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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

Elections are a fascinating part of the dance of democracy, and in a country like ours they are the rare occasions when the ordinary citizen matters to the politician. Elections also serve to give voice to the hopes and aspirations of the common people. The verdict of the Legislative Assembly election in Karnataka is largely a mandate against the politics of centralization and communal polarization and its model of exclusionary economic development vis-à-vis an inclusive model of politics and welfare-centred development. This election got a fillip from the committed work of civil society organizations such as Eddelu Karnataka (Wake-Up Karnataka) and Bahutva Karnataka (Pluralistic Karnataka) of which we were also a part. Some of you were involved in motivating students, others influenced religious communities, and a few others were actively involved with civil society organizations in creating a change. The entire country sighed with relief as Karnataka voted to stop the spread of the poison of communal hatred.

Jesuit Family Get-Together (JFGT) was a time of homecoming for many and an occasion to bond with our families. Everyone was quite excited about the JFGT and families travelled distances to attend the gathering. It only shows that they cherish the vocation to Jesuit religious life and appreciate the different ministries and options of the Society of Jesus. It was a time for us Jesuits to appreciate our families, especially our parents, for what they have given to us during the foundational years of our life. We also invited our families to collaborate with us in promoting vocations.

Manipur is burning. Our Jesuit brothers in Moirang had a narrow escape but are still traumatized by the incident. Our hearts go out to many families who have lost their loved ones and their habitats. Overnight they have become refugees in their own land. We need goodwill ambassadors and reconcilers from both the communities of Meiteis and Kukis to stop the spiral of violence and bring about peace and reconciliation. The Kohima Region has stepped up relief work to rehabilitate those who have lost their homes and livelihoods. I invite our communities and institutions to collaborate with our brothers of Kohima Region in carrying out this important work.

We have begun the new academic year in all our institutions. I do hope we will work together in the spirit of *magis* and *discreta caritas* (discerning love) in all that we do.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



## APPOINTED / APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

**Fr Thomas Amirtham:** Provincial of the Madurai Province.

Fr General has approved the appointment of **Fr Pravin Alphonse Solanki** as the Rector of Loyola Jesuit Community, Jakhama.

### APPOINTED BY POSA

**Fr Anthony D'Souza:** PhD studies in Moral Theology, Rome

**Fr Lancy Monteiro:** Teaching at Jnana-Deepa, Pune (Residing at DNC)

#### De Nobili College, Pune

Vice Superior of Philosophers: Fr Dayal Lakra (DUM)

Treasurer: Fr Sunil Joseph Padannamakkel (KER)

Asst Director of CISR: Fr Pravin Severeekar (BOM)

Asst Director of CSHF: Fr Lawrence Arockiasamy (MDU)

#### Satya Nilayam, Chennai

Minister: Fr Anthonyraj P. (JAM)

#### ISI, Bengaluru

Director: Fr Selvaraj Arulnathan (CEN)

#### ISI, Delhi

Acting Director: Fr Sebastia L. Raj (CEN)

JRS Work: Fr Sunil Bara (HAZ)

JRS (Regency): Sch Swethan Tirumalasetti (JAM)

Coordinator of Conference Communications: Fr

Vernard Antonyraj Arockiam (DUM)

Sabbatical: Fr Denzil Fernandes

Conference Secretary for Ecology and Justice

(CSEJ): Fr Xavier Soreng (RAN)

### APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Ashwin Cordeiro:** Director, St Joseph's Evening PU College, Bengaluru

**Fr John D'Souza:** Director, St Aloysius Primary and Middle School, Mangaluru.

#### Appointed by the Bishop of Gulbarga

**Fr John Crasta:** Manager & Correspondent of Divya Jyothi School, Bhalki and Principal of Divya Jyothi High School, Bhalki.

**Fr Prashanth Sequeira:** Parish Priest of St Anne's Church, Vijayapura

Fr Provincial has reconstituted the **National Education Policy (NEP) Taskforce of the Province**. The members are: Fr Rohan D'Almeida (Coordinator), Fr Daniel Fernandes, Fr Melwyn S Pinto, Fr Praveen Vijay Martis, Fr Richard Rego, Fr Melwyn D'Cunha, Fr Sunil Fernandes, Fr Cyril Menezes, Dr Paul Newman, Mr Sunny Gudino, Ms Flora D'Souza, and Ms Shalini A. (Parent of SJS-CBSE). Our sincere thanks to the outgoing members: Fr Cyril D'Mello, Fr Anthony Lawrence, Fr Henry Saldanha, Fr Joseph Lobo, & Fr Melwyn A Lobo.

### FIRST VOWS

**The following 14 second year Novices are approved for the First Vows:** Abhishek A, Akshay Kumar V, Daran Cardoza, Fean Anson Almeida, Felix Vinal, Harrison Linus Sera, Jeevan Santhosh L, Lloyd Ronald Lobo, Manvith D'Souza, Princeton Vinoy D'Souza, Robert C, Royal R K, Sudarshan and Vivek Clitus D'Souza.

#### Afghan Mission

Country Director: Br Sandesh Gonsalves (GUJ)  
JRS work: Fr Mukti Prakash Xess (MAP)

#### Vidyajyoti, Delhi

Principal: Fr Rajakumar Joseph (AND), (Confirmed by Fr General and the Dicastery of Culture and Education)

Minister: Fr Godfried Ekka (MAP)

#### Sadhana Institute, Lonavla

Staff: Fr Robin Vazhaparambil (DEL)

#### JIVAN

Editor of JIVAN: Fr Joe Antony (MDU)

#### Forums and Networks

Coordinator of Brothers' Forum: Br Telesphore Horo (RAN)

Coordinator of Ecology Network: Fr John Kennedy (MDU)

#### Studies

MA Psychology at Christ (Deemed to be) University, Bengaluru: Fr Franklin Rex (MDU)

MA Economics at St Xavier's University, Kolkata: Fr Valentine Sinduria (RAN)

MSW at St Aloysius, Mangalore: Fr Rakesh Kumar Bara (MAP)

## WELCOME TO THE NOVITIATE

The following eight pre- novices will be Joining Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru:

**Anish** (Holy Redeemer Church, Bhalki, Gulbarga Diocese), **Anthony Sujay** (St Francis Xavier Church, Chikkakammanahalli, Bangalore Archdiocese), **Edmund Sequeira** (St Joseph's Church, Bajpe, Mangalore Diocese), **Kiran P R** (St Mary's Church, Mudur, Belthangady Diocese), **Lestern Prajwal D'Souza** (Holy Cross Church, Kulshekar, Mangalore Diocese), **Oswin Fernandes** (Our Lady of Piety Church, Kone, Karwar Diocese), **Roshan Pinto** (St Sebastian's Church, Kushalnagar, Mysore Diocese) and **Vishwas B** (St Alphonse's Church, Alphonse Nagar, Chikmagalur Diocese).

The following two pre-novices will be joining Xavier Training College, Belagavi:

**Gevin D'Souza** (St Sebastian's Church, Kushalnagar, Mysore Diocese) and **Adarsh Paul** (Immaculate Conception Church, Doresanipalya, Bangalore Archdiocese).

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME



### June 2023

03: Inauguration of extension of St Joseph's Degree College, Hassan  
07-08: Visit to Mundgod  
10: KRCR Executive Meeting, LM, Bengaluru  
11: Final Vows of Fr Ramesh Aravanan, Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru  
18-20: Religious Leadership: Prerana, Bengaluru  
21: First Vows: MSJ, Bengaluru  
22: Visit to Panditahalli  
24: Meeting of CCM's: Prerana, Bengaluru  
25: Province Consul: LM, Bengaluru  
26-27: Visit to Vijayapur

### July 2023

01: Meeting with Gulbarga CRI  
02-03: Visit to Manvi  
07: Meeting of the Socii of South Asia: Ashirvad, Bengaluru  
08: SJCC Students' Retreat  
10: Meeting with the Deacons  
11: Meeting of Province Formation Commission  
13-14: Program for Deacons: XS, Mysuru  
15-16: Meeting of Local Superiors: FRH, Mangaluru  
15: Province level felicitation of Jubilarians, FRH, Mangaluru  
17: Province Consult: FRH, Mangaluru  
21-23: KRCR Annual Assembly: Dharmaram, Bengaluru  
25-26: Visit to Harihar  
29: Programme for Belgaum CRI

## CONGRATULATIONS



To **Frs Ramesh Vanan Aravanan** and **Ronald Fernandes** on pronouncing your Final Vows in the Society of Jesus

## THANK YOU

We thank **Fr Xavier Savarimuthu (CCU)** who was in the province and worked tirelessly for the growth of St Joseph's University during the past one year. He creatively established the online library and as Director of Research put systems and processes in place.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ordinations:** The ordinations of our deacons will be on Saturday, 30 September, by Most Rev Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore in St Joseph's Boys' High School, Bengaluru at 10:30 AM and on Saturday, 14 October, by Most Rev Francis Serrao, SJ, Bishop of Shimoga in Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru at 10:00 AM.

**June 21:** First Vows: MSJ, Bengaluru. Holy Eucharist at 6 PM.

**June 24:** Meeting of CCM's: Prerana, Bengaluru

**July 07-09:** Meeting of the Socii of South Asia: Ashirvad, Bengaluru

**July 11:** Meeting of Province Formation Commission

**July 15-16:** Meeting of Local Superiors: FRH, Mangaluru

**July 15:** Province level felicitation of Jubilarians, FRH, Mangaluru

**December 28-30:** Province Sammelan: Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru.

**Province Retreats:**

**July 01-09, 2023, Place:** Xavier Sadan, Mysuru, **Preacher:** Fr Amalanadan, SJ (AND).

**August 16-24, 2023** (for Senior Jesuits), **Place:** Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Frederick D'Silva SJ.

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

**Frs Ramesh Vanan Aravanan** and **Ronald Fernandes** were so far 'applicatus' to British Guyana Region. With their final vows, they are transcribed to British Guyana region. We wish both Fr Ramesh Vanan Aravanan and Fr Ronald Fernandes God's choicest blessings in their mission at British Guyana Region.

**Novice Reuben Melwin Vijay D'Souza** left the Novitate on 31 May, 2023. We wish him God's blessings in his future life.

**POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): JUNE 2023**

**For the abolition of torture:** We pray for that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**Final Vows of Fr Ronald Fernandes at Vidya Niketan, Dharwad**



The first missionary to Guyana from the Karnataka province, Fr Ronald Fernandes, made his final profession in the Society of Jesus, on May 18, at



Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church Nirmal Nagar, Dharwad. The Provincial of Karnataka, Fr Dionysius Vaz, received his vows in the presence of many Jesuits from Karnataka province, family members and cherished acquaintances of Fr Ronald. In his homily, Fr Olvin Veigas elucidated the profound significance of the final vows in the Society of Jesus. During the simple felicitation programme after the Mass, organized at Vidya Niketan, Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, spoke of the sense of mission with which Fr Ronald dedicated himself to the care of the poor and the marginalized, particularly the Amerindians in Guyana. He

made an observation that with the pronouncing of the final vows, Fr Ronald ceases to be an *applicatus*, and becomes a full-fledged member of British Guyana region which will soon become part of the Caribbean Province. Father Edwin Antony, another Jesuit missionary in Guyana, raised the toast expressing his admiration and appreciation for Fr Ronald. Replying to the toast, Fr Ronald expressed his gratitude to all who supported him throughout his journey in the Society of Jesus, beginning with his formators and fellow Jesuits. The credit for making all the arrangements for



the celebration of the Final Vows, specially the liturgy and the choir, goes to Fr Francis Fernandes and the VN scholastics. - Sch Steve Gibson

## Final Vows of Fr Ramesh Vanan at Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru



The Final Vows of Fr Ramesh Vanan, a dedicated missionary in British Guyana, was joyfully celebrated in the chapel of St Joseph's Boys' High



School on 11 June. The solemn Eucharist was presided over by the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz. Fr Frederick D'Silva, in his homily, highlighted the core qualities of Jesus - simplicity, surrender, sacrifice, and service. During the felicitation programme, Fr Shantharaj T raised the toast and eloquently narrated the significant events of the vovent. The entire event was meticulously planned

and executed by the Jesuit Nivas community, ensuring a memorable and meaningful celebration. The Province is grateful to the Rector, Fr Brian Pereira and Fr Charles Lasrado for organizing the event; to Fr Vishal D'Souza for looking into the fellowship meal and to Fr Sunil Fernandes and the SJBHS Staff for taking care of the liturgy, choir,



altar decoration and working behind the screen for the success of this memorable occasion.

- Fr Sunil Fernandes

## 71st Congregation of Procurators at Loyola, Spain



The 71st Congregation of Procurators (CP) was held from 06 to 21 May, 2023 at Loyola, Spain. The first part of the CP was an eight-day retreat from 6 – 14 May and the second part was the canonical sessions from 15-21, May. Among the 107 members assembled in Loyola, 78 members were with voting rights (64 Procurators + 14 ex officio Members from the Curia), 10 Relators, 5 Guests and 14 Staff members. Fr Vivian Richard, who was part of the communication staff, contributed immensely to disseminate the spirit of the CP among Jesuits and collaborators. The South Asian Conference had 19 Procurators and 2 Relators. On May 6, just before the retreat began, Fr General presented the draft of the *De Statu Societatis* and invited us to pray over it during the retreat.



**Retreat:** The retreat began with the Holy Eucharist in the Basilica on 06 May at 8 PM. It was guided by Fr. Mark A Ravizza (General Counselor for Formation), Fr. Victor Assouad (Regional Assistant for Western Europe) and Fr. Claudio Paul (Regional Assistant for Latin America South). Each one took turns to give the points and there was simultaneous translation in English, French and Spanish for the points. The daily points invited the members to pray and reflect over the main themes of the *De Statu Societatis*. During the retreat, we had twice the Holy Eucharist in the conversion chapel during which I prayed for the members of the province, benefactors, collaborators and our beneficiaries. The retreat got over on 14 May with the Holy Eucharist at 8 PM.

**Meeting with Fr General:** Every procurator and relator had the opportunity to meet Fr General for half an hour. I met Fr General on 11 May at 11 AM. Though I was a bit tense, Fr General was very warm and cheerful and his disposition put me at ease. Indeed, it was a moment of examen for me to share my reflections on the province and the Society and it was a moment of blessing and consolation to be close to Fr General. I truly felt energized after this brief encounter.

**Canonical Sessions:** The canonical part of the Congregation began on 15 May with the Holy Eucharist in the Basilica presided over by Fr. General. On 16 May, Fr. John Meehan from the Province of Canada was elected the secretary of the Congregation. The following themes were taken up for deliberations: Universal Apostolic Preferences (16 May); identity, charism and apostolic body (17 May), promoting a culture of safeguarding (18 May), governance in the Society (19 May), the pedagogy and strategy to share the *De Statu Societatis* (20 May). The procedure during the canonical sessions was the following: a brief input on the day's theme, personal prayer, spiritual conversation in smaller groups, plenary session and the Holy Eucharist. I was asked to moderate the sessions on 18 May. The CP voted not to call the General Congregation (Non Cogenda) on 21 May. The CP concluded with a short address by Fr General followed by *Te Deum*.

**Experience:** Sharing about my own personal experience, the place 'Loyola' itself invited me to go to my 'roots' – vocation, identity, charism – and

to reflect over our life-mission in the light of our 'roots'. The daily spiritual conversations and plenary sessions gave me a feeling that though we



belonged to different nationalities, provinces, cultures and temperaments, it is God who brought us together as one body and as a result we need to listen to each other with inner freedom, and discern together on our identity, charism and mission today. The CP emphasized on the integrated approach - input, prayer, spiritual conversation and the plenary – which facilitated discernment in common and listening to God and others. I returned to the province with a sense of gratitude and consolation.

- Fr Joseph D'Mello

### Jesuits Family Get-Together (JFGT) at Bengaluru

The first of the three zonal level JFGT of the Province (the other two being in Mangaluru and Has-



san) was held on 14 May in the auditorium of St Joseph's Primary School, Bengaluru. The theme of the JFGT, chosen by Fr Joseph D'Souza, Superior of Inigo Sadan, was the same as that of the Synod, viz. Communion-Participation-Mission. The hall was filled to capacity with Jesuits and their family members for the Eucharistic celebration - with Fr Provincial Dionysius Vaz as the main celebrant and Fr Shantharaj T as the homilist.

After the Mass, Frs Pradeep RS and Praveen Kiran Martis involved the gathering in an interactive

session of fun and frolic whereby the participants mingled with each other and felt bonded as an extended Jesuit family. While addressing the gathering, Fr John Pradeep drew from the wellsprings of Ignatian Spirituality. Mr Anthony Edward, father of Sch Abraham Clinton, and Mr Jerrin Chandan, brother of Fr Leo Florence, shared their sentiments about the Jesuits. An inspiring documentary on Jesuit formation and mission, crafted by Fr Arul Anthony and Sch. Joswin Pereira, was screened leaving the audience in awe. The programme concluded with an agape.

The visiting family members had the opportunity of viewing a display – put up by Sch Wilson Sal-



-danha and his team - of the pictures and paintings of Jesuit communities and of outstanding Jesuits of the Province, as well as books published by the Jesuits on the stages of formation, on historic moments of the Society in general and of Karnataka Province in particular. The photo

booth, set up for the purpose, charmed the family members to have their pictures clicked.

All in all, the JFGT - Bengaluru was a time of bonding and sharing, a small step taken by the Society of Jesus towards forging a Synodal Church.

- Sch Maria Divij

**Jesuits Family Get-Together (JFGT) at Hassan**



More than 25 families - hailing from the districts of Hassan, Mysuru and Chikmagalur - took part in the JFGT hosted by the Hassan community on 21 May. It began with the Eucharist presided over by Fr Dionysus Vaz, Provincial, in the newly constructed Loyola Auditorium of St Joseph's College. Fr Shanthraj R, in his homily, stressed the role of the families in nurturing vocations. The choir led by the pre-novices added to the devotion.

Patrick Jonas, Parish priest of St Antony's Parish, shared his thoughts on the importance of fam-



Fr Edward Philip conducted an interactive session to create a bond of friendship between the participants. Speaking on behalf of the families, Mr Balachandar (father of Sch Noel Prabhu) expressed his gratitude to the Society of Jesus for all the service they render to the People of God. Fr

ily in fostering vocations. In his address to the gathering, Fr Provincial, shared his own personal experience of joining the Society of Jesus. He thanked the parents for the gift of their sons to the Society of Jesus thus partnering with us in the universal mission of Jesus. Each of the families received a memento as a token of appreciation. The presence of Jesuits, priests and a good number of scholastics added joy to the celebration. The JFGT-Hassan owes its success to the coordinated efforts of Frs Daniel Fernandes, Edward Philip and Dheeraj D'Souza. - Sch Joyal D'Sa

**Jesuits Family Get-Together (JFGT) at Mangaluru**



A large number of family members of Jesuits from Mangaluru came together for the JFGT held at Loyola Hall of SAPUC on Sunday, May 28. Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial was the main celebrant at the Eucharist and Fr Francis Fernandes the homilist. A short get-together followed. Dr Judy Pinto, sister of Fr Gratian Carlo (KHM), spoke on behalf of the Jesuit families, and recalled her enriching

families for coming in large numbers and invited them to be part of the Jesuit mission as well.



encounters with the Jesuits for the past 30 years. Fr Provincial in his message thanked the Jesuit

SAPUC students performed the welcome dance. Asha Kiran scholastics enacted a short musical on Call of God. A video on Jesuit life prepared by Fr Anthony Arul and team was screened. The families were given a memento each. Frs Anil

D'Mello, Melwin J Pinto, Ronald Pais and Anush D'Cunha coordinated the programme.

Family members interacted with the Jesuits during

## SAHODAYA-2023 at Hassan



This year's Sahodaya-2023 - the annual scholastics' gathering - was held at Navasadhana pre-novitiate, Hassan from May 23 to 26 with the theme 'ಬಹುತ್ವದೆಡೆ ಸಹೋದರರ ನಡೆ-ನುಡಿ'. The celebration began with the hoisting of the Sahodaya flag and a traditional vojem (hore kanike) procession of all the things to be used at the scholastics' meeting. The ice breaking session gave a grand



start and helped brothers to strengthen their bonds. Seven Juniors were officially welcomed to the scholastic body with the usual fun and entertainment.

On the second day, Fr Maxim Dias spoke on 'Promoting Pluralism'. Dr Muzaffar Assadi (former Vice-Chancellor I/C of Mysore University) who spoke next enlightened the gathering on pluralism in the country today and the response that needs to be given to divisive forces.

The group discussion and open forum that followed focused on the concrete measures scholastics can take to promote unity without uniformity, and diversity without fragmentation. Sch Reuell Paul (DAR) helped in the brain storming session. In the afternoon, Fr Maxim Dias and Sch Reuell addressed the scholastics on the activities of the Province Youth Commission. Seven new priests of the province were felicitated in the evening. They were accorded a grand farewell from the scholastic body.

The third day was a time to relax and enjoy our

## KJES Youth Works (PCYM)



Mag+s, by now well-known to Jesuits as a remarkable Catholic integrated youth programme, had its SAC-2023 session (April 20-23) in the natural, semi-urban setting of St Aloysius Stu-

and after the sumptuous meal, and many of them also visited the iconic St Aloysius Chapel and the College Museum. - Fr Anush D'Cunha

companionship. We went to Alphonse Nagar parish for a day's outing. As an alternative to the resort culture, we arranged the outing on the bank of river Hemavathi. Games, food and recreation on the banks of the river amply compensated for the investment we might have had to make in a resort. The epitome of the companionship and celebration was the campfire in the evening and the delicious dinner. During the gathering, the Jesuits of Hassan were acknowledged and thanked for their hospitality and generosity in organising Sahodaya-2023.

On the final day we had an interaction with the Provincial and the PCF. Fr Provincial commended the generous contribution of the scholastics in the communities and the common houses. He also challenged us to take up frontier ministries that are much needed in the challenging context of South Asia. The PCF encouraged the scholastics to continue giving the best of their gifts and talents, while drawing their attention to some concerns that might affect their growth into effective persons. The 25th issue of Scholastics' magazine was released on this occasion.

First year theologians led by Schs Johnson R and Roydon Misquith coordinated Sahodaya-2023. All the 65 scholastics present joyfully recalled their happy memories and carried a shoulder bag gifted to each as a souvenir of the great event. With



an evaluation of the entire programme, and the election of new coordinators for Sahodaya-2024, the event drew to a close. - Sch Ovin Rodrigues

dents' Home (ASH) at Nehrunagar. Its noteworthy highlights were: a soul-stirring Taizé prayer led by Fr Joyson Vas, a thoughtfully crafted nature Mass presided over by Fr Royston Madtha,

and a deeply moving session of adoration and praise, guided by Fr Stephan Lobo OCD. Additionally, participants had the privilege of engaging in a prayer for the departed, led by Fr Joel Fernandes, and the inspiring testimonies shared by Ms Corrine Rasquinha, Mr Roshan, Ms Letitia, and Dr Richard Gonsalves. The participants also visited various orphanages, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers in Mangaluru, fostering connections and lending support to those in need. The climax of the event was a pilgrimage to the Holy Hill in Mangaluru which, apart from promoting introspection and spiritual renewal, included the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY:** KJES Youth Works launched a new initiative to address the challenges faced by democracy today. The one-day

workshop held on 4 April at St Joseph's University in Bengaluru was aimed at promoting voting awareness among students of different colleges in Bengaluru and preparing and equipping them to be resource persons who could impart relevant information to voters in view of elections. Furthermore, a voting awareness video was created, and in collaboration with like-minded NGOs, a pre-poll survey involving nearly 300 students was conducted. KJES Youth Works also organized a series of lectures in various institutions reaching out to over 2000 students and enabling them to critically assess the contesting candidates from the standpoint of democracy. Moreover, a sizeable group of students volunteered to promote democracy through social media by creating posts and short videos. - Fr Maxim Dias

## ARRUPE NIVAS



At the 140th Annual Day of the Institution Sri S D Shibulal (Co-founder of Infosys and Axilor Ventures) was the chief guest and Sri Vinay Rai (South Indian Actor and an alumnus) was the guest of honour. The outgoing batch of students of the erstwhile St Joseph's College (Autonomous) – now SJU - were given a farewell in the presence of two esteemed guests: Mr Rajeev Krishnan (Former Managing Director and CEO of SPAR retail) and Mr Saikat Chatterjee (Head of Policy at Google Cloud Platform). The PG Dept of Microbiology held an Alumni Meet to celebrate their silver jubilee. A new lab with ultramodern research equipment sponsored by Eurofins was inaugurated on campus. On International Immunology Day, the Dept of Microbiology (in association with DpN Lab, Dept of Biochemistry of IISc, and sponsored by the Indian Immunology Society, New Delhi), organised a national seminar on "Frontiers in Microbiology-Engaging Minds and Hearts". The School of Information Technology organized an international conference on Recent Trends in Advanced Computing (ICRAC-2023). Dr Pramod K M (Dept of Chemistry) won the Moodadi Da-

modaran Memorial Award for his Malayalam collection of poems *Korea Eso Kadoor Kachi* published by D.C. Books. Dr Hanumantharayappa S B (Dept of Kannada) wrote a critique, *Jalagannadi*, which focuses on feminism in Karnataka and the Vachana Sahitya of the 12th century. Dr G Vignesh (Dept of Physics) published a research article on sciencedirect.com. Fr Roshan Castellino is attending a conference in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Africa.

Our student Tarushi Vikram was placed 1st in Asphalt Traxx III in the Prostock Ladies Open category (conducted by Ablaze Motorsports Club and FMSCI) and placed 3rd in the category Prostock 1 upto 1400CC.

In the wake of the Manipur violence, the North-east and Tibetan Students Forum (NETSF) of SJU, in collaboration with Manipur Jesuit Educational Society (MJES) and Purvanchal Pragati Samaj (PPS), gathered funds and relief materials to contribute towards the relief work in Manipur.

- Fr Swebert D'Silva

## ASHA KIRAN



Scholastics of Asha Kiran and Inigo Sadan jointly prepared and posted online reflections in various social media channels in the Lenten season. AK scholastics conducted the "live" Stations of the Cross at FRH on Good Friday. Some of the scholastics helped out in the vocation camp in Loyola Pre-Novitiate and also in the Mag+s programme

organized by SAC at Nehrunagar. We are happy that Fr Vishwas Misquith was honoured on the College Day of SAC for his creative initiatives, and Sch Macwin D'Souza for his meritorious service both in the College and outside. AK scholastics attended the Jesuit Family Get together (JFGT) - some in Bengaluru and others in Mangaluru.

In the JFGT in Mangaluru the AK scholastics put up a short musical to welcome the gathering. The community bid farewell to the third year scholastics on their completion of studies at AK, and to Fr Vishwas Misquith who takes up his new assignment as MJES Secretary at SAC. Fr Ronald Pais rendered Holy Week ministry at Our Lady of Good Health Church in Hanur, and thereafter conduct-

## ASHIRVAD



The Center for Social Concern had a review meeting of the CG Project at ISI and a field visit to Avalahalli Slum. There were representatives from Kerala, Chennai, Goa and Karnataka Provinces. The HRDC has begun the third series of Laity Formation sessions on the theme, "Jesus Christ: Biblical and Theological Perspectives". As many as 27 Catholics have been participating in the same. A five-day program on "Leadership and Governance" for priests and religious has received a good response.

## BIJAPUR



Fr James Gonsalves handed over the reins of St Anne's Parish to the young and dynamic Fr Prashant Sequeira on 7 June in the presence of Fr Stany Lobo, the V.G. of the diocese. The parishioners bade a thankful farewell to Fr James who has since moved to Dhyanaashrama into retreat ministry. Meanwhile Fr Arun Sunil Lobo, after two years of dedicated service as Secretary and Treasurer of BJECS, handed over charge to Fr Joseph Kiran Pashan and moved out for his tertianship. At Sindagi, Fr Jeevan D'Souza took charge, in place of Fr Alwyn D'Souza, as the finance officer of the CBSE School.

We warmly welcomed the new members of our community: Frs Ronnie Serrao, Jeevan D'Souza and regent Sch Chethan Kumar. The construction work of the new PUC building is in progress. We were blessed with good water sources at two points in our premises. We thank Fr Kiran Pashan who put us in contact with a generous donor.

Loyola PU College and Loyola School secured 99% and 93% results respectively. A two day orientation programme for staff was organized at Sindagi. The resource persons were Dr A. Vincent and Mrs Gowri Mirlay Achanta. Ten staff members of our College and School attended a course on Mentoring and Counselling, organized by the Samagra team in Bengaluru.

ed an orientation programme for the students of Christa Raja School in the same parish. He also animated the triduum for the would-be novices at Navasadhana, Hassan and faculty development programme at SAPUC, Harihar. He also took part in the Region Days of Kohima Region.

- Sch Agil Roy J

Fr Arul Antony was invited by the Chennai Jesuit province to animate a session on "The Impact of Digital Media in General and, in particular, on Jesuit Formees". Fr Joseph Lobo was a resource person at the Pre-Ordination Program (POP) held at Arakku (Vizag), at an ongoing formation program for the Claretian priests, and at the JESCOL-I program at Manvi.

- Fr Joseph Lobo

On Ambedkar Jayanti Day, celebrated by CNFE and attended by leaders of all our federations and unions, Fr Prashanth Sequeira spoke on Dr Ambedkar's contribution to the nation, and deplored the increasing number of violations against the Constitution in recent years. Ramzan festival and Iftar, held in an inter-religious gathering at St Anne's Church Hall, contributed in some measure to the spread of peace and harmony. CNFE, in collaboration with Eddelu Karnataka, enlightened people in 52 slums on the importance of voting and the criteria for recognizing democratic leaders. In the May Sahitya Mela, held for two days, the prominent attendees were Mr Prakash Ambedkar, Ms Teesta Setalwad, Mr Harsha Mandar, Mr Neeraj Jain, and Mr Purushottam Bilimale.

In a farewell function, Sr Amala Rani SJT was appreciated and thanked for her selfless service to the people of Vijayapura. Her place is taken by Sr Jaya Mary (Vedruna) who has joined the CNFE team. Sch Noyel Serrao, Sr Kusum (Vedruna) and Sr Gracy (UFS) were also given a farewell.

Loyola CBSE Sindagi secured 100% result for the third consecutive year with our student Mohd Rehaan (94.6%) emerging as the topper in the entire Sindagi Taluka. Sch Sohan Fernandes was the resource person at the two-day Spoken English course for staff. Loyola Sports & Summer

camps were successful thanks to the Scholastics who helped out during their summer vacation. An inter-religious prayer service marked the com-

mencement of the new academic year on 29 May.  
- Fr Lancy M Fernandes

## FATIMA RETRAE HOUSE



Divine Mercy Feast was celebrated solemnly with a novena preceding the feast. The festal Mass was celebrated in the shrine open area, in Konkani, with Fr Dolphy Devdas Serrao OFM (CAP) as the main celebrant. This was followed by an hour of singing of Divine Mercy devotional songs by 'Fr Walter Albuquerque Memorial Choir.'

Fr Ajay D'Silva is sorely missed here. Though he came for self-care over a year ago, his contribution to the community and ministry has been stupendous. Ever cheerful and willing to be of service, his simple, friendly and generous disposition has led him to befriend many. He will be missed much at the confessional. We wish him an enriching tertianship experience.

We warmly welcome Fr Ivan Prakash Sequeira, assigned as Administrator. An energetic young man he will reap pastoral harvest aplenty. And with his technical skills, he will have his hands full.

## JESUIT NIVAS



St Joseph's College of Law conducted a 14-day refresher course on the theme 'Emerging Challenges to Constitutional Ideology'. The hybrid event saw an array of vice-chancellors, legal luminaries, academics, and activists from across the country who interacted with our faculty members on several pertinent issues. On its second Diversity Day ("Malang"), the college celebrated our country's diverse cultures. In association with BIRDS-Bengaluru, the Human Rights Committee of the college organised a talk by Fr Jerald D'Souza and Mr Bhaskar Simha on "Labour Rights for Labourers". Fr Cedric Prakash (GUJ) addressed the faculty on "Status of Human Rights in India" and underscored the role of teachers in promoting human rights. The members of the AICUF unit of SJCL interacted with Fr Cedric on "The value of Constitutionality." The NSS unit organised an awareness programme to mark Anti-terrorism day.

Fr Roshan Pereira, after serving for two years as Director of SJPUC, handed over charge to Fr Joy Rodrigues. Fr Ashwin Cordeiro is the new Campus Minister. SJPUC is bubbling with life with over 2800 students in the campus. We mourn the sudden passing away of Mr Cecil Pradeep, a

The feast Our Lady of Fatima, titular of our shrine, was celebrated with solemnity. As novena, Rosary and Masses were held in Konkani and English at the shrine for nine days in the evenings. The feast was celebrated on two days: on 13th May with Fr Daniel Veigas OP, and on 14th May with Fr Rowel D'Souza (OCD) as main celebrants. Due to rains, the festal Masses had to be celebrated in the church. Frs Terence Farias, Joseph Rodrigues, Ivan Sequeira, Anil D'Mello and Joseph Monteiro directed retreats of individuals or small groups.

The Community with some collaborators had an 'Evening Out' at 'River Roost Resort' beside Gurpur River to welcome our new member Fr Ivan Prakash Sequeira, to bid adieu to Fr Ajay D'Silva, and to celebrate birthdays of four community members. The presence of Fr Dion, Provincial, and a couple of visiting Jesuits only added more camaraderie and joy.  
- Fr Thomas Quadras

member of the support staff who had served the institution for over 25 years.

At SJCC an Inter-Collegiate National Theatre Fest was held on the theme "Colours of Van Gogh". On the same occasion, the Hashmi Theatre Forum of SJCC performed a Kannada play, Karnabhara, and an English play, 'The Mad Woman of Chaillot'. A one-day Lenten retreat at Prerana (MSJ) for the Catholic staff was organized by Campus Ministry. The inter-collegiate cultural fest, *Dhwani*, had over a thousand participants from 12 colleges. On Eve's Day 2023, the girls of the college were remembered for their contribution to the institution and to the society at large. The NSS unit celebrated Ambedkar Jayanti by conducting an exhibition on Ambedkar's life. On the 51st Annual College Day held on 27 April, Prof Narasimha Rao (Former Professor of SJCC) was the chief guest. The college secured 65th Rank in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) and emerged as the best college for commerce in Karnataka state.

St Joseph's Institute of Management (SJIM) proudly celebrated its 26th Convocation Day on May 13. Fr Dionysius Vaz, Chairman of SJIM Governing

Council, awarded one hundred and seventy students their Post Graduate Diplomas in Management (PGDM). Mr Romal Shetty, CEO of Deloitte South Asia, delivered the convocation address.

At St Joseph's Evening College, the Rotaract Club, in association with AICUF & NSS, organised a blood donation camp. The faculty had a session on 'Universal Apostolic Preferences' - by Dr Paul Newman, Ms Vidya and Mr Mahesha. The 50th Annual Day of SJEC was celebrated on April 29 in the presence of Dr Rajappa Dalvayi (author and professor at Bangalore University) as the chief guest, and Ms Namrata Vijaykumar (Life Skills and Leadership coach) as the guest of honour.

Traffic awareness, paper bag distribution and stationery distribution drive were some of the outreach activities conducted by Bembala for the students of SJCC. Samagra (Holistic Wellness Centre) conducted aptitude test for the students of the Sahaya project of the Province. Samagra also organised 3-day workshops for about 25 high school teachers and 30 PUC lecturers on Mentoring and Basic Counselling Skills. Kyros Grat-

itude Sessions were organised for the outgoing students of SJCC and SJIM.

St Joseph's Boys' High School won the Champion Trophy U-13 Cricket Tournament organized by Ebenezer International School. Ms Gowri Miralay Achanta conducted an interactive session on classroom management for the B.Ed students of Christ University. A session on "Understanding Autism and Supporting Classroom Challenges" was conducted by Ms Preeja Balan, as part of the Faculty Development Programme. An interesting Six Bricks Training programme was conducted by Mr Mrunal Shah on the significance of play-based learning. Ms Odella John, our staff member, was the resource person at the Staff Orientation Programme on Effective Habits, Self-Love and Empathy. Ms Gowri demonstrated the creation and use of a Sociogram. The counselling team of the school addressed the staff on stress management; and Dr Meenakshi K S explained the 7 Pillars of Health. The celebration of World Environment Day had Mr Vishwanath Srikantaiah (Adjunct Professor in Azim Premji University) as the chief guest.

- Fr Praveen Kiran Martis

## LOYOLA MANDIR



Loyola Mandir hosted a meeting under the title "Reimagining the Society of Jesus in South Asia" held in view of restructuring the Conference of South Asia. The participants were: Fr Dion Vaz, host, Fr Prakash Louis (PAT), Fr Francis Minj (RAN), Dr Brinelle D'Souza and Dr Alwyn D'Sa. Fr Dion Vaz gave a course at Prerana on religious leadership. He also trained the provincial team of Ursuline Franciscan Congregation of Hubli Province at Prerana on religious administration. Other programmes at which he was the chief resource person are: SMMI Sisters Programme in Bengaluru; Chapter Retreat to the SJT Sisters in Madikeri; seminar on Religious Leadership to the Superiors of Bethany Sisters in Mangaluru, and another at Xavier Sadan in Mysuru.

Fr Jossie D'Mello took classes for the participants of the Course on Retreat Direction on the Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises & Discernment of Spirits. He was away in Ranchi to address the CRI

Jharkhand-Andaman on Formation and Discernment; later gave a few sessions to the Sisters of Charles Borromeo on Interiority and Discernment. As a delegate for the Procurators' Congregation, Fr Jossie was away in Spain and returned with a lot of memories and insights from the meeting. Once back in the Province, he proceeded to Pune as a resource person at the Ignatian Leadership Programme for the Jesuits in common houses.

A steady stream of Jesuits - both priests and scholastics - spent some days at Pratiksha enjoying the sunshine of the headquarters! Both the communities - Inigo Sadan and Loyola Mandir - came together at LM to celebrate the final vows of Frs Olvin Veigas and John Lang Bosco. We had a requiem mass in the community for Mr Denis Rony Furtado, elder brother of Fr Jason Furtado. Fr Avinash Lobo - a rare student Jesuit in Karnataka to complete two years of stay at LM! - has now moved to Harihar.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

## LOYOLA Pre-Novitiate



Loyola is brimming with joy as it welcomes 9 freshers who have joined the 9 second years, with one or two expected to arrive soon. Though the architect behind each one's vocation is Fr Anush D'Cunha, yet each one has his own vocation story, inspired either by his headmistress or by one or more of our Jesuits. The freshers were not strangers to Loyola, having spent a few days of

camp here. Nevertheless, they were given a formal and warm welcome on 2 June. Pre-novices Roshan Pinto and Kiran P R have cleared their PU exam with First Class. The first year pre-novices have secured First Class in their final exam and have moved to the second year with great zest. Scholastics Christon Gonsalves, Wilson Saldanha, Merwin Mathias and Suman D'Souza

were of great help in training the pre-novices several days. The community is grateful to Sch Royster Monis for his selfless service as the regent of Loyola. At the farewell held on 21st April, he

passed on the baton to his successor Sch Elson Lobo who has earnestly assumed his new responsibility.

- Fr Peter Pinto

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH



Fr Edward Rodrigues attended a month-long programme on 'Roots and Wings,' at Sacred Heart College, in the calm, serene and cool surroundings of Shembaganur. Fr Arockiasamy left for Manresa, Spain to attend Ignatian Immersion Programme. On his way back in early June he made a brief visit to Rome. Fr James Gonsalves was accorded a warm welcome as he joined the community on May 15, 2023. He will be involved in the retreat ministry in Dhyanaashrama. Fr William Sequeira gave a three-day input session on the Autobiography of St Ignatius to the participants in the 'Roots and Wings' programme held in Shembaganur. He also gave a week's programme to the Trinitarian Brothers on 'Affective Maturity.' Fr Prashanth Wesley D'Souza was one of the three observers at the region days of Kohima Region. He later spent a week visiting the communities and missions of the Kohima region. Fr Clarence D'Souza gave an Ignatian Retreat to the Silver Jubilarians of the Bethany Sisters in Mysuru. Fr Joe Mathias gave a workshop on counselling skills to a group of 20 formators and a seminar on 'Spiritual Direction and Discernment of spirits.' He also conducted a course on 'Growing Gracefully during Mid-Life Transition years' to a group of 14 religious at Xavier Sadan, Mysuru.

After two significant experiments, the novices were filled with renewed zeal to continue their life in the Novitiate. However, before resuming their daily routine, the "Home Experiment" brought a pleasant surprise to the novices. During the three-day Home Experiment, the novices had two objectives: discernment of vocation and fulfilling their civic duty by casting their votes. Additionally, the novices had the opportunity to introduce themselves to the larger Jesuit family through the Jesuit Family Get-Together at the Indian High School in Bengaluru. The melodious choir during

the Mass enhanced the faithful's prayer experience. MAG+S-2K23 provided leisure time for the novices, allowing them to enjoy themselves and showcase their talents. The Novice Master, accompanied by the Provincial, visited the homes of the would-be novices to gain a better understanding of their family background. Fr. Henry D'Almeida, a self-taught linguist, inspired us with a two-day course 'Kannada Sinchana' on written and spoken Kannada. Another polyglot, Fr. Anil D'Almeida, celebrated Mass in the Indian tradition and gave an insightful class on synodality. As part of the study experiment, the focus during the month was on presentations of various books. Some novices had the privilege of participating in the begging experiment, which provided a deeper understanding of poverty. The novices were granted two days of freedom to plan their own timetable, where everyone embraced the Jesuit adage of "freedom with responsibility." The second-year novices are now preparing for their first commitment, a significant milestone in their life's journey.

A children's Summer Club was organized during the summer break in the Parish to help children to acquire basic domestic skills. It was the initiative taken by the Parish Priest, Fr Balaraju A. Loyola High School had lot to cheer with excellent results in the SSLC examinations: 95% passes in the Kannada medium and 99% in the English medium. Loyola PU College obtained cent percent results in the II PUC Science stream and 99% in the Commerce stream. Congratulations to Headmaster, Fr Edward Rodrigues and Director, Fr Kanikaraju M and to their dedicated collaborators. Loyola Degree College celebrated 'Celebracio 23' – its College Day on 19 May. M S Sujata, Poet and Columnist, was the chief guest for the function.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

## MUNDGOD



Six first year novices, under the guidance of Sch Marvin Apose and Fr Nithin Machado had their summer work camp in Loyola Children's Home. We are proud of our hostel students who have performed very well in their SSLC and PUC examinations. Now that we have provided double-decker cots, our hostel students have started dreaming lofty dreams. Sch Harish Kumar has taken charge as the assistant director of the hostel and resides at the Shantivana Boys' Hostel campus.

The feast of St Rita, patron of our parish, was celebrated on a grand scale; 17 priests from

the Sirsi deanery and a large number of faithful participated in it. Fr Melvin Lobo was the main celebrant and Fr Leo Florence was the homilist. Fr Anil D'Souza and Mr Laxman (our staff) along with eleven youth, took part in the two-day May Literary Meet at Vijayapura. Students from the Siddi Cultural Troop, Ugginkere took part in the National Tribal Fest hosted by AADI in Kerala. Sch Noel Prabhu has begun his regency at Loyola Vikasa Kendra, Mundgod. We had a day common orientation programme for all the staff of Loyola Educational Institutions. Mr Vincent, Vice Principal of Loyola Degree College, Bengaluru was the resource person.

- Fr Leo Florence S

The entire campus of St Aloysius College (Autonomous) – management, faculty and students alike - went euphoric at the thrilling announcement of the NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework) results. SAC (Autonomous) is ranked 80th among the colleges in the country. The following statement was made by the Principal Fr Praveen Martis on 6 June: “By the grace of God, the dedication of our staff and accomplishment of our students, we have secured the 80th rank among 8686 institutions that participated in the NIRF 2023”.

At the thirteenth Graduation Ceremony of St Aloysius College (Autonomous), held in Loyola Hall, as many as 1712 graduates received their diplomas. The College has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, for mutual collaboration. The College hosted its second edition of TEDx-SAC. “ALOYSIAN FEST 2023” was held at Mother Teresa Peace Park in the campus. In the International Theatre Festival held for 4 days, five plays in four different languages were staged. As many as 18 workshops and conferences were held in Science, Commerce and Humanities. The 143rd Annual Day of St Aloysius College, celebrated on the college grounds, had ‘Desi Sambrama’ as the theme.

The College Men’s & Women’s Table Tennis team won Champions & Runners up trophy respectively in Mangalore University Intercollegiate Table Tennis tournament. Women’s & Men’s Chess Team emerged as Champions & Runners Up at Mangalore University Intercollegiate Chess Tournament. Women’s throw ball team won the championship in the Mangalore University inter collegiate zonal throwball tournament. Students have won the Overall Championships in several other National level Intercollegiate fest such as ANALYST 2023 and Matrix.

SAPUC has secured outstanding results in the II PU Annual Exam 2023 by recording an overall pass percentage of 99.08%. Six students in Science and six in Commerce and one in arts have secured marks within the top ten positions at the state level. Out of 2076 students who appeared for the board exams, 769 have secured Distinctions and 1124 First Class. The staff enrichment programme had the following sessions and resource persons: Group Dynamics & Team Building (Ms Carol Pais), Innovative Teaching Techniques (Dr S Ruban), Understanding and Educating the Gen Z (Dr Rosa Mathew), Building Healthy Relationship with Students (Dr Sandra Lobo), Origin and Development of Jesuit Education (Fr Pradeep

Sequeira SJ), Discernment (Fr Felix Victor SJ) and Ignatian Spirituality (Fr Royston Madtha SJ). Ms Vilma Fernandes, HOD of Statistics, took over as Vice Principal - Commerce & Arts. Fr Anthony Derrick took charge as the Campus Minister. The outgoing Campus Minister Fr Sujay Daniel was abundantly appreciated and profusely thanked for his multiple services to staff and students.

Sixty members of the staff of St Aloysius Gonzaga School, including the Principal and Vice-Principal, went on a 5-day tour to Hyderabad. Other activities organized by the school were: an extempore speech contest (by Accolades Academy), ATL Fest (including working models) was held on 10 April 2023 in Gonzaga Hall which included 26 models based on Robotics, Sensor, Voice-based Home Automation, Luggage Monitoring App, coding, etc. Our PE Teacher, Ms Agnes, won a bronze medal (200mts race) and a gold medal (4x100mts race) in the National level Masters Athletic championship held in Bengaluru. Eminent resource persons were invited to conduct professional training sessions for our staff. The sessions covered topics like experiential learning, student mentoring, teacher motivation and effective teaching. The very first Alumni Meet of the School, held on 14 April, had 94 past students attending.

St Aloysius High School secured 97.35% results in the SSLC examination. Vivel D’Souza scored 615 marks and emerged as the topper.

Our technical institute, SAITI, organized a talk on blood donation which was followed by an actual blood donation camp in our campus. Among the donors were good many students and a few rickshaw drivers. Twenty of our students had the opportunity to get practical training in Drone Training. Five of our senior staff were felicitated by SACAA on completing 25 years of dedicated service in ITI. All our students visited some neighbouring industries, and a few visited an industrial exhibition in Mumbai. Women students and staff went on a day’s outing to an amusement park at Kerala. Our senior students had a talk by Radio Sarang staff on social concern. Our plumbing students visited the pipe manufacturing industry at Kundapur. In the campus placement drive organized by SAITI, 245 of our students and 96 students of neighbouring ITIs were selected with job assurance.

St Aloysius Institute of Education had its Graduation Day with Dr Raju Krishna Chalanavar (Registrar- Evaluation, MU) as the chief guest. The occasion was graced by the presence of Rev. Dr

Praveen V Martis, Director, Dr Farita Viegas, Principal, and all the faculty members.

At the end of the JFGT (Jesuit Family Get Together) held in our Loyola Hall on Pentecost Sunday, Fr Melwin Pinto, our rector, suddenly took ill and had to be hospitalised for suspected food poisoning. The couple of days that he spent in the hospital put him back on his feet. The community DOMINO team gave him company by temporarily

shifting their venue to the hospital, which seems to have occasioned a speedy recovery. Fr Gerald Furtado is back from Kodaikanal with his "roots" struck deeper and his "wings" spread wider. Fr Roshan Pinto and Sujay Daniel, having endeared themselves to the community by their love and service, have left for their new assignments; and Fr Anthony Derrick and Louis D'Souza have joined the community.

- Fr Leo D'Souza

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, Hassan



We are happy that our students secured 99% results in the SSLC examination. Admissions for the current academic year are good, both in number and quality. At the combined staff orientation programme, Dr A. Vincent (from Loyola College, Bannerghatta) was the resource person. He took practical sessions on Ignatian Pedagogy Paradigm (IPP). Three of our staff attended the Seminar on Mentoring and Counselling held at Ashirvad, and have returned enriched with resources and skills to be used in their school work.

Fr Balaraju R has taken charge as the Director of St Joseph's Hostel. Already 46 boys, both for high school and PUC, have been admitted, of whom 25 are Catholics. Fr Rayan Pereira joined our community and has been assigned to the Degree College. He is residing at Navasadhana. Sch Deslon Vas has joined our community for his regency. Fr Santhosh D'Souza has returned refreshed after attending the Tanmaya Sadhana at Lonavla.

- Fr Santhosh D'Souza

## VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



VN community members actively participated in a diverse range of programmes including Assembly Elections, Jesuit Family Gatherings and Sahodaya. We also helped out in Our Lady of Perpetual Succor parish during the Holy Week. As part of their Ignatian assignment, the scholastics made presentations to the community on several missions and ventures of the Province. VN community extended its support to the Sisters of Charity of Dharwad Province in the celebration of the silver jubilee of their province. The scholastics did their annual retreat at Mount St Joseph under

the guidance of Fr. Roshan Castelino. Fr Joyson Vas organized a one-day seminar for the unorganized youth of neighboring slums. He was also invited to lead three days of Mag+s at Belgaum conducted by Goa Province. Fr Marcel Rodrigues conducted an orientation programme for the staff of St Francis de Sales School at Koppal. The visit of Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, the POSA helped us to broaden our horizons beyond the province. The community bade farewell to Fr Louis D'Souza and welcomed Fr Francis D'Almeida, the new treasurer.

- Sch Nikil Robin

## XAVIER SADAN, Mysuru



Fr Edward Philip conducted a three-day course for Junior Sisters, directed individual retreats and a triduum for the renewal of vows. He also conducted an orientation programme for St Mary's Institutions at Tumkur. Fr Anil D'Almeida directed an 8-day retreat for religious sisters and scholastics; and Fr Edwin Anthony, tertian, directed two retreats, and spent a couple of weeks serving at Mother Teresa's Brothers' Home. After guiding a 30-day retreat at XS, Fr Freddie D'Silva flew to Guwahati to be the resource person at the Kohima Jesuit Regional Assembly, capping it with an 8-day retreat for the Scholastics at the scenic and idyllic Mawshorow.

A course on Mid-Life Management for Religious was held here with a galaxy of resource persons pitching in: Frs Anthony Joseph, Dion Vaz, and Joseph Mathias to mention a few.

Fr Ivan Sequeira's transfer to Fatima Retreat House has left us bereft. Our loss is FRH's gain. Fr Bartholome has taken his place and is making up for the absence of Ivan, by involving himself in the administration and in directing individual retreats. The red carpet is dusted and cleaned to welcome Fr Arockiasamy M who will be joining us soon.

- Fr Edward Philip D

We, Novices, along with Frs Francis Fernandes and John, spent our holidays from 15th to 21st May with St Xavier's Community Kolhapur. Our visit to St Francis Xavier Church gave us an opportunity to take active part in the liturgy and choir, and also to meet the parishioners and visit the neighboring school & convent. As we con-

cluded our brief holiday, we expressed our gratitude to the Fathers of the community - Frs Andrew Fernandes, Vikram Shingare, Ratnakar Dushing, Christopher Shelke and Savari Joseph - for their kind hospitality, and for having gone out of their way to make our stay with them a refreshing and memorable one.

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**REST IN PEACE**



**Br Francis Mathias, SJ (HAZ)**, 83/61, on 30 April, in Koderma.  
**Fr Alex Colaco, SJ (BOM)**, 83/64, on 11 May, in Mumbai.  
**Fr Vital Ekka, SJ (RAN)**, 81/57, on 13 May, in Ranchi.  
**Fr Joseph Thadavanal, SJ (PAT)**, 80/60, on 14 May, in Patna.  
**Fr Louis Philip Manuel, SJ (AND)**, 83/65, on 04 June, in Dindigul.  
**Br Irudayasamy Sebastian, SJ (MDU)**, 82/62, on 08 June, in Dindigul.  
**Mr Victor Noronha**, 65, brother-in-law of Fr John Crasta, on 22 April, in Udupi.  
**Mr Francis D'Souza**, 78, cousin of Fr Jerome D'Souza, on 23 April, in Udupi.  
**Mrs Sarita Pinto**, 56, niece of Fr Ravi Santosh Kamath, on 26 April, in Mangaluru.  
**Mr Denis Rony Furtado**, 68, elder brother of Fr Jason Furtado, on 26 April, in Bengaluru.  
**Mr Cyril Pinto**, 55, elder brother of Fr Melwyn Sunny Pinto, on 29 April, in Neerude.  
**Mrs Carmine Vas**, 88, paternal grandmother of Sch Deslon Vas and maternal grandmother of Fr Dheeraj D'Souza, on 15 May, in Mangaluru.  
**Mrs Savariammal**, 96, maternal grandmother of Fr Pradeep R S, on 20 May, in Bengaluru.  
**Mr Vijay Wilson D'Silva**, 42, twin brother of Fr Ajay Nelson D'Silva and nephew of late Fr Victor D'Silva, on 01 June, in Mangaluru.  
**Mr Apolenares Crasta**, 96, father of Fr John Crasta, on 02 June, in Bela.  
**Mr Anthonappa**, grandfather of Sch Darshan Kumar and Novice Felix Vinal, on 15 June, in Bengaluru.

**A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART**

Limping and lumbering we come,  
 Encumbered and heavily laden, bent low.  
 Each June we make this pilgrimage  
 To be reminded of a truth eternal:  
 There is no pain, no sorrow, no suffering  
 That does not have a home here,  
 In this sacred space that opens wide for all.  
 With holy heart and holy hands  
 Jesus sought out all those excluded,  
 The fire of His love becoming a hearth of welcome,  
 His blood pouring out on us a benediction.  
 O wounded healer, brow pierced, side lanced,  
 Gather us in with your compassion  
 So deeply human, so perfectly divine.  
 Amen.



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