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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

As children return to the classroom after an unprecedented long gap, teachers and educators realize that teaching will be tougher. They know that 17 months without teaching in a physical classroom has made a strange impact on themselves as well as on the children they teach resulting in learning losses, decrease in attention span, increase in hyperactivity, poor socialization, increase in addiction, and so on.

While schools reopen, our Jesuits schools in the Province need to pay attention to 6 R's as a way forward in the post Covid teaching-learning scenario. They are: (1) Restructuring the curriculum to help students learn the core of the syllabus; (2) Reinventing of teaching methods in the hybrid mode; (3) Restoring confidence in parents who are stressed about their children's learning losses; (4) Rekindling the interest in the students through motivational exercises, games and the arts like music, painting, theatre, and dance; (5) Reskilling and upscaling digital skills both in teachers and students and; (6) Reaching out to students of rural and semi-urban areas. If attention is given to these 6 R's, it will enhance both children's and teachers' readjustment after the long gap they have endured without each other's company.

There are also a number of unanswered questions: Why schools were the absolute last priority for reopening, lower than shopping malls, says something about the importance attached to education in the country. Why mid-day meals were stopped along with teaching is hard to explain. Nor is it possible to calculate the loss incurred by hunger. No estimate has yet been made of the number of children who have left school altogether or the number of children who have been forced into child labour or child marriage. Let us wake up to the situation by listening attentively and responding wholeheartedly.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

Frs Edward Philip D and **Santhosh Fernandes** are approved for the Final Vows.

APPOINTED/ ASSIGNED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Joy Rodrigues – Secretary and Treasurer, BJES, Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru

Fr Roshan Castelino – Teaching, St Joseph's College, Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru

Fr Xavier Savarimuthu (CCU) – Teaching, St Joseph's College, Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDINATIONS

Most Rev Peter Machado (Archbishop of Bangalore) will be ordaining **Deacons Augustine Thottathil (AND), Pradeep RS and Vincent Jaison A** to Ministerial Priesthood on **Saturday, 02 October 2021 at 10.00 am** in St. Joseph's Boys' High School Chapel, Bengaluru.

Most Rev Peter Paul Saldanha (Bishop of Mangalore) will be ordaining **Deacons Anush Prasad D'Cunha, Jason Stewart Martis, Joseph Kiran Pashan, Nithin Machado and Yesu-nath Karlekar** to Ministerial Priesthood on **Friday, 08 October 2021 at 10.00 am** in Divine Mercy Church, Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru.

MONTHLY MESSAGE FROM FR GENERAL

The Communication Office of the General Curia let us know that, from September 2021 to July 2022, Fr. General would give a special message each month complementing what he wrote in his book *Walking with Ignatius*. The objective of this message is to help us have an experience of prayer. The link to watch the video with English subtitles is: [https:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVenA_TZLKs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVenA_TZLKs)

Kindly note the change of dates and venue in the meeting of Local Superiors, Commission Coordinators and Directors of Works. It will be on November 6-7, at Prerana, MSJ.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER 2021

12: Regents Meet: Ashirvad B'luru

12: AGM, HJES (Hassan)

13-15: Visitation: St Joseph's School, Hassan

16: Visiting Novices Homes – Hassan, Solur

18-19: Meeting of DoWs: Ashirvad, B'luru

20: Province Consult: LM, B'luru

23-25: Visitation: Pannur -Manvi Mission

27-30: Visitation: Bijapur Mission (Vijayapura)

OCTOBER 2021

02: Ordination: SJBHS, B'luru

03-06: Visitation: Arrupe Nivas, B'luru

08: Ordination: FRH, M'luru

09: AGM, MJES

10: Jubilee of Fr Santosh Kamath

11-13: Visitation: Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

14-16: Visitation: Mundgod Mission

20: UFS Chapter & St Joseph's Seminary GB: M'luru

22: Province Consult: LM, B'luru

23: Young Priests' Meet: Ashirvad, B'luru

24-30: JCSA: Hyderabad

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN), SEPTEMBER 2021

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

ANEKAL



Fr Shantharaj T has taken over from Fr Lancy Monteiro as the house minister. Our community had an outreach programme in Chudahalli under the leadership of Fr Shantharaj T and Sch Ashwin D'Silva. We gratefully remember our visiting professors - Frs James Dhabhi (GUJ), Joseph D'Mello and Balaraju A. The CIRW staff and the

SHG members bade farewell to Fr Shantaraj T and welcomed Fr Kevin Sequeira as the new director. Fr Tony Dias, the Lok Manch Convener and Secretary of SJES, paid a visit to CIRW and some villages. Three tailoring centers have been started in the villages to promote self-employment for women. – *Sch Jaison Lobo*

ASHIRVAD



Fr Joseph Lobo hoisted the national flag, and Sch Rex Reuban (MDU) gave a moving message on the occasion of the Independence Day at Ashirvad. Fr Arun Luis organized the Independence Day Celebration in the slums at Hebbal at which more than 200 people were present, and another at Thurahalli slum at which 175 people were present. Fr Eugene Lobo presented a summary of the new National Educational Policy to the Bangalore Archdiocesan Board of Education Governing Body at Palana Bhavana. He was invited to speak on the same subject in the Webinar organised by the CBCI Secretary of Education, New Delhi on the implementation of the NEP in Karnataka. Ashirvad played host to the three-day Lokmanch programme which was attended by

a few Jesuits from the missions, religious sisters and lay persons.

An Advanced three-day JESCOL program was conducted by Fr Joseph Lobo for 35 Jesuits and their lay collaborators of North Karnataka zone at Ashirvad. A similar programme was organized for another group of 37 from Bangalore zone. The resource persons were: Frs Swebert D' Silva, Denzil E Lobo, Jerald D'Souza, Joe Xavier, Joseph D'Mello and Joseph Lobo. Fr Joseph Lobo took a two-week online course for Vidya Jyothi scholastics. He also attended a TOT programme on Ignatian leadership at ISI, Bengaluru.

– *Fr Eugene Lobo*

BIJAPUR



Bishop Robert Miranda presided over the Eucharist and inaugurated the Bijapur Mission Orientation on 22nd August. On the same occasion, the parish community felicitated the Bishop on the seventeenth anniversary of his episcopal ordination. After the mass, floral tributes were paid to the mortal remains (ashes) of Fr Stan Swamy. Fr Anthony Dass and Bishop Robert spoke about the prophetic life and witness of Fr Stan Swamy. The various mission units shared the challenges they had faced during the pandemic. In his concluding remarks, Bishop Robert lauded the splendid work done by the religious in Bijapur Mission.

The number of the parishioners and *christubhaktas* is steadily increasing. Fr Vinod Paul's expertise in music is making a difference to the Sunday liturgy. He is taking music classes on keyboard and guitar to the parishioners. The parish has now a new substation at NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation), Kudgi.

The 75th Independence Day was organized in all the units. The presence and participation of children added to the grandeur of the celebration at Sindagi, SJT, Vijayapura, Sangama CIRD. Also,

programmes for unorganized youth, construction workers, and SHG women were successfully conducted.

Frs Santhosh Fernandes, Anthony Lawrence and Cyril Castelino along with their staff attended the JESCOL at Ashirvad. Fr Cyril Castelino attended a three-day training program on Pedagogical Leadership organized by CBSE. Fr Jeevan James, and scholastics Pruthvi Rodrigues and Sandeep Gonsalves conducted an orientation for the I PUC students.

Our welcome guests in the last month were Schs Agil Roy, Affin (KER) and Francis Hansdak (DUM) from Asha Kiran. Sch Sandeep Gonsalves was here with us for his internship. Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial was present at the AGBM as its President. The CNFE, in collaboration with the Act Grant and LabourNet, completed its 2-month support project for 119 ASHA helpers in the district. Fr Jeevan James, with the cooperation of other religious partners, conducted sessions on Leadership and Career Guidance for our students. – *Fr Jeevan James*

KALABURAGI



The College campus was rejuvenated with the arrival of the students. There is a rush for admissions to I PUC. Increasing number of students are seeking admission both to the college and to the hostels. Fr Melwin Mendonca SJ along with 4 other staff members attended the JESCOL at Ashirvad. Fr Vinod AJ organized, for the students, a memorial service in memory of Fr Stan Swamy. The staff members who attended the *Chiguru* pro-

gramme in Bengaluru conducted, in their turn, a two day workshop for the other staff members of the college. Besides conducting recollections for the religious and hearing confessions, Fr Richard Mascarenhas SJ preached a day-long recollection for the Catholic youth of Bidar. He also gave a talk to the Bidar CRI unit on Fr Stan Swamy.

– *Sch Nishanth Noronha*

MUNDGOD



A special mass was organised for the repose of the soul of Fr Roshan Lobo at St Rita's church, and also in Ugginakeri where he had served as the co-pastor for 3 years. All in the school campus are deeply saddened by the sudden demise of their friend and mentor. The AGBM of the NK-JE&C Society, held on 23rd, acknowledged the selfless service rendered for eight years by the late Fr Roshan Lobo.

Regular masses, temporarily suspended due to Covid-19, have started again at St Rita's Church, of course with all the SOPs. The objective of the year is to ensure that Catholic children pursue their higher studies or job oriented (ITI/ diploma) courses. Sadhana Jesuit Home has a new look now - thanks to the repairs and renovation work done in the last month. Fr. Francis Menezes offered a course on Intensive Journal at Prerana.

Vidya Niketan Community, Dharwad was at LVK for a day of recollection. The staff of LVK visited different villages to take part in the celebration of the 75th Independence Day organised by our target groups. Fr Jerald D'Souza, Director of St Joseph's College of Law, made the impact assessment study of LVK. Schs Reoin Barnes, Barri (KHM), and Nelson (PAT) from Asha Kiran were

with us for their 10 day exposure program. The Child Fund India project at LVK organized a one-day training for 120 SDMC members and a program on life skills for around 80 children. Mrs Deepa Bangera, CDPO of Mundgod region was the chief guest for the AGB meeting of the SHGs. Nearly 40 unorganized youth from Mundgod Taluka participated in the one-day programme on 'Indian Constitution and Government Schemes'. Fr Johnson Pinto is glued to his chair these days interviewing new students who are coming in large numbers for admission, particularly after the school and PU College have resumed offline classes.

Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya conducted various activities during the harmony week to commemorate the 75th Independence Day celebration. The commencement of offline classes and the parent-teacher interface have enhanced the academic atmosphere in the campus. Fr Melvin Lobo, Principal, attended a three day webinar on Pedagogical Leadership conducted by the CBSE. Now that the children have returned to Loyola Children's Home after a lapse of several months, the staff of LCH have an uphill task instilling in them values of work culture and discipline.

– *Fr Melvin Lobo*

MANVI



The priests of the Deanery along with Fr Paul Moras and the Capuchins came together to celebrate the feast of our Founder, Ignatius of Loyola on 1 August. A prayer service with a video on the conversion of St Ignatius preceded the agape.

On 2 August most of the community members went to Gulbarga to celebrate Fr Anand Prabhu's 75th Birthday. Fr Maxim Rasquinha spoke on St Ignatius and Men and Women for others. Fr Anil D'Souza took part in the Lokmanch Programme

in Bengaluru. Schs Kiran Branco and Anup Marandi (DUM) from Inigo Sadan stayed in the mission for a week. Five Juniors from Asha Kiran spent a week in Pannur helping out in the school and the village.

Loyola College was declared the best college in Raichur District as District Green Champion by the Central Ministry of Education for 2020-21. Congrats to Fr Melwyn D'Cunha and his team. All of us took part in the Foundation Day cele-

bration of the Institute of Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes. Fr Melwyn was the main celebrant and preacher.

The DOWs along with some staff members attended a three-day JESCOL meet at Bengaluru. Fr Joseph Monteiro was with us to sign at the Registrar's office the land contract with the Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes. Fr Rayappa completed his work on the History of Pannur Mission, and returned to Bengaluru.

We celebrated the *Vriksha Bandhan* Day on the *Raksha Bandhan* Day as planned by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, by

ASHA KIRAN



The first and second year scholastics made their annual retreat at Mount St Joseph. We are grateful to all the Jesuit communities in Bengaluru for their warm hospitality as we visited them on our two-day Bengaluru-Darshan. The first year scholastics went to North Karnataka to visit our different missions, whereas the second year scholastics returned to Asha Kiran for short courses on skills like Video making, pencil sketching, tallying, pre-

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



On Independence Day, Fr John Gomes hoisted the national flag after the Mass. FRH hosted a webinar on "India today cries for freedom" with Fr Cedric Prakash (GUJ) as speaker. Thanks to Sch Ovin Rodrigues for the technical help. As a precursor to Provincial Visitation, Fr Arun Lobo visited us as Revisor. Provincial, Fr Dion, was on Visitation of the community from Sep 1 to 3. Those days were an occasion to count God's blessings. They

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



The 75th Independence Day was celebrated with Ms Venkatamma, our co-worker, hoisting the national flag and Novice Jason Machado eloquently highlighting the meaning of true freedom. A few novices visited their homes accompanied by Provincial Fr Dionysius Vaz, and Novice Director Fr John Pradeep. Fr Merwyn Fernandes guided an eight day retreat for sisters. The novices also had an enlightening crash course on 'Time Management' by Ms Roushnee. Fr John Pradeep organized a day's online programme for all the Novice Directors of JCSA and also took time out to give a talk on the Ignatian Year to the seminar-ians of St Peter's Seminary, Bengaluru.

tying special rakhi on seven trees in the presence of the Range Forest Officer, Manvi.

Fr Provincial and his team were present for the AGBM of Manvi Pannur Mission on 25 August. Fr Wilson Moras, the Financial Officer deftly presented the financial analysis at the meeting. Fr Melwyn S Pinto was with us for a couple of days to help the College write a concept paper.

Fr Cyprian Tellis conducted a session for the teaching and non-teaching staff of Loyola Institutions on Province Policy of safeguarding the minors and vulnerable adults in our work places. – Fr Maxim Rasquinha

paring Google form, affective maturity and social analysis. Fr Francis Fernandes, PCF, came to AK on an official visit, and also addressed the scholastics on the formation policy of Karnataka Province. Fr Melwin Pinto, Rector of St Aloysius College, was the main celebrant at the Eucharist celebrated on the occasion of our farewell to the third year scholastics. – Sch Macwin D'Souza

also enabled us to experience a fellow-feeling. Fr Joseph Monteiro paid flying visits to Gulbarga and Manvi, combining business with pleasure. We were happy to quarantine-accommodate the new members to Asha Kiran community arriving from other Provinces. Presently, a few sisters are here for retreat guided by Frs Joseph Monteiro and Tom Quadras. – Fr Tom Quadras

Aspirants from different age groups seek the facilities of Prerana – Junior Sisters preparing for their Final Profession, Senior Sisters preparing for their Silver or Golden jubilees, etc. Prerana is making ripples at the national and international level with its online courses on spiritual direction. Fr Sunil Fernandes was well appreciated as the resource person at the Community Orientation and Faith Sharing session he conducted. Fr Balaraju A. gave an insightful historical perspective on St Joseph.

Loyola P U College held a prayer meeting to pay homage to the late Fr Stan Swamy. On the oc-

casation of the 75th Independence Day, Fr Anthony Joseph inaugurated the national emblem. A talk was organised on “Jesuits contribution towards science and technology” by Ms Cicilia Fredrick K. An orientation programme for the staff marked the beginning of the academic year.

At Loyola Degree College, Hindi Department conducted a webinar on NEP and language. For the Independence Day, Dr Ramanna who helped us with the first dose of vaccination drive was the Chief Guest. ‘Sadbhavana’, National Integration

ARRUPE NIVAS



We are greatly pleased to learn that Fr Richard Rego has been appointed by the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) to the Expert Committee for designing a model curriculum for a course on Visual Communication at the degree level in view of the National Policy of Education.

The Principal, Fr Victor Lobo, is the recipient of the Best Principal Award for the year 2020-21 by AIACHE. On Independence Day, Fr Victor conferred ranks on distinguished NCC Cadets. Fr Swebert D’Silva and Fr Denzil E Lobo conducted sessions on Leadership and Collaboration at the Advanced JESCOL held at Ashirvad, and also to the staff of Holy Angels School, Pandithahalli. The Bembala Outreach team along with the student volunteers celebrated Independence Day with migrant workers and slum dwellers. The PRO, Mr. Kiran Jeevan, was awarded the Influential Indian

JESUIT NIVAS



The Jesuit Nivas community was saddened by the sudden demise of Fr Roshan Lobo. The family members of Fr. Roshan Lobo were with us for a prayer service.

SJBHS organized a 25-km cyclathon and a virtual event, ‘Fitness Forever’ for its staff, students and parents. An online sports programme ‘In conversation with the Legends: Ashok Kumar Dhyan Chand and Rahul Dravid’ was organised on National Sports Day. A webinar on ‘Discovering Phonics’ was presented. The Campus Ministry team conducted sessions on Personality Development.

A series of orientation lectures for the students admitted to the 5-year law course commenced on 11th August. On the occasion of the Independence Day an intercollegiate fest titled “Ekata –

Day was observed at the college and Dr Sneha Balaraj, Asst. Professor, St Joseph’s College of Law, addressed the students on National Integration. In collaboration with Newskarnataka, a novel outreach programme has been started. The first live episode on weavers will be telecast on September 10, 2021 from Abu Dhabi. The main area of concern is subaltern study on weaker sections, like auto drivers, flower vendors, fruit vendors, coolie workers etc., whose wards are studying at the college. – Fr Francis D’Almeida

Award for his contribution in creating an awareness on ‘organ donation’. The School of Social Work had a virtual celebration of its Crystal Jubilee.

Two new members have joined our community: One is Scholastic Casimir Eelaraj (DUM) who will be doing his M.Sc in Physics; and the other is Fr Roshan Castelino who has recently returned from the University of Namur, Belgium, after successfully defending his doctoral thesis in science.

Fr Maxim Dias along with Ignitors Youth organised a plantation drive in Nelamangala which was followed by some leadership activities in which 35 youth participated. Fr Maxim was also a resource person for Integrated Pedagogy Paradigm at the Advanced JESCOL programme at Holy Angels School, Pandithahalli. – Fr John Baptist

celebrating the diversity of India” was organized. Independence Day celebrations in the college was marked by a lecture on “Diversity, the Strength of Independent India” by Justice AV Chandrashekar, former Judge of the Karnataka High Court. The college also held *Manthana* the annual intra-college cultural fest.

SJPUC conducted an orientation programme for the second year PU students. On completion of admissions to the first year, an online orientation for the I PU was held. Col. Subhash Sinha was the chief guest for the Independence Day. The management, along with the Staff organized a prayer meet to pay homage to the former Principal, Late Fr Roshan Lobo. Hybrid classes are going on for the students. – Fr Antony Pais

The visitation of the Provincial and of the PCF energized the community. The scholastics had an outing to Solur and a visit to the Schoenstatt shrine at Kantenich, Bengaluru. Two of our scholastics rendered their service in Navasadhana (pre-novitiate, Hassan) and other two visited Manvi mission for a week while the rest of the scholastics were engaged in their studies and internships.

St Joseph’s Community College (SJCC) had an interaction with the Lok Manch team from Bijapur headed by Fr Teyol Machado for collaboration in the twinning programme. There was also a fruitful interaction with a few members of the Japanese Consulate, some Japanese businessmen, and a few members of the Rotary club - for future collaboration in placements and support. We had NSDC assessment for our 152 students in six job roles. The newly set up Hotel Management Lab for the Community College was blessed by the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, and inaugurated by Mr Ramachandran (former director of Nilgiris) and Mr Gaurav Sinha (Head, Operations – JW Marriott). Mrs Arokia Marie Jacqueline is the new principal of SJCC.

Children of SJIPS celebrated Independence Day

Mr Bosco Abraham was the resource person for the two-day staff enhancement programme for the Primary and High school teachers. The teachers are busy attending the online NISHTA course as part of their training. Offline classes have been resumed and the high school students are back in the campus with renewed vigor and adolescent liveliness.

Thanks to the round-the-clock efforts of Schs Maria Divij, Rudolph D’Souza, Sebastian (KER) and Eby (KER), Navasadhana prenovices can now claim to have acquired some mastery over the English language. A day’s outing and visits to places of cultural interest had its fringe benefit – of getting to know each other better. When he is not on his tours to promote vocations,

A portion of our premises in the campus has been lent, for a period of two months, to the Police Department for the training of 200 youth from the districts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi. It is

and participated in a variety of competitions. A few mobiles were distributed to the underprivileged children to help them attend online classes. We are associating with the NGO “Dream” in order to help the weaker students.

Group therapy sessions were conducted for the teaching staff at St Joseph’s CBSE School with the help of Samagra. A Music Concert on “Peace and Reconciliation” was organised along with Human Rights club members involving the old students in the event. Lt Col Sanjeev Kumar was the chief guest on the occasion of the 75th Independence Day celebrations. As a part of the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, our catechism teachers prepared a video presentation on the Rosary and adoration. SCIPLORE the annual science exhibition was organised. A virtual Science exhibition and webinar was organised on “The Science of Happiness, Health and well-being during Covid-19”. The guest speaker Mr. Thillai Chidambaram, B.Sc. in Zoology, Diploma in Bio technology from Madurai Kamaraj University, a lead in Data Science and Data Engineering team, Bayer Crop Science Bengaluru, shared his insights on the theme. – *Fr Felix Anand*

Relief from the fatigue of online learning was one of the benefits resulting from the Annual Sports day for the degree students. As the extended academic year came to an end the College bade farewell to the outgoing students. Fr Daniel Fernandes went to Kalyan in his capacity as a member of the NAAC Peer Team for the assessment of an Institution. – *Sch Arvind Royce*

Fr Dheeraj D’Souza spends his time improving the ambience of Navasadhana with his gardening skills. After waiting for so long for offline classes, the pre-novices are back to their college with great zeal, and have already shown their leadership qualities by being elected as class representatives. – *Sch Noel Dias*

our hope that some of these youth will join the police force or civil services. Two meetings of the Government Body of MJES were successfully held - one each in SAPUC-Harihar and SAITI-Manga-

lore. The purpose was to acquaint the members with on-the-spot information about the units. More such meetings are expected.

St Aloysius College (Autonomous) has received high rankings in the surveys conducted by The Week, Outlook, India Today and Times B School. Featured in the ranking were all our undergraduate departments as well as the post-graduate departments of MA (Journalism & Mass Communication) and MSW. And to top it all, the NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework, Government of India) has rated our college 95th among some 6,000 colleges in India, one among the only three in the whole of Karnataka. The Principal, Fr Praveen Martis, acclaims the entire academic community – Jesuits and collaborators - for the legitimate euphoria that goes with this distinction.

At AIMIT, the new academic year 2021-22 began with a two-day faculty development programme. Fr Pradeep Sequeira, the resource person on the first day, spoke on 'Jesuit ideals for higher education in the post pandemic world'. Dr Pradyot Ranjan Jena, the resource person on the second day, talked on 'academic writing'. The proposed Miyawaki forest is taking shape, what with our young and dynamic Fr Joel Fernandes nurturing the plants by the sweat of his brow. Fr Freddie Menezes was the guest of honour at the Independence Day celebrations. Fr Melwyn Pinto played the role of judge in the YouTube skit on the origins of Monti Fest. After this debut on stage, he is being taken seriously for his histrionic talent. At SAPUC, an orientation programme was held

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



Local youth and women religious joined us in the celebration of the 75th Independence Day of India. Fr Francis Fernandes gave the inaugural address to the members of the province chapter of the Bethany Sisters at Belgaum. As the PCF, he paid visits to Karnataka scholastics at Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru and Asha Kiran, Mangaluru.

SWAMY RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



By the grace of God, we are blessed with good admissions this year. As part of our ongoing formation we, as a community, attended the online webinar on Pegasus & Democracy and deliberated on the issues affecting our country. Our welcome guests in the last few weeks were

for I PU students. Dr Supriya Hegde Aroor, Head, Department of Psychiatry at Fr Muller's, addressed the students. The Staff Development Programme had 'Jesuits in Education' and 'Effective Classroom Communication' as themes. The resource persons were Fr Pradeep Sequeira and Prof. Ronald Pinto. An interactive webinar for parents, conducted by Mrs Jennifer Tavares, Founder-Director of Pledge Academy, had for its theme 'Be the Anchor - Lend a Helping Hand to your Teenager'. There was also a webinar on 'Introduction to Web Development' by Mr C G Thomas, Asst professor, AIMIT. Among other programmes and activities conducted by the college, the prominent were: Crash Course for CET/NEET, skit and drama competitions for clubs and associations, Mathematical Olympiad, Earth Overshoot Day Quiz, etc.

St Aloysius Gonzaga School secured cent per cent results in the CBSE Class X annual results. Life Skill Development Webinar was conducted by ARIV Education for our students from class 7 to 10. Soft Skill Trainer, Ms Deepali Shenoy, was the resource person. The 75th Independence Day was celebrated by the Principal and Staff in the school premises. Fr Royston Madtha, SJ, was the chief guest on the occasion. The online participation of our students of different classes was brought out through a video. Parents and teachers exchanged news and views at the Parent-Teachers Committee meeting held on the 26th of August. The "Colours Day" held for the Kindergarten section on 28th August had Ms Rosemarie Saldanha, Principal of Little Shauna World School, as the Chief Guest. – Fr Pradeep Sequeira

Fr Edward Philip conducted a course on Counselling and Spiritual Direction at Prerana, Bengaluru. The entire community had a day of recollection and personal faith sharing at Mundgod. Scholastics were busy in the month of August preparing for and writing semester exams. – Sch Prakash

Frs Pradeep Antony, Fr Shantharaj T and five Pune philosophers from Jnana Jyothi. These were followed by a passing visit from a group of 23 Sisters, accompanied by Frs Prashanth W. D'Souza and Jerome D'Souza, on their way to Shivanasamudra.

A two-day Basic JESCOL programme was organized for our staff with Frs Swebert D'Silva, Denzil E Lobo, Joseph D'Mello and Maxim Dias as resource persons. The new webpage of our school www.holyangelssj.org was officially launched on September 5 by Fr Joseph D'Mello.

Fr Lancy Fernandes is busy trying to solve our

land issues while, at the same time, guiding the school with his creative ideas. He gave a virtual one day orientation programme for the staff of two schools, Stella Maris and St Ursula in Pune. Sch Marvin Apose has begun his Sunday pastoral ministry at the substation of our parish.

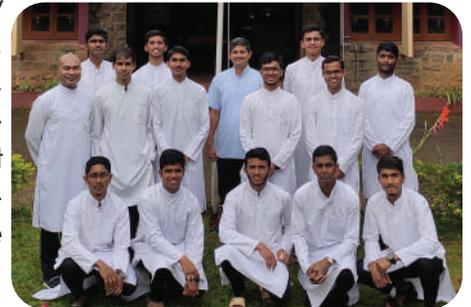
– Sch Marvin Apose

XTC, Belagavi (Novitiate)



After the Holy Mass on July 31, the XTC community had a get-together with the Canossian Sisters and postulants, and also our parishioners and benefactors. In the first week of August, Fr Ronnie D'Souza, the Rector of St. Paul's school at Belgaum, conducted a course on Pauline Letters. On 15 August, the foundation stone was laid for our Lady's Grotto in the farm. Fr Savio Barreto placed the relics of St Francis Xavier and a man-

tle of Our Lady of Velankanni. On 21st August, most of the novices took the first jab of COVISH-IELD. – Novice Lloyd Lobo



SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



With the arrival of second years, SN campus is once again abuzz with life and vigour. After more than a year of online classes, the scholastics are now returning to the time tested offline mode. The visit of Fr Jason Furtado, the revisor of SN and Fr Olvin Veigas enabled us to reconnect with our Province. POSA Fr Stany D'Souza is here on visitation. The release of Sch Royster Monis' new

song "Deva Nannodeya" was a matter of pride for all of us here. Fr Lawrence Fernandes gave an online course on Fundamentals of Philosophy to the students of LIBA, Chennai, and chipped in on an online sharing with young priests on spiritual accompaniment. Fr Francis D'Souza, Registrar and Finance Officer, is busy keeping the administration and finances in order. – Sch Melwil Vas

VINAYALAYA, Mumbai



We had a course on "Critical Thinking and Inquiry" by Fr Jeevan Mendonca (BOM) which helped us deepen our understanding of the true and false reports presented by various news platforms. Later, Ms Michelle Naidu, a prominent singer from Bombay, guided us through a course on the 'Basics in Singing.'

On 14 August, we the Juniors along with the pre-novices of the Bombay Province went out on a Mumbai Darshan. Though the pandemic set limits to our ventures into different apostolates,

we were able to help out in Sneha Sadan (a home run by Bombay Jesuits for street and orphan children) by teaching English, Maths, Music and games to the children.

Later in the month, we had our first ever four-day online course on Personal Growth by Dr Nirmala Almeida. In spite of the grueling schedule, we had our internal assessments. We ended the month with a very exciting 2-day course in Group Building through Creative Art by Dr Evelet Sequeira. – Sch Steven Joseph



REST IN PEACE

Fr Joseph Parekkattil, SJ (PAT), 85/65, on 27 August 2021, in Patna.

Fr Placidius Kujur, SJ (MAP), 70/51, on 04 September, in Ambikapur.

Fr Xalxo Amritlal Thomas, SJ (MAP), 62/39, on 08 September, in Ambikapur.

Fr Andrew Francis SJ (CEN), 60/40, on 10 September, in Jalandhar.

Fr. K.T. Thomas (Kaduvathookil) SJ (DEL), 87/66, on 10 Sept, in Delhi.

Mrs Sofia Lobo, 59, maternal aunt of Fr Roshan Pinto, on 27 August, in Bengaluru.

Mrs Helen Barboza, 72, sister of Fr John D'Souza, on 28 August, in Belman, Udupi.

Mr Valerian Monteiro, 60, maternal uncle of Sch Vinod Saldanha, on 31 August, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Margaret Farias, 99, mother of Fr Terence Farias, on 31 August, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Antika J Fernandes, paternal grandmother of Sch Sohan Fernandes, on 04 Sep, in Jog Falls.

Mrs Teresa Coelho, 75, maternal grandmother of Sch Adline Monteiro, on 05 September, in Ranipura, Mangaluru.

Mrs Rajamma, 46, aunt of Fr Kanikiaraju, on 12 September, in Bengaluru.

Mr Ligoury Mendonca, 89, brother-in-law of Fr Joseph Mathias, on 13 September, in Mangaluru.

Fr Roshan Lobo, SJ **(24 September 1971 - 13 August 2021)**

The sudden demise of Fr Roshan Lobo has stunned the Karnataka Jesuits and all those who had known him as a zealous priest, a dedicated teacher and an affectionate friend. He suffered a massive cardiac arrest in the afternoon of 13 August, 2021, when he was returning to Jesuit Nivas after a brief visit to Mount St Joseph. His sudden passing away has created a void in the Province. He was a sincere and committed Jesuit who laboured in the Lord's vineyard with the spirit of *Magis* trying, as he did, to avoid the limelight by choosing to work behind the scenes.

Fr. Roshan hailed from Belthangady, Dakshina Kannada. Born in 1971 and brought up with much love and care - in a devout, well educated and God-fearing Catholic family - Roshan showed early signs of a vocation to the priesthood. Fr. Stan Lobo, his paternal uncle, a priest in the Chikmagalur Diocese, seems to have inspired the young Roshan to become a priest. Roshan joined the Society of Jesus in 1989 after completing his PUC. He was ordained a priest in Mangaluru in 2003. He did MSc in Electronics from St. Joseph's College, Trichy, and MPhil from Bangalore University.

Fr Roshan's first assignment after ordination was to teach in St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru. In those six years from 2003-2009, he also served as the hostel warden and campus minister. When he returned from tertianship, he was appointed to St. Joseph's PU College, Bengaluru, where he served for four years as Principal. Then, at his request, Roshan was sent to Mundgod Mission to take up the role of Secretary and Treasurer of North Karnataka Jesuit Educational and Charitable Society. He held this post for eight years while, at the same time, he taught mathematics in Loyola School. He was then assigned to Jesuit Nivas in 2021 to be the Secretary and Treasurer of Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society, a post which he had held only for a few months when the Lord called him to Himself for his eternal reward.

Permit me to mention five traits of Fr Roshan's personality which I am certain will inspire you as much as they did me.

1. Roshan lived the maxim *Age Quod Agis* which can be paraphrased as "do well whatever you are doing." Regardless of the nature of the task assigned to him, Roshan did it conscientiously with utmost devotion and dedication. In this, he seemed to have literally followed St Paul's advice to the Corinthians, "Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor 10:31). A committed, sincere and guileless Jesuit, Roshan found it hard to approve the attitude of those who took up multiple assignments but performed them with a sluggish heart. A humble and obedient Jesuit that he was, Roshan fought shy of formalities and felicitations that put him in focus. Obviously he drew strength for his religious and apostolic life from his personal prayer and the daily celebration of the Eucharist.

One aspect of Fr Roshan's dedication to the task was that he kept himself abreast of the latest laws, rules and regulations pertaining to his job. That was the secret of his success as the secretary and treasurer of the NKJECS in Mundgod. He lost no time in getting his accounts updated, filing the returns in compliance with the rules, and meeting any other statutory requirement.

2. Roshan had an innate love for nature. And Mundgod provided the right setting for its manifestation. His delight was to spend time in the farm and the garden - planting saplings, growing vegetables, raising trees, plants and flowers. Among the things he cultivated was a belief in the efficacy of nature cures, which led him to experiment with natural remedies to fix his own ailments. His love for nature took him occasionally on long rides to the countryside to view streams and ponds, dams and waterfalls, woods and forests. I am sure the Psalmist's words echoed in his



heart: "How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have crafted them all – the earth is full of your creatures!"(Ps 104: 24-25)

Fr. Roshan's love for animals, particularly for dogs and cattle, moved him to ensure their good care. When he went to see the animals in the morning, or at noon or in the evening, one could see in the mute beasts joyous signs of recognition of their friend and benefactor. In Roshan's opinion, one who is unwilling to take care of the animals has no right to keep them.

3. Fr Roshan's pastoral zeal was manifested chiefly in his care for the parishioners of the sub-station, Ugginkeri, for three years - visiting their houses, attending to the spiritual needs, talking to the children, and being available to them in their times of need. He knew them and called them by their names much as the Good Shepherd would. He urged them to give education to their children and prepare them to meet the challenges of the changing times. He could, in a manner of speaking, read their pulse. That is how he found them responding to his initiatives on their behalf.

4. Roshan concealed a heart that throbbed with love for the poor. Landing in Mundgod and spending eight years in the mission provided the needed scope for his cherished desire - to reach out to the poor, the needy, the suffering. His gen-

erosity found avenues to express itself in providing assistance for housing, education and health care. Not only did he remember the poor and the needy in our common prayer, but he frequently reminded us of our obligation to serve the last and the least in society. His own needs, however, were few; he seldom looked for comforts; he would rather manage with the things available.

5. Roshan had a subtle sense of humour which would come out generally when he was with his Jesuit companions, and occasionally in the company of receptive colleagues. He felt no inhibition in expressing his mind because he believed that "if you are doing the right things in the right way, why should you be afraid of anything or anybody?" Such was his sense of freedom that it enabled him to converse and correspond with ease with the government officials and public figures, and thus to get things done.

Thank you, dear Roshan, for all that you have been to all of us. In your physical absence, we will miss your edifying life, zealous ministry, care for the poor, love for nature and your lively companionship. Our consolation is that you are happy and secure in the bosom of our Heavenly Father. Adieu, Roshan, till we meet again.

– Francis Menezes, SJ

DOWN MEMORY LANE

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

FR NORBERT FERNANDES, SJ

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jer 1:5) was doubtless the assurance the Lord gave to the eleventh of the thirteen offsprings of my parents, when I saw the light of this world on 27th March 1943 in Angelore, Mangalore. The exemplary life of my poverty-stricken agricultural parents Santhan and Therese, the loving-caring-sharing spirit among the siblings, and the prayerful atmosphere in the family doubtlessly nurtured the seed of vocation in me, a physical weakling. Fr. Bertram Rebello, SJ, while directing a retreat to Charity Sisters in Belvedere Convent eyed on this altar boy serving mass there and arranged my admission to Gonzaga House from III Form. Both Fr. Denis Pinto, SJ the director and Fr. Alexander Castelino, SJ the assistant were exemplary Jesu-

its in their poverty, simplicity and above all their prayer life.

Having overcome a few hurdles, I started the journey of my religious life in earnest under the guidance of Fr Apolinaris D'Souza, SJ the Novice Master when on July 5, 1966



I landed in MSJ, Bangalore just 3 years before man landed on the moon! The month-long Spiritual Exercises in I year of Novitiate and a month-long living experience in Dasapura with Fr. Thomas Pinto, SJ, P.P of the village in II year were great experiences of both spirit and life. Ordination to priesthood in 1976 again reminded me that I was appointed "a prophet to the nations."

After completing IV year of Theology in Vidyajy-

oti, Delhi, I received my first appointment as HM of St. Joseph's Middle School, Hassan in April 1977. In the company of Fr. Isidore Pinto SJ, Superior, Fr. Victor D'Silva SJ, High School HM and Fr. Maxim Rasquinha SJ, Guide of pre-novices among whom was Francis Serrao, the present Bishop of Shimoga Diocese, there was a lot of warmth in the Community despite the biting cold outside especially during winter. My stay in Hassan, however, didn't last more than 18 months. A strike by boys in BHS boarding, Senior Dorm in 1977 necessitated my service there as prefect. Probably I hold the distinction of being the only Priest Prefect there. I was still in BHS Community when Fr. Mathew Rodrigues SJ, minister of the IHS Community suddenly passed away due to tetanus in the 1980 summer. I was sent there to be the acting minister till I left for tertianship at the start of July.

Nine months of Tertianship in Hazaribagh shepherded by Fr. Maurice Dullard, SJ, was a time of consolidating my vocation to priesthood in the Society. An integral part of tertianship was a month's living experience away from Hazaribagh after the Long Retreat. I was sent to the Brothers of Mother Theresa in Calcutta. After a quick visit to Kalighat, home for the dying where sisters of Mother Theresa along with foreign volunteers rendered wholehearted service to the dying made me humble. After this I was reached to the distant village in 24 Paraganas where these Brothers were managing a home for mentally challenged. I pitched my tent there for a month in real poverty. I felt comfortable though. The experience of living with the Brothers here played the preface for my future ministry, because immediately on my return from the tertianship I was sent to Nagaland to spread the Good News among the mountain tribals. Nine years of life in the North East was no doubt tough. But it paid rich spiritual dividends, too.

Returning from Nagaland I was offered a sabbatical of 9 months in the "States"! It offered courses that were helpful for personality development. We were 14 Jesuits from different provinces and one SVD ex-provincial with us. We started with Social Analysis at ISI; Atma Darshan at Ashirvad and as a part of it retreat at Dhyanaashrama, MSJ – all in Bangalore, KARNATAKA. Then we moved over to Lonavla, MAHARASHTRA for Mini Sadhana. Some sisters had joined the group for both the above courses. This over, Indian Spirituality was awaiting at Kalady, KERALA under the guidance

of Fr. Sebastian Painadath, SJ and finally reached Dyana Ashram, Chennai, TAMILNADU, to taste the nuances of Ignatian Spirituality under Fr. Rex A Pai SJ.

After my return from the "States" I was asked to settle down in BHS Community. Next 9 years I found myself in the teacher's role in the school endearing myself to the students and having a cordial relationship with all the staff, both teaching and non-teaching. It was then I introduced weekly Mass for the Catholic students before class on Wednesdays. In the Jesuit Community I was offered a chance to serve the sick members, which role I enjoyed much. When Fr. Cecil Saldanha, SJ was admitted to St. John's for heart ailment I went out of my way to attend to his needs despite my classes and other duties. When he rejoined the community he lavished praises on me in public. That was a rare expression of appreciation from Fr. Cecil!

I had a unique experience when Fr. Valerian Farias SJ minister of the community passed away. It was passed 10 pm. His room was bolted from inside, the light was burning and our calls and knocks on the door received no response. I then entered the room through the ventilator above the window and sadly found him succumbed to a heart attack.

In the month of April in the last year of 2nd millennium after the province retreat at MSJ, I was transferred from BHS to SAC, Mangalore. In May I stepped into the shoes of Fr. A.S. Rodrigues SJ, the HM of SAC Evening School. Two years later in 2002 I was asked to move over to FRH, Jeppu, as the first officially appointed Minister of the Community. Having completed just 2 years at FRH, I had to oblige the Provincial, and leave for Chittapur, Gulbarga to take up the parish of the Queen of Assumption coming under the Bellary Diocese. Here I stayed for 2 years until a few months after the Gulbarga Diocese was erected. At this juncture Prathiksha in Bangalore needed my services. Handing the charge of the parish over to a diocesan priest in March 2006 I boarded the train heading towards Bangalore.

As I look back at my life as a Jesuit, I sing with Mother Mary the Magnificat: "My soul magnifies the Lord." Because the 'Mighty one has done great things for me'. I want to lead the rest of my life with a sense of gratitude and surrender.