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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

The Jesuits and human rights defenders all over are in grief at the brutal murder of the prophet of our times, Fr Stan Swamy. His death is the result of a systemic abuse of majoritarian authority and disregard for the rule of law. He is now a martyr and continues to evoke the consciences of people and we continue to sing in chorus the dirge of the caged bird by way of articles, stories, songs, poetry, candle light processions, memorials, campaigns, etc.

A question that stirs my inner being after Stan's death is: where did this man get his energy from? As a human being he loved the Adivasis and the Dalits; as an Indian he loved the Indian Constitution and stood up for Constitutional and democratic values; as a Jesuit and a priest, he stood for gospel values and was captivated by the vision and mission of his Master, Jesus Christ.

As a province, how can we continue the legacy of Stan? We need to become organic intellectuals like Stan wherever we are and whatever we do and never forget the Rights Based approach. Can we initiate reflective processes about human rights and its violations among different groups like our students, the youth, grass root workers, labourers, adivasis, Dalits and begin people's movements.

The second wave of Covid has waned down for the moment. I want to thank the Disaster Management Committee for the excellent coordination and relief work in reaching out to those in distress by way of food relief, medical relief and psychological support when the wave was at its peak. Most important, it has helped us to collaborate and network with government agencies and other NGOs.

Amid failure and grief of both these events, there is always compassion and the unbending glory of the human spirit. What will define us as human beings in this particular time is how we confront this moment and still come out strong.

The feast of our founder is round the corner and let me wish you a very happy feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. May he continue to inspire us to a greater conversion that will help us "to see all things new in Christ."



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Melwyn Sunny Pinto: Consultor of Karnataka Province.

APPOINTED BY POSA

Fr Jason Furtado: Revisor of ISI, Bengaluru and Satya Nilayam, Chennai.

APPOINTED/ ASSIGNED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Kharluni Gabriel (KHM): Consultor of Kohima Region.

Fr Kiran Cotha: Teaching, Loyola Degree College, Manvi

Fr Vinod Paul: Teaching in Loyola Yomiuri PU College; St Ann's Church, Vijayapura.

Sch Cannon Fernandes: MSc in Zoology, Christ University, Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru.

JUNIORATE

Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum: Schs Abraham Clinton, Anson Alex, Mathew Nicolas D'Souza, Sohan Jeasal Fernandes and Saul Abhishek.

Vinayalaya, Mumbai: Schs Joel Dias and B Steven Joseph.

DIACONATE MINISTRY

Dn Jason Martis: St Philip Neri Church, Basrur / SAC, Mangaluru.

Dn Anush D'Cunha: St Francis Xavier's Church, Bejai / SAC, Mangaluru.

Dn Vincent Jaison: Our Lady of Health Shrine, Harihar / SAC, Harihar.

Dn Yesunath Karlekar: St Francis Xavier Church, Kable / FRH, Mangaluru.

Dn Pradeep RS: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ulsoor / Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Schs A Abraham Clinton, A Anson Alex, B Steven Joseph, Joel Dias, Mathew N D'Souza, Saul Abhishek and Sohan J Fernandes on pronouncing their **First Vows**.

Thank you **Fr Jerald D'Souza**, for all that you have been to Karnataka Province as the Consultor of the Province. Congratulations, **Fr Melwyn Sunny Pinto**, on your appointment as Consultor of the Province.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

July 2021

To 01: St Joseph's Institutions, Hassan
06-09: Visit to SAC, FRH, Loyola, Asha Kiran, Mangaluru
13-14: Visit to the homes of Novices
16-17: Meeting of LS & CCMs: Ashirvad, Bengaluru
18: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru
19: Course in Financial Administration: Ashirvad
20-27: Personal Retreat
28: Meeting Tertiars
31: Mass: SJBHS

August 2021

02-03: Loyola Sadan, Kalaburagi
09-13: Course in Financial Administration: Ashirvad
14: AGM: ISI, Bengaluru
15: Province Consult: LM
16-18: Course for New Superiors: Ashirvad
20: AGM, AJECS (Anekal)
23: AGM, NKJECS (Mundgod)
24: AGM, BJECS (Bijapur)
25: AGM, CNFCE (Manvi)
28-31: Visitation: Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru

EVENTS

July

16-17: Meeting of LS & CCMs: Ashirvad
19-23: Course on Financial Administration for Treasurers, Finance Officers & Tertiars

August

9-13: Course on Financial Administration for DoWs: Ashirvad
16-18: Course for New Superiors: Ashirvad

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ordinations of our deacons will be on 2 October in Bengaluru and on 8 October in Mangaluru.

New Email ID: The official email ID of the Superior (Fr Joseph D'Souza), Hassan - <hassansup2021@gmail.com>

Karnataka Province History in your pocket!

With the idea of making the history of Karnataka Province easily accessible and available to each member of the province, a web blog has been created. It is a user-friendly blog with the possibility of a search button. This initiative will help you get the answers when doubts or questions arise during your community recreations. A good amount of quiz-related material is also available. More material will be added in the coming days including on the North Karnataka Missions. Your suggestions or corrections are welcome. Please log onto www.jesuitarchives.blogspot.com

Know your province, know your strength!

Thanks to Fr Olvin Veigas for taking the trouble to make the history of the Karnataka Province easily accessible digitally to all of us.

INAUGURATION OF THE IGNATIAN YEAR



Ignatian Year (2021-2022) was inaugurated with a thanksgiving Eucharist in all the Jesuit communities of the province, and also with a short online prayer service via Zoom for the Jesuits and the collaborators on May 20. The prayer service began with the theme song composed by Fr Sujay Daniel. After the opening prayer by the Ignatian Year Coordinator, Fr John Pradeep, a meditative reading of excerpts from Fr General's letter was done by Fr Prashanth D'Souza. Fr Jossie Lobo in his inaugural talk gave a clarion call "to get into introspective awareness at the three levels: personal, collective and institutional." The significance of the Ignatian Year was highlighted by Fr Jossie D'Mello through a video presentation. The provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, in his inaugural message

said: "In remembering St Ignatius of Loyola and his conversion we find encouragement. Covid-19 is giving us an opportunity to come together as one Ignatian family, to work together, to learn together, to pray together and to grow together. Like Ignatius, let us transform our crisis into opportunities, our cannonball moments into moments of grace". The closing prayer was led by Fr Merwyn Fernandes. – Fr John Pradeep



ASHIRVAD



Ashirvad has recommenced the Inter Religious Harmony Meetings (IRHM) which were suspended due to Covid. The Bahá'í Faith - A new path of hope and unity group, conducted a programme in June. Fr Arun Luis who is the Province Development Director (PDD) attended a two day online meeting of the PDDs of JCSA. He substituted Fr Jerald D'Souza in an online meeting of SJES. Currently he is part of the Slum Development Committee at ISI Bengaluru, which is closely linked with migration issues. Fr Joseph Lobo is busy in organizing JESCOL advanced level programmes through the newly begun Human Resource Development Centre. Meanwhile he has been busy

with his online classes on religious topics. He gave an inspiring online talk at the Inter Diocesan IRHM meeting held at KROSS, Cox Town. As the Education Secretary, Fr Eugene Lobo participated in the online National Educational Secretaries Meeting to share the problems, struggles and anxieties of those in Education. Ashirvad was the host for the first-year theologians as they had to spend some time in quarantine after their hard work during the Covid relief work. The would-be novices of Karnataka Province joining the Novitiate in Belgaum were with us for a meal as they were on their way to Belgaum. – Fr Eugene Lobo

ANEKAL



After a two-month hiatus of scholastics' absence, Jnana Jyothi community is back to business as usual. The community is brimming with numbers as the Pune and Chennai bound scholastics could not proceed to their destinations owing to the pandemic. Frs Francis Noronha and Prashanth Sequeira have joined the community and are

busy acquainting themselves with the works of the mission. Fr Wilson Bennis is with us helping the province archivist in documenting the history of the Anekal mission. Six first year theologians who were actively involved in St Joseph's Covid Care Centre, Bengaluru, have joined the community. The third year theologians were happy to

return to Jnana Jyothi after their Pre-Ordination Programme at Shembaganur.

The whole community was involved in the packing and distribution of the ration kits in collaboration with the Province Disaster Management Committee, BJES and CIRW. Help was extended to the migrants, ASHA workers, rag-pickers, brick-making factory workers and others, numbering about 2,800 families. Also, a Covid awareness drive was carried out in the villages in collaboration with St John's Hospital, Bengaluru.

The PU College has a change of guard with the appointment of Fr Francis Noronha as the principal. He has been taking keen interest in getting to know the institution by meeting the staff and the students. The College went out of its way during lockdown to reach out to the students and the collaborators by distributing food and medical kits.

BIJAPUR



Two new members have joined the Bijapur mission: Fr Vinod Paul at St Anne's Church and Sch Pruthvi Rodrigues at Loyola Nivas. The visit of Fr Provincial and his team has energized and reoriented our initiatives during these pandemic times. After the lockdown, the community has picked up its pace in spiritual ministry to various religious communities. God has blessed the ITI campus with abundant bore-well water. Thanks to the 4-inch source.

With the help of ACT Grant and Labour Net we were able to distribute 1837 medical kits to the ASHA workers so as to capacitate them to work for the Covid-infested in the district. More than 70 unorganized youth worked under the guidance of Fr Jeevan James in the preparation and distribution of food-kits. The slogan "Food for Vaccine" has encouraged people to go for vaccination in a large numbers. The health-related initiatives, under the auspices of CNFE have earned the appreciation of the District Administration and local authorities. We have joined hands with the Mercy Mission and local Muslims to establish a Covid Care and Vaccination Center in Bijapur City. Medical kits were distributed to the ASHA workers in the district. Regular training and monitoring has contributed a great deal to the improvement of the health system. With the help of Dell Foundation, CNFE has taken the initiative to help the

Currently, publicity for admissions is at full swing. Although, religious ceremonies in the parish were barred, St Joseph's Parish was proactive in reaching out to all the families of the parish by distributing ration kits. Fr Ivan Mendonca, the parish priest, assisted by the scholastics, distributed food kits given by the diocese to the catholic families in the villages in and around Anekal.

Sch Johnson, regent, left for his new mission at Mundgod. After a long break from the office work and Sangha meetings due to the lockdown, the CIRW staff is back at work with renewed vigour. They distributed dry ration kits and medical kits to all the 1450 SHG members, the poor widows, the aged in the slums, *paurakarmikas*, and the local police. They also distributed weekly savings to the SHG members, thereby helping the members to recover from the long-drawn-out lockdown.
– Sch Vishal M Pinto

119 volunteers for two months in order to assist the ASHA workers. CNFE has adopted 10 PHC's in the District in association with the District Administration to assist in their medical needs.

Admissions are on at Loyola Yomiuri School which began the academic year in mid-June. The school helped the families of poor students with ration kits. A faculty development program was organized in Loyola ITI to enhance the teaching skills of the staff.

We bade farewell to Sr Anitha UFS, the outgoing Director of Sangama and welcomed Sr Cynthia Pinto UFS in her place. Sch Pruthvi Rodrigues, the new regent, is taking part in various activities in the campus. Thanks to the help of generous donors, many HIV patients and differently-abled children were given food kits at Sangama.

Fr Cyril Castelino has taken charge as the first Jesuit Principal of Loyola School, Sindagi. We also have a new Vice Principal, Sr Helen, UFS. Fr Cyril gave the orientation programme for the staff of Loyola CBSE School, and Sch. Pruthvi gave them some tips and techniques regarding the online classes. The school now has a Fiber-net connection. With the installation of solar panels, Loyola Nivas is now fully solar powered.
– Fr Jeevan James

KALABURAGI



We gladly welcomed Fr Vinod AJ who took charge as Minister of Loyola Sadan community and as Director of St Xavier's Hostel. We are grateful to Fr Praveen Kumar for his dedicated service in the campus and to the diocese during the past three years. While welcoming the new regent, Sch Nishanth Noronha, we thank Sch Kiran Leema for his committed service during the past year. Fr Melwin Mendonca returned to the community after his renewal programme at Sad-

hana, Lonavla and treatment at Pune. The new academic year for the II PU students has begun with online classes. The community was involved in the distribution of food kits to the families of our deserving students, as well as to the poor and the handicapped in nearby villages. Fr Vinod and five of the teaching staff of our college are currently in Bengaluru to participate in the faculty development programme organized by BJES. – Sch Nishanth Noronha

MUNDGOD



With the arrival of Frs Harry Noel Terry, Melvin Lobo, Schs Johnson R and Roydon Misquith, our community is complete. We bade farewell to Schs Cannon Fernandes and Pruthvi Rodrigues. Fr Melvin Lobo took charge as the Principal of Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya and Fr Harry as the Secretary and Treasurer of NKJE&CS. We gave Fr Roshan Lobo a moving send-off while appreciating his dedicated service to the Society and his love for nature and his care for animals and plants in the campus. Various groups came together in Mainalli to give a touching and tearful farewell to Sr Reeta D'Souza who had served them during the past 12 years. Mundgod Mis-

sion, while remaining grateful for her service, wishes her joy and fulfillment in her new mission in Zalki, Bijapur Mission.

Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya began the academic year with online classes on the 1st of June. Having nearly completed its relief work on behalf of the Covid-affected, LVK Hangal is now busy providing nutritious food to undernourished children of Hangal Taluka. Such an initiative is aimed at strengthening the immunity of these children and helping them effectively to fight the predicted third wave of COVID 19. – Fr Melvin Lobo

ASHA KIRAN



Mindful of our duty to care for our common home we began the month with the celebration of World Environment Day with a prayer service and followed it up with cleaning the lanes and paths in our locality. In the spirit of *Magis*, we also inaugurated a "vertical garden" in our campus; and some of our brothers went to Kundapur for a plantation drive. It was a joy for us to lend our voices to the grand festal Mass of St Aloysius Gonzaga which was streamed online for all the parents, teachers, students and the benefactors.

AK community bade farewell to our outgoing Superior, Fr Alphonse Fernandes and the outgoing Sub-Minister Fr Kevin Sequeira. Some of us were privileged to render service for three days as volunteers in the vaccination drive organized by St Aloysius College. Fr Celestine Sera went to Mumbai to pay his last respects to his younger brother, Fr John Serrao SVD, who passed away due to cancer. Our community had a special prayer service for the departed members of our families. – Sch Macwin D'Souza

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



The Community Annual Retreat held in June was preached by Fr Pradeep Sequeira. He was much appreciated for his deep and inspiring talks. In the pervading stillness of the retreat, Fr Denis Rasquinha, (senior-most in the province) silently moved into his 71st year in the Society on 20th June.

A touching send-off was given to the outgoing members: Frs Clarence D'Souza, Ronald Pais, Jerome D'Souza and Vishwas Misquith (in ab-

sencia). Fr Alphonse Fernandes was warmly welcomed on the same occasion. Fr Clarence D'Souza has left for Bangalore on his new assignment. He was securely transported to and safely deposited at Dhyanashrama by our sturdy stalwarts: Frs Joseph Monteiro and Alphonse Fernandes. As a precursor, Fr Jerome D'Souza (attached member), left for Bangalore (assigned to Prerana) a few days earlier, to clear the highway in these lock-down days. We wish them both fruitful and fulfilling life and ministry.

Dry ration kits as Covid-Relief were distributed to 170 poor families and 30 auto-drivers. Under the guidance of the CLC animator, Fr Maxim Misquith, some families were offered financial help for medical expenses.

Fr Maxim arranged a Zoom talk on Ignatius to CLC members. Fr Pradeep Crasta was the resource person. Frs Joseph Monteiro and Tom Quadras guided retreats for some religious.

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



Our First Year Novices were in Bijapur in the month of April for their work experiment, and had the opportunity of witnessing the inauguration of the newly constructed St Anne's Church and joining the choir on the occasion. Meanwhile the Second Years rendered their service, as part of their hospital experiment, at AiR Home for the Destitute at Bannerghatta. The First Year Novices had to abruptly end their work camp and return to the novitiate due to ill-health and were quarantined for a couple of days. We express our gratitude to Fr Anthony Dass, the Superior, all the Jesuits of Vijayapura Mission and particularly the Tarbes Sisters for the care and support given to the ailing novices.

In the inauguration of the Ignatian Year, our Novices rendered their service by decorating the Chapel, and by joining in the choir at the inaugural Eucharist. A 3-day event "Magis-2021" was organized not only to showcase our skills in music and sports, but also to build up our companionship. Fr Merwyn Fernandes conducted the triduum for the novices. The Second Years made their 8-day retreat under the direction of Fr William Sequeira in preparation for their First Vows. It was indeed a grace-filled moment for the Karnataka province when seven novices made their first commitment on 21 June. Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial, celebrated the Eucharist and Fr Balaraju A delivered an inspiring homily. In all, there are 11 first year novices who have entered the novitiate this June. Fr Hilario Fernandes himself was the main celebrant at the concelebrated Eucharist which marked the 70th anniversary of his religious life as a Jesuit. The homilist on the occasion was Fr Arockiasamy who aptly connected Fr Hilario's life with that of St Paul. The toast was raised by Fr Francis D'Almeida who, several years ago, was a novice under Fr Hilario.

Due to lockdown and curfews, the senior Jesuits have been enjoying the quiet around. In that stillness, the melodies of Fr Rossi Rego waft through the walls of *Santrupti* to the neighbourhood.

The lockdown has significantly affected the life and ministry here in FRH. The church being closed, no services are held. Hospitality services too have taken a hit. Community members are vaccinated; some had the second doze too.

– Fr Thomas Quadras

The Covid Care Centre of Mount St Joseph closed its operation by the end of June. Believe it or not, as many as 4070 ration kits, 800 medical kits, 500 masks, 1500 inhalers, and a good amount of food ingredients were distributed to a variety of beneficiaries like the parents of poor students in all Loyola Institutions, auto drivers, daily wage earners, trans-genders, vendors, safai karmacharis, poor parishioners, ASHA workers, migrant workers, garment factory workers, and others.



Dhyanashrama is coming alive again with requests for retreats – from priests and religious, and others. Fr Balaraju A gave an 8 day retreat and Fr Arockiasamy is currently directing a 30-day retreat. There are several individuals presently making their guided retreats.

Mount St Joseph community joyfully welcomes its new members – Frs Denzil W. Lobo, Jerome D'Souza, Joe Mathias, Clarence D'Souza and Sch Cannon Fernandes. With their arrival the community strength at Mount St Joseph has risen to 27.

At Loyola Degree College, the online classes are being conducted from mid-June. As many as 436 persons were vaccinated in our college premises on 30th June and 3rd July by the BBMP for two rural zones. A vaccination drive was also organized for the ITI staff and their families. Fr Prashanth D'Souza addressed the Loyola ITI staff on the significance of the Ignatian year.

At Prerana, the Covid crisis has paved the way for

online and offline courses. Our Online Monthly Recollection Talks have been resumed after a gap of two months, the first being Fr Jerry Rosario's well-appreciated talk on "Having the Conscience as That of Jesus." Prerana also organized an Online Course on Spiritual Direction for the OMI priests from Asia-Oceania Region, but it was also available for participants across the globe. The resource persons were Frs Arul Sivan, Dion Vaz, Francis Menezes, Freddie D'Silva, Jossie D'Mello and Willie Sequeira. The 3-month course on

Preparation for Final Profession, which will begin on July 5, has already 23 registered participants.

Thanks to the interest and efforts of Fr Balaramu, parish priest of Kalena Agrahara, as many as 200 children have registered for online classes in catechism. Even when the church remains closed owing to Covid restrictions, Fr Balaramu's zeal finds an opening in online prayer services for his people. – Fr Francis D'Almeida

ARRUPE NIVAS



Scholastics are busy writing their online semester exams. Fr Swebert D'Silva gave a talk to the faculty of St Xavier's College, Mumbai, on "Vision and Mission of Jesuit Higher Education today".

It was a proud moment for St Joseph's College when the survey conducted by Education World ranked it first in Karnataka and second in India among the Private Autonomous Colleges. In the 'Best Colleges Survey 2021' conducted by India Today, some of the disciplines taught in our college ranked high at the national and state levels. The college also received the 'Best Placement Cell' award by Comunev CPCN held in the second quarter of 2021. The teaching faculty stepped away from their online teaching assignments for a series of training programmes on the new platform CODETANTRA, in a ground breaking event using Artificial Intelligence for proctored exams.

At the request of the State Government and the BBMP, the college started a 100-bed St Joseph's College Isolation Centre and a Covid Care Centre in collaboration with our alumni, NGOs like Mission Vishwas, Hasiru Dala, and philantropists.

Patients who benefited from the facility were the disadvantaged groups such as migrant workers, ragpickers, and slum dwellers. SJC-Covid Relief Service led by Fr Francis Pinto and team distributed over 400 ration kits to families of some of our students, and to other vulnerable communities in the city. Our alumni, along with Jesuit alumni/ae and philanthropists started Karnataka Covid Jeevan Anmol (KCJA) to help the Covid-19 victims find hospital beds, ICU beds, oxygen, ambulance services, etc. The alumni also extended their help to outstation Jesuit centres like Anekal, Bijapur, Harihar and Manvi. The Dept. of Psychology and Counselling has been involved with SAMAGRA - mental health care in developing modules and organising webinars. Lt. Akshay D. Mandlik (HOD, School of Social Work) with the help of students, helped bury more than 180 bodies of Covid-19 victims. Other units of the college that were involved in the service of caring for the Covid-affected are the NSS, the Campus Ministry, and Bembala Outreach Team. More than a thousand Josephites took part in the Sapling Plantation Drive on World Environment Day. – Fr John Baptist

JESUIT NIVAS



Jesuits of our community were generously assisted by the new priests and scholastics in packing the ration kits and distributing them to the Covid-affected persons during the lockdown. SJBHS, in addition to packing and distributing ration kits, mobilized its teachers, counsellors and special educators to be in touch with students and parents, mentoring and guiding them in these pandemic times. We are thankful to Fr Joel Fernandes who served as Administrator of the Primary Section for a year of dedicated service, and has now moved to Mangaluru for higher studies. We welcome Fr Vishal D'Souza who has taken charge as the new Administrator. World Environment Day was cele-

brated by planting a few saplings in our campus. International Day of Yoga was duly observed. A webinar on "Sports as a Way of Life" gripped the attention of every Josephite, past and present. At SJPUC, preparations are on for starting online classes for II PU in mid-July. Fr Jerald D'Souza was installed as the Director of St Joseph's College of Law (SJCL) on 30th May 2021. The Indian Institute of Public Administration (Karnataka Regional Branch) in association with SJCL organised a webinar on "Citizen-Centric Administration" to mark the United Nations Public Service Day on 23rd June 2021. The Cultural Committee organised the first interclass Ethnic day.

Fr Daniel Fernandes, after nearly two decades of service as principal of SJCC handed over charge to Fr Charles Lasrado. As the city was under lockdown, the Faculty and Staff of the college organised a virtual farewell to the outgoing principal and a virtual welcome to the incoming principal. The Kannada Sangha organised a webinar to

pay tribute to the noted subaltern poet, Dr Sidalingaiah. In collaboration with four prominent degree colleges of the city, the Sports Department of SJCC organised the International Day of Yoga. The languages department organised a webinar on “New Education Policy and its Impact on Regional Language Identities”. – Fr Antony Pais

INIGO SADAN



The community bade farewell to Fr John D’Souza, the outgoing Minister and Sch Austin Rodrigues, and welcomed the new members, Frs Steevan Gonsalves as Minister and Vijayaraju as Finance Officer of the CBSE School and Director of St Louis Boarding House. We also warmly welcomed the new regent, Sch Norbert Kharmunuid (KHM) and Sch Samborlang (KHM) for college studies. The five outgoing scholastics were moist-eyed when they were given a send-off on the feast day of St. Aloysius. Fr Joseph Rodrigues gave a talk on psychosexual integration to deacons and new priests at Xavier Sadan. Fr Jossie D’Mello shared his reflections with our community on the ‘Life of Ignatius: A Pilgrimage of Conversion’. Thanks to the timely rains, our campus wears a tinge of green pleasing to the eye. Fr Steevan Gonsalves has taken charge as Director of Campus Maintenance.

The Community College organized an online prayer service in memory of its founder, the late Fr Francis Guntipilly, on his 72nd birth anniversary, and prayed for the repose of his soul. Alert to the announcement of “unlock” of covid restrictions, we completed our online exams for our students. We have now embarked upon mobilizing admissions for the current academic year. We bade farewell to Fr Jeevan D’Souza who was Assistant Director and Vice Principal of SJCC for the past one year. His service to Community College is indeed commendable.

We have adopted online education as a mode of study in SJIPS. MS Teams training program was conducted for all the teachers. We bade farewell to the outgoing director, Fr John D’Souza and welcomed the new director, Fr Felix Anand.

HASSAN



The community welcomed its new members, Fr Daniel Fernandes, Principal of St Joseph’s Degree College, Hassan, Fr Balaraju R, Finance Officer of St Joseph’s Degree College, Hassan, and Sch Arvind Royce. All the community members were

Graduation ceremonies were held online and live streamed separately for SJHS & SJICPUC. Graduating students of 10th Std and II PU stepped out of the portals of their *alma mater* anticipating the future benefits of their education in St Joseph’s. The high school students were creatively engaged by a group of professionals for a week as the school organized a summer camp for them. It culminated with Art and Music Fest. The same team conducted Resilience-based orientation programme for newly admitted 8th std students for 15 days. The fun-filled and activity-based orientation programme was much appreciated by all. The other class children too had a day’s orientation programme separately. The prospects of distance learning in the new academic year have prompted some of our generous alumni to procure and provide some devices for the benefit of the underprivileged students so that they can have access to online classes.

St Joseph School CBSE reopened the classes virtually. Subject-based training programme was organized for teachers for the upgradation of each subject. World Environment day was celebrated on a virtual platform with the core premise of ‘Heal the Earth, Heal our Future’. All the physical education teachers jointly organized the International Yoga Day.

The Ignatian Year was celebrated virtually with Mass for the Catholic students on the theme of “Canon Ball Moment”. An inter-religious prayer service was conducted to strengthen disturbed families. A group of teachers have come forward to help out in campus ministry by meeting every Friday for prayer and to plan gospel based activities. – Fr Felix Anand

fully involved in Covid Relief work. In collaboration with the Police department, we identified nearly 180 Transgenders in Hassan, Chennarayapantna and Arkalgudu and distributed Food kits. In addition, the food kits were also distribut-

ed to the needy catholic families and to the poor students of St Joseph's Primary and High School.

St Joseph's Primary and High School staff are vibrantly involved in promotion works for school admissions, the teachers are busy visiting nearby villages, government schools to identify students and bring them to the school.

NAVASADHANA, Hassan



The community is now complete with the arrival of three new members - Frs Daniel Fernandes and Balaraju R, and Sch Noel Dias. Our dog Mac is in no hurry to take a liking to the new arrivals nor are the new arrivals in a hurry to befriend Mac! We bade farewell to 8 of our second year pre-novices who have since joined the novitiate – five at Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru and 3 at XTC, Belgaum. Fr Dheeraj D'Souza has left no stone unturned to fill the vacancies in Navasadhana

The admission to first year degree course is slowly picking its pace. Efforts are on via various media platforms to attract potential students in and around the city. To mark the occasion of Environment Day we had organized a webinar. The resource person, Dr. Prabhakar highlighted the possible adverse effects of the ecological crisis and the dire need to safeguard Mother Nature.

– Sch Arvind Royce

with new candidates, of whom three have already landed. By word and example, Fr Daniel, who knows 'how to win friends and influence people', has been a friendly support to the pre-novices. Fr Balaraju, on his part, is our friend, philosopher and guide, especially in the basketball court. In the midst of their academic duties, Sch Sanson D'Souza and Sch Joyal D'Sa have been a great support to the director and the regent.

– Sch Noel Dias

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



Vidya Niketan community was delighted to welcome the new superior, Fr Francis Fernandes who arrived on 9 June. We thanked and bade farewell to Fr Antony TV, our outgoing superior. We have taken the initiative to live-stream the Sunday masses in Kannada and Konkani, for the benefit of the Catholic families of Nirmal Nagar parish. The visit of Fr Provincial, along with Frs Jossie D'Mello, Jason Furtado and Rohan D'Almeida brought much joy to us. In our own small way, we

have reached out to the Covid-affected families-Catholics and others - under the leadership of Fr Edward Philip who was assisted by the scholastics and the parish youth. The latest notification from the Karnataka University states that the undergraduate examinations for all the six semesters will be held between mid-August and mid-September. All of us are now glued to the computer for the online classes. – Sch Adline Monteiro

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



SAC community welcomed the new members who joined us in June: Fr John D'Souza (House Minister and Director of ITI), Fr Royston Madtha (for PhD), Fr Roshan Pinto (for MA-English), Sch. Anjo (KER – for MSc Chem). We bade farewell to Frs Denzil W. Lobo and Vinod Paul. Fr Cyril D'Mello is the new Secretary and Treasurer of MJES.

course on e-Konkani Bhaas & Culture.

After over a month of reaching out to the Covid-affected, SAC Covid Care Centre was formally wound up a few days ago. The vaccination drive organized by the College on its own premises, in collaboration with the District Health Department, made it convenient for staff, students and Jesuits to be vaccinated. St Aloysius College (Autonomous) is now officially recognized by the Mangalore University as a research centre for almost all the disciplines taught here. As many as 43 students successfully completed a certificate

The feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga was celebrated online. The programmes conducted were: an online novena; a festive Mass for staff and students streamed on Daijiworld Television; and an inter-religious prayer service including a message from the Rector. All these events were organized under the creative leadership of Fr Sujay Daniel. The community invited the Jesuits of the city and the Sisters collaborating in our hostels to a festal Mass followed by lunch.

Our committed and hardworking faculty at AMIT kept the students engaged in online classes and made sure that they do not miss much academically owing to their physical absence from the campus. Gonzaga Nivas community has now a welcome addition in Fr Joel Fernandes who will

be doing his MBA at AIMIT. As if to give him company, Sch. Sandeep Gonsalves has been 'promoted' from SAC community to Gonzaga Nivas. Nature has been bountiful in providing us with an abundance of fruits from our farm garden which we, in our turn, have been sharing with other Jesuit communities and Sisters of the neighbouring convents. After all, 'there is much joy in giving rather than in receiving'.

An orientation talk by Fr Joseph D'Mello, SJ on 'Jesuit Inspiration in our Educational Enterprise' and another by Dr Sandra Lobo on 'Socio-Emotional Well-being Hub' were highly appreciated by our teachers at Gonzaga School. The Feast of St Aloysius was celebrated with a variety of online activities for the students. The catholic students joined the common programmes designed at the institution level. Other events in the month were 'Nutrilite Project-2021' and 'Science Week'. Ms Laurel D'Souza has been appointed Vice-Principal of St. Aloysius Gonzaga School with effect from 1 June 2021. The new academic year 2021-22 began in the online mode on 1st June. The formal inauguration of the new academic year, graced by the presence of Fr Melwin Pinto, Rector, was

SRN, Pandithahalli



With BJES help, we were able to distribute good many medical kits and materials to Navachetana Health Center, run by MSMI Sisters in Pandithahalli.

Fr Lancy Fernandes took part in the four-day All India Educators Virtual Meet organised by Kristu Jayanthi College Bengaluru. He also guided the 6-day retreat of eleven seminarians of Shimoga Diocese at Xavier Sadan. He has initiated public relations with a view to increasing admissions and dealing with land issues. We have solar power, not only in the school building but now also in our community building. We were able to get the KEB to install a separate transformer near our campus.

SATYA NILAYAM



Preparing for the academic year, the staff had a colloquium to design to chalk out programmes and activities for the institute and the community. All our staff participated in the online training sessions conducted by the Department of Philosophy at Loyola College. Our second years (Dept of Philosophy, Loyola College) have secured a 100%

held virtually on 28th June. A video presentation marked the World Environment Day.

Radio Sarang: A state-of-the-art website with dynamic features has been re-launched at Radio Sarang recently. Integrated into the website are a 360-degree view of the campus and of Radio Sarang facilities. A 24-hour live streaming of the programmes is also available on the website.

LAB (Laboratory of Applied Biology): Contrary to the observation made by the Province Revisor that the Dragon Fruit plants are growing wild in the terrace garden of the LAB, and instructions given to dispose of such plants, the Brahma Kamala plants which Fr Leo had planted started flowering – one, after a lapse of 7 years and another, after a lapse of 10 years! Moreover, the orchid Sita Jade which Fr Leo had placed 25 years ago on the Copper Pod tree in the Mother Teresa Park has also started flowering. The lesson to be learned is that if you find any particular plant or tree refusing to flower in time, get the Province Revisor to order its destruction! And you will see the plant blossoming in a hurry! – Fr Pradeep Sequeira

Sch Marvin Apose, after spending a brief time in a hospital in Mandya, is actively involved in preparing videos, banners and other publicity related matters. He keeps the staff engaged through Google classrooms for continuous learning. Our staff regularly attend the Samagra series of webinars.

Fr Provincial, along with Frs Jason Furtado and Arun Luis, were with us for a day to ensure updating of our school building plans, works and land issues. We organized a one-day staff orientation programme on June 28. Fr Norwin Pereira attended an online colloquium of Jesuit Educators Global 2021. We have begun online classes. There are signs of increase in admissions this year. – Sch Marvin Apose

pass with flying colours.

We celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our titular feast, with solemn simplicity. Our new registrar and treasurer, Fr Francis D'Souza, is already fully immersed in his responsibilities both in the community and the institute. He was

the main celebrant at the Mass of the Holy Spirit (online) on the occasion of the inauguration of the academic year on 1st July. *The Lectio Brevis* - on the theme of 'Who is an Intellectual' - was delivered by Prof Dr Joseph Dorairaj, a renowned English professor and the former vice chancellor of Gandhigram University.

JRS, Afghanistan



In the name of "Allah," Afghanistan is bleeding. It is almost twenty years since the world's powerful nations took up upon themselves to bring peace to Afghanistan through guns and tankers, and 15 years since JRS in Afghanistan trying to build the nation through book and pen. However, after the announcement of the decision of NATO forces to pull out from Afghanistan, the war in Afghanistan has become intense. When the whole world is reeling under the COVID pandemic, our country here is bleeding. The educational institutions, schools, colleges are shut. The panic-driven people are moving to safe areas, and the government forces are busy evacuating dozens from the war zone. The serious violent advances of the extremists' throughs a question whether the government will defend the districts or retake the districts that have fallen. The fact is war will continue all in the name of Allah.

Amidst these manmade crude realities, we, four Jesuits in JRS Afghanistan, still hold our ground and continue to accompany and serve people. We are engaged in complementary education. We involve students outside the normal class to pick up English language, computer skills and prepare them for the Kankor exam. This will help them to perform better in their school and college subjects. Unlike in India after school studies, it is not easy to take up University studies. In Afghanistan, they have a national-level entrance exam

On the feast of St Thomas on 3rd July, the entire SN Community went to the hallowed place of martyrdom of the Apostle. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration was followed by breakfast at the pilgrim site. – Fr Lawrence Fernandes

called Kankor. Every student gets two chances to clear this. Those who pass will get four years of free University studies according to their choice of preference.

Presently, we are under lockdown because of the COVID pandemic and other political reasons. The educational institutions are shut, and things look uncertain. Amidst these, we have chosen an online platform to engage our students in learning.

Though many cannot access it because of the poor internet connectivity and economic reasons, the JRS has decided to reach out to as many as possible.

Meantime, the country Director Fr Jerome Sequiera has informed us that if we locally feel the situation is going out of hand and is not safe for us to continue, we could inform him anytime so that he could make the necessary arrangements for our evacuation. Though uncertainty is part of JRS and the present situation has prolonged our despair, we hope with the people we serve that all will be well again and we continue our service in building people. – Fr Robert Rodrigues



OURS IN PUBLICATIONS

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REST IN PEACE

Fr Peter Kurukula Aratchi, SJ (SRI), 81/63, on 16 June, in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Br Francis Basumatary, SJ (DAR), 68/35, on 29 June, in Darjeeling.

Fr Stanislaus Lourduswami, SJ (Stan Swamy) (JAM), 84/64, on 5 July, in Mumbai.

Fr Devasia Vellapani, (GOA), 82/59, on 6 July, in Belgaum.

Fr Abraham Ethemkuzhy, (JAM), 70/52, on 14 July, in Jamshedpur.

Fr John Serrao, SVD, 70, brother of Bishop Francis Serrao and Fr Celestine Sera, on 25 June, in Mumbai.

Sr Dolores Rego, FMM, 89, sister of Fr Rossi Rego, on 18 June, in Mumbai.

Mr Alwyn Veigas, brother-in-law of Fr Swebert D'Silva (husband of late Mrs Jayarani), on 16 June, in Bengaluru.

Mr Anthony Raj, 54, brother-in-law of Sch Santhosh Kumar, on 27 June, in Silvepura, Bengaluru.

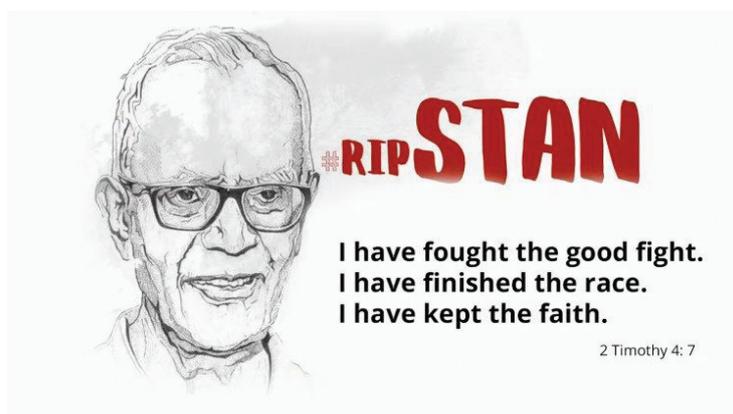
Mr Massillamani, 84, father of Fr Arockiasamy, on 30 June, in Sinnadipatti, Tamil Nadu.

Mr Stany A Cutinha, 88, brother-in-law of Fr Sunith Prabhu, on 10 July, in Bengaluru.



Fr Stanislaus Lourduswami, SJ

26 April 1937 - 05 July 2021



DOWN MEMORY LANE



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

FR RAVI SANTOSH KAMATH, SJ

Born on October 5, 1939 at the very start of World War II, I may well be considered a belligerent baby. I grew up in a large agricultural family in the lush green expanse which is now a part of the Bajpe airport. We were 12 children at home – eight boys and four girls. I was the eighth. My parents, late Mr Elias Denis Pereira and late Mrs Agnes Pereira, named me Ronald. I grew in a home strained by poverty. I cannot recall anything I had seen or done before the age of four. I had no kindergarten school but directly joined the first standard in the Parish School. I did my first to eleventh standard in Kannada medium. We had an affable parish priest, Fr Leo Carvalho, who by his insight and initiative, built up a school with the financial sources he had. A noble act like that had a great formative value for me. I had multi-religious companions, both boys and girls. The civil jurisdiction in those days was of Madras Presidency, not of Karnataka or Mysore state.



My ancestry both from father's and mother's side gives an idea of my family roots. To quote some of them: the D' Souza's of Mulki, the Albuquerque's of Bolar, the Sequeira's of Urwa, Pais's from

Bolar, Mathias's from the airport side. My grandfather Benjamin Pereira was a well-known figure in Bajpe. I remember the humble nature of my upbringing. Once the airport came, we were shattered. The government siphoned off a large portion of our land leaving us orphaned. The post war period made our living worse. We were still under British culture and domination, not yet in independent India. But I thank God for the elements of English culture which I imbibed as I grew up.

There have been many vocations from my family to priesthood and religious life. Out of twelve children, two of us are ordained ministers and two are nuns. My priest brother, the late Fr Stany Pereira, had made a great impression on me; and my father's brother, Fr Nicholas Pereira, had a share in the shaping of my vocation. At least a dozen nuns, immediate cousins of my dad and mom, influenced my future. The named D'Souza's from Mulki like Frs Jerome, Boniface, Leo, and John were among my uncles. It is when I went to St Aloysius College for my college studies that I felt called by the Lord. Some of my Jesuit uncles like Frs Ligoury Castelino, George Pai, CCA Pai and Albert Gonsalves were instrumental in guiding me to the Society of Jesus.

Immediately after my studies at St Aloysius I made my way to Christ Hall, Calicut, and joined the novitiate on 10 June 1958. That very year, as per plans approved by Fr General, Karnataka was separated from Kerala and the two became different provinces. I was given the opportunity to belong to Karnataka province. The remaining portion of my second year novitiate, followed by juniorate studies, I completed at Mount St Joseph, Bangalore. From there I was sent to Shembaganur, Kodaikanal, to do my philosophy and to root in Tamil Culture. I can never forget the community spirit during my philosophy days where Fr Stan Swamy was my companion on the same bench. I learnt Tamil from him and he learnt Latin from me. My entire philosophical training was in Latin, a language rooted in Greek culture. This gave me a certain confidence to learn many other European languages thereafter. The duration of the philosophy course being three years, I could and did earn a licentiate in philosophy as well.

I was sent to Mangalore for regency to teach Latin and philosophy at St Joseph Seminary. Later, thanks to my training in ancient languages, the then Vice-Chancellor of Karnatak University, Dharwad, Professor D C Pavate, permitted my admission straight away to postgraduate studies, exempting me from the requirement of undergraduate studies. It is here that I acquired a diploma in foreign languages besides MA philosophy and psychology. Collège Français of Pondicherry, based in Karnatak University, conferred on me a degree in French. I was then posted to Pune for my theological studies. In the year 1971, on the 27 of March, I was promoted to the presbyterate by Cardinal Valerian Gracias. I have just completed 50 years as priest. I cherish even today my ministry as a new priest in Mumbai for nearly two years which taught me how to face an audience.

Thereafter I was posted as a regular professor of theology at Mangalore Seminary. The then Provincial, Fr Ambrose D'Mello, found me fit to be sent to Rome for doctorate in Systematic Theology at Gregorian University. It is here that I learned the Italian language and culture. It is here too that I acquired my post-Vatican theological thinking which I was happy to impart to very many students who came in contact with me. One year of Vatican posting to Ecumenical Institute at Celigny in Switzerland gave me a global outlook, and it was a wonderful experience to work with the Federation of Churches. I am still continuing my association with ecumenical outreach, inter-religious dialogue and religious harmony in all aspects of my Jesuit life and theological thinking.

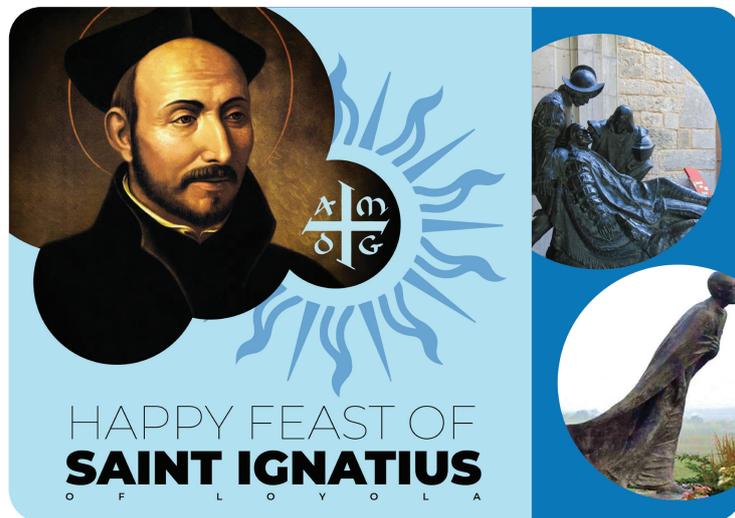
I have spent a large part of my priestly ministry in Mangalore. People here have been so good to me. During my stint as the parish priest at Jeppu, I managed to establish the parish assembly and divide the parish into different wards giving them Jesuit names. I successfully managed to organize portions of the parish – as Joseph Nagar to the right side and Maria Nagar to the left.

With the help of Charity Sisters of Jeppu, especially Sr Baratholomia and Sr Maria Gracia Bianchi, we were able to build 26 houses in Joseph Nagar entirely for the Korgar Community. I had a role to play in acquiring the place for our Loyola Pre-novitiate in the neighbourhood of the Capuchin Monastery. It was through the grace of God and the contribution from generous benefactors that we could erect the new Divine Mercy Church at Fatima Retreat House and popularize various devotions in the city.

One of my dearest and most satisfying ministries has been administering sacraments to the aging people of Mangalore city, attending funerals and consoling the bereaved families. Very many have been helped out in finding a life partner; and not a few estranged couples have found reasons to preserve their marital bond. The Judicial Vicars and tribunal of Mangalore Diocese and of other dioceses in India and abroad have been appreciative of my help - especially in drafting petitions for annulment, and presiding over the celebration of marriages with disparity of cult. I was also fortunate to be the campus minister at St Agnes College for 40 years.

My return to St Aloysius College has been a home coming. Here I am doing what I can for the staff, the students, and the community. It is truly a great joy to be with little children who still flock around me. I have lived the life of *Laudato Si* all my life imbibing the language of Pope Francis, addressing all as *Fratelli Tutti*, and being with nature as *Querida Amazonia*. I enjoy my leisure hours reading books, counseling people and families, and encouraging young people into Jesuit life.

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