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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

On 29 September 2026, Fr. General appointed Fr. Brian Bonaventure Pereira, SJ, as the new Provincial of Karnataka Province. Habemus Provincialem! I warmly congratulate Brian and assure him of my prayers as he takes up this important mission of leadership and service.

Born on 8 March 1971, Brian joined the Society on 20 June 1989. His rich experience as vocation promoter, pre-novitiate director, youth director, superior of Arrupe Nivas, and rector of Jesuit Nivas and St Aloysius College has prepared him well for this responsibility. His administrative experience, accompaniment skills and involvement in RRSJSA will serve him well as he leads our 317 Jesuits and 70 apostolic units into the future. Dear Brian, may you lead with discernment, courage, compassion and trust in the Lord. May your leadership help us grow as companions, deepen our commitment to the mission and discover new ways of serving God's people. I wish you and your team abundant blessings!

As I write my final Provincial's Musings, I do so with a heart overflowing with gratitude. These six years have been a precious journey of grace. I sincerely thank every Jesuit of our Province for your obedience, cooperation, co-discernment, collaboration and generous support. Your trust, honest conversations, shared responsibilities and readiness to walk together made my ministry of governance smoother, more meaningful and deeply fruitful. I could never have carried this responsibility alone; your companionship made all the difference. I specially thank the province administration consisting of the Socius, consultants, province treasurer, PDD and PCF for their close collaboration and for being with me during my consolations and desolations. The superiors, DoWs, and commission coordinators helped me in arriving at decisions through common discernment.

I am especially grateful for your prayers and loving care during my illness. You helped me experience, in a deeply personal way, what it means to be brothers in the Lord. The five ordinations this year have also filled me with hope and gratitude, reminding me that God continues to call labourers into His vineyard.

Our journey has not been without challenges. Artificial intelligence is transforming education, work and relationships, inviting us to use technology wisely and ethically. SIR protests remind us of the importance of justice, democratic participation, and the protection of the dignity of every citizen. Drought in North Karnataka calls us to stand with vulnerable communities with solidarity and care for creation. Corruption continues to challenge our work and commitment to integrity and accountability. Amid these realities, let us remain courageous, united and creative in advancing our mission.

I hand over the Province with peace, gratitude and hope. Brian, the Province is yours to lead, but never yours to carry alone. May we support you as generously as you have supported others. As October honours Mary, let us entrust Brian, our Province and its mission to her maternal care.

Thank you, dear brothers, for everything. Please remember me in your prayers, as I will remember you in mine.



- FR DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ

APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr. Brian Pereira, SJ (KAR) – Provincial of Karnataka Province.

Fr. Francis Minj, SJ (RAN) – Provincial of Ranchi Province.

Fr. Francis Patekar, SJ (PUN) – Provincial of Pune Province.

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr. Sujay Daniel: Minister of SAC, Mangaluru

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

October 2026

02: Ordination: FRH (Mangaluru)

10: Ordination: SJBHS (Bengaluru)

12: Province Consult

17: Final Vows of Frs. Alwyn D'Souza, Edwin Antony & Royston Madtha (Jesuit Nivas, B'luru)

25-31: JCSA: Dumka

November 2026

03: New Provincial assumes charge

03: Meeting of Local Superiors & CCMs

04: Province Consult

CONGRATULATIONS

To our newly ordained priests **Arun Lobo, Cannon Antony Fernandes, Darren Joy Menezes, Prajwal Marvin Apose** and **Santhosh Kumar M.** May God bless you and your priestly ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

17 Oct 2026: Final Vows of Frs. Alwyn D'Souza, Edwin Antony and Royston Madtha

03 Nov 2026: New Provincial assumes charge (Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru)

12-13 December 2026: Meeting of LS, DoWs, CCMs: FRH (Mangaluru)

23-26 Jan 2027: Province Congregation: at Prerana (Bengaluru)

Sch. Anson Alex A left the Society of Jesus on 18 September 2026. We wish him God's abundant blessings as he begins a new phase in his life.

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWP): OCTOBER 2026

For the mental health ministry: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



The Priestly Ordination of Fr. Nithin Lisbon Coelho SJ in Japan



On Saturday, 12 September 2026, the Society of Jesus in Japan joyfully celebrated the priestly ordination of Fr. Nithin Lisbon Coelho SJ at St Ignatius Church, Tokyo. Cardinal Archbishop Tarcisius Isao Kikuchi, S.V.D., presided over the celebration, concelebrated by more than fifty priests.

A member of the Karnataka Province, Fr. Nithin was missioned to Japan in 2020. His ordination brought together Jesuits, family members and friends from different parts of the world. Fr. Dionysius Vaz SJ, Provincial of Karnataka and Nithin's former Novice Director, and Fr. Leston Lobo SJ, his companion from the novitiate years, represented the Karnataka Province.

The celebration continued with a reception at St Joseph Hall and an Indian dinner at the Jesuit Scholasticate. Fr. Arun D'Souza SJ, along with the

Scholasticate community, played a generous role in coordinating the entire celebration. The following morning, Fr. Nithin celebrated his Thanksgiving Mass at Koenji Parish Church, where he had previously served in pastoral ministry, including during his diaconate.



Fr. Nithin's ordination was a celebration of vocation, family, friendship and mission, reflecting the universal character of the Society of Jesus. His journey from Karnataka to Japan beautifully ex-

presses the Ignatian spirit of receiving God's gifts with gratitude and offering oneself generously for His greater service.

- Fr. Leston B Lobo

The Priestly Ordinations in Mangaluru & Bengaluru



The Karnataka Jesuit Province was thrilled to witness two priestly ordinations in October 2026. Fr. Larren Joy Menezes, Fr. Prajwal Marvin Apose, and Fr. Roshan Kelvine Goveas (BOM), the three deacons, were ordained priests on 2nd October at Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru, by Most

that Love, Hands that Serve". Both ordinations brought together Jesuits, clergy, religious, family members and well-wishers in thanksgiving for the gift of these six new priests. Both occasions were filled with joy and gratitude and renewed the hope of the Province that the newly ordained



Rev. Dr Leslie Clifford D'Souza, Bishop of Udupi. Fr. Arun Lobo, Fr. Cannon Fernandes and Fr. Santhosh Kumar, the three other deacons, were ordained priests on 10 October at St Joseph's Boys' High School Chapel, Bengaluru, by Most Rev. Dr Francis Serrao, SJ, Bishop of Mysore. The theme of both ordination celebrations was "Hearts

priests will serve the Church and God's people with generous hearts and a missionary spirit. The FRH and Jesuit Nivas communities went out of their way to make the ordinations meaningful and smooth.

- Fr Pratap Chandru

Young Priests Meeting 2026



The Young Priests Meeting (YPM) 2026 was held on 19 and 20 September at Prerana, Mount St Joseph. On Day 1, Ms Gowri Mirlay Achanta (SJBHS) facilitated a thought-provoking session on "Education (SJ meets Gen-Z) and Collaboration," inviting us to reflect on how Jesuit ministry in education can connect with the present generation, understand its outlook and work together as a team.

In the afternoon, we gathered in groups to share and exchange learning experiences from our own ministries. The Provincial, Fr. Dionysius Vaz, then addressed the gathering, offering guidance and encouragement which culminated with the celebration of the Eucharist.

Day 2 began with the Eucharist, setting the tone for a day of rest and fellowship. Away from the routine of ministry, we spent time together at Alaara Lake House, Gulakamale. The outing

strengthened the bonds of friendship and our sense of belonging to the one Jesuit family. We left refreshed and better prepared to return to our



mission with renewed enthusiasm. Our heartfelt gratitude is due to Fr. Arun Kumar and to all those who organised the meeting and made it a meaningful experience. We remain grateful to the community at Prerana, Mount St Joseph, for their hospitality and support.

- Fr. Ashwin Cordeiro

ARRUPE NIVAS, Bengaluru



St Joseph's University held its third annual convocation on 27 September, awarding degrees to 2,300 graduates. The chief guest, Mr Prem Watsa, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd, Canada, emphasized his connection to Jesuit education, citing his father Manohar Watsa's scholarship from the Jesuits in the 1930s. In gratitude, Watsa had contributed \$1.1 million in 2007 to the development of the AIMIT campus and has committed to supporting a new centre of excellence in Engineering

and Management at the university's B Block at Bannerghatta. Shri Priyank Kharge, Minister for Home Affairs, Information Technology and Biotechnology, was the Guest of Honour, along with Rajya Sabha MP Mansoor Ali Khan, at the ceremony. The day concluded with a celebration at Arrupe Nivas with fellow Jesuits. Fr. Bala Kiran attended a conference on Ignatian Spirituality and Artificial Intelligence at Fordham University, New York, USA.

- Fr. Joswin Pereira

ASHA KIRAN, Mangaluru



The community prepared for the Nativity of Our Lady through confessions and the Novena. The feast day included the Holy Mass at Valencia Parish, a fellowship meal prepared by the Scholastics

from different provinces, and a friendly match, followed by recreation, all of which fostered fraternity. The Scholastics also had a one-day outing to various places around Mangaluru, which helped strengthen their sense of community. They also rendered their services in the arrangements for the ordination of the three Jesuits at FRH, followed by their presence at the Thanksgiving masses. Fr. Henry travelled to Jaipur to participate in the festivities of the Diamond Jubilee of his uncle's priestly ordination. At present, the Scholastics are rigorously preparing for their end-of-semester examinations with dedication, commitment, and a spirit of Magis.

- Sch. Jayanth Christy M



ASHIRVAD, Bengaluru



On 07 September, the Ashirvad community participated in an evening pilgrimage to Shivajinagar in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Monthi Fest), concluding with a community dinner. The following day, the feast was celebrated with the staff, co-workers and the teachers and students of the Spandana Study Centres.

On 14 September, Fr. Arun Luis accompanied a delegation of Bishops led by Most Rev. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bengaluru, which met Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, President of the Indian National Congress, and Shri Priyank Kharge, Minister of Home Affairs, Karnataka, in connection with the repeal of the anti-conversion law and a separate 1% reservation for the community.

From 09-13 September, Fr. Arun Luis was in Mangaluru in connection with sponsorship work, while Fr. Kiran Pashan was diagnosed with dengue and hospitalised, later returning to the community on September 16.

The Annual CSSF conference took place at Ashirvad on 18-19 September, followed by the Karam Utsav at St. Joseph's University on 20 September. A gathering for the UN International Day of Peace was held on 21 September, featuring a talk by Prof. Ramachandra, former Principal of Maharani's College, Bengaluru, on the theme, "Invest in Peace for Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day." On 22 September, Fr. Jeevan James arrived at Ashirvad for his home holidays.

A medical camp organised in Veerabhadranagar Slum on 13 September by Ashirvad Centre in collaboration with St. John's Hospital benefited 165 children and parents from the Spandana Study Centre. Fr. Anup Minj attended the MAIN Convention in Odisha along with his staff and received the Fr. Stan Swamy Award for his contribution to documenting interventions in the migrant ministry.

On 25 September, Fr. Arun Luis participated in a public hearing on the "Status of Government Schools in Karnataka," organised by the Campaign

for Right to Education at Hotel Parag, Bengaluru. From 30 September to 03 October, he attended the PDDs' meeting at St. Xavier's School, New Delhi.

On 01 October, Fr. Kiran Pashan travelled to Mangaluru to represent the community at the Priestly Ordinations and to join in the thanksgiving Masses.

- Fr. Pruthvi Ryanal Rodrigues

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru



Deacons Darren Menezes, Prajwal Marvin Apose, and Roshan Goveas were ordained to the ministerial Priesthood by Most Rev. Leslie Clifford D'Souza, the Bishop of Udupi. The Senior Jesuits at Santrupty made their annual retreat guided by Fr. Henry Saldanha. A three-day retreat was held for 35 Jesus Youth members, focusing on prayer and renewal. Fr. Fredrick D'Silva facilitated two-day sessions for sisters at Roshni Nilaya and preached a Retreat at Prerana for Silver and Golden Jubilarians. Fr. Joyson Vas conducted counselling training sessions in Gulbarga and

addressed student leaders at the Jesuit College in Hassan. Fr. Edward Rodrigues conducted a retreat for the Sisters of St Joseph of Chambery at Xavier Sadan in Mysore and for educators in Mangaluru. Fr. Joseph Monteiro guided a Long Retreat for the diocesan brothers, while Fr. Ivan Mendonca continued his retreat and recollection ministry in and around Mangaluru. The celebration of Fr. Oswald Mascarenhas' 90th birthday was the highlight of the month, marked with a modest celebration in gratitude for his service.

- Fr. Edward Rodrigues

HOMBELAKU, Manvi



In September, the community celebrated the Nativity of Our Lady through a shared meal with the Bethany and Ursuline collaborators. The community had Faith Sharing sessions to strengthen bonds. Kalyana Karnataka Day was marked on 17 September, complemented by a visit from Fr. Dionysius Vaz.

Loyola PU College promoted sports through various events, including hosting the Taluk-Level Sports meet, where the college earned multiple accolades and students secured notable success, securing several first- and second-place finishes in volleyball, kabaddi, relays, athletics, chess, basketball, football, and badminton. At the district level, students excelled in basketball, football and badminton, with several being selected for State-Level competitions. These achievements

reflect the dedication, teamwork and sporting spirit seen across the campus.

Loyola Degree College engaged in diverse activities: B. Com students organised a food stall on 02 September, and the Department of Botany held a plant-propagation event on 09 September. Students visited Sangapur on 25 September as part of an educational visit, and the LPL Cricket Matches for degree students were inaugurated. The Department of Zoology also conducted haemoglobin and blood glucose tests for students, promoting awareness of health and well-being. The Loyola Social Work Centre organised a plantation drive involving local women and children, along with a training program for 60 domestic workers.

- Sch. Joshua Fred Lobo

INIGO SADAN, Bengaluru



On 27 September, the community reached out to the New Ark Mission of India Home of Hope, spent time with the residents and offered them some groceries.

The Teacher's Day celebrations saw the staff of SJIPS participate wholeheartedly in fun-filled activities such as Tug of War, Throwback, and Musical Chairs, which were animated by the PTA. The Annual Athletic Meet was held on 11 September with the events presided over by Rev. Fr. Joseph D'Souza, SJ, Rector, SJII. At the inauguration, Mr Punith Nandakumar, International Para Swimmer, Ekalavya Awardee, and Income Tax Inspector, was

the Chief Guest, while Dr Preethi T., International Swimmer and Dentist, graced the Valedictory function. A special Eucharist was celebrated by the Rector on 23 September as the students prepared for their SA1 examinations. The Eco Club created awareness among students about waste segregation, particularly the proper disposal of wet and dry waste.

Class VIII students of SJHS undertook an educational visit to the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, where they explored exhibits on science, technology, and scientific discoveries. The experience extended learning beyond

the classroom and encouraged greater curiosity and interest in science and technology. The highlight of the month was Prerana 2026–27, the school's intramural cultural and literary carnival, held under the theme "Euphoria." The two-day event offered students a platform to showcase their talents through cultural, literary, artistic, and skill-based competitions. It fostered creativity, teamwork, confidence, and healthy competition, while providing opportunities for students to discover and celebrate their diverse abilities. The carnival concluded with the presentation of trophies and a series of cultural performances, bringing together the school community in appreciation of the talents and efforts of its students.

At SJICPUC, the Aakruthi Commerce and Humanities Fest provided students with opportunities to explore culture, business, entrepreneurship, and creativity through a variety of engaging events, including a Business Quiz, Corporate Fashion Walk, and innovative business-idea presentations. The Mind Gym Club marked Suicide Prevention Day with awareness activities, a special assembly, creative competitions, and a pledge centred on hope and care. Ankura, the Annual Cultural Fest, which provided a vibrant platform for students to discover and showcase their talents. Through these varied initiatives, SJICPUC continued its endeavour to form young people who are academically engaged, creatively confident,

socially sensitive, and committed to pursuing MAGIS.

At St. Joseph's CBSE School, the Annual Athletic Meet, held on 04 September, celebrated sporting excellence through the March Past, drills, novelty races, track events, karate display, and Inter-Jesuit competitions. Students from St. Joseph's Indian Primary School, High School, PU College, Skill Academy, St. Joseph's P U College, Anekal, and St. Joseph's School, Hassan, participated in the Inter-Jesuit 4 × 100 m relay competition. Ms Bharathi B. L., International Athlete and Vice President of the Karnataka Athletics Association, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

NCC CATC Camp, held from 15 to 24 September at Brindavan College, Yelahanka, saw 37 cadets participate in training in drill, weapon handling, map reading, field craft, yoga, and physical fitness, along with awareness sessions on cybercrime, drug abuse, career guidance, and Sahaj Yog, strengthening their discipline, leadership, teamwork, and responsibility. On 29 September, a Capacity Building Programme on Gender Sensitivity in Schools was conducted by Ms. Renu Dimri and Ms. Hemalatha A. G., focusing on equality, gender stereotypes, unconscious bias, inclusive language, and gender-sensitive classroom practices to promote safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environments.

- Sch. Lloyd Lobo

JESUIT NIVAS, Bengaluru



Jesuit Nivas welcomed Fr. Vernon for a time of sharing and fellowship during his visit to the Province. We celebrated Fr. Michael John's 87th birthday with gratitude and prayers for his good health.

SJIM inaugurated the renovated Loyola Auditorium, upgraded with modern facilities, including an LED screen, blessed by Rector Rev. Fr. Daniel Fernandes. Prof. Parthasarathy Shome held a taxation FDP and alumni placement sessions at the institute.

SJCC collaborated with Taylor & Francis for ICBELTS 2027, inaugurated a Media Lab, and has now enabled Qwikprint (24/7 printing) and its OTT platform. Students participated in the LEAD 2026, an Immersion Programme with rural learners in Manvi and Hassan. Mr Abdul Rab, Deputy Commissioner, and Ms Roopa, Revenue Officer, graced an awareness session on SIR and voting, while over 60 faculty members joined a UGC-MMTTC FDP-NEP orientation with SGTB Khalsa College.

SJCL's Student Council was installed for the aca-

demic year, presided over by the Provincial Fr. Dionysius Vaz, with Mr Vivek Subba Reddy as the Chief Guest. SJCL has also signed an MoU with the Civil Services Institute, Pala.

SJBHS conducted its Annual Athletic Meet, celebrated Teachers' Day with a PTA event titled 'Wild West,' hosted a 'Grocer's Market Fun Day' for pre-primary learners and held Cadence (8th edition), which drew 1,600+ students from 60+ schools while also conducting a POSH Awareness Programme.

SJPUC hosted MUN (11th Edition). The college's Eco Club visited waste segregation units organised by the Bangalore Climate Action Club, while the college won numerous accolades in inter-collegiate cultural and sporting events.

SJPUEC organised activities for academic and cultural development, including leadership initiatives and remedial classes to support students' holistic growth.

- Fr. Ashwin P Cordeiro

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



The Science department of our PU college visited the Karnataka Co-operative Milk Producers Federation (KMF) on 07 September. On 12 September, a PTA meeting was organised. As the chief guest at the sports day held on 18-19 September, Mr Sunil V., Karnataka Kabaddi Coach at Matru Pratishthana, was invited. The arts department held an extension activity at Sacred Heart Bhavan (an old-age home) and the Satya Sai Baba temple on 24 September, where students were exposed to the realities of life. Mr Harish, the chief guest of the programme in honour of Gandhi Jayanthi, delivered a message highlighting the principles of non-violence and truth.

Creative project-based lessons are being conducted for the students at St Joseph's school.

The Pre-novices were engrossed in their books as they began their mid-term exams. Soon after, they went to a basketball tournament organised by Dharmaram College. Some have also represented the college at the district level.

On 26 September, a combined session on Social



Analysis and Health Awareness on cancer and leprosy was conducted for the tailoring students at the CIRW by Fr. Jerald D'Souza, the Director, and Ms Tejashwini, the Community Health Officer



(CHO). On 28 September, Fr. Jerald D'Souza attended the Lok-Manch meeting held at the Indian Social Institute (ISI).

- Sch. Arun Raj

JOSEPH NIVAS, Hassan



At St Joseph's Eng. Med., a teachers' day celebration featured a Box Cricket match between staff and students, followed by fun games and the felicitation by the PTA. An inter-class debate for students of class V on 'AI's impact on jobs' promoted critical thinking. Hindi Diwas featured Ms Vanita AC as the chief guest, while Fr. Francis Balaraj guided a staff training program on social analysis. 52 Students excelled at the Science Fest held at Malnad College of Engineering, earning third place overall alongside other prizes. "Talenton 2026" showcased the hidden and diverse abilities of our students. Fr. Lancy Fernandes completed

his MSc in Food and Nutrition and has now become a certified dietitian. At St Joseph's College, a two-day talent development program was conducted in collaboration with SJCC. Industry talks on CA, CMA, ACCA, and related topics were also organised alongside National Sports Day activities. The NSS and AICUF units led a plastic-awareness drive through the college's streets. A week-long art, culture and music competition titled "Xpressions 26" was conducted in the college. Students also took part in business-related competitions at SDM Ujire and SADU Mangalore.

- Fr. Olvin Veigas

LOYOLA MANDIR, Bengaluru



Fr. Ajay D'Silva had a fall at FRH on 2 October and was admitted to Fr. Muller's Hospital for a tendon tear. Following surgery, he is recuperating at FRH under the care of Sch. Shaun D'Silva. Fr. Dionysius underwent angioplasty to address blockages in his heart. He is recovering well and has resumed his regular responsibilities. Fr. Jason Furtado attended the COJET meeting in Shillong from 6 to 11 October, where most of his doubts were cleared, though some treasurers still have questions! Fr. Julian Fernandes was in Loyola

Mandir for his medical check-up. Fr. Xavier (FRA) also spent some time at LM, particularly looking at our province archives. Fr. Sujay Daniel is staying at LM as part of his post-tertianship programme. He also met Dr Thimmappa Hegde and other doctors in NIMHANS for his research. The work of organising and documenting the archives is progressing smoothly. The task, however, is extensive and requires additional helping hands to carry it forward more efficiently.

- Fr. Ajay Nelson D'Silva

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



10th Standard student Sunitha of St. Xavier's School won first place in the district-level Bapuji Essay Competition, organised by the Department of Information and Public Relations, Kalaburagi, to commemorate the 157th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Following the SA-1 examinations, the first batch embarked on a five-day cultural tour. The Science students visited the District Science Centre as part of their academic exposure. St. Xavier's PU College now has a new bus, further strengthening its student facilities.

Fr. Joyson Vas conducted a one-day training programme for the Student Council members across

the campus. Fr. Robert Rodrigues conducted one-day workshops on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for teachers at St. Paul's High School, Belagavi; Presentation Convent, Dharwad; and Presentation Convent Higher Secondary School, Margao, Goa.

During his visit, Fr. Dionysius Vaz, the outgoing Provincial, blessed the foundation stone for the new Jesuit residence at Kalaburagi, accompanied by Fr. Arun Kumar and Fr. Jason Furtado, along with a few Jesuits from Vijayapura, including Fr. Sunil Fernandes, the Superior.

- Sch. Denver A. Pushpam

MAITRI SAADANA, Vijayapura



The month of October at the Bijapur Mission featured diverse pastoral, educational, social and community-oriented activities, including training programs for BEC and SCC Animators at St. Anne's Church and a Raksha Bandhan celebration by the Prison Ministry inmates, promoting fraternity, care and compassion.

At Loyola School CBSE, Fr. Dionysius Vaz's visit included blessings for a new school bus and a cricket academy. The school also had Teachers' Day festivities and health awareness sessions. The Arunnya team conducted Phonics and Spoken English sessions for primary students. A Health Awareness Programme was organised, with Dr Thousif addressing the students on healthy eating habits, while the Fire Brigade Department conducted a practical demonstration on fire safety and emergency procedures.

At Loyola PU College, PSI Sitaram addressed the students on traffic rules. Health check-ups were also conducted.

Loyola English Medium School (LEMS) hosted multiple events showcasing student talents and

environmental awareness initiatives. Students excelled in various sports and Scouts and Guides activities, qualifying for district-level competitions. Season of Creation activities were also conducted to promote environmental awareness.

CNFE celebrated the conclusion of a tailoring programme that promotes women's self-employment and conducted a programme for youth on "Youth in a Changing Society: Problems, Perspectives and Opportunities", which encouraged young people through discussions, creative start-up ideas, and group activities, while CIRD



organised awareness activities focused on women's empowerment, youth leadership, and child rights, benefiting numerous participants, including school dropouts. Through these activities, the mission reached many beneficiaries.

- Fr. Sharun D'Souza

MOUNT ST JOSEPH, Bengaluru



The Senior Jesuits went for a half-day outing to Nagamangala and were warmly welcomed and graciously looked after by Frs. Teyol Machado and

Anthony Lawrence. Under the able supervision of our ever-active minister, Fr. Prakash D'Souza, the main chapel is being given a new coat of distemper,

while regular services are being held in the Aula.

The Novices were spiritually nourished by a pilgrimage on foot to St. Mary's Basilica in Shivajinagar, culminating in Fr. Dion's final visit as Provincial and a farewell message. They participated in feedback sessions themed 'Act of Love' and attended the Karam Utsav at St. Joseph's University, which deepened their understanding of diverse religious sentiments. In preparation for the second-year Novices' hospice experiment on 30 September, a medical class was held, with training provided by nurses Ms Sonia and Ms Reshma from St. Philomena's Hospital.

From 24-26 September, Fr. Joe Mathias directed a seminar for 27 Apostolic Carmel Sisters at their Generalate in Jayanagar on the theme "Journey towards Holiness and Wholeness in Consecrated Life."

LDC and SJU-BB organised several fests, including Tarang, Regalia, and Metonymy. The Commerce department hosted a talk on "Civilisation and Ill

Health," while the BCA department partnered with Samsung for a discussion on AI. The Psychology department held a session titled "Challenging the Narrative of Suicide." A state-level event titled "My Favourite Book" was held in collaboration with the Kannada Sangha and the Kannada Development Authority. The NSS unit ran a health and nutrition awareness program titled "Healthy Bytes & Healthy Minds," and initiated a tree plantation and cleaning drive. Bangalore University published the first-semester results after more than a year, with some of our students doing extremely well.

Loyola ITI, in collaboration with VIDYA, signed an MoU with NIOS and inaugurated the first batch, providing opportunities for school dropouts. Certificates were presented to the first two batches of Satantra trainees. Delegates from St. Joseph's University visited Loyola ITI to explore the possibility of starting an engineering program at SJU, which would be mutually beneficial. The Electrician (EM) students visited Resonant Company, Bilekanahalli.

- Fr. Clarence D'Souza

SADHANA, Mundgod



The past month was vibrant with activities at LVK Mundgod, marking milestones in community engagement and education. Notably, 170 students completed tailoring and embroidery training through a collaborative venture with the Humanity Foundation. Two batches of students arrived from SADU as part of their outreach program, engaging with the villages through creative and meaningful activities. The Aster Foundation distributed school kits to 127 students from our target communities, alongside the Child Protection Committee (CPC), which distributed school kits to 22 schools. AGMs of Land Rights (21 Sept) and Unorganised Youth (25 Sept) were held. The ABCD training sessions conducted in many villages benefited over 100 individuals. The Fast-Food Training Program (02 Sept) has benefited 35 women. Training on the embroidery Work Course was conducted at Nandigatta for 22 participants. The Health Camp by the Ayush Department, Youth Sports Programme, SIR and ASDPO Survey, Poshana Abhiyaan Programme, and Nutritional Diet Survey were

among the other activities organised by the centre.

The presence of Fr. Xavier SJ from France, the philosophy companion of Frs. Avinash and Vincent brought great joy to the entire community. Teachers' Day and Green Day fostered community spirit and environmental awareness, while the Monti Fest united the community in celebration. Fr. Pradeep R. S. was awarded the Master Artist honour at the International Art Expo in Kolkata. He continued to share his artistic expertise through training Programmes for the CJ Sisters in Kerala and at Perana, Bengaluru. Frs. Anil D'Souza and Vincent Jason participated in the review meeting of the Australian Mission Project held in Bali, Indonesia. Three of our LKV staff members participated in the JESCOL-2 programme held at Xavier Sadan, Mysore. A memorandum regarding the Primary Health Centre (PHC) was submitted to the Health Minister in Bengaluru.

- Fr. Rayappa M

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



Creativity found a new voice as Fr. Prashant Madtha conducted an engaging workshop on Poetry and Creative Writing in the Digital Era, encouraging participants to explore how timeless creativity can find fresh expression in the digital age.

The community stepped out for fellowship and fresh air, visiting Milagres parish in Kallianpur and later unwinding along the shores of Malpe. It also made its first visit to Anjali Farm in Bantwal, to witness its developments and explore future possibilities.

Students from St Aloysius High School, led by Fr. Johnson Pinto, achieved significant recognition at the ECLAT French Fête, excelling in drawing and group singing while balancing midterm exams. The celebration was further enriched by the participation of students from St Aloysius PU College. Additionally, the celebration of Monti Fest across all units highlighted faith, culture, and community spirit through meaningful liturgies and the traditional distribution of sugarcane.

Fr. Clifford Sequeira and staff at PU College organised a vibrant Harmony Week, highlighted by AIKYAM, a celebration of spirituality, tradition, and togetherness. The college also achieved success, winning championships at inter-collegiate events.

Radio Sarang 107.8 FM focused on meaningful conversations, featuring a talk by Fr. Henry Saldanha about the Nativity of Mother Mary relevant to the Coastal Konkani community. The station also highlighted Tulu's recognition as the State's second official language through insightful discussions with experts. A team of Jesuits led by Fr. Brian Pereira visited Mysuru as part of efforts to explore and expand the outreach of St Aloysius Deemed to be University (SADU).

Fr. Rohan D Almeida represented St Aloysius Gonzaga School in receiving the Edu India Expo Award 2026 for excellence in sustainable and holistic growth programmes. He facilitated a visit from Tourism Minister K. J. George and joined Fr. Praveen Martis at a meeting with the Higher Education Minister in Bengaluru.

The University hosted various educational activities, including FDPs, workshops, and conferences, enriching learning experiences for students and staff, providing opportunities to facilitate learning beyond

the classroom. The inter-collegiate sports event, Aloysiad, showcased competitive talent. Additionally, the University awarded ₹1.32 crore in scholarships to enhance educational accessibility. Fr. Prashanth Sequeira led the CIVICUS initiative- A Yuva Sansad, promoting civic engagement among youth to engage with civic issues, democratic processes, and public discourse.

The community paused for reflection through a recollection talk by Fr. Royden Misquith. It also stood in solidarity with Fr. Anthony Derrick following the passing of his brother, Albert Richard, in Bengaluru. The University and the community were privileged to host Mr Prem Watsa, CEO of Fairfax Financial Holdings, and his wife, Ms Nalini Watsa, whose generous support has been a blessing to the Jesuit mission of the province.

Fr. John D'Souza and his team organised a successful inspection at St Aloysius ITI, which also highlighted a sustainability initiative where discarded saris were transformed into reusable handbags, offering a creative alternative to plastics. Fr. Brian Pereira inaugurated the Aloysian Art Gallery as a tribute to the late Fr. Melwyn J. Pinto, honouring his passion for art and his support for young artists. The community also celebrated a significant moment of leadership as Fr. Brian Pereira was appointed the new Provincial, adding another chapter to the Aloysian story. The community hosted several Jesuits attending ordinations and joined in thanksgiving celebrations for newly ordained priests, sharing their joy and the gift of their vocation.

Adding to the visits and engagements, Fr. Dionysius Vaz made a quick visit to the community and released the KJES Youth Works newsletter, a youth-focused initiative spearheaded by Fr. Merwyn Fernandes.

- Fr. William M. Rodrigues

SWAMY RAJENDARA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



Teachers' Day was organised by the Student Council, with Mr Glenn Rego and Mr Sunil Dalwani, alumni of the 77th Batch of SJBHS, as the Chief Guests. Fr. Anthony Pradeep attended the Media Commission Meeting held in Gujarat. The school



community prepared diligently for the CBSE inspection on 26th September, with efforts from teaching and non-teaching staff, management, and the Jesuits, resulting in a successful inspection and a positive report. As part of the staff development programme, Prof. M. Krishne Gowda, a renowned Kannada scholar and stand-up comedian, conducted an insightful professional training programme for the staff. Meanwhile, the students successfully completed their Half-Yearly Examinations and began their Dasara vacation.

- Sch. Gevin D'Souza

XAVIER SADAN, Mandya



JESCOL 2 was organised at Xavier Sadan. We had 34 participants from the different Jesuit schools in the province. Fr. Edward Philip conducted a session for the post-graduate students at Theresian College. As PCSF, he also organised the Annual Meeting of the Conference Secretariat for the Service of Faith (CSSF) at Ashirvad. He

conducted a day-long session on Child Protection and Safeguarding for the teachers at St. Joseph Girls' High School, Visakhapatnam. Fr. Jeevan preached a retreat for the SJA Sisters, while Fr. Steevan preached a retreat for the regents of the Mysore Diocese.

- Fr. Steevan Gonsalves

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



DNC celebrated Monti Fest, Onam and Karam in the past month. Sch Sanson D'Souza and his team lead the preparation of a traditional vegetarian meal for the community. Scholastics enjoyed their annual rain picnic in Lonavala. Fr. Joseph Lobo presented a research paper on "Engaging with Dietrich Bonhoeffer through Political

Theology in a Multi-Religious Context" at an international seminar and served as the animator for the province assemblies of the CJ Sisters in Nainital and Delhi. Currently, the Scholastics are bracing themselves for the end-of-semester examinations.

- Sch. Melwil Vas

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



On 6 September, the Karnataka and Western Zone scholastics celebrated Monthi Fest, organized by KCA, Chennai. During the Novena and Feast of Our Lady of Health at the Annai Velankanni Shrine, Besant Nagar, the scholastics assisted in various pastoral ministries and served the pilgrims. On the feast day, the community fathers celebrated the 7:30 a.m. Holy Mass, while the scholastics contributed through the choir and other liturgical services. The choir, trained by Fr. Nithin Moneiro, received a lot of accolades from

the priests and the laity.

The community celebrated the Karam Festival on 11 September with the Holy Mass and a community meal. From 16 to 19 September, the scholastics participated in meetings conducted by CSIF and POSA. As the month concluded, the scholastics turned their attention to academic preparation for the Odd Semester examinations, commencing focused study from 23 September onwards.

- Sch. Little Merinth Aamose A

VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



Fr. Arithiyal Paraidam Saji SJ (KER) and Mr. Andrew Michael from the social work department of Loyola College, Sreekarayam conducted Social Analysis Course for three days. On 12 September, we joyfully celebrated the Karam festival organized by our North Indian brothers, gaining a meaningful glimpse into their culture and traditions. Fr. Anush Prasad D'Cunha SJ (KAR) solemnly celebrated the Holy Eucharist. On 18th we had

the second diagnostic test to evaluate ourselves for the next trimester. On 22nd we had a course on Psycho-spiritual integration and psycho-sexual integration led by Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil Thomas SJ (KER). On 23rd four of our staff members participated in the South Asian Juniorate Staff Meeting held at Sitagarha, Hazaribagh.

- Sch. Jokim A

COLLEGE OF HOLY CROSS, USA



The highlight of this month was the visitation of Fr. Robert Reiser SJ, the new Provincial of the USA East Province. His presence provided encourage-

ment, strengthened fraternity, and renewed our shared purpose. I had the privilege of honouring him with a traditional Indian *ponnadai* (shawl), which he received warmly.

Although the city experienced two days of severe storms last week, causing fallen trees and power outages in various neighbourhoods, the surrounding landscape is undergoing a beautiful transformation as autumn leaves turn vibrant shades of red, orange, and gold, inviting reflection and gratitude.



Through discussions with students and staff alike, it has become evident that the College has a significant engagement with India, which includes the exploration of Indian society, culture, and religious traditions within the Religious Studies Department and in other academic fields to the extent of even providing for field-based learning opportunities, such as student trips to ISI Bengaluru.

Despite no Indian students enrolled this academic year, the vibrant Indian presence on campus remains evident. Students with Indian heritage contribute unique experiences that enrich the wider College community and maintain cross-cultural connections. This fosters a strong bond between the College of the Holy Cross, India, and the Jesuits of the Province.

- Fr. Lawrence Fernandes

HEKIMA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Nairobi



The College commenced its 43rd academic year on 15 August with an inaugural talk and Mass to the Holy Spirit. Some of us also joined the Indian Independence Day celebrations at the High Commission in Nairobi. The community is actively engaged in various sports and club activities, keeping it lively, coupled with a rigorous academic atmosphere. We celebrated the Nativity of Our Lady with the Mangalorean

community at Consolata Parish, Westlands, in a traditional manner by offering flowers and sharing a festive meal on a banana leaf. Preparations are underway for the Annual Sports Day to be held on 20 October. A brief mid-semester break following seven weeks of classes, marked by a monthly recollection, has offered us a moment to pause and renew ourselves.

- Sch. Pradeep D'Souza

NOTRE DAME DE LA PAIX, Namur, Belgium



September marked the beginning of the academic year here at Namur, with community members gathering for the first meeting after the vacation to share their rich experiences and their plans for the near future. The new Bishop of the diocese of Namur, Most Rev Fabien Lejeune, A.A., joined us for a fellowship meal and fraternal sharing. The inaugural ceremony at the University of Namur, led by Fr. Thierry Dobbels, focused on the theme "Participer, Coopérer, Impacter." The Fête de Wallonie cultural

festival attracted many visitors to experience local heritage and gastronomy. Fr. Alwyn returned from his annual retreat at Monastery of Notre Dame de Scourmont, resuming his research. His research paper has been published in the reputed ACS journal. Meanwhile, Fr. Vishal, who has just begun with his research, engaged in lab work and courses and attended an 'Academic Retreat' near the Monastery of Maredsous.

- Fr. Vishal Melroy Pinto

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REST IN PEACE

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Bro. Anthony D'Souza, SJ, (GOA), 78/59, on 06 September 2026 in Belagavi.

Fr. Camil Kujur, SJ, (HAZ), 93/71, on 06 September 2026, in Sitagarha.

Fr. Emmanuel Arockiam, SJ, (MDU), 72/54, on 07 September 2026, in Chennai.

Fr. Leslie D'Souza, SJ, (GUJ), 77/57, on 08 September 2026, in Vadodara.

Fr. Anthony Parapullil, SJ, (MAP), 94/71, on 16 September 2026, in Chhattisgarh.

Br. Benjamin Sarupurti, SJ, (DUM), 78/56, on 24 September 2026, in West Bengal.

Fr. Myron Pereira, SJ, (BOM), 80/65, on 30 September 2026, in Mumbai.

Fr. Denis Rasquinha, SJ, (KAR), 96/75, on 14 October 2026, in Mangaluru.