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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

The month of September is very special to all of us. On 27 September 1540, Pope Paul III promulgated the bull *Regimini Militantis Ecclesiae* and approved the Society of Jesus as a religious order. We are all called to revitalize the Society anew in our age and time. Fr General is calling the whole Society to an *examen* of our life and mission in the light of the *De Statu Societatis* (DSS). It is a way of continuing to advance along the path of personal, community and institutional conversion along which the inspiration of the Holy Spirit has been leading us since the 36th General Congregation.

We are in solidarity with the Jesuits of the Central American Province after hearing the disturbing news of the unjust measure of seizure and confiscation of the assets of the Central American University, UCA, of Managua and the Jesuit residences by the institutions of the dictatorial regime in Nicaragua. When I see falsehoods taking place in the political sphere all around the world, the words of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice D.Y. Chandrachud come to mind. In a recent Memorial Lecture on the topic "Speaking Truth to Power: Citizens and the Law", he said, "Public intellectuals have a duty to expose the lies of the State" stressing that in a democratic country it is important to hold governments in check and guard against falsehoods, false narratives and fake news. Democracy needs the power of truth to survive, and as such one can consider "speaking truth to power" as a right as well as the duty of every citizen in a democracy.

During this month, we celebrated a number of Marian feasts: the Feast of the Nativity of Mary, the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, and the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Ignatius had a special devotion to Mary. His prayer to Mother Mary to be placed with her Son Jesus becomes a reality in the vision at *La Storta*, which confirmed his desire to serve the Church and the world under the banner of the Cross. What do we learn from Mary's life? Mary teaches us to do God's will; Mary teaches us to look for Jesus; Mary teaches us to reach out to others; from Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone; above all, Mary teaches us to sing the *Magnificat*, to announce the coming justice of God in her great song of liberation: "God will pull down the mighty from their thrones and exalt the lowly."



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED BY POPE FRANCIS

Fr Antuan Ilgit, SJ: Auxiliary Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Anatolia (Turkey).

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Anthony Derrick J D: Youth Coordinator, Mangaluru Zone

Fr Francis D'Almeida: Staff, Juniorate Programme, Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

Fr Jerome D'Souza: Dean, Juniorate Programme, Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

Fr Suman Balu: LLM, Christ University, Loyola Mandir, Bengaluru

Novice Anvil Mascarenhas is approved for the First Vows.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

September 2023

02-04: Visitation: Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru

05-06: Religious Leadership: Prerana, Bengaluru

07-09: Visitation: FRH, Mangaluru

10: AGM, MJES, Mangaluru

11: AGM, HJES, Hassan

12-14: Visitation: Joseph Nivas, Hassan

16-17: Meeting of Ministers, Finance Officers,

Treasurers: Ashirvad, Bengaluru

18: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru

19-22: Visitation: Bijapur Mission, Vijayapura

23-24: Meeting of the Committee Reimagining SJ
in South Asia

26-28: Visitation: Pannur-Manvi Mission, Manvi

30: Ordination: SJBHS, Bengaluru

October 2023

02-05: Visitation: Mundgod Mission, Mundgod

06-08: Visitation: VN, Dharwad

10-12: Programme on Mid-Life Transition: Prerana

14: Ordination: FRH, Mangaluru

15: Province Consult: FRH, Mangaluru

16-17: Visitation: Asha Kiran

18-20: Visitation: Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru

21: Young Priests' Meet, Ashirvad / KRCR Training
Program for CRI units

22-27: JCSA, Pune

30-31: Visitation: SAC, Harihar

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Fr Francis B** on pronouncing your Final Vows in the Society of Jesus.

To **Sch Anvil Mascarenhas** on pronouncing your First Vows in the Society of Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

September 16-17: Meeting of Ministers, Finance Officers, Treasurers: Ashirvad, Bengaluru

October 27-29: North Karnataka Mag+s, Mundgod Mission

November 11-12: Meeting of LS, DoWs, CCMs: Prerana, Bengaluru

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

New Official Email ID of Superior, Arrupe Nivas: rector@sju.edu.in

New Email ID of Fr Antony TV: ant@jesuits.net

Province Retreat:

October 05-13, 2023, Place: Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru, **Preacher:** Fr Jose Jacob, SJ (KER).



POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): SEPTEMBER 2023

For people living on the margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions considered of lesser importance.



Final Vows of Fr Francis Balaraj at ISI, Bengaluru



"To Give and Not to Count the Cost" was the Ignatian theme that echoed in the hearts of people who witnessed the Final Profession of Fr Francis Balaraj on 22 August, the feast of the Queenship of Mary. The significant event took place in the chapel of the Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru, during the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, Provincial of South Asia, who also formally received the vowent as a professed member of the Society of Jesus.



The other concelebrants were: Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial of Karnataka, Fr Edward Philip (Xavier Sadan, Mysuru), Fr Anthony Dass (Superior, ISI, Bengaluru), a few other Jesuits and diocesan priests, and of course, Fr Francis Balaraj himself. The homilist, Fr Edward Philip, expatiated on the sig-

nificance of the final vows in the Society. Present on the occasion were many religious Sisters, staff of ISI-B'luru, relatives and friends of the vowment.

In the felicitation programme, Fr Santhosh Fernandes, amid jokes and laughter, spoke warmly about Fr Francis Balaraj's love for the poor and his dedicated service for their uplift as manifested in his life and mission as a Jesuit. Fr Jerome Stan-



islaus and Fr Dionysius Vaz extended their greetings to the vowment and expressed their appreciation for his simplicity and honesty and, above all, his love for those on the margins of society. The vowment, in expressing his gratitude, put it in a nutshell: "What I am today is thanks to the Society of Jesus."

- Fr Francis Balaraj

First Vows of Sch Anvil Mascarenhas at Vidyaniketan, Thiruvananthapuram



On 8, September 2023, the feast day of the Nativity of Mother Mary, Sch Anvil Mascarenhas SJ of Karnataka province with two novices of Chennai province, Sch Alfwin and Sch Gladwin pronounced his first vows at Vidyaniketan SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram. The theme of the day was 'Accensus Amore' - 'Being Ignited by Love'. The Eucharist was presided over by Fr



Jebamalai Iru-dayaraj SJ, Provincial of Chennai province, and concelebrated by Fr John Pradeep, and Fr John Francis (KER), Superior of Vidyaniketan, SICJ. Our hearts

were ignited by the insightful homily of Fr John Pradeep who underlined the significance of



religious vocation and four type of senses viz. Awe, vow, woe and wow. Multilingual choir added colours to this religious celebration.

- Sch Jeevan Santhosh

MEETING OF DOWs & CCMs at Prerana



The Directors of work (DOWs) and the Coordinators of Commissions (CCMs) had a two-day meeting (19-20 August) at Prerana. The Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, drawing from the deliberations of the First Fathers 1539, explained how despite diversity of backgrounds and cultures St Ignatius and his Companions focused primarily - almost exclusively - on mission. Following the input talk, the participants spent time in prayer and reflection, and met again to share the fruits of their reflection. Besides sharing on the joys and challenges of their experience in building mission-driven teams in the communities and units, they came out with some concrete suggestions for a plan of action to forge the way ahead.

Fr James (KHM) then addressed the gathering to apprise them of the various interventions made in our province to provide assistance to students who are internally displaced owing to the communal/political tensions in Manipur. Fr Jerald D'Souza then called upon us to put our hands together, work in collaboration and ar-

rive at a concerted action plan in view of the forthcoming general election. Fr Cyprian Tellis conducted an interactive session to brief the group on some issues that needed clarification regarding the protection of minors and vulnerable adults from exploitation or maltreatment.

On the second day Fr Joseph D'Mello shared his *kairos* moments of the Congregation of Procurators. Fr Prashanth D'Souza presented the evaluation of the KPAP 2022-23. It gave us an idea of what could be further worked out to bring about deeper impact on the interventions done. While Fr Joyson Vas spoke on the Vocation promotion work in the Province, Fr Maxim Dias shared his experience during the World Magis & World Youth Day 2023 at Lisbon, Portugal. The two days of reflection and sharing culminated with the address of the provincial leading the group to focus on building mission driven teams and to work towards focusing on the current context which is more challenging and complex.

- Fr Don Prem Lobo

YOUTH WORKS



The new Jesuit Youth centre of the Province was inaugurated by Fr Dionysius Vaz, Provincial, on 27 August at St Joseph's PU campus, Bengaluru. Fr Joel Fernandes took over from Fr Maxim Dias as the Coordinator of the Province Youth Ministry. Fr Maxim was profusely thanked for his significant contribution to youth ministry in the province. Following the inauguration, the PCYM had its meeting during which Fr Brian Pereira shared his experiences of involvement in counselling youth, and also shed light on



feasible approaches to effective youth ministry. The AICUF State Council members gathered at the AICUF House in Chennai for its 35th National Council meeting.

- Fr Joel Fernandes

ARRUPE NIVAS



St Joseph's University played host to a meeting organized by the Jesuit Higher Education Commission of Karnataka on the transition from National Educational Policy (NEP) to State Education Policy (SEP) on 18 August. Dr Sudhakar M C, the newly appointed Minister for Higher Education in Karnataka, attended the meeting, participated in an interactive session with the staff and outlined the plans of the government with the proposed SEP. An Emirati businessman and Entrepreneur, Dr Bu Abdullah, visited the University to interact with the staff and students. The Office of International Affairs under the direction of Fr Richard Rego, in collaboration with the Federation of International Students Association-Bengaluru (FISA-B) organized an International Students' Day on the campus. The formal programme

was graced by the Chief Guest, Ambassador Smt Nirupama Rao, Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India and His Excellency Mr Jean Ngoy Mvunzi, Member of Parliament and Minister for Finance, Democratic Republic of Congo. More than 1000 International students from about 60 countries visited the campus and participated in the events.

To accommodate the increasing number of students and facilitate more services for them, a new floor has been added to the Science Block. Fr Arun D'Souza, our finance officer along with the members of the building commission of the province, oversaw the construction and brought it to a smooth finish. The new floor was blessed by the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz and was inaugurated by Mr Anand Nayak, an

alumnus and an Independent Director, ITC Ltd. The new floor houses facilities for research, office rooms, laboratories and classrooms.

At the community, Arrupe Nivas, Fr Victor Lobo

ASHA KIRAN



The month of June was one of goings and comings. The III Yr scholastics, on completion of their university exams, left for philosophy. The II Yrs returned to their provinces for a well-earned holiday. The new academic year began on a joyful note with the arrival of Fr Sujay Daniel (pursuing his Ph.D) and nine I Yr scholastics from different provinces. The delayed arrival of Sch Amardeep Ekka (PAT) in mid-August brought the number of I yrs to 10. The new office bearers are led by Sch Weistu Alex Kho (KHM).

The orientation programme for the current year was conducted by Fr Anthony Derrick during



which our PCF Fr Francis Fernandes reminded us

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



Retreat for Senior Jesuits of the community, held at FRH in early August, was preached by Fr Frederick D'Silva. A few other Jesuits from Mangaluru and Bengaluru also joined in. At the close of the retreat, we celebrated 'Senior Citizens Day' with felicitation and dinner. Frs Joseph Monteiro, Joseph Rodrigues, Ivan Sequeira and Anil D'Mello directed retreats of in-

JESUIT NIVAS



SJBHS observed 'Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day' with Mr Nakane Tsutomu (Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru) as the chief guest. Two distinguished alumni - Mr Jimmy Anklesaria of 1972 batch, and Dr Dominic Sreshta of 1984 batch - interacted with the ISC students. At the Holy Eucharist on the OBA Day, celebrated on the first Sunday of September, Bishop Francis Serrao was the main celebrant and Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz the homilist. Students honoured and thanked their teachers during the school assembly on Teachers' Day. The school also held two inter-school fests:

shared his experience after attending JAMIA (Jesuits among Muslims in Asia) meet in Jakarta, Indonesia. He also presented possible avenues for collaboration with several of the Indonesian universities. - Fr Roshan Castelino

of what the Society expects from the college-going scholastics. We were fortunate to have a session with Fr Walter Fernandes (KHM) who spoke on the political situation in Manipur. In view of the feast of St Ignatius, the scholastics organised an "Ignatian Bonanza" in the college. In preparation for the feast, they prepared online novenas in eight different regional languages, and also set up "Inigo Cup" - a basketball tournament involving Jesuit communities of Mangaluru.

On the occasion of the feast of the Assumption and the celebration of Independence Day on 15 August, Fr Melwyn D'Cunha was the main celebrant at Mass. We also celebrated the birthday of one of our benefactors, Mrs Stella. The scholastics then went on a whole day outing. Fr Ronald Pais was the resource person at the inauguration of the Buddy Programme (students' peer counselling) at St Aloysius PU College. Fr Celestine Sera has returned spiritually refreshed after his annual retreat at FRH. - Sch Anson Alex

dividuals or small groups. Fr Joseph Rodrigues gave few days' program to Juniors in Trivandrum. With his cataract removed, Fr Devadatta's vision has become sharp as the eagle's. We welcome Fr Raymond D'Souza (KHM) who has come recently to FRH for medical attention. Presently he is at Muller's Hospital. Do keep him in your prayer. - Fr Thomas Quadras

Bifrost (Commerce Fest) and Cadence (Music Fest). Mr Anup Dutt (alumnus 1998 batch) was the chief guest at both the opening and closing ceremonies of the Annual Athletic Meet. SJBHS clinched the Centenary Shield U-17, Fr Eric Vaz Memorial U-14 and Fr Claude D'Souza Memorial U-12 Hockey Tournament.

'Team Ameliorate' coordinated a seminar for the staff of SJPUC to ensure continuous professional development. Other programmes arranged for the staff were: Induction Seminar for the newly appointed staff, and seminars

on Artificial Intelligence and Neuro-Linguistic Programming to enhance teaching. Excellencia (prize distribution ceremony) recognized and honoured 393 distinction holders on Prize Distribution Day. Patriotic Week (aimed at fostering patriotic sentiments) conducted activities that celebrated the country's history and culture. The College conducted a Leadership Programme for student leaders: members of the student council, office bearers of clubs and associations, class representatives and sports representatives. SJ-PUC held its OBA Meet to facilitate the alumni to reconnect with their Alma Mater and contribute to its growth.

The Twinning programme of SJIM-MBA with Pondicherry University is developing. At the inaugural function, presided over by Col. Mani Inder Pal, we welcomed as many as 850 new students. The solemn convocation ceremony witnessed over 1700 students graduating from the MBA programme. The chief guest on the occasion was Mr Harishekaran P, IPS, (ADGP). Currently there are close to 2800 students attending the MBA programme on Sundays.

One of the outcomes of the 3-month long survey conducted in Austin town slum by SJCL students was the award of *Eshram* Cards to 22 widows, in a programme headed by the Director Fr Jer-

ald D'Souza. The NSS unit of SJCL conducted a week-long camp in Mundgod apprising the local people of their Constitutional rights, and other rights. On the occasion of the College Annual Day, the chief guest Justice R Devdas released the college research reports on "Assessment on the National Food Security Act" and "A Study on the Karnataka Slum Development Act". He also released "Legally Speaking", the law magazine of the students. The national level Moot Court competition, organized by SJCL, was inaugurated by Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur (Judge, High Court of Karnataka) and was concluded at the valedictory by Justice Shivashankar (Judge, High Court of Karnataka). Over 31 teams across the country participated in the competition. The college conducted an inter-religious thanksgiving session for the students of the final year.

At SJCC, a student seminar "Data-Con" (A Data Analytics Conference) was organized – with the collaboration of Nu-Pie Management Consultancy Ltd - on "Transforming Data into Brilliance" for the benefit of students of B.Com Analytics. Another student seminar on "Innovative Tech Trends in the World of Finance and Accounting" was also organised for the benefit of the students of BBA (Professional - Finance and Accountancy).

- Fr Joel Fernandes

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal



The community orientation, under the theme "Fraternity and Love", was guided by Fr Arockiasamy M from Xavier Sadan. He drew our attention to the importance of communion and fraternity as essential dimensions of community-as-mission. The faith sharing that followed was the high point of the day. The feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated at CIRW for the benefit of the students of tailoring and computer applications. The students who had completed the

courses were awarded with certificates. Mrs Susheela, a village coordinator, was appreciated and thanked for her selfless service at CIRW over the past 30 years. The blessing of the renovated Boys Hostel was held at Balajyothi Hostel on the occasion of the celebration of the Feast of St Ignatius. We are grateful to Fr. Provincial and the BJES for their support for the completion of the much needed renovation work. - Sch Johnson R

JOSEPH NIVAS, Hassan



Talents Day, at which Fr Santosh D'Souza was the chief guest, brought out the hidden talents of the students of our English medium school, while the Nursery children had a speech competition on Independence Day. Our scientists in the making, Poojith and Rishi, won the second prize for their creative presentation at the Science Model Competition (on methods of controlling the mosquito population in our surroundings) organized by the District Health Office. Amazon, in compliance with the CSR re-

quirements, organized a training programme for girls on health and hygiene. Nine of our students won prizes in the Pratibha *Karanji* organized by the education department.

Independence Day was celebrated in common by our different institutions on the high school assembly ground. Speaking on the occasion, Mrs R. Philomena, our former teacher, gave an inspiring message calling upon fellow citizens to

use with responsibility our hard-earned freedom. The aided Primary and High School had their PTA meeting. Fr Henry Saldanha, our HM, gave a few tips to the parents on how to motivate children to

LOYOLA, Pre-Novitiate



Perhaps the worst drought in Dakshina Kannada in recent years was in the month of August this year. But at Loyola Pre-Novitiate we had a shower of blessings during this month: The spiritual blessings Frs Anush D’Cunha and Peter Pinto received when they made their annual retreat at FRH; and the gifts of the Holy Spirit the pre-novices received when they made their students’ retreat at St Aloysius PU College. Sometimes, they say, it not only rains but pours. Nine of our pre-novices received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We had the welcome visits of two bishops: Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha who came

study and to imbibe sound moral values. At the Cluster level and Taluk level sports, our students bagged loads of medals. - Fr Santhosh D’Souza

to Loyola as part of his pastoral visit to the parish of Bejai; and then the visit of Bishop Joachim Walder (uncle of Fr Santhosh Walder) who dropped in to pay us a friendly surprise visit. Happy with the results of their first unit test, the pre-novices prepared for Monthi Fest with a novena. Both Fr Anush and Sch Elson Lobo have taken their task seriously of assisting God the Father to send labourers into His vineyard. They have been visiting schools, and acquainting Catholic boys with the charms and challenges of the Society of Jesus. - Fr Peter Pinto

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



Fr Maxim Misquith has introduced spiritual conversation as a means of hostel evaluation. On Sundays, the hostel students have debates on social, political, and technical topics, designed to help them improve their English. They are also introduced to a context-based examination of consciousness. Fr Anand Prabhu’s birthday was celebrated with an impressive cultural evening at St Xavier’s Hostel.

have been chosen to represent the division in upcoming competitions.

The first PTA meeting of St Xavier’s English Medium School was held on 5 August, during which the parents were introduced to the software on the School Administration. The students showcased their athletic prowess at the Hobli level sports meet, with Master Moses earning a place in the Taluka level competition. The school organized an Annual Athletic meet, featuring vibrant displays by each class, while on the same day, we celebrated Master Ritesh’s remarkable achievement of securing a state-level position in his debut attempt. Our School Boys’ Basketball team secured an impressive second-place in their maiden appearance. SXEMS is elated that five of its exceptionally talented players

A Child Welfare Awareness Programme was held at St Xavier’s College on 10 August, specifically to empower the girls with a fighting spirit to counter abuses and harassments. The resource persons at this programme were: Mrs Renuka, PSI of Farhatabad and Mrs K Neela, a women’s welfare activist. They spoke on the justice perspective of freedom on the occasion of the 76th Independence Day. The College is currently training a batch of selected athletes to carry the baton of victory at the Taluk level. Parents who attended the PTM (Parent-Teachers’ Meeting) discussed with the teachers the progress of their wards. On the same day, Fr John Thomas, Principal of St Xavier’s PU College, arranged for the distribution of saplings to the students’ parents and announced a reward (to be conferred in due course) to the parents who would nurture their saplings into full grown trees. This was in view of the priority to be given to ecological conservation. - Fr Roshan Pinto

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



Fr. William Sequeira left the novices in profound awe as he skilfully guided them through the transformative realm of REBT (Rational Emotional Behaviour Therapy) during his sessions. Independence Day dawned upon us with an infectious fervour, igniting our spirits. A profoundly meaningful Eucharist was presided over by Fr Mohan Joseph. The whole liturgy emphasized the theme ‘Mary Bless Manipur.’ Following the Eucharistic celebration, the flag soared high, and a few people who came for the

mass joined us in harmonious unity to sing the national anthem. The first-year novice Edmund Sequeira, in his electrifying speech, gave a clarion call to stride forward together as proud citizens of India, irrespective of religion, region, age, gender, or race – truly united in our motherland.

The novices, in and through the invigorating Zen retreat under the able guidance of Jesuit Zen Master Fr Matthew Cyril Anthony (MDU), deep-

-deepened their God-self-social awareness. Viewing of the captivating film 'Face of the Faceless' that depicts the remarkable life and mission of Sr Rani Maria, infused the novices with an ardent missionary zeal, reinvigorating their vocations and nurturing within them a profound yearning to become missionaries themselves. Fr John Pradeep, the Novice Director, attended the annual meet of Novice Masters of South Asian Assistency (JeNMaSA) held at Dindigul.

MUNDGOD



Loyola Primary School was proud to achieve the overall championship at Cluster Level Sports Meet. In the Pratibha Karangi competitions arranged by the Department of Education, many of our students won prizes and medals. Our athletes from Loyola Composite PU College won the overall Championship Trophy and several medals at the Cluster Level Sports Meet held in Malagi.

The Loyola Kendriya Vidayala students took part in a unique 'kesaru gadde aata pata' organized by the school (an agricultural Immersion program). Five of our teachers attended a TEP organized by the CBSE Sahodaya. Ms Hyma Vadlamani, a representative of Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI), paid us a visit. Students of Loyola Children's Homes attended a session on Health and Hygiene conducted by the Doctors from the Government Hospital, Mundgod. Ms Taskin and Ms Aima from APPI visited our hostels to take stock of our works.

NAVASADHANA, Hassan



A multi-faith and multi-organization rally was successfully coordinated by Fr Dheeraj D'Souza, on behalf of the Chikmagalur CRI, to show our solidarity with the victims of Manipur ethnic-communal violence. The rally which started at the Hemavathi statue ended with the submitting of a memorandum to the District Collector. The venue for the General Body Meeting of the Chikmagalur CRI Unit, this time, was St Joseph's College, Hassan. The pre-novices were a great help in making the arrangements

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



St Aloysius Prakashana (the publication wing of SAC-Autonomous) released two books: one, "The Pride of Kanara: True Son of India, Fr Jerome D'Souza SJ" - authored by Dr Edmund Frank; and the other, "Echoes of the Corridors", a Coffee Table Book, presenting an illustrated history

Prerana had the graduation ceremony for the junior sisters who just completed their three months course as a preparation for their final profession. Fr Anthony Joseph, the Rector, was the chief guest for the event. On 11-12 August, JESCOL-I was organized for the staff members of Loyola Institutions at Mount St Joseph. LC-PUC organized the Alumni Association Meet on 27 August at which Fr Henry Saldanha was the chief guest. - Fr Clarence D'Souza

LVK-Hanagal organized a leadership training programme for the women representatives of the Pragathi Loyola SHG Trust, with D Sudha from Harihar as the resource person. A review of the works done in the 8 tuition centres run by LVK was made by a team consisting of Frs Teyol Machado, Jerald D'Souza and Alwyn D'Souza. LVK-Hanagal is happy to be associated with the pro-progressive organizations which are working for better governance at the Taluka level. Six village leaders, accompanied by the staff, visited Nisarga organization in Hosadurga in order to learn the best practices in rural development.

The district government hospital set up an awareness programme at LVK on World Population Day. Students of St Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru, had their NSS Camp at LVK, Mundgod. Fr Vijayaraju, through his innovative teaching methods, has given the hostel children a space for intellectual growth. - Fr Leo Florence

for the celebration of the Eucharist and the fellowship meal that followed. We were happy to have Fr Sunil Ranjar as our guest for a short time. A day out on Independence Day made the event more enjoyable to the pre-novices. As Schs Sanson D'Souza and Joyal D'Sa were leaving Navasadhana for their regency, we bid them farewell and thanked them for their services during the past three-and-a-half years. - Sch Darshan Kumar

of St Aloysius College. The Sahaya activities of the College - fostering community development and cultural enrichment - encompassed a range of activities such as microplastic waste cleanup, wall painting, sapling planting, and cultural programmes. The notable event of the month was

SAC's first campus start-up, 'Waahmos' - inaugurated during the "48 Hours Startup Challenge." Another innovative outreach programme was the inauguration of the "Wall of Compassion and Integrity Shop," a project symbolizing profound commitment to social values. Furthermore, the College organized cultural events like "KALOTH-SAVA 2023" and "UTSAV 2023" to showcase the exceptional talents of its students.

St Aloysius Gonzaga School distributed fruit-bearing saplings to parents, as part of its Go-Green Project. At the 77th Independence Day celebration, Mr Sudhir G Amin (Retired Captain of Indian Air Force) was the chief guest. "The Mysterious Space", debut novel by our Class X student, Giannah Claire Saldanha, was released. The students of class VI to VIII, along with students of ATL Club, had a two-day workshop on Drone Technology. Saatwik Sujeer of Std IX is the proud recipient of a gold medal in the 200m freestyle relay at the National Junior Aquatic Championship held in Bhubaneswar.

At SAPUC, the Buddy Programme- focused on embracing goodness without hesitation, fostering compassion, and 'Gnothi Seauton'- was organized by the Counselling Department, which included an input talk by Fr Ronald Pais, SJ. Mr. Nikesh Shetty, a legal consultant, addressed the staff on the legal aspects of dealing with adolescents. Ten of our faculty members attended the advanced JESCOL seminar at Ashirvad, Bengaluru. The Catholic students of I PU had their annual retreat which had for its theme, 'Revive: Be the Light of the World.' An open house for parents to discuss with teachers the progress and well-being of children was well responded to. The inter-class talent hunt "Pulse 2023" and the inter-class in-

tellectual fest 'Genesis' had most of the students involved in a wide variety of events and competitions. The inauguration of a Certificate Course in Data Science and Data Analytics marked the commencement of a year-long academic program for 2023-24. An array of sessions have been incorporated into value education classes, such as Cultivating a Positive Self-Image, Empowering Youth, Establishing Healthy Boundaries, Effective Stress Management, Understanding Constitutional Rights, Practicing Etiquette, Fostering Cultural Appreciation and Embracing Diversity. Several teams culled out of I PU sections took part in a variety of competitions and tournaments organized at the inter-collegiate, district or state level. Campus activities included talks on Adolescent Health (by Dr. Keshav Pai K), Exploring Existentialism (by Dr Vishnumoorthy Prabhu), Empowering Youth for Social Change (by Dr. Shreesha Bhat), and Girls in Legal Advocacy (by Adv. Nikesh Shetty). Some of the exposure programmes were: personality enhancement through community service, crafting paper pens, and a visit to Yakshagana Centre (M.U.) and Radio Sarang (SAC). As part of their outreach programme, students visited government schools, Senior Citizens' Home, and Home for the Destitute. International Youth Day, World Photography Day, Humanitarian Day, Sadbhavana Diwas and National Sports Day were duly observed.

St Aloysius Institute of Education (B.Ed. College) had a Faculty Development Programme on the topic "AI Tools in Teaching, Learning and Research." The resource persons for the FDP were Mr Royal D'Souza and Mr Reji John (Asst Professors St Aloysius College – Autonomous).
- Fr Leo D'Souza

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



In collaboration with Samarasa Vedike (Forum for Inter-Religious Dialogue), Vidya Niketan organized an Inter-Religious Prayer Meet on 12 August. The occasion was graced by eminent personalities: Most Rev Derek Fernandes (Bishop of Belgaum), Pujya Sri Basaveshwari Mathaji (from Attiveri), Dr Shaukath Azim (Prof at Karnatak University), and Dr Jinadatta Hadagali (HOD of Kannada at JSS College). The event was further enriched by the participation of teachers and students from various educational institutions in Dharwad, as well as priests, religious sisters, and well-wishers. We celebrated Independence

Day at VN with our parishioners and neighbours. On the same day, we had our faith-sharing and a day of outing. Amidst his busy schedule, Fr Francis Fernandes took classes in KJFCT, Anekal, on Christian Spirituality. Fr Joyson Vas, in spite of his numerous commitments, has made himself available to train many in counselling. On 5 August, he conducted the second training session on barefoot counselling at VN for teachers. He was also invited to Gulbarga Diocese to train teachers in basic counselling skills, following which he conducted a three-day seminar on "Parenting" at the Convent School, Hubli.
- Sch Sujay Paul

The three-day workshop - jointly organized by CNFE and Azim Premji Foundation - on the essence and core values of the Indian Constitution, was attended by a diverse cohort of 38 passionate participants hailing from various progressive organizations. A legal aid programme for the purpose of empowering the slum community with knowledge and support was organized and conducted by Fr Prashanth Sequeira. The support groups (of people with leprosy, people with disabilities and people with HIV/AIDS) were separately given relevant information on the facilities they could claim from the government. In addition to providing nutrition supplements, the efforts of CNFE extended to the wider community through the 18 health camps which were conducted during the mission. The camps offered several services like medications, essential treatments and necessary referrals - to alleviate the suffering of countless individuals.

In recognition of his expertise, Fr Teyol Machado was extended a special invitation to the National Law School, Bengaluru, where he shared his insights, wisdom and perspectives, with the soon-to-be legal luminaries, regarding the evaluation of the government's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) program and other policy matters. A few Devadasi women joined the students of SJCL as the latter made a presentation of the report of their study on the neglected group. Needless to say,

the presentation resulted in heightened awareness and understanding of the social question.

Loyola School organized class-wise parent-teacher meetings from LKG to 10th grade. It was an honour to have Captain (Rtd) Sandeep Deginal of the Indian Army as our chief guest at the Independence Day celebrations. The month of August this year has been remarkable as our children achieved numerous accolades - both in sports and at the Science exhibition. Notably, our high school and primary students clinched 1st and 2nd place in the Science Exhibition and excelled in the Debate Competition hosted at Loyola CBSE School, Sindagi. Additionally, our students secured second place in the 400-meter and 4x100-meter events at the Sports & Athletics meet in Bengaluru. In a heart-warming gesture on Teachers' Day, all our staff enthusiastically participated in the various competitions organized by our students. Srujana-2023, an Inter-school Debate and Elocution Competition organized by Loyola School CBSE Sindagi on 26 August, drew participants from seven schools across Vijayapura district. The topics for the debate and elocution were: "The Impact of Mobiles Phones on the Present Generation", and "The Benefits of Implementing the Uniform Civil Code in India".

- Fr Ronald Serrao

XAVIER SADAN, Mysuru



The month of August was a rather busy month for us. Fr. Arockiasamy directed an 8-day retreat for a group of sisters, another retreat for SCB sisters in Bangalore, and then conducted an orientation programme for the Jesuit community at Jnana Jyothi, Anekal. Fr Freddie D'Silva directed a retreat of the Superiors of Holy Cross Congregation and an eight-day retreat of the senior Jesuits at Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru.

Frs Freddie D'Silva and Arockiasamy were the resource persons at the renewal programme for

spiritual directors and formators. Ten AC sisters along with their provincial and team who made their retreat at XS, expressed their appreciation for the hospitality and spiritual ambience found here. In the midst of his administration work, Fr. Edward Philip found time to guide an individual retreat, to continue with his counselling ministry and to preach a novena in honour of Mother Mary in different parishes. Fr Bartholome spent a few days in KR Pet to preach a novena.

- Fr Edward Philip

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



Post mid-semester examinations, the scholastics had the South Zone Cultural Evening (Part 1)

which entailed a combined celebration of Onam and 'Montifest.' Scholastics of Kerala and Kar-



Karnataka joined hands to enlighten the members of the community on the diversity of cultures and ministries in the two provinces. In the latter part of the month the scholastics went, in living groups, to Lonavala, for the Rain Picnic.

- Sch Maria Divij

DHYAN ASHRAM, Kolkata



The feast of St Ignatius was an occasion for celebration, first with a concelebrated Eucharist presided over by Fr Rector Sunny and rendered solemn by the multilingual and mellifluous singing; then by the Sadri tribal dance followed by the zestful rendering of Noble Knight. A welcome day-out took us on a visit to the Alipore zoo for a safe (distance) encounter with the Bengal tigers. On the feast of the Assumption and Independence Day, we had the flag hoisting ceremony at which we heartily rendered the patriotic song

“Mera Mulk Mera Desh.” In the friendly match we had with the novices of MC Brothers we clinched a victory in our favour! Fr Sajeev (CCU), the former Novice Master and newly appointed Tertian instructor at Kandy, enlightened us with a two-day course on Non-Violent Communication. With the commencement of coaching classes for the neighbouring students, our Juniors are all set to become teachers, knowing full well that “those who can, do; and those who can’t, teach.”

- Sch Sudarshan

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



We celebrated the Final vows of Fr Vinod Sushil Soreng (RAN) on the occasion of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr Stanislaus D’Souza, (POSA) presided over the solemn Eucharist. Some of our scholastics attended the celebration of Marian Congress in the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore. Satya Nilayam (Department of Philosophy of Loyola College Chen-

nai) celebrated their victory as champions in the inter-departmental basketball tournament. We had our first session on philosophising on Ethnomethodology under the guidance of Fr Lawrence Fernandes. The SN community feels energised thanks to the annual Visitation of POSA.

- Sch Kiran Branco

VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



We took part in the peace rally at St Xavier’s College on 1 August which was aimed at raising awareness of people about the ethnic violence in Manipur. Celebrating Adivasi Divas on 12 August, we learned a good deal about the tribal customs and cultural practices of the region, and also remembered the Jesuits who had worked and are now working in the tribal areas. Sch Lloyd Lobo (KAR) delivered a fervent speech on the occasion of Independence Day celebration. The Chief Guest, Mrs Melissa Hillary (Professor at St. Xavier’s College), spoke on the empowerment of women. We also attended the Independence Day

festivities at St Xavier’s College, where we were privileged to hear a speech by Mr Shashi Tharoor, MP. In the three-day Yoga course conducted by Sr Tincy James SABS, we learnt some exercises that help in toning up the body. We celebrated the Onam festival with the traditional Mass followed by a sumptuous ‘Sadya’ meal. The occasion gave us a chance to visit the Santhvana Rehabilitation Center and later the Shanghumugam Beach, the latter being the venue for a grand fair and a cultural programme. Fr Joseph Rodrigues (KAR) was with us for a few days giving us an insightful course on Psychosexual Integration.

- Sch Princeton D’Souza

VINAYALAYA, Mumbai



The juniors imbibed the spirit of leadership, as they took part in a course on Pastoral Management and Leadership Skills by Mr Adrian Rosario. With his vast knowledge of the Catholic Church and of the Archdiocese of Bombay, he enlight-

ened us - with many real-life stories and incidents from the lives of priests and religious – on the challenges they face in their daily mission. We celebrated Independence Day and the Feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary with much joy.

The inspiring course on Psycho-Spiritual integration by Fr Dudley Mendonça, SJ helped us in the

inner healing of our past wounds.

- Sch Harrison Sera

XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE, Belagavi



It has been about two months since the 1st years entered, and they are adapting well to life in the novitiate. We recently had a Monastic Life Week (titled "Pathways to God: Through Prayer and Virtue"). During this week of silence, the 1st year novices were introduced to prayer and various Ignatian prayer methods. The talks were given by the 2nd year novices, who used this week to revisit the pathways to God as they prepare for the year ahead.

On the feast of our founder, St. Ignatius, a friendly football match was organized against the students of St Paul's (Belgaum). After an intense match, Team XTC emerged victorious. Following

this, we had a course on the Gospel of John by Fr Francis Fernandes (Socius). The Novices were actively involved in conducting various sessions, fun games and activities, guided meditations, and examen exercises at the 3-day Leadership Camp for the 10th Std students of Chubby Cheeks Spring Valley (Goa). The subsequent week featured a course on the "Epistles of St. Paul" with Fr Ronnie as the resource person. On the feast of the Assumption, Fr. Anthony Tribhuvan SJ (Pune) assumed the role of Socius to the Novice Master, as Fr Francis Fernandes has embarked on further studies. We request your prayers for both of them.

- Communication Team of XTC



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REST IN PEACE

Fr Eugen Hillengass, SJ (ECE), 93/73, on 15 August, in Munich, Germany.

Fr Koyipuram Thomas, SJ (AND), 94/73, on 02 September, in Vijayawada.

Sch Joseph Wungmayon, SJ (KHM), 29/10, on 06 September, in Williamnagar, Meghalaya.

Fr Susairaj, SJ (PAT), 68/48, on 09 September, in Patna.

Fr Joseph Valiamangalam, SJ (GUJ), 73/54, on 14 September, in Vadodara.

Mr David Cardoza, 93, paternal grandfather of Sch Daran Cardoza, on 16 August, in Chikkamagaluru.

Mr Peter Joseph Fernandes, 65, elder brother of Fr Lawrence Fernandes, on 20 August, in Mangaluru.

Mr Nicholas Pinto, 92, eldest brother of Fr Peter Pinto, on 22 August, in Borivali, Mumbai.

Mr Thiya Olivera, 84, brother-in-law of Fr Francis D'Souza, on 22 August, in Kundapur.

Mr John Marie, 56, brother-in-law of Fr Arun Kumar, on 27 August, in Nagana Halli.

Mr Mark Saldanha, 60, nephew of Fr Jerome D'Souza, on 27 August, in Udupi.

Mrs Lilly Saldanha, 90, mother of Fr Henry Saldanha, on 30 August, in Mangaluru.

Mrs Philomina, 82, paternal grandmother of Sch Paul Anand, on 05 September, in Bengaluru.

