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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

Some months back, I came across a very insightful write up in the New Sunday Express Magazine entitled, "Human Being to Being Human" written by Atul Sehgal. "We humans are the most intelligent species, but we are also the most paradoxical. We call ourselves intelligent but we often commit moronic acts. We consider ourselves wise, but many of us perform rank foolish actions. We pride ourselves on our knowledge and erudition, but some of us do realize in the long terms that we ended up inflicting self-harm due to half knowledge or wrong ideas. We consider ourselves religious and god-fearing, but many of us commit numerous inhuman acts while wearing the badge of religion. We think we are enlightened, but actually we are very often in illusion and delusion. In the name of peace, we wage wars. In the name of development, we damage our ecosphere and defile our environment. In the name of scientific pursuit, we develop technologies that pollute our water and air. In the mad pursuit of economic development and GDP growth, we end up increasing crime, corruption, disease and fear psychosis while also building institutions to combat them – all in the name of economic growth."

The solemnity of St Ignatius which we will be soon celebrating this month will always be a day of celebration for Jesuits and their mission partners. It is also an opportune moment to reflect on Ignatius' enduring legacy. Many things can be said of Ignatius' enduring legacy in terms of the gift or charism he received and that has been passed on to all of us. To be "contemplative in action" and the "way of proceeding" granted to Ignatius are enduring gifts shared with us through the Holy Spirit. Jesuits and mission partners, therefore, "in keeping before their eyes God" are graced with finding the divine in their everyday experiences, whether in prayer or action. Moreover, by growing in familiarity with God and "the way of proceeding," they can discern together the path—the life-mission—that leads to God. This is possible even in an era of declining faith and amidst a troubled, divided, and broken world. St Ignatius invites all of us to share in these wonderful gifts that he received and to share in that daily mystical experience of finding God in all things! I wish you a very happy feast of our founder and father, St Ignatius of Loyola.



- FR DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ

APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Britto Vincent, SJ (CEN): Provincial of Chennai Province
Fr Shajumon Chakalalak, SJ (DAN): First Provincial of Darjeeling-Nepal Province
Fr Thomas Vu Quang Trung, SJ (JCAP): Socius of the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific
Fr Lawry Trinidade, SJ (GOA): Socius of Goa Province
Fr Blasius Soreng, SJ (DUM): Socius of Dumka-Raiganj Province
Fr Sylverius Chermako, SJ (RAN): Socius of Ranchi Province
Fr Ranjan Jayamanne, SJ (SRI): Socius of Sri Lanka Province
Fr Joshy Xavier Kunnel, SJ (JAM): Socius of Jamshedpur Province

APPOINTED BY POSA

Fr Valerian Mendonca, SJ (JAM): Principal, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
Fr Brian Periera, SJ (KAR): Coordinator of the Mission Partner Formation (MPF)

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

NAME	DESIGNATION	COMMUNITY
Fr Anil D'Mello	Vice-Superior	SAC, Harihar
Fr Anthony Pradeep	House Treasurer	SRN, Pandithahalli
Fr Elvis C Lewis	House Minister	Ashirvad, Bengaluru
Fr George Pinto	House Minister	Hombelaku, Manvi
Fr Maxim D'Souza	House Minister	Asha Kiran, Mangaluru
Fr Prashanth W D'Souza	Finance Officer of SJIM	Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru
Fr Roshan D Pereira	House Treasurer	Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru
Fr Sujay Daniel	House Treasurer	Asha Kiran, Mangaluru

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

July 2025

03: AGM, NKJECS (Mundgod)
04: AGM, CNFCE (Manvi)
05: AGM, BJECS (Vijayapura)
07-10: Transformational Leadership – UMI Sisters:
Lucknow
12-13: Meeting of Local Superiors: MSJ (B'luru)
14: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)
15-16: Programme and meeting Deacons:
Xavier Sadan (Mysuru)
18-20: KRRCR Assembly: Christ University, B'luru
20: AGM, KJES (Bengaluru)
22: AGM, BJES (Bengaluru)
23: AGM, AJECS (Anekal)
26-29: Transformational Leadership – UMI Sisters:
Kannur

August 2025

02: AGM, MJES (Mangaluru)
04-06: Visitation: FRH (Mangaluru)
09: AGM, ISIB (Bengaluru)
09: Meeting of Magis Digital Home: Ashirvad (B'luru)
11-14: Visitation: Inigo Sadan (Bengaluru)
16-17: Meeting of DoWs: FRH (Mangaluru)
16: Jubilee Celebrations of our Seniors: FRH (M'luru)
18: Province Consult: SAC (Mangaluru)
19-21: Visitation: Mundgod Mission (Mundgod)
22: Religious Leadership - Montfort Brothers: Prerana
(Bengaluru)
23: Meeting of JCSA – Online
24: Meeting with Regents: Ashirvad (Bengaluru)
27: Mass and address Novice Masters: Prerana (B'luru)
28: Programme for Novice Masters: Prerana (B'luru)
29-01 Sept: Visitation: Bijapur Mission (Vijayapura)

CONGRATULATIONS

Adarsh Paul, Anish, Edmund Aldrich Sequeira, Gevin D'Souza, Lestern Prajwal D'Souza, Oswin Fernandes and Sujay Anthony on pronouncing your first vows in the Society of Jesus.

Fr Roshan Pereira and **Fr Rayan Joel Lobo** on successfully completing their doctoral studies.

Fr Rayan Joel Lobo, SJ, "A Johannine Reading of Pericope Adulterae: A Narrative Intertextual Study of John 7,53-811", Doctorate in Theology, from Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule, Sankt Georgen.

Fr Roshan Pereira, SJ, "Consumer Perception and Purchase Behaviour towards Green Products" Doctorate in Management from Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12-13 July: Meeting of Local Superiors: MSJ (Bengaluru)

25 July: Online meeting of Young Priests 6.00 pm-7.30 pm

16-17 August: Meeting of DoWs: FRH (Mangaluru)

16 August: Jubilee Celebrations of our Seniors: FRH (Mangaluru)

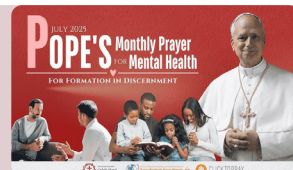
08-16 October: Retreat for Jesuits: FRH (Mangaluru) contact: 9900364614 / superiorfrh@gmail.com

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Change of Email ID – **Asha Kiran, Mangaluru:** ashakiransuperior@gmail.com

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWP): JULY 2025

For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



ARRUPE NIVAS, Bengaluru



The Week magazine's Hansa Research Survey 2025 Best University Ranking proudly positioned St Joseph's University as a leader, claiming the 2nd spot in Bengaluru and the 4th in Karnataka among all participating universities across diverse categories. In the highly competitive private and deemed multidisciplinary category, we achieved an impressive 10th place in the South Zone, 21st in the South Zone multidisciplinary ranking, and 25th among all private and deemed to be universities in India. The dedication and effort of the IQAC were also celebrated in the India Today Ranking Achievement. In addition, Swayam-NPTEL recognized SJU as a valued Local Chapter, awarding it an 'A' rating for its exceptional performance in NPTEL Online Certification courses.

Fr Victor Lobo took the stage as a beacon of inspiration at the 26th International Conference on Environment Management and Climate Change, coinciding with the prestigious Golden Peacock Awards, organised by the Institute of Directors (IOD), the event brought together senior government officials and influential leaders from the business and industry sectors to foster collaboration for a sustainable future. Additionally, Fr Victor's engaging discussion with Dr E V Ramana Reddy, IAS, the esteemed former Chairman of the Karnataka Skill Development Authority, aimed to unlock various skilling opportunities for SJU and promote initiatives that pave the way for both short-term and long-term skill-based programmes. In a spirit of collaboration and shared vision, a delegation of 18 dedicated faculty members from XISS, Ranchi, embarked on a transformative journey to the University. This Institution-cum-Faculty Development

Programme, co-hosted by St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru, and SJU, ignited new possibilities for academic growth. Additionally, a vibrant delegation of 50 faculty members from Sacred Heart College in Tirupattur, guided by the Salesians of Don Bosco, visited the campus, delving into enriching discussions with SJU officials and embracing the university's outstanding practices. Prof Dr Paul Newman, a distinguished voice from the Department of History, was honoured to speak at the International Association of Jesuit Universities' (IAJU) Jesuit Higher Education Assembly at the illustrious Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia.

To celebrate World Environment Day, the Outreach Team organised a 'Beat Plastic Pollution' programme. On the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the Bengaluru City Police recognized the SJU Bambala Outreach Programme as one of the top 10 institutions in Bangalore for social outreach, reaffirming our commitment to community engagement. Fr Richard Rego was part of Karnataka Examination Authority's expert panel on its official work from 23 to 25 June. He also hosts a Fulbright Scholar, Prof. Frank Barnas, in the School of Communication & Media Studies, SJU. Prof. Barnas is an expert in Film and Television from Middle Tennessee State University, USA. The newly renovated hostel block was blessed by Fr Victor Lobo. Fr Pradeep, Fr Joswin Pereira, and Mr Ashwil conducted a 2-day Orientation session for the SJU hostel students on the theme 'Digital Well-being'.

- Fr Aravind Royce

ASHIRVAD, Bengaluru



Ashirvad Centre for Social Concern (CSC) organized a residential training camp 'Aarunya' for 38 staff of our Rural Institutions on English language and Phonetics from 21st to 25th April. CSC also organized a summer camp from 1st to 12th April for 66 Spandana Study Center children from KS

Garden and Veerabhadranagar. It was done with the help of many volunteers who came forward freely to take classes and conduct various activities. Fr Arul Anthony coordinated the entire program. The CSC team visited Veerabhadranagar and Prabhudeva Slum, raising awareness about

the Migrants Assistance and Information Network (MAIN). CSC organized its 5th selection camp for the Sahaya students. There were 26 participants. Fr Brian, along with the HRDC team, helped in conducting an aptitude test for them. 15 students were selected to receive academic support under the Sahaya and KJES sponsorship programmes for 2025-26. CSC organized the defenders of the Constitution programme in Davangere. Over 10000 people participated. Fr Arun Luis attended the program.

The CSC, through the Spandana study centers, distributed study materials to nearly 200 enthusiastic children and conducted a social awareness program for around 120 parents. In the month of June, 63 Sahaya students from our mission centres were given transformative English and life-skills programs. 13 Sahaya students have stepped into the competitive world of UPSC preparation through the prestigious Insights IAS coaching centre. Fr Anup Minj SJ, from the Madhya Pradesh Province, has joined the Ashirvad community to assist MAIN work.

HRDC conducted two JESCOL-III retreats, one for the lecturers of higher education at Dhyanaashrama in the month of April, preached by Fr Joseph D'Mello, and the other for Primary and PUC teachers in the month of March, preached by Fr Vishal D'Souza. Fr Brian organized around 40 Kairos Gratitude Sessions for about 3,000 final year SJU students. He also conducted the RRSJA training of trainers program in Sri Lanka for the Provincial and his team.

Fr George Pinto, after successfully completing his Master's in Sociology, is transferred to Manvi. Ashirvad provided a venue for the pre-regency program for the regents of the southern provinces. 33 scholastics attended the program. Fr Arun conducted a programme on Inter-religious harmony, Ecumenism & Synodality for the seminarians of Karnataka in Shivamogga. Under the leadership of Sch Canon Fernandes and team, Ashirvad organized a two-day retreat for catholic students of class X and class XII from 11th to 28th June. Nearly 617 students from 13 schools participated in the retreats.

- Fr Elvis C Lewis

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru



We joyfully celebrated the birthday of Fr John Gomes, bringing the community together in a spirit of gratitude and fellowship. Fr Frederick D'Silva conducted a five-day course on "A New Way of Being Religious" at Prerana, drawing positive engagement and reflection. Fr Ivan Mendonca represented the community at the closing ceremony of the Golden Jubilee of Jesuit presence in Anekal. Fr Joseph Monteiro participated in the Province Finance Commission meeting. Fr Ajay D'Silva was invited as the Chief Guest at St Aloysius School of Education on the occasion of the feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga. Fr Edward led a one-day seminar for the Headmistresses of the

Apostolic Carmel Congregation and conducted a half-day programme for the Ursuline Sisters, focusing on leadership and spiritual renewal. The Maria Prarthana Retreat Team organized a special Marian reflection and Rosary to commemorate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, fostering devotion and community prayer. The Jesus Youth Group held a two-day renewal programme, energizing the participants in their spiritual journey and missionary zeal. Meanwhile, the students of St Aloysius Deemed to be University were here to participate in a retreat- a time for them to reflect, pray, and grow in faith.

- Fr Edward Rodrigues

HOMBELAKU, Manvi



Our Superior, Fr Cyprian Tellis, celebrated his birthday on 2nd June with the staff, the Loyola Hostel children, and the community members. Two lecturers from St Joseph's College spent time with us, offering specialized classes in commerce for our degree students. Additionally, four Fathers, including Fr Cyprian Tellis, met Mr Boseraju, the Minister for Minor Irrigation, on the occasion of his birthday. We were also privileged to have Fr Anthony Dass, Superior of ISI Bangalore, who conducted insightful sessions on computer applications for our degree students. In another significant development, the principal and staff

of Loyola PU College successfully conducted a teacher training program for the staff of LKS Pannur, helping them to enhance their teaching skills. The final year degree students had their farewell ceremony on 16th June. Fr Satish, Parish Priest of St Mary's Church, Konapurpet, addressed them with a meaningful and inspiring message, encouraging them as they step into a new phase of life.

To mark World Environment Day, the Loyola Center for Social Concern, in collaboration with Loyola Institutions, organized a special program.

The Assistant Forest Officer, Manvi, and the C.P.O. Odhisso Matta, a resource person from Raichur, graced the event as guests of honor, emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation.

A three-day renewal programme was conducted for the staff of LKS Pannur, Xavier School, and Loyola School. Sessions on Psychology, counseling skills, teaching methods, integral education, and the Indian Constitution were held by eminent resource persons. The Jesuit Community of Harihar hosted a felicitation program in honor of the Diamond Jubilee of Fr Maxim Rasquinha, celebrating his dedicated service with gratitude and joy. The Foundation Day of the Pannur-Manvi Mission was celebrated a day early, on 28th June. Both teaching and non-teaching staff of Loyola Institutions participated with great enthu-

siasm. A special motivational video message was shared by Fr Rayappa from Jawalagera Parish, followed by cultural entertainment and a sumptuous meal for all. The Feast of St. Peter, the patron saint of Pannur Parish, was celebrated with grandeur on 28th June. The day began with a procession, followed by a solemn Mass. Fr Satish Capuchin, from Pothnal, presided over the celebration as the main celebrant, while Fr Cyprian Tellis preached an inspiring homily.

Fr Harry Terry, from Jesuit Nivas, conducted a one-day renewal program on Social Issues for all the staff of the Loyola Center for Social Action, providing valuable insights into contemporary challenges and responsibilities.

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

INIGO SADAN, Bengaluru

The community, a vibrant blend of apostolate and formation, was nearly empty as the scholastics were away for summer programmes in their respective provinces. We bade farewell to our outgoing members, Frs Rohan D'Almeida and Felix Anand, and scholastics Abraham, Bablu (PAT), and Stany (RAN). We also welcomed Frs Cyril Castelino, Melwyn Lobo, and Santhosh D'Souza. With the new academic year, the arrival of boarders and Scholastics has renewed energy. Inigo Sadan reaffirmed its "international" spirit with the arrival of Sch Joseph Vithushan from Sri Lanka and the expected arrival of Sch Robinson Victor from Tanzania. Fr Praveen Kiran Martis conducted an orientation for the scholastics, who were "homesick" or rather "province-sick" after a month's summer vacation!

At SJS CBSE, a heartfelt farewell was given to the outgoing Principal, Fr Rohan D'Almeida, and Fr Melwyn Anil Lobo was welcomed as the new Principal. Schs Suman, Ovin, Princen, and Dilip offered value-based sessions for classes 10 and 12, while Catholic students attended a retreat at Ashirvad. SJS Talent Days, "Thrills & Skills", encouraged students to showcase their talents. Mr Bala Ranjith led the AICUF orientation for classes 11 and 12.

SJIPS organised an annual vaccination drive for classes 1 and 5 and launched LEAP, a new initiative in collaboration with educators from Norway. A retreat was organised for class 7. A Phonics Training Session was organized for teachers to enhance their instructional strategies in early literacy.



At SJHHS, the academic year began with staff and student orientations, a retreat, and the inaugural mass of the Holy Spirit. The Eco Club was instituted on World Environment Day; school bade farewell to Mr Ashok Patil and Fr Felix Anand. During the inaugural assembly, SJHHS welcomed new staff members, including Frs Cyril and Santhosh, into the Josephite family.

SJICPUC saw brand-new faces during this brand-new academic year: from students to the principal! Dr Flora Olinda D'Souza and Mr Pradeep Kumar K were appointed Principal and Vice Principal, respectively. The outgoing Principal, Mr Vinod Amrithraj, was felicitated for his dedicated service to the college. The students invoked God's blessings during the inaugural mass of the Holy Spirit. Students participated in the BBMP-organized "BluGreen Showcase".

A two-day Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) workshop brought together faculty from across St Joseph's Indian Institutions (SJII), fostering a shared educational mission rooted in Jesuit values. Orientation programmes and Investiture Ceremony marked the beginning of the academic year across each unit of SJII. Students were allowed to contest in school and college elections, and tasted "democratic values" in the formation of the council members/cabinet. Schs Royal, Sudarshan, and Manvith from Asha Kiran conducted an orientation for the boarders, who are now immersed in academics, liturgy, and games.

- Sch Denver A Pushpam

The Jesuit Nivas community is thrilled to congratulate Fr Roshan Pereira for defending his thesis on the topic *"Consumer Perception and Purchase Behaviour Towards Green Products,"* which was held on 04.07.2025 at Trichy.

The SJCL Annual Day programme was held on 6th June. K.N. Phanindra, designated Senior Advocate, High Court of Karnataka, was the Chief Guest for the programme. The Graduation



Day for the UG and PG programmes was held on 26th June. On the said occasion, Justice Vijay Kumar A Patil, High Court of Karnataka, was the chief guest for the programme, who motivated the students through his inspiring words.

SJPUC marked the beginning of the academic year with several noteworthy events. An orientation programme was conducted to welcome the I PU students, while the newly recruited staff participated in an induction session. A Jubilee Tree

was planted to mark the SJPUC's 25th year Jubilee on World Environment Day. The Departments came together for an inter-religious prayer to promote unity and collaboration. The activities of the month concluded with a retreat and faith formation classes, which brought so much renewal and wholeness.

St Joseph's Evening PU College began the academic year with a series of meaningful events. An orientation programme was organized to welcome the I PU students and help them adjust to their new environment. The month concluded with retreat and faith formation classes.

SJBHS achieved 100% results in the ICSE and ISC 2024 examinations. Fr Norwin Pereira assumed charge as Principal, while the school bid farewell to Fr Sunil Fernandes, thanking him for his dedicated service. Fr Paul Anand joined as Primary Administrator. A Computer Science Workshop for 23 Sahaya students (May 19–June 12) equipped them to meet modern challenges. The Staff Orientation on May 28–29, led by Fr Henry D'Almeida, was inspiring and insightful. On June 20–21, forty Catholic students of Class 12 attended a spiritual retreat at Ashirvad, while a personality development programme was held for their non-Catholic peers. An Inter-Faith Prayer Service themed *"Binding with Love"* on June 25 promoted secularism and universal brotherhood.

- Fr Shanthraj A

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



Fr Shantharaj travelled to VJ for comprehensive exams. The second-year theology scholastics returned to complete their courses before transitioning to Vidya Jyothi. The Jnana Jyothi Community played a significant role in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Anekal Jesuit Mission. The Jubilee Mass was presided over by Archbishop Peter Machado. Following the Mass, a felicitation ceremony acknowledged the contributions of all who have worked to build the mission, and cultural programs from each unit enriched the celebration with music, dance, and culture. After the festivities, the third-year theology scholastics left for Delhi to continue their theological studies.

In Navasadhana Pre-Novitiate, Fr Vinod journeyed to Belgaum to drop off the novices and promote vocations in Hubballi. A farewell programme was organized on 15 June to bid adieu

to 15 would-be novices. The celebrants were Frs Joswin Pereira and Kiran Leema, the young priests. The pre-novices enthusiastically began their academic year while contributing to the jubilee celebrations through the choir, dance, decorations, and kitchen duties. 2 new pre-novices from Gujarat joined the Navasadhana family to do their pre-novitiate.

St Joseph's Institutions, Anekal celebrated the environment day on the 5th of June, and they began 1st PUC classes on the same day. On the 14th of June, Sch. Elson and Sch. Royster gave orientation to the 1st PUC students. Father's Day and Yoga Day were also celebrated to create awareness among the children.

CIRW: The Lokmanch leaders' training program was conducted on June 5, 2025, at CIRW with

approximately 45 village leaders in attendance. Ms. Teena served as the resource person for the session. The training focused on WHO growth standards, proper nutrition for pregnant women, and the critical importance of monitoring both

child development and Anganwadi worker performance to ensure effective program delivery. The program concluded with a tree plantation ceremony on the Jnana Jyothi campus.

- Sch Macwin D'Souza

JOSEPH NIVAS, Hassan



Sch Ovin Rodrigues left his charm at Joseph Nivas with his brilliant work overseeing the construction of the new house, as well as teaching in the school, and taking care of the hostel. We wish him well as he moves to Nairobi for his theological studies. Both Frs Leo Pereira and Felix Anand got their official transfers to St Joseph's School, Hassan, from St Joseph's Indian High School, Bengaluru.

Fr Henry Saldanha returned to Hassan after his successful trip to Europe, having gained pointed insights from Manresa in Spain. He is spending his time here as this month is going to be his last as a government-aided teacher. He will retire on the 31st of July 2025.

SJC had a bang with the AICUF lay volunteers helping out the college students to dream big through the leadership training. This year, all the allocated seats for BBA (90) and BCA (120) are filled, and there is more demand. A few more seats are available for BCom (120).

At the school, the inauguration of the academ-

ic year was held through an interreligious prayer service. An awareness of democracy, political scenario, and voter consciousness before the elections was well appreciated. The grand investiture ceremony of the school cabinet was held with Mr Vishwanth, President of the District Lawyers Association, as the chief guest.

Schs Ovin and Princen conducted orientation for 6th & 7th class students. Fr Cyril Castelino was given a heartfelt farewell for his service of three years. St Joseph's Boys' Hostel, Hassan, recently hosted several events. We celebrated Freshers' Day, welcoming new boys to the hostel with great enthusiasm. An outing to Shravanabelagola allowed the boys to visit the majestic Gomateshwara statue and explore nearby areas. Additionally, an orientation program was conducted by Ms. Jenifer and Ms. Radhika from SJPU, covering essential aspects of hostel life. Meanwhile, the hostel renovation is nearing completion, with final touch-ups being done. Currently, the hostel has 54 boys ranging from the 8th standard to PU and one degree student.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

LOYOLA MANDIR, Bengaluru



Fr Charles visited the Loyola Mandir Community and the Province Archives. Fr Gerald D'Souza and Philip Abraham from Kohima Region are with us to strengthen their teeth and hearts. As a part of exposure to the social reality, we visited the blind children's home at Jyothi Seva Society, run by Franciscan Sisters Servants of the Cross. Fr Arun Kumar's 50th birthday saw a grand celebration with a meaningful mass and sumptuous supper with companions and a few Jesuit supe-

riors. Fr Royston Pinto gave an orientation to the archivists of the Bethany sisters in Mangaluru. Fr Pradeep RS gave an orientation for the students of St Joseph's Boys Hostel, Bengaluru, soon after his retreat. Frs Jason Furtado and Royston Pinto conducted a one-day animation course on Temporal Goods of the Church and Finance to CSST sisters in Geddalhalli, their generalate. Fr Provincial, Arun Kumar, and Jason Furtado visited all the North Karnataka mission places of the Province and attended the Annual Governing Body meetings. Fr Praveen Kiran Martis left for Velure Institute of Technology, Katpadi, after being in LM for 6 months. His gracious presence and selfless services were fondly remembered and thanked. Fr Royston Pinto offered an online session on 'Canon Law for the Synodal Church', organised by CCBI. Frs John Pradeep, Jerald M D'Souza and Prashanth D'Souza are with us as they await their next assignment.

- Fr Royston Pinto



LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



The month of June was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and meaningful activities at St Xavier's Institutions, Sirnoor. At St Xavier's English Medium School, the new academic year began with vibrant participation from both staff and students. On 5th June, the school celebrated World Environment Day with the birthday of our Superior, Rev. Fr Maxim Misquith SJ. A special highlight was the Seed Sowing Activity for Pre-Primary children, aimed at helping young minds connect with nature.

Students also began their Karate, Scouts & Guides, and Abacus classes as part of the holistic development programme. Weekly Value Education classes were also introduced to nurture values like discipline, kindness, and gratitude. At St Xavier's

PU College, regular classes for 1st PUC began on 2nd June. A formal Orientation Programme for all new PUC students was held on 19th June, introducing them to the college values, code of conduct, and academic expectations. The college also began CET and NEET coaching classes for science students. Value Education sessions have started for both first and second-year students, focusing on topics such as Time Management, Emotional Well-being, and Discernment.

The month concluded with the Student Council Election on 28th June, where students voted to elect their President and Vice-President. Preparations are now underway for the Investiture Ceremony, which will take place on 5th July.

- Fr Roshan Pinto

MAITRI SADHANA, Vijayapura



Loyola School CBSE, Sindagi, proudly welcomed 575 students for the new academic year, beginning with a vibrant and green campus atmosphere. An orientation session for high school students was conducted by Fr Shantharaj, offering valuable guidance and motivation. On 4th June 2025, the school hosted a blood donation camp in collaboration with the District and Taluka Health Centers and Sangama Seva Samsthe. The academic year was officially inaugurated on 14th June. On the same occasion, World Environment Day was celebrated with a talk by Range Forest Officer Mr. Irshad Ahmed Newar, who also distributed 100 saplings to students.

CNFE, Vijayapura: During the month of June 2025, CNFE Vijayapura organized a series of impactful programmes focused on education, awareness, empowerment, and community development. The Chintana Manthana programme brought together staff members for a day of reflection and motivation, guided by Fr Sunil Fernandes and Fr Kevin Sequeira. Awareness of child rights was promoted through collaboration with government departments, focusing on the issue of child labour and the importance

of education. A valedictory ceremony was held at St. Anne's Church, Vijayapura, for students from Hamal Colony and LT Tanda. Certificates were distributed to 70 students, and top performers were gifted sewing machines. The event was conducted in partnership with Loyola ITI and Akshya Shakti Welfare Association. Leaders from Slum Development Committees were taken on an exposure visit to the Women's Police Station, where they received insights on legal aid and community-police relationships. A joint initiative with the Former Devadasi Mothers' Federation focused on government schemes and self-employment opportunities, especially in animal husbandry, encouraging women's empowerment. Leadership and good governance training were conducted for federation and Slum Samiti leaders, enhancing their understanding of government schemes and leadership roles in the community. The month concluded with a Labour Day celebration, where 97 workers were informed about the history of the labour movement and the benefits available to them, fostering awareness and appreciation for their rights and contributions.

- Fr John Thomas

MOUNT ST JOSEPH, Bengaluru



The Community accorded a warm welcome to new members Frs Arockiasamy, Francis Menezes, Ronald Pais, and Sch Sanson D'Souza. Fr Ronald Pais has taken over as the Novice Master, Fr Arockiaswamy is back in the retreat ministry and administrator of Dhyanaashrama, Fr Francis Menezes as Director of Prerana and



Loyola Higher Primary School (KM) and Sch Sanson D'Souza will be helping out in the LPHS and our Parish. Fr Joseph D'Mello, Rector gave sessions on community animation to the Superiors of the Ursuline Franciscan Congregation of the Mysore Province, in Mysuru. He was also at Ashadeep, Pathalgaon, Chhattisgarh to take sessions on religious leadership. Fr Joe Mathais conducted a workshop on Counselling to a group of Formators at St Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bengaluru.

The Novitiate Community welcomed seven new Novices, who underwent their first probation under the guidance of Fr Pradeep Crasta, the Socius. Meanwhile, five of our vowents made heartfelt preparations for their first vows through a spiritually enriching eight-day retreat led by Fr Clarence D'Souza. The first vows of five of our second-year Novices was held on 21 June, the feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga, with the liturgy cen-



tered on the theme *Ayudar A Las Almas* (To Help Souls). The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial, and Fr Ronald Pais preached an inspiring homily. The day also featured a transition, with Fr Ronald Pais taking over as Novice Director, succeeding Fr John Pradeep. Additionally, the latest edition of *Navataranga*, the Novitiate bulletin, was released by the Provincial. A short felicitation programme was held in the refectory to congratulate the Juniors, and it was followed by Agape. The community expressed gratitude to Fr John Pradeep for his dedicated service and extended a warm welcome to Fr Ronald. Thus, simultaneously, the community also bade farewell to the Juniors who moved to the Juniorate in Thiruvananthapuram

and Mumbai.

Loyola ITI hosted a series of significant programmes. NIOS Physical Inspection was held, and Officials from the Government ITI, JNV, and PU Board assessed infrastructure and readiness for NIOS academic programs. Plans for a new solar lab were discussed. A Blessing ceremony was conducted for the renovated MMV lab and a new vehicle, led by Frs. Joseph D'Mello and John Pradeep. Final-year EM, MMV, and FM students participated in an Apprenticeship Mela at Dairy Circle.

The Loyola PUC conducted an orientation programme for the staff on Jesuit Education and IPP led by Fr Jeevan Prabhu. Over 395 students were admitted to the first-year PUC in this academic year. Students participated in an educational visit to the Vijayavani Printing Press. On World Yoga Day, the Physical Education Department, in collaboration with Isha Foundation, organized yoga and meditation sessions. A week-long campaign was held for the election of official student representatives for the academic year 2025-26.

At Loyola Degree College, the odd semester is concluding with exams scheduled for June and July. The LIC visit from Bangalore University was held. Various outreach programmes and industrial visits were conducted across the city for different student associations. The Classes have moved to the new building. The college hosted 'Prathibhotsava,' a talent day featuring 12 events. The AICUF celebrated 'Labour Day' by felicitating the domestic staff of our college. Eight AICUF members participated in the National Conference at Loyola College, Chennai. A Parent-Teacher meeting was organized alongside free health check-ups in partnership with three local hospitals. Karnataka State Higher Education Committee visited the premises to check the feasibility of starting new courses from St Joseph's University. Fr Ashwin Cordeiro and his team conducted the 'Kairos' programme for the outgoing students. A placement drive was held in which around 22 companies participated.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

SADHANA, Mundgod

Loyola High School reopened with warmth and joy, welcoming students with *arathi*, flowers, and sweets. Bp. Francis Serrao, Bishop of Shimoga, led an orientation for Jesuit collaborators of Mundgod and Hangal, emphasizing Jesuit val-



ues in education. A Parent-Teacher Meeting with Mrs. Angelina Gregory highlighted the vital role of parental motivation. The school also celebrated *Vanamahotsava*, with each class cultivating its own vegetable patch.

Loyola Composite PU College began the academic year with a staff orientation led by Frs Leo Florence and Melvin Lobo on 31st May. The first-year students had an orientation on 20th June, led by Ms. Nancy K. International Yoga Day and Fresher's Day (ARAMBHA) were jointly celebrated on 21st June. On 25th June, the Student Cabinet took their oath of office. The month concluded with a Drug Awareness Programme on 30th June, with sessions led by Sri Kumara S., Senior Civil Judge, and Dr Srishail Pattanashetti.

Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya (LKV) hosted a session on "The Art of Parenting" by Ms. Angelina Gregory, and a CBSE-led Capacity Building Program on "Learning Outcomes and Pedagogies" for 63 teachers. Fr Wilson Saldanha took charge as Vice Principal of the Primary Section, ushering in new leadership.

Loyola Children's Home (LCH) staff joined the Jesuit collaborators' orientation on 14th June. Hostel orientations were held on 16–17 June,

followed by a blessing on 18th June by Fr Wilson Saldanha. The World Yoga Day was conducted by Master Preetam (Class VII), and Ms. Anjali Siddi and Mr. Manju H were the chief guests for Freshers' and Inaugural Day on 30th June.

Loyola Vikas Kendra (LVK) held a two-day staff orientation. Eye check-up camps, Eshram, and Ayushman card enrolments were conducted in partnership with MM Joshi Hospital. Across 38 villages, SHGs planted saplings with Forest Department support. The Hostel Inauguration Day was held on 29th June.

LVK Hangal gained media attention through a press meet. A session on 'Safeguarding the Constitution' led to the launch of the *Ambedkar Adhyayana Kendra*. Educational support reached 100 children across 14 villages. Sch Marvin Apose contributed much through English classes and SHG digitization. Hostels in Hangal and Dasankoppa are at full capacity, housing 70 children.
- Sch Maria Divij

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



While May was a game of musical chairs with admissions pouring in and Jesuits packing off to new missions, the community also found time to "oil their souls" through renewal programmes and spiritual pit stops, the summer retreats. June, as dramatic as a season premiere, began with a grand power shift: Fr Rohan D'Almeida took over the principal's chair at St Aloysius Gonzaga CBSE School from Fr Melwyn Anil Lobo, who exited the role with a standing ovation and Fr Rohan getting welcome with a political twist — yes, the MLC himself showed up for the welcome ceremony and whopping number of 1782 students and 103 staff! By mid-month, Fr Melwyn had multiple farewell events, and we're told more than a few tissues were sacrificed. Meanwhile, cricket fever ran high in the house, with Jesuits and students alike cheering for their favourite IPL teams like devout fans at a digital shrine. Enter Fr Prashanth Sequeira — our latest addition — who has single-handedly raised the community's energy levels with his booming enthusiasm and dreams of launching a Law Programme at St Aloysius Deemed to be University. The community hasn't been this awake since the last fire drill.

The CRI Mangalore Unit General Body Meeting held on the campus was a hit, thanks to a stirring message from Rev. Francis Serrao, SJ, Bishop of Shimoga, who reminded us all to be "pilgrims of



hope". The event had an equally relevant role to be played by the Rector as executive member and Fr Vishwas Misquith as treasurer of CRI, Mangalore Unit. Fr John D'Souza continues his silent revolution at the ITI, guiding young minds through culinary quests, fashion experiments, and tech wizardry. If that wasn't enough, Fr Balaraju R. turned into our own digital saint, installing an LED display board at the heart of the campus, making sure even the birds knew about campus updates. He also fed our souls with a monthly recollection talk.

The month had its sombre moments too. The community stood in solidarity with Fr Dheeraj D'Souza and Fr Francis Fernandes, mourning the loss of their father and elder brother, respectively. Their grief was deeply shared.

Birthdays were celebrated joyfully — Frs Balaraju, William Marcel, and John D'Souza added more

candles and more cake to the community calendar. We also hosted four would-be novices for a lively dinner — possibly their first taste of Jesuit-style celebration. June's crown jewel was the Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga, the patron of the Aloysian Institutions. Rev. Dr. Duming Dias, Bishop of Karwar, graced the altar with his message urging us all to emulate Aloysius in courage and service. The day featured a lively gathering of religious at noon and a heartfelt evening meeting with benefactors and collaborators. Whereas, the Gonzaga CBSE school had Fr Leston Lobo as the main celebrant at a Eucharist for young admirers of St Aloysius to revel in the saint's inspirational legacy.

On the environmental front, Frs Johnson Pinto, Rohan D'Almeida and Derrick Anthony rallied their students from High School and PUC to mark World Environment Day — one sapling at a time. A 'Go Green' project was launched at the Gonzaga School. At PUC section had an orientation programme for 2430 new students and the new academic year was launched with blessings at the

Mass of the Holy Spirit, presided over by Fr Rector Melwin Pinto, before he jetted off to America and hopping to Colombia with Fr Praveen Martis and Fr Melwyn D' Cunha for International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) meeting in Bogota, Columbia. The community now echoes with their absence. Finally, Fr Clifford Siqueira returned from his "roots and wings" programme in Spain — tanned, transformed, and serene. Oh, and Fr. Derrick Anthony also managed to break his elbow in a bike mishap but is now recovering, proving once again that even Jesuits are not above physics. Fr Louis Dsouza was hospitalized for a deep sore on his foot. He is back home with a bigger foot now with an add-on bandage. The community partook in an agape meal hosted by the Parish priest and his team at Our Lady of Miracles (Milagres) Church. The campus was abuzz as students of St Aloysius Deemed to be University participated in a three-day spiritual renewal programme, organised by Fr. Vishwas Misquith and the Campus Ministry team.

- Fr William Marcel Rodrigues

SWAMY RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



As the new academic year begins, our school campus has come alive with the energy of students eager to learn and grow. The year was inaugurated with a ceremony that set the tone for curiosity, discipline, and shared growth. To mark World Environment Day, saplings were planted across the campus. In line with this year's theme, Beat Plastic Pollution, a short cultural programme raised awareness among students and staff about the importance of reducing plastic waste and protecting the environment. Students also

gathered at dawn to celebrate International Yoga Day by practicing various *asanas*, embracing the physical and mental benefits of yoga. An orientation session for kindergarten parents was held to highlight key aspects of child development and the importance of a strong home-school partnership. Finally, the annual school elections saw enthusiastic participation, giving students hands-on experience of democracy and leadership.

- Sch Agil Roy

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



The unexpected loss of Fr Dheeraj's father was a time of sorrow, during which heartfelt prayers and support were offered to the family. Fr Tom had gone to Mangalore for his treatment. Fr Prathap was actively involved in several formation and pastoral activities during the month. He began by giving an orientation on the formation policy of the Assistancy and the Karnataka Province to the Ashakiran scholastics. He then led a day of prayer and reflection for the UFS Sisters in Hubli. Representing the Province, he took part in the First Vows ceremony of the novices in Belgaum, accompanied by Frs Tom and Dheeraj, and Sch Felix. We were happy to welcome the newly professed scholastics, Adarsh and Gevin,

to our house. He addressed the juniors before their departure to the Juniorate, offering them support and encouragement. He also organized the Formation and Vocation Promotion Commission meeting at Ashirvad. Fr Dheeraj conducted a one-day youth orientation program for the youth of OLPS Church, Dharwad, in which the scholastics were actively involved. The programme aimed to inspire young minds in their faith and vocational journey. It was a month filled with active service, reflection, and community support. The scholastics are focused on studying for their upcoming semester exams.

- Sch Abhishek A

XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE, Belagavi



The month of June began on a deeply spiritual note with our annual retreat, held from May 30th to June 7th. It was guided by Fr Abhay Shirekar SJ (BOM), who led us with creative reflections and profound spiritual insights. His guidance helped us encounter the Lord in fresh and meaningful ways.

A few of our novices delivered a talk on the theme "Handling Pressure" to the student cabinet members of St Paul's School. It was a memorable and enriching experience for all involved. On June

19th and 20th, we welcomed 14 probationers from four different provinces, along with the parents of our eight brothers who were preparing to pronounce their First Vows. The Vows Day solemn Eucharist celebration on 21 June was presided over by Fr Pedro Camelo SJ, Provincial of the Goa Province, in the presence of Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas SJ (PUN), Fr Anil Cotta SJ (BOM), Fr Dhurai Selvam SJ (GUJ), and Fr Prathap Chandru SJ, Provincial Delegate of the Karnataka Province. The Mass was followed by a joyful fellowship meal with families and friends.

On June 22nd, the feast of Corpus Christi, Fr Prathap Chandru SJ presided over the Thanksgiving Mass. After the Eucharist, our new juniors Gevin and Adarsh left for Dharwad accompanied by Fr Prathap. The probationers and second-year novices are now immersed in their respective classes and activities.

– Nov Shawn D'Souza



INDIAN SOCIAL INSTITUTE, Bengaluru



Fr Francis Balaraj has begun his PhD studies at Loyola College (Autonomous), affiliated with the University of Madras. As the unit head, he is busy organizing both basic and advanced youth programmes under the theme of social inclusion and democracy. Recently, he travelled to Kerala to recruit staff for his unit. Fr Anthony Dass successfully completed an internship programme at

Marquette University. In addition to his internship, he presented his research work at Creighton University to the staff of the School of Education; it was well received. He conducted a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) for the faculty of Teresian College, Mysore, on the impact of emerging technologies on the teaching and learning process.

- Fr Anthony Dass

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



The month of June commenced with a three-day orientation programme. For the current academic year, 11 Karnataka Jesuits in DNC: 2 First-Year Philosophers, 4 Second-Year Philosophers, and 5 priests. The inaugural mass was held at Jnana Deepa on June 9, with Most Rev. Malcolm

Sequeira, Bishop of Amravati, as the chief celebrant, followed by the Lectio Brevis. The ministries of the house have begun in various parishes and social work centers in and around Pune.

- Sch Nikil Robin

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



The Karnataka Province at Satya Nilayam is enriched by the arrival of three new members: two scholastics, Sch Anvil Mascarenas and Sch Saul Abhishek, and Fr Anthony Joseph, who assumes the important role of Spiritual Director. Additionally, Fr Anthony Joseph has been appointed as a house consultor.

A significant transition saw Fr Lawrence Fernandes gracefully hand over the responsibilities of Principal to Fr Valerian Mendonca (JAM). Fr Lawrence Fernandes has also been appointed as admonitor to the Rector. The staff, in a spirit of camaraderie and professional development, participated in a

colloquium held amidst the serene surroundings of Kotagiri.

The community orientation was a vibrant gathering, bringing together 37 first-year and 43 second-year scholastics. The new academic year began with an inaugural Mass and Schola brevis led by Most Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius, the Bishop of Dharmapuri Diocese. As part of our formative experience, the first-year scholastics embarked on an enriching "Chennai Darshan," exploring the cultural and historical landmarks of the city. Meanwhile, the second-year scholastics undertook an academic visit to the ancient and

historically significant site of Mahabalipuram.

With renewed enthusiasm, classes and various ministries have commenced in full swing. On 3rd July, the entire SN community went on a pilgrim-

age to St Thomas Mount, the site of the martyrdom of St Thomas, and participated in the Eucharist presided over by Bishop Neethinathan of Chengalpatt diocese.

- Sch Shaun D'Silva

VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



The serene surroundings and the warm welcome from the staff marked our arrival at the Juniorate after our First Vows. We began with an orientation session led by Fr Jose Thachil (KER). The academic year was solemnly inaugurated with a Holy Mass celebrated by the Madurai Provincial, Fr Thomas Amirtham followed by the official inauguration ceremony. Fr Anush D'Cunha, dean

of studies, presented the academic curriculum and outlined a roadmap for our Juniorate journey. To deepen our understanding of Kerala, we were taken on visits to various historical and cultural sites in the city. Now, with great enthusiasm and commitment, we have settled into the regular rhythm of Juniorate life.

- Sch Oswin Fernandes

JRS-KAKUMA, Kenya



Over the past three months, the JRS team in Kakuma, Kenya, has actively implemented a range of education and livelihood initiatives. Notably, the Economic and Livelihood Inclusive Department launched a new cohort of the Digital Inclusion Program in mid-May, enrolling 60 students. This program is designed to equip participants with the skills necessary to earn a livelihood through online job opportunities. As part of this program, each student has been provided with a laptop and a power bank to support their learning and work. Under my leadership, the Livelihoods Team facilitated a three-day capacity-building workshop for 70 participants of the Group Savings and Loan Association (GSLA), focusing on strengthening their financial literacy, group management skills, and overall capacity to effectively engage in savings and loan activities within their communities.



Over the past two months, we have had the honor of welcoming several Jesuit visitors to Kakuma. The visits began with two tertians, Fr Mathew Baugh and

Fr Michael Wegenka, from Nairobi, both belonging to the Midwest Province of the United States. This was followed by the visit of Fr Sean O. Carroll, SJ, Provincial of the United States West (UWE) Province. Later, we were also pleased to receive two scholastics from Hekima Jesuit University College in Nairobi: Sch. Kingsly Amalanathan from Sri Lanka and Sch. Emile Fanomezantsoa from Madagascar. They had a meaningful pastoral experience, actively visiting JRS-run schools and participating in liturgical celebrations across the camp churches. In the absence of Fr

Dan Mai, SJ, JRS Pastoral Coordinator, who is currently away for studies and a period of rest, I have been diligently carrying out the pastoral ministry across the nine churches within the Kakuma Refugee Camps. This period has been deeply fulfilling, offering me the opportunity to engage closely with the refugee community and respond to their spiritual needs.

- Fr Jeevan James

ST STANISLAUS COLLEGE, Sitagarha



Don Prem and Joyson Vas arrived at St Stanislaus College, Sitagarh on the 4th of June. "The School of the Heart" at Sitagarh, Hazaribagh, commenced on June 5th with the formal inauguration. Fr Ajith Kumar Xess, the Provincial of Ranchi, was the chief guest and inspired all the tertians with his keynote address. Fr Anil Aind (HAZ), the rector and the entire community along with



the novices warmly welcomed 23 tertians from thirteen different provinces. The scenic natural beauty of the huge campus and the aesthetic aura of the main building have already put us in the spirit of tertianship. Our tertian instructors Frs Madad Xalxo (RAN) and Fr M. I. Raj (GUJ) are a great source of strength and inspiration. In the upcoming days, we will journey on a pilgrimage to

Fr Constant Lieven's mission land, Ranchi, which will prepare us for our spiritual journey with the Lord. As we prepare to enter into the Spiritual Exercises on August 3rd. We request your prayerful support. Your intercession will be a wellspring of strength and guidance as we engage in this transformative spiritual journey.

- Fr Joyson Sujay Vas

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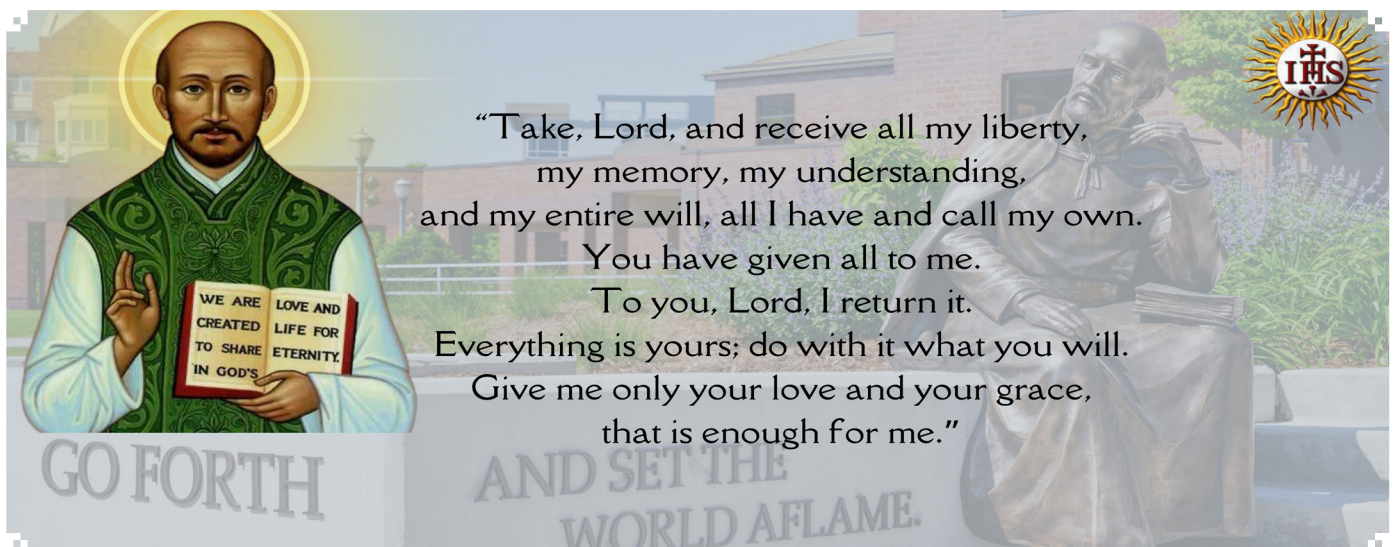
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Fr Provincial and all at Loyola Mandir wish all our readers a Happy Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola