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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

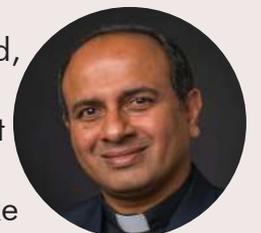
**T**he apostolate of education witnessed three events in the province recently: First, the formal inauguration of St Joseph's University by the President of India; second, the annual meeting of Province Coordinators for Secondary Education of South Asia (JEASA), and third, the evaluation of all the Jesuit institutions of secondary education in India.

Universities remain crucial institutional settings in society. Across the globe, they are conceived to be citadels of scholarship, cradles of creativity, crucibles of novelty and incubators of inquiry. For the poor, they serve as major channels for social advancement. In and through universities, important debates take place about ethics, future directions for economics and politics, and the very meaning of human existence, that shapes our culture.

It was *Ignacio Ellacuria*, the Rector of the Jesuit University in El Salvador who said, "Our core educational mission is to prepare future leaders and citizens for lives of service. A Jesuit University should be present intellectually where it is needed: to provide science for those who have no science; to provide skills for the unskilled; to be a voice for those who do not possess the academic qualifications to promote and legitimate their rights. Every Jesuit university should be a social force. It is called to live in a social reality and to live for that social reality, to shed university intelligence upon it, and to use university influence to transform it."

Our primary objectives of running schools, colleges and universities are academic excellence, character formation, creative and critical self-expression, and social concern. Today we need to swim against the currents. That would mean:

- a. When the world says that it is the market that decides our campus, we will say, it is humanness that should do it.
- b. When the world says that the poor and the marginalized could be left out, we will affirm that when they are left, we are not right.
- c. When the world says that public funding for education could be stopped, we will fight until it is gained.
- d. When the world says that education is a commodity, we will assert that it is service till the end.
- e. When the world claims that education is a right of the fittest, we will make the weakest fittest.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ

## APPOINTED/ ASSIGNED BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Vinod Paul** – Director, St Xavier’s PU College, Kalaburagi

**Fr Elvis C Lewis** – Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru

### ZONAL CRISIS INTERVENTION GROUPS:

**Bengaluru Zone:** Rohan D’Almeida ©, Arun Luis, Brian Pereira, Sunil C Fernandes, and Victor Lobo.

**Mangaluru Zone:** Melwin J Pinto ©, Anil D’Mello, Clifford Sequiera, Praveen V Martis, and Ronald Pais.

**North Karnataka Zone:** Francis Menezes ©, Eric Mathias, Maxim Misquith, Melvin Lobo, Melwyn D’Cunha, and Teyol Machado.

### PROVINCE TASKFORCE TO DEAL WITH FUNDAMENTALISM:

Frs Maxim Dias ©, Anthony Joseph, Arun Luis, Cyprian Tellis, Jerald D’Souza, Praveen V Martis, Richard Rego, and Teyol Machado.

## APPOINTMENT BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF BANGALORE

**Fr Rohan D’Almeida:** Joint Secretary to the Karnataka Regional Commission for Education.

## PROVINCIAL’S PROGRAMME

### October

01: Ordination: SJBHS, Bengaluru  
02-04: Visitation: Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru  
06: MAGIS - Manvi  
08: Ordination: FRH, Mangaluru  
10-13: Course for Silver Jubilarians: Prerana, Bengaluru  
14-16: Visitation: VN, Dharwad  
17-19: Visitation: Mundgod Mission  
20: Meeting of KRCR Executive: Bengaluru  
21: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru  
22: Young Priests’ Meet  
22-30: JCSA, Shembaganur

### November

03-06: Visitation: Bijapur Mission  
08-11: Visitation: Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru  
12-13: Meeting of LS, DoWs & CCMs: Prerana, Bengaluru  
14: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru  
19-23: Visitation: MSJ Seniors, Bengaluru  
24-25: Visitation: SICJ, Trivandrum  
26: Meeting of South Zone Provincials, Trivandrum  
27-30: Visitation: Jnana Jyothi, Anekal

## CONGRATULATIONS

To our newly ordained priests, **Frs Anthony Derrick J D, Ashwin Preveen Cordeiro, Ashwin Rebello, George Jaison Pinto, Jaison Glen Pais, John Rayan Pereira** and **Shantharaj A.** May God bless you and your priestly ministry.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### November

12-13: Meeting of LS, DoWs & CCMs: Prerana, Bengaluru

### December

03-04: Meeting of Ministers: Ashirvad, Bengaluru



## POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWP), OCTOBER 2022

**For a Church open to everyone:** We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

### ORDINATIONS – St Joseph's Boys' High School Chapel, Bengaluru

The priestly ordination of two of our deacons, Anthony Derrick and Shantharaj – at St Joseph's Boys' High School Chapel on October 1 - was a moment of grace for the Church and the Society of Jesus. The sacred orders were conferred on the deacons by Archbishop Peter Machado in the presence of the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz and a number of Jesuits, priests, religious and the faithful. The entire Jesuit Nivas community, under the able leadership of its Rector, Fr Brian Pereira, crafted the momentous event to its last detail. Of course, other Jesuit communities joined hands in executing the programme: Anekal theologians with their elevating choir, Inigo Sadan scholastics serving as acolytes, and Xavier Nilaya pre-novices helping out as altar servers. Fr Anthony Pais gave practical suggestions and ensured orderly execution of the sacred liturgy. Fr Anthony Pradeep was the Master of Ceremonies.

The ordination mass was followed by a felicitation programme compered by Fr Suman

Balu. Fr Ronald Pais raised the toast for the new priests. Fr Dionysius Vaz, the provincial,



congratulated the new priests as he joined the dignitaries in honouring the parents and family members of the new priests. Speaking on behalf of Fr Derrick Antony and on his own, Fr Shantharaj expressed his sentiments of gratitude to all who accompanied them on their journey towards priesthood. The felicitation programme concluded with a fellowship meal. - Fr Praveen Kiran Martis

### ORDINATIONS: Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru

Six Jesuit deacons – five of Karnataka Province and one of Kohima Region – were ordained priests by Most Rev Dr Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore, on October 8 in the Divine Mercy Church, Fatima Retreat House. The newly ordained priests are: Frs Ashwin Cordeiro, Ashwin Rebello, George Pinto, Jaison Pais and Rayan Pereira (all of Karnataka) and Fr Royal Saldanha (of Kohima)

In his homily, the Bishop expressed his joy in ordaining the six zealous young men of the Society of Jesus for the service of Christ and His Church. He exhorted the ordinandi on their privilege as well as their responsibility to let the fragrance of their soon-to-be-anointed hands exude God's gracious and merciful love to all God's children. He also reminded the deacons that as priests they would, - at every Eucharist

they celebrate - be both the offering and the offered in the sacrifice of Christ.



The Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, thanked the Bishop and all present – priests, religious, friends and relatives of the new priests. While congratulating the newly ordained priests he reminded them of the dignity of their vocation, saying: "You are taken, blessed, broken and

given - for the people of God.”

The short felicitation programme that followed was held in the basement of the Divine Mercy Church. The new priests and their parents were felicitated with shawls, bouquets and garlands. Fr Jaison Pais spoke on behalf of the new priests and thanked all the persons who had, at different stages of their life, accompanied them on their journey towards priesthood.

## Inauguration of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, the first of its kind, created by an Act of Karnataka State Legislature under Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), was officially inaugurated on September 27 by Smt Droupadi Murmu, President of India. Sri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Governor of Karnataka, Sri Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister of Karnataka, Sri C N Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education, Archbishop Peter Machado of Bangalore Archdiocese, Fr Dionysius Vaz, Chancellor, Sri N.A. Harris, MLA, Shantinagar constituency, government officials, media personnel, Jesuits, clergy, religious, dignitaries from other institutions, police officers, among others, were present on the occasion. Around 5000 attendees, including staff, family members, students, and alumni/ae witnessed the inauguration.

Most Rev Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore, invoked the blessings of Christ over SJU, and the Chancellor Fr Dionysius Vaz welcomed the honourable guests. Smt Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, addressed the gathering speaking about the responsibility of educational institutions towards students and the role of National Education Policy 2020. She emphasised the importance of out-of-the-box thinking, critical thinking, innovation, and a well-rounded curriculum. The President also heaped praises on Karnataka, Bengaluru and the people while recalling the state's contribution in freedom struggle, spirituality, philosophy, literature, music, art, science and architecture. She expressed confidence that St Joseph's University would cater to the aspirations of the students through its various specialised schools.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in his speech hailed the Institution not just for being a part of the growth of Bengaluru but also that of the

Fr Anush D'Cunha and Sch Royster Monis had prepared the deacons for the ordination ceremony and helped the FRH Jesuits to organize the ordination liturgy. Fr Alwyn D'Souza was the Master of Ceremonies at the Ordination Mass and Fr Jason Martis compered the felicitation programme. The FRH community under the able leadership of Fr Anil D'Mello went out of its way to make this event a memorable one.

– Fr Anush D'Cunha

whole of Karnataka and for giving excellent students to society who have excelled in all fields.



Remembering all the Fathers, teachers and students who had strived for the Institution, he stated that the contribution of the Institution would be remembered for centuries to come. The CM also lauded the Institution for maintaining high standards of character formation and quality education, along with the strong ethos of Jesuits all around the world, which have led students to seek this Institution to build a good career and a good life. The institution was conferred the University status in April 2021 under the Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) Scheme 2.0 of MHRD, following the legislation to this effect by the State Assembly and the approval of the University Act by the Honourable Governor of Karnataka in April 2021. The commencement notification was issued by the State Government on 2 July 2022.

St Joseph's College, founded in 1882, by the French Foreign Missionaries, is now managed by the Society of Jesus, and is registered under the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES). The Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society is the sponsoring body of this newly formed University. St. Joseph's College (Autonomous) is now upgraded to St. Joseph's University. This is a momentous and historical occasion in the annals of the history of St Joseph's College.

– Fr Swebert D'Silva

## Meeting of PCSE of JCSA



The annual meeting of Province/Region Coordinators for Secondary Education (PCSE) of South Asia was held in Bengaluru with 21 delegates participating in it. Fr John Ravi, Conference Secretary welcomed the gathering. Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial of Karnataka Province, gave the inaugural address. An input on the latest trends in school education was given by Mr Anthony Joseph (consultant with National Centre for School Leadership, Delhi). Ms Pra-meetha Adoni (Programme Officer, NEP Cell and English Cell, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, Bengaluru) spoke on NEP implementation plans. The concept of introducing social entrepreneurship in secondary education was shared by Fr Ashok Ohol SJ (from XISS Ranchi) and Dr Padmaja V (HOD, OB-HR, Ramaiah In-

stitute of Management, Bengaluru). Dr Vincent Arogyappa (Vice-Principal, Loyola Degree Col-



lege, Bengaluru), spoke on Jesuit education & lay apostolate. Fr Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza SJ, POSA, addressed the commission members and called upon them to be transformational leaders. - Fr Rohan D'Almeida

## 'MAG+S 2022' at Panur-Manvi Jesuit Mission



"Mag+s" - an innovative Ignatian initiative for promoting Christian leadership among youth - came to North Karnataka for the first time, and was held at Manvi, Raichur (Oct 4-6). The previous Magi+s, successfully held in Mangaluru in April-May 2022, provided the stimulus to choose Manvi as the venue for Mag+s 2022. The 300 youth who came from the towns

meticulously planned every aspect of the great event and made it, particularly for the youth, an ever-to-be-cherished experience.



and villages of North Karnataka participated in Mag+s, recapturing the spirit of the motto "Reaching the Unreached" which has inspired the Pannur-Manvi Mission in the past 25 years of its service to the underprivileged. The lion's share of credit for the success of "Mag+s - Manvi - 2022" goes to Fr Joyson Vas (Coordinator for the Youth in North Karnataka), Fr Maxim Dias and Sch Reuell Paul (DAR) who

The Mission Superior, Fr Leo Pereira, along with his Jesuit confreres, warmly welcomed the pilgrims of Mag+s. Most Rev. Henry D'Souza, Bishop of Bellary inaugurated the mega-event with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In the sessions that followed, the pilgrims discovered the richness of the five pillars of Mag+s and thereby also their own distinctive pathways to God. On the last day, Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial, addressed the delegates and enthused them with the desire "to be more and to do more" for the uplift of the human family. Needless to add that the success of Mag+s at Manvi owes a great deal to the presence and encouragement of many of our supporters, not the least among them being the Jesuits of the Karnataka Province. The enduring impact the event had on the participating youth was due, to a high degree, to the active participation of twenty of our Jesuit scholastics. A big Thank-You to all our Province Jesuits and our friends and well-wishers for the support of their prayers and good wishes. - Fr Maxim Dias

## KJES Youth Works (PCYM)



KJES Youth Works organised one day training programme for the Ignitors on 18 September 2022. It was inaugurated with the holy Eucharist followed by various interactive activities,

discussions and sessions. Asst Profs. Ebenezer, Prashant Kumar and Sch. Reuell Paul (DAR) were the resource persons.

**AICUF Karnataka** organized two-day leadership program titled BE THE LIGHT to all the state and unit council members of AICUF Karnataka. Besides several leadership activities

through the days there were sessions on migration, socio-political issues of Karnataka, mental health along with the panel discussions.

- Fr Maxim Dias

## ARRUPE NIVAS



The eagerly awaited elevation of St Joseph's College (Autonomous) to the status of a university came to pass on September 27 when St Joseph's University was officially inaugurated by Smt Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India - in the august presence of several eminent dignitaries beginning with the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, His Grace the Archbishop of Bangalore, the Provincial of the Karnataka Jesuit Province, the MLA of the Shantinagar Assembly Constituency, Fr Swebert D'Silva, Pro-Chancellor, Fr Victor Lobo, Vice-Chancellor of SJU, government officials, Jesuits, clergy and religious, alumni/alumnae of SJC, and luminaries from various institutions. Witnessing the historic event were close to 5000 attendees, including staff, students, friends and

well-wishers.

Rev Dr Victor Lobo, now Vice-Chancellor of SJU, was awarded the Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Teaching Excellence Award by Falcon Foundation. A delegation from the Islamic Republic of Iran visited the Institution seeking collaboration. Four cadets from our NCC unit (Air Force) were chosen to represent Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2022 at Jodhpur.

Our students participated and won medals and prizes in sports and athletic meets organized at Kanteerava Stadium, and also in the Annual Athletic Meet of the Jesuit institutions. Mrs Hazel Mary Raju, Director of Physical Education, led Karnataka Netball team to Gujarat and returned with a bronze medal. - Fr John Baptist

## ASHA KIRAN



Fr Provincial's canonical visitation of Asha Kiran energised our life in the Spirit. We were also privileged to have him preside over the festal Mass of the Nativity. The scholastics joined the "beach cleaning drive" at Panambur. The Kohima scholastics helped Fr Felix Victor to organise the Northeast Aloysian Freshers' Day. Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha, who paid a short

visit to Asha Kiran as part of his pastoral visit to our parish of Valencia, enlightened us on the significant contribution made by the Jesuits in shaping the history of the Church in Mangaluru. Fr Ronald Pais attended the Catholic Psychologists' Conference in Chennai.

- Sch Agil Roy J

## BIJAPUR



Fr Thomas D'Souza returned to the community rejuvenated after his angioplasty at Fr Muller's and recuperation at FRH. Ms Dana and Ms Janina (delegates from the Jesuit Mission Office from Zurich, Switzerland) were accompanied by Fr Arun Luis as they paid visits to all our mission units in Bijapur.

The principal and staff of Loyola School and PU College distributed 500 saplings to different schools in the city as a token of our effort to create environmental awareness in line with the UAPs. Loyola School won the overall championship in 'Prathibha Karanji' held in Bijapur. Loyola PU College hosted the district level Karate, Yoga, Basketball, Swimming, Judo and Shuttle badminton events.

The parish community celebrated the feast of the Nativity as a family feast. The festal spirit was enhanced by the liturgy prepared by the sisters of the three convents in the city, the women's cell leading a candlelight procession, children bringing up the offertory procession in dance, and the youth group organizing a singing competition, etc.

The Pension Adalat, organised by CNFE in collaboration with the Revenue Department, resulted in 27 senior citizens receiving the pension order on the spot, and 35 others awaiting completion of the process. More than 80 women participated in our skill development pro-

gramme for training in jewellery-crafting and



received impetus to start their own businesses. The CNFE, in collaboration with the Slum Board of Karnataka, succeeded in having 216 slum dwellers obtain their land entitlements in Tippu Nagar. Present on this occasion and witnessing this event were Fr Provincial, Fr Arun Luis and our Swiss delegates. Awareness programmes on POCSO and RTE were organised in different slums to encourage parents to ensure the safety of children and their school enrolment. Torrential rains have damaged many houses in the slums of Bijapur. As an immediate relief we arranged to provide dry ration

kits to the needy families and to repair some damaged houses. The Slum Board authorities have promised to start without delay the work of construction of 18 houses. The slum leaders met the Chief Minister Sri Basavaraj Bommai and submitted memoranda requesting him for a burial ground for the people of Bhat Nagar, and for speeding up the process of construction of the sanctioned houses.

Loyola CBSE School celebrated the National Sports Day followed by intramural games. Class X Board exam topper Ms Taskeen Yalagi was the chief guest at the valedictory. Some of the important events held by the Pre-Primary School were 'Animals Day', 'Good Touch and Bad Touch' and Teachers' Day. Six students won medals at Karate Open championship held at Bijapur, and 11 Scouts & Guides excelled in Rajyapuraskar. We have just begun the NCC unit in our school. Our staff had a 'fruitful' outreach programme as they visited the government hospital and distributed fruits and eatables to patients. - Fr Lancy M Fernandes

## FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



The nostalgic feast of Birthday of Mother Mary was well-prepared with a novena. The blessing of new grain was at the shrine during the morning Mass. Masses of the day were celebrated by Frs Alwyn R D'Souza, Dion Vaz and Joseph Rodrigues. At the community level, a nine-course vegetable dinner on 'shirothi' was well-enjoyed by all our veterans at the 'novem' meal.

Provincial Visitation followed the 'Monti fest'. It was time for the community to count the blessings, care for each other, refocus on our mission and fruitfulness. Thank you, Fr Dion. While Fr Joseph Monteiro, Minister, was away

to make his retreat, Fr Ajay D'Silva held the fort attending to every detail. Sensing others' needs and spontaneously reaching out to them seems to come naturally to him. The hostel students had a talk on Personality Development by Sr Janis Mary DHM. Frs Joseph Rodrigues, Joseph Monteiro and Terence Farias preached retreats to groups of sisters. Fr Devadatta Kamath spent a few days at Fr Muller's Hospital for treatment. He is back and recovering well. Six of our brother deacons were here in recollection, preparing for their Priestly Ordination. - Fr Thomas Quadras

## INIGO SADAN



We celebrated the feast of the Nativity of BVM, Teachers' Day and Onam. The SJIs organised a day of JESCOL programme which was conducted by our own teachers and mentored by Frs Joseph D'Mello and Josephvaz Monteiro.

SJIHS organised a cleanliness drive in Cubbon Park to awaken ecological concern among people. The school has established the Harmony Club to serve as a catalyst for promoting peace

and harmony in society. The inter-religious prayer service organised by the school focused on the common features of different religions and the need for fostering in students the values of secularism, culture of tolerance, equality and non-violence. The Alumni Association organised a health camp for the staff. Three of our Kannada medium students had the opportunity of participating in the "on-air" quiz competition organised by All India Radio for SSLC students.

The IT club of our Composite PU College arranged a guest lecture on Artificial Intelligence. Also, the human chain formed by the students in front of the college on World Suicide Prevention Day created among the public an awareness of the unquestionable value of human life. In the 'Annual Athletic Meet 2022' our students brought laurels to the college by winning several prizes in the intercollegiate academic and cultural fests.

## JNANA JYOTHI



The scholastics had a meaningful faith sharing that enriched and boosted the community life. The Priests went to Maria Nagar and Mysore for their faith sharing combined with an outing. As part of JFCT programme, the scholastics went on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Mary's Basilica on the feast of the Nativity. They shared their experience of the pilgrimage during the theological recreation. The community had a homely celebration of the 'Monthi Fest' with Eucharist and a festive meal. The second years had four days of classes on 'The Constitution of India' in SJCL, Bengaluru. Fr Lawrence Fernandes was with us for a week to take classes on Sociology of Religion. We had an intense experience of faith and solidarity as we prayed the rosary with the parishioners and hostel children. The choir brought up by the Anekal scholastics for the ordination ceremony on Oct 1 at SJBJS was well

SJIPS organised a workshop on 'Safe and Un-safe Touch'. We are happy that our beloved Headmistress, Sr Jane Benita, DW was the recipient of the "Best Teacher Award".

St. Joseph's CBSE School had a day of group dynamics and a seminar on health and hygiene for the teachers, and Jolly Joeys (a day of fun activities) for the students. - Sch Larren Menezes

appreciated. We had a well planned community picnic organised at SJBHS campus which revitalized our spirits.

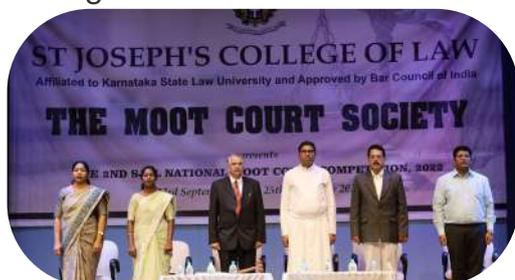
Ms Dana and Ms Jenina from Switzerland, accompanied by Fr Arun Luis, visited the CIRW. They also had a pleasant interaction with the Baljyothi hostel girls. The Christian Life Community (CLC) students from St Joseph's Boys' High School of classes 6-12 along with the teachers had an outreach programme in one of the brick factories in Anekal. They had the experience of interacting with the brick factory employees, the privilege of stepping into their shoes and trying their hands at brick making. CIRW organised a job fair for the unorganised youth in association with Radix Consultancy. The Job Fair opened up avenues to the young people who were struggling to find a decent job. - Sch Paul Anand

## JESUIT NIVAS



We celebrated the 85th birthday of one of our most experienced members, Fr Oswald Mascarenhas and the 82nd birthday of our former SJBHS Principal Fr Michael John. The members of the community laboured together as one in planning and organising the priestly ordinations of Dn Anthony Derrick and Dn Shantharaj on October 1 at St Joseph's Boys' High School chapel.

The chief guest at the College Day of St Joseph's College of Law was Justice N Kumar, Former



Judge of the High Court of Karnataka. As many as 25 Law colleges

across the country participated in the National level Moot Court Competition, inaugurated by Justice Srishananda, High Court of Karnataka. The legal aid cell of SJCL held a legal awareness programme in KS garden preceded by a walkathon from Lalbagh to KS garden. The programme concluded with a rendition of the songs of Dr B. R. Ambedkar, and the garlanding of the statue of the sculptor of the Indian Constitution by Fr Jerald D'Souza. Mr Alphonse Kennedy, social activist, addressed the students on the importance of awareness regarding the various rights enshrined in the Constitution of India. The MUN committee organised an interclass MUN on the Russia - Ukraine crisis. The Environment and Climate Justice Committee organised an event titled "Flooded by Climate change".

At SJPU, the newly recruited staff had a ses-

ssion which introduced them to Universal Apostolic Preferences. The Student Council organized Teachers' Day ("Enkindle -22').

The annual intra-collegiate fest, Andromeda, had "Macarius" for its theme. Pandit Praveen Godkinde, a well-known flute-player graced the occasion. Dr Asha Sidd (Psychotherapist) gave a talk to the parents of I PU students – on Post-Covid Parenting. Many students from city colleges took part in the annual Gospel fest "Genesis". Cadet Lohit (SJPUC) secured the Bronze Medal in JD & FS at AITSC. Students who excelled in the II PU Board Exams were felicitated in the Prize Distribution ceremony "Excellencia". The Harmony Club arranged a session on dialogue for select students.

## LOYOLA MANDIR



A good number of Jesuits from Bengaluru and other houses in the Province attended the AGBM of the KJES. Also, the Province Commission for Higher Education had its meeting at LM. LM hosted an evening get-together for all the secretaries of the Secondary Education of the South Asian Conference, who were having their meeting at Good Shepherd Convent.

Fr Boniface Lewis (KHM) is at Pratiskha and undergoing a thorough health checkup in Bengaluru. He is accompanied and assisted by Dn Royal Saldanha, (KHM). Besides going to various Jesuit communities as revisor, Fr Jason

## LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE



Having prepared for the Feast of the Nativity of BVM with an innovative novena, one would expect the pre-novices to have a bountiful community meal on the feast day itself. But no; many of them decided to take a day off and have the traditional vegetarian meal in their homes with parents and dear ones. A few who had their homes much too far were happy to be invited to their friends' homes. Our Loyola community, however, had our festive meal on the day following the feast. For over a month, we had our common prayers and liturgical services in the TV hall, leaving the chapel for renovation work. The renovated chapel was formally inaugurat-

The first batch of UG students of SJCC left for their annual outreach programme at Solur beginning from September 1.

The newly elected Student Council had a two-day residential camp (Sep 10-11) on leadership and team building at NBCLC. The intra-collegiate business fest "Cypher" (September 23-24) had close to 350 students participating in seven events. The panel discussion (organised by the Department of English) had for its theme "public space and subalternity". The intra-collegiate fest ("Voyager") of BCom (Travel and Tourism), "Voyager" was held on two days (Sept 30 and Oct 1). The NSS unit of the college celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi by distributing saplings of various fruit yielding trees to the farmers.

- Fr Praveen Kiran Martis

Furtado went down to Calicut too as revisor of Kerala Province, and has returned home with delicious Kozhikode halwa.

Fr Jossie D'Mello, as the procurator delegate, visited a number of Jesuit communities of the Province gathering information for his reports. He also gave classes at the JESCOL-II for the lay staff of our educational institutions of North Karnataka as well as lectured at Prerana, Bengaluru. Ms Dana and Ms Jenina - from the Missions Prokur, in Zurich, Switzerland - visited a number of works of the province.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

ed with a Mass on Tuesday, 4th October by our Rector, Fr Melwin Pinto, in the presence of a few Jesuits from the city.

On your next visit to Loyola, you will make it a point to visit the chapel and appreciate the alterations so artistically effected. In the midst of their multifarious responsibilities, Fr Anush D'Cunha and Sch Royster Monis made time to frequently visit FRH in order to prepare for the priestly ordinations to be conferred on six of our Jesuit deacons.

- Fr Peter Pinto

## LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



St Xavier's School and College observed Kalyana Karnataka day and Teachers' Day with due grandeur. The school now has a new bus. One of our students se-



## MANVI



Fr Maxim Rasquinha spent nearly a month in Mangaluru: first in Fr Muller's for treatment for acute bronchitis, and then for a few days of convalescence at Fatima Retreat House. The special care taken by Frs Anil D'Mello and Joseph Monteiro at FRH did as much as the hospital, if not more, to help Fr Maxim to recover fully and to return to Manvi to resume his life and service.

At the initiative of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, Bembala (outreach programme of the SJU), 60 students in five successive batches visited our mission in the months of August and September. The programme was an unqualified success in as much as the students planted saplings, created eco-awareness among the people, and instilled in them the need of a plastic-free environment. They visited families and government schools, and learned their joys and sorrows. Thanks to Fr Don Prem Lobo, who accompanied them all along, the students returned to their institution enriched by a sense of inner purification and peace. Frs Jason Furtado and Francis Menezes spent three days with us as revisors. Fr Wilson Moras spent two days as revisor in Mundgod Mission.

We celebrated Monthi Fest with a family get-together at Hombelaku – with the religious Sisters and our co-workers - and shared with them a meal on plantain leaves.

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH



Fr Arun Prakash D'Souza shared with the novices his rich experiences and insights on Jesuit mission in Japan and the challenges people encounter in the land of the rising sun. After grappling with the variety of books, novices were on fire during their book presentation as part of their study experiment. The novena in honour

cured the second place in the story telling competition at the taluk level Prathiba Karanji. Dr Prakash Rathod (RBRC) was the chief guest at the annual athletic meet of the school. Fr Maxim Misquith preached a retreat for the JMJ sisters in Bengaluru. Welcome to our new regent, Sch Christon Gonsalves, who recently joined the community. - Sch Arun Lobo

We are proud of Mahalaxmi Patil (our student in Final B.Com) who secured the 9th rank in Gulbarga University. The Final Year Arts and Commerce students went to Mysore to take part in the Dasara celebrations. The Botany students, accompanied by their lecturer Mr Bharath, went to Kerala on a five-day to study the fauna and flora of the Western Ghats.

Kalyana Karnataka Rajyotsava was celebrated by Loyola institutions as one unit. Mr Kasim Sab, Vice Principal of Loyola Degree College, thrilled us with his eloquence and rich message. Fr Leo took part in the CRI meet at Bellari.

The visitation by the Provincial, Fr Dion Vaz, was a rich experience of spiritual renewal for each one of us. A warm welcome was accorded to the new addition to our community, Sch Pradeep D'Souza, who joined us after finishing his exams in Dharwad. Fr Melwyn D'Cunha, along with four Jesuits and a lay Principal from Karnataka, participated in the IAJU conference held in Boston College, USA. The main themes of the conference were: fostering global citizenship, instilling the spirit of Laudato Si universities, and upholding democratic principles.

Our campus is gearing up to host MAGIS 2022 (4 to 6 October). We expect a large number of youth from different parts of Karnataka. - Fr Maxim Rasquinha

of Mother Mary added rich quintessence to the celebration of Monti feast and made it aromatic. Novices collaborated with the lay choir group in bringing out honeyed Konkani choir in Kale-na Agrahara parish. The tradition of the coastal belt of Karnataka, that is to have a festal meal as a family sitting on the floor and eating from

the banana leaf, was indeed memorable. As an aid to the growth of the novices, feedback sessions were held. Sr Stella from FSI congregation stirred the novices with an inspiring recollection talk based on her vocation story and spiritual experiences. The Swiss delegates, Ms Dana and Ms Janina accompanied by Fr Arun Luis paid a flying visit to MSJ novitiate and shared about their experiences of collaboration and networking with the Jesuits and their missions across the globe.

Frs Nithin Machado and Alphonse Fernandes preached on two of the three days at Our Lady of Health Church, Jigani. Fr John Pradeep was the main celebrant on the festive day. Our newly ordained priest, Fr Anthony Derrick celebrated his thanksgiving Mass on Sunday, October



2, in the chapel of Mount St Joseph. A one-day

## MUNDGOD



While Teachers' Day was celebrated in all the units of the mission, the Loyola High School student council hosted a grand meal for the teachers. Our high school had the opportunity to host the Taluk Level Sports Meet in our school campus. An inter-religious prayer service was held to mark Gandhi Jayanti. LVK Social Service Sector has initiated the "LVK Karaoke Club" designed to bring out the musical talent of rural youth. Fr Jerald D'Souza, Director St Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru, helped us to prepare a 10-year action plan based on the report of ASK Team. With the help of the Mundgod Taluk Hospital, a free health camp was conducted for malnourished children, their mothers and for Anganwadi teachers. LVK, in collaboration with SIDAK of Karwar, conducted a development and entrepreneurship training programme, and a training session for the members of the new SHG's and Lokmanch leaders. Some of our SHG women visited the Krushi Mela held at

retreat for the couples of our Parish was held in the Aula of MSJ on Sunday September 25. Frs Xavier Savarimuthu (CCU), Mohan Joseph, John Pradeep and Edward Rodrigues were the resource persons.

The Department of Secondary Education felicitated Loyola High School on obtaining 100% results in the SSLC examination. Kudos to the HM, Fr Edward Rodrigues. The 'Kinderplay mansion' of Loyola High School was inaugurated on September 27.

Loyola PUC was the host for the District Level Sports Meet organised by the PUC Education Dept. The Rector, Fr Anthony Joseph was the Guest of Honour at the inaugural function. LC-PUC staff attended JESCOL - III at Dhyanaashrama. LCPUC Social Concern Club, in association with Shekar Eye Hospital, conducted a free eye checkup camp on September 28.

Loyola Degree College organised a Blood Donation Camp. The donors were students and staff of the college, and also our novices.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

Dharwad. LVK, the Yuvaratna Youth Federation and the students of St Aloysius College jointly organised 'Swachata Abhiyan' at the Mundgod bus stop. Ms Dana and Ms Jenina (our Swiss friends) - accompanied by Fr Provincial and Fr Arun Luis - were warmly welcomed by the LVK and LCH hostel students. Later, they made a tour of the different villages to witness our initiatives for the uplift of the poor.

We are deeply saddened by the untimely demise of Mrs. Tunga Naik, who selflessly served as a social worker and a committed collaborator of LVK for 33 years. Her mortal remains were kept in LVK for the public to pay their respect, followed by a tearful funeral service. May her soul rest in peace.

- Fr Leo Florence





We joined the main community at Hassan for the celebration of the feast of the Nativity. The visit of Fr. Provincial to Hassan Jesuits was a stimulus to our fervour and commitment. The pre-novices who were given the opportunity of witnessing the priestly ordinations in Bengaluru recounted their experience as moving and inspiring. The second-year pre-novices were privileged to attend the Magis-2022 event in Manvi. Having completed their semester exams, Schs Joyal D'Sa and Sanson D'Souza are now attending an add-on course at St Joseph's Commerce College, Bengaluru.

**ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru**



The different departments of SAC (Autonomous) organised a plethora of academic programmes – webinars, workshops, and lecture series – on a variety of topics such as mental health, career planning, consumer movements, soil awareness, women entrepreneurship, higher education and Christian human values. The Departments of Mathematics and Chemistry organised one day fests for the PU students of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts. On Teachers' Day the Abhijnya Education Society presented Fr Praveen Martis with 'Life Time Achievement Award', and Fr Leo D'Souza with 'Outstanding Research Award'. The College signed a MoU with Red Drop, an initiative of the ICYM of Mangalore Diocese for blood donation. The new B.Sc course on Visual Communication has met with excellent response from talented students seeking admission. St Aloysius Prakashana, the publication unit of the College, released four books of social, cultural, academic and environmental relevance. Fr Royston Madtha attended a seminar in Mysore conducted by the Association of Microbiologists of India. The Eco Club of the B.Ed College organised an online session on e-waste awareness.

Our MBA Faculty conducted a two-day leadership training programme at AIMIT for the student leaders of St Aloysius PU College, Harihar. Fr Alwyn D'Souza, besides helping out in the office and the hostels, is also taking some English classes for the hostel students and has found a steady band of student followers. Fr Joel Fernandes, pursuing MBA at AIMIT, has gone for his internship to Bangalore.

The highlight of the felicitation programme, after the First Mass of Fr Shanthraj in the parish church in Hassan, was the mime staged by the pre-novices. Navasadhana organized a two-day leadership camp for the Catholic boys of the ninth, tenth, PUC and degree boys. The combined genius of Schs Kiran Branco, Anup Marandi (DUM), John Romiyo (DAR) added to the success of the camp. As this report goes to the press, the pre-novices find themselves back at base, refreshed and energized, to delve deeper into their studies. - Sch Chethan Kumar

The Centre for Inter-religious Harmony of St Aloysius PU College organised a multi-religious celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi, Nativity of Mother Mary and Onam. The highlight of the event was the dance drama depicting the importance of these feasts. The students displayed their love and affection for their teachers with a mélange of amusing programmes on Teachers' day. As part of twinning, some of our staff and students visited Mundgod and trained the students of Loyola institutions in leadership and soft skills. The staff enrichment programme organised by SAPUC included sessions on 'Protection of Human Rights' (by Fr Cedric Prakash SJ), 'UAP, Self awareness and Self Esteem' (by Fr Joye James SJ), 'Legal Aspects related to Adolescence' (by Advocate Nikesh Shetty), and 'Overcoming Challenges in teaching Gen Z in the class room' (Ms Vimarsha Jain). The Centre of Social Concern facilitated student outreach to destitute homes and rehab centers. The Eco Club arranged a talk on 'Animal Welfare and Rescue', and a field visit to Animal Care Trust (ACT), Shakthinagar. The College sports teams participated and won prizes at the district and state level sports meets.

The Teachers' Day celebration was made memorable by the High School PTA which invited the present and past (retired) members of the staff for an informal evening get-together followed by dinner. Our High School Hall was the venue for the Teachers' Day celebration (of Mangalore North) organised by the Department of Public Instruction in which more than 800 teachers participated.

St Aloysius Gonzaga CBSE School played the host, for a day and a half, to the teachers, accompanied by Fr Jeevan Gomes, of Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya (CBSE), Mundgod and had an interaction with them. The Kindergartners dedicated a day for their grandparents, and showed their love and affection towards them through a scintillating cultural programme. As many as 200 grandparents participated in the celebration.

It may be recalled that in addition to the regular NCVT courses, St. Aloysius ITI had also introduced NSDC affiliated non-formal courses.

### SWAMI RAJENDRA NILAYA



The students of class 8th and 9th organised a programme on Teachers' Day. On this occasion, the toppers of Formative Assessment exams were felicitated with medals. Fr Anthony Dass was the main celebrant on the Feast of

### VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



Monthi Fest on September 8 provided the much needed relief to the community amidst the tension of semester exams. On completion of 4th semester examination, Schs Steve Gibson Rodrigues, Joshua Fred Lobo and Arun Raj, having completed their 4th semester exams, are attending a course on Tally at SJCC. We bade farewell to Schs Pradeep D'Souza, Christon Gonsalves and Vimal Raj as they set out to their respective destinations for regency. Fr Joyson Vas, fresh after his annual retreat, has turned his full attention to the planning of Magis-2022

### SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



Our Principal, Fr Lawrence Fernandes, organised two programmes: a one-day workshop on life skills for the first year students, and a two-day faculty development programme for staff members. The latter had Frs Lancy Lobo and Fr Denzil Fernandes from ISI, Delhi, as resource persons. SN celebrated Karam and Onam festivals in the usual festive atmosphere. The students of Satya Nilayam entered yoga mode to

### VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi



The scholastics participated in the World Indigenous Day at JNU Stadium and the Montifest celebration at the Kanara Catholic Association (KCA). The first-year B.Th students spent a week in Varanasi visiting Hindu places of worship and meeting religious leaders – all as part of their course on popular Hinduism – guided by

Believe it or not, the first batch got 100% results! That's not all. We are proud to say that this year SAITI has achieved a unique record of securing 100% results in NCVT and NSDC, 100% job placements and 100% admissions for the new academic year! At the inaugural of the new academic year, parents were given a motivational talk. As part of our outreach programme, some of our students visited a senior citizens' home, and also helped a poor family at Bantwal to build a small house. On the convocation day all the outgoing students were granted membership into the recently revitalized SAITI Alumni association. - Fr Leo D'Souza

the Nativity at St Mary's Church, Mariapura. We are grateful to the Province for obtaining Fr General's permission for the extension of the new school building by two more floors and for financing the project. - Sch Steven Joseph

to be held shortly in Manvi. Five of us – VN scholastics – are engaged in a similar task of preparing for Magis. Fr Francis Fernandes is in Kohima at the moment attending the meeting of PCFs. Collection of data for his Ph.D dissertation has kept Fr Marcel Rodrigues quite busy. Two of the VN scholastics are at Shivamogga to teach the basics of economics and computer applications to Minor Seminary Students. Being in our mid-semester holidays, we feel we can afford to render our service where it is needed. - Sch Nikil Robin

take part in the ten-day intense yoga practice in the mornings.

Fr Lawrence Fernandes was at Jnana Deepa, Pune, to conduct a course for the students of Mth (Spirituality), and has now proceeded to Jnana Jyothi, Anekal, to take a course for the theology students on Sociology of Religion. - Sch Pratap L

Fr Anil D'Almeida. The VJ community celebrated Onam and Karam with our Chotanagpur brethren who work as domestic helpers in Delhi. As part of our fieldwork, the VJ organised a day's program for Rikshaw pullers. A new initiative in fieldwork is the scholastics' ministry among the children of sex workers, and among

refugees from Afghanistan and Myanmar. We were glad to have Fr. Melvil Pereira, the Regional Superior of Kohima, who was here on visitation, and shared with us information about our

works in the Kohima Region. The visitation of Fr. Stanislaus D'Souza, POSA, was an occasion for us to renew, with vigour, our commitment to mission. - Sch Ashwin D'Silva

**VIDYANIKETAN, Trivandrum** 

The course on Social Analysis by Fr Saji (KER) and Mr Andrew helped us to understand and critically analyse social issues. We had a short programme to felicitate our professors on Teachers' Day. The celebration of Onam, followed by two days of visits to the city to witness the public

celebration, gave us an insight into the rich tradition of Kerala. Also, a cultural tour to central Kerala gave us an opportunity to get a glimpse of Kerala's rich history and tradition. Fr Antony T.V attended the Assistency Juniorate Staff Meeting (AJSM). - Sch Little Merinth Aamose A

**VINAYALAYA, Mumbai** 

We felicitated our nine Juniorate teachers (seven Jesuits and two lay persons) on the occasion of teachers' day. We had an online session on 'Mosaic Art of Marco Rupnik, SJ' by Mrs Maud Matley, a resident of London. She also gave us a second session on the poems of Rudyard Kipling and William Wordsworth.

ra. The juniors took up the liturgy and the choir for the feast at Mount Mary's Basilica. The Eucharist was celebrated by Fr Joaquim (BOM). On the same day we went to visit the Bandra fair, St Peter's Church, and Bandra fort. Mr Adrian Rosario, a prominent Catholic of the Archdiocese of Bombay, conducted a workshop on 'Pastoral Skills and Management'. The community prayed for the repose of the soul of Mr Victor Pereira, the elder brother of Fr Anil Pereira, the Provincial of Bombay Province. - Sch Denver A. Pushpam

In view of the feast of the Nativity, we went on a pilgrimage, on foot, to two popular Marian shrines in Mumbai – Our Lady of Velankanni Church, Irla and Mount Mary's Basilica, Band-

**OURS IN PUBLICATION**



- Joseph Lobo**, "St Ignatius and Priestly Theological Formation", The Cannon Ball: A Coffee-table book by the St. Paul's Jesuits of the Goa Province, 41-44.
- Scotus Fernandez**, "One Step Enough for Me," JIVAN, October 2022, 24-25.
- Sch Denver A Pushpam**, "Caring for Our Common Home" (poem), JIVAN, October 2022.



**REST IN PEACE**

- Fr Lancy Pinto, SJ (BOM)**, 89/60, on 05 October, in Mumbai.
- Fr Antonio Falces, SJ (GUJ / ESP)**, 81/65, on 08 October at Javier, Spain. He worked in Gujarat Province for many years in missions, parishes and as Director of Juniorate and Spiritual Father.
- Fr Donatus Martis**, 82, from Varanasi Diocese, paternal uncle of Fr Praveen V Martis, on 22 September, in Varanasi.
- Sr Christine BS**, 68, maternal aunt of Fr Joy Rodrigues, on 05 October, in Dharwad.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Newly Ordained Priests - 2022



Fr Anthony Derrick



Fr Ashwin Cordeiro



Fr Ashwin Rebello



Fr George Pinto



Fr Jaison Pais



Fr Shantharaj A



Fr Rayan Pereira