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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

We are in the season of Easter. Christianity is about a love story. A God madly in love with His people. Easter is about the climax of this love story. Love is the greatest reality. Love never dies. Love is a power that every human being has. It is the one thing that makes all of us equal before God and before each other. Let us believe in the tremendous power of love.

The Risen Christ moves through the "Resurrection Narratives" collecting, consoling, confronting, and eventually missioning the early believers, or doubters. We are invited to keep looking for Jesus, even in the emptiness of life. C. S. Lewis, in his wonderful book, *Surprised by Joy*, writes that real joy is more in the seeking than in finding. Though slowly, we, people of apprehension, fears and uncertainties are transformed into missionaries and visionaries. My trip to the North East, especially animating the Reimagining and Restructuring exercise of Kohima Region and my maiden visit to Arunachal Pradesh is a witness to this experience.

We are on the verge of the General Elections. People must realize that the 2024 elections are the most important in the modern history of India. This election is about the future of India and the kind of nation we may want to build. We have so far lived in a free country; do we want our future generations to do so? Do we want them to be attacked for what they eat? Beaten up because of whom they pray to or whom they fall in love with? Voters will have to realize that they are voting not for themselves but for their children and grandchildren, that they are voting for inclusion, diversity, and equal rights for all – for the idea of India itself. This year, people have to figure out the path they want India to take. Do we want to live in a country where freedom, equality, diversity, inclusion, and love are celebrated? What we are looking for is communal harmony, good governance, free of corruption and guarantee for all citizens equality before the law. I believe the hour has come for all of us to ask this of ourselves and make a decisive vote with our ballot.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ

APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Daniel Fernandes: Rector, Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru

Fr Joseph Antony D'Mello: Rector, Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru

Fr Jeffrey Burwell: Provincial of the Province of Canada

Fr Pedro Rodrigues: Provincial of the Province of Goa

Appointed by Delegate of Fr General for the Roman Houses (DIR)

Fr Lancy Dias: Tertianship in Zinkwazi, South Africa

APPOINTED BY FR POSA

Fr Ivan Sequeira: House Minister, DNC, Pune

APPOINTED BY REGIONAL SUPERIOR, KOHIMA

Fr Ashwin D'Silva: Vice Principal, St Xavier's High School, Palizi, Arunachal Pradesh.

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

NAME	DESIGNATION	COMMUNITY
Fr Ajay N D'Silva	Staff, FRH	FRH, Mangaluru
Fr Alwyn D'Souza	Headmaster, St Joseph School	SRN, Pandithahalli
Fr Alwyn P D'Souza	Siddi Project	LVK, Mundgod
Fr Anush P D'Cunha	Staff, SICJ	Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum
Fr Arun S Lobo	Teaching, Loyola Degree College	MSJ, Bengaluru
Fr Arvin J Pais	Director, CIRW	Jnana Jyothi, Anekal
Fr Avinash Lobo	Finance Officer, CNF&CE	Hombelaku, Manvi
Fr Bala Kiran K H	Post Doc Programme & Teaching	Fordham University, NY, USA
Fr Balaraju R	Secr & Treas, MJES	SAC, Mangaluru
Fr Bartholome J	Teaching, Loyola Kapepaladi School	St Peter's Church, Pannur
Fr Cyril Raj	Director, Loyola School	Manvi
Fr Edward Rodrigues	House Treasurer	FRH, Mangaluru
Fr Felix Victor	Staff, FRH	FRH, Mangaluru
Fr Gerald Z Furtado	Headmaster, Loyola High School	MSJ, Bengaluru
Fr Jason S Martis	Principal, St Joseph Skill Academy	Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru
Fr Jeevan Prabhu	Finance Officer	Joseph Nivas, Hassan
Fr Jerome D'Souza	House Treasurer	Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru
Fr John Baptist	Teaching, SAPUC	St Aloysius College, Harihar
Fr Johnson Pinto	Headmaster, SAHS	SAC, Mangaluru
Fr Kiran Cotha	Director, AIMIT	Gonzaga Nivas, Mangaluru
Fr Leo D'Souza	<i>ad tempus</i>	FRH, Mangaluru
Fr Leston B Lobo	Director, Loyola, Pre-Novitiate	Loyola, Mangaluru
Fr Maxim Dias	Principal, SJC	Joseph Nivas, Hassan
Fr Olvin Veigas	Staff, SJIM	Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru
Fr Pradeep Crasta	Socius to Novice Director	MSJ Novitiate, Bengaluru
Fr Pratap Chandru	Province Coordinator for Formation	Ashirvad, Bengaluru
Fr Roshan D Pereira	Coordinator & Teaching, AIMIT	Gonzaga Nivas, Mangaluru
Fr Royston Pinto	Asst. Prov. Archivist/Incharge of Publication	LM, Bengaluru
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NAME	DESIGNATION	COMMUNITY
Fr Thomas Quadras	Staff, Dhyanashrama	MSJ, Bengaluru
Fr Vijayaraju	Director, Loyola Primary and High School	Mundgod
Fr Vincent Jaison A	Asst Director, LVK	St Lawrence Church, Hanagal
Fr Vincent Pinto	Staff, Dhyanashrama	MSJ, Bengaluru
Fr Vinod M Saldanha	Director, Navasadhana, Pre-Novitiate	Navasadhana, Hassan
Fr Vishal M Pinto	FO, St Joseph's Indian Institutions	Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru
Fr Vishwas Misquith	FO, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University)	SAC, Mangaluru
Fr William Sequeira	Staff, Novitiate & Dhyanashrama	MSJ, Bengaluru
Fr Yesunath Karlekar	Teaching, SJPS & SJPU	Jnana Jyothi, Anekal
Fr Dheeraj A D'Souza	Tertianship	Shembaganur
Fr Kevin M Sequeira	Tertianship	Kandy, Sri Lanka
Fr Praveen K Martis	Tertianship	Shembaganur
Fr Vishal D'Souza	Tertianship	Hazaribag
Fr Wilson J Moras	Tertianship	Kandy, Sri Lanka
Fr Antony TV	Diploma in Ignatian Spirituality, Gregorian	Canisio, Rome
Fr Avinash D'Souza	MBA, AIMIT	Gonzaga Nivas, Mangaluru
Fr Nithin Machado	Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology, Gregorian	Bellarmino, Rome

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1. Avin A
2. Chethan Kumar A
3. Darshan Kumar

STATUS OF SCHOLASTICS

4. Deslon Sujesh Vas
5. Elson Lobo
6. Royster Monis

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

April 2024

- 14-16: Course on Retreat Direction: Prerana (Bengaluru)
- 19: Meeting Second Year Theology Students (Morning): LM (Bengaluru)
- Pastoral Evaluation of New Priests (afternoon): Prerana (Bengaluru)
- 20: Course for Formators: Prerana (Bengaluru)
- 21: Final Vows: Arrupe Nivas (Bengaluru)
- 22: General Chapter of CSST (Bengaluru)
- 23: Youth Animation Programme (Bengaluru)
- 24: Sharing and Evaluation with Tertians: Prerana (B'loru)
- 25-26: Election (Mangaluru)
- 27: Convocation: SJIM (Bengaluru)
- 30: Pre-Regency Programme: Ashirvad (Bengaluru)

May 2024

- 01: Pre-Regency Programme: Ashirvad (Bengaluru)
- 02: Haliyal
- 03-05: Tempo Forte: Loyola Mandir (Bengaluru)
- 05-09: Visiting the homes of would-be Novices
- 10-12: Course on Religious Leadership: Prerana (Bengaluru)
- 14-17: National CRI: Christ University (Bengaluru)
- 20: Course for Dominican Sisters: Bengaluru
- 22-23: Sahodaya: Mundgod
- 25: Meeting would-be Tertians: Loyola Mandir (Bengaluru)
- 26: Address to AICUF Centenary Convention: Trichy
- 29: JMJ General Chapter: Bengaluru

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Fr Prashant Madtha** on your appointment as a member of Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy.

THANK YOU

Fr Rayan Lobo, for your reflective and insightful monthly recollection points on the *De Statu Societatis* for the Province since July 2023 to March 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

While **Fr John Lang Bosco** and **Fr Jaison Lobo** have volunteered to work in the Caribbean Province specially in Guyana Region, **Fr Jeevan James** has opted to work in Jesuit Refugee Service. Our prayerful wishes to our missionaries.

The services of **Fr Selva Rathinam** are lent to Loyola School of Theology, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, Philippines for a period of three years. Our prayers accompany you and your work, Fr Selva Rathinam.

Sch Fean Almeida SJ after going through a process of discernment has applied to the Province of Goa. He will have the status *applicatus* from now on. We wish Sch Fean Almeida God's blessings as he begins to serve the Lord and his people in the Province of Goa.

Novice Pruthvik Pavan left the Novitiate on 28 March, 2024. We wish him God's abundant blessings as he begins a new phase in his life.

Province Retreat on *De Statu Societatis Iesu*:

May 20-28, 2024, Place: Prerana, MSJ, Bengaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Stanislaus Alla, SJ (AND).

July 2-10, 2024, Place: Xavier Sadan, Mysuru, **Preacher:** Fr Frederick D'Silva, SJ.

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

For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



PROVINCE LEVEL FELICITATION OF THE JUBILARIANS



On April 12, the Karnataka province was abuzz with joy as seven of our men sang praises to God for the marvellous things that God had done in 50, 60, and 70 years of Jesuit and Priestly life. The Jubilarians included Fr Clarence D'Souza and Fr Paulose T. Vellacada, marking 50 years in the Society of Jesus, Fr Anand Prabhu, celebrating 60 years in the Society, Fr Hilario Fernandes, celebrating 60 years of priesthood, Fr Maxim Rasquinha, commemorating 50 years of final vows, and two individuals, Fr Richard Sequeira and Fr Joseph B. Mathias, celebrating a Double Jubilee with 70 years in the Society of Jesus and 50 years of final vows, and 60 years in the Society of Jesus and 50 years of priesthood, respectively.



Fr Joseph B. Mathias, our Diamond Jubilarian, led the Eucharist as the main celebrant, while Fr Clarence D'Souza, our Golden Jubilarian, guided us in reflecting on the word of God through his soul-stirring homily, focusing on Mary's Magnificat and expressing gratitude for the blessings in each Jubilarian's life. Our young priests, led by Fr Ashwin Cordeiro, enriched our prayers with

their melodious choir. Following the Holy Eucharist, a felicitation programme was held in the Aula, where Fr Edward Rodrigues, with wit and humour, raised a toast to the Jubilarians, acknowledging the impact they have had on the lives of those they have served. Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial, congratulated the Jubilarians and highlighted the significance of the Jubilee as an opportunity to



reflect on God's providence and life's journey. He noted that our Jubilarians have summarised their Jesuit life in three words: walking in love, manifesting their love for God, the Society of Jesus, and the people of God, especially the poor. Fr Anand Prabhu, speaking on behalf of the Jubilarians, expressed gratitude to God and everyone who has supported them on their journey toward Jesus. Fr Pratap Chandru served as the Master of Ceremonies, and the Mount St. Joseph community members offered a melodious song to felicitate the Jubilarians. The meticulous organisation of the entire jubilee celebration is credited to Mount St. Joseph community, who attended to every detail with care.

- Sch Deslon Vas

KJES YOUTH WORKS (PCYM)



The Meeting on Campus Ministry, organized by KJES Youth Works at the Beeri Campus of St Aloysius Deemed-to-be University, was attended by 23 delegates from all the Jesuit colleges in Karnataka. They were addressed by Fr Melwin J Pinto (Rector SAC), Fr Ronald Pais (Superior, Asha Kiran) and Fr Dionysius Vaz (Provincial). The North Karnataka Jesuit Youth Works organised a day's skill development programme at Vidya Niketan, for the unorganised youth of five slums of



the twin cities of Hubli and Dharwad.

The NECCB Family (North East Catholic Community in Bengaluru) celebrated Easter Sunday on a fairly grand scale. Fr Provincial presided over the Eucharist with Fr Swebert D'Silva and six other priests concelebrating. The congregation had nearly 350 faithful from 17 tribes. The liturgical celebration was followed by a cultural programme and ended with a North East lunch.

- Fr Joel Fernandes

ARRUPE NIVAS



The month of March witnessed several fests and activities across the departments on the campus. One-day workshops were conducted for the academic staff of SJU on Teaching, Learning and Evaluation, and on gender sensitization. The well-known rationalist, Dr Narendra Nayak, conducted a workshop for journalism students on looking beyond narratives and finding the truth. The UG and PG departments of Psychology jointly organized a Consilium on "Queer Affirmative Therapy Practices Workshop." The School of Business conducted an international conference on Business Dynamics and Sustainable Development. Dignitaries of international repute were on the panel. Also, several high profile personages addressed the gathering at the newly-introduced TEDxSJU.

SJU is proud of Edna Joseph, a 1st-year student in the department of International Relations was invited as a youth representative to attend and address the 67th Commission on Narcotic Drugs at the United Nations in Vienna, Austria. Dr Paul Newman, SJU Faculty of History, attended and presented his views at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva. Fr Victor Lobo, Vice-Chancellor of SJU, attended the meeting of the Board of Governors of XIM, Bhubaneswar.

ASHA KIRAN



The half-day workshop we had organized for migrant labourers on March 10 at St Aloysius Primary School was a fruitful experience for us as it braced up our solidarity with the migrants. On this occasion, Fr Benjamin (DEL) conducted a session on migrant rights and thereafter presided over the Eucharist. We were happy to have Fr

In its "Food for the Needy" initiative, our NSS Unit-3 arranged to distribute food packets to the needy in the city. Sumana, the PG Association of the Dept of Psychology and Counseling, organized and conducted a programme for the housekeeping lady staff members. Kairos, gratitude-themed sessions, conducted by Team Samagra from January until now, for all final semester UG and PG students, concluded this month. An inter-religious prayer, followed by activities to express gratitude to their friends, teachers and family members ensured that it was a memorable experience for the students to take back.

SJU Gents' Hostel celebrated its 104th Hostel Day at which Dr Madappa MB (an alumnus of the hostel and now an Associate Professor at SJU) was the chief guest. Fr Jaison Glen Pais, the hostel director, coordinated the event to a memorable success.

The Lenten outreach of the Arrupe Nivas community took us on a day's visit to Jyothi Seva Home for the Blind Children. The Holy week liturgy was prayerfully organized by the SJU hostellers and was deeply appreciated by the participants.

- Fr Roshan Castelino

Sujeewa Pathirana, Provincial of Sri Lanka, who spent a few days with us on his canonical visitation.

Some of our brothers contributed their mite to vocation promotion as they shared their vocation stories with their college mates and encouraged

them to discern their life orientation. On Good Friday, all the scholastics in collaboration with the hostellers performed a live Stations of the Cross. The successful attempt was much appreciated for

ASHIRVAD



Congratulations to Fr Prashant Madtha on being appointed a member of Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy. Ashirvad, in collaboration with St Joseph's College of Commerce, organized a free health camp for migrant workers in Bengaluru. Our Centre for Social Concern, with the help of the NGO 'Arunya', arranged a few spoken English classes for our volunteers who take classes in our Spandana Evening Study centres and also for the students of a few Government schools. We have plans to extend our service to five more study centres shortly. Frs Arul Anthony and Arun Luis attended a two-day MAIN national training programme for coordinators at Ranchi.

Fr Arun Luis is constantly on the move creating awareness among several groups of people on the electoral process. Among these groups were:

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



We prepared ourselves, as a community, for Holy Week and Easter, with a talk by Fr Shane Varghese, CSSR, followed by a penitential service. The Lenten and the Holy Week liturgy had the usual services, both in Konkani and English. A special feature this year was the "Living (enacted) Stations of the Cross" in Konkani, on Palm Sunday evening, conducted by the 'United Family Choir.' The well-attended devotional service was prayerful and fervent. The scholastics of Asha Kiran conducted the Stations of the Cross in English. The Konkani service on Maundy Thursday was held in the church, whereas the English service was conducted on the open-air lawns of the shrine. Fr Ashwin Cordeiro, SJ, presided over the Holy Triduum liturgy, with Salesian and Redemptorist Fathers assisting. "An hour with Mary" in Konkani and English, on Holy Saturday, was conducted with much devotion.

JESUIT NIVAS



SJBHS had a two-day Faculty Development Programme, by Dr Chitra Andrade, on the science of successful learning; and an awareness session, by Fr Jerald D'Souza SJ, on Child Rights and Safety. Our sporting victories deserve a special mention. Trophies, shields, cups, medals and certificates kept pouring in as our boys and girls excelled in Golf, Boxing, Badminton, Rifle Shoot-

its relevance to contemporary situation as it was dramatized thematically at each station.

- Sch Anson Alex

the CRI of Dharwad zone, the members of the OCD in Mangaluru, and the civil society groups in Mangaluru. He delivered the keynote address to the students at the national conference organized by Roshni Nilaya, Mangaluru. He also addressed the MA Political Science students of St Joseph's University on the activities of MAIN.

We thank M/s Dot Dash Meredith who gifted 30 refurbished laptops for the use of the students of St Joseph Skill Academy. Sch Praveen Kumar (CEN) went to a parish in Thiruvannamalai for Easter ministry. Fr Francis Noronha, currently on sabbatical, paid a visit to his sister in Dubai. The support staff of Ashirvad enjoyed a two-day outing to Goa.

- Fr Elvis Lewis

Fr Boniface Lewis (KHM) is with us these days, attending to his medical needs at Fr Muller's. We are happy to welcome Fr Ajay D'Silva to the community. Post tertianship, he brings in verve and youthfulness to the community of seniors. The decibel level in the community is already on the rise. We have the pleasure of having Fr Felix Victor with us since a few days for rest and relaxation. We welcome him and wish him a pleasant stay. Feeling fit as a fiddle, Fr Raymond D'Souza, after a sojourn of a few months with us, has returned to Khuzama. We thank him for his quiet, gentle, smiling presence and willing heart to help with Masses and confessions.

Frs Joseph Monteiro, Joseph Rodrigues, Ivan Sequeira, Terence Farias, Ajay D'Silva & Anil D'Mello directed retreats to Sisters either individually or in small groups.

- Fr Thomas Quadras

ing, Taekwondo, Gymnasium, Swimming, Table Tennis, Chess and a host of other sports. Indeed, a befitting end to an action filled and fruitful year.

St Joseph's College of Law won the first place in the M.K. Nambyar Memorial National Level Moot Court Competition. The NSS of SJCL celebrated Women's Day by organizing games for

the women of Frazer Town slums. The NSS also organized an awareness campaign for the public, at the Cash Pharmacy and F.M. Cariappa Road junctions, on the rights and duties enshrined in the Constitution. The Law and Gender Committee of the College put up an inter-class competition on poster making on the theme "Empowering Women through Law." Our outreach programme took our I LLB and BA, LLB students to the brick factory in Kamblipura to interact with the migrant labourers, and then to Deena Nilaya Convent where HIV/AIDS affected women and girls are being rehabilitated.

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



As part of our Lenten devotion we, as a community, paid a visit to AiR Humanitarian Home, Bannerghatta, on March 16, which was truly a heart-touching experience, chiefly by reason of our interaction with the Home's nearly 350 inmates. As a token of our concern for them, we donated a few stationery items and toiletries from our Lenten savings. But we received far more than we gave as we witnessed joy in the faces of the inmates despite their suffering and pain.

St Joseph's College of Law arranged an outreach programme for 62 of its students at the Kamblipura Brick Factory in Anekal. The students had the experience of directly interacting with the

Fests and competitions organized by St Joseph's College of Commerce included: an inter-collegiate fest named Revelations, organized by the AICUF; "Cyclothon," inter-class fest; "Arambh," interclass PG cultural fest; and the inter-collegiate fest SPIEL 2024. SJCC joined hands with Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore, to conduct a national conference on "Digital Integration Strategies." The Job Mela, organized for the first time by the SJCC Placement Cell, had aspirants participating from all the BJES units.

- Fr Joel Fernandes

LOYOLA MANDIR



We were happy to play host to some of our international friends and benefactors who spent a few days with us. Prominent among them are: Ms Kath Rosic and Ms Liz Kim from Jesuit Mission, Australia; and Fr Yamaoka Sanji (JPN) and Fr Arun Prakash D'Souza (JPN-KAR). Fr Jossie D'Mello gave a course on Ignatian Spirituality to MTh students at the Indian Institute of Spirituality, Rajajinagar. He also gave a recollection to the clergy of the diocese of Shimoga. Fr Olvin Veigas gave a session on "Cultivating Resilience in Leadership and Entrepreneurship" at the conclave of Empower ED of the School of Education, Christ University, Bengaluru. He also attended a two-day conference on the Role of

factory workers (most of whom were migrants), and understanding the hardships and challenges they faced as manual labourers. 'Samarthya,' the skilling programme initiated by CIRW, has started two more tailoring centres, one each in Lakshmipura and Kambalipura. The International Women's Day celebration, held in the campus of St Joseph's PU College on March 17, was jointly organized by CIRW and the Samagra Grameena Abhivrudhi Okkuta. The chief guest on the occasion was Fr Jerald D'Souza, SJ (Director of St Joseph's College of Law). The parish organized a Lenten retreat, preached by Fr Deepak Joseph, SMM, in which the faithful, numbering about 250, participated.

- Sch Larren Menezes

AI in Higher Education.

Having completed his Licentiate in Canon Law, Fr Royston Pinto is back at Loyola Mandir. The formators involved in the early stages of formation spent a day in deliberating on the guidelines proposed by the JCSA for initial stages of formation. The second-year regents, expected to begin their theology studies in June, spent two days in prayerful reflection under the guidance of the PCF, Fr Francis Fernandes. Fr Jason Furtado was away in Pandithahalli for the Holy Week ministry while others at LM helped out in the parishes in and around Bengaluru.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



Kalaburagi is experiencing a heat wave, with temperatures soaring beyond 40 degrees. That, however, has not deterred our Superior Fr Maxim Misquith and our Treasurer Fr Anand Prabhu from giving a facelift to the institutions in the campus and undertaking general infrastructural development.

In our efforts to attract new admissions, we have released 36 reels and videos on YouTube, showcasing our students' talents in dancing, storytelling, and reciting the Vachanas. The summer camp – with residential facilities - organized this year by the school, is generating excitement among both staff and students.

With the announcement of I PU results on April 1, and of the beginning of summer vacation, even the corridors and walls of St Xavier's PU College have gone into silence, lamenting the absence of its beloved students and awaiting the end of summer holidays. In the meantime, the Principal

Fr John Thomas and his staff are on the lookout for ways and means of attracting students and enhancing enrolment so that more young people of the town benefit from the quality education at St Xavier's PU College.

- Fr Roshan Pinto

MANVI



The twinning initiative between Manvi Mission and SJBHS prompted a few parents and teachers from the city institution to visit our campus. Also, Mr Thomas Tekkatala, an alumnus of SJBHS, came to Manvi, accompanied by Frs Sunil Fernandes and Vishal D'Souza, and was much impressed by our works in Pannur school and village and has promised to invite his friends to join him to support our mission. Ten students each from Xavier School and Loyola School took part, and won a number of prizes, in the "Aurum Fest" organized by SJBHS for rural schools.

Loyola School celebrated the 20 years of its existence on Feb 20 marking the occasion with an inter-religious prayer service. The staff of Loyola PUC and Degree College, accompanied by Frs Vinod Paul, Praveen Kumar and Wilson Moras, returned recharged after a two-day outing to Goa.

On Fr Vinod Paul's initiative a one-day programme for the Catholic youth of Raichur and Sindhanur deaneries was organized in our campus with the help of the college staff. Mr Clifton Rosario from Bengaluru addressed the youth participants – about 160 in number - on how to build a better future.

International Women's Day, celebrated for the

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



The community went on a Lenten pilgrimage to Mailasandra and spent time in praying the Stations of the Cross at the Vanachinnappa shrine. The feast of St Joseph was celebrated with a festive mass in the morning, and in the evening an exciting cricket match between the seniors and the novices.

The novices were delighted to welcome Fr Provincial who came on Visitation. Fr Provincial conferred on the first-year novices the ministries of reader and acolyte as they also received the cassock on this occasion. The inter-novitiate recollection day with the participation of 42 novices of the Bengaluru CRI zone was reflective and insightful. Fr John Pradeep SJ, and Sr Navamani

women of SHG's at Pannur and Manvi, had over a thousand women participating. The programme comprised games, cultural items and a sumptuous meal. The event was organized by Fr Don Lobo and his team with the collaboration of a number of volunteers. We remain grateful to Sr Juliana Monis who worked here for two years as counselor, but had to leave for Mangaluru for reasons of health.

Pre-novices from Navasadhana and Loyola Pre-Novitiate -18 in all – had two weeks of mission experience in Manvi Mission. Schs Elson Lobo and Darshan Kumar were the guides for the two groups. Frs Vinod Paul, Rayappa, Cyril Raj and Praveen Kumar preached a one day retreat to the faithful of Koppal and Pannur Parishes.

Loyola Social Service Centre, Manvi, and St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru jointly organized a one-day gathering, at SJCC, for about 100 migrants from Raichur district working in different parts of Bengaluru. An important highlight of the gathering was the medical check-up conducted by the staff of St Martha's Hospital and the helpline made available to the migrants for emergency needs. We welcome Sch Suman D'Souza who, after his philosophy in Pune, has joined our community as the new regent.

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

SSpS were the resource persons. The movie 'Photo' at Cinopolis helped us to grasp the ordeal of the migrants during the time of Corona pandemic. Fr Kanikiaraju's inspirational talk on his God experience was soul-stirring.

Holy Week services, including the Stations of the Cross, were meaningfully conducted in the parish by Fr Balaraju A (Parish Priest) and Fr Prathap Chandru (Assistant). The novices were of great help in animating the choir during the Good Friday Service including the singing of the passion narrative. The novices also conducted the meditation on the Seven Sorrows of our Lady on Holy Saturday at MSJ campus. The large throng of the faithful required that arrangements be made for

accommodation even outside the church.

Loyola Degree College organized a special lecture for the students on the need to uphold

MUNDGOD

Wardens of Loyola Children's Home (LCH) attended a seminar at LVK on Child Rights and Safety. LCH conducted a four-day summer camp "Chiguru" for all the primary students, introducing them to various forms of art and dance. Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya (LKV) had all its male staff celebrate International Women's Day in an informal gathering to which only mothers (parents of our students) were invited. On completion of the annual examinations by the third week of March, the school organized 'Kala Mela 2024' for the display of arts and crafts models. The events that concluded the month were the Valedictory for the X Std and Graduation ceremony for the UKG.

LVK-Hanagal celebrated Women's Day on March 2 with 'dollar kunitha' and a tableau on heroic women, performed by women's groups. Stirring speeches were made on the occasion by renowned social activist Ms K C Akshatha, followed by Sr Anitha D'Souza UFS and Fr Melvin Lobo, SJ. The two-day workshop on entrepreneurship for women had Ms Rajeshwari (Udyami Foundation, Hubli) as the resource person. LVK also joined hands with the police department to create awareness among youth on road safety, traf-

NAVASADHANA

The work camp at Pannu-Manvi Mission, which the first-year pre-novices undertook recently, was joined in by the Loyola pre-novices as well. Having returned to Navasadhana after their Easter holidays, the pre-novices are currently absorbed in the 'English Language Camps' conducted with the assistance of Schs Maria Divij and Agil Roy.

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru

St Aloysius Gonzaga School organized two training sessions for its students of class VIII and IX: one, by Ms Suman Pinto (a consultant counsellor), on de-addiction; and the other by Ms Chethana Badekar (a forest scientist), on career options in science and research. The academic year 2024-25 for Class X and XII commenced as early as on March 13, with an orientation programme on the first day conducted by Fr Anush D'Cunha, SJ. The male staff of the School had the privilege of celebrating Women's Day, on March 7, for their female counterparts. On this occasion, Ms Sarah Shirley Crasta (Counselor, SAPUC) delivered an

Constitutional Values. Loyola ITI conducted an Election Awareness Programme for its staff and students.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

fic rules, and applying for driving licenses online.

LVK-Mundgod hosted a two-day workshop for nearly 50 community leaders on land rights. Five differently-abled beneficiaries of our Sustainable Development Project were taken to Davangere for treatment. Women's Day was observed both at LVK and in the village centres. Students from AIMIT, Mangaluru, were placed in eight different villages for their rural exposure experience. Among other activities conducted at LVK were the following: spoken English classes by Schs Christon Gonsalves and Macwin D'Souza, and summer camp 'Chiguru' inaugurated by Fr Jeevan Gomes. Welcome to Sch Dilip Xavier who has joined our community as the new regent at LVK.

Our Siddi Development Programme organized a five-day seminar in 15 villages across Mundgod, Yellapur and Haliyal talukas, creating awareness on education in general and higher education in particular. 'Girijanotsava,' a cultural evening organized in Gullapur village in Yellapur Taluk was aimed at promoting Siddi tribal art, culture, and indigenous knowledge.

- Fr Leo Florence

We extend an anticipated welcome to our new regent, Sch Princen Michael, who is expected to arrive shortly to take up his responsibilities at Navasadhana. A selection camp is set to commence on April 8, offering an opportunity for new candidates to embark on their own journey at Navasadhana.

- Sch Darshan Kumar

insightful talk on "What It Means to be a Woman Today". The Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony, held on March 23, had Dr Mario Joseph Bukelo (Consultant Pediatrician & Neonatologist) as the chief guest. As many as 82 graduates were conferred, on this occasion, with the title of "Kindergartener".

St Aloysius ITI, in its pursuit of creativity and innovation, conducted a "Tech-Fest" to which students of the neighbouring primary and high schools were also invited. Women's Day was observed with a talk on health and hygiene followed

by a few games and competitions for ladies and women staff. Two members of our staff attended a workshop conducted by Hyundai Motors. A group of our students, accompanied by a member of the staff, attended an online course on AI, conducted by NASSCOM. A few of our students

and staff also attended the National Auto Tech-Fest at Kolkata and bagged the Second Prize in Project Work Autophiles. SAITI is proud of having secured the Best Leap Partner Award in Tier-2 city.

- Fr Melwin J Pinto

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



March has been a month of exams: first semester exams for the collegians, and final exams for the "classical juniors." Bishop Francis Serrao paid us a visit *en route* to Sevalaya, Dharwad, where he was going to join the retreat of the bishops of Karnataka. A one-day training programme for unorganized youth was designed and conducted by Fr Joyson Vas with the assistance of the scholastics. As the Province Vocation Promoter, Fr Joyson continues to acquaint and attract the youth of our area with the life and mission of the Jesuits. Fr Jeevan Prabhu was the resource person at the meeting of the superiors and heads

of institutions of the Franciscan Ursuline Sisters of the Mangalore Province. Fr Jerome D'Souza gave a recollection talk to the members of the CRI of Hubli-Dharwad Zone. Our pilgrimage to the Miraculous Cross at Nandgad, Belgaum, and our visits to a few missions of Goa Jesuits in the present Belgaum Diocese were a part of our Lenten observance. Priests and scholastics of VN rendered pastoral assistance in various parishes of Hubli-Dharwad region and Madanbhavi Mission during the Holy Week.

- Sch Joshua Fred Lobo

DHYAN ASHRAM, Kolkata



We had a rewarding three-day visit to Shanti Niketan, a place steeped in the legacy of our national poet Rabindranath Tagore. We had the benefit of a course on Art and Aesthetics by Fr Saju (CCU) who, as we know, is a prominent Jesuit in the world of dance. The canonical visit of Fr Arjen Tete, Provincial of Calcutta, was, without doubt, a moment of grace for the entire DA Community. We rendered assistance in our respective

ministry places for the celebration of Palm Sunday. The Easter Vigil Mass, which we celebrated as a community, was marked by a tableau on the Resurrection, which creatively highlighted the Easter Mystery. The community get-together we had on the following evening was a fitting conclusion to our Easter celebrations.

- Sch Daran Cardoza

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



The faith-sharing sessions in living groups, held in March, nurtured our spiritual growth and strengthened our community bonds. On March 6, we had the Cultural Diversity Day hosting the Academic Senate Meeting alongside the release of two notable publications: 'Sat Sophia,' a student journal, and 'SN Chronicles,' a pictorial depiction of the year's events, the latter edited by Sch Prathap. The event, coordinated by Fr Francis D'Souza, was graced by the presence of Fr Jerome Stanislaus



D'Souza, POSA. The second-years, as part of their course on Contemporary Indian Thought, embarked on an Academic Tour to Pondicherry, coordinated by Fr Lawrence Fernandes. The tour was followed by a pilgrimage to Annai Vailankanni Shrine, Nagapattinam, for seeking Mother Mary's blessings on the next stage of their formation.

The scholastics were actively engaged in helping out in the Holy Week ceremonies in different parishes.

- Sch Vivian Floid Saldanha

VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



In the month of March, we had the benefit of three enlightening academic courses: Media Education by Fr A. Stephen Martin (MDU), Art Appreciation by Fr Thottathil M. Roy (KER), and Street Theatre by Fr Porunnakottu Sheise (KER). Our excursion to Kanyakumari (and visits to scenic spots in the region) afforded us a break from



our routine academic exertions. We had a combined celebration of the Ugadi festival and Andhra Province Day on March 19. As we approach the end (scheduled for April 6) of our juniorate studies, we are using our spare time to

pack our bags and be ready to depart to our respective provinces, even as our hearts keep singing a silent song of thanksgiving for all that we have received at VN.

- Sch Jeevan Santhosh

VINAYALAYA, Mumbai



We had an informative course on the POCSO Act by Sr Sagaya, a practicing lawyer. The visit of Fr Anush D’Cunha and the Karnataka scholastics from DNC was, for us Karnatakans, a pleasant event.

Surely, many of you have heard of the famous play, “An Enemy of the People” by Henrik Ibsen. Well, we the Juniors at Vinay-



alaya actually staged it – as part of our Drama Day - in the Holy Family School Hall on March 24, under the expert direction of Fr Learoy Rodrigues (BOM) and Mr Conan Pereira. Their hard work of over a month paid off in a captivating performance lasting over an hour and forty-five minutes. The audience comprising parishioners, youth, the religious, and our friends filled the hall to capacity and turned the evening into a delightful and memorable event. The “drama day,” incidentally, marks the culmination of the juniors’ year-long formation, integrating their academic attainments in literature, arts and humanities.

- Sch Manvith D’Souza

XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE, Belagavi



Back at XTC after their month-long hospital experiment the second year novices have resumed their regular novitiate routine. We were privileged to attend an enlightening and inspiring talk by Fr Vernon D’Cunha (General Assistant) who was at XTC for the extended consult. He shared with us about his role of assisting Fr General in the governance of the Society.

The First Year novices prepared themselves for the course on Social Analysis which was to be held in Madwal. The experiment included interacting with Fr Tom Chanakala who is involved in the Kannada mission of the Goa Province. The novices traversed, on foot, a distance of 22 kilometers as their Lenten pilgrimage to the Miraculous Cross at Nandgad.

Among the many courses the novices underwent, the chief ones are: the Catechism of the Catholic Church - by Fr Ronnie D’Souza (GOA), History of Suppression and Restoration of the Society - by Fr Savio Abreu (GOA), and Sacred Scripture - by Fr Sebastian Pereira (GOA). The community had a triduum, guided by Fr Anthony Tribhuvan (Socius), in preparation for the Holy week. While the arrangements for Holy Week ceremonies in the house were made by 1st Year Novices, the 2nd Year Novices were out in their ministry parishes to render assistance. The community celebration of Easter was in the evening on Easter Sunday. We were happy to have with us Fr Dionysius Vaz, our Provincial, who had come on his annual visitation.

- Nov Gevin D’Souza

INNSBRUCK, Austria



After completing my tertianship fruitfully, I returned to Innsbruck on 1st April. The tertianship was an enriching experience. I am extremely grateful to Mike Weiler, SJ, the tertian director, Steve Dillard, SJ, the minister, and Joseph Sands, SJ, the spiritual director, for their magnanimity and hospitality. I am also glad to inform you that after an intense interviewing process with the faculty, I was approved for the Champion Postdoctoral Fellow at Fordham University in New York. I begin teaching at Fordham in August 2024 for a year. Before that, I will spend

three months at Boston College in Boston, assisting James Keenan, SJ, a leading moral theologian in the USA. I am very grateful to William Leahy, SJ, the president of Boston College, and James Keenan, SJ, for their generous support.

I express my deep gratitude to Fr Bernhard Bürgler, SJ, the former provincial of the Austrian Jesuit province and the current provincial of the Central European Jesuit province, for his generosity. I am incredibly indebted to Jesuitenkolleg, Innsbruck. For the last six years, Jesuitenkolleg has been

my home in every sense. I am profoundly indebted to Fr Markus Inama, SJ, the former rector of *Jesuitenkolleg*, for facilitating my arrival in Innsbruck, and Fr Christian Marte, SJ, the rector who has been a source of inspiration and strength for me all these years. I am thankful to Fr Wolfgang Dolzer, SJ, and Fr Hans Goller, SJ, the ministers of *Jesuitenkolleg*. I am grateful to every member of *Jesuitenkolleg* and the co-workers, especially the *Aufbaustudenten* and the novitiate community from whom I have received much love and affection. I need to acknowledge Fr Lumnesh in a special way for his constant support and companionship. He has gone out of his way to make my transition smooth, and I remain indebted to him.

In December 2023, Lumnesh participated in an international conference hosted by the British Ecological Society in Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he presented his research findings. Subsequently, during January and February, he conducted online classes on Eco-spirituality for the Juniors at Vidya Niketan, Dharwad. In March, he conducted a workshop for students at a former Jesuit school in Kalksburg, Vienna, focusing on Jesuit responses to

environmental care.

Recently, Lumnesh's interview was featured in the quarterly newspaper of the University of Innsbruck, wherein he discussed his motivation to pursue ecological studies in Innsbruck as a Jesuit priest. He was invited by the PILGRIM organization, which promotes ecological awareness among European school students from inter-religious and intercultural perspectives, to collaborate on integrating Indian cultural and religious viewpoints into their teaching module.

Following his talk in a workshop conducted in November for teachers on constructive approaches to cultural and religious diversity when teaching ecology, as part of a Sysmind project of the University of Applied Sciences for Agricultural and Environmental Education, Vienna, in collaboration with other colleges from different European countries, Lumnesh has been asked to contribute his expertise to an online course through video talks. Currently, Lumnesh is actively writing and publishing articles on the outcomes of his research in international peer-reviewed journals.

- Fr Bala Kiran Kumar



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REST IN PEACE

Br. Maxim D'Mello, SJ, (BOM), 73/49, on 22 March 2024, in Mumbai.

Fr Augustine Paruthipallil, SJ, (KER), 81/55, on 24 March, in Calicut.

Fr Jerome Kulandaisamy, SJ, (MDU), 63/42, on 29 March 2024, in Dindigul.

Fr Boniface Tigga, SJ, (MAP), 86/64, on 07 April 2024, in Ambikapur (Chhattisgarh).

Fr S. Ladislaus Chinnadurai, SJ, (MDU) 100/61, on 10 April, in Dindigul.

Mr Eddie D'Sa, 92, (donor of Asha Kiran property, Mangaluru), on 30 March, in Bengaluru.

Mrs Arogya Mary, 85, beloved mother of Fr Bartholome J, on 09 April, in Bengaluru.

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