attended a week-long course on Eneagram conducted by Fr Dinesh. Then Fr Seby, Vice-principal of St Paul's School, put us through a short course on St John's Gospel. After the course, we paid a visit to Sangargalli and Khanapur mission stations and the ITI. Novices also visited St Paul's School community and had a friend-

ly volleyball match. We are now fully engaged in the preparation for the Province Congregation of Goa and the final vows of two Jesuits of Goa Province. The first-year novices have started preparing for their long retreat. – *Nov Felix Vinal*



### OURS IN PUBLICATION

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## REST IN PEACE

**Fr Linus Kujur, SJ (RAN)**, 69/49, on 14 October, in Rome.  
**Fr Rosario Rocha, SJ (GOA)**, 69/51, on 18 October, in Pune.  
**Fr Pablo Gil, SJ (GUJ)**, 95/79, on 20 October, in Vadodara.  
**Br Bernard Singh, SJ (PAT)**, 89/63, on 26 October, in Patna.  
**Fr Sebastian Thengumpallil, SJ (KER)**, 59/30, on 27 October.  
**Fr Ignacio Galdos, SJ (GUJ)**, 90/72, on 4 November, in Vadodara, Gujarat.  
**Fr Aemilianus Lakra, SJ (MAP)**, 85/63, on 04 November, in Ambikapur (C.G.).  
**Mrs Margarita Abascal**, 97, mother of Fr Arturo Sosa, Superior of General of the Society of Jesus, on 30 October, in Caracas, Venezuela.  
**Mrs Tresa Pereira**, 91, mother of Fr Mevil Pereira, the Regional Superior of Kohima, on 5 November.  
**Mr Ambrose D'Souza**, 87, father of Fr Jerald D'Souza (Jesuit Nivas), on 08 November, in Nakre, Mangaluru  
**Mr Leo Serrao**, 53, maternal uncle of Sch Pruthvi Rodrigues (Regent, Sindagi), on 11 November, in Mangaluru.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

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

### FR ANAND PRABHU, SJ

As I was growing up at home in Bajpe, Mangalore, I was influenced by three institutions - the family, the school and the church. The practice of reciting daily prayers including the angelus and the rosary created a devout atmosphere in the family. With the encouragement of parents I joined both the Altar Boys' Sodality and the Sodality of Our Lady. Our residence was quite a distance away from the parish church, and therefore attending daily Mass was not possible. But we were very regular for Mass during vacation and on public holidays. It was in such devout environment that the desire for priesthood germinated and grew within me. My mother, being a devotee of St Francis of Assisi, wanted one of her children to become a Franciscan. My father, on the contrary, admired the Jesuits. With the encouragement of the parish priest and relying on my own preferences I decided to join the Society of Jesus.



I was 18 years of age when I began my novitiate on 1 July 1964 along with five companions. Being of a quiet and reflective disposition, I found that the life of silence and prayer in the novitiate agreed well with my nature. I had, indeed, a desire to participate in all the novitiate activities. But certain practices - like wearing a barbed chain around one's thigh during meditation - were particularly painful experiences, not to say a hindrance to prayer.

One of the skills taught us by our novice master during the major vacation was playing "bridge". I took an instant liking for the card game and continued to learn and play it over the years as and when opportunities came my way. However, not many of the younger generation today are interested in learning this internationally popular card game.

My formation in the Society, after the juniorate at Mount St Joseph, was in different places: college studies at Loyola College, Madras, and philosophy at De Nobili College, Pune. The latter was a three-year integrated course consisting of philosophy and some theology credits. But in reality neither the curriculum nor the methodology of teaching and evaluation had anything "integral" about it. At any rate, it helped us to some extent not to lose focus on the primary goal of our studies - the priesthood.

My first year of regency was at St Louis Boarding House, Bangalore (where now St Joseph's College of Commerce is located). My real integration into the mission of the Society took place during this year of regency. In addition to my regular teaching assignment of 26 periods a week, I had also the fulltime task of minding the boarding house. My second year of regency was at the Leprosy Eradication Organization in Dhanbad run by the Jamshedpur Jesuits. Initially I was repulsed by the sight of so many leprosy patients – most of them with decaying or withered limbs - in hospitals and rehabilitation centres. I must admit, however, that this second year of regency gave me an opportunity to begin to get involved in the lives of suffering people.

On completion of my theology studies I was assigned to St Aloysius College Community to teach in the school. As a rule, priestly ordinations in the province took place in the month of April. But I was ordained in the middle of the academic year on 6 August 1979, the feast of the Transfiguration. I did not have any formal pastoral programme either before or after the ordination - as is the practice these days for our deacons and newly ordained priests. Much of my ministry consisted of celebrating masses in the college chapel or in the neighboring religious communities.

I had to spend a good deal of time to recall and relearn the subjects I had studied during my college days so that I could do justice to my teaching task in the school. At the end of the year I was transferred to St Joseph's School, Hassan, where I worked for six years. My ministry in Hassan was really hectic involving fulltime teaching, taking care of student discipline, coaching students in games after classes, and doing garden work. The last mentioned is a hobby which has remained with me till today. My weekends were occupied with giving recollection talks at the request of religious communities in and around Hassan.

My ministry in the Society covers a fairly wide variety of assignments including leadership roles in the communities and in the Province. Not only did I put in parish work for 12 years – six at Kalena Agrahara and six at Mundgod, but I had the opportunity to do financial and academic administration at Jnana Deepa, Pune and formation work for six years in the Papal Seminary as well. This was the time when I had the pleasant opportunity of interacting with the staff and students of various religious communities and dioceses.

While in charge of communities or works I was often engaged in putting up compound walls for the purpose of protecting our land and property from illegal intruders or encroachers. I did this work in several places except at Loyola Mandir where, of course, I was interested more in 'building bridges' than in erecting walls. Those who knew me from close quarters will have noticed that my attitude to work has always been one of plunging myself fully in any responsibility given to me. I am grateful to all those I came in contact with and whose friendship I cherished in the course of my ministry, particularly the Society of Jesus from whom I have received so much love and care.



## OUR VOW OF POVERTY IN THE FOLLOWING OF JESUS POOR AND HUMBLE

*(An extract from the letter of Fr General dated 27 September 2021)*

### THE SPIRIT MOVES US TO A SERENE EXAMINATION OF OUR POVERTY

Recently, the 36th General Congregation and the discernment in common of the Universal Apostolic Preferences became a strong invitation to conversion for the Society of Jesus. In addition, the celebration of the Ignatian Year 2021-2022 is a new source of inspiration for the process of vital transformation to which the Holy Spirit is leading the Society.

As I have experienced these processes of discernment over the years, I have felt frequent and constant motions of various kinds to invite the Society to calmly undertake an examen of how we live our vow of poverty. I am aware that an Ignatian examination of this dimension of our life always unsettles and shakes us internally. It invites us, on the one hand, to give thanks for so much good received through the desire to embrace Jesus' way of proceeding and, on the other hand, it reminds us of the challenges that a sincere examination represents for our daily life. I am sure, moreover, that opening ourselves to this discernment can be the way to unleash those inner energies that we need to change whatever we have to change today in order to remain faithful to our charism according to the circumstances of *persons, times and places*.

So I would like to invite the whole Society - every Jesuit, every community, every Province or Region - to examine how we live our vow of poverty. I would like the fruit of this examination to bring about in the Society the necessary disposition to give substance to the fulfilment of the mandate of GC 36 to revise the *Statutes on Poverty and the Instruction on the Administration of Goods* (IAG). I am convinced that soberly discerning how we are living our vow of poverty, with its deep spiritual meaning, is the best preparation for the Society to receive the updating of the norms regarding our religious poverty.

The vow of poverty is one of the most effective means for identifying ourselves with Jesus, the way to the Father, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Living it in the 21st century requires us to deepen the spiritual experience that we are called to incarnate in today's world in keeping with the charism received by Ignatius and the first companions. Therefore, to begin this examination, I invite you to return to the fundamental elements of our experience of consecrated poverty.



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