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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

It can be said that the ultimate aim of all human beings is to achieve happiness in their lives. Across the world, education administrators are realizing the need for a happiness or well-being lesson for children. The true measure of progress is the happiness of the people. But, why is India so low in the World Happiness Index? We are ranked 136, out of 146 countries studied in the 2022 report. The report ranks countries on six key variables that support well-being: income, freedom, trust, healthy life expectancy, social support and generosity. According to experts, the country's chronic unhappiness is a result of many factors: rapid urbanisation and consequent deterioration in quality of life in cities, concerns about food security and water safety, rising costs of healthcare, women's safety and environmental pollution, all of which contribute to poor mental well-being. Policymakers need to wake up to this reality, instead of focusing on divisive agendas and communal politics, which will only increase our Gross National Unhappiness!

As we begin the new academic year, let us focus on increasing the Happiness Index of our students and different stakeholders along the six key variables that support well-being through our different ministries and our different programs and initiatives.

My visit to the Kohima Region was a time of grace, gratitude and blessing. It was a time to thank God for the men and the works, for pioneering initiatives in the seven sister states of the North East, for the spiritual, pastoral, educational and social ministries and for the collaboration with other Jesuit provinces, other religious congregations and lay partners. It was a time to witness Kohima Region's daring for the audacity not only for the improbable but also for the impossible. What impressed me most were their research and advocacy initiatives in Jagriti through the North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC), the Legal Cell for Human Rights (LCHR), and the recent North East Institute for Language and Culture (NEILAC). While there is much for us to learn from each other, here is something we need to learn specifically from Kohima Region.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Anil Pereira, (BOM): Provincial of Bombay Province

APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Jason E Furtado: Revisor of Bombay Province

APPOINTED BY FR POSA

Fr Vincent Crasta: Vice Superior, Sadhana Institute, Lonavla

Fr Arun Kumar: Director of the Center for Ignatian Spirituality and Research, De Nobili College, Pune. (Additional responsibility)

Fr Ryan Rodrigues: Trial Teaching at Jnana Deepa, Pune

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Anil D'Mello*: Superior of Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru

Fr Daniel Fernandes*: Superior of Jesuit Community, Hassan

Fr Francis Menezes*: Superior of Bijapur Mission

Fr Joseph D'Souza*: Superior of Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru

Fr Maxim Misquith*: Superior of Loyola Sadan, Kalaburagi

Fr Melvin Lobo*: Superior of Mundgod Mission

Fr Anthony Dass: Coordinator, Swami Rajendra Nilaya, Pandithahalli

Fr Cyril Castelino: Principal, St Joseph's English Medium School, Hassan

Fr Gilbert Saldanha: Correspondent, Loyola Primary School, Mundgod

Fr Joseph Rodrigues: Staff, Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru

Fr Jeevan James: MA in Development at Azim Premji University, (Jnana Jyothi, Anekal)

Fr Pradeep R S: Bachelor in Visual Arts at Chitrakala Parishath (Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru)

Fr Vincent Jaison: MA in Development at Azim Premji University, (Jnana Jyothi, Anekal)

Fr Felix Anand:** Tertianship at De Nobili College, Pune

Fr Santhosh Walder:** Tertianship at De Nobili College, Pune

Lay Director of Works

Mrs Jositta I Noronha: Headmistress, St Aloysius Higher Primary School, Mangaluru

* Approved by Fr General

** The Tertianship is shifted from Kandy, Sri Lanka to De Nobili College, Pune

FIRST VOWS

The following seven second year Novices are approved for the First Vows: Amith Antony, Darwin D'Souza, Denver A Pushpam, Frewin George D'Souza, Little Merinth Aamose A, Noel Prabhu A B and R John Samuel Robert

Pruthvik Pavan (Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mariapura, Bangalore Archdiocese), Reuben Melwin Vijay D'Souza (St Peter Church, Barkur, Udupi Diocese) and Sandeep Raj H K (St Anthony's Church, Hassan, Chikmagalur Diocese)

CANDIDATES TO THE NOVITIATE

The following 8 pre-novices will be joining Mount St Joseph.

Anthony Jackson (St Joseph's Cathedral, Chikmagalur Diocese), Anthony Ranjith K C (Sacred Heart Church, Siluvepura, Bangalore Archdiocese), Avin Fernandes (Sacred Heart Church, Madanthyar, Mangalore Diocese), Jayanth Christy M (Holy Rosary Church, Harobele, Bangalore Archdiocese), Lestern Prajwal D'Souza (Holy Cross Church, Kulshekar, Mangalore Diocese),

DIACONATE MINISTRY

Dn Anthony Derrick: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Halasuru - Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru; Dn Ashwin Cordeiro: St. Peter's Church, Pannur Manvi; Dn Ashwin Rebello: St. Lawrence Basilica, Attur - SAC, Mangaluru; Dn George Pinto: Our Lady of Health Church, Shirva - SAC, Mangaluru; Dn Jaison Pais: St. Francis Xavier Church, Bejai - FRH, Mangaluru; Dn John Rayan Pereira: St. Francis Xavier Church, Kable - FRH, Mangaluru; Dn Shanthraj A: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Shimoga - SAC, Harihar

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

June 2022

29 May-09 June: Visiting Kohima Region
11: Graduation Day: SAC (Mangaluru)
12: Sahodaya (Anekal)
14-16: Visiting would-be novices homes
17: Meeting of Jesuits in Social Action
18: Religious Leadership: UFS (Mysuru)
19-20: Program for Deacons: Xavier Sadan (Mysuru)
21: First Vows: MSJ (Bengaluru)
22-24: Religious Leadership: Prerana (Bengaluru)
25: Meeting of CCMs: Prerana (Bengaluru)
26: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)
29: Jubilee of Fr Maxim Rasquinha: Pannur (Manvi)

July 2022

01-02: Mundgod Mission Consultation
07-09: KRCCR Annual Assembly: Whitefield (Bengaluru)
17: Meeting of the Formation Commission
18-19: Program for Superiors: MSJ/DA (Bengaluru)
20: Extended Province Consult on Poverty: MSJ/DA (B'loru)
21: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)
22: Program for Superiors of the Holy Spirit Congregation
22: Meeting of Research Scholars regarding Cultural and Research Centre
23: GBM: ISIB (Bengaluru)
31: Conclusion of the Ignatian Year

CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty Congratulations to **Fr Lawrence Fernandes** on the confirmation of your reappointment as Principal of Sacred Heart College, Satya Nilayam by the Congregation of Catholic Education, Rome.

Hearty Congratulations to **Fr Alphonse Pius Fernandes** on successfully defending his doctoral thesis on "Civil Society and Religion: Contribution of Christianity to Civil Society through Education- a Sociological Study in Dakshina Kannada" and thus obtaining a doctorate in Sociology from the University of Mangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 21: First Vows at MSJ, Bengaluru. Holy Eucharist at 6 PM
June 25: Meeting of CCMs: Prerana (Bengaluru)
July 18-19: Program for Local Superiors: MSJ/DA (Bengaluru)
July 20: Extended Province Consult on Poverty: MSJ/DA (Bengaluru)
July 22: Meeting of Research Scholars regarding Cultural and Research Centre
August 5-7: Course in Campus Ministry for Young Priests: Ashirvad (Bengaluru)
August 15-16: Meeting of Treasurers and Finance Officers
August 20-21: Meeting of DoWs: FRH (Mangaluru)
August 20: Felicitating the Jubilarians in Mangaluru
August 27: Spiritual Directors' Colloquium – Ashirvad (Bengaluru)

Change of Email ID: **Sch Joel Dias:** <sjdiasjoel@gmail.com>

Novice Joel Lobo left the Novitiate on 20 May 2022. We wish him God's blessings in his future life.

Tertianship: Fr. General has approved the request of POSA to shift the Kandy Tertianship to De Nobili College, Pune, for one year from 1 September 2022 to 28 February 2023. This was necessitated by the economic and political turmoil in Sri Lanka.

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): JUNE 2022

For Christian Families: We pray for Christian Families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

The Karnataka Province Congregation began in the evening of 22 May 2022 in Prerana, Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru, with an inspiring prayer to the Holy Spirit led by Fr Alphonse Fernandes, with the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz presiding. After the preliminary procedures, the Congregation elected Frs Joseph Lobo and Joseph A D’Mello as the Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively



and then went on to elect Frs Frederick D’Silva and Jerome D’Souza as the deputies to scrutinize the postulates. Then came the Provincial’s

state of the Province report followed by the report by the Province treasurer on the financial situation of the province. The Regional Superior of Kohima, Fr Melvil Pereira then gave the report on the state of the Region, including the financial position. He was fulsome in his praise for the province and its various institutions for the contribution made for the growth of the Region. There followed a lively discussion by the Congregation on some salient features of the reports given. There were several

rounds of discussion on the points specifically referred by Fr General.

The third day of the Congregation, 24 May 2022, was the day set apart for the election of the Procurator and his substitute. The day began with the Holy Eucharist at 8.15 am presided over by Fr Jerome Stanislaus D’Souza, the POSA. Soon after the Mass, the session began at 9 am chaired by Fr Melvil Pereira. First, the members prayed before the Crucifix silently for about 15 minutes. In the election that followed, Fr Joseph A D’Mello was elected as the Procurator and Fr Melwyn S Pinto was elected the substitute.

In the discussion on UAPs and KPAPs, as well as on Postulates, there was a very wide participation from the members and one postulate was approved by the Congregation to be sent to Fr General. On the fourth and the last day the Congregation voted by near unanimity not to call a GC, and then proceeded to discuss the remaining postulates. The Province Congregation ended at 4.30 pm on 25 May 2022 on a note of widespread mood among the delegates of satisfaction, sense of achievement and gratitude. - Fr Frederick D’Silva, SJ

PROVINCE JUBILEE CELEBRATION



May 22 was a day of jubilation at Mount St Joseph. Eight of our jubilarians – Frs John B Mendonca, Victor E D’Silva and Frederick D’Silva who had joined the Society 60 years ago; Frs Chinappan Mariaraj, Michael John, Paul Raj Santiago and Sunith Prabhu who have been priests in the Society for 50 years; and Fr Hilario Fernandes who has been a priest in the Society for 70 years – shared their joy with scores of Jesuits from Karnataka Province and Kohima Region. The jubilee mass was presided over by Fr J B Mendonca, and had the inimitable Fr Freddie D’Silva delivering the homily.



Following the Mass was a short felicitation programme in the Aula. Each of the jubilarians was honoured with a

shawl, a garland, a peta and a plant. And those who did the honours were the POSA, Fr Stanislaus D’Souza, Karnataka Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, and Kohima Regional Superior, Fr Melvil Pereira. In a well-crafted and hilarious toast, Fr Henry Saldanha spelled out the unique qualities of our stalwarts. The Jesuits of Bengaluru came up with a melodious song in Kannada to felicitate the jubilarians. Fr Sunith Prabhu, speaking on behalf of fellow jubilarians, shared his sentiments of joy and gratitude. The event was ably compered by Fr Leo Florence.



The credit for so meticulously organizing the entire jubilee celebration goes to Mount St Joseph

community in general, but in particular to the novices who enlivened the liturgy with uplifting

hymns, and beautified the premises with colourful decorations. – Sch. Ovin Rodrigues

FR PROVINCIAL'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO KOHIMA REGION



A small seed sown in the hills of Kohima fifty-two years ago, as the Nagaland Jesuit Mission has now become a big tree spreading its branches far and wide. From a Mission, it has become a Region, from Nagaland it has moved to seven states of the Northeast of India. This was possible because of our committed men who even today have a fire in their belly to work for the greater glory of God. This is what Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial and Fr Joseph D'Mello, the Socius witnessed during their official visit to the Kohima Region from 29 May to 09 June, 2022. While for Fr Dion it was his fourth visit and the first as Provincial, for Fr Jossie, it was his maiden visit.

During our sojourn we visited the Jesuit Centres in Manipur - Bishnupur, Moirang, Majuron, and Liyai; in Nagaland – Pftusero, Jakhama, Khuza-ma and Phesama; in Meghalaya – Mawshohroh, Umbir, Umoid, Dawagre, and Williamnagar and in Guwahati – Jagriti and Jesuit House. Fr Provincial also blessed and inaugurated the Jesuit Residence extension at Moirang, the Golden Jubilee Hall of Kohima Region at Jesuit House, Guwahati, St Xavier's College Guest House at Umoid, Boys' Hostel of Loyola College, Williamnagar, and North East Institute of Language and Culture at Jagriti, Guwahati. One of the main purposes of our visit was to know the men and the apostolic works of the Region though the Provincial could not meet all the men and see all the works. Besides, it was an occasion to deliberate on how to enhance the collaboration between the Karnataka Province and Kohima Region. Therefore, we met the Jesuits in common and listened to their dreams and challenges; we also visited the institutions mostly secondary schools and addressed them; and we also interacted with the

staff at Majuron, NESRC & LCHR. Never can we forget that wherever we went we were welcomed and honored with warmth and love as per the local tradition. On the last day, we joined the Region Consult and reflected together as to how to strengthen the collaboration between us.

The Province (mother) needs to learn a lot from the Region (daughter) as our men even after fifty years of its presence in the North East have not lost the pioneering spirit, the MAGIS. They have reached the unreached as many of them are living in remote areas serving the needy, true to Pope Francis' call to the Jesuits to go to the geographical and existential peripheries. Their lifestyle has been marked by the spirit of 'less is more'. The North Eastern Social Research Centre, the Legal Cell for Human Rights and the North East Institute for Language and Culture in Guwahati are the unique ministries of Kohima Region which showcase the area of research, grassroots level contact with the victims of the violation of human rights and protection of endangered languages.

We place on record our sincere gratitude to Fr Melvil Pereira, the Regional Superior and all the Jesuits of the Region who went out of their way to make our visit memorable and fruitful. We enjoyed the wonderful companionship of Fr Richard Jarain, the Socius and Fr Tarcius Beck, the Administrator of the Jesuit House, Guwahati who accompanied us during our visit. We returned to the Province with a sense of gratitude and joy as we have seen the wonders that the Lord has done through our men in the North East! - Fr Joseph D'Mello, SJ

MAG+S 2022



A joyous moment for the Karnataka Jesuit Province was MAG+S 2022 held at St Aloysius College (29 Apr to 1 May) - for the first time in Mangaluru. The Ignatian youth programme was being held after a gap of two years. Organizers Frs Felix Victor, Maxim Dias and Joyson Vas, along with Sch Reuell (DAR), had meticulously and successfully planned to take MAG+S 2022 to greater heights.

Most Reverend Peter Paul Saldanha (Bishop of Mangalore), Fr Dionysius Vaz (Jesuit Provincial of Karnataka) and Fr Arbind Beck SJ from Hazaribagh Province (Coordinator of



JYMSA) and, of course, a good number of Jesuits from Mangaluru gave a cheering start to MAG+S 2022 by their presence at the inaugural and their encouraging messages. The participating



students were 230 in number representing 16 different colleges from across the State. Focusing on the five pillars of MAG+S, the event wielded a visible impact on the “pilgrims”. Filled with momentous Ignatian experiences the pilgrims returned home rejuvenated with Ignatian vigour. The unstinting support from Fr Provincial and the generous help from the SAC community contributed in no small degree to the success of MAG+S 2022. – Fr Maxim Dias

ARRUPE NIVAS



A team consisting of management and faculty from Kateel Ashok Pai Memorial Institute (KAPMI), Shivamogga, visited our college to explore possible areas of collaboration. Kameshwaran M. (III CBBT) won 3 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal, 1 Bronze medal in the 10th Senior Dragon Boat championship held in Bhopal. The outreach team

of SJC raised funds for providing ration kits to orphanages. The batch of final year students raised funds for painting a school in Madiwala. ‘Neerathon’, an event to create awareness on water conservation witnessed 600 students participating. – Fr John Baptist

ASHA KIRAN



Asha Kiran community experienced a spiritual rejuvenation through the recollection on poverty. Group sharing and reflection aided us to review our way of living. Fr Celestine Sera celebrated his 75th birthday and it was a moment of great joy for the community to join him in thanking God with the Jesuits of Mangalore. The weekend ministries have resumed with special importance given to the apostolic zeal and being in touch with the poor as well as those in need. The scholastics organised a live Way of the Cross at St Aloysius College with emphasis on paying heed to the cur-

rent problems faced by our world. Thereafter, TED talks, first internal exams helped us to grow in intellect and practical application of the academics. The scholastics took active part in MAGIS 2022 held in Gonzaga school. It was an occasion to unleash one’s talents, make use of one’s spiritual gifts, learn from the youth and accompany the youngsters through group activities, cultural events and outreach programmes. Fr Ronald Pais attended Ignatian Leadership Programme at Shembaganur and conducted a two-day workshop for SRA sisters. – Sch Macwin D’Souza

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



Lenten retreats in Konkani were preached by Frs Pradeep Crasta, Joseph Monteiro & Maxim Misquith. Frs Leo Lasrado (M’lore dioc), Joel Lopez OFM-Cap, and Ronald Pais preached in English. The shrine area was conducive, prayerful place for the Holy week services. Fr Joseph Lobo preached on all the days of the Holy Triduum. His sermons were profound & relevant, and much appreciated. The choir by the youth was inspiring and supportive. Fr Maxim Misquith preached Lenten retreats in Kuppepadav and Mudipu parishes. We are happy to have with us Fr Ajay D’Silva who is making good progress convalescing. His presence, help and interaction in the community has a positive impact on others. Fr Yesunath Karlekar of our community completed his pastoral ministry in Kabale (Shimoga), and has moved to Loyola

Mandir to pursue his B.Ed. studies.

We congratulate Fr Alphonse Fernandes on the successful defence of his thesis on the ‘Impact of Education by Christian Institutions in Dakshina Kannada Dist.’ He received his doctoral degree on April 23 at the convocation held at the Mangalore University. He has already moved to Bengaluru and taken over as Principal of the Loyola Degree College. While we thank him for his presence and service here, we wish him the very best in his new mission and life ahead.

Fr Maxim Misquith had a sojourn of 8 years here, last 3 of which as Superior. He too has moved to Gulbarga on his new assignment as superior there. While we thank him for his pleasant pres-

ence and generous service to the community and people of God around, we pray for showers of blessings on his new mission. Fr Anil D'Mello has taken over as superior here. We welcome him and wish him well in his mission.

Fr Terence Farias directed two month-retreats in April-May. Fr Joseph Monteiro directed 8-day re-

INIGO SADAN



We welcomed our new rector Fr Joseph D'Souza, our new finance officer Fr John Bosco, and our new member Fr Bartholome; and we bade a tearful farewell to our outgoing rector Fr Joseph Rodrigues, finance officer and community college director Fr Cyril Raj.

A new magazine of the scholastics, 'Masis', saw the light of day this month. Shortly after the re-opening of SJIPS, HM Sr Jane Benita attended the programme on Ignatian Leadership at Calicut.

'Dream Team' is the name of our teacher-counselors who have started helping the students of Classes 6 & 7 with their psychological needs. By taking part in the two-day international teachers' training seminar, our teachers have equipped themselves with better teaching skills. They also attended a two-day international teachers' training seminar to boost their teaching skills.

At SJHS, the new academic year began on May 16 with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. The staff have been conducting bridge courses to complement

JESUIT NIVAS



On successful completion of his B.Ed. studies, Sch Stephen Naulak (KHM) moved to DNC. Frs Pradeep R S and Praveen Kiran Martis joined the community earlier this month.

St. Joseph's Institute of Management (SJIM) held its 25th annual Convocation on May 14. As many as 174 students graduated from the college. Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Sri Thawarchand Gehlot, was the chief guest and delivered the Convocation address.

Over 800 students from 40 colleges across the country participated in the inter-collegiate cultural

treats to Sisters. We welcome Fr Joseph Rodrigues - latest addition to the community. No sooner had he arrived than he left to conduct an 'Orientation' to diocesan young priests and for retreat. Since about two weeks, Fr Thomas D'Souza of Hanagal fame, is with us attending to his medical needs. We appreciate his gentle presence and quiet simplicity. – Fr Thomas Quadras

the students' concepts and skills which they had learned in the hybrid mode. The overall percentage of 91.27 (with 76 distinctions and 221 first classes) in the SSLC results brought cheer to the staff and students alike. Sanjay Kumar topped the school with 99.68%. The three-day orientation programme for students resulted in fostering a positive attitude and earnest motivation among students. The catholic students had a two-day charismatic retreat with Br T K George as the preacher.

Thanks to Fr. Brian Pereira's initiative, the 'Samagra' team of BJES conducted a one-day well-appreciated orientation programme for our staff. The celebration of the World Environment Day was marked by the presence of distinguished guests like Mr Achim Burkart (General Consul of Germany) and Mr Harsha Vardhan (Addl. Commissioner of GST and Customs). The skit enacted by the students on this occasion showcased the need to conserve our resources and to build a greener world. – Fr Felix Anand

fest "Dhwani" organized by St Joseph's College of Commerce. 'Spiel 2022', an inter-collegiate sports festival (Apr 30 - May 7) had for its theme, 'Turning Setbacks into Comebacks'.

On June 4, we had the Graduation Day (Thanksgiving Day) for the Final B.Com and Final M.Com students. The chief guest on the occasion was Mr Sandeep Somesh, hockey player and an alumnus of the college. On May 11, the department of PG studies hosted a national conference on the theme "Decoding Contemporary Changes Affecting 21st Century Higher Education in India: In the context of NEP 2020". – Fr Praveen Kiran Martis



The community gladly welcomes both Fr Archibald Fernandes who will be assisting the Province Treasurer in financial administration and Fr Yesunath Karlekar who will be pursuing his B.Ed at Christ Deemed-to-be University. Soon after his arrival, Fr Archie had to be admitted to the hospital for treatment of infection in his urinal tract and for prostate surgery. After spending a fortnight in the hospital, he is now back in the community and is recovering fast.

Fr Jossie D'Mello took classes on the Dynamics of Spiritual Exercises for the participants of the Roots and Wings course at Shemnaganur, followed by a course on retreat direction at Prerana, and then a course for silver jubilarians of Bethany Congregation at Xavier Sadan on discernment in daily life. He also guided an eight-day retreat for the delegates of the General Chapter of UFS Sis-

ters in Mangaluru. Fr Olvin Veigas gave a day's Faculty Orientation Program for the Loyola High School Teachers at Bannerghatta, Bengaluru.

Both Pratiksha and Loyola Mandir buildings saw perestroika (renovation); and the work of refurbishing continues. The Provincial, Fr Dion, inaugurated the renovated spacious chapel at Pratiksha on 11 May. Loyola Mandir has a new reading-cum-recreation room in the old LM building while the archives of the province have a better and well-organized customized compact movable shelving system. Fr Jason Furtado has been looking into every detail of the restructuring silently and efficiently. Fr Paulraj (KHM) spent a few days with us reminiscing his younger days at LM as Socius and PCF in the 1980's. – *Fr Olvin Veigas*

LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE



Thanks to the persistent prayers of our pre-novices, the Lord of the Vineyard made a generous response. In the mega camp organized by Fr Pradeep Crasta and Sch Larren Menezes, 14 "campers" among the 10th Std students have shown clear inclination to join the Society. These chosen 14 have been admitted to St Aloysius PU College. Sch Larren wore a grin from ear to ear when he heard that he had to go to Inigo Sadan for his second year of regency! Fr Pradeep Crasta has been packing his suitcases to go to the Eternal City! Meanwhile, Fr Anush D'Cunha took over the management of Loyola Pre-Novitiate on 21st May. The car rally that accompanied him from Bejai parish to Loyola Pre-Novitiate spoke volumes of his popularity among the parishioners. We are appreciative of the services of Sch. Elson Lobo

(from DNC Pune) who assisted in the day-to-day management of the house when Sch. Larren was recuperating from his foot injury and surgery. The three juniors – Joel Dias, Sohan Fernandes and Mathew D'Souza – were of great help in the training of pre-novices. Now that Sch Royster Monis has taken over completely from Larren the latter has started climbing the staircase and coming to the chapel for Mass. We had, on 27th May, a formal-cum-informal programme of welcoming Fr Anush and Sch. Royster and bidding farewell to Fr Pradeep and Sch. Larren. Jesuits from the SAC community and a few invitees were present on the occasion. The newly-arrived pre-novices had the opportunity of witnessing the welcome and farewell ceremony in the Societas Amoris. – *Fr Peter Pinto*

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



The SSLC results of Loyola High School this year have been a matter of pride: Kannada medium 94.11% and English medium 100% with 37 Distinctions. Ms Ananya, 623 marks, stood third at the state level. This year with the arrival of tiny tots for the first time into the campus there is lot of joy and color. One more feather in our cap viz., I to V standards added to the existing VI standard onwards.

Graduation Day at LCPUC for the outgoing II PU students had Mr B.M. Rajkumar (Deputy Director

of Pre-University Education) as chief guest. Four of our students, accompanied by the staff coordinator Mr Joe, took part in the MAGIS programme held at St Aloysius College. Ten of our alumni/ae attended, for the first time, the 'karavali milana' held at St Aloysius College. The staff of LCPUC visited different schools to encourage students to join our college.

During the inter-novitiate recollection 'Metanoia', Fr Anil D'Almeida brought in much joy to the participating novices through his insights shared

during the Eucharist in Kannada, instilled a love for the Kannada language through the workshop called 'Kannada Kalike', and gave his spiritual inputs during the sessions. The novitiate community was delighted to have Fr Provincial during his annual visitation. The 12 first year novices moved a step closer to God on their 'Investiture (cassock) Day'. On the same day they were conferred with the minor orders of 'Reader and Acolyte'. The pilgrimage cum picnic to the shrine of Rajendra Swamy and Xavier Sadan was a grace-filled and a joyous experience. The first-year novices were guided and cared for during their work experiment in Pandithahalli by Fr Norwin Pereira and Sch. Elson Lobo. Meanwhile 7 second-year nov-

ices had their hospital and house maintenance experiments. Fr Prakash D'Souza took a few sessions for us on basic electrical skills. Fr Merwyn Fernandes handed over the baton to Fr Nithin Machado, the new Socius. We are grateful to Fr Merwyn for his service to the novitiate community during the last two years. Under the guidance of Fr John Pradeep and Fr Nithin Machado the novices created a heavenly atmosphere with their choir during the province jubilee celebration. There were 24 participants in the course on Retreat Direction conducted at Prerana in April-May. We also had the privilege of hosting the Province Congregation (May 22-25) at Prerana.— Fr Nithin Machado

MUNDGOD



The Ruby Jubilee of Mundgod Mission was celebrated with grandeur and gaiety on April 19. The theme was 'To see all things new in Christ'. It was indeed an occasion for us to look back with gratitude and look ahead with hope. The thanksgiving Eucharist, attended by a large number of priests, religious and lay people – from Karwar and Belgam dioceses - was presided over by Bishop Derek Fernandes of Karwar, and the homily was delivered by Bishop Francis Serrao of Shimoga. Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, graced the occasion. Frs Freddie D'Silva and Pradeep Sequeira, former superiors of Mundgod, were among those felicitated on the occasion. The entire programme – liturgical and cultural – was organized by the staff of Loyola institutions under the able guidance of Fr Francis Menezes. A short history of Mundgod mission compiled by Fr Olvin Veigas and the report of the Impact Analysis conducted by the ASK Team of Delhi were released during the formal gathering. The cultural events by Loyola School children and by the Siddi community of Mainalli and Ugginkere enhanced the celebrative mood of the entire day.

Frs Santhosh Walder, Harry Terry, Anil D'Souza, and Jerald D'Souza had a ten-day exposure to Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sanghatan in Rajasthan during which they had the opportunity to interact with RTI activists Aruna Roy and Nikhil Dey.

In a farewell function organized by Loyola institutions, Fr Francis Menezes was much appreciated and thanked for his dedicated service to Mundgod mission as its superior in the past six years. On the same occasion, Fr Melvin Lobo, the newly appointed superior was welcomed and felicitated.

Admissions to our educational institutions and hostels are in progress. Fr Gilbert Saldanha, the new parish priest of St Rita's church, organised the parish feast on 21 May. Priests from the neighbouring parishes, sisters from local religious communities and the faithful of the parish and substations were present for the Eucharistic celebration. Schs Nishanth Noronha and Noel Dias conducted the orientation programme for the staff and spoken English classes for the students of Loyola institutions. - Fr Melvin Lobo

NAVASADHANA



Thanks to Fr Dheeraj's tireless efforts, thirteen new candidates have joined Navasadhana with a desire to become Jesuits. The would-be novices of Loyola and Navasadhana had a course on liturgy and the sacraments by Fr Ryan Rodrigues. An outing to Belur and Halebeedu rejuvenated the candidates. The selection camp and the English course for the second years and newcomers were a combined effort of Schs Paul Anand, Kiran Lee-

ma, Abraham Clinton, Anson Alex, Princen Michael, Pruthvi Rodrigues, and Johnson R. Fr Daniel Fernandes, having taken over from Fr Joseph D'Souza as superior of Hassan Jesuit community, has moved from Navasadhana to the school community. Also, Fr Balaraju R took charge as the director of the hostels and has moved to the Hassan Jesuit community.

Sch Noel Dias who, like an elder brother, took care of the pre-novices during his one year of regency, has shifted to Anekal for theology. Sch

Chethan Kumar is the new regent at Navasadhana. -Sch Chethan Kumar

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



The 142nd Annual Day of St Aloysius College was celebrated with the customary grandeur. Fr Leo D'Souza was conferred Chaitanyashri-2020 award by Shimoga Multipurpose Social Service Society (SMSSS) in recognition of his contribution to science research and for his great service in empowering the uneducated and unemployed youth. St Aloysius College played the host to MAGIS-2022 which was held for three days at Gonzaga School with about 250 youth coming together and benefiting from this Ignatian experience. The Jesuit archives of St Aloysius institutions are now maintained in a well-equipped air-conditioned room close to the community parlour with a full-time archivist.

The College hosted its first TEDxSAC with the theme 'Into the Unknown'. We are happy that an endowment for the children of police constables was established with a corpus donation of Rs. One Crore by our alumni Mr M.V. Nair and his colleague Mr Venkat. The South Zone Jesuit Alumni Congress "Karavali Milana" was organized in our campus.

Gonzaga Nivas community warmly welcomed the two new members - Fr Alwyn Ronald D'Souza and Fr Jaison Martis – who have joined us this year. Fr Melwyn Pinto visited Kohima region as one of the observers at the Region Days. The third semester MBA students took up street cleaning drive as part of their social service.

At SAPUC, over 200 students including those from Mundgod, Gulbarga and Manvi attended

the CET/NEET Crash Course conducted by us. Our PU students won prizes at the State Level Cultural Fest, Aakriti, hosted by Canara Engineering College. Members of the Centre for Environmental Concern of SAPUC participated in the Sea Turtle Fest, 'Aame Habba 2022' at Kodi Beach, Kundapura

The Atal Tinkering Lab Exhibition, held at St Aloysius Gonzaga School, was an attraction to the parents who came to collect the marks card of their children. They were impressed by the various models prepared by the students. Our Class X students participated in an interactive session on 'Lasting relationships with the Earth and all of Creation' organized by Educate Magis (an online platform of Jesuit Schools). Dr Flossy D'Souza was the resource person at the annual Faculty Development Programme.

Staff Enrichment and Orientation Programmes were held for the staff and students at various units. JESCOL - Level One (training programme) was held in Gonzaga School for three days. Fr Vincent Pinto has returned enriched by the month-long Roots & Wings course which he attended at Shembaganur. Fr Praveen Martis attended the Ignatian Leadership Programme at Calicut.

Our UG Ladies' Hostel has a new warden in the person of Sr Shoba Pinto, BS. We are grateful to Sr Grace Ida for her dedicated service as warden of the hostel for four years. - Fr Pradeep Sequeira & Sch Ovin Rodrigues

SWAMI RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



We had a summer camp (April 18 to 30) in our campus for students - our own and those in the neighbourhood - conducted by Schs. Joseph Jerald and Wilson Saldanha. We are thankful to the group of novices who, under the guidance of Sch. Elson Lobo, put in hard work to beautify our campus. We thank Fr John Pradeep for choosing Pandithahalli as the venue for the novices' work experiment. A 10-day faculty development programme was held for the members of the staff to

enhance their teaching skills.

While we thanked and bade farewell to our outgoing regent Sch. Marvin Apose, we extended a warm welcome to the new regent Sch. Steven Joseph. We are grateful to Sch Preethesh Misquith, who gave his valuable time for teaching English to our students and helping out in the school office. – Sch Steven Joseph

As the academic year kicked off, four first year scholastics namely, Suman D'Souza, Princen Michael, Dilip Xavier and Merwin Mathias, following the footsteps of Aristotle and Plato, entered into the realm of philosophy. Due to various circumstances occasioned by the pandemic, there is a decline in the strength of DNC. However, we have Arvind Royce the only theologian from our province to maintain the equilibrium. With the completion of comprehensive exams, our deacons set out for their mission exposure to Jamshedpur and

Ranchi. With our hearts wide open, we welcomed Fr Arun Kumar to our community and at the same time our hearts were laden with sorrows as we bade farewell to Fr Vincent Crasta. After the revitalizing and rejuvenating summer programmes, the vacation and the personal commitments back at the province and elsewhere, Fr Selva Rathinam, Fr Henry D'Almeida and Fr Ryan Rodrigues are now back to DNC with renewed zeal and zest. - *Sch Elson Lobo*

XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE, Belagavi

We spent a blissful week in Goa, away from our daily schedule, to rejuvenate and refresh our minds and hearts with a variety of fun-filled activities. The highlight was the Mass celebrated by Fr Vijay Chokhar in the chapel where the relics of St. Francis Xavier are placed. We also visited the Se Cathedral, St. Augustine Tower, Santa Monica and other heritage sites.

The Eco-retreat directed by Fr Lancy (GUJ) and Fr Luke Rodrigues (BOM) was a unique experience for the novices of finding God in all things. We had visitations of the provincials – the last one of Fr. Arun De Souza (BOM) and the first one of Fr. Dionysius Vaz (KAR). These were moments

of grace and of replenishing the spirits. We are pleasantly surprised to learn that our Novice Master is the provincial elect of Bombay Province. Our community was happy to accommodate the scholastics from Goa, Karnataka, Bombay and Pune for their annual retreats.



An unexpected visit of Bishop Derek Fernandes took us by surprise. We waved our beloved Socius goodbye as he set out on his new journey as a director of St. Joseph Technical, Pune. - *Novice Fean Almeida*

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REST IN PEACE

Fr Guy Moraes, SJ, (GOA), 85/62, on 5 May, in Belagavi, Karnataka.

Fr Felix Tellis, SJ, (JAM), 79/60, on 15 May, in Jamshedpur.

Fr Andrew Silveira, SJ, (GUJ), 72/53, on 21 May, in Vadodara.

Fr Colman de Souza, SJ, (GOA), 76/ 56, on 25 May, in Porvorim, Goa.

Fr Charles Michael, SJ, (MDU), 70/52, on 25 May, in Dindigul.

Fr Ephraem Manikom, SJ, (KER), 80/52, on 25 May, in Ernakulam.

Fr Andrews Thekkekara, SJ, (MDU), 89/70, applied to SAP, on 28 May, in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Fr Joseph Mattam, SJ, (GUJ), 85/ 66, on 29 May, in Vadodara.

Fr Anthony Ryan, SJ, (HAZ), 82/62, on 05 June, in Melbourne Australia.

Fr Edwin D'Souza, SJ, (GOA), 96/76, On 8 June, in Porvorim, Goa.

Mr Philip D'Souza, (75), brother of Fr Stany D'Souza (POSA), on 11 May, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Agnes Sequeira, (74), maternal grandmother of Sch Avinash D'Souza, on 16 May, in Bengaluru.

Mr Sebastian Raj, (70), paternal uncle of Sch Princen Michael, on 29 May, in Siluvepura, Bengaluru.

Mr Michael D'Souza, (81), elder brother of Fr Thomas D'Souza, on 08 June, in Mangaluru.

Mr Thomas Serrao, (59), paternal uncle of Sch Noyel Serrao, on 13 June, in Belthangady.

FR. GIANFRANCO GHIRLANDA, S.J. IN THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

On Sunday 29 May, after the recitation of the Regina Coeli in St. Peter's Square, the Holy Father Francis announced a Consistory for the creation of 21 new Cardinals for 27 August next of whom nine will be alumni of the Gregorian University. Also joining the members of the College of Cardinals on this solemn occasion will be **Fr Gianfranco Ghirlanda S.J.**, Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Canon Law and former Rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University.



Fr. Gianfranco Ghirlanda S.J. was born in Rome on 5 July 1942. He obtained his Doctorate in Law at the University of Rome 'La Sapienza' in 1966. In the same year he entered the Society of Jesus and completed his Theology studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained a priest in 1973. He later obtained a degree and doctorate in Canon Law at the same University. Since 1975 he has taught Canon Law at the Institute of Religious Studies, the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty of Canon Law at the Pontifical Gregorian University where he became a full professor. Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law (1995-2004), he was also Rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University (2004-2010).

Fr. Ghirlanda has served the Holy See as consultant to various Congregations and Councils: the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life; of the Congregation for the Clergy; of the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts; of the Pontifical Council for the Laity; of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples; of the Congregation for Bishops; of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; member of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life; prelate and lawyer at the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura; judge at the Court of Appeal of the Vatican City State. He has also collaborated in the drafting of several Apostolic Constitutions. He has published several books and over 110 articles specialising mainly in Canon Law. He received his doctorate Honoris Causa from the Faculty of Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Salamanca.

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