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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

We have begun the New Year 2023 with much enthusiasm and hope. We are looking forward to a number of major events this year – the Procurators' Congregation at Loyola in May, the Assembly elections in Karnataka, the Jesuit Family get-togethers in May and the Province Sammelan in December.

Very soon we will be celebrating our Republic Day. The Republic of India was founded on our Constitution's resolve to secure justice, liberty, equality and fraternity for all its citizens. While we celebrate India's democracy and thank God for the gift of the Constitution, we are filled with much trepidation at the way the country is heading. In the words of Dr Paul Farmer, "the idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that is wrong in the world."

The poor in India become poorer every day; the rich and powerful continue to profiteer at their expense and amass scandalous amounts of wealth. The Adivasis are robbed of their jal, jungle and jameen. The Dalits, OBCs and other subaltern groups, are still denied the dignity, equality and justice, which are legitimately theirs. The minorities are targeted with hate speech and persecution, by a regime which systematically and continuously denigrates and demonizes them with a divisive and violent agenda. Unemployment and spiralling inflation have greatly impacted on the lives of the poor.

Sushmita Dev, Congress MP of Assam, once said: "To my mind the evaluation of India as a nation cannot be merely on the number of villages electrified or toilets built or the allotment of gas connections. These parameters alone won't do justice. What has set India apart is the way we uphold our Constitution and how those who don't are made accountable, how our parliamentary democracy works in favour of allowing all possible opposition, how our judiciary can fearlessly strike down legislation ultra vires of the Constitution, and how the fourth pillar of our democracy functions not just as a business but also as the conscience of the nation." A great deal still needs to be performed to deliver the essence of a republic on equality, equity, freedom, diversity, inclusion, and creating opportunities for most people at the bottom of the social and economic pyramid.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Solofonirina Jocelyn Rabeson: Provincial of the Province of Madagascar
Bro Michael Schöpf, (ECE): International Director of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS)
Fr Sebastian J Jeerakassery, (DEL): General Treasurer of the Society

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Elvis Lewis: Finance Officer, House Treasurer - Ashirvad, Bengaluru

Committees for the Jesuit family get-together:

Bengaluru: Frs Joseph D'Souza ©, Brian Pereira, Swebert D'Silva and Arun Luis

Mangaluru: Frs Anil D'Mello ©, Melwin J Pinto, Ronald Pais and Anush D'Cunha

Hassan: Frs Daniel Fernandes ©, Dheeraj D'Souza and Edward Philip

Committee for Exhibition on Karnataka Province during the Jesuit family get-together:

Fr Francis Fernandes © and Scholastics of Karnataka Province.

Committee for a Short Video on Karnataka Province: Frs Anthony Arul ©, Nithin Monteiro, Leo Florence, Joel Fernandes, and Sch Joswin Pereira

APPROVED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Scholastics **Aravind Royce J, Arvin Jeevan Pais, Ashwin D'Silva, Avinash D'Souza, Jaison Lobo, Leston Baptist Lobo, Vishal Melroy Pinto** and **Vinod Mathias Saldanha** are approved for the diaconate.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

January 2023

03-04: Visitation: Loyola Sadan, Kalaburagi

05-07: Visitation: DNC, Pune

08-10: Visitation: Juniorate, Mumbai

11: Meeting of MSJ Campus Development

13-14: Visitation: SN, Chennai

15-23: Meeting of South Zone Provincials in Sri Lanka

25: Visitation: SRN, Pandithahalli

26: Platinum Jubilee: SJU Boys' Hostel, Bengaluru

27: Annual Day: SJBHS

28-29: Bijapur Mission Consultation

30: Province Consult: Bijapur

February 2023

01-02: Shimoga

03: Visitation: Xavier Sadan, Mysuru

04-05: Young Priests' Meet, Ashirvad

06-07: Visitation: Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru

09-10: Province Consult, Budgets: LM, Bengaluru

11-12: Colloquium of spiritual directors

17: Regents Meet, Manvi

19-26: JCSA, Jamshedpur

27-01 March: Visitation: Vidyajyoti, Delhi

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholastics **Arvin Jeevan Pais, Ashwin D'Silva, Avinash D'Souza, Jaison Lobo, Leston Baptist Lobo, Vishal Melroy Pinto** and **Vinod Mathias Saldanha** will be ordained deacons on the 18th February 2023 at 3.00 pm by Most Rev Anil J.T. Couto, Archbishop of Delhi, in the Millennium hall of St. Xavier's School, Delhi. Scholastic **Aravind Royce J** will be ordained deacon on the 19th February 2023 at 8.30 am by Most Rev Thomas Dabre, Bishop of Poona at De Nobili College Pune.

January 15-23: Meeting of South Zone Provincials in Sri Lanka

January 28: Last date to send the budgets of the communities and institutions

January 31: Last date to send the *Historia Domus*

February 04-05: Young Priests' Meet, Ashirvad

February 11-12: Spiritual Directors' Colloquium

Province Retreats

May 14-22, 2023, Place: Prerana, Bengaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Cedric Prakash, SJ (GUJ)

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

The Jesuit Family Get-Together: 14 May 2023 in Bengaluru; 21 May 2023 in Mangaluru; 28 May 2023 in Hassan

New E-Mail ID: Fr Eric Mathias: <frericsj@jesuits.net>

Prayers Requested: While the six first year Novices at Mount St Joseph have begun their 30 day retreat on 05 January 2023, the twelve second year Novices have gone for mission experiment. Fr John Pradeep, the Novice Director is accompanying the first year novices in their vacation with the Lord. Let us keep the novices, Fr John Pradeep and Fr Nithin Machado (Socius) in our prayers.

Fr Linus Maria Zucol SJ, - Servant of God: Rt Rev Dr Alex Vadukkumthala, Hon Bishop of Kannur Diocese, in a Solemn function held in Mariyapuram Parish (Diocese of Kannur) on 06 January, 2023 declared **Fr Linus Maria Zucol SJ, "Servant of God"**, reading out the decree from Dicastero Delle Cause Del Santi.

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN), JANUARY 2023

For Educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



DISCERNING LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME, Bengaluru



Prerana, under the aegis of JCSA, hosted the 'Discerning Leadership Programme' (DLP) for two batches of bishops, major superiors and prominent lay leaders from December 5-9 & 12-16.



The resource persons were Frs David McCallum SJ, Joye James SJ, Joseph A D'Mello SJ, Sr. Sreeja

Chittilappilly SND, Mr Pablo Bernal and Ms Sandra Chaoul. There were 32 and 38 participants respectively in the two batches. The first batch had one bishop (Bp Rethna Swamy) while in the second batch there were two archbishops and six bishops (Archbishop Sebastian Kallupura & Archbishop Victor Lingdoh, Bishops Anand Jojo, Binay Kandulna, Emmanuel Kerketta, Fulgence Tigga, Telesphore Bilung SVD and Vincent Ahind). Each of the two batches had four Jesuit Provincials: the first: Goa, Madurai, Pune, and Karnataka; the second: Darjeeling, Delhi, Dumka, and Madhya Pradesh. Most Rev Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, inaugurated the DLP on 05 December.



Discerning Leadership is about a journey of learning, deepening and integrating the various aspects of discernment as well as leadership. The journey began with a call to leadership in the larger context of the VUCA (Volatility-Uncertain-

ty-Complexity-Ambiguity) world. Each one was led into self-awareness, personal discernment, the practice of Examen, one's own leadership call, insights into one's conflicting styles, and navigating of polarities at the personal level. The workshop generated an atmosphere of silence and prayer conducive to sharing of experiences in small groups in a spirit of fraternal and synodal participation. Each one of the participants realized that leadership is from within, and that it is a power to influence and not to control. The workshop ended with each participant preparing a personal leadership roadmap by gathering the fruits of the proceedings of five days.

- Fr Prashanth D'Souza

DECENNIAL CELEBRATION OF ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA SCHOOL, Mangaluru

St Aloysius Gonzaga CBSE School (SAGS) has completed a decade of its existence. The duration of ten years may not qualify to be called a sig-

nificant milestone in the life of an institution, but its swift growth and public acceptance is surely a significant milestone in the life of an institution, but its swift growth and public acceptance is surely

filiation to the CBSE, and relocating to its new, imposing and state-of-the-art edifice were the early challenges the school had to face. But the nascent institution was on the sure path of success given the unstinted support of the founder-Rector Fr Joseph Rodrigues, founder-Manager Fr Elvis Lewis, and the founder-Principal Ms Grace Noronha. Rectors who succeeded – Fr Denzil E Lobo and Fr Dionysius Vaz - sustained the happy tradition of encouragement and support. Today, SAGS is under the leadership of Fr Melwyn Anil Lobo as Principal and Fr. Melwin J. Pinto as Rector. St Aloysius Gonzaga CBSE School takes legitimate pride in being reckoned among the most sought-after CBSE schools of Mangaluru city - within 10 years.



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an event to celebrate with joy and thanks. SAGS saw the light of day in 2012 in the family of St Aloysius Institutions. Beginning with Classes I to IV in a small building, with a little hostel annexed to it, SAGS had its fair share of teething trouble in the first five years of its evolution. Designing and fine-tuning its own distinctive curriculum and work culture, working through the red tape for af-

The Decennial Annual Day of SAGS was celebrated in two stages: First on 19 December, for the children of KG to Class V, with Fr Joseph Rodrigues, founder-Rector, as the chief guest and Fr Melwin J Pinto, Rector, as the president; second, on 20 December, with Fr Denzil E. Lobo, former Rector, as the guest of honour and Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, as president. Fr Denzil E Lobo and Ms Grace Noronha, the latter as the founder-Principal, were felicitated and thanked for their valuable contribution towards the growth of the institution. Members of the staff – teaching and non-teaching – who served the school for ten years from its inception, were recognized and honoured on this occasion. A video presentation of the decade-long journey of SAGS, followed by a superb cultural programme by the students, added to the grandeur of the Decennial Celebration. - Fr Melwyn A Lobo

KJES YOUTH WORKS (PCYM)



PCYM organized two, one day leadership programs titled BE THE LIGHT: Transformative leadership for the youth for 140 students on 15th and 17th December. The students from Loyola Degree College MSJ and St Aloysius Degree College, Cox Town along with few other college students participated in the programme. The programme had the following sessions: Inter-Religious Harmony, Leadership Development, and Neuro-linguistic

programming along with the discussions. On the occasion of Christmas, NECCB (North East Catholic Community, Bangalore) organized a special mass and several activities for its members. Nearly thirteen different North-Eastern tribes participated in the mass and other activities. The community warmly welcomed Fr James Kap Sian Muang SJ, the new Chaplain for NECCB.

- Fr Maxim Dias

ARRUPE NIVAS



The Italian High Commission invited SJU officials for an interaction with the Commission (at Hotel Conrad, Bengaluru) on initiating academic and cultural partnership between SJU and Italian Universities. The Vice-Chancellor, the PRO, and the IQAC Director of SJU met the Consul General of Italy, Mr Alfonso Tagliaferri, who later visited the SJU campus accompanied by a few other Italian delegates. Fr Victor Lobo delivered the keynote address at the "Education Summit" organised by the Centre for Education Growth and Research.

An eight-member team led by our NSS Coordinator represented Karnataka in the seven-day National Integration Camp 2022 at Rohtak, Haryana. Tandav, a festival of inclusion, was organised by the School of Social Work in col-

laboration with the University of North Carolina, Wilmington (UNCW), Growth School, Oracle, and Smileys India. More than 800 participants, including children and differently-abled individuals, took part in the online festival. Other events at the SJU included a workshop on Anger Management (with Dr Arthur Frankel from UNCW as the resource person), a two-day training session for the HRD resource persons, a two-day Faculty Development Programme (conducted by the Dept of Management) and a workshop by ITC on Well-being-out-of-Waste.

Christmas was celebrated with festive gaiety beginning with the blessing of the Crib, carol singing, a Christmas programme, and ending with a fellowship meal for all the staff. - Fr John Baptist

ASHA KIRAN



We celebrated the feast of St John Berchmans with our neighbours, benefactors, and the Jesuits of Mangaluru. Fr Jerry Rosario (CEN) was the main celebrant at the Eucharist, which was followed by a short cultural programme. After the exams the scholastics of other provinces joined the Mangaluru scholastics for the celebration of Christmas

in the homes of the latter. The Christmas joy continued in our cultural tour to North Karnataka at the end of which we parted our ways to go to different mission stations for a week long mission experience. Fr Ronald Pais conducted a workshop on psycho-spirituality for the Ursuline Sisters.

- Sch Agil Roy J

ASHIRVAD



The Spandana study center is functional at seven places in Bengaluru city. The recent addition was one for the Safal factory migrants. Classes are held in a shed with 23 students. Ms Malathi, a local volunteer teaches from 10 am to 1 pm. In collaboration with SJBHS the center conducted a Balamela for 223 children of slum tuition centers. Mr Anand Naik & Mr David D'Costa, alumni of SJBHS and XLRI, were the chief guest and guest of honour, respectively. Apart from sports and cultural programme, a professional team put up a beautiful shadow play.

the students of the study centers participating, each of whom was given a school bag as Christmas gift. Jesuits of Ashirvad helped in conducting the programme and shared a meal with the students. Our collaborators of Spandana study centers and of Ashirvad joined in the Christmas celebration at Ashirvad. The Jesuit community celebration of Christmas had the special flavour of Fr Arun Luis' birthday. Nearly 80 persons participated in the IRHM celebration of Christmas which had Ms Rosemary of UK, a well-known benefactress of our missions, as the guest of honour.

The Christmas celebration held at Ashirvad had

Encouraged by the success of the first series of the

'Laity Formation' program, HRDC has launched the second series of six week-end workshops on 'Know your Bible'. Fr Jerome D'Souza is the resource person. The core committee met for the annual evaluation of the HRDC's programs. Fr Joseph Lobo left for Mangalore to teach a course at St Joseph's Seminary. The MAIN has begun functioning with a number of awareness programmes for various groups.

BIJAPUR



The season of Advent was a time for us to go carol-singing to every religious community in Bijapur and also to visit the inmates of the district prison. We also had a Christmas 'sahamila' followed by a fellowship meal with prominent public officials. Christmas celebrations in the parish attracted large crowds, particularly in the evening when more than twelve thousand people of all faiths flocked to the church premises craving our blessings which we imparted to them with much fervour. Our Regents - Schs Anu Vimal Raj, Arun Lobo, and Noyel Serrao – took turns to give a commentary on the Crib to enlighten people who had thronged around the Divine Infant.

The month of December saw Loyola School & PU College playing the host to our twinning partners – students, staff and Jesuits from St Joseph's Indian High School led by Fr Cyril Menezes. The School and the PU College jointly celebrated the Annual day cum Christmas with more than 2000 people in attendance.

The CNFE organized Human Rights Day, with a workshop for the members of the different federations, conducted by Fr Prashanth Sequeira. Devadasi Women's Federations were made aware of the various welfare schemes of the government. A memorandum on the pending issues of their land rights was submitted to the District Commissioner. A two-day training programme on citizenship and democracy was conducted for the youth with the collaboration of ISI Bengaluru. All the eight Lokmanch partners took active part in the annual evaluation of Lokmanch Bijapur Unit (19-20 December). Fr Teyol Machado attended the Lokmanch Core Team meet and annual review in Pune.

At the Christmas celebration in the Sindagi campus, Fr Thomas D'Souza delivered the

Fr Arul Anthony participated in the South Asian Jesuit Artists Forum (SAJAF) held at Thanmaya Jesuit Center, Kottayam. He also attended the CG Project Review meeting at Raia, Goa. We have a new community member in Fr Elvis Lewis, who has taken charge as the new finance officer and treasurer of Ashirvad. We congratulate Fr Prashanth Madtha on publishing the revised version of his Padanidhi. - Fr Joseph Lobo

Christmas message. CIRW-Sangama conducted special grama-sabhas in 12 gram-panchayats and got the children to present the needs of their villages and schools. Activist and actor Mr Chetan Ahimsa interacted with the Devadasi women and promised to take up their cause with the government authorities. Lokmanch leaders motivated the village development committees to plant a sapling each on the birthday of every child. With the help of village animators, Sr Cynthia (UFS) has been conducting annual evaluation. With assistance from CEDOK of the Government of Karnataka, 52 candidates were interviewed and selected for training for self-employment. A few students from St Joseph's Indian High School, Bengaluru, accompanied by Fr Cyril Menezes, visited Sindagi and interacted with the local swamiji and a few SHG groups. World Aids Day was celebrated with HIV and AIDS affected children. Thanks to some local donors, these children, orphans and those of single parents had a Christmas celebration for them, and received gifts and special kits. Also, construction workers were given carpentry, electrical and masonry kits. Christmas cakes were distributed as gifts to benefactors and local officials along with Fr Stan Swamy's book "I am Not a Silent Spectator" (ನಾನು ಮೂಕ ಪ್ರೇಕ್ಷಕನಲ್ಲ).

The Annual Day of Loyola CBSE attracted crowds beyond our expectation. Ms Perina Xavier (District Manager, Karnataka Minority Corporation, Koppal) was the chief guest; and the guests of honour were Fr Antony Lawrence and Mr Pundalik Manavar (Asst Director, Social Welfare Department). Fr Antony Lawrence gave the Christmas message. The first-ever Alumni meet was held on 23rd December which was attended by nearly 60% of our former students. - Fr Lancy M Fernandes

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



The community prepared for Christmas with a talk on forgiveness by Fr Rocky D’Cunha, OFM-Cap, followed by confessions, and a half day recollection, closing with an hour of adoration led by Fr Joseph Monteiro. We have been enjoying the presence of Fr Louis D’Souza these days. His knowledgeable, mature, wise interactions and amiable ways have enriched our community life. Christmas with the employees’ families was celebrated at which Fr Louis D’Souza gave an apt message in ‘appata’ Kannada. The program was well coordinated by Fr Ajay D’Silva. Christmas with resident student boys was celebrated on an-

other day. Christmas Vigil Mass in Konkani was celebrated by Fr Chethan OFM-Cap. The festal Christmas Mass in English was presided over by Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial. Fr Stany D’Souza, POSA, preached the homily. The New Year was ushered in with a Thanksgiving Adoration and Mass in Konkani celebrated by Fr Abraham D’Souza SVD, and the Mass in English by Fr Archibald Gonsalves, OCD. Frs Terence Farias, Joseph Rodrigues and Joseph Monteiro directed retreats to groups of Sisters and Brothers. Fr John Gomes is hospitalized these days. Do keep him in your prayer. - Fr Thomas Quadras

INIGO SADAN



Decorations, cribs, stars, and visiting our neighboring houses and convents with triumphant carols added flavour to the vibes of the season. We shared our Christmas joy with our neighbors, benefactors and well-wishers in a much-appreciated get-together. We also had a special celebration with our staff.

The outreach programme at Calvary Home (an orphanage) and a Senior Citizens’ home, organized by the Interact Club and NCC of SJHS, was an eye opener to many students. The fund-raising drive inspired students and staff to contribute generously towards the education of children at Loyola School, Bijapur. The twinning programme between SJHS and Loyola School Vijayapura included a three-day visit of 35 students of SJHS for a friendly encounter with school students and slum dwellers at Vijayapura. An outing to Wonderla and a three-day tour to Coorg rejuvenated our students. Positive vibrations of Christmas permeated the school atmosphere with festive decorations and carol singing. The catholic students had the sacrament of reconciliation as a spiritual preparation for Christmas. On December 22, we had the school Annual Day at which Mr Jayaprakash (BEO) and Dr Sandeep (an alumnus) were the honoured guests.

St Joseph’s Indian Composite PUC observed

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



We celebrated the joy of Christmas on December 22 with our hostel children and nearly 350 neighbours. Fr Antony Pais gave an inspiring Christmas message to the gathering. All of us went round as a community visiting hostels, convents and Catholic villages to sing carols. As a token of our char-

World Aids Day with assistance from the SSL club. As a symbol of AIDS awareness nearly 1800 red ribbons were prepared and distributed to the student community. The College Annual Day, held on 03 December, had Dr Shaik Mussaveer Ahmed (Dental Surgeon and an alumnus) as the chief guest. The SSL Club organized a fundraising drive to garner support for Jyothi Seva School for the Blind. The generous contribution of the students and the staff amounted to Rs. 1,20,000/-. Thirty students, accompanied by the staff, visited the school for the blind and spent some time entertaining the specially-abled children with a short cultural programme. SJIPS organized an outreach programme at St Mary’s Orphanage on the occasion of Christmas, and shared the joy of Christmas with the less privileged.

St Joseph’s School CBSE organised a seminar on “Teenage Issue and Addressable.” Ms Shalini Balan (a counselling professional) addressed the various issues concerning teenage. The school also inaugurated “Honesty Shop,” an initiative to promote values among the students.

The boarders at St Louis Boarding House celebrated their annual day and Christmas by preparing a wonderful crib and beautifying the House with creative decorations. - Sch Larren Menezes

ity, the community offered food kits to 20 poor catholic families of the parish. Fr Henry D’Almeida was with us for two weeks helping the JFCT scholastics to discover and savour the richness of the religions in Karnataka. We all appreciated his joyful and vibrant presence with us. Five scholas-

-tics from Asha Kiran are in Anekal for their exposure program.

CIRW organised an inter-religious meeting for the Self-Help Group members and youth. The resource persons were: Mr Manjunath, Faculty, Art of Living, Bengaluru; Sr Hemavathi, Brahmakumari, Teacher Rajayoga, Anekal; Hafiz Syed Ahmed Ullah Omri khateeb, Masjid-e-Ahle-Hadees Anekal; and Fr Antony Pais. Fr Ivan Mendonca presided over the programme.

The Josephite Premier League of St Joseph's PUC

JESUIT NIVAS



With a sense of great satisfaction we received the news of St Joseph's Institute of Management (SJIM) being accorded its first-ever accreditation from the National Board of Accreditation (NBA). Fr Manoj D'Souza, Director went visiting Jaipur, Patna and Guwahati for branding and publicity.

The twinning programme between BJES and Pondicherry Central University has drawn a good number of applications for the MBA programme. Currently, there are 1960 students pursuing their MBA under this programme. Dr Kanishka and Fr Joy Rodrigues chaired sessions in Pondicherry Central University conferences.

At St Joseph's College of Law a number of lectures, workshops and seminars were organised by the Human Rights Cell: a workshop on gender sensitisation by Dr Babu and Advocate Nirmal, screening of the documentary 'Kakkooos', a discussion with Advocate Clifton Rozario, students' exposure to and interaction with pourakarmikas, etc. The Constitution Club organised a contest on redrafting Part IV-A of the Constitution in the present-day Indian context, and hosted a talk on religious freedom by Adv. Tehmina Arora. In partnership with SJIM, the Constitution Club organised "Consti-Quiz" which saw over 680 participants from across of the country.

The AICUF unit of SJCL organised a session by Fr Maxim Dias on 'The History and the Pillars of AICUF'. The NSS Committee, in association with the Red Cross Society and Rotary Club, organised an eye camp for the slum residents of KS Garden. The campus ministry celebrated Christmas by organising an outreach programme in orphanages and senior citizens' homes.

The Annual Sports Meet of SJPUK was inaugu-

has enthused both boys and girls to display their talents in cricket. Students of the Peace and Harmony Club went on a pilgrimage visiting places of worship: mosques, temples and churches. The discourses in these places helped the students to appreciate the richness of other religions. Our Christmas celebration ended with a friendly cricket match between the staff and the students. On Christmas evening, close to two thousand people of different faiths came to see the Infant Jesus in the parish crib. We Jesuits had to take turns to invoke God's blessings on the pilgrims.

- Sch Paul Anand

rated by Mr Punith Nanda Kumar, international swimmer. The KPAP and SSA Team with the Student Council visited Henna Graha Grama Panchayat and Government Primary School. In reaching out to the marginalized, the Social Concern Team, along with the Student Council, visited Care and Shelter Home, Adrian Children's Home and Rainbow Bosco Mane. SJPUK campus now has a "Positive Corner" – a quiet open space set apart exclusively for staff and students to meditate, discover and be at home with themselves,

SJBHS had its Pre-Primary Annual Day the highlight being the Christmas Musical. Loyola Technology Center (LTC), sponsored by Mr Thomas Thekkethala (alumnus of 1977), was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka. Interna-



tional Day of Persons-with- Disabilities was celebrated in collaboration with Bengaluru-based artist Mr Sunil Koshy. The Annual Aquatic Meet was inaugurated by Mr Hakimuddin Habibulla (alumnus and an Olympian). Nearly 300 underprivileged children had a fun-filled day as they took part in the Bala Mela - Makkala Habba. 'Secret Santa' took on a whole new meaning as the 'Gift of Warmth' initiative motivated students to collect blankets to be given to the poor and the needy.

At St Joseph's College of Commerce, a seven-day

national level Experiential Workshop on Research Methodology was conducted online. A fun-filled celebration of Christmas and the Golden Jubilee of SJCC was held on 20th December with the

LOYOLA MANDIR



Fr Alex Mascarenhas (JAM) the revisor of the Karnataka Province was with us inspecting the finances of the province. Frs Lancy D'Costa and Philip Abraham of Kohima Region made a flying visit to Bengaluru and spent a few days at LM looking into their medical needs. Fr Jossie D'Mello made a lightning visit to Pune to see his doctoral student defend the thesis successfully. He also attended the Discernment Leadership Programme (DLP), first as a participant, and later as a resource per-

LOYOLA Pre-Novitiate



The good tradition of celebrating Christmas with our neighbours - suspended in the Covid years - was resumed this year. There was a sizeable gathering of children and adults of our neighbourhood at Loyola on 23rd December. They were entertained with Christmas carols, songs and games, and edified by the Christmas message in Tulu delivered by Fr Jason Pais; and they carried home gifts of Kuswar packets. Our pre-novices magnanimously sacrificed their home visit for Christmas in order to prepare for the vocation camp to be held soon after Christmas. As many as 30 Catholic boys of Standards 8, 9 and 10 from different schools took

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



St Xavier's Pre-University College took delight in celebrating its 13th Annual Day on 3rd December, the feast of St Francis Xavier. The chief guest was Prof. Romate John (HOD of Psychology, Central University, Kalaburagi) and the guest of honor was Ms K Neela (Vice-President, Akhila Bharatha Janawadi Mahila Sangatane). On the invitation

MANVI



Our benefactor, Mrs Dinah Findlay along with her four friends - Ms Kate Stewart, Ms Siobhan, Mr Shivan Patel and Mr Andrew Lewis - was with us for a week. Loyola Kapepaladi School celebrated its Annual Day with Dinah Findlay as the chief guest and her four friends as the guests of honour. Earlier in the morning, a requiem Mass was offered for the soul of Patrick (son of Dinah) who passed away in an accident a few months ago.

The CRI, Raichur Zone, had its meeting at Hombelaku with 32 participants. Frs Leo Pereira and Rayappa attended the Bellary diocesan

staff and their families, beginning with children's games and ending with a fellowship dinner.

- Fr Praveen Kiran Martis

son at Prerana, Bengaluru. Fr Jason Furtado as revisor visited several houses of the province. The two representatives of MAGIS Foundation, an Italian NGO and Ms Rosemary, a benefactor of the province from UK visited us. Fr Don Lobo after his minor surgery recuperated at Pratiksha. We bid farewell to our long-time cook and housekeeper, Ms Arokia Selvi, who now joined her family after the demise of her husband. - Fr Olvin Veigas

part in the camp. The number of participants was comparatively small this time since other religious congregations were also holding vocation camps on the same days. Fr Joyson Vas, Province Coordinator for Vocation Promotion, was with us for the inaugural Mass and conducted the inaugural session. The presence and active cooperation of Schs Nongkynrih Samborlang (KHM), Abraham Clinton, and Sohan Fernandes from Inigo Sadan was of great help in conducting the camp. After the camp the pre-novices had a 4-day "Christmas vacation" during which they visited their homes.

- Fr Peter Pinto

of Akashavani-Kalaburagi, our students designed a Christmas programme which was broadcast. St Xavier's English Medium School had its 4th Annual Day on 22nd December. The chief guest on the occasion was Ms Stella Varghese KAS, and the guest of honor was Fr Anthony Dass.

- Sch Christon Gonsalves

animation programme on Synodal Church. Mrs Rosemary, a well-wisher of our Mission from Britain, spent around a week with us. We spent an evening for Christmas get-together with Sister Collaborators of Pannur Manvi. We were available during Christmas for ministry at Konapurpet, Pannur, Raichur and Shakthinagar.

Fr Edward Philip was the resource person for Yuva Sammilana, conducted for nearly sixty youth of Pannur Parish. Ten scholastics from Asha Kiran, Mangaluru, were here for a ten-day village exposure under the guidance of Frs Rayappa and

Don Prem Lobo. Fr William OFM (Cap) was the main celebrant and preacher at the special Mass

on Family Day on the occasion of the feast of the Holy Family at Pannur. - Fr Maxim Rasquinha

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



Our outreach programme on the occasion of Christmas took us, the Senior Community, to visit the home of less privileged men and women and the hostel of working girls run by the Sisters of Charity, Chikkakammanahalli, and to share our joy of Christmas with them. We also went round carol singing to our neighbouring religious communities. The Christmas get-together with our lay collaborators of Loyola Institutions and the co-workers of MSJ witnessed much happiness and a spirit of fellowship. The rooms on the first floor of Dhyanashrama are now provided with at-

ached cloakroom facilities. Fr Provincial blessed and inaugurated the renovated Arrupe Chapel Altar.

es through their family testimony on 'God/Prayer experience in the family.' Fr Frederick D'Silva was with the novices giving them the knowledge of Ignatian Discernment and the Spiritual Diary. As part of sharing the Christmas joy, the first-year novices spent a couple of hours with the specially gifted people at Cadabam's Mental Health Centre near Bannerghatta. The Novices took part in the CRI Christmas celebration of Bannerghatta zone held at Jeevalaya. The crib on the theme of Synodality set up by Novice Akshay and team was mesmerizing. Fr Jerome D'Souza shared the prominence of the birth of Jesus and helped the community in preparing for confession.



The Loyola Primary School, the PUC and the High School held their Annual Days on 18, 19, and 20 December respectively. While the Primary School hosted a magic show and a colourful display of attire making all the little children come to the stage, those of the High School and PUC were marked by solemnity followed by cultural programmes. A short programme on Christmas with carol singing followed the formal functions of each of the three institutions. The Loyola Degree College had its Christmas programme on 23 December.

The Christmas night mass and the New Year masses in the parish saw a packed congregation with a large number being accommodated outside the Church. The Christmas Crib was the work of a zealous active Youth group of the Church.

Fr Joe Mathias conducted a Course on 'Formation for Self Transformation' at the Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bengaluru. He also addressed nearly 250 health workers: doctors, nurses and paramedics of the Diocese of Mysore on the theme "Our mission today as wounded Healers in a broken World." - Fr Clarence D'Souza

NAVASADHANA



Despite their mid-term exams and regular classes, nothing stopped our pre-novices from giving themselves fully in preparation to welcome the Lord. Besides the external preparation, they also prepared themselves internally through the recollection and a visit to the prison. Many felt it as a unique and stand-out experience of this

Christmas. The long awaited Christmas vacation delighted the pre-novices. After their return, they had a course on Psycho-sexual integration by our very own Fr Dheeraj D'Souza. We welcomed the New Year with adoration and a vigil mass at St Anthony's Church, Hassan. Pre-novices began the New Year by sharing their joy of Christmas

by distributing packets of food and interacting with the needy in the streets of Hassan City. They found it an unforgettable experience. The second

year pre-novices have already begun their remote preparation to go to the novitiate.

- Sch Chethan Kumar

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



A team consisting of faculty and management from Poornaprajna College, Udupi, visited our College to study the Autonomous structure and its functioning. The College organised workshops and seminars on themes like Molecular Techniques, Harmony with Animals, Multiverse, Frontiers of Physics, and a host of other subjects. A three-day International Symposium was organized on topics like AI, Robotics, Humanoids, Future of Society & Religion. Dr Rowena Wright, Dr Beena Dias, Dr Rajani Suresh and Dr Vasantha have been appointed as Ph.D. guides by Mangalore University. Dr Prakash Kamath (Associate Professor of Physics & Dean of Physical Sciences) retired from service.

At AIMIT, Beeri, Fr Richard Coelho (Director of Fr Muller Charitable Institutions) was the chief guest at the Christmas celebration. AIMIT hosted the deanery meeting of priests in which over 15 deanery priests took part. Fr Pradeep Sequeira gave the Christmas message at the meeting.

The theme of the 143rd PU College Day was 'Protect the Earth, Dignify Humanity'. Alumnus, Karthik Das (Commanding Officer, 6 Karnataka Naval Unit NCC, Udupi) was the chief guest. Achievers in academics, sports and extra-curriculars were honoured on the occasion. On National Pollution Control Day, "eco warriors" of the SAPUC Centre for Ecological Concern installed waste segregation bins in the campus.

More than 2000 alumni of SAPUC attended the Alumni Meet - 2022 and reconnected with their alma mater and their batchmates at the splendid gathering. Principal, Fr Clifford Sequeira, inaugurated the first edition of Aloysian Premier League for girls. Raxon Noronha secured 5 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze and Reshieal Roshni Monteiro secured 2 Gold and 3 Silver Medals in Power Lifting at the Commonwealth Classic and Equipped Sub Junior/Junior Power Lifting Championship held at Auckland, New Zealand.

Our students participated and won prizes in several inter-collegiate contests and competitions organized by the Department of Youth Empow-

erment and Sports, and by different colleges. A Career Guidance programme was organized for students of Commerce and Arts. Eco Club organised a field trip to Madyanthar to make students aware of eco-friendly practices in agriculture.

Having succeeded in getting formal approval to start the National Cadet Corps, St Aloysius Gonzaga School had the inauguration of its first NCC unit for the year 2022-23. The Gonzagaites from Classes VII, VIII, and IX participated in the Global Christmas celebration in Educate Magis-connected classroom. The virtual celebration provided a platform for our students to interact with their counterparts in the Philippines, Poland, the UK, Croatia and Indian Jesuit schools.

Gonzaga School celebrated its Decennial Annual Day at two levels: on 19 December for the children of KG to Class V at which Fr Joseph Rodrigues SJ, Founder-Rector was the chief guest; and on 20 December for Classes VI to XI at which Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial was the president. On this occasion Fr Denzil E Lobo, former Rector and chief guest of the day, and Mrs Grace Noronha, founder-Principal were felicitated. Our students had a stint of service-learning through the activity "Joy of Giving" by contributing items like stationery, toiletries, sweaters, blankets, and emergency lamps to benefit the have-nots.

The latest addition to the SAITI is a Beautician Lab designed to equip our girl students with skills in the art of bridal and other make-up. Our staff and a few students conducted career guidance sessions in some of the neighbouring high schools. Two of our staff attended NSDC training programme at Chennai. Students of sewing technology visited readymade garment shops and manufacturing centres to gain first hand knowledge of fabric. Some of our students, accompanied by the staff had on-the-job training in a mall, while the others had similar training in various commercial centres. Christmas was celebrated with a souharda-koota (inter-religious gathering). Many of our alumni joined our students in the sports and ethnic day events after Christmas. - Fr Leo D'Souza

SWAMI RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



Fr Anthony Dass was the chief guest at the annual day celebration of St Xavier's School, Gulbarga. Holy Angels School celebrated Christmas on 23 December, and on the following day, held a get-together with staff and well-wishers. Sch Steven Joseph worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the success of the Christmas celebrations. In a unique way of celebrating Christmas, our staff pooled together their cash gifts and offered it as a Christmas gift to a transgender.

While Fr Anthony Dass celebrated the Christmas vigil mass at the Bluff Parish, Fr Norwin Pereira celebrated the New Year vigil mass at Malavalli Parish. The Jesuits of Pandithahalli joined the Xavier Sadan community for the Christmas fellowship meal. The extension of the school building is in progress. We have accomplished the fencing of the 28 guntas of our property despite stout resistance from a hostile neighbour. - Sch Steven Joseph

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



Come December, our preparations - both interior and exterior - began in earnest for the arrival of Baby Jesus. Samarasa Vedike (Forum for Inter Religious Dialogue, Vidya Niketan) organized, on December 17, a Christmas celebration with our neighbours and friends. Rt Rev Martin Borgai, (Bishop of CSI Northern Diocese) was the chief guest. The CRI Zonal Christmas Celebration, held at VN on 18th December, was an occasion for bonding, joy and happiness. Scholastics designed this year's crib with the theme "Jesus Christ, King of Love and Peace" - an apt theme in the context of the Russia-Ukraine war. The external preparations for Christmas were complemented by an internal preparation which was effected through a day

of recollection guided by Fr Joseph D'Souza SDB. Fr Joyson Vas and Sch Nikil Robin were ably assisted by the parish youth in planning and organizing several programmes in the parish before and after Christmas. Fr Francis Fernandes, despite his busy schedule, managed to take time off to give a course on the "Dynamics of The Spiritual Exercises" to the Jesuit Novices of XTC, Belgaum. Fr Louis D'Souza left VN a few days ago to escape the "freezing cold of Dharwad winter" which, curiously, has stopped ever since Fr Louis has left VN. We concluded the year 2022 with a triduum directed by Fr Ryan Rodrigues at Gyan Niketan Retreat House, Desur, Belgaum. - Sch Shaun D'Silva

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



Silver Bells!!! Its Christmas time in the City!!! That was the mood in the house. The scholastics, soon after mid-semester exams, were happily engaged in carol singing in groups in the neighbourhood and in the parishes. The Second Year Philosophers had a 4-day course on Skills in Media and Electronics. Meanwhile, the

Theologians had a Prayer Seminar conducted by Fr William Sequeira. The joyful celebration of Christmas was an occasion for a renewed spirit of love and sharing. Frs Cyprian Tellis and Jossie Lobo were here to engage the B.Th. and PG students respectively with courses in theology. - Sch Aravind Royce

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



We had our community days soon after the exams in December. The First years went on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St John de Britto, Oriyur; the Second years to the Shrine of our Lady at Vailankani. Our participation in the Christmas carol competition conducted by Loyola College was well appreciated. A few of the scholastics

joined the CRI Christmas Carol programme at San Thome. The budding philosophers went on a five-day cultural tour - both relaxing and educational - to some parts of South India. As this report goes to the press, SN wears a silent look thanks to the triduum mood of prayer and reflection. - Sch Vivian Floid Saldanha

VIDYANIKETAN, Trivandrum



The VN community joined St Xavier's College community to celebrate the feast of St Francis

Xavier along with the college staff and students. We bid farewell to Fr John Manipadam (KER) on

December 17, and on the same day, welcomed Fr John Francis (KER) as our staff and community member. During La Maree - the College fest and Alumni gathering - the scholastics put up a lively dance and a meaningful mime, and wished everyone with a carol. We shared our Christmas joy with the children of 'Karuna Nivas', a home for orphan girls. The surprise

Christmas gift to us by our staff was the movie 'Avatar: The Way of Water'. We ended the year with three days of community celebration. With hearts full of gratitude to God for the blessings we received in the year gone by, we entered our annual triduum to prepare ourselves for heaven's blessings in the New Year 2023.

- Sch Noel Prabhu

VINAYALAYA, Mumbai



We had an interactive session on "Personal Responsibility: A Pathway to God" by Fr Oswald Gracias (BOM) who spoke from his life experiences. 'Media for Greater Purpose' was the theme for the four-day course on media skills at Khandala, during which the XIC (Xavier Institute of Communications) team drew out our

hidden talents to create four short films. Under the guidance of our Dean Fr Learoy Rodrigues (BOM) the Juniors organized the liturgy for the Jesuit ordinations at St Xavier's College. We were also privileged to have the Jesuit Brothers of JCSA in our community for their annual gathering. - Sch Darwin D'Souza

REST IN PEACE

Fr Peter Raj Chinnappan, SJ, (AND), 76/59, on 28 December 2022, in Chennai.

Fr Philip Terrasa, SJ, (BOM), 93/ 77, on 01 January, in Mumbai.

Fr Benjamin Tigga, SJ, (DUM), 70/51, on 08 January, in Rampurhat, West Bengal.

Fr Arun Bara, SJ, (MAP), 33/13, on 10 January, in Chhattisgarh.

Br Michael Lopes, SJ, (GUJ), 78/ 55, on 10 January, in Vadodara, Gujarat.

Mr Rabi Arman, 60, father of the sister-in-law of Fr Cyril Raj, on 24 December 2022, in Jigni, Bengaluru.

Mr Alwin Murthy, 70, father of Fr Anthony Lawrence, on 26 December 2022, in Bengaluru.

Mrs Marceline Pinto, 84, sister of Fr James Gonsalves and sister-in-law of late Fr Isidore Pinto, on 26 December, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Celine Baretto, paternal aunt of Fr Kiran Cotha, on 27 December 2022, in Kundapur.

Mr Gregory Edward Noronha, 85, maternal grandfather of Sch Shaun D'Silva, on 31 December 2022, in Mangaluru.

Mr Pascal Noronha, 100, father of Fr Francis Noronha, on 03 January, in Shirva.

Ms Zita Rasquinha, 81, niece of Fr Maxim Rasquinha, on 07 January, in Vitla.

Ms Monthin Pinto, 77, maternal grandmother of Sch Elson Lobo, on 09 January in Moodbidri.

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI (1927 - 2022)

"We join with the whole Church and especially with Pope Francis in a prayer of gratitude as we remember, with admiration, the personal integrity of Joseph Ratzinger and the magisterial depth of Benedict XVI. We bid him farewell, confident that the Lord will be gracious in receiving him in the dwelling long prepared for those who give their lives to him with generosity." *Arturo Sosa, Superior of General of the Society of Jesus.*



REST IN PEACE

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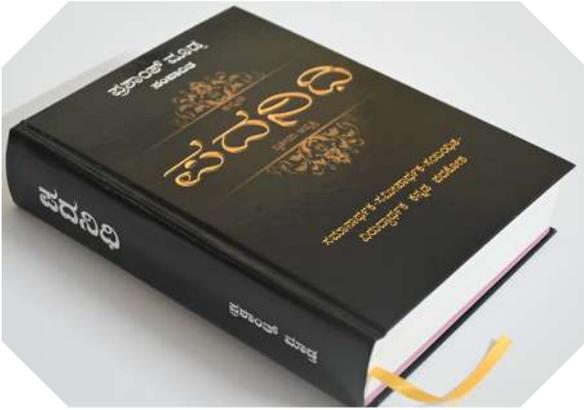
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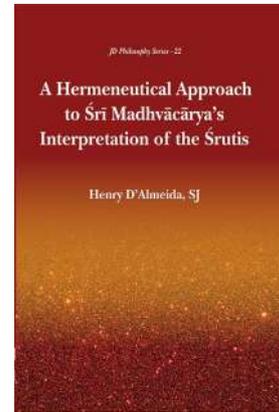
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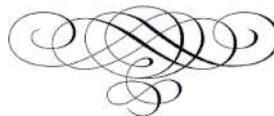
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"Benedict, faithful friend of the Bridegroom, may your joy be complete as you hear his voice, now and forever!"

Pope Francis at the Requiem Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



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