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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

The COP 29 is currently being held in Baku, Azerbaijan and it is good to do some reflection on Climate Change. Jesuits for Climate Justice are making three Calls for COP 29:

1. **Make the Loss and Damage Fund effective:** For the implementation of the Loss and Damage Fund in a transparent and grant-based way, so that the most vulnerable communities, particularly in the Global South, are effectively supported and prioritised.
2. **Cancel Debt for the Climate:** Advocate cancelling unpayable debts owed by developing nations, particularly in the Global South. This will free up resources for climate adaptation and mitigation efforts, enabling these countries to invest in a sustainable future.
3. **Call for a Just Energy Transition:** For a just energy transition that respects Indigenous rights, values nature, and prioritises sustainable livelihoods over purely profit-driven models of natural resources exploitation and energy generation.

Sustainable development and human well-being are very much linked to the state of biodiversity. Climate change will have a profound impact on human and natural systems. It will affect species, habitats, ecosystem functioning as well as lives and livelihoods. It will impede economic growth and jeopardize achievement of the sustainable development goals. Conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services is part of the larger objective of building climate resilience and promoting good quality of life, human well-being and sustainable development.

Poor and marginalized people and indigenous communities depend on natural resources for their lives and livelihoods, and hence conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services is of critical importance to their well-being. Nature provides a broad array of goods and services such as food, fuel, fodder, fibre and medicines that are critical to good quality of life and human well-being. Healthy and diverse ecosystems can play an important role in reducing vulnerability and building resilience to disasters and extreme weather events.

Human beings cannot survive without biodiversity. We need trees and greenery to produce oxygen we breathe. We need fish as food. We need birds to enjoy beauty. We need insects to pollinate. We need tigers for health and diversity of ecosystem. We need insects to produce crops. We need earthworms to make the soil fertile. Whether it hops, crawls, runs, wriggles, slithers, swims, flies, buzzes, chirrups, grows from the ground or lives in water.... human being needs nature!



- FR DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Ronny Alessio, SJ, as the new Provincial of the Euro-Mediterranean Province (EUM)

Fr Álvaro Pacheco Carve, SJ, as the new Provincial of the Argentina-Uruguay Province

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

November 2024

14-18: Visitation: MSJ Seniors (B'luru)
20-21: Course for CSST Major Superiors (B'luru)
23: Meeting with Young Priests awaiting Final Vows: Ashirvad, B'luru
23: Governing Board Meeting: SJIM (B'luru)
25: Visitation: SICJ (Trivandrum)
26: Meeting of South Zone Provincials (Trivandrum)
28-30: Visitation: VN (Dharwad)
30: YUVA Programme: Dharwad

December 2024

01: Talk for Alumni Leaders-South Zone: SJII (B'luru)
02-04: Programme for Formators: Prerana (B'luru)
05-08: Visitation: Arrupe Nivas (B'luru)
10-11: Visitation: SAC (Harihar)
12-16: Visitation: SAC (Mangaluru)
18: Province Consult: LM (B'luru)
19-20: Visitation: Ashirvad (B'luru)
21: Annual Day: LVK (Mundgod)
22: Silver Jubilee: Loyola School (Vijayapur)



CONGRATULATIONS

Fr Prashant Madtha was conferred with the prestigious Kannada Rajyotsava Award by the Government of Karnataka in recognition of his contribution to Konkani and Kannada literature on 1st November 2024.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

23 November 2024: Meeting for Young Priests awaiting final vows at Ashirvad

30 November 2024: YUVA 2024 at Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

THE DSS TRIDUUM FOR SCHOLASTICS IN THREE ZONES

26-29 December 2024: Mangalore Zone: at Ryshivana, led by Fr Pradeep RS

01-04 January 2025: Bangalore Zone: at Mount St Joseph, led by Fr Freddie D'Silva

12-14 January 2025: North Karnataka Zone: at Vidya Niketan, D'wad, led by Fr Ronald Pais

Fr Sunith Prabhu is transferred from Jesuit Nivas to Senior Jesuit's Home, MSJ, Bengaluru

Sch Anthony Ranjith K C left the Society on 30 October, 2024. We wish him God's abundant blessings as he begins a new phase in his life.

RETREATS FOR THE YEAR 2025

1. February 20-28: Inner Healing Retreat for Mid-Life-Religious by Fr Willie SJ in DA, MSJ
2. April 02-10: Retreat for Educators by Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto SJ in DA, MSJ
3. May 02-10: Retreat for Social Action by Fr Cyprian Tellis SJ in DA, MSJ
4. May 16-23: Retreat by Sr Inigo SAB (*Only for Jesuits*) in DA, MSJ
5. June 02-10: Inner Healing Retreat for Mid-Life-Religious by Fr Willie SJ in DA, MSJ
6. November 22-30: Retreat for Local Superiors by Fr Joseph D'Mello SJ in DA, MSJ
7. December 02-09, by Fr Sebastian Painadath SJ at NBCLC, Bengaluru
8. Zonal RRSJA retreats will be scheduled
9. FRH, Xavier Sadan and DA-MSJ have other retreats in their brochures

INFORMATION

The villa in the Biccod Estate (Sakleshpur) has been renovated. It has 12 rooms with all the facilities, plus a Hall, Kitchen etc. Jesuits or their collaborators are welcome to use the villa for meetings, relaxation, etc. For further information, please contact Fr Joy Rodrigues SJ (9611333574), or Estate Manager Mr Jubin (6364258807).

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

For anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



MAG+S 2024, Kalaburagi



The venue for the annual Mag+s Programme this year was St Xavier's PU College, Kalaburagi. The three-day Ignatian pilgrimage (October 10-12), organized by Fr Joyson Vas, brought together 230 youth participants from various parts of Karnataka, chiefly from North Karnataka. The theme this year was "Creating a Hope-filled Future," which was a call to young minds to become agents of positive change. The Mag+s experience is designed to stand on five pillars: Morning prayer, Eucharist, Immersion, Examination of Consciousness and Mag+s Circle. The focus on "Creating a Hope-



filled Future" resonated deeply with the participants inspiring them to make a positive impact on their surroundings. The event fostered a sense of community and solidarity among participants from various backgrounds. The five pillars were complemented with five "fillers" - heart touching testimonies, Mag+s home (that helped promote vocations), nature Mass, Taizé prayer and camp fire. In sum, "Mag+s 2024 Kalaburagi" was more than a spiritual journey; it was a dive into the culture and tradition of the people of North Karnataka.

- Sch Sohan Fernandes

YOUNG PRIESTS' MEETING, Vijayapura



As part of their ongoing formation 35 young priests, awaiting tertianship, had a meeting (Oct 19-20) at Vijayapura to explore new approaches to their life and mission. Dr J.S. Patil (a prominent Lingayat thinker) shared with us his inspiring thoughts and reflections on such topics as the Indian Constitution, threats to Indian democracy,



importance of history, and the dangers of current fanatical narratives. Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, speaking in the context of RRSJSA, exhorted the young priests to strive for academic excellence, personal integrity and apostolic mobility. The meeting included a fruitful interaction with the PCF, Fr Prashanth D'Souza, followed by a visit to Almatti gardens, and a chance to relish North Vijayapura cuisine. Fr Francis Menezes, Mission Superior, acquainted us with an overview of the history of the mission and its future prospects and challenges. We are grateful to him and the entire Vijayapura community for hosting the meeting and extending to us their warm hospitality.

- Fr Jaison Pais

ARRUPE NIVAS, Bengaluru



Gandhi Jayanti was observed by the various associations of the SJU with fitting celebrations: participation in the procession from Gandhi Bhavan to Vidhana Soudha, community clean-up drive in Electronic City, pledge taken for a clean and green Bengaluru, a Wildlife Awareness Trek and Cleanliness Drive in Ramanagara. In collaboration with the Narayana Hrudayalaya, our NSS, NCC and Red Cross units organized a blood donation camp. Madam Sajidha Mohamed, the First Lady of the Republic of

Maldives and an alumna of SJC (batch of 2000-03) visited the University.

Some of our students cleared NET in Commerce, Political Science and the CA intermediate examinations. A good number of our students passed the ACCA examinations. In addition to several awards bagged in various academic fests, our students won the hackathon organized by the NASA International Space Apps Challenge at Jain University. Other fests and competitions attended by

our students were: World Food Day 2024, Mahila Kisan Divas, Kautilya Economics Fest, and the Techno-Management fest. Our students showcased their abilities through Kathak dance at the Dussehra celebration, Mysore, participation in the Rophe 2024 Bible Fest at Christ Deemed to be University and in the Aakarshan Fest at Primus School of Management Studies. As many as 46 UG and PG students from the School of Business have secured placements at Ernst & Young. Our students have brought laurels to SJU through their participation in various sports events at Falak 24, Manipal Institute of Technology, PES University, Jain CMS Tournament, ISF Gymnasiade 2024 (Bahrain), Ramaswamy Memorial Trophy, Dust to the Clouds Hill Climb in Kuppam (Andhra Pradesh), and the Dasara Tournament CM Cup. Cadets of our NCC unit taking part in the All India Vayu Sainik Camp have won medals: one earning a silver medal in the Health and Hygiene competition and another a bronze in RC Flying.

One of our faculty has secured an FDP grant of Rs 3.5 lakh to conduct a programme on Artificial

Intelligence in Healthcare; another has received the YRC Best Programme Officer award from Mangalore University. Three faculty members of SJU have attained their Ph.D. degrees: two from the School of Business and one from the School of Communication and Media Studies. One of our faculty has the distinction of publishing his 101st paper in a reputable journal indexed by Scopus and Clarivate.

“SJU Media Core” is the newly established media association established to serve as the official media team of the University. The new Low-Temperature Reactor procured from the VGST grant, won by one of our faculty members, was blessed and installed earlier this month. This year’s Startup Mela was held alongside the launch of the SJU Innovation Council. Project K, a Spoken Kannada Workshop, was organized by the NSS in collaboration with Kannada Guru to promote appreciation for language. A new warden is appointed for the SJB hostel for its better functioning and management.

- Fr Aravind Royce

ASHA KIRAN, Mangaluru



It was a matter of joy for us when some of our brothers performed creditably at the Aloysian Theatre League winning accolades for their histrionic talent. AK community members helped out in the organization of the Ordination Ceremony at FRH and attended the Thanksgiving Masses of the new priests in their respective parishes.

Fr Provincial’s Visitation and his wise counsel regarding our formation was a boost to our

renewal efforts. Did you know that we have, at AK Community, a vibrant forum called “Your Opinions Matter”? It meets from time to time and sparks insightful discussions. This time the forum engaged us on issues related to privatization. While Fr Sujay Daniel attended the young priests meeting in Bijapur, we at AK happily celebrated the Karam festival with a traditional dance.

- Sch Anson Alex

ASHIRVAD, Bengaluru



Ashirvad Center for Social Concern (ACSC) joined the tribal migrant groups of Jharkand and Chotanagpur for the karam festival at SJU campus. The ACSC members visited the campus of Dotdash Meridith Company on their invitation, to present our project of Spandana Study Center. Ashirvad Inter-Religious Harmony Movement (IRHM) organized training sessions for the representatives of the staff and students (numbering 88) from 18 schools to initiate and form Peace & Harmony Clubs in their respective institutions. Fr Joseph D’Mello and Dr Radha Parekh were the resource persons. IRHM conducted programmes in the Gurudwara, and hosted one for the Bhahais in Ashirvad.

There were 38 participants in the training session, hosted by Ashirvad, for the office bearers of the

Bangalore Zone of the CRI. Br Santhosh, Provincial of the Brothers of the Holy Cross, was the resource person. Frs Arul and George Pinto attended the young priests meet in Vijayapura. Frs Elvis, Arul, George and Sch Praveen attended the Thanksgiving Mass of Fr Kiran Leema at Mundgod. Fr Brian had a quiet DSS retreat in Mount St Joseph. Fr Amal, Schols. Akilan and Praveen spent a few days in Pannur- Manvi mission. They also visited Hampi Veerupaksha temple.

Hearty congratulations to Fr Prashant Madtha who has been conferred with the prestigious Kannada Rajyotsava Award by the Government of Karnataka in recognition of his contribution to Konkani and Kannada literature.

- Fr Elvis Lewis

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru



Four of our Jesuit deacons – Joswin Pereira, Kiran Leema, Maxim D’Souza and Wilson Saldanha – were ordained priests at FRH in the Divine Mercy Church on October 12, by Most Rev. Dr Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore. The ceremony was attended by a large congregation of the faithful comprising Jesuits, clergy and religious, and families and friends of the ordinandi. A few members of our community travelled to different parishes to attend the thanksgiving Masses of the new priests. Earlier in the month, 32 Jesuits from different houses of the Province made their DSS retreat (Oct 3-11) at FRH under the guidance of Fr Stanislaus Alla (AND).

Fr Devadatta Kamath spent a few days in the hospital owing to a hip fracture is now back in the community. Frs Joseph Rodrigues, Joseph Monteiro, Ajay D’Silva, and Anil D’Mello are often under demand for talks, recollections, counselling, confessions, etc - both among the religious and the laity. Fr Edward Rodrigues, in addition to guiding retreats, made time to address an assembly of delegates and coordinators of Bethany Sisters at the request of the Bethany Generalate on “Building Eucharistic Communities and Human Fraternity.” The members of St Aloysius College community chose to celebrate an eco-friendly Deepavali at FRH together with the members of our community.

- Fr Edward Rodrigues

HOMBELAKU, Manvi



Frs Cyril Raj, Don Prem Lobo and Avinash D’Souza made their DSS retreat at FRH, Mangaluru, and attended the Ordination of the four Jesuit deacons on October 12. Fr Leo Pereira represented the community at the ordination. Two medical doctors from Germany, Dr Sophia and Dr Christina, are in our Mission, on a six-week visit, at the service of our people.

for a routine checkup. At Manvi, a few students of Loyola school have been selected for state level sports (for 100m race, and 100m and 110m hurdles, and 4x100m relay). Also, two boys from LKS Pannur have been selected for state level, one each for 400m and High Jump. Four Jesuits from Madurai and Chennai Provinces, now studying in St Joseph’s University, were our welcome guests for a couple of days.

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

INIGO SADAN, Bengaluru



The community was illumined with lamps of hope and joy on Diwali as the scholastics conducted a special prayer service on the occasion. The celebration that followed lighted up the faces of boarders and hostellers.

The staff of St Joseph’s Indian High School embarked on an educational tour of Jaipur, Agra, and Delhi. The 120th Annual Athletic Meet of SJHS was a grand event, made memorable thanks to the presence of Mr Suresh Sidhi, an international swimmer and our esteemed alumnus as the chief guest at the opening ceremony, and Mr. Dennis Christopher, a national football player and another distinguished alumnus, as the chief guest at the valedictory. The PU College organized the much-anticipated inter-class festival, Ankura-2024 in the presence of Mr Sadhu Kokila, renowned actor and composer. Four students, accompanied by the Principal Mr Vinod, attended a peace and harmony training programme at Ashirvad, which has inspired the College to begin a peace and harmony movement among students.

on Positive Parenting at which Ms Gowri Miralay Achanta was the resource person. The school conducted a workshop for the students of Classes IX & X in collaboration with UCAS University Connect Career Expo. The staff, in the presence of heads of other units in the campus, celebrated Fr Rohan D’Almeida’s birthday and expressed their sincere appreciation for his contribution towards the all-round development of the school.

The AGM of PTAs of Primary School, High School & PUC was an occasion to felicitate the student achievers and selected staff members, the latter for their valuable service to the institution. The staff of the Primary School, after a grueling season of exams and evaluation, rejuvenated themselves with a relaxing trip to Kerala. Likewise, the instructors of St Joseph’s Skill Academy, had a day of recreation and fun under the leadership of their young principal Fr Jason Martis.

St Louis boarders had a short break after their exams, during which they visited their homes. On their return, they had a workshop, conducted by Fr Pradeep R.S., on chapel art and group building. They also paid a visit to Jyothi Seva,

St Joseph’s School (CBSE) organized a workshop

a school for the visually impaired; and were deeply touched by the plight of the blind, and learned

valuable lessons in empathy and inclusivity.

- Fr Vishal Melroy Pinto

JESUIT NIVAS, Bengaluru



SJBHS has been ranked by Education World as the second best in India (among the Vintage Legacy Boys' Day Schools). SJBHSMUN (an inter-school Model United Nations Conference) was inaugurated by Sri L K Atheeq, IAS (Additional Chief Secretary, Govt of Karnataka Finance Department). The three days of the Conference saw the enthusiastic delegates engaged in debates, deliberations, negotiations and diplomacy. The school had the annual fests: 'Eucranium' – the science and math fest, and 'Infinity' – the interschool science fest. The iconic Karnataka flag flew high with its hues of red and yellow as the school celebrated Rajyotsava. Our U-19 Boys team were crowned Champions for the third year in a row in the Clarence Inter-School Basketball Tournament.

St Joseph's MBA Twinning Programme registered a good number of admissions (1423 to be precise) for the first year. The classes are held on Sundays and the campus is full. At SJCL, Freshers' Day was held to welcome students of the incoming batch of 2024-2025. The First-Year students (of BA LLB, BCom LLB and BBA LLB) had an outreach programme at the Blessed Clare Special School,

Home of Faith, and Preethi Nivas – Senior Citizens' Home. Following the investiture ceremony for the newly elected members of the student council, a half-day workshop on Transformative Leadership was organized for the class representatives at SJIM.

Dr Caren Rodrigues (member of the HR faculty at SJIM) had the privilege of being invited by the Vatican to the General Assembly on "New Economy of Francis", and of an audience with Pope Francis. She is the only delegate from India and has been part of this new venture of the Vatican.

SJPUC organized an engaging session, 'Pavaad-agalu Bayalu', by Hulikal Natraj, who laid bare the pervasive influence of superstitions in society and encouraged students to develop critical thinking. The II- year PU students participated in 'Medex', an educational exhibition at St John's Medical College. The College organized a seminar for the staff members on the application of AI in teaching. Fr Charles Lasrado gave a much-appreciated one-day workshop on Financial Administration to the SND Sisters General Conference.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



Students and staff of KJFCT had a day of exposure program in a brick factory where they joined hands with the labourers in brick-making and came to learn the plight of migrant workers. The scholastics had a day's input sessions by Mr L.N. Mukundraj, a well-known Kannada writer, and Ms Bhavya Narasimhamurthy, an activist - who spoke on Kannada culture, heritage and literature. Our community had an enriching

experience thanks to our pilgrimage to Goa, particularly as we attended Holy Mass in the shrine where the relics of St Francis Xavier are preserved and venerated. CIRW, with the help of Dotdash Meredith, has provided 20 cooking gas connections and essential household items to deserving families in the villages around Anekal.

- Sch Arun Lobo

LOYOLA MANDIR, Bengaluru



Fr Arun Kumar travelled to Mangalore a day before the ordinations at FRH to ensure that all necessary documentation and formalities were in place prior to the ordination ceremony. Fr Jason Furtado had a hectic schedule as Revisor in different communities. Fr Royston Pinto returned rejuvenated after attending the young priests' meet in Vijayapura. He also participated in an international conference on Canon Law (November 4 to 7) and presented an online paper on "Building Trust among Minors and the Role of

the Code of Canon Law." The conference was organized and sponsored by Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada. Fr Archie Fernandes is busy on the half-yearly internal audit. Fr Harry Terry Noel, after his first semester Law exams in Christ University, joined the Inigo Sadan community for a couple of days of relaxation at the Jesuit farm at Biccodu. Fr Jeevan Prabhu was at LM for a few days in connection with the publication of his study of the history of Jesuit communities.

- Fr Royston Pinto

LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE, Mangaluru



In addition to putting in their best efforts for their semester exams, the pre-novices gave their full cooperation to the director Fr Leston and regent Sch Vivian in the work of preparing for the ordination ceremony of four deacons to be held at FRH. Loyola community had a Deepavali celebration made festive, thanks to the colourful lighting, rangoli etc. But the highlight was the prayer service during which the pre-novices prayed for peace between nations, prosperity of the country and harmony among people. Though

Fr Peter is young at 88, the whole community celebrated the day as if he was 108! The pre-novices were active not only in welcoming our Jesuit guests from the city communities and a few of our neighbours, but also in bringing up a short entertainment programme followed by a fellowship dinner. From time to time, Fr Leston visits schools and colleges to sow the seeds of Jesuit ethos in the young minds hoping that some will sprout into vocations.

- Fr Peter Pinto

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



St Xavier's English Medium School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with a cleanliness drive in and around the campus. The PTA meeting, held on October 26, was an occasion for the parents and teachers to discuss their wards' progress. For the celebration of Rajyotsava Day, we had Dr Mahesh Rudrakar (Lecturer in Kannada, SXPU) as the chief guest. Frs Maxim Misquith and Anand Prabhu graced the occasion with their presence. On the same day, the School celebrated the Diwali festival with a prayer service followed by a lively basketball match between students and teachers. Needless to say, the students emerged as winners.



Mahaswamigalu, Maulana Nazir Ahmed Rasheedi, Fr Vincent Pereira, and Banthe Naganavans. The Arts Fest held on October 5 had for its theme "Nanna Matha, Nanna Hakku" (My Vote, My Right) and had Dr. Chandrashekhara Doddamani as the chief guest. Following the break for Dussehra holidays (October 9-16), students resumed classes with renewed enthusiasm. SXPU

The celebration of Gandhi Jayanti in St Xavier's PU College was marked by an inter-religious harmony event during which leaders representing different faiths shared their views on the role of religion in promoting peace and unity and thus contributing to nation-building. The distinguished guests on the occasion were: Shree Charanalinga

College hosted the Mag+s programme (October 11-13), organized by Fr Joyson Vaz with the assistance of Mr Noble Raj, which drew over 250 youth pilgrims as participants. The presence of Bishop Robert Miranda and Fr Dionysius Vaz was an encouragement to the organizers and participants alike.

- Fr Roshan Pinto

MAITRI SADHANA, Vijayapura



The staff of Loyola CBSE Sindagi went on an educational tour to Delhi, Jaipur and Agra. We had our annual Athletic Meet on Oct 26. Enrichment programmes for the staff included Baraha typing, online resources and the use of AI in classroom. Deepavali and Rajyotsava were celebrated with inter-religious ceremonies at which the invited guests were the swamis and other spiritual leaders.

We are pleased to inform you that, on October 15, Loyola School, Vijayapur, was awarded the prestigious "Shiksha Chaitanya" State Level Award 2024 for its exceptional contribution to service in the field of education. The Jubilee

Year of the School is packed with programmes and activities highlighting the Luminous Fest, an inter-school competition in which nearly 700 students from 41 schools participated. In preparation for the finale of the Jubilee Celebration planned to be held on December 22, the school building is recently painted adding to the eagerly anticipated festive spirit.

The programmes organized in October by CNFE are the following: a Social Analysis course for 10 youth participants at Humnabad; an awareness programme for 6 attendees on World Spinal Cord Injury Day; Janakala Samskrutika Mela which drew 1,500 attendees

celebrating regional heritage; and ten sessions of Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign for 370 young people. The celebration of Gandhi Jayanti involved 449 groups, engaging 6,735 participants. Fr Teyol



took part in a consultation on Early Childhood Care and Development organized by Mobile Creches in Delhi. A special program provided a supportive environment for the transgender community, highlighting acceptance and inclusivity.
- Fr Suman Balu

MOUNT ST JOSEPH, Bengaluru

The community warmly welcomes Fr Sunith Prabhu, the new member of our community. We wish him good health and strength. Fr Sunith has adjusted himself well with the new surroundings. Fr Jossie D'Mello, Rector, moderated the Assembly on Spirituality of the Congregation of Christian Brothers at Pilar Center Panaji, Goa. The CRI, Bannerghatta zone, organized a programme in response to Pope Francis' call to observe the "Year of Prayer". Over 150 religious joined in the Adoration in the main Chapel of MSJ. It was followed by a candle-lit Rosary Procession from the Chapel to the Grotto.

The month of October, dedicated to our beloved Mother of the Rosary, gave an opportunity for the Novices to prepare and conduct a well-organized Rosary procession around the MSJ campus. The Novices greatly benefitted by the inspirational talk of Fr Joji Babu, the Socius of the Jesuit Novitiate of Andhra province on the theme: 'My Vocation story and Novitiate life'. The Novitiate community is helping out in the spiritual formation of Our Lady of Fatima ward of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kalena Agrahara. All the Novices accompanied by either Fr Master or Fr Socius participated in the family Rosary throughout the month. We found ourselves both challenged and inspired by the unwavering faith of the people who wholeheartedly trust in Mother Mary's intercession. Our experience was further enriched by a two-day community building event called 'Horizon-2024' which focused on the holistic growth of the Novices particularly in their relational life.

Loyola Degree College students recently completed their first internal exams, marking a key milestone in their academic journey. Fr



Felix Victor conducted a leadership session for class representatives to enhance their support skills. Various departments and clubs organized activities such as Gratitude Day, Poetry Day, and Hindi Divas, along with a display of Gandhian principles that celebrated cultural values. Teachers' Day and a Parent-Teacher Meeting on exam results reinforced community ties, while Library Day, a Traffic Awareness Programme, and an interclass sports competition promoted social responsibility. Sixty students also participated in an NSS camp at Kanakapura, engaging in service learning, while faculty members attended various conferences. The vibrant spirit of Loyola was evident throughout these events, making it a fulfilling month for students and staff alike.

LCPUC hosted Kalotsava, featuring folk artist Ms Nirmala D R as the chief guest, who encouraged the students to nurture their talents. Department of Bannerghatta Forest held an essay competition, where students of LCPUC actively participated.

Loyola ITI, in collaboration with Vidya, recently organized a Cyber Safety Awareness Week featuring Bhagyashree from the Learning Foundation, who educated students on safe internet practices. Additionally, Ph.D. scholars Shivanand Y and Abhishek N from NIMHANS conducted a session focused on creative thinking to encourage innovative problem-solving among the students. Congratulations to Mr Mahesh H. T., Mr Srinivas T. V., Mrs Shobha Niranjani, and Mr Bharath S from Loyola ITI for achieving their CITS certification from the Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

SADHANA, Mundgod

The first Thanksgiving Mass of the first Jesuit priest of Mundgod was celebrated at St Rita's Church with the grandeur the occasion demanded. Fr Kiran A. Leema who hails from Malagi was ordained to the priesthood on



October 12 at Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru, and celebrated his Thanksgiving Mass at St Rita's Church on October 27. Concelebrating with him were more than 30 Jesuits from across the Province and many diocesan and religious priests.

Bishop Francis Serrao chose to be personally present on the occasion both at Mass and the felicitation programme that followed. The lively procession from the Church to LVK, followed by a vibrant Siddi cultural dance, added to the festive atmosphere, capturing everyone's attention and filling the celebration with joy and excitement.

On Girl Child Day, celebrated at Loyola Composite PU College, the chief guest was Mrs Akshatha C.R., the Hon'ble Judge of the Civil Court, Mundgod. We were happy to host 30 students, accompanied by a few staff from St Aloysius PU College, Mangaluru, who visited LCPUC as part of the Twinning Programme.

At Loyola Children's Home, the assessment of APPI project was made by APF Representative Mr. Aditya Choragaunkar who gave his insightful feedback. Our Primary and High School students had an engaging camp which promoted team work and camaraderie. The camp included an outing to Jogeshwarahalli, where they interacted with the village folk and staged a street play. On the occasion of Chetana Day, the LCH community were happy to have as our guests Fr Derrick Anthony and team from St Aloysius PU College, Mangaluru.

The Scout team at Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya took part in a training programme at Davanagere which focused on instilling in them the spirit of teamwork, leadership skills, and community service. Eleven of our Scouts and Guides qualified themselves for Rajyapuraskar. Twelve of our staff members attended a fire safety training session in Hubli. Deepavali was celebrated with an inter-unit sports event. Fr Jeevan Gomes coordinated the LKV Open House (Parent-Teacher Interface) following the PA-II exams.

Loyola High School Student Parliament, consisting of 30 student leaders, visited Mangaluru, under the guidance of Fr Vijayaraju, to take part in the leadership training programme conducted

at St Aloysius High School. We are grateful to Fr Johnson Pinto, HM of SAHS, and his team, for the warm hospitality extended to our students.

The hostels run by LVK-Mundgod have witnessed a period of development contributing to community growth and empowerment. Mr Aditya Charegaonkar, a representative of Azim Premji Foundation in Bangalore, conducted the annual financial review of the village hostels of LVK. The hostels also organized the five-day "Kalarava" Children's Dussehra Camp which also included a parents' meet.

The Job Mela organized by LVK provided a platform to 15 companies and over 600 job seekers. Nearly 215 aspirants found placement for different jobs. A Women's IGA Exposure Visit to an organic farm in Hubli offered participants valuable insights into sustainable agricultural practices. The IGA unit also demonstrated their entrepreneurial spirit by preparing 250 boxes of pickle. The Baala Mela at Jenumuri village involved 290 participants. MSW students from SAC were here for a community development project. Our twinning programme with St Aloysius PU College enabled 30 student participants, accompanied by Fr Derrick Anthony, to take part in the rural immersion programme. Eight Redemptorist scholastics from Bengaluru, had a few days of rural exposure in Mainali and Ugginkeri.

LVK-Hanagal and LVK-Mundgod jointly organized 'Kalarava' (Dussehra Children's Camp) in Mundgod. The programme, designed for the children of our tuition centres, engaged 85 children in a range of activities aimed at their personality development. Forty young participants attended a workshop on 'Constitution and Citizenship.' Fr Jerald D'Souza, Director of SJCL, conducted a half-day training session for our staff on Legal Awareness. A health camp was organized in Dasarhkoppa, which attracted over 190 participants from the village.

- Fr Melvin Lobo

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Harihar



The School and the PU College jointly celebrated the festivals of Eid Milad and Ganesh Chaturthi. So also Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with due reverence to the Father of the Nation. The Faculty Development Programme for the School faculty had Sr (Dr) Lydia Fernandes, AC, as the resource person. The FDP was followed by a JESCOL-1 seminar which had, in addition to our school

faculty, two staff from Loyola-Pannur and two from St Xavier's, Gulbarga. The facilitators were Frs Leo Florence, Vinod Paul, and Cyril Raj. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Sr Shanthi David, FSI, as the Principal and Fr Vinod AJ, SJ as the Vice-Principal of St Aloysius International School.

- Fr John Baptist C

Students of Classes IX and X of St Aloysius Gonzaga School took part in the “connected classroom” project of Educate Mag+s. The capacity building programme for teachers (October 3-4), organized by the CBSE, Bangalore, had our school for its venue. The school won the overall championship for the second consecutive year in the AICS swimming competition organised by Yenepoya School Mangalore. Our teacher, Ms Deepa Karkada, completed two days of Training of Trainers programme for resource persons, conducted by CBSE. She is now an approved resource person for CBSE schools. Prof. Marcella Valco and 4 students from Leone XIII School, Milan, Italy, paid an eight-day visit to our school (Oct 26 – Nov 2) as part of our student exchange programme.

St Aloysius High School had the privilege of hosting 30 selected students of Loyola High School, Mundgod, for a two-day “Sneha Milana” as part of our ongoing twinning programme. Our SSLC students had a career guidance session with Mr Ronald Pinto as the resource person. The PTA joined the staff and students of the school to celebrate the festival of Deepavali. Earlier, a lantern-making competition was held for students to express their creativity in view of the festive celebration. On Gandhi Jayanti, our students honoured the Father of the Nation by participating in a campus clean-up drive. The alumni of St Aloysius Higher Primary School came up with a creative quiz competition which included differently-abled children with other children – an initiative that elicited genuine appreciation from everyone present.

St Aloysius PU College celebrated the 155th birth anniversary of Gandhiji emphasizing his values of peace, non-violence, respect for all religions and self-less service. Our students participated in a

“Walkathon - Say No to Drugs” aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of narcotic abuse. As part of the Twinning Programme, our students and staff spent two days at Loyola Institutions in Mundgod, engaging in interactions and training sessions on leadership, life skills, and career guidance. The College celebrated the festival of lights with a cultural program designed to promote respect and mutual understanding between different faiths. The week-long “Seva Saptami,” set up by the Centre for Social Concern, emphasized community service. The highlights of the event were: gratitude shown by students to the support staff, a skit addressing discrimination against women, and distribution of food to the poor.

ST ALOYSIUS (Deemed to be) University set up the Centre for Peace and Reconciliation in October 2024. The PG Aloysian Fest was held to mobilize PG & UG students. The PG students of Finance & Analytics and BA Social Work had a ‘rural immersion programme’ in Hanagal. NSS, NCC and Youth Red Cross units conducted a blood donation camp. Our faculty conducted an FDP on research methodology for the staff of St Joseph’s College, Hassan. Other significant events conducted by the University are: workshops on exam anxiety, World Food Day, marketing & communications, guest lectures on energy alternatives, liberalization & globalization, entrepreneurial skills, input tax credit, Chemistry beyond the lab, etc. Thought provoking theatre plays were staged for the benefit of internal and external audiences. The entire University – faculty, staff and students - have been exposed to the nuances of the POSH Act. Student events such as RAPITOX, Gavel session, World Mental Health Day, Walkathon-Say No to Drugs, Deepavali, National Ayurveda Day etc were duly organized and celebrated.

- Fr Melwyn A Lobo

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



We attended the Silver Jubilee celebration of some of the Shanthi Sadan Sisters. The inter-religious prayer service conducted by a few of our brothers at Karnatak University on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti was appreciated for its value in fostering unity in diversity. The Mag+S programme organized by Fr Joyson Vas at St Xavier’s PU College, Kalaburagi, attracted nearly 250 youth of North Karnataka who benefited from the beautiful Ignatian experience, thus fulfilling the UAPs on Spiritual Exercises and Journeying

with the Youth. The assistance rendered by VN scholastics to Fr Joyson contributed in no small way to the success of MAG+S 2024.

In October, the month of the Rosary, we paid visits to the families of our neighbouring parishioners to pray with and for them. One-day workshops on responsible parenting and family values were conducted for Siddi couples: one, at LVK in Mundgod, animated by Fr Alwyn Prakash D’Souza; and the other at Vidya Niketan, animated



by Fr Pratap Chandru. We rejoiced with our companions - Robert, Harrison and Samuel - who won prizes in folk dance and song competitions conducted in their college. We were privileged to conduct the choir for Fr Kiran Leema's Thanksgiving Mass on October 27 in Mundgod.

Fr Francis D'Almeida was the chief guest on Freshers' Day at Kittel Arts College, and also conducted an ice-breaking session for the students. Fr Pratap attended the Conference

Secretariat for Integral Formation (CSIF) in Vadodara, Gujarat. He also visited Mangalore to meet the Asha Kiran scholastics, Trivandrum to meet the Juniors at Vidyaniketan, and Hassan for a feasibility study of Navasadhana. Samarasa



Vedike, the IRHM unit of our community, organized a celebration of Deepavali for our friends and neighbours with an inter-religious prayer and sharing of sweets.

- Sch Abhishek A

XAVIER SADAN, Mandya

Fr Edward Philip's schedule included preaching recollections and hearing confessions in and around Mysore, addressing the CSST Provincial Chapter on various ministries, and directing the province retreat of UMI Sisters at Bangalore. Fr Steevan Gonsalves took time off from his administrative responsibilities and spiritual ministries to make his personal DSS retreat at FRH. Frs Freddie D'Silva and Arokiasamy conducted a renewal programme for 14 Jubilarians, concluding it with a retreat. Fr Arokiasamy gave a course on Psycho-Spiritual Integration and preached a retreat to Apostolic Carmel Sisters at Bannimantap. Fr Freddie directed an 8-day

retreat for religious, gave a day's course at Prerana to Major Superiors, a 5-day course to the participants of a Sabbatical Renewal Programme, and is currently guiding five individuals separately through a month-long discernment and spiritual renewal.

The Committee (comprising Frs Joseph D'Mello, Jason Furtado and Pradeep Anthony) appointed by Fr Provincial to study the future of Xavier Sadan was with us for two days and went through the documents of last five years and met the Jesuits of Xavier Sadan individually to get their views and opinions.

- Fr Steevan Gonsalves

XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE, Belagavi

The month of October began with the announcement made by Fr Master appointing Nihant Kerketta and Amardeep Toppo as the new beadle and sub-beadle. A course in Vipasana (Oct 7-11) was conducted by Fr Joseph D'Souza (PUN) to prepare the first-year novices for their long retreat. We had a joint celebration of three birthdays: Fr John Fernandes (Oct 8), Fr Anthony Tribhuvan (Oct 14), Fr Francis Fernandes (Oct

23). The birthday Mass was followed by a fellowship meal with the Goa Jesuits. The second-year novices departed on 17 & 18 October for their mission experiments. Gevin went to Shrirampur (Pune), and Adarsh to MPSM in Nasik (Bombay). We request your prayers for the first-year novices who are beginning their month's retreat.

- Nov Shawn D'Souza

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune

Soon after our semester exams in October, we celebrated our Community Days-2K24, a three-day event themed "Discover, Nurture, and Co-venture." The organizing committee, led by Fr William Britto (BOM), and assisted by ten scholastics, guided us through a variety of events and

activities which helped us discover and nurture our talents. Fr Stephen Tong, Provincial of China, visited DNC on October 25 and, addressing the scholastics on our mission in China, invited us to consider working there as missionaries.

- Sch Maria Divij

ISI, Bengaluru



Fr Francis Balaraj uses the numerous opportunities he has of connecting with various NGOs and CSOs across the country to assist and motivate them in their tasks. His seminars and workshops include capacity-building training for youth, empowering them to be community leaders. He had a hectic schedule last month conducting training sessions and workshops on social analysis in various parts of southern India. He was the resource person at the internship programme at ISI for Social Work students of St Joseph's University and St Claret College (Autonomous). The students of Mount Carmel College had

an orientation programme under his guidance preparing them for a rural immersion camp at Anaikatti, Kerala.

Fr Anthony Dass, occupied mainly with research and renovation work at the institute, recently published two articles in journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science. Teaming up with a few faculty members of Christ University, he conducted an FDP in three phases for 150 teachers of Shimoga Diocese. He also conducted a two-day workshop on digital wellbeing to a sabbatical group at Prerana. - Fr Anthony Dass

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



Fr Stephen Tong, Provincial of China, who was on a visit to SN, enthralled us with an inspiring talk on the Jesuit Mission in China and engaged the scholastics in a meaningful dialogue. Another welcome visitor to SN was Fr Sunil Fernandes who had come to Chennai to attend a meeting. Fr Lawrence Fernandes represented Satya Nilayam at the meeting of the Heads of Catholic Faculties of India, held at Vadavathoor, Kottayam. He also attended the meeting of the Jesuit Faculty Forum of South Asia (JFFSA), held at Delhi. Fr Francis D'Souza traveled to DNC for



his revisor work. Fr Nithin Monteiro is here for the purpose of collecting data in connection with his doctoral research. Our first-year philosophers

profited a great deal from their visits to various places of worship in Chennai on October 30. The exposure was a profound experience that provided them with a deeper

understanding of the diversity of religious traditions.

- Sch Austin Rodrigues

VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi



We had the privilege of being addressed by Mr Anthony (once a student of theology at VJ, and now a journalist) who gave a recollection talk to the community on "The Spirituality in the Daily Life of a Layperson." Another noteworthy event was the Convocation Ceremony of the Distance Education Program in Theology (DEPTH), organized under the direction of Fr Anil D'Almeida. Distinguished guests present on the occasion were Mr Colin Gonsalves (Advocate of the Supreme Court) and Mr Patrick Govaert (Economic Advisor, Belgian Consulate). The scholastics went, in small groups, on a cultural tour of North India's centres of religious and historical interest. Sch Roydon Misquith was among the three B.Th. students who travelled to Mizoram to attend the North India Theology Students Conference at Aizawl.

The visitation of our Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, was for us a moment of grace as we are nearing our ordination. Fr Stephen Tong, Provincial of China, shared his insights on the mission in China, and invited us to consider our future ministry there. Some members of our community joined the protest at Jantar Mantar against the persecution of Christians in India, alongside nearly 3,000 protesters. Fr Anil D'Almeida participated in the Peace and Justice Forum in Indore and is currently accompanying the first-year theologians in an "immersion programme" in Lucknow and Varanasi for a deeper understanding of Islam and Hinduism. Among our welcome visitors from the Province were Frs Sunil Cletus Fernandes, Norwin Pereira, Joel Fernandes and Lawrence Fernandes.

- Sch Sandeep Gonsalves

VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



We had a special course on media which had three resource persons: Frs Vernand (DUM), Dominic (KER), and Shiese (KER). On the second day, Mr Gowry Shankan Dasan (former chief editor of The Hindu) addressed us on the role and functions of newspapers. We attended the centenary celebrations of AICUF held at Loyola Shreekaryam, where we had the privilege of interacting with Dr Shashi Tharoor, M.P. The visit of our PCF, Fr Pratap Chandru, was a boost to our formation journey.

We had a solemn celebration of the Eucharist in Kannada, presided over by Fr Anush D'Cunha, to mark the Dussehra festival; it was followed by games and presentations by the Karnataka Jesuits. The highlights of our two-day eco-trip to Kodaikanal included a half-day stopover at Madurai to visit the Meenakshi Temple and the Thirumalai Nayak Palace. The two-day course on ecology, with Fr Arul Raj as the resource person, was indeed an enriching experience to all of us.

- Sch Anthony Jackson

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, New York



The United States witnessed a pivotal moment in the 2024 presidential election, as Donald J. Trump was elected as the 47th president. In his victory speech, he promised to work toward unity and the renewal of America's glory. Yet, as I observe life here, a deep division among people and the resurfacing of historical wounds of racism and inequality are palpable, making the task of healing and reconciliation seem a daunting task. We can only hope that wisdom prevails over egocentrism and the thirst for revenge-driven politics. Life is not all about politics. Autumn is in full bloom, painting nature in magnificent colors. University life is as busy as ever, filled with midterms, evaluations, and endless activities.

- Fr Bala Kiran Kumar



ST PETER FABER, Paris



The intensive French classes over the past three months have greatly helped us progress in understanding spoken French and expressing ourselves at table and with fellow Jesuits. The community was overjoyed as two novices from the EOF (Europe Occidentale Francophone) Province pronounced their First Vows on October 19. The "All-Saints Vacation" was a welcome break after

months of intense classes. We chose to spend a few days at Châtelard, an eco-spirituality center in Lyon, where we helped saw wood for the center's renovation. We also found time to explore the ancient city of Lyon, with its fascinating museums, breathtaking churches and some of the finest French restaurants.

- Sch Joyal D Sa

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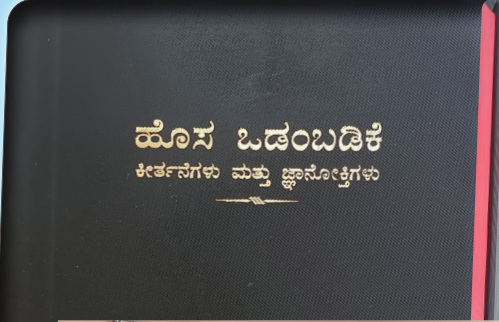
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The Revised New Testament is out in print, together with Psalms and Proverbs. Limited copies are printed as the Old Testament is not yet ready. (It may take another 3 years, at least, given the snail's pace at which it is moving). It is priced at 250/-. You can order them from Fr Vijayraj Jaunet, Secretary, Regional Bible Commission at RPC (Regional Pastoral Centre), the erstwhile KROSS. His number: 88800 53329. It is good to familiarize oneself with it as the old will not be reprinted once the full revised Bible is out. The Gospel Lectionary is likely to be out soon.



The translation is based on the principle of 'formal equivalent' ('as close to the original as possible; as free as really necessary'). My ಬೈಬಲ್ ಕೈಪಿಡಿ 1, ಬೈಬಲ್ ಭಾಷಾಂತರ deals with the various types of translations and their strengths and weaknesses. ಪವಿತ್ರ ಬೈಬಲ್ is basically translated from an English translation: NIV (New International Version) for some books and TEV (Today's English Version)/ GNB (Good News Bible) for others. It is a translation of a translation! With a basic knowledge of Greek/ Hebrew, the revised translation is adequate for serious exegesis in Kannada. It is along ESV (English Standard Version) lines that we use in the Lectionary. Every word is checked against the original Greek or Hebrew. That is why there are plenty of differences between ಪವಿತ್ರ ಬೈಬಲ್ and this revised version.

- Fr Jerome D'Souza

REST IN PEACE

Fr Kenneth D'Souza, SJ, (BOM), 84/68, on 19 October 2024, in Mumbai.

Mr Benedict Martis, 89, father of Fr Praveen Vijay Martis, on 21 October 2024, in Pangla.

Mr Mark Serrao, 81, brother of Bishop Francis Serrao and Celestine Sera, on 18 October 2024, in Alangar.

On Ecology: Excerpts from the DSS on the 4th UAP

"In practically all the Provinces/Regions it is recognized that we have not found the way forward or changed our life-mission to collaborate in the care of our Common Home in a new and effective manner. The call of the Pope in his encyclicals and interventions is far ahead of our actions. There is a growing desire to do something, but we need to move beyond good intentions. Often, our actions are more cosmetic than genuine ecological conversion that requires profound changes in our lifestyle and work, which we consciously and unconsciously resist. Deepening our intellectual contribution in this field must be accompanied by the promotion of public policies that ensure the fulfilment of the commitments to measures agreed upon to reverse the deterioration of the environment worldwide, including plans to replace fossil fuels as the main source of energy generation, to control environmentally predatory mining, to preserve and grow forests... And it also means reviewing and making decisions about our daily lives, that is, what kind of energy we use in our homes and institutions, how we move around in cities or when we travel abroad, our use of water, cooking, clothing... Becoming authentically contemplative in action will be clearly reflected in this challenge".

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