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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

Celebrating the feast of St. Ignatius and retelling his life story is always for us his sons an inspiration and stimulus to the MAGIS in our own lives. Ignatius was an active man, ambitious and certainly a believer in God, but sufficiently taken up with his own preoccupations that left no space for God. In fact God had to literally force himself into the life of Ignatius and take a central place in his heart through a human tragedy of his being wounded in battle. God takes the first step. God creates within Ignatius' heart a readiness and openness never before experienced. The forced emptiness of the days of convalescence, the enforced silence and solitude allow the seed sown by his spiritual readings to germinate and grow, bearing abundant fruit in slow but steady stages. From being active, Ignatius was forced to being receptive. He thus grew, in the depths of his being, in the Christian mystery revealed in the life of Jesus and manifested in the lives of the saints.

We have just celebrated the second death anniversary of Fr Stan Swamy, a prophet of our times who lived a radical discipleship. Pope Francis says, "A prophet is someone who listens to the words of God, who reads the spirit of the times, and who knows how to move forward towards the future. True prophets, keep the promise of God alive, they see the suffering of their people, and they bring us the strength to look ahead." This is very true about Fr Stan Swamy who has left us a rich legacy of commitment to people's movements especially when human rights are violated. He believed in speaking truth to power and inspires us to do the same.

Let us be faithful to the legacies of St Ignatius and Fr Stan Swamy, that we may truly be prophets and mystics of service in today's world.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Peter Gallagher: Provincial of the Province of Britain

Fr Primitivo "Jun" E Viray Jr: President of the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific (JCAP)

Fr Chukweyenum (Chucks) Afiawari (ANW): Director of Communications for the Society of Jesus.

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Antony Pais: Director, St Joseph's Primary School, Anekal

Fr Bala Kiran Kumar: Tertianship, Portland, Oregon

Fr Joel Fernandes: Coordinator, Province Commission for Youth Ministry

Fr Joyson Vas: Province Coordinator for Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN)

Fr Richard Rego: Mentor for Karnataka Jesuits pursuing PhD

Fr Vijayaraju S: Teaching at LCPUC, St Rita's Church, Mundgod

JUNIORATE

Dhyan Ashram, Kolkata: Schs Daran Cardoza, Sudarshan, and Vivek Clitus D'Souza

Vidyaniketan, Thiruvananthapuram: Schs Akshay Kumar V, Felix Vinal, Jeevan Santhosh L, Lloyd Ronald Lobo, Princeton Vinoy D'Souza, Robert C, and Nov Anvil Mascarenhas.

Vinayalaya, Mumbai: Schs Abhishek A, Fean Anson Almeida, Harrison Linus Sera, Manvith D'Souza, and Royal R K.

DIACONATE MINISTRY

Dn Arvind Royce J: Sacred Heart Church, Bengaluru - Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru; **Dn Arvin Jeevan Pais:** Most Holy Saviour Church, Agrar - FRH, Mangaluru; **Dn Ashwin D'Silva:** St Philip Neri Church, Basrur - SAC, Mangaluru; **Dn Avinash D'Souza:** St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Bengaluru - Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru; **Dn Jaison Lobo:** Our Lady of Good Health Church, Shirva - SAC, Mangaluru; **Dn Leston Baptist Lobo:** St Francis Xavier's Church, Bejai - FRH, Mangaluru; **Dn Vinod Mathias Saldanha:** Sacred Heart Cathedral, Shimoga - SAC, Harihar; **Dn Vishal Melroy Pinto:** St Joseph's Church, Sagar - SAC, Harihar.

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Fr Provincial has reconstituted the Karnataka Province Team for Safeguarding: **Fr Cyprian Tellis (C), Jerald D'Souza, Francis Menezes,** and **Prashanth Wesley D'Souza.** **Fr Jerald D'Souza** will be the spokesperson. **Fr Cyprian Tellis** continues to be the protection officer of the Karnataka Province safeguarding team.

Appointed by the Archbishop of Bangalore

Fr Ivan P Mendonca: Dean of the Begur Deanery

Archbishop Stephen Chow Sau-yan SJ of Hong Kong among the future cardinals: On Sunday 9 July, after the Angelus, Pope Francis announced the creation of 21 new cardinals on 30 September. Among them is a Jesuit, Stephen Chow, who is currently Archbishop of Hong Kong, a position he has held since May 2021. He was previously the Provincial Superior of the Chinese Province.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Schs Abhishek A, Akshay Kumar V, Daran Cardoza, Fean Anson Almeida, Felix Vinal, Harrison Linus Sera, Jeevan Santhosh L, Lloyd Ronald Lobo, Manvith D'Souza, Princeton Vinoy D'Souza, Robert C, Royal R K, Sudarshan and Vivek Clitus D'Souza on pronouncing your First Vows in the Society of Jesus.

THANK YOU

Fr Anil D'Almeida for preparing the monthly recollection points for our communities.

Fr Francis Fernandes and **Fr Maxim Dias** for serving the province as the coordinator of Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN) and the coordinator of Province Commission for Youth Ministry respectively.

Fr Joseph Lobo for faithfully accompanying our men pursuing PhD as their mentor till now.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

July 2023

11: Meeting of Province Formation Commission
13-14: Program for Deacons: Xavier Sadan, Mysuru
15-16: Meeting of Local Superiors: FRH, Mangaluru
15: Province level felicitation of Jubilarians, FRH, Mangaluru
17: Province Consult: FRH, Mangaluru
21-23: KRRCR Annual Assembly: Dharmaram, Bengaluru
25-26: Visit to Harihar
29: Programme for Belgaum CRI
30: Inauguration of Golden Jubilee of SJHS

August 2023

05-12: Personal Retreat
18: Meeting of Vocation Promoters / Secondary & Higher Education Commissions
19-20: Meeting of DoWs: Prerana, Bengaluru
20: AGM, KJES
21: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru
21: AGM, BJES
22: AGM, AJECS, Anekal
23: AGM, NKJECS, Mundgod
24: AGM, BJECS, Vijayapur
25: AGM, CNFCE, Manvi
26: Meeting with Regents
28: Programme for formators of Bethany congregation
31: AGM of St Josephs' Seminary, Mangaluru

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ordinations: The ordinations of our deacons will be on Saturday, 30 September, in St Joseph's Boys' High School (Bengaluru) at 10:00 AM and on Saturday, 14 October, in Fatima Retreat House (Mangaluru) at 10:00 AM.

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

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

August 19-20: Meeting of DoWs: Prerana, Bengaluru

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

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWP): JULY 2023

For A Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationship in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

FIRST VOWS at Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru



The Karnataka Jesuit Province joyfully celebrated the batch of ten novices - Abhishek A; Akshay Kumar V; Harrison Linus Sera; Jeevan Santhosh L; Manvith D'Souza; Princeton Vinoy D'Souza; Robert C; Royal R K; Sudarshan; and Vivek Clitus D'Souza - professing their First Vows. Prior to their commitment the novices underwent an intense 8-day retreat directed by Fr Clarence D'Souza. The concelebrated Eucharist, centred around the theme "IGNEUM AMOREM" (Ignited by Love), was presided over by Fr. Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial. The homilist, Fr Joseph Lobo explained why one needs to enter the flame of Love even when one is sure to be burnt. The Eucharist was rendered more devotional by the novitiate choir. In felicitating the newly professed, Fr Provincial and Fr John Pradeep, the novice director, exhorted the vovents to live their commitment with joy.

Vivek Clitus D'Souza spoke a few words about the Navataranga, the novitiate bulletin of MSJ. The vovents expressed their gratitude for the support



and encouragement they had received from the MSJ community over the past two years.

- Fr Nithin Machado

FIRST VOWS at Xavier Training College, Belagavi 

Seven 2nd year novices from Xavier Training College (XTC), Desur pronounced their first vows on 21 June in the main chapel of the Novitiate. The theme selected was 'The Chosen Servants'. There were four novices for Karnataka province: Daran Cardoza; Fean Anson Almeida; Felix Vinal and



Lloyd Ronald Lobo; two for Bombay Province and one for Gujarat Province. The presence of their parents and siblings magnified the joy of the occasion. The main celebrant of the solemn Eucharist was Fr Anil Pereira, Novice Master of the seven novices for a year and at present the Provincial of the Bombay Province. The concelebrants at the altar were the provincials of the Goa and Pune Provinces - Fr Roland Coelho and Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas respectively, Fr Vincent Saldanha (GUJ) and Fr Francis Fernandes, provincial delegates of the Gujarat and Karnataka provinces respectively, Fr Lawry Trinitade (GOA) Novice Master and

Fr Francis Fernandes (BOM) Socius.

Many priests were present for this auspicious occasion; Jesuits from various provinces from the western and southern zone as well as priests from the Belgaum diocese. The congregation included various religious and lay people who had helped the brothers in the course of their novitiate formation in various capacities. Everyone got together for a fellowship meal after the Eucharist. The entire event was well planned and organized by the community at XTC with the novices singing in the choir, preparing the liturgy, decorating the altar, the chapel and the refectory. The entire day's program was taken care of by the fourteen



second year novices. The twelve candidates hailing from Bombay, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka and Hazaribagh provinces' have entered their first probation.
 - Fr Francis Fernandes (BOM)

Meeting of the Socii of the Conference of South Asia 

The meeting of the Socii of the Conference of South Asia took place at Ashirvad, Bengaluru from 7-9, July 2023. Fr Antoine Kerhuel, SJ, Sec-



retary of the Society of Jesus was the resource person for this enriching and refreshing meeting.

After the warm welcome accorded by the host provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, Fr Stanislaus D'Souza, POSA highlighted the role and function of a Socius in the light of the word 'companion'. After the personal prayer, the Socii shared in smaller groups their reflections on the presentation of the POSA. In his very informative and practical sessions, Fr Antoine dealt at length the structure of governance at the General Curia, role and function of the socius as admonitor and consultor, how to be familiar with the socius portal in ad usum nostrorum, norms to be followed in filling up catalogue data, province archives, etc. Our own Fr Arun Luis enlightened the Socii by sharing about the involvement of the province with the members of the civil society during Karnataka assembly elections and working out strategies to defeat the divisive forces. On the first day, the group had dinner at Arrupe Nivas and on the second day, in the afternoon, the socii went to

to Swiss Town, Devanahalli for an outing. The Socii of South Asia are grateful both to the Province of Karnataka and to Fr Arun Luis and the Ash-

irvad community for contributing towards making this meeting of the Socii a memorable one.

- Fr Joseph A D'Mello

KJES Youth Works (NECCB)



Relief work for the people of Manipur was undertaken at SJU under the leadership of Fr James (KHM). Among the concrete measures implemented were: the establishment of a Transit House in Berchman's Hostel for accommodation, signing an MOU between SJU and external hos-

tels, establishing a helpline for those in need, and providing educational support in various institutions making it possible for students from any of the affected communities in Manipur to contact the helpline for accessing the services.

- Fr Maxim Dias

ARRUPE NIVAS



Fr Victor Lobo had the privilege of flagging off the Haj flights which he did by singing the Qur'anic verses and reciting the special Haj prayers in Arabic. The dignitaries present on the occasion were the Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah, the Deputy Chief Minister Shri D. K. Shivakumar, the Speaker of the Assembly Mr U.T. Khader, the Minister for Housing Mr Zameer Ahmed Khan, and the Chairman cum members of Haj Committee. More than 7000 pilgrims and over 30,000 people witnessed the solemn flagging off.

search project (S.U.R.E.) from the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) of the Central Government - amounting to over Rs. 28 lakh. Two of our faculty from the Dept of Advanced Computing - Dr Sivakannan and Mr Francis Denzil Raj V - got their Indian patent registered for the design "Thermal Vision Surveillance Robot". Chaitanya Uma Shankar (III B.Com) represented Karnataka and won gold in the obstacle swim relay in the Life Saving Championship held in Bengaluru.

Shri Farooq Abdullah, former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, visited the SJU campus bringing greetings of peace and good wishes from the people of Kashmir to the newly upgraded University. Dr Dhivya Kiran Jeevan (our PR Officer) was a special awardee of the Business Mint Nationwide Award-2023 in recognition of his educational leadership (which only 50 people across India are chosen to receive). Dr Debashis Ghosh (Dept of Chemistry) secured a major re-

The community bid a fitting farewell to Frs Francis D'Almeida, Xavier Savarimuthu (CCU), John Baptist; Schs Reuell Paul (DAR), John Kapugi (AOR) and Angelo Msuya (AOR). Frs Denzil E Lobo, Maxim Dias and Swebert D'Silva were the resource persons in the JESCOL seminars held at Loyola-Manvi and SJCC-B'luru. We were privileged to have the Secretary of the Society of Jesus, Fr Antoine Kerhuel from Rome visiting our university.

- Fr Jaison Pais

ASHIRVAD



Fr George Pinto, who has enrolled himself in the Master of Sociology programme at the Christ University, is a new member of our community. Fr Joseph A (MDU), having completed his Counseling course at Sampurna went back to his province. Fr Prashant Madtha is in the news these days for his online talks every Saturday on Robust Spirituality. Fr Arun Luis and Fr Jerald M D'Souza attended a meeting organised by the Australian Jesuit Mission partners in Cebu, Philippines. Fr Joseph Lobo delivered an online guest lecture to the doctoral students and a few staff members of the Theology faculty of the University of Innsbruck on the theme "Dialogical Theologizing Based on Cross-Creedal Encounter". He also addressed the newly recruited staff of SJU on the theme "Vision and Mission of Jesuit Higher Education."

Spandana Study Centre organized a 10-day summer camp for its children. SJBHS offered their school bus for the camp participants for a day's picnic. A second summer camp was held for the KR Puram children at the FEDES campus. Fr Arul Anthony did a wonderful job in organizing these camps. With the transfer of Fr Joe Xavier from ISI Bengaluru, the Caritas Germany project in the slums (a very helpful project) too came to an end. CSC has earnestly begun the work of migrant helpline in the slums.

HRDC concluded the third series of 'Laity Formation' programme on the theme: "Jesus Christ: Basic Christology for laity." It was a 15-hour programme spread over four weekends. The participants have requested for more of such pro-

-gramme spread over four weekends. The participants have requested for more of such programmes. The first of JESCOL-II for the year 2023-24 was conducted for our collaborators in the education apostolate of the Bengaluru zone. A 5-day workshop on "Governance and Leadership for priests and religious" too went on very well. A total of 415 PU and 10th Std students from 11 institutions participated in the 2-day retreats, coordinated jointly by Frs Arun Luis and Joseph Lobo. Schs Joswin Pereira, Paul Anand, Arvind Royce and Fr George Pinto were in their elements in taking the participants through fruitful spiritual experiences. Frs Jaison Pais, Yesunath Karlekar, Micheal John, and Ashwin Cordeiro made themselves available for confessions.

Under the aegis of the Sahaya higher education project of the province, an aptitude test was conducted for 23 students, of whom eight selected ones had one full month of Computer and English coaching classes at Ashirvad. Mr Naveen

Fernandes, Mr Valerian Crasta, Mr Joslyn and Ms Zeena Fernandez were the resource persons. We are grateful to Frs Sunil Fernandes and Vishal D'Souza of SJBHS for organizing Computer classes for these candidates and for sponsoring snacks for them. Two new courses, in addition to 'media and newspaper analysis' by Fr Richard Rego and Dr Vidisha were introduced for the senior Sahaya students. The activist lawyer Ms Maitreyi Narayan with her team of human rights activists conducted a 10-day social analysis programme for the same participants.

Domestic Workers' Union has begun to meet at Ashirvad. They are struggling hard to fight for their rights. As preparation for the upcoming general election, series of meetings are being planned to be held at Ashirvad. Various groups in other States too are requesting for information on Eddelu Karnataka movement with the intention of replicating it in their respective places.

- Fr Joseph Lobo

BIJAPUR



In a remarkable display of environmental stewardship, Loyola School and PU College, came together on 5 June to commemorate World Environment Day embracing the theme of "#Beat Plastic Pollution." Children took part in a collective effort to plant numerous saplings throughout the school's verdant campus. The esteemed presence of Fr Prashanth Sequeira, as the chief guest elevated the occasion, inspiring students to become custodians of the planet. Alongside this celebration, Loyola School conducted a comprehensive three-day bridge course examination to bridge academic gaps, while Schs Joel Dias and Shaun D'Silva organized a two-day orientation program for newly admitted first PUC students. Both Loyola School and PU College organized student elections. Through a democratic process, capable young leaders were chosen for the upcoming academic year of 2023-24.

The influx of new admissions brought approximately 110 fresh faces to Loyola CBSE school, Sindagi. We commemorated World Environment Day, International Yoga Day, and Bakrid with deep meaning and earnest celebrations. Fr Lancy Fernandes was invited to give an orientation to the staff of Holy Cross School, Afzalpur. Upholding the principles of transparency and fairness,

our student cabinet elections followed a rigorous process encompassing nominations, canvassing, manifestos, voter ID cards, and voter slips. Schs Joel Dias, Abraham Clinton, and Saul Abhishek dedicated their time and expertise to enhance the students' soft skills and spoken English proficiency over a two-week period. To honour the late Fr Lawrence Pinto, the esteemed founder of our school, a Memorial Lecture was held on 17 June. Dr Isabella Xavier graced the event as the keynote speaker. Excitingly, for the first time our Loyola Boys Study Home reached maximum capacity with 32 students.

The final inspection of the ITI has been successfully completed, and we are currently waiting for the approval. Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial, blessed and inaugurated our new electrical lab, an advanced facility that will enhance practical learning experiences.

CNFE took the initiative to organize a Pension Adalat, which successfully helped nearly 68 individuals in accessing various pensions. This initiative is aimed to provide financial support to those in need by helping them avail government assistance. Collaborating with the Slum collectives, CNFE also commemorated Environment Day by distributing plants to families, promot-

-ing environmental awareness and encouraging green initiatives. Additionally, CNFE collaborated with multiple NGOs to observe Anti-Child Labour Day. The collectives at CNFE addressed concerns over increased electricity bills by submitting a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner, seeking a resolution for affected individuals. Furthermore, CNFE organized trainings for new Self-Help Groups (SHGs), equipping individuals with valuable skills and knowledge to foster self-sufficiency within the community. With the aim of providing healthcare services to the underserved, a total of 16 health camps were organized, improving access to medical care and promoting well-being. Moreover, CNFE facilitat-

ed support group meetings for individuals living with HIV and disabilities, offering them a safe space and resources. An interface program with the Deputy Director of Food and Provisions provided a platform to discuss issues related to food security. Fr Jerald D'Souza conducted an annual evaluation of the youth project supported by KJES to assess its progress and impact on empowering young individuals. Overall, CNFE's diverse range of activities and initiatives throughout the month underscore their commitment to social welfare, community empowerment, health, and environmental awareness, all aimed at making a positive difference in the lives of individuals and the community at large. - Fr Ronald Serrao

INIGO SADAN



Having completed their academic year, the scholastics are currently spending their vacation serving in various mission places. Fr Felix A has taken up the role of house minister, and Fr John Baptist as the principal of St Joseph's community College. Fr Joseph D'Souza, Superior, has assumed the additional role of director of St Louis Boarding House; he is assisted by the regent, Sch Avin Antony.

St Joseph's Indian Primary School organized a day's orientation programme for the staff. Fr Joseph D'Souza and the Headmistress addressed the parents of the students on the code of conduct. World Environment Day and Yoga Day were duly observed. The newly elected members of the student council pronounced their oath and assumed responsibility to serve the school and to practice leadership skills. Fr John Baptist, chief guest at the Investiture ceremony, spoke about the importance of being a leader.

The SSLC results (2022-23) brought cheer to the staff and students with an overall percentage of 97.86 including 60 distinctions and 190 first classes. An induction programme for all the students and an orientation programme for the new entrants helped not only in boosting their educational pursuits but also in instilling in them the value of work-culture. The contenders of the student council for the various coveted positions read out their manifestos in the assembly and displayed attractive posters to convince the students of their (contenders') eligibility for the position. The NCC Air Wing cadets attended a 10-day camp at Vidyashilp Academy campus Jakkur and the naval wing cadets at Christ University campus, Kengeri. They also participated in many cultural competitions, debates, extempore, quiz, etc.

St Joseph's School (CBSE) had an orientation for the students of Class XI. Science teachers had a training session which had Mr Gautham (Scikraft Education and Engineering Design Pvt. Ltd) as the resource person. World Environment Day was observed by holding a special assembly. The newly elected student council members assumed their responsibilities with great enthusiasm. The Annual Prize Day of the school had Major Pradeep Shoury Arya, IRS, (Commissioner of Income Tax), as the chief guest.

At the formal commencement of the academic year of SJIPUC, the director, Fr Cyril Menezes, addressed the students, and the Superior, Fr Joseph D'Souza, delivered the presidential message. It was followed by an orientation programme for the students designed to acquaint them with faculty and staff, campus and facilities, and a plethora of cultural activities in which students could participate. The II PU Catholic students attended a two day retreat organized by Fr Arun Luis and his team at Ashirvad. The eagerly-awaited Fresher's Day was followed by the face-off event introducing the contestants of the student council election. The election was held in the respective classrooms with students experiencing the significance of exercising their vote. The orientation programme for the parents was well received. International Day against Drug Abuse was observed with the assistance of the social service league of the college. An animation video presentation and an interclass poster making competition gave students an insight into the harmful consequences of drug abuse. Christian Student Association organized a two-day retreat with the help of Logos Retreat Centre, Bengaluru. The college secured 96.35% results in the board exam with 216 distinctions and 452 first classes.

- Sch Avin Anthony

At St Joseph's Institute of Management (SJIM), the 28th batch of PGDM students began their academic journey this year on June 26. The chief guest at the inauguration of the academic year was Mr Sanjay Kaul (Chairman and Mg Director of Timken India Ltd). There are 240 new entrants for the current academic year.

At SJBHS, the Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated by Fr Swebert D'Silva. On the second death anniversary of the death of Stan Swamy, the Eucharist was celebrated by Fr Maxim Dias. Retreat and personality development sessions were conducted for students. Fr Nithin Monteiro conducted a Faculty Development Programme titled "The Impact of Artificial Intelligence and the Role of Teachers in a Digital World." Yoga Day was duly observed. The School organized the Science and Technology Fest 'Transcendence,' inaugurated by Dr Aluru Seelin Kiran Kumar (Former Chairman of ISRO). Did you know? - SJBHS Museum has been listed in the latest edition of the Directory of Museums in India!

The first edition of TEDxSJCL was conducted at St Joseph's College of Law with the esteemed presence of 10 eminent speakers from various fields who addressed the audience on the theme "Transformational conversations." A seminar on the dangers of drug abuse and trafficking was held, at which Mr Satish (Asst Commissioner of Bangalore City Police) addressed the students. The Constitution Club conducted a constitutional awareness programme for the I PUC students of SJPU. International Yoga Day witnessed enthusiastic participation of students and faculty in a yoga session. Justice A.V. Chandrasekhara (for-

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



Earlier this month, our community was filled with joy at the arrival of the five first-year theology students. They began their theological formation with 20 days of enriching experience of being with the poor. It was followed by two days of personal sharing and critical reflection on their learnings. Fr Ivan Mendonca returned from Jerusalem with a spiritual aura (not forgetting the delicious dates from the Holy Land) after the renewal programme he had in the holy city. After the example of St Peter who was called to lead the Universal Church, Fr Ivan Mendonca has been called to lead the "Begur Deanery" as its Dean. The JFCT began their current academic year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Fr Shantharaj T had

mer Judge, High Court, Karnataka) addressed the students during their workshop on the importance of alternative dispute resolution. The Environmental Law and Climate Justice committee organised a workshop on "Sustainable Food practices" by Mr Srivathsa Govindaraju, a Techie-turned-Farmer. The NSS unit of St Joseph's College of Law observed the No Tobacco Day by organizing a skit with the strong message "Say NO to Tobacco." The AICUF unit of SJCL bagged the overall champions trophy in 'Zephyr 2023', an inter-collegiate Gospel fest organized by St. Francis College, Bengaluru.

St Joseph's College of Commerce commenced the new academic year with a Faculty Development Programme on "Empowerment through NLP" led by Prof Leo Lobo. The formal orientation for the first-year undergraduate (UG) students was conducted on June 21. Over 1100 students have joined the College this year for various UG and PG courses. Additionally, Samagra-Bembala-Ignitors orientation sessions were held specifically for the first-year UG students covering various topics like wellness, social concern and character formation.

Jesuit Nivas community celebrated the final vows of Fr Ramesh Vanan who is serving in British Guyana. A meaningful Eucharist followed by a brief felicitation programme was organized at SJBHS chapel. The community bid farewell to the outgoing members, Frs Anthony Pradeep and Arun Panackal (DEL). Fr Ashwin Cordeiro and Sch Mark lawbor (KHM) have joined the community.

- Fr Praveen Kiran Martis

been to Delhi to conduct comprehensive exam for the third-year theology students at VJ.

The CIRW conducted an annual evaluation of self-help groups and the World Environment Day with the theme "ಹಸಿರು ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಪರಿಸರ." A new tailoring centre, with 13 women to begin with, was inaugurated in Soppahalli village. In the training session organized for the facilitators of Akankshe Study Centre, Fr Antony Pais gave a talk on child psychology. He likened the role of a facilitator in the formation of children to that of a potter shaping the clay into a pot. Both the Balajyothi hostels are full, with 81 students in all. Sch Ovin Rodrigues animated a session for our

hostel boys and girls on Time Management and SMART Learning.

St Joseph's PU College now includes a Primary School having secured government permission for classes 1 to 8. Fr Antony Pais is the director of the school. A sizeable number of new admissions have already been made to LKG, UKG, and 1st

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



The community gave a warm welcome to the new members: Frs John Thomas, Roshan Pinto and John Crasta; and bid farewell to Fr Vinod Paul.

The newly built Boys' Hostel wing located in the second floor of St Xavier's PU College was inaugurated and blessed by our Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, in the presence of the staff and students of the college. The Boys' Hostel is filled to capacity while the number in the Girls' Hostel is on the increase.

Fr Maxim Misquith, President of Gulbarga CRI Unit, organized a daylong seminar for the CRI on "Challenges faced by the Religious." Fr Dionysius Vaz was the resource person. Thanks to the efforts of Fr Robert Rodrigues, St. Xavier's School has witnessed a significant increase in the enrolment of students for the second year in a row. The rise in student strength – from 281 to 385 - reflects the trust and confidence the public has in our in-

MANVI



Fr Ashwin Cordeiro and Schs Santhosh Kumar and Pradeep D'Souza were given a warm send off as they moved on to their new assignment after serving the mission for a year.

Frs Brian Pereira and Maxim Misquith were with us on different days in connection with the registration of lands. About 300 youth belonging to Bellary diocese had a three-day seminar (April 21-23) at Loyola Campus. Fr Don Prem Lobo proceeded to Kerala for naturopathy for his asthma. He is very much better now.

SSLC and Loyola PU results have been very good. In Science, one of our students topped the Taluk level. There was an orientation program for all the staff of Loyola institutions conducted by Frs Maxim Dias, Vishal D'Souza and Mr Prashanth.

On 23 May Ursuline Sisters, Sr Juliet Monteiro and Sr Prabha arrived with their Provincial to offer their services to our Mission. On 5 June, Sr Juliet took charge of Loyola school from Miss Annamma who had deftly handled the portfolio for sev-

Std. Fr Joyson Vas, Province Youth Coordinator for North Karnataka, conducted two days of leadership training for the students, and brought new vigour and dynamism in the students. To up-skill and enhance the students' facility with the English language, a week of special spoken English classes were conducted. - Sch Johnson R

stitution. The school building has also undergone an aesthetic facelift. Pre-primary class rooms are adorned with attractive and educative pictures, creating an engaging atmosphere that promotes creativity and learning among young minds. Four of our PUC teachers attended the JESCOL I seminar organized by SJCC in Bengaluru. The grand Investiture Ceremony held in the School had Mrs Mary Supritha, Vice-principal of PU College, as the chief guest. The PU College welcomed the new principal, Fr John Thomas, and bid farewell to the outgoing director Fr Vinod Paul. The World Environment Day was celebrated with an awareness programme followed by planting of saplings in the campus. International Yoga Day was celebrated with the theme: Health is Wealth. On 5th July we observed the second death anniversary of Fr Stan Swamy with an inter-religious prayer service followed by speeches on the life and mission of Fr Stan Swamy. - Fr Roshan Pinto

eral years. Sr Navya, after four years of generous service as Warden of Girls' Hostel, left for Mangaluru. On May 31 Sr Ida Janet arrived to take charge of Loyola Girls' Hostel. The JESCOL-1 was organized on 2 and 3 June on our campus. Around 50 staff of our units and St. Aloysius, Harihar benefited from the two days programme. The resource persons were Frs Swebert D'Silva, Denzil E Lobo and Joseph Lobo. Fr Swebert blessed the new school bus that was gifted to us by Jesuit Missions Germany.

Fr Vinod Paul took charge of the Degree College on 5 June from Fr Melwyn D'Cunha who left for Mangaluru for his new assignment after receiving a fitting send-off.

Fr Maxim Rasquinha attended his sister Sr Bernardine MSAs 100th birthday in Ajmer on 3 June, and his younger sister of Charity, Sr Savina's Diamond Jubilee as religious in Hyderabad. It was a touching experience, says Fr Maxim, meeting Sr Bernardine in good health, able to walk and talk in full presence of mind except for poor hearing.

Schs Kiran Leema and Wilson Saldanha, theologians, JFCT, spent two weeks with us taking up a variety of activities including orientation programme for college students, classes in the high school, special classes for weaker students and so on. Thank you, Kiran and Wilson. Mr Gabriel, a youth from England, and a friend of Dinah our benefactress is with us for an experience in Pannur-Manvi Mission for three weeks.

On 28 June we celebrated the 21st Foundation Day of Pannur-Manvi Mission along with the staff of all the units on the campus. Sr Leena Pais, Administrator Loyola Medical Centre, Pannur, was

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



Fr Arockiasamy M who was part of MSJ and its apostolate for over a decade and a half, was given a fond farewell when he left for Xavier Sadan, Mysuru to take up his new mission. Fr William Sequeira was away at Amritsar for nearly three weeks, to give a course on Mid Life Transition, followed by directing the Retreat to the SCJM Sisters. Fr Joe Mathias, spread over the month of June, directed a workshop on Transformative Leadership to 15 participants of the Congregation of the Catechist Sisters of St Ann, Hyderabad; and then at Prerana he gave a course on Religious Leadership to a group of animators from religious Congregations; and one on Psycho-Spiritual Integration to a group of Junior Sisters. To cap them all, he landed at Vydehi hospital for a couple of days to undergo a minor surgery for Fistula. Fr Prashanth Wesley D'Souza conducted classes on Vocational Discernment for the Ursuline Tertiaries at Mysuru.

The Society of Jesus is delighted to welcome eight would be novices to the school of heart. They underwent 13 days of probation under the guidance of Fr Nithin Machado, the Socius. The Juniors after their first vows left for their respective destinations (Kolkata, Mumbai and Trivandrum) to pursue their Juniorate studies.

The commencement of the work on the construction of the Degree College started on 28 June. Prior to that we rejoiced and praised the Lord when the new borewell provided a good source

MUNDGOD



The academic year at Loyola High School commenced well with an increase in admissions. Our bore wells went dry owing to the delayed monsoon, and we had to buy water to provide for the needs of the students. Amidst these shortages,

the chief guest; Fr Leo Pereira presided over the function. After the prayer service, there was a skit on the activities of the first Fathers in the Mission, well presented by the College staff under the guidance of Fr Vinod Paul. On 29 June, the actual Foundation Day, all the Pannur Sisters were invited for a thanksgiving Mass and agape.

Fr Don Prem Lobo is working hard to obtain housing rights for 24 Devdasi families of Ramathnal from the Tahsildar, Sindhanoor. A boost of liberation for our people! Congrats Don!

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

of water at the depth of 750 feet! Fr Rector, Anthony Joseph has been very much on the scene supervising the execution of the work.

Loyola ITI had its Graduation Day with Dr Joseph Stanley, the General Secretary of SKIP, as the chief guest for the function.

The AICUF unit along with the IQAC of Loyola Degree College has organized a month long programme 'Loyolotsava 2023.' The formal launching was done by Fr James Gonsalves. The staff of LCPUC attended a programme 'Counselling and Mentoring' organized by 'Samagra.' Our theologians Schs Pruthvi Rodrigues, Noel Dias and Roydon Misquith conducted the Orientation Programme, Communicative English classes and a half day retreat for the catholic students.

40 Superiors and Animators attended a Religious Leadership Programme at Prerana. The participants included those from Vietnam and Bangladesh.

The CRI, Bangalore South Zone, organized a prayer meeting for peace in Manipur in the main chapel of Mount St Joseph on Sunday, 25 June. Fr Mariaraj, who served in the North East for nearly three decades, gave a short input on the geographical and ethnic composition of Manipur. It was followed by silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and ended with the candle light procession, recitation of the Rosary, to the grotto.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

we conducted World Environmental day by planting saplings. For the first time this year we chose the members of the students' council by election. 'Pratiba prapancha', a forum to exhibit the students' talents, was inaugurated. Its first activity

after inauguration was cooking without fire. The staff too enjoyed the delicious preparations!

Loyola Composite PU College began the new academic year by honouring the students who had topped in the PU Examination. Fr Maxim Dias addressed our AICUF students. Fr Joyson Vas led the LKV staff on a day's enhancement program. International Yoga was celebrated in the school. The PSI from Mundgod was the chief guest at the investiture ceremony of the School Student Council.

Loyola Children's Home held its 'Prarambostava' to mark the beginning of the new academic year. Renowned Siddi singer, Jeevan Siddi was the chief guest. Schs Nishanth Noronha, Sharun D'Souza and Preetesh Machado conducted a three-day orientation session for our hostel children. Thanks to the generous contribution from the province, our boys' hostel has a light roof over the Vandana hostel. It was blessed and inaugurated by Fr Melvin Lobo. Fr Joyson addressed our hostel PU students as part of Prerana, monthly talk series. Under the 'Angla Jyothi Scheme', 30 selected students of our hostel are chosen for a one-year comprehensive English course.

Fr Provincial paid a short visit to Loyola Vihar. We have started four village hostels this year with 167 admissions. With the opening of village hos-

NAVASADHANA



Navasadhana has begun yet another academic year with renewed energy. Twelve first-year pre-novices have joined the existing seven second years. Navasadhana bade farewell to five would-be-novices and wished them a safe journey to the novitiate at MSJ. Sr Thressa from St Philomena's Convent, conducted a day's recollection for the pre-novices. Fr Dheeraj D'Souza was busy promoting vocations in different places

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Harihar



World Environment Day, organised by Fr Vinod AJ on 5 June, commenced with the planting of a sapling by the I & II PUC students. Also under the leadership of Fr Vinod, a 12-day Spoken English camp was conducted with Schs Sandeep Gonslaves, Johnson R, Maxim Martin D'Souza and Joseph Jerald as the resource persons. The College had its first major event in the celebration of the feast of St Aloysius Gon-

tels, we have started tuition centres in 16 villages. Teachers from our hostel and tuition centres spent two days in Mangaluru attending a workshop on improving children's creativity. Ms Tusqeen Macchivala (representative of the Azim Premji Philanthropic Foundation), accompanied by Fr Arun Luis, visited the hostels. Sch Kiran Branco stayed with us for a week to help out in the hostel. A number of meetings, including the monthly review meeting, Lokmanch, and Haliyal Siddi Survey meeting, marked the conclusion of the month.

LVK Hangal joined hands with the Pro progress institution of the Taluka to submit a memorandum to Mr Srinivas Mane (MLA) to look into the issues of good governance. LVK facilitated the Aari (Embroidery) training to the 30 rural village women for 10 days with the active support of Selco Foundation, Haveri and Bharatiya Vikas Trust, Manipal. The Youth have taken the initiative to 'plant a tree' campaign with a minimum target to plant 2023 plants in a month. A few of our youth attended an exposure programme organized by Samvada, a leading NGO, benefited greatly from such exposure.

Fr Melvin Lobo was invited to address an inter-religious prayer service at Tibetan Monastery to mark the 88th Birthday of His Holiness the Dalai Lama.
- Fr Leo Florence

including our institutions in Bengaluru. With the help of Schs Pratap, Vivian Floid, Pradeep D'Souza, Christon Gonsalves, Nishanth Noronha and Anand Paul, we conducted orientation programs in different schools and colleges in and around Hassan. Schs Sanson D'Souza and Joyal D'Sa, President and Academic Secretary respectively at St Joseph's College, successfully organized "Explorica" the cultural fest.
- Sch Darshan Kumar

zaga and Investiture ceremony on 21 June. The chief guest for the programme was Mr B P Harish, Hon. MLA, Harihar, and the guests of honour were Mr M Hanumanthappa BEO and Rev Fr George, Rector of the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health. For the celebration of Bakrid, held in the Stan Swamy Auditorium, the chief guest was Dr Ghulam Nabi MBBS, DC H.
- Fr Avinash Lobo

We celebrated the feast of our patron St Aloysius Gonzaga with the clergy and religious associated with us in ministry. Fr Gerald Iobo OFM (Cap) St Anne's Friary was the chief Guest.

World Environment Day was observed by the staff and students conducting a 'Beach Cleaning Drive' at Ullal. The principal and members of the student council interacted with the officials of Ullal Municipality and the media partners of Community Radio Sarang, on issues like hygiene and plastic pollution. Students of PUC took part in the 'One Plant per Class' initiative inspired by the Centre for Environmental Concern. Vriksha Vandana-members of CEC distributed plants to staff on the occasion.

St Aloysius Institute of Education had Mr Prithviraj Rai K (Advocate and President of Mangalore Bar Association) as the chief guest at the inauguration of the student council for the year 2023-24.

SAPUC held an orientation programme for the 2225 students of I PU to welcome them and put them at ease at the start of their academic journey. Dr Malini Hebbar (former Associate Professor at SAC) was the chief guest. Also, in a separate function, 13 Rank holders and 757 Distinction holders of II PU Board Exams 2023 were felicitated. The newly admitted I PU Catholic students had the Mass of the Holy Spirit at which Fr Rector was the main celebrant and Fr Anthony Derrick the homilist.

Jaagruthi Adka of II PU shines at the international Philatelic competition, PIPEX 2023, held in Oregon, USA, and also at the International Philatelic Competition, IBRA 2023, held in Essen, Germany. The members of Centre for Social Concern (CSC)

The Management, staff and students felicitated our newly-elected MLA, Mr Swaroop HP, who is an alumnus of our school, as was his father Mr Prakash HS who was a 4-time MLA. Mr Swaroop abundantly appreciated the service rendered by our school especially to the weaker sections of society. On the occasion of the installation and oath-taking of the student council office bearers, three academic toppers of the last year were felicitated and given cash prizes.

The Governor of Karnataka, the Hon'ble Sri Thawar Chand Gehlot, inaugurated the extended building of St Joseph's College on 3 June. In his address

visited Snehalaya Charitable Trust in Manjeshwar and interacted with the inmates. In addition to preparing the students with suitable quotes and prayers during the daily assembly on nine days of the novena, Campus Ministry organized a number of quizzes and competitions to involve students in getting to know their patron saint better. The Festive Mass had Msgr Maxim Noronha, Vicar General of Mangalore Diocese, as the main celebrant and homilist. Mr Kushalappa Gowda, a yoga therapist, held a yoga workshop on Yoga Day. The Centre for Inter-religious Harmony organized inter-class Mehendi competition on the occasion of Bakrid celebrations. On World Anti-Drug Day, the Department of Counselling invited Dr Manu Anand, MBBS, MD-Psychiatry and his team conducted informative session for students. The NCC wing, in association with Decathlon, organized an event for cadets and NCC aspirant students. Mr. M D Ahmed, Guinness record holder (Super memory) addressed the students on improving their memory skills. Students Council office bearers and class representatives were chosen through elections. As many as 37 Association of extra-curricular activities had common inaugural ceremony. The College duly observed World Environment day, Global Day of Parents, World Food Safety Day, World day against Child labour, National Statistics Day etc. SAPUC students have won the overall championship at ENVISION Juniors 2023, an inter-collegiate event organised by Srinivas Institute of Technology, Valachil.

St Aloysius Industrial Training Institute has added feather in its cap with the inauguration of the renovated Welding Workshop and being considered as a testing centre for those wishing to go abroad for welding jobs. - Fr Leo D'Souza

the Governor lauded the remarkable contribution of Jesuits in the field of education. The college organised an inter-collegiate fest called Explorica, a platform for showcasing the talents of the future business aspirants. St Joseph's Hostel is booming with admissions, with a total of 45 boys currently enrolled of whom 27 are Christians. Sch Prathap conducted an engaging orientation session for the boys, imparting guidance and insights, ensuring a strong foundation for their hostel experience. Our primary school teacher Mr Shivanandappa retired on 1 July after 14 years of dedicated service.

- Fr Santhosh D'Souza

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



In the month of June we welcomed four junior scholastics after a gap of three years. They participated in the "Kannada Kammata" event at Vidya Niketan and had the opportunity to learn from a retired Kannada professor of Karnataka University, Dharwad. Schs Wisdom Justin Ukelo (AOR) and Justin Dominic Ayo (AOR), both from Inigo Sadan, spent nearly a month with us studying Chemistry and Computer Science under the guidance of Schs Shaun D'Silva and Joseph Melvyn Govias. We were honoured to receive a

visitor from Rome, Fr. Lancy Dias. Fr Joyson Vas, in collaboration with the Vidya Niketan community, organized a valuable training session on fundamental counselling skills for the teachers of Hubli-Dharwad Catholic schools. On 28 June we bade farewell to Fr Marcel Rodrigues and expressed our gratitude for his remarkable contribution to the VN community. Fr Francis D'Almeida conducted a four-day orientation programme and group dynamics for the MBA students of SJIM in Bengaluru. - Sch Adline Monteiro

XAVIER SADAN, Mysuru



Fr Edward Philip conducted staff orientation programmes in three different schools. Fr Edwin Anthony, a tertian from Guyana, directed an eight-day retreat of our Scholastics and religious sisters. Fr Freddie D'Silva gave a five day course on Vocational Growth to 32 members of different congregations of men and women who are in their initial formation.

We happily hosted several guests, including Fr Ramesh Vanan of Guyana with his extended family; and also a group of women from Pannur mission who made good use of the Karnataka Gov-

ernment's new Shakti scheme of free bus travel. Fr Arockiasamy has joined the community, and is already up and about, with a one day course on Emotional Integration, an 8-day retreat to the Sons of Divine Providence, and, doing what he always does best, namely, setting the facilities in the house in order and good repair. A big boon indeed!

Right now, 19 Jesuits of our Province are in their retreat under the expert direction of Fr Amalanthan SJ (AND). - Fr Edward Philip

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



The new academic year began in full-swing at both DNC and Jnana Deepa. 5 first years added strength to the already existing strength of 9 Jesuits (5 priests + 4 Philosophers) of our province. The orientation at DNC was held at 3 different phases - Ice Breaking Session, Pune Darshan, and Our Life at DNC, in order to accommodate the scholastics who were arriving late. While the academic year at Jnana Deepa was inaugurated with a Eucharistic celebra-

tion presided over by Bishop John Rodrigues of Pune on the theme - Going forth as a synodal church.

Four of our scholastics, elected and inducted into the students council of Jnana Deepa, was icing on the cake. Fr Arun Kumar returned enriched from the CIS Conference in Rome, which had for its theme "A Pathway to God - Experience, Vision, Mission." - Sch Maria Divij

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



The new academic year at Satya Nilayam began on 22 June with a new batch of 38 scholastics. We are glad that from Karnataka we have the Pancha Pandavas: Anu Vimal Raj, Kiran Branco, Pradeep D'Souza, Reoin Barnes, and Rudolf D'Souza.

We had two days of community orientation. The academic year was inaugurated on 26 June with the Mass of the Holy Spirit with Fr Jebamalai Raja, Chennai Jesuit Provincial as the

main celebrant. The Lectio Brevis was delivered by Dr Fr Felix Wilfred who enlightened us with a discussion on Social Exclusion in South Asia: Principles and Practices to Overcome it.

On 3 July, the entire community went on a pilgrimage to St Thomas Mount for a festal community mass, followed by breakfast. It was a spiritual journey, and we were able to enjoy, celebrate and commemorate the patron saint of India, St Thomas. - Sch Pratap L

VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



Six of us staff here at VN had a one day community building session on 20 July under the able guidance of Fr Sunny Kunnappallil, Rector of Loyola College, Sreekaryam. Based on his inputs we had a three-day staff colloquium for the academic year at Tholamai Illam, Kanyakumari.

Between 25 and 27 June, juniors – 31 in all, from five provinces (Andhra, Chennai, Karnataka, Kerala and Ranchi) arrived here accompanied by monsoon showers. On 28 June we had the Mass of the Holy Spirit presided over by Fr EP Mathew,

Provincial of Kerala, followed by the inauguration of Academic Year 2023-24 with the theme “Sailing Beyond the Sunset”, a caption taken from Tennyson’s poem.

Shortly after the inauguration of the academic year, we had the opening and blessing of the new Staff Block built at the quadrangle. On 29-30 June, the juniors had a two-day orientation under the direction of Fr Jose Thachil (KER), our outgoing minister. - Sch Akshay Kumar V

VINAYALAYA, Mumbai

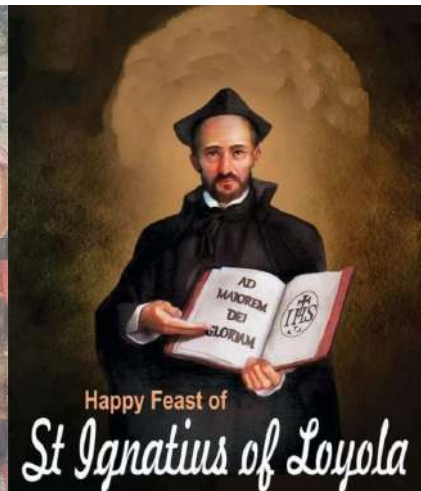
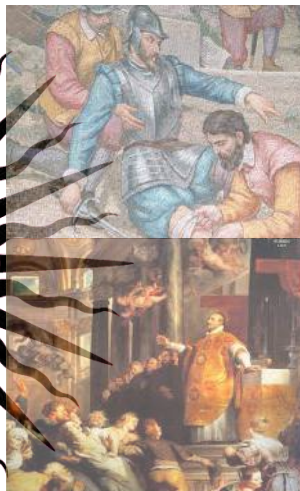


Our Academic Year began on 27 June with 24 Juniors from 10 different Provinces. We embarked on our new journey with a solemn Eucharist on the theme ‘Manifesto’. Fr Anil Pereira, the Provincial of Bombay Province, presided over the inaugural Eucharist and motivated us to enter the new academic year with enthusiasm. Each one of us offered our personal manifesto on a card paper

on which we had jotted down our dreams and future plan of action for the academic year. At the fellowship meal which followed, the Jesuits of Bombay Province welcomed us with open arms. We had our first course of the academic year, “Self Awareness and Group Building through Creative Art”, conducted by Dr Evelet Sequeira and Ms Regina. - Sch Anhishek A

REST IN PEACE

- Fr Joseph Gauci Sacco, SJ (DUM), 86/70, on 27 June, in Dakaita, Jharkhand.
- Fr A Maria Sigamani, SJ (MDU), 83/64, on 06 July, in Dindigul.
- Mrs Lilly Cutinha, 70, maternal aunt of Fr Vishwas Misquith, on 16 June, in Mangaluru.
- Mr Charles Lobo, 66, paternal uncle of Fr Don Prem Lobo, on 19 June, in Mangaluru.
- Mrs Jebamalai, 104, maternal great-grandmother of Sch Johnson R, on 25 June, in Jageri.
- Mr Thomas D’Souza, 66, brother-in-law of Fr Edward Rodrigues, on 03 July, in Bantwal.



**FR PROVINCIAL AND ALL AT LOYOLA MANDIR WISH ALL OUR READERS
HAPPY FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA.**