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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

October, the month of the Rosary, invites us to contemplate with Mary the mysteries of her Son's life to walk with her in faith, humility, and compassion. As I look back at the recent events in our Province, and the many graces we have shared as companions in mission, I am reminded once again that our true joy and fulfilment lie not in achievement or success, but in service and surrender — in living *magis* for God's greater glory.

This month has also been a time of grace and renewal for our Province. The ordinations of eight of our deacons, in Dandeli, Bengaluru and Mangaluru, was a moving reminder of God's fidelity. Each ordination was a celebration of generous hearts responding to the call of Christ. The joy of these new priests, standing at the altar for the first time, filled us with hope for the future of our mission. They are signs that God continues to work through fragile yet faith-filled instruments.

We were also blessed with the final vows of five of our companions at SJBHS Chapel, Bengaluru. Their "Yes" in perpetuity is a powerful witness to the enduring strength of God's call in our Society. These moments of commitment — whether in ordination or in final vows — invite all of us to renew our own dedication to the Lord and His people.

Our recent evaluation of rural institutions of secondary education has shed light on the immense impact these centres have had on young lives in the margins. Yet, it also challenges us to reimagine our rural mission with renewed creativity and greater commitment. The completion of the actual process of RRSJA gives us hope that our collective discernment and planning will lead to more sustainable and transformative apostolates.

One concern that continues to weigh on our hearts is the mental and emotional well-being of our men in midlife. Ministry today is not without its stresses; the expectations, isolation, and pastoral challenges can often feel overwhelming. The *JIVAN* article on suicide among priests was a sobering reminder that we must nurture a culture of care, mutual bonds of friendship within our communities. Let us not be afraid to speak of our struggles, to seek help, and to accompany one another with empathy and tenderness. A listening heart is sometimes the most powerful form of healing.

The Meeting of Major Superiors will be held at the Jesuit Curia in Rome from 17-26 October 2025. The meeting will include every Major Superior of the worldwide Society of Jesus — totalling 78 Provincials, Presidents of Conferences, and Superiors of Regions. A complement of General Counsellors, Secretaries, officials, and Fr General himself will bring the meeting total to 101 participants. Their mission is as simple as it is comprehensive:



- FR DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ

"consider the state, the problems and the initiatives of the universal Society" (GC 34, Decree 23). As the Major Superiors from each Conference meet with each other, they will be bringing their reflections back to the entire group, and to Fr General, to participate in a group discernment that will alter the course of the Society of Jesus. This will be followed by the meeting of the JCSA in Rome from 28-30 October 2025. I will also be visiting our scholastics doing their philosophy in Paris. I request each of you to specially remember the Society in your prayers.

Let us continue to walk together as a Province of hope rooted in simplicity, alive with compassion, and steadfast in mission. For it is in giving that we truly receive, and in loving that we most reflect the heart of Christ.



PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

October 2025

02: Ordination: SJBHS (Bengaluru)
04: Ordination: FRH (Mangaluru)
05-06: Visitation: Asha Kiran (Mangaluru)
07: Installation of the new Bishop of Mysore
09: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)
09: Final Vows: SJBHS (Bengaluru)
11: Provincial leaves for London
17-26: Meeting of Major Superiors: General Curia (Rome)
28-30: JCSA (Rome)

November 2025

03-07: Visitation of scholastics: Paris
10-17: Personal Retreat
18-20: Visitation: Mundgod
22-23: Meeting of LS, DoWs, CCMs: Prerana (B'luru)
24: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)
25: Visitation: SICJ (Trivandrum)
26: Meeting of South Zone Provincials (Trivandrum)
27-28: Cochin
29: Mangalore
30- 02 December: Visitation: VN (Dharwad)

CONGRATULATIONS

To our newly ordained priests **Frs Johnson R, Nishanth Noronha, Noel Dias, Preethesh Vijeth Misquith, Pruthvi Ryanal Rodrigues, Roydon Misquith, Sandeep Gonsalves** and **Sharun Roy D'Souza**. May God bless you and your priestly ministry.

To **Frs Cyril Raj, Norwin Antony Pereira, Josephvaz Sebastian Monteiro, Prashanth Sequeira** and **Santhosh Wilson Walder** on pronouncing your final vows in the Society of Jesus.

To **Fr Selva Rathinam** on receiving the James Massey Subaltern Studies Award for his book *Suffering, Resistance and Freedom*, 2024, ISPCK Book Publishers, India.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

07 Oct. 2025: Installation of the new Bishop of Mysore
09 Oct. 2025: Final Vows: SJBHS (Bengaluru)
17-26 Oct. 2025: Meeting of Major Superiors: General Curia (Rome)
28-30 Oct. 2025: Meeting of the JCSA: General Curia (Rome)
21-23 Oct. 2025: Programme in Midlife Transformation: Prerana (Bengaluru)
24-26 Oct. 2025: Programme in Midlife Transformation: Prerana (Bengaluru)
22-23 Nov. 2025: Meeting of LS, DoWs, CCMs: Prerana (Bengaluru)

Fr Sunil Ranjar has been appointed the Secretary (registrar) of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome by the Rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Fr Mark Lewis, SJ

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWP): OCTOBER 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.



ORDINATIONS – 2025



The Karnataka Jesuit Province joyfully celebrated the ordination of eight Jesuits to the priesthood across three locations, united under the theme, *"Prophets of Hope, Anchored in Faith."* The first ordination took place on 29 September 2025 at St Michael's Convent Primary School, Dandeli, where Fr Noel Dias and Fr Sandeep Gonsalves were ordained by Most Rev. Derek Fernandes, Bishop of Belgaum. The second celebration was held on 02 October 2025 at St Joseph's Boys' High School, Bengaluru, where Fr Johnson R and Fr Roydon Misquith were ordained by Most Rev. Joseph Susainathan, Auxiliary Bishop of Bangalore. The final ordination took place on 04 October 2025 at Divine Mercy Church, Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru, where Fr Nishanth Noronha, Fr Preethesh Vijeth Misquith, Fr Pruthvi Ryanal Rodrigues, and Fr Sharun Roy D'Souza were ordained by Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore.



Each celebration was marked by a solemn Eucharistic

liturgy, inspiring homily, and vibrant gatherings of Jesuits, clergy, religious, and the families of the newly ordained. Fr Dionysius Vaz, SJ, the Provincial, expressed deep gratitude to the bishops, families, and communities involved. The Vidya Niketan community, Loyola Mangalore, Fati-

ma Retreat House community, and Jesuit Nivas community offered generous support in preparing for and coordinating these grace-filled events. Special appreciation was extended to Fr Pratap Chandru-PCF

for his meticulous planning. These ordinations were moments of profound joy, thanksgiving, and hope for the Province, as these eight Jesuits began their priestly ministry in the service of God's people.

- Fr Pratap Chandru

RRSJSA Meeting – Prerana



Prerana hosted a three-day meeting (August 29–31) that brought together about 45 lay collaborators to reflect on "Re-imagining and Renewing the Jesuit Mission in Karnataka." The programme, facilitated by Frs Brian Pereira and Sujay Daniel, integrated prayer, reflection, and structured dialogue in a spirit of discernment and collaboration.

The gathering began with an act of thanksgiving, as participants recalled God's blessings and expressed gratitude for the enduring Jesuit presence in the region. Subsequent reflections centered on contemporary realities - social, political, educational, pastoral, and environmental - seeking to discern how the Jesuit mission might best respond to present challenges and emerging opportunities. Through group discussions and spiritual conversations, the participants identified five mission priorities: (1) Empowering the mar-



ginalized; (2) Promoting Ignatian spirituality; (3) Nurturing youth leadership; (4) Caring for creation; (5) Strengthening vocations through lay formation.

Each ministry group then translated these priorities into SMAART action plans (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Accountable, Relevant, and Time-bound), ensuring clarity, responsibility, and practical feasibility. Beyond strategic planning, the meeting also fostered deeper bonds of friendship and collaboration between Jesuits and their lay partners, reinforcing their shared responsibility for the mission.

The three-day programme concluded with a profound sense of gratitude, renewed hope, and a strengthened commitment to the Jesuit mission.

- Fr Sujay Daniel

ARRUPE NIVAS, Bengaluru



The second annual convocation ceremony of St Joseph's University was graced by the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, as the chief guest. Distinguished dignitaries present included Dr M. C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, and Prof. Dr Jarugu Narasimha Moorthy, Director of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Astrophysics Association of SJU organized a lunar eclipse viewing event, which drew around 70 participants comprising students, parents, and staff. Prior intimation to St Joseph's PU College and St Joseph's CBSE School resulted in enthusiastic participation. Representatives from Fordham University also visited SJU to explore collaborative possibilities between the two universities' Schools of Business. Moreover, SJU formalized a partnership with the Karnataka Skill Development Authority (KSDA) to foster opportunities for student internships, apprenticeships, academic research, rural skill development, and community engagement.

Several noteworthy events took place at SJU. The NSS organized a Health Awareness Camp to highlight challenges faced by visually impaired individuals and led a plantation drive at Hegunda to promote environmental sustainability. Under the University's UAP initiative, an outreach

programme involving the planting of medicinal plants at Mount St Joseph—facilitated by Fr Cyril D'Mello—was conducted as part of the "Caring for Our Common Home" campaign. The university also released an awareness video to mark World Suicide Prevention Day.

Fr Victor Lobo represented India as a Peace Ambassador at the World Peace Summit 2025 in Seoul, South Korea, where he engaged in meaningful discussions with Fr Seil Oh, SJ, Vice-President for International Affairs at Sogang University; Fr Luke Sim, SJ, President of the University; and Mr Kim, President of the Alumni Association. Dr Christo Selvan, Dean of the School of Business, was honoured with two awards from the Friendship Forum in New Delhi for his efforts in fostering Indian and international goodwill. Dr Regina Mathias, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Christo Selvan also held collaborative discussions with representatives from the University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom.

The Jesuit community of Arrupe Nivas made a pilgrimage to St Mary's Basilica to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity. The students of St Joseph's Gents Hostel joyfully came together for "Onam Nallanam," celebrating Kerala's rich cultural heritage in a spirit of fraternity.

- Fr Aravind Royce

ASHIRVAD, Bengaluru



In early September, Ashirvad hosted a two-day meeting for 38 young priests of the Province, coordinated by Fr Arun Kumar. The Feast of the Nativity was celebrated with a community Eucharist followed by a festive meal shared with our students, co-workers, and well-wishers. Fr Amal Bosco (MDU) and Sch. Akilan Emmanuel (MDU) returned after completing their month-long classes in Meghalaya. Fr Arul Anthony attended the annual JESCOM meeting in Calicut on September 11. Frs Arun Luis and Anup Minj participated in a diocesan-level meeting on migrant training held at the Archbishop's House. Fr Arun Luis attended the priestly ordination of Fr Abhilash of Montfort - the first-ever ordination at Pannur Parish.

The Centre for Social Concern (CSC) also marked the Feast of the Nativity with a special lunch for 21 volunteers and students from the Spandana Study Centres, generously sponsored by our benefactor,

Mr Anand Rego. Frs Arul Anthony and Anup Minj (MAP) took part in the annual MAIN meeting at ISI on September 9. The social work coordinators from Hanagal participated in a training session conducted by Fr Arun Luis.

The All-Adivasi Association, Jigani, in collaboration with Ashirvad and MAIN, celebrated the Karam Festival on September 21 at the St Joseph's University campus. The event, organized by Fr Anup Minj and the CSC staff, brought together over 1,100 Adivasi migrants and students.

The JESCOL-I programme for the staff at Kalaburagi, Hanagal, Manvi, and Vijayapura was coordinated by Frs Brian Pereira and Arul Anthony under the auspices of the Ashirvad Centre for Human Resource Development.

- Fr Elvis C Lewis

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru



The Feast of the Nativity was marked with three solemn Eucharistic celebrations, presided over by Frs Leston Lobo, Henry Saldanha, and Joseph Rodrigues. Fr Frederick D'Silva conducted sessions, at Prerana, Bengaluru, for Major Superiors on Religious Governance, followed by a retreat for the Ruby and Golden Jubilarians. Together with Fr. Edward Rodrigues, he also facilitated JESCOL sessions at FRH for 70 Jesuit collaborators from St. Aloysius Institutions, coordinated by Fr. Brian Pereira.

Fr Edward guided the annual retreat of the Charles Borromeo Sisters in Bhadravathi and also the retreat of the Karnataka Jesuits at Fatima Retreat House. He also led sessions on "Cooperation and Team Spirit" for the A.C. Sisters engaged in education and addressed parents at Carmel School, Moodbidri.

A major highlight at FRH was the priestly ordination on October 4 of four Jesuit deacons - Sharun D'Souza, Nishanth Noronha, Preethesh Misquith,

and Pruthvi Rodrigues -conferred by Most Rev. Dr. Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore. The deacons were spiritually prepared through a triduum directed by Fr Pradeep Sequeira. Fr Ajay D'Silva, besides making his own annual retreat at Asha Kiran, conducted retreats for Carmelite (OCD) deacons and a group of religious sisters.

Frs Tom D'Souza and Pradeep Sequeira were briefly hospitalized due to age-related ailments but have since recovered. Fr Boniface Lewis (KHM) spent a few weeks at FRH attending to health concerns before returning to the Region. The community also rejoiced in celebrating Fr Oswald Mascarenhas' birthday.

FRH was represented by Frs Ivan Mendonca and Francis D'Almeida at the ordination of two Jesuit deacons in Dandeli. Meanwhile, Fr Joseph Monteiro undertook a short pilgrimage with family members to Vailankanni and other centres of devotion.

- Fr Edward Rodrigues

HOMBELAKU, Manvi



The Pannur Parish celebrated a joyous and historic occasion on September 18 with the ordination of Dn. Abhilash as a Montfort Priest—the first ordination in the parish's history. Dn. Abhilash, son of Smt. Mariamma and Sri. Mariappa, was ordained on his native soil by Bishop Henry D'Souza of Bellary.

Fr Provincial Dionysius Vaz arrived here on September 10 for the annual visitation. During his stay, he celebrated Mass and delivered his *memoriale* talk before returning to Bengaluru. The Manvi Mission also hosted five batches of students from St Joseph's University, each group spending three days with the community.

A two-day JESCOL session was held for 43 new teachers across the Loyola Institutions, conducted by Frs Brian Pereira, Anthony Arul, and Mr. Prashanth. Contributing to international scholar-

ship, Fr Vinod Paul presented a paper on "Digital Payments for Distressed Migrants in Manvi" at a conference organized by Kristu Jayanti University.

The staff of Loyola PU and Degree College began the month on a high note by securing a decisive victory in an open cricket tournament. The success continued as the Loyola PU basketball and kabaddi teams qualified for the State level, while the Loyola School basketball team advanced to the Division level.

Arupe Hall hosted 300 participants for a prize distribution ceremony honoring Government Teachers, graced by the presence of Sri N. S. Boseraj, Minister of Karnataka, and Sri Hampaiah Nayak, MLA, Manvi. The month concluded on September 17 with a spirited celebration of Kalyana Karnataka Rajyotsava.

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

INIGO SADAN, Bengaluru



Our pilgrimage to the shrine of Poojya Rajendra Swamy was a deeply spiritual experience, made even more delightful by the gracious hospitality of the Shrine community. The scholastics spent a day at Solur, engaging in faith-sharing sessions and building bonds of fellowship.

The newly recruited staff participated in informa-

tive sessions on the KJES Service Rules, POCISO, and Safeguarding Protocols. After completing the semester examinations, the staff enjoyed a refreshing short vacation to the Andaman Islands.

The NCC Air Wing cadets of St Joseph's Indian High School underwent a ten-day intensive training program at Jalahalli Air Force Station.

At St Joseph's Indian Composite PU College, notable events included Ankura, the inter-class cultural fest; a motivational talk by hockey legend Mr Moritz Fürste; a health talk by Dr Mohammed Uwais Khan (Batch of 2018); and a career guidance session by Mr John Jacob.

The highlights at St Joseph's School (CBSE) were equally impressive: a session on the lunar eclipse conducted by students from St Joseph's University; the Annual Sports Meet, inaugurated by Mr Avinash Vaidya; the British Council Award in recognition of the school's International Dimension; and a training session for the staff on Artificial

Intelligence and Communicative English.

At St Joseph's Skill Academy, the Student Council Elections were followed by the Investiture Ceremony. Students attended enriching seminars organized by Schneider Electric and Nightingales Medical Trust, focusing on Soft Skills and Dementia Care. The administration and staff took part in sessions on POSH and POCSO, respectively. Additionally, several staff members attended the ICRDCE Conference in Chennai, which focused on evaluating Community Colleges and Skill Development Centres across India.

- Sch. Denver A Pushpam

JESUIT NIVAS, Bengaluru



A day of recollection and a pilgrimage to St Mary's Basilica prepared our community for the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity on September 8, which concluded with a festive meal shared with our support staff. We were privileged to welcome Fr Christie, General Delegate for Higher Education, who guided us through a process of discernment on the prospect of SJCC applying for "Deemed-to-be University" status. The Provincial's visitation was another moment of grace, inviting each of us—individually and as a community—to reflect on our life and ministry and to gain clarity and direction for the future. The month concluded on a joyful note with the priestly ordination of two Karnataka Jesuit deacons, Roydon Misquith and Johnson R, held on October 2 at the SJBHS Chapel, filling the community with gratitude and satisfaction.

At SJCL, the first-year LLB students began the month with an orientation session on September 1, introducing them to the nuances of legal education. The month featured documentary screenings on legal issues, intra-college debates, and moot court exercises. The batch also engaged in meaningful outreach activities at the Anekal Brick Factory and the Blessed Clare Special School. The Legal Aid Cell conducted a POCSO awareness session for over 620 students at St Mary's

School, Bengaluru. The month concluded with an interreligious prayer session commemorating Mahatma Gandhi, reaffirming the institution's commitment to value-based education and social responsibility.

Community-oriented initiatives at SJCC included a seminar on Financial Administration for priests and religious at NBCLC. The SJCC Student Council organized training sessions for student council members of St Joseph's College, Hassan, Loyola College, Bannerghatta, and Loyola College, Manvi. Teachers' Day was celebrated jointly by the Student Council and Alumni Association, while the second edition of TEDxSJCC showcased an inspiring lineup of speakers.

At SJIM, several landmark events and academic initiatives marked the month. The AIMS Regional Conference on "Emerging Trends in AI" was held on September 18, followed by the first-ever TEDxSJIM on September 20, centered on the theme "Reinventing the Status Quo." The institute continues to make significant progress toward achieving the prestigious AACSB accreditation. Complementing these milestones, a four-day hands-on course on Generative AI for Marketing was organized for second-year students.

- Fr Shanthraj A

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



The Feast of the Nativity was celebrated with great joy and devotion. Most of the Navasadhana pre-novices spent a day with their families, while others made a pilgrimage to St Mary's Basilica. The Jesuits of the JJ community celebrated the feast on September 12 with the traditional vegetarian meal. The monthly recollection (September 20-21) was guided by Fr Paul Aanand.

The CIRW, in collaboration with Jnana Jyothi, St Joseph's PU College, Anekal, and the Lions Club, Bangalore, organized a Mega Health Camp that benefitted more than 800 people, including students, parents, and migrant workers. CIRW also hosted 65 first-year LLB students from St Joseph's College of Law for their outreach program at the Anekal brick factory.

The staff and students of St Joseph's School actively participated in the twinning programme with St Joseph's Boys' High School, gaining valuable insights from each other's teaching and learning experiences. The PTA meeting organized by St Joseph's P.U. College featured Mr. Chandrashekhar

P as the resource person. The college also conducted separate health awareness sessions for boys and girls. Teachers' Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm.

- Sch. Macwin D'Souza

JOSEPH NIVAS, Hassan



The two-day JESCOL-1 seminar, facilitated by Fr Brian Pereira and Mr Prashanth, was held in Hassan for 39 faculty members from St Joseph's Institutions. The Kannada Sangha paid tribute to three legendary women freedom fighters—Kittur Rani Chennamma, Rani Abbakka Devi, and Devi Ahilyabai Holkar—by inviting Ms HG Kanchanamala, a septuagenarian activist and environmentalist, to speak on the occasion.

Teachers' Day was celebrated at St Joseph's English Medium School, where PTA members joined students in felicitating each member of the staff. Our teachers also visited a reputed CBSE school to observe and learn innovative teaching methods. Students and staff came together for a half-day Shramdhan in respectful memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Graduation Day for the BBA and BCom batches of 2022–25 marked the successful completion of the degree program for 130 students. Dr Alwyn Vincent D'Sa, Registrar of St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru, delivered the convocation address. On the same occasion, a textbook titled "Indian Political Thought", authored by Fr Maxim Dias and Dr Mangesh Kumar, was released. The management students of SJCC, Bengaluru, visited our campus at our invitation to train our students for participation in competitive contests. A few students from Loyola College, Manvi, and St Joseph's College, Chikmagalur, also took part in the event.

As part of the Youth for Democracy initiative at St Joseph's College, Dharwad, Fr Maxim Dias addressed students at Presentation PU College, Kittle College, and CSI Degree College in Dharwad, as well as HKS College in Hassan, on topics such as the Indian Constitution, youth, and democracy.

Our U-14 girls' football team achieved a historic milestone by finishing as runners-up - for the first time ever - at the district-level tournament, with six players selected for the division-level team.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

LOYOLA MANDIR, Bengaluru



During his week-long visit to Belgaum, Fr Royston Pinto preached a recollection for the clergy on "Priesthood Today." Fr Arun Kumar participated in the Socii meeting held at XIM University, Bhubaneswar. On his way to Xavier Sadan, Mysore, where he was scheduled to give a retreat, Fr Lumnesh Kumar, a tertian, made a brief stop at Loyola Mandir.

(KHM) returned to the Region.

Fr Pradeep R.S. conducted a session, at Prerana, for the diamond and ruby jubilarians on "Colourful Paths of Gratitude." After recovering from their ailments, Frs Boniface Lewis and Gerald D'Souza

The Loyola Mandir community members attended the priestly ordinations of Dns. Noel Dias and Sandeep Gonsalves at Dandeli on Sept 29, and of Dns. Johnson R. and Roydon Misquith at SJBHS on Oct 02. In addition, Frs Jason Furtado and Royston Pinto led a one-day session for the Superiors at the CSST Generalate, Bengaluru, on "Temporal Goods of the Church and Civil Implications."

- Fr Royston Pinto

LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE, Mangaluru



The storm of mid-term exams that had swept through the pre-novitiate - like every other storm - finally passed, giving way to the long-awaited Community Days 2025! The pre-novices spent three unforgettable days filled with fun, fraternity, and food. Their celebrations began with a marathon to Ashakiran, where they shared breakfast

and joyful conversations with their elder Jesuit brothers. This was followed by a ferry ride along the serene coastal waters of Karnataka, and a spirited kabaddi match on the beach, which soon gave way to friendly games of cricket and football. When the festivities concluded, the pre-novices returned home for their holidays. Their parents,

seeing their sons' transformation with astonished delight, seemed to exclaim silently, "Is this really my son?" Meanwhile, Loyola stood unusually quiet—its corridors missing the laughter and liveliness of the pre-novices.

Fr Leston's ministry extends beyond guiding the pre-novices. He recently preached recollections for the novices of the Ursuline and Apostolic Carmel congregations, and even stepped in to officiate at Allipade parish during the parish priest's brief

absence. Regent Rudolf, alongside his regular duties, has been actively conducting orientation sessions for the freshers at St Aloysius ITI.

At present, the entire pre-novitiate community is busy preparing for the Ordinations at FRH scheduled for October 4, with a hopeful expectation that their dedicated efforts might earn them the treat promised by the ordinandi!

- Sch. Rudolf Dhiraj D'Souza

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi

The month of September was marked by several significant activities. A PTA meeting was held on September 4 for the parents of PU students.



Teachers' Day was celebrated with heartfelt expressions of gratitude from the students through songs and skits. On September 17, we observed the Hyderabad-Kalyana Karnataka Liberation Day with due reverence. The staff also benefited from a two-day JESCOL training session (Module 1) on lay collaboration, conducted by Frs Brian



Pereira, Anthony Arul, and Mr. Prashanth.

At St Xavier's English Medium School, in addition to the regular academic programmes, the pre-primary children enjoyed engaging activities such as clay modelling and straw flower printing. We are grateful to BJES and SJCC for the installation of a 10 KV inverter, which now ensures uninterrupted power supply on campus. Our PU students excelled at the district-level competitions, with five boys and five girls qualifying for the State Level. At the school level, the under-14 girls' teams have also been selected for the division-level football and basketball tournaments.

Thanks to the persevering efforts of Fr Anand Prabhu, we have now obtained the Occupancy Certificate and Layout Plan for the St Xavier's campus.

- Fr Joseph Jerald A

MAITRI SADHANA, Vijayapura

The teachers of Loyola School CBSE, Sindagi, participated in the JESCOL-1 programme held in Bijapur. The school observed *Swachhata Hi Seva* (September 17 to October 2), during which both students and teachers actively promoted cleanliness, planted saplings, and campaigned to reduce plastic use. Other significant events, such as *Hindi Diwas* and *Teachers' Day*, were also celebrated with great enthusiasm.

The Centre for Non-Formal Education (CNFE), besides facilitating programmes on community empowerment, awareness building, and sustainability, organized a session on Labour Law conducted by Advocate Sri Dhanesh Awati, and another on e-Khata and Property Deeds led by Ms Meenaxi Chury (FDC, Karnataka Slum Development Board, Vijayapura). Other CNFE initiatives included a training session for new Self-Help Group members, an IPP orientation for the staff



by Fr John Thomas, a session on youth entrepreneurship by Mr Shaun, team-building exercises by Fr Suman Balu, and an introduction to social analysis by Fr Kiran Sequeira.

The CNFE's Pragati Skill Training Centre produced eco-friendly cotton bags, promoting both livelihood generation and environmental responsibility. Students from Azim Premji University visited CNFE to gain exposure to community development methods and field activities. CNFE also conducted a training programme on Child Protection and the POCSO Act.

Loyola English Medium School, in collaboration with local government health officers, organized an Anti-Anaemia Drive to raise awareness among students and staff. *Hindi Diwas* was observed on September 14. JESCOL-I was conducted for the new staff of Loyola PU College under the

leadership of Fr Brian Pereira. Two staff members attended a week-long training programme on Scouts and Guides at Doddaballapur. A one-day Staff Development Programme on teamwork,

held at a nearby farmhouse, further strengthened the spirit of collaboration among the staff.

- Fr John Thomas

MOUNT ST JOSEPH, Bengaluru



Our co-workers joined us in celebrating the Feast of the Nativity with a traditional vegetarian meal served on plantain leaves. The Provincial's Annual Visitation was a true blessing, reaffirming our companionship and commitment to the Mission. Our ever-busy house minister, Fr Prakash D'Souza, now enjoys a comfortable space to sit and savour the serenity of his newly blessed office, inaugurated by Fr Mariaraj. The community also had an engaging and informative tea-time interaction with our collaborators at Loyola English Medium School.

The Novice Masters of the South Asian Conference held their annual meeting at Prerana. The novices had the privilege of participating in a special Mass celebrated for them by the Novice Masters. They also benefitted from a week-long course on Ignatian Discernment by Fr William Sequeira, an inspiring session by Fr Arun Prakash D'Souza (JPN) sharing his experiences as a Jesuit in Japan, and a practical workshop on first aid and elderly care conducted by Sr Laisa, SSpS.

At LCPUC, Teachers' Day was joyfully commemorated with an entertainment programme organized by the student council. Loyola ITI achieved a remarkable 100% result in the All-India Trade Test held in August 2025 under NCVT. The Institute has also received NIOS accreditation for five years (2025–2030), enabling students to pursue academic studies alongside their vocational training. The Government has provided 35 toolkits to economically weaker SC/ST students to support their skill development. Additionally, Loyola ITI partnered with the Bangalore City Police to raise awareness about the law, the POC-SO Act, cyber safety, and drug abuse prevention.

Our college girls secured second place in the district-level athletics and Kho-Kho competitions and have qualified for the state-level contests. Students also participated enthusiastically in a two-day inter-class festival, KALOTSAVA, showcasing their talents in singing, dancing, painting, cooking without fire, model making, and more.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Harihar



We are delighted to announce that St Aloysius International School, Harihar, has received formal approval from the CBSE, New Delhi, effective from the upcoming academic year.

St Aloysius International School (KG Section) joyfully celebrated Grandparents' Day, filling the occasion with warmth and gratitude as grandparents were honored and appreciated. In the taluk-level sports competitions, students from both the School and the PUC sections brought pride to the institution by winning several coveted awards. Prerana N. B. (II PU Arts) was declared the Individual Champion, and our PUC team secured the Overall Championship for the 12th consecutive year—a remarkable achievement indeed. Teachers' Day was celebrated on September 6 with

fitting grandeur, expressing deep appreciation for the dedication and service of our teachers.

The Jesuits of Harihar took part in the annual feast of the Nativity at the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health, joining in the spiritual celebrations with great devotion. Fr Melwin Pinto, Rector of St Aloysius Institutions, visited our school and addressed parents on pertinent issues concerning children's education and holistic development.

On September 30, we fondly bid farewell to Bishop Francis Serrao, SJ, of the Diocese of Shimoga, and wished him God's blessings as he assumes his new pastoral ministry as the Bishop of Mysore.

- Fr John Baptist C

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



The community joyfully celebrated *Monti Fest* with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration, followed by the traditional *Novem* meal. Adding to the festive spirit, the Asthitva group staged the Konkani play *Bangar Munis* at the University Hall, earning enthusiastic applause from the Jesuits in

attendance.

This month's community meeting was hosted at St Aloysius Higher Primary School, offering the Jesuits a pleasant opportunity to interact with the staff over a friendly cup of tea. At St Aloysius PUC,

Fr Cyprian Tellis conducted a session on the Province's Safeguarding Policy. Meanwhile, at the High School, Fr Johnson Pinto and his team made headlines when art teacher Mr John Chandran's caricature of Mahatma Gandhi was selected for an international exhibition in Bengaluru. The school also hosted the launch of the Dakshina Kannada Artists' Sammelan logo—an event facilitated by Fr Melwin J. Pinto, Rector. As if that weren't enough, Fr Johnson was also deeply involved in the State-level Economic and Educational Survey—a truly noteworthy achievement!

Campus life remained vibrant with cultural events such as *Karam*, celebrated by the Chotanagpur community, and a lively get-together of the North East community at Kaudur. The University itself, beyond its academic pursuits, hosted the grand Aloysian Fest, which drew over 2,500 undergraduate students—a roaring success by all accounts. Vice-Chancellor Fr Praveen Martis received the prestigious Chanakya Award 2025 for Leadership Excellence in Panjim, Goa. The same organization also recognized world-record dancer

Remona Evette Pereira with the Kautilya Award 2025 for Fine Arts Excellence (Dance). Meanwhile, Ms Nishali Umesh, a second-year MA student, was crowned "Miss India 2025" at the DK Pageant held in Delhi.

At Gonzaga School, Fr Derick Anthony presided over the Eucharistic celebration on the Nativity Feast. Under the leadership of Principal Fr Rohan D'Almeida, Teachers' Day became especially memorable with the presence of Padma Shri awardee Harekala Hajabba and Fr Henry



Saldanha. In addition, 31 teachers participated in the JESCOL-1 Seminar held at Fatima Retreat House.
- Fr William M Rodrigues

SWAMY RAJENDARA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



This year's Teachers' Day celebration was made special by the presence of representatives from the SJBHS batches of 1977 and 1978. The Students' Council added to the joy of the occasion by organizing fun games for the teachers.

Our students brought pride to the school by earning accolades at the district-level tournaments in chess and judo. Additionally, several students showcased their talent at the taluk-level badminton tournament.
- Sch. Agil Roy J

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



We, the ten scholastics of Vidya Niketan, Dharwad, spent a few days in Harihar for prayer, shared reflection, and service—an experience that deepened our sense of community and commitment to service. We also had the joy of hosting the KJES youth gathering at Vidya Niketan, an occasion of mutual enrichment that also prepared us, in many ways, for the upcoming Magis programme.

It was a pleasure for us to host the students of the Kannada Department from St Aloysius University during their cultural tour to Dharwad, accompanied by two of their teachers and guided by Sch. Harrison. As a community, we also had the privilege of attending, along with Frs Pradeep and Dheeraj, the priestly ordinations of Dns Noel Dias and Sandeep Gonsalves at Dandeli.

- Sch. Amith Anthony

XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE, Belagavi



We began the month of September with a day of recollection led by Fr Anthony Tribhuvan.

During the month, we were introduced to *The Chosen* series and have already completed Season 1. This visual experience has deeply enriched our prayer life, allowing us to enter more vividly into the Gospel scenes.

On September 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Canossian Sisters from our neigh-

borhood invited us to their convent for a fellowship meal. The gathering was a joyful occasion that strengthened our bonds of friendship and community.

We are grateful to Fr John Fernandes who conducted a few sessions on the POCSO Act (2012), enlightening us on the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults from sexual offences.

- Nov. Lester Saldanha

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



Monti Fest and Onam were celebrated in our community on September 5 with a festive Mass presided over by Fr Dixon D'Souza, SVD, followed by a traditional vegetarian meal served on banana leaves.

In solidarity with the people of Palestine, we observed a Mission Awareness Week focusing on

themes like the Jesuit spirit of faith, justice and dialogue in today's sociopolitical realities. Activists from the BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement delivered talks that offered insight into the historical context and the current humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

- Sch. Harish Kumar

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



The annual visitation of Satya Nilayam (September 4–6) by Fr Stany D'Souza, POSA, and Fr Somy Mathew, CSIF, was a time for deep reflection on our life, formation, and mission.

The community joyfully celebrated the Feast of the Nativity on September 8 at the Annai Velankanni Shrine. Later that day, the Karnataka Jesuits joined the Kanara Catholic Association for a get-together and celebration of "Monthi Fest," marked by traditional delicacies. The celebrations of Onam

(September 20) and Karam (September 26) further enriched our appreciation of cultural diversity within the community.

Amid these festivities, the second-year philosophers undertook an exposure trip to Mazhai Malai Madha Shrine on September 10, guided by Fr Lawrence Fernandes, renowned for his course on "Popular Religiosity."

- Sch. Anvil Mascarenhas

SHEMBAGANUR, Tamil Nadu



Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, wore a quiet and deserted look as the tertians set out on their month-long Ignatian experiment. Fr Lumnesh S Kumar spent his period of experiment at *Anbu Illam* in Salem, a home for the mentally and physically differently abled, run by the Missionaries of Charity Brothers. Meanwhile, Fr Jeevan Gomes was placed with the Little Sisters of the Poor on Hosur Road, Bengaluru. The experience proved deeply enriching and grace-filled, as both priests spent their days serving and interacting with the residents. Sharing in their simple joys and daily struggles nurtured in them a profound

sense of empathy and compassion.

During this period, Fr Lumnesh also preached a five-day retreat for the Franciscan Missionary Brothers at Xavier Sadan, Mysore, while Fr Jeevan led a retreat for a group of sisters at Dhyanaashrama, Bengaluru.

Now back at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, both have returned refreshed and renewed to complete the final phase of their Tertianship.

- Fr Jeevan Gomes

VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi



Fr Joseph Lobo and Fr Shantharaj Thomas enriched our first- and second-year theology students, respectively, with their insightful lectures. At the same time, Fr Anil D'Almeida offered similar guidance to the students of Tarunoday, Ranchi.

A highlight of the month was the vibrant debate organized by VJ, where Sch. Elson Lobo and Sch. Cannon Fernandes participated with enthusiasm. Cannon distinguished himself as the

Best Speaker, earning well-deserved recognition. The celebration of *Monti Fest* - both within the College and in collaboration with the Kanara Cultural Association, Delhi - was a joyful and meaningful expression of our rich cultural heritage. We were also delighted by the brief yet heart-warming visit of Frs Vincent Jaison, George Pinto, Roshan Pereira, and Kevin Sequeira, whose presence brought much joy to our community.

- Sch. Royster Monis



VINAYALAYA, Mumbai



August concluded with an insightful course on “Psycho-Spiritual Integration” conducted by Fr Dudley Mendonca (BOM), which helped us explore and heal our past wounds. In September, three of our brothers visited St Pius X Seminary to share their experiences from the novitiate’s begging and mission experiments with the seminarians.



We also participated in a course on “Critical Thinking and Inquiry” by Fr Jeevan Mendonca (BOM), who guided us in sharpening our reasoning and analytical skills.

Our formators attended the JCSA Juniorate Staff Meeting held at Thiruvananthapuram Juniorate. Around the same time, we had another enriching course on “Art Appreciation and Inscape” led by Fr Wendell D’Cruz (BOM). Through his sessions, we gained an understanding of the history of art and learned to discover our inner selves through artistic expression. We also made a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount, Bandra, a deeply spiritual and uplifting experience for all of us.

- Sch. Anish

ST PETER FABER, Paris



The two-month summer period offered many opportunities for service, pilgrimage, and discovery. Schs. Noel, Steve, and Joyal had the privilege of taking part in the Jubilee of Youth in Rome and of accompanying young people on a pilgrimage to some of the city’s most significant churches. We also volunteered in ministries that enabled us to serve and connect with people from low-income backgrounds.

Sch. Anson and Sch. Joyal have successfully

adapted to our new environment. We first completed an intensive month-long French language course in Paris, followed by another month at the Alliance Française in Lyon.

The academic year is now in full swing at the Loyola Faculties in Paris, beginning with an introduction to various schools of philosophy. Our community brings together members from ten different nationalities, united by the same Ignatian spirit.

- Sch. Joyal DSa

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Br Christuraj Arpudasamy, SJ, (CCU), 68/43, on 21 September 2025, in Kolkata.

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