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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

The month of February saw two important events, one happy and another sad. The first event was when the Task Force of Reimagining and Restructuring in the province conducted two actual processes in the province, one in Bangalore and another in Mangalore. There has been a good response from all the participants of RRSJSA.

As we enter into this process of RRSJSA, we should not think in terms of "me" and "mine." We should think in terms of "we" and "ours" as a province and as a conference. We should not think outside the box, we should live outside the box. No matter what our community or province is, we should think of ourselves as global citizens, responsible to the universal Society, responsible to the earth, responsible to the human family, and aware that our well-being is tied to the well-being of others. In this context, it is important to read the signs of the times and creatively explore possibilities of collaboration and networking across provinces and zones and with partners in mission.

The second event was the election of Donald Trump as the President of the United States and the after effects of his inhuman decisions that we face today. US Aid has been stopped for refugee work including the JRS and a number of illegal migrants are deported to their respective countries from the United States.

Being counter cultural, we once again need to listen to God in the outcry of the refugees and the migrants. With Pope Francis, we need to move from revenge and "globalization of indifference" to creating a caring world where people come before profit, and the church is truly a welcoming home for the poor, and an effective field hospital reaching out to the wounded.



- FR DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ

APPROVED/ APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Pratap Chandru as Superior of Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

Fr Ramesh Vanan as the new sectional delegate of the English-speaking section of the Caribbean Province

APPROVED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Provincial has approved **Scholastics Johnson R, Nishanth Noronha, Noel Dias, Preethesh Misquith, Pruthvi Ryanal Rodrigues, Roydon Misquith, Sandeep Gonsalves** and **Sharun D'Souza** for the diaconate.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

February 2025

03-06: Visitation: Jnana Jyothi (Anekal)
08-09: Province Consult (Budgets): LM (Bengaluru)
10-14: Course on Religious Leadership – Sri Lanka
16-22: JCSA (Chennai)
20-23: Visit of Fr Bernhard Bürgler SJ (Former Provincial of the ECE Province)
23-27: Visit of Fr John Dardis to the Province
25-27: Visitation: MSJ Novitiate (Bengaluru)
28: Blessing of Joseph Nivas, Hassan

March 2025

01: Meeting of Major Superiors with the Archbishop
02-04: Visitation: Satya Nilayam (Chennai)
06: GB Meeting: St Joseph's Seminary (M'luru)/
Visit the Parish of new priest: Agrar

07: Visit the Parishes of new priests: Byndoor, Basrur, Karwar
08: Visit the Parish of new priests: Sagar, Shimoga
09: Meeting of Superiors of College going Scholastics
10-11: Visitation: Xavier Sadan, Mandya
21-22: Visitation: XTC Novitiate (Belgaum)
24: Inauguration of Girl's Hostel, Manvi & Diamond Jubilee of Fr Maxim Rasquinha
26-27: Visitation: Loyola Mandir (Bengaluru)
29-30: Meeting of LS, DoWs, CCMs: Prerana (Bengaluru)
30: Blessing of St Joseph's Boys' Hostel, Bengaluru
31: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Frs Balaraju R, Felix Anand, Joy Pradeep Rodrigues, Kiran Cotha, Rayappa M, Praveen Kumar, Roshan Castelino** and **Wilson Kishore Bennis** on pronouncing your Final Vows in the Society of Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholastics Johnson R, Nishanth Noronha, Noel Dias, Preethesh Misquith, Pruthvi Ryanal Rodrigues, Roydon Misquith, Sandeep Gonsalves and **Sharun D'Souza** will be ordained deacons on Saturday, 29 March 2025 at 3.00 pm by Most Rev Anil J.T. Couto, Archbishop of Delhi, in the Millenium Hall of St Xavier's School, Delhi.

New Email ID of **Fr Jason S Martis**: jason.martis@jesuits.net

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16 May 2025: Province Jubilee Celebration at Mt St Joseph, Bengaluru

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): FEBRUARY 2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



AICUF, Karnataka

As an initiative of its Centenary celebrations, a new unit of AICUF was inaugurated on January 9 at St Joseph's Boys High School alongside efforts to revitalize other dormant units in the state.

AICUF Karnataka and KJES-Youth Works jointly organized Republic Day celebrations in a few government schools in Mangaluru and Bengaluru

featuring cultural performances and interactive sessions to instill civic responsibility. Two members of AICUF Karnataka, Salman and Nelisha, represented India at the Catholic Youth Leadership Academy (CAYLA) in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from January 21–31. The program focused on empowering youth for social transformation.

- Fr Maxim Dias

Colloquium of Jesuits pursuing PhD, Bengaluru

Ten of our young Ph.D. scholars presented their work-in-progress at the annual Jesuit Ph.D. Scholar's Colloquium hosted at St Joseph's University and Arrupe Nivas on January 21. In the presence of Frs Provincial, Socius, and the PCHE, the scholars presented their progress over the last six months (since their previous biannual reports in June). They effectively addressed pointed questions (from subject experts from renowned Bengaluru institutions) much to the satisfaction of the Jesuits present.

At the end of the colloquium,



Fr Provincial expressed his satisfaction over the good work done by the Jesuit scholars even as they shouldered many other responsibilities, and exhorted them to contribute more effectively to all the apostolates of the Province. The promising scholars felt the love and support of the provincial in addition to the encouragement and help from Frs Richard Rego and Melwyn D'Cunha. A special word of appreciation goes to Frs Arun D'Souza and Roshan Castelino for their support for the logistics of the colloquium.

- Fr Richard Rego

REGENTS' MEET, Hassan

Regents Meet, the second of this academic year, was held in Bikkodu, Hassan (25-26 January). We were twelve regents in all: seven of Karnataka Province and two of Delhi Province, the latter serving in Xavier Nilaya, Bengaluru. We were privileged to have with us Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, and Fr Pratap Chandru, PCF. The first



day was devoted to sharing of our experience of regency and its contribution to our growth as

Jesuits. In his concluding remarks the PCF expressed his appreciation for the earnest efforts we were making, and exhorted us to focus on skills of accompaniment, animation and administration. The address of the Fr Provincial enlightened, enthused and challenged us to be men of *Magis*. Our stay in Bikkodu was a pleasant experience including walks in the estate and helping out in the kitchen. The second day was a time to relax and refresh; we went sightseeing in Chikmagalur and visited the Belur temple. We are grateful to the Hassan Jesuit community for their kind hospitality, particularly to Schs. Ovin Rodrigues and Princen Michael for the meticulous arrangements they made for the Regents' Meet.

- Schs Ovin Rodrigues & Princen Michael

ARRUPE NIVAS, Bengaluru

The 76th Republic Day celebration at St Joseph's University unfolded with great joy following the news of our NCC cadets shining at the Republic Day Camp yet again. SJU commemorated the Festival of Constitution fostering discussions on constitutional values and responsible citizenship.

Dr Fr Victor Lobo, Vice Chancellor of SJU, made a presentation at the Industry Academic Interface, organised by the Indian Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Bureau (IICCB). He participated in the JHEASA Annual Conference held at St Xavier's College, Ranchi, the AIU South Zone Vice-Chancellors Meeting at Vellore, as well the

conclave for leaders in higher education at Christ (Deemed-to-be) University. An academic conference convened at SJU featured three esteemed Japanese universities: Seisen University, Sophia University, and Ferris University. The conference aimed at fostering cross-border academic collaboration. SJU launched its inaugural media association, "SJU Media Core." The University staff coordinated a training programme for the faculty of Loyola Degree College, Bannerghatta,

aimed at enhancing teaching methodologies and fostering inter-departmental collaboration.

The members of Arrupe Nivas community rejoiced with Fr Roshan Castelino as he pronounced his Final Vows in the SJ on January 19. Fr Swebert D'Silva was on the NAAC Peer Team visiting colleges which had applied for accreditation (in Kolkata, Tanali, Andhra Pradesh).

- Fr Aravind Royce

ASHA KIRAN, Mangaluru



Asha Kiran scholastics had a get-together hosted by Fatima Retreat House in appreciation of the service they render in the FRH Church, particularly in the choir at liturgical services. The scholastics made commendable contribution to the organizing of the *Magis* programme for the students of St Aloysius institutions.

We celebrated Asha Kiran Day on January 12. Fr Rocky D'Cunha, OFM (Cap), was the main celebrant at the Eucharist which was attended also

by our neighbours, friends and Jesuits. Fr Ronnie Pais conducted an inspiring session at the CRI meet at Roshni Nilaya. AK scholastics took part in an international conference on sustainable development. The participants included a group of students from Japan accompanied by Fr Arun Prakash D'Souza. Among our distinguished visitors were: Fr Valerian Castelino, Regional Superior of Kohima and Fr Soosai Mani, Provincial of Delhi - who came to AK on visitation.

- Sch Anson Alex

ASHIRVAD, Bengaluru



Ashirvad Centre for Social Concern organized the following programmes for the benefit of children: a day of fun and games for the children of LB Shastri Nagar; Aarunya Phonics Study (Part 1 & 2) for the six Spandana Study Centres. Republic Day was celebrated in all the centres featuring fun games and competitions. The MAIN Karnataka Hub conducted a survey of migrant communities (from Jharkhand, Odisha and Yadgir) at Vinayaka Bhadavane.

Our benefactors from the Australian Jesuit Mission – Ms Kath Rosic and Ms Liz Kim – accompanied by Fr Arun Luis, visited Mundgod and Hangal.

Fr Provincial's Visitation of Ashirvad community concluded with the AGM of Ashirvad. We, as

a community, went on a pilgrimage to Goa on the occasion of the Exposition of the Relics of St Francis Xavier.

Our Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), under the leadership of Fr Brian Pereira, organized a four-day inter-religious retreat, preached by Fr Elvis Lewis, for the 11 participants of JESCOL-III at Dhyanaashrama.

We rejoiced with Fr Prashanth Madtha and felicitated him on his receiving the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award. Later Fr Prashant Madtha was invited to Kuwait by the Kuwait Canara Welfare Association as its honoured guest and was felicitated on his great contribution to the language and culture of Kanara.

- Fr Elvis C Lewis

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru



Fr Jossy Rodrigues is currently guiding a month's retreat of the Bethany Tertians at FRH. The edifying presence of the young Jesuit priests of our Province who were here for their triduum was a blessing to us. The campus buzzed with life when 125 candidates and novices from different religious congregations came together, under the auspices of the CRI, for a day of reflection and fellowship. The arrival of Frs Louis D'Souza and Fredrick Menezes, who have joined us on

an ad tempus basis, has enhanced the joy of our community. A beautiful gesture of kindness was witnessed when a few members of the Marian Ladies Social Service League visited our community to meet and greet our senior Jesuits with their warmth and affection. We bid a heartfelt farewell to Mr Ashok who retired after many years of dedicated service to our institution.

- Fr Edward Rodrigues

HOMBELAKU, Manvi



We rejoiced with Frs Rayappa, Praveen Kumar, and Wilson Bennis as they made their Final Vows on January 19 in the chapel of St Joseph's Boys High School, along with five other Jesuit priests of our Province. Frs Cyril Raj, Avinash Lobo, and Don Prem did their triduum of renovation at Fatima Retreat House.

Our final-year degree staff, accompanied by Fr Cyril Raj, attended a two-day faculty development program organized by St Aloysius Deemed-to-be University, Mangaluru. The chief guest at the

Republic Day celebration was Mrs Rajeshwari, a member of our PU College, and the president was Fr Leo Pereira. Our friends and benefactors - Lenka, Marshal, and their two children, Marushka and Paulo - are with us and will be staying with us for a couple of weeks. Br Edmund Sequeira, a second-year novice, has joined us for a month-long mission experience. We greeted our cook Ananthamma with a cake-cutting ceremony on January 1 as she celebrated her 50th birthday.

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

INIGO SADAN, Bengaluru



The advent of the New Year was marked by a triduum at Mount St Joseph, for the Inigo Sadan scholastics. The community celebrated the final profession of one of its members, Fr Felix Anand. We feel honoured that our Primary School earned the 'Best School Award' at the Star Track Athletic Meet held at Montfort Academy. Our solemn celebration of Republic Day was marked by a deep respect for our Constitution. Our staff members who visited Bijapur mission as a part of our twinning initiative, have returned enriched by the service rendered by Jesuits in different works in Bijapur.

The High School can now boast of a brand new gymnasium, generously sponsored by our eminent

alumnus Mr. Joshua, and recently blessed and inaugurated.

In its commitment to reach out to the underprivileged, the Social Service League (SSL) of our PU College organised an outreach programme (Sparsha) which led 20 enthusiastic students to Shishubhavan (an orphanage for children with special needs). In collaboration with AICUF, they also visited a home for the elderly run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. The college organized a Graduation Day for the outgoing II PU students. The grand candlelight ceremony with the theme song 'Carry your candle' was a treat to the eyes.

- Fr Vishal Melroy Pinto

JESUIT NIVAS, Bengaluru



The valedictory ceremony of Stds X & XII at SJBHS had Mr Ravindra Pai (alumnus, Batch of 1992) as the chief guest. The OBA (Old Boys' Association) and the PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) jointly organized a Marathon for Education - "Josephite Run" - to raise funds for the education of underprivileged students and to contribute to the welfare of teachers. The CLC (Christian Life Community) provides opportunities to students to gain first-hand knowledge of different communities and workplaces.

Jesuits of the JN Community, engaged in higher education, attended a three-day conference in Ranchi, organized by JHEASA, on Reimagining and Restructuring Jesuit Higher Education. Fr Daniel Fernandes was a member of the NAAC Peer Team that assessed a Government College in Purnia, Bihar, in view of accreditation.

Bembala (literally meaning "backing") is the outreach programme of the BJES, designed to instill

in all the students of St. Joseph's Institutions the Jesuit vision of life and education and forming them into young men and women with a strong social concern and commitment. Some of the projects undertaken by Bembala are the following: an on-the-field awareness campaign on Traffic & Environment, in which around 4500 students took active part; Kill Bill campaigns; classes for children in government-run schools, and those living in slums and even cemeteries. They also extend their service in Children's Homes, Orphanages, Homes for the Destitute and cancer hospitals. In the last six months, Bembala organized 73 "Rural Immersion Camps" in remote villages and towns of Karnataka wherein nearly 4900 of our students participated and gained an insight into the plight of the less privileged people.

St Joseph's College of Law (SJCL) organized a variety of programmes (like mental health awareness drive, Zumba Therapy, etc.) to observe

the Mental Health Week. SJCL also organized an interclass reel-making competition to drive home in the students the paramount importance of Human Rights. The post-graduate students had

a workshop on Transformative Leadership, which had Fr Jerald D'Souza, Director of SJCL, as the resource person.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

JOSEPH NIVAS, Hassan



The delay in the announcement of the exam schedule of Hassan University was for us a blessing in disguise. We had the time to hold a series of FDPs for our staff: a two-day workshop on Group Building and Dynamics at Bikkodu with Fr Sujay Daniel as the resource person, a one-day workshop on Basic Counselling Skills facilitated by Fr Joyson Vas, and a two-day workshop on Research Methodology and Publications conducted by Dr R Himachalapathy (Associate Professor at SJCC). The Hostel Day celebration at SJC campus brought together all 90 hostellers from

both the campuses and provided them a platform to showcase their talents. The outreach programme organized by the High School at Joseph Nagar (near Gadenahalli) was an occasion for us to celebrate Christmas with the less privileged children.

Our community members attended the funeral of Mr John Rodrigues, beloved father of Fr Marcel, on December 19 at Buskal.

- Fr Santhosh D'Souza

LOYOLA MANDIR, Bengaluru



Fr Royston Pinto took classes (Dec 2-12) on Canon Law for the scholastics at KJFCT, Anekal, relating to sacraments and their pastoral application. Fr Harry Terry accompanied Fr Provincial to Mundgod to attend the Annual Day of Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya. They proceeded to Vijayapura to take part in the Silver Jubilee festivities of Loyola English Medium School. Frs Jason Furtado, Harry Terry, and Praveen Martis visited a few parishes in Mysuru Diocese for ministry. Fr Arun Kumar presided over the Christmas Eucharistic celebration at Inigo Sadan. Fr Jeevan Prabhu continues his work on documenting the history of various communities in the province. Fr Praveen Kiran Martis visited Navasadhana and spent a couple of weeks with the pre-novices. Fr Stany D'Souza, POSA, was our welcome guest for a few days before he proceeded to Pune.

From January 15th to 18th, the community welcomed the South Zone Provincials: Fr E. P. Mathew (KER), Fr Jebamali (CEN), Fr Thomas (MDU), and Fr Stanislaus (AND) for the South Zone meeting. Additionally, Fr Rajkumar SJ (AND), Principal of Vidya Jyothi, Delhi, and Fr James Mani, SDB, visited the community for a short stay.

Frs Arun Kumar and Jason Furtado went to Mangaluru on January 29 to attend the funeral of Mrs Juliet Rita Vaz, beloved mother of our Provincial



Fr Dion. Representatives of the Australian Jesuit Mission visited Loyola Mandir and were briefed by Fr Provincial on the province, its mission and its projects. Fr Royston Pinto attended the golden and silver jubilee of a few Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus at Maria Sadan.

- Fr Royston Pinto



LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



Fr Provincial's visitation made January a grace-filled month for us. Mrs Shruthi was installed, on January 20, as the new Vice-Principal of St Xavier's English Medium School. Fr Robert Rodrigues visited D.Ed and B.Ed colleges in Mangaluru for teacher recruitment. All our teachers have registered for "Firki," a six-week online training program, Teach for India.

The Commerce and Science Departments of the College, under the coordination of Mr Noble Raj, jointly organized a visit to Nandini Milk Factory in Kalaburagi on January 4. First PU students devoted their efforts to the Science-Commerce-Arts Exhibition (Jan 16-25), which had 815 visitors from 12 schools. This event served also as a strategy for attracting prospective students for the

upcoming academic year. We celebrated Republic Day with patriotic spirit, followed by an Alumni Meet that saw 350 attendees participating, at

which our former principal, Fr Anthony Das, was the chief guest.

- Fr Roshan Pinto

MOUNT ST JOSEPH, Bengaluru



The passing away of our dear Fr Richard Sequeira was a sad event for all of us. He lived an exemplary Jesuit and priestly life all through his life, a silent witness and inspiration to all of us. His funeral mass was presided over by Bishop Francis Serrao and Archbishop Peter Machado led the final prayers of commendation. Fr Thomas Quadras gave an inspiring reflective homily.

Additionally, we also hosted participants for the Counselling and Spiritual Direction course.

In the Novitiate, Fr Francis Menezes led the first-year Novices through intensive journaling. Following this, 11 first-year Novices embarked on the journey of the Spiritual Exercises under the guidance of Novice Director Fr John Pradeep. Meanwhile, 5 of our second-year novices went to Mundgod, Vijayapura and Pannur, for their mission experiment.

The Loyola Degree College celebrated Christmas with festive cheer. Other highlights of the month were: Staff training at SJU, Ethnic Day, Republic Day celebration, and a staff picnic.

In the interview held at Loyola ITI by Jaisa Company, all the 12 of our computer trade trainees participated, and were selected for on-the-job Training (OJT) with a monthly stipend of ₹15,000. A team from NIMHANS conducted a session on the harmful effects of drug addiction. The Wadhvani Foundation team introduced our trainees to AI-powered job readiness program to improve their employability skills.

Prerana is bustling with participants. Currently, a group of Junior Sisters are attending their final profession preparation course. Silver Jubilarians of the Congregation of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (CJM) are going through their renewal program.

Fr Mohan Joseph underwent a successful prostate surgery at St Philomena's Hospital and is fast recovering.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

NAVASADHANA PRE-NOVITIATE, Hassan



The beginning of the New Year witnessed a smooth leadership transition as the first-year pre-novices assumed important domestic responsibilities. The first set of preparatory exams for both the first and second-year pre-novices has been completed, and they are currently preparing for their final exams.

a 25-day counseling course at Anugraha, Dindigul. In his absence we were fortunate to have first Fr Praveen Kiran Martis and then Fr Joyson Vas to take care of the community. We are grateful for their leadership and support. Thanks to Fr Praveen Martis for leading us through an enriching recollection on Examination of Consciousness.

- Sch Princen Michael

Fr Vinod Saldanha, our director, recently completed

SADHANA, Mundgod



The two-day outing-cum-retreat our community had at Dandeli Jungle Paradise helped to refresh us in body, mind and spirit, and strengthened our bonds of fraternity. While the visit of the four provincials of the South Zone, accompanied by our Provincial Fr Dion, helped them with a first-hand experience of the mission in its uniqueness in diversity, their presence and encouraging interaction with us was a boost to our own zeal and commitment. Republic Day, celebrated with due ceremonies across all our institutions, helped us in our zeal and patriotism.

rations for exams, and extra-curricular activities. The students of Class X were given a heartfelt farewell by their juniors, complemented by their teachers.

Loyola Higher Primary School (LPHS) organized a few sessions to empower students with study skills, such as: how to prepare for exams; social skills through Siddi Sangha through motivation techniques, etc.

Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya (LKV) is back, after the mid-semester break, to its routine of classes, prepa-

Loyola Children's Homes (LCH) celebrated Republic Day, featuring a march-past and the recitation of the Preamble to the Indian Constitution. At the farewell ceremony held for the outgoing

hostel students, the batch contributed their mite towards providing stage speakers for future hostel programs.

Loyola Vikas Kendra, Hanagal (LVK-Hangal) reckons the Job Fair it organized as the major highlight of the month. The Fair excelled in its impressive number of 1700 registrations. Organized in collaboration with the local MLA and Roshni Trust, the Fair was successful in finding employment for nearly 1200 youth. The visit of Liz Kim and Kathe Rosic (representatives of the Australian Jesuit Mission), accompanied by Fr Arun Luis, was a rewarding experience for us as it provided valuable suggestions for better implementation of the Siddi Development Project.

Fr Vincent Jaison was a resource person at the session on career guidance organized by Hirur Government High School for its students. Students of AIMIT, Mangaluru – 115 of them - spent four days engaging in development activities in our target area. LVK-Hangal participated in a justice walk in protest against the tragic incident of an individual being burned alive in a village in

Hangal Taluk.

Loyola Vikas Kendra, Mundgod (LVK-Mundgod) had MBA students from AIMIT, Mangaluru, spending five days in Mundgod for their rural exposure programme. LVK is actively cooperating with the Govt of Karnataka in its new initiative of Gram Swaraj for 300 members in 12 Gram Panchayaths in Mundgod Taluk.

The Siddi Development Project of LVK-Mundgod conducted Siddi Kala Mela in Bhagwati village in Haliyal Taluk, which was attended by over 400 people. A six-member team from St Joseph's Sustainable Organic Farm, Tanzania, visited Mundgod and toured several Siddi villages, exchanging ideas on organic farming. As one more step towards integrated development of the Siddi community, a meeting was held drawing participants from among the Siddi Asha workers, Anganwadi staff, and Panchayat members. LVK-Mundgod, with the collaboration of Jyothi Health Centre, conducted a health camp in Gunjavati village, and a session on Responsible Parenting in Jataga village.

- Fr Melvin Lobo

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Harihar



The students and staff of our institutions joined us in celebrating Christmas with the poor and the humble: migrant workers, transgenders, and inmates of Sudhama Home (run by M.C. Sisters). Fr Provincial's canonical visit, the first since the start of St Aloysius International School, was a time for renewal and rededication, encouraged as we were by his address to us and to our collaborators. The first Annual Day of the new

International School along with the PU College was celebrated on December 21. The chief guest on the occasion was Mr B P Harish, MLA, and the president Fr Melwin J Pinto, our Rector. The staff had an FDP at Biccodu. Fr Cyprian Tellis paid a visit to our institution to monitor the implementation of the protocol concerning POCSO and POSH.

- Fr John Baptist C

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



The Foundation Day of St Aloysius Institutions was held on January 12. The celebration began with a Eucharistic Celebration for all Catholic staff, followed by a cultural programme organized by St Aloysius Gonzaga School staff. Fr Joe Arun (CEN) was the main celebrant at Mass as well as the resource person for the day. The celebration of the 76th Republic Day at Gonzaga School had Lt Col Jagadish from the Indian Army as the chief guest. Students of Class III participated in the online "Pen Friends" project with their twinning counterparts at Instituto Leone XIII, Milan.

Mr. K. Nikesh Shetty, Advocate, unfurled the national flag on the occasion of the 76th Republic Day and highlighted the contributions of the late Fr Jerome D'Souza, SJ, (an alumnus of St Aloysius College) in drafting the Constitution of India. More than 200 students attended a 3-day MAGIS camp held at Glarida Villa, Kanajar, and benefited much from their participation in introspection, self-examination, contemplation, and reflection. The ceremonial Valedictory programme for bidding farewell to the II PU students (batch of 2023-25) had Dr Godfred Menezes (Professor & Chairperson of Medical Microbiology at RAK Health Sciences University, UAE) as the chief guest, and Fr Melwin J. Pinto (Rector of St Aloysius Institutions) as the president. The annual Alumni Meet witnessed a vibrant reunion of

St Aloysius PU College celebrated its 145th Annual Day which had Shri K.S. Arun Prabha, (an alumnus and currently the General Manager of Mangalore Smart City Limited) as the chief guest.

over 2,500 alumni and teachers, featuring poignant performances, speeches, and nostalgic moments.

The different Schools of St Aloysius Deemed-to-be University organized seminars, guest lectures, conferences and workshops on various topics such as: eliminating dog menace and rabies, opportunities in BARC, coping with climate change, suicide prevention, research insights, Ocean marine ecosystem, literature review, education and career opportunities abroad, Constitution of India, human rights, etc. Sahodaya Association organized *Sanvedana* on World Braille Day to draw compassionate attention of all to the plight of differently-abled persons.

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



The VN scholastics had an experience of spiritual renewal thanks to the DSS Triduum guided by Fr Edward Philip at Sevalaya, Dharwad. Fr Francis D’Almeida has recovered from the prostate surgery he had in St Philomena’s Hospital. We are thankful to the Jesuit Nivas community for accommodating him during his convalescence, and to Sch. Samuel for taking special care of Fr D’Almeida.

Our six recently ordained priests spent two days (Jan 13-14) at VN, reflecting on their pastoral

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



We began the New Year with a triduum guided by Fr Zacheus Dung Dung (RAN) in early January. We also had the joy of Fr Provincial’s presence with us when he came for his official visit. For the celebration of the Pongal festival, we joined

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



The New Year ushered us into spiritual renewal with a triduum preached by Fr R. Antonyraj (JAM) at the end of which we renewed our vows. The second-year philosophers had a day’s educational tour to Pondicherry coordinated by Fr Lawrence Fernandes. Pongal was celebrated in the true Tamil tradition and spirit. Being a department of Loyola College, Satya Nilayam academic community was privileged to be invited to take part in the Pongal competitions (Pongal and Rangoli) in the main campus. Fr Francis D’Souza travelled to Fountain College, Krishnangiri, for contact classes in MSc Counselling.

A significant event of this month was the two-day international seminar organised by Satya

The University felicitated Fr Prashanth Madtha, former Principal of St Aloysius College, on being the recipient of Kannada Rajyotsava Award 2024, and Ms Lucy Mariappa, an alumna and the USA-based renowned CIO (chief information officer) and business executive.

Rev. Dr Praveen Martis, Vice-Chancellor, was on the NAAC Peer Team visiting Baripada, Orissa, for assessment of a college in view of accreditation. Two students of the State University of New York (SUNY) have enrolled themselves at our University for a semester - under the student exchange programme. The University has entered into a memorandum of understanding with IBM (India) on various academic programmes.

- Fr Melwyn Anil Lobo

experience. Fr Peter D’Souza from Sevalaya Pastoral Centre guided them. We had the opportunity to conduct an inter-religious prayer service at Karnatak University on the occasion of Martyrs’ Day. Fr Joyson Vas conducted a one-day seminar in Belgaum for the heads of St Charles Borromeo educational institutions across India. He also addressed 130 seminarians at St Joseph’s Inter-Diocesan Seminary on psychological issues in priestly formation. Fr Pratap Chandru preached on two days of Novena Masses at Infant Jesus Shrine, Hubli.

- Sch Frewin D’Souza

our companions of the South Zone provinces of Andhra, Chennai and Madurai. Republic Day was celebrated with the unfurling of the national flag with due reverence and patriotism.

- Sch Sanson Cleteres D’Souza



Nilayam, in collaboration with Loyola College, on the theme “Hope for a Better World.” Sch Reoin Barnes was a member of the organizing team. We celebrated the 76th Republic Day with a spirit of patriotism. Fr Lawrence Fernandes attended the JHEASA meeting held at St Xavier’s College, Ranchi.

- Sch Joshua Fred Lobo

VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi



Karnataka Jesuits at Vidyajyoti took part in the Christmas Tree Celebration organized by the Kanara Catholic Association on January 13 at Good Shepherd Church, Hauz Khas, Delhi. Among the concelebrants at Mass were Fr Anil D’Almeida who was the homilist, and Fr Ravi Sagar (KHM). Our choir at Mass added to the devotion, and the get-together and the agape that followed added charm to the occasion and

made it memorable. The community picnic to Sundar Nursery was a time to refresh our togetherness and strengthen our bonds. Youth from the parishes where our Brothers go for pastoral ministry had a seminar organized by VJ, which included a Mass celebrated by Fr Anil. Later Fr Anil addressed the Delhi CRI gathering at the Cathedral in Delhi.

- Sch Johnson R

VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



The month of January began with a spiritually enriching triduum guided by Fr Xavier Tharamel (KER). The course on Time Management given by Fr Jeevan Prabhu (KAR) equipped us with the skills necessary to effectively prioritize our tasks.

Likewise, a course on Psycho-Spiritual Integration, conducted by Fr Sunny Thomas (KER), reinforced our connection with our spiritual lives. The workshop on Stage Art and Dramatics, conducted by Fr Sheise Thomas (KER), helped us conquer our stage fright and boost our confidence. VN Juniors gave a tough fight to the seminarians of St Vincent’s Seminary and earned a well-deserved victory in a friendly basketball match. Our focus now is on the upcoming Academy Day even in the midst of our academic engagements.

- Sch Jayanth Christy



FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, New York



The semester break provided a much-needed opportunity for rest and exploration. During this time, I had the chance to visit the Midwest, including St Louis University. I also met Prof. Andrew Gustafson at Creighton University, Omaha, who specializes in Business Ethics and Catholic Social Teaching. Additionally, I participated in a Christian Social Ethics gathering in Chicago, which was an enriching experience.



With the Spring Semester now underway, I am offering a course titled *Faith and Public Life: Catholic Social Teaching*, which has a full enrollment of 35 students. Engaging with them in discussions has been both stimulating and intellectually reward-

ing. Recently, we had the pleasure of welcoming Fr Anthony Joseph to Fordham for a few days, which was a wonderful opportunity for exchange and fellowship.

- Fr Bala Kiran Kumar

KAKUMA, Kenya



The JRS team in Kakuma Refugee Camp began the New Year with hope and confidence, despite global funding challenges for humanitarian work. As the academic year started in January, JRS education teams mobilized the community to ensure school attendance, successfully filling seven secondary and five primary schools. To mark the occasion, nearly 200 teachers and staff attended a Eucharistic celebration organized by Fr Dan Mai, SJ. A significant milestone was the graduation ceremony for 62 students who completed



the six-month Digital Inclusion Programme under the Pathfinder department. Led by JRS team leader Fr Jeevan James, the event featured Mdm. Edith Ingutia from UNHCR, who encouraged graduates to persevere despite employment challenges in the camp.

Fr Jeevan James is currently working on Market

Research Analysis for an African Union-sponsored project on digital literacy training for youth in Kenya. Alongside overseeing Pathfinder operations, he is conducting field research and engaging with TEVT (Technical, Vocational Education & Training) institutions, fostering partnerships and gaining valuable insights.

- Fr Jeevan James

ST PETER FABER, Paris



Schs Steve Rodrigues and Joyal D Sa had the privilege of attending the Province Assembly of the Europe Occidentale Francophone (EOF) Jesuits in Versailles. The assembly, themed "Collaboration and Vocation," was particularly special as it included the participation of collaborators. We actively engaged in discussions, met the Jesuits of the province, and connected with Fr Alwyn Ronald D'Souza from Namur.

In January, we undertook an intensive month-long French course, which deepened our understanding

of the language's grammar and structure. Sch Noel Prabhu, who took his studies seriously, had to visit the optician and join the ranks of spectacle wearers! Meanwhile, Fr Merwyn Fernandes (KAR), having completed his studies in Ignatian spirituality, visited Paris. Noel Prabhu accompanied him on visits to various important sites in the city. Besides that, we shared a meal and celebrated a mass as a family, which was a joyful experience, strengthening our sense of companionship.

- Sch Joyal D Sa

Men in Green

Participants of Reimagining and Restructuring of the Society of Jesus in South Asia



Actual Process on 7,8 & 9 FEB 2025
PRERANA, Bengaluru



Actual Process on 15,16 & 17 FEB 2025
FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru

Karnataka Jesuit Province Milestones

The First Mission Team of Mangalore 1878

- 1878 Sept 27 Mangalore and Malabar Separated from Verapoly, and Given to the Care of the Jesuits.
- 1878 Dec 31: The Order of Carmelites Hand Over charge to Mgr Nicholas Pagani SJ at the Cathedral.
- 1879 Jan 10: St Joseph's Seminary Re-Started under the Jesuits.
- 1879 Oct 19: Sodality of Our Lady Inaugurated in Kodialbail Chapel by Fr Urban Stein SJ.
- 1880: Reading Room and Catholic Library Opened at Kodialbail (later moved to Catholic Club).
- 1880: Homoeopathic Dispensary Started at St Aloysius College by Fr Augustus Muller SJ.
- 1880 Jan 12: St Aloysius College Opened in a Private House Rented for the Purpose by Mrs Mary Magdalene Coelho.
- 1882: Kodialbail Press Established by Fr Angelo Mutti SJ.
- 1882 June 22: First Stone of St Aloysius College on Site Donated by Mr Lawrence Lobo Prabhu.
- 1882 Jan 6: Novitiate of the Society of Jesus Opened at Jeppu, with Fr Zanetti SJ as the Novice Master.
- 1883 Dec 17: Erection of the Sodality of Christian Mothers at Milagres by Fr Torri SJ.

- 1883 Oct 22: First Stone of the Catechumenate and Workshop at Jeppu by Fr Diamanti SJ.
- 1885: Leper Asylum added to the Orphanage at Jeppu.
- 1885: Mgr Nicolas Pagani SJ, First Jesuit Vicar Apostolic of Mangalore.
- 1885 Jan 12: St Aloysius College Building Inaugurated.
- 1885 Oct 25: Mgr Nicholas Pagani Consecrated First Jesuit Vicar Apostolic of Mangalore.
- 1886 June 23: New Concordat Ending Double Jurisdiction of Padroado and Propaganda in Canara.
- 1886: St Joseph's Asylum Workshops Started at Jeppu.
- 1886 Sept 1: Indian Hierarchy Established by Pope Leo XIII by his Apostolic Letter Human Salutis Auctor.
- 1886: Mgr Nicholas Pagani SJ Installed as Bishop of Mangalore, New Mangalore Diocese.
- 1887: Foundation of the Pious Association of Ursulines by Fr Urban Stein SJ (which became a Religious Congregation in 1934).
- 1887: First Stone of the New Seminary of Mangalore. SAC First Grade College with Four Faculties.
- 1887: Arrival of Fr Alexander Camisa SJ to Mangalore.
- 1887: Camisa Wrote in Tulu: Yenna Prarthaneda Buku.
- 1888: Catholic Provident Fund inaugurated.
- 1890: Leprosarium is built at Jeppu.
- 1891: Fr Muller moves to Kankanady. Dispensary of Kankanady is opened.
- 1895 Apr 30: Bishop Pagani dies.
- 1895 Dec 2: Mgr Abundius Cavadini succeeds Bp Pagani.
- 1896: Foundation of Kankanady Hospital for men.
- 1897 Aug 1: opening of Catholic Clubs at Hampankatta.
- 1899 May 31: Fr Angelo Maffei's death at the age of 54.
- 1900: New mission at Surathkal opened by Fr Denis Coelho SJ, Industrial school of St Anthony.
- 1901 Sept: Sodality Recreation Hall renamed Catholic Club.
- 1902: Hospital at Kankanady for victims of the plague.
- 1903: Jeppu Asylum Band started by Fr A. Diamanti SJ.

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Fr Cosmas Kurikkattil, SJ, (GUJ), 68/50, on 11 January 2025, in Ahmedabad.

Fr Thomas Karthanam, SJ, (PAT), 86/65, on 27 January 2025, in Patna.

Fr Walter Saldanha, SJ, (PUN), 87/69, on 28 January 2025, in Pune.

Mrs Juliet Rita Vaz, 90, beloved mother of Fr Dionysius Vaz, 27 January 2025, in Mangalore.