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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

Christmas is God's desire to move from power to powerlessness, from strength to weakness, from being Creator to being creative, from greatness to smallness, from independence to dependence. God is where we are weak, small and dependent. God is where the poor are, the hungry, the differently abled, the elderly, the powerless. The only way for us to stay well is to stay close to the small, vulnerable child that lives in our hearts and in every other human being. When we discover him there we can truly rejoice at Christmas.

This was our experience when the second wave of Covid ravaged our country and devastated lives and livelihoods. Responding to the cry of suffering humanity, we, Jesuits of Karnataka Province, with the collaboration of our Jesuits provinces worldwide, our alumni, NGOs, friends and family reached out to those suffering by way of food, medical and education relief. We also reached out to our little children by starting Learning Centres to remediate their learning losses and to others students through the hybrid or blended mode of learning.

While we continue to grieve over the loss of six of our dear Jesuits during this year, we thank God for the number of blessings he has given us to continue our ministries with a resilient, optimistic and creative spirit. As the year 2021 closes and as we usher in the New Year 2022, we expect to face a number of challenges: the post Covid scenario, the implementation of NEP in Karnataka, the rampant corruption that is spreading its tentacles like an octopus, the anti-conversion bill and the discrimination shown towards the minorities by a majoritarian government. Let us stand in the light of Christ – where Love overcomes hatred; Truth overcomes deceit and Hope overcomes despair.

I wish you the Joy and Peace of Christmas and the New Year 2022 filled with God's choicest Blessings.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



### APPOINTED BY APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO INDIA

**Fr Lancy Monteiro** - Assistant in the Office of the Apostolic Nunciature, Delhi

### APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Cyprian Tellis** - House Treasurer of Jnana Jyothi, Anekal

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**January 15:** Spiritual Directors' Colloquium at Ashirvad

**January 16-17:** Recollection for Local Superiors on the vow of poverty in the Society of Jesus at Dhyanashrama, MSJ, Bengaluru.

**January 31:** Last date to send the community and institution budgets

**May 22-27:** Province Congregation at Prerana, MSJ

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### PROVINCE RETREATS

**April 20-28, 2022:** Dhyanashrama, MSJ – Retreat Guide: Fr Henry D'Almeida. The retreat will begin on April 20 evening.

**May 08-16, 2022:** Xavier Sadan, Mysuru – Retreat Guide: Fr Clarence D'Souza. The retreat will begin on May 8 evening.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Frs **Edward Philip** and **Santhosh Fernandes** on pronouncing your Final Vows in the Society of Jesus.

To **Sch A Abraham Clinton** who has won the second place in a painting competition (Colour your Imagination) on Ignatian Spirituality conducted by the JCSA for the scholastics.

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

#### December 2021

14-19: Visitation: SAC, Mangaluru

20: Province Consult: Mangaluru

28: SND Chapter: Discernment

16-17: Meeting of LS (Recollection):  
Dhyanashrama, Bengaluru

18: Province Consult: LM, Bengaluru

21: Meeting of the JEA: Ashirvad

23: Jubilee: Fr Freddie D'Silva

24: Visitation: Xavier Sadan, Mysuru

#### January 2022

04-05: Visitation: Loyola Sadan, Kalaburgi

06-08: Visitation: DNC, Pune

09-11: Visitation: Juniorate, Mumbai

12-13: Visitation: SN, Chennai

15: Spiritual Directors' Colloquium:  
Ashirvad, Bengaluru

25-26: Visitation: Swami Rajendra Nilaya,  
Mysuru

29: Mass: UFS Province Chapter, Hubli

30-31: Visitation: XTC Novitiate, Belgaum

### POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN), DECEMBER 2021

#### For the Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are grateful to our visiting professors: Sr Patricia Santos, RJM, who took a course on Feminist Theology and Fr James Pampara, CMI, who gave classes on Latin Canon Law. The annual visitation of Fr Provincial boosted up our spirits.

The CIRW Director and staff conducted zonal and village level programmes for SHG women on health, hygiene and POCSO Act. These programmes had Frs Cyprian Tellis and Prashanth Sequeira as resource persons. An awareness programme on women's rights and government

schemes was organized at the zonal level by the CIRW. Mr Anand Chakravathi was the resource person on the Constitution Day.

St Joseph's Parish celebrated Children's Day with the help of the parish youth, teachers and scholastics, and Mission Sunday with the help of the Parish Council, Maria Sena, Youth, Sisters and Scholastics. The Youth of our parish participated in the deanery level competitions.

– Sch Jaison Lobo

## ASHA KIRAN



Scullery has been made easier at Asha Kiran. Thanks to the additional washbasins which were blessed and inaugurated on 5th November. Offline ministry and offline classes have restored in us the sense of being collegians. "Karam" festival was organized by the Scholastics of Madhya Pradesh and Hazaribagh. The feast of our patron, St John Berchmans, was preceded by novena, and was celebrated with a solemn Eucharist presided over by Fr Ryan Pinto, OCD. Our neighbours joined us in the celebration. A first-time conclave of the spiritual directors of Asha Kiran Scholastics was held on 23rd November.

Frs Pradeep Sequeira and Marcel Rodrigues were the resource persons who shared their views on the importance of spiritual direction in the years of formation. On the same day we had the inauguration of our new computer room named after Fr Stan Swamy. Fr Ronald Pais conducted an orientation programme for the students of AIMIT. We were happy that Fr Melville Pereira, the Regional Superior of Kohima, visited us and gave us an insightful recollection. Fr Celestine Sera has returned rejuvenated from his annual retreat at Santrupty. – Sch Macwin D'Souza

## ASHIRVAD



Children's Day was celebrated by Ashirvad IRHM, followed by Deepavali. Differently-abled children from neighbouring shelters gave a dance performance and sang melodious hymns. The talk on 'Sufism and Its Relevance Today', held at Ashirvad, included a video presentation, singing of Sufi hymns and gazals, followed by dinner. Some of us from Ashirvad took part in the seminar on Constitutional Rights organised at ISI Bengaluru. Fr Arun Luis took active part in the Christmas celebration jointly sponsored by Rotary Club and Community Café, to mark the arrival of Christmas Season and to garner support for our tuition centres. In the talks organized by Ashirvad on the occasion of Constitution Day, several eminent speakers shared their ideas on the Constitution of India. In continuation of our Jesuit mission in the slum centres of Bengaluru, a second tuition centre was opened for class 1-5 children in Full Gospel Tabernacle Church. Ashirvad organised the first meeting of "Bahutva Karnataka", a platform to counter Hindutva atrocities against different sections of people.

Fr Arun Luis visited Sindagi and Bijapur in his capacity as Project monitoring official. A leadership seminar was organized at Ashirvad and St Joseph's College for the benefit of the Jesuit colleges in North Karnataka. With the two-day visitation of the Provincial, the Community experienced a renewed sense of commitment to mission.

Fr Joseph Lobo presented two papers at the annual colloquium of Indian Jesuit Psychologists held at Prerana on "Social substratum of human psyche and spirituality: Ignatian perspectives". He also gave a course on "Religious pluralism: state of the question" at JD, Pune to the MTh students. Fr Eugene Lobo attended a Seminar for Religious, held at Paalana Bhavan, Bengaluru on Synodal Issues. Also, in his capacity as Secretary of the Karnataka Regional Commission for Education, he arranged the annual Governing and General Body meetings of the Commission.

– Fr Eugene Lobo

Our community made a pilgrimage to Infant Jesus shrine, Bhalki. Frs Santhosh Fernandes and Edward Philip made their final vows in St Anne's Church on the feast day of St Francis Xavier. On the same day, Fr Provincial inaugurated the newly built piety shop in the church premises. Children's day was celebrated in all our institutions.

Loyola Technical Institution organized a triple celebration of Deepavali, Children's Day and Constitution Day. The District senior Judge was the chief guest.

CNFE organized inter-religious Deepavali celebrations in different areas of Bijapur - for various groups like SHGs, elderly, unorganized youth, school and college students. CNFE, in collaboration with the District Law and Labour Department, also organized a legal awareness programme for women and construction workers.

## FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



Fr Maxim Misquith, diocesan vice assistant for CLC, was fully involved in the diocesan CLC day held on November 21 at Ranipura parish. Fr Terence Farias directed a month-retreat while Frs Joseph Monteiro & Tom Quadras directed 8-day retreats. Fr Terence Farias gave a much-appreciated online talk on "Inter-religious Dialogue in the Indian Context". FRH also organized an online talk to high school youth- titled, "Believe in yourself," given by Fr Gerard Rodricks SJ (BOM). Fr John Gomes got

## INIGO SADAN



The community joined the hostel students and boarders in celebrating Diwali and Children's Day. At the JESCOL seminar for the support staff of our institution the Scholastics helped out by conducting games. The scholastics also helped out in the inauguration of the Ignatian year at St Joseph's College.

SJIPS conducted a variety of events and activities to celebrate Diwali and the Constitution Day. A seminar on the art of parenting was conducted for the parents. Ekanandan scholarships were awarded to the needy children. A few students participated in an inter school debate, storytelling, painting, collage competition organized by Sarvajanika Granthalaya Elake at Indira Pri-

Constitution Day was observed in Sangama CIRD and Loyola CBSE, Sindagi. Loyola Nivas community organized "Chinnara Mela" in Loyola CBSE, for all the children of the village tuition centres.

Fr Arun Luis visited Sangama CIRD and gave a session on case study, report writing, documentation, etc.



Thanks to Fr Provincial's generosity, we now have a new school bus, a better study house and a well-furnished residence at Sangama. Our staff of Sangama visited Hangal and Mundgod Social work centres for an interaction with the staff of Roshni Social Centre and Loyola Vikasa Kendra. – Fr Jeevan James

rid of his cataract recently at Muller's. Ever since, his smile is wider, his acuity is sharper, his gaze in the sky is of wonder and his peering looks into people is only to admire. Bro Benedict Rosario represented the community at the Final Vows of Frs Edward Philip and Santhosh Fernandes at Bijapur. It was also an occasion to visit the place of his work years ago, setting up the technical school there. – Fr Thomas Quadras

ya Darshini Rajya Children's Library Cubbon Park. Mr Nagaraju was felicitated on the occasion of his completing 25 years of service in our institution.

At SJICPUC, Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated with Dr. Ravi Kumar BG (Asst. Professor, National College) as the chief guest. An orientation Programme for the parents of the second PU students was organized with the theme 'Effective Parenting' for which Dr Rekha Ahuja (Clinical Psychologist) was the resource person. The boys' team of the college won the district level Floor Ball tournament conducted by the Dept. of PU Education. Mr Vinod Amruthraj, principal, attended the Ignatian Leadership Programme at Hyderabad.

The members of ELC Club of SJHS participated in the zonal level competitions in the various literary competitions organized by the Department of Pre-University Education. About 100 children participated in the 'No Honking' campaign on November 10. The Constitution Day was meaningfully celebrated by holding competitions to highlight constitutional values. The School Interact Club organized 'Health and Hygiene' Week aimed at instilling in the students a sense of social responsibility.

## JESUIT NIVAS



Well over 90% of the students attended classes in SJCC when the college opened on November 8 for on-campus classes - an obvious sign that students had had enough of online classes. The Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated on the following day to mark the formal beginning of the academic year. But despite the lockdown period that preceded the reopening, the College had hosted two international online webinars and half a dozen national level webinars. A two-day FDP was organized on 29th and 30th November.

Students of St Joseph's College of Law joined the BEMBALA team to organise a BALAMELA at Jyothi School for the slum children of Kacharkanahalli. The beginning of the academic year included an orientation programme for the batch of 2021-22 followed by a week-long bridge course for students of 3rd LLB. The Constitution Day was fittingly celebrated with events - academic and cultural - over a whole week. Prof Dr Ram Puniyani addressed the students of SJCL on 26th November via a webinar on "Values of Freedom in the Indian Constitution". Other activities comprised

## KALABURAGI



Frs Vinod AJ and Robert Rodrigues along with Sch Nishanth Noronha went to Bhalki to participate in the annual Jatra. The members of the Loyola Sadan community and some of the student representatives from our PU College took part in the protest against the anti-conversion bill. Some of our PUC students attended the leadership programme in Bengaluru. Constitution Day was observed both in the college and school with input talks from the staff. Fr Anand Prabhu gave the spiritual exercises to three seminarians of Gulbarga Diocese to prepare them for the diaconate. All the institutions had a common celebration of the feast of St Francis Xavier, the patron of our

The AGM of the PTA, held on November 13, was a memorable event for SJII institutions for, on that day, students and parents came together to bid farewell to the retiring teachers and felicitate others who had completed 25 years of service in the institution. The PTA also made a generous contribution towards the educational expenses of poor students. One Day JESCOL Seminar for the Non-Teaching Staff was organized in SJIPS auditorium. - Fr Felix Anand

talks on constitutional values, awareness campaign held at the traffic junctions on Residency Road, and talks organized by our staff in association with Janagraha for the students of Grade 6 to 8 of Maharishi Vidya Mandir School.

Amid the bustle of the offline classes SJPUCC conducted several programmes and activities, chief among them being a one-day Retreat organised by the AICUF Unit of SJPUCC for all the catholic students and staff. It was led by the prayer group - Missionary Families of Christ. As many as 108 cadets of the NCC at SJPUCC were bestowed with ranks in the Pipping Ceremony. A trilingual film ("Mohandas") inspired by the life of Mahatma Gandhi, was screened at the SJBHS auditorium, followed by an interactive session with the Director of the film, Mr P Sheshadri. The Old Boys Association held SJPUCC OBA Day in the campus. The Principal, Mr C R Rajendra, attended the Ignatian Leadership Programme in Hyderabad. Some of our staff members visited our Twinning partner, Manvi Mission. We are grateful to Manvi Jesuits for accommodating our staff. - Fr Antony Pais

Institutions, at which Fr Robert gave an inspiring talk on the life of St. Francis Xavier. The government's permission to reopen our primary school has brought a lot of life to the campus. Children are returning to the classrooms after a gap of two years. The school staff is trying to compensate for the children's learning losses by giving personal attention. Thanks to the village visits by our new Correspondent, Fr Robert and the school principal, Sr Hilda, the strength of the school has increased from 68 to 114. In the Sacred Heart Church, Bidar, there were many spiritual activities like special devotion to our Lady of the Rosary, Mission Sunday celebrations, Inauguration of the

Synod for Synodality, etc. Fr Robert Rodrigues was the main celebrant at the mass on the feast of

Christ the King. – Sch Nishanth Noronha

## LOYOLA MANDIR



Fr Olvin Veigas directed an online 8-day retreat for the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus (CJ) of Mumbai. Later, he went around visiting Jesuit communities in Bengaluru, Mundgod, Dharwad and Mangaluru and helping the Jesuits to be professional in maintaining the archives of houses and institutions. Fr Jason Furtado was away in Calicut on work related to revisor of Kerala province. Fr Jossie D'Mello has been giving online classes to the Provincial Team of the CJ Sis-

ters of Allahabad Province on Leadership, Team Building and Apostolic Planning. He also gave a two-day programme on formation to the provincial team (Bangalore and Mysore Province) and formators of the Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes in Mysuru. Fr Avinash Lobo, our lone student Jesuit at SJCC from the headquarters, is excited about the physical classes and duly immersed in writing the semester exams. – Fr Olvin Veigas

## LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE



Fr Pradeep Crasta attended two meetings: one of vocation promoters and directors of pre-novitiates at Jameshedpur and the other of the Province Formation Commission at Mundgod. Our

2nd year pre-novices have been preparing for their mid-term exam, though the exam dates are uncertain owing to fear of Omicron. The house is getting a facelift. – Fr Peter Pinto

## MOUNT ST JOSEPH



HORIZON-2021, a programme designed to promote individual and collective talents of the novices, was animated by Fr Merwyn Fernandes and assisted by Novices Denver and Vivek. The novices were edified by the sharing of Fr Robert Rodrigues on his recent traumatic experience in Afghanistan. Srs Mary Celine and Edita Ulman from Holy Spirit Convent addressed the novices on 'collaboration with Jesuits' and 'Christian faith in Ukraine'. The main celebrant at the Mass on the feast of St Stanislaus Kostka was Novice Director, Fr John Pradeep, whose birthday coincides with the feast. As part of the celebration, the novitiate community invited the senior Jesuits to taste and relish the delicious ice-cream prepared by the novices under the guidance of Fr Merwyn as well as the enthralling orchestra by the novices titled 'Mount Melodies'. Fr John Pradeep gave a short course to the novices on human sexuality. He also addressed the staff of ISI-Bangalore on the significance of the Ignatian Year. After staying indoors for a long time, the novices had the

opportunity to go to Bannerghatta National Park to refresh themselves. Novice Denver is recuperating well after his knee surgery.

At LCPUC, the theme for the month "Contemplatives in action" was made meaningful through a poster-making competition on the topic, "Jesuits and Human Rights". Ms Jyothi Pratham delivered a talk on "Collaboration with Jesuits in Pandemic Times". Fr Anthony Joseph SJ, Rector, graced the investiture ceremony of the student council. The Constitution Week was celebrated with programmes and activities to familiarize the students with constitutional values and their importance.

Loyola Degree College observed "Samvidhan Diwas" (Constitution Day) and on that occasion the students were addressed by Dr Dayanand Naik from Mangalore University. A quiz competition was conducted in honour of St Francis Xavier, whose feast was celebrated on 3rd December. – Fr Francis D'Almeida

## MUNDGOD



November 18th will be remembered as the red-letter day in the history of the Mundgod Mission, for on that day Sr. Lucrecia Mingel Siddi became the first woman religious to make her final profession as a Sister of Charity in Ugginkeri. The singular occasion was solemnly celebrated with Bishop Francis Serrao as the Main Celebrant at

the Eucharist and over 50 religious and priests present to witness the event.

After his eye surgery, Fr. Tom D'Souza has returned with a youthful vision. The celebration of his 75th Birthday was a joyous occasion. Several Jesuits from the Province were present to share in Fr

Tom's joy. Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial, delivered the homily and Tom's novitiate companion, Fr Melwin J Pinto, raised the toast. The newly constructed first floor of our residence was blessed by the Provincial and inaugurated by Fr. Tom. St. Rita's church had the First Holy Communion for the children on the feast of Christ the King.



Ten novices of the Ursuline Franciscan Sisters spent a month in Mundgod for an experience of living and working with the Siddis. Two MSW students of Roshni Nilaya were at LVK for their block

placement. LVK had the privilege of playing the host to the Jesuits of the province who held their commission meetings (Pastors and Formators) in Mundgod.

Constitution Day was celebrated on the 26th of November with a Rally and stage program where around 650 people participated. The Civil judge of JMFC court Keshav K. inaugurated and spoke on the importance of imbibing constitutional values. The Tahsildar, Mr. Sridhar, was the chief guest. Dollukunitha, Road show and other activities added much colour to the entire programme. Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya organised a colourful Kannada Rajyostsava, for which a theatre artist and a senior advocate Mr Sujit was the chief guest. – Fr Melvin Lobo

## NAVASADHANA



The past two months were packed with programmes and activities as the pre-novices were engaged in preparing for and conducting Navasadhana day, NAVASAT-21. A brief lived experience in Bijapur mission has nurtured and deepened the vocation of the pre-novices. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Bijapur community – to Fr Jeevan James in particular – for their meticulous planning and kind hospitality. Fr Daniel

Fernandes has strained every nerve to train the college staff through faculty development programmes. Schs Sanson D'Souza and Joyal D'Sa have been working round the clock to extend a warm welcome to the freshers of the college. Fr Dheeraj D'Souza participated in the formation meeting at Jameshedpur and has returned with greater zest for promoting vocations.

– Sch Noel Dias

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Harihar



Nearly 1600 students from different schools in Harihar and Davanagere visited our college campus to view the exhibits displayed at "Aloysia Expo", a 2-day exhibition (Nov 15-16) of a variety of creative and study-related models, organized by the students and staff of SAPUC, Harihar. Most of the visiting students also took part in SATT (St Aloysius Talent Test). Students scoring high in the test would have an advantage over others in securing admission to our college in the forthcoming academic year.

students to creatively express their views on the Constitution.

The newly ordained priests, Frs Vincent Jaison and Anush D'Cunha, celebrated the Eucharist with the students of the hostels on November 24. Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial, visited the community for the annual visitation and was felicitated by the students and staff of the college.

The rain-battered windows of the college building have received the much needed attention of the carpenters. The partially damaged compound wall on the southern side of the college is being repaired. – Fr Praveen K Martis

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



At SAPUC, sessions on social consciousness were conducted by SAMVADA Team, a Bengaluru-based NGO. Harmony Week had for its theme 'Give Peace a Chance'. Various events and competi-

tions effectively promoted the spirit of diversity and multiculturalism among the students. More than 25 institutions were represented at the district-level staff development programme 'Staff

Conclave-2021', organized by SAPUC.

SAC (Autonomous) has introduced two more new skill-based B.Voc courses: Renewable Energy Management and Software Development. The UG and PG Chemistry departments launched 11 online certificate courses on wide ranging innovative fields. At the university level sports event, SAC men's basketball team emerged victorious; and in swimming, the women's team won the overall championship while the men's team was runners up.

The superintendent of Mangalore jail visited our ITI to explore possibilities of basic skills training for the jail inmates. The YCS members of Bejai parish had a career guidance programme at our institute. Also, a day-long "beautician course" was arranged for the students of sewing technology.

Three days of swimming competitions - jointly organized by the 17th National Masters Championship and Karnataka Swimming Association - were held at our swimming pool. People of all age groups, coming from across the country, participated in the mega event. Aloysius Students Hostel, ASH (formerly Aloysian Boys Home), celebrated its first hostel day and anticipated Christmas programme at Nehrunagar at which Jesuits of SAC

community formed the bulk of the audience. The Aloysian alumni (SACAA) organized a cricket tournament for the staff of different institutions, including a team of young Jesuits. Needless to say the Jesuits chose to accept loss in the spirit of "this least Society".

At AIMIT, thanks to the keen interest shown by the management in general and sub-warden, Fr Joel Fernandes in particular, occupancy in our hostels is on the rise. The IT department organized SACAIM (an international research conference) at which all our II Year IT students presented research papers in batches.

At Gonzaga CBSE School, Mr Ronald Pinto was the resource person at the sessions on study methods, exam preparation and career options - for Classes VIII-IX-X students. Kannada Week activities culminated in the celebration of Kannada Rajyotsava Day. Dr K.V. Rao (Director of the Science Centre at Pilikula Nisarga Dhama) was the chief guest at the inauguration of ATL (Atal Tinkering Lab - of the Government of India) in our school. Dr Shalini Aiyappa enlightened the students of IX Std on psychosocial development. - Sch Ovin Rodrigues & Fr Pradeep Sequeira

## VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



We had the Children's Day celebration in Dhanu Nagar slum. Fr Olvin Veigas took a few classes on "Passion and Glory" as per the scholastic's syllabus on Ignatian assignments. VN takes pride in the fact that the second and third year scholastics have passed with distinction in their exams. We felicitated our seven newly ordained priests by having them concelebrate the Eucharist on

November 22 in our parish church in Dharwad. Fr Francis Fernandes conducted a half-day programme on formation and vocation promotion for the superiors of the Bethany Sisters. Fr Edward Philip conducted a day's JESCOL seminar to the non-teaching staff of St Joseph's Indian Institutions, Bengaluru. - Sch Anu Vimal Raj

## XAVIER SADAN, Mysore



Frs Maxim Misquith, Pradeep Sequeira, Jossie D'Mello and Godwin Serrao helped us out, the first two giving a retreat each to Sisters, Jossie leading a group of Sisters through a course on Spirituality as a Faith Journey, and, Godwin giving an Intensive Journal course to another group of Sisters, who also had a few days on Maturing in Religious Life by Fr Freddie D'Silva, who then guided the recollection of the Staff Coordinators of SJBHS, who, accompanied by the Principal Fr Sunil Fernandes, and the Vice Principal Fr Vishal D'Souza, spent a day here; led a group of Sisters through their renewal programme culminat-

ing in a retreat; a group of novices belonging to two different Congregations through a course on Ignatian Spirituality; and, five more retreats for priests and religious, men and women; gave a course in Prerana to Jubilarians; and the annual clergy retreat in the newly inaugurated and quite impressive Pastoral Centre, SANNIDHI, of Shimoga Diocese. On Sunday 05 December, we had a beautiful programme to celebrate the Conversion of St Ignatius, with two sessions by Fr Jossie D'Mello on Ignatius turning crisis into opportunity; a festive mass, and a fellowship meal. The resident Jubilarian, Fr Freddie D'Silva, was felic-



itated on completing 60 years as a Jesuit. Some seventy five invited guests were present.

Meanwhile, Fr Anil D'Mello has been assiduously helping out in the parishes and giving monthly recollections in religious communities, while also

investing his time and energy in updating our facilities, with the renovation of the rooms, all of which are now self-contained; and, installing more solar lights in the garden.

– Fr Frederick D'Silva

### SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



With the arrival of the first years, Satya Nilayam campus is once again bustling with life. In the meantime the second years are occupied with their dissertations. We began the advent season with a recollection talk given by Sr. Nirmala FMM

on the theme "To see everything new in Christ". Fr Maxim Dias, who had come to Chennai for the AICUF meeting, paid us a pleasant and surprise visit. – Sch Darshan Kumar

### VIDYANIKETAN, Trivandrum



Fr Saji George (AP) who volunteered to be a missionary in East Timor shared with us his mission experience and invited us to reflect on becoming a missionary. Fr Aurel Brys (a Belgian Jesuit of Ranchi Province) was the main celebrant at the feast day

Eucharist in honour of St John Berchmans. Congratulations to Sch. A. Abraham Clinton who has won the second prize in an abstract painting competition organized by the JCSA for the Jesuit Scholastics. – Sch Saul Abhishek

### VINAYALAYA, Mumbai



After our first semester exams, we went to Khandala for our holidays and visited Kune mission. We officially commenced our 2nd semester on 8th November with a "Speech and Drama" course by

Mr Conan Pereira. On 14th November we conducted a prayer service at Vinayalaya on the occasion of the jubilee celebration of the province jubilarians. – Sch Steevan Joseph

### ROME



I arrived in Rome safe and sound without any hurdles. While in the quarantine for a week in the General Curia, I was involved in the online works of the Communications office. After meeting the whole team post the quarantine, I have taken charge of the studio and would be handling the social media handles of the Society. Apart from the regular works of the communications office, I'd be rendering my service in improvising DAM (Digital Asset Management) – an online repository to find all the Jesuit resources, and helping in

ameliorating the global vocation promotion platforms.

The Jesuits here are very accommodative and welcoming. The Universal spirit of the Society of Jesus is very much seen in every corridor of the Curia. I was happy to meet a few provincials from India who had come for the colloquium. Requesting your blessings and prayers as I continue to be an intern in the Communications Office of the General Curia. AMDG. – Fr Vivian Richard



### REST IN PEACE

Fr Edmund Carrasco, SJ (BOM), 78/63, on 16 November, in Mumbai.

Fr Cyriac Kulirany, SJ (KER), 82/64, on 21 November, in Calicut.

Fr Theodore B Bowling, SJ (PAT), 97/80, on 22 November, in Pune.

Fr Edwin J Daly, SJ (DEL), 94/76, on 25 November, in Delhi.

Fr George Uthirakulam, SJ (DUM), 73/55, on 30 November, in Raiganj.

Fr Joseph (Josey) Kunnunkal, SJ (PAT), 84/60, on 08 December, in Patna.

Fr J Feliu, SJ (BOM), 92/74, on 10 December, in Mumbai.

Mr Joseph Mendonca, 87, brother-in-law of Fr Jerome D'Souza, on 17 November, in Udupi.

Mrs Cecilia Menezes, 77, paternal aunt of Fr Cyril Menezes, on 22 November, in Mangaluru.

Sr Geralda AC, 88, sister of Fr Leo D'Souza, on 30 November, in Calicut.  
 Mrs Theresa Rodriguez, 83, grandmother of Sch Jaison Pais, on 30 November, in Mangaluru.  
 Mr Peter Xavier D'Souza, 94, maternal uncle of Fr Melwin Pinto, Rector SAC, Mangaluru, on 04 December, in Kallianpur, Udupi.  
 Ms EM Crasta, 96, maternal aunt of Fr Johnson Pinto, on 05 December.  
 Ms Cecilia Moras, 87, maternal aunt of Fr Joseph Rodrigues, on 05 December, in Mangaluru.  
 Mrs Hazel Rodrigues, 63, niece of Fr Ravi Santosh Kamath and maternal aunt of Fr Ryan Rodrigues (DNC, Pune), on 08 December, in Mumbai.

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

*(In this section some of our Senior Jesuits will share their experiences of Jesuit life and mission)*

### BR BENEDICT ROSARIO, SJ

I am happy to recall and put down in writing some important events and experiences of my life. I was born on 2 January 1948 at Ferar, Mangaluru. My father died when I was very young. We were 9 children, I being the 8th in line. We children, however, were blessed with a wonderful mother, a woman of great faith, who worked hard to bring us up in firm discipline but with much tender love. We were a happy family attending Sunday Mass in church and daily prayers at home. Both my elder brothers were a great help to the family in cultivating the fields.



I had six months of postulancy before I entered the Novitiate in 1965. I had two Novice Masters: first, Fr Apoline D'Souza who was kind, understanding and paternal in his approach; and then Fr Anthony Coelho who had just then returned from the US with a friendly approach in all his dealings.

I had the rare privilege of pronouncing my First Vows on 2 January 1967 in Mount St Joseph, in the presence of no less a celebrity than Fr Pedro Arrupe, the then General of the Society, who was on a visit to the Province. He was the main celebrant at the Eucharist. The chapel was packed with Jesuits and novices, all clad in white cassocks; it seemed as if the whole Province was present. I felt happy and proud that I truly belong to the Company of Jesuits! After the Mass, I had the special opportunity of interacting with Fr General and cutting a huge cake along with him. It was certainly a day to remember!

I think my life-span has been extended by a few years thanks to the joyful days I spent with the primary school children at Mount St Joseph and at Hassan. In them I saw the face of God. Also, the six month course in theology that I attended in De Nobili College, Pune together with the tertian-Brothers from across the Assistency grounded me in the Society's spirituality. My Jesuit formation was rounded off with a year of tertianship at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur.

Some of my relatives were present to witness my final commitment in the Society on 15 August 1980, along with Fr Ravi Santosh Kamath, in St Joseph's Seminary, Mangaluru. Later, in 2015, I had the unforgettable Golden Jubilee celebration of my entrance into the Society. It was a time to thank God for all He had done for me and through me, and to plead with Him for grace and strength to continue to work for His greater glory and for the good of His people.

Memories crowd my mind sometimes concerning the beginnings and growth of technical education in the Province in which I am glad to have played a role. Starting three ITIs meant a lot of pioneering work and much struggle and anxiety. I was Director of the three ITIs: first at

Ooty, second at Mount St Joseph and third at Bijapur. It was indeed a trying experience for me, particularly in Ooty where I had to function in a different State and meet the challenges of inadequate infra-structure. But it was while I was in Ooty that I had the opportunity of going to Guindy (Chennai) for a year of training.

By far the biggest challenge that I faced was to start an ITI from the scratch at Mount St Joseph and to turn it into a well-equipped modern enterprise. This project gave me such vast and invaluable experience that even before its completion other Provinces in India made requests for my expertise. In the year 2000, the Loyola ITI at Mount St Joseph was the first in Karnataka to start the Automobile and Electrical courses for school dropout GIRLS. Believe it or not, some of these girls have started their own 'All Women Workshop Service Centres' in collaboration with NGOs.

Again it was a great learning experience for me to get formal recognition and affiliation for our non-formal technical school in Bijapur. In fact, it was a great educative experience for me to start motor-driving schools in all the three ITIs mentioned earlier. All these endeavours were worth the trouble as they helped scores of youth to get quick employment after only a short duration of training.

My longest and continuous service was at Ooty for 15 years. I have also been at Mount St Joseph for 15 years, followed by 2 years at St Aloysius, Mangaluru, and 4 years at Bijapur.

I have nostalgic memories of my three-year service, which I believe was much appreciated, as Administrator and Treasurer at Vidya Jyoti Theological College, Delhi. Delhi - with its historical, architectural and heritage monuments at every corner of the city - assuredly widened my cultural vision.

In 2010 I volunteered, for a change, to work in the Kohima Region. There I began planning to start a technical school. Unfortunately, owing to a change in regime at the local level, the project ended even before it began to take shape. I was then sent to Germany to do a course on gender-related vocational training. In addition to widening the scope of my professional expertise, this exposure gave me an opportunity to visit some places of interest in France, Austria, Italy and the Vatican. It was indeed a gratifying experience for me.

My three-year sojourn in St Joseph's Technical Institute in Pune was a delightful and memorable experience thanks to the atmosphere of intermingling cultures - German, Konkani and Marathi! We were a bunch of young priests and Brothers pursuing industrial studies in different fields. The Institute provides a favourable milieu for the learning of basic skills in mechanical and automobile training. I consider myself fortunate to have been trained in such an institute of high quality skill training under German supervision. I must mention with gratitude Bro Noel Oliver, Principal of the Institute, and a few German Jesuits, who were fully involved in our welfare and training.

I consider it a privilege to care for the sick and the elderly. That is why I cherished the responsibility of "prefect of Health" given to me by my superiors at Mount St Joseph. Life to me, today, is to be positive - learning, serving and loving. I am now at Fatima Retreat House, this grace-filled and lovable community, where each member lives the Magis in his own way. My sentiments are of hope and gratitude - to God our Lord and to all who came into my life and accompanied me to be who I am today.



## OUR VOW OF POVERTY IN THE FOLLOWING OF JESUS POOR AND HUMBLE

(An extract from the letter of Fr General dated 27 September 2021)

### FOLLOWING JESUS POOR AND HUMBLE

It is not in the lack of many material goods that we recognize Jesus as poor and humble. He became poor in order to enrich us with his poverty. Jesus' poverty is the fruit of his generosity, of his total gift of himself, so that, in fellowship, we may all live in dignity as daughters and sons of the same Father. This evangelical poverty is what we desire when we pronounce the vow of poverty, aware that living it is only possible if we receive the grace of the Lord himself who invites us to follow him. Our way of proceeding includes "becoming poor" as a dimension of Jesus' way of life, which we too wish to live as a radical expression of love capable of voluntary self-emptying, of the humiliation required to obey the Spirit and of self-gift even unto death on the cross. We have heard the call, we have chosen this path which we manifest through our vow.

Ignatius decides to become poor out of love for the poor and humble Jesus, under whose banner he wants to serve. The second week of the *Spiritual Exercises* clearly traces the path for following Jesus. For those who hear the call and know how Jesus became incarnate in human history, it begins with poverty (spiritual and material) and continues with the acceptance of reproaches and scorn leading to the humility that opens the way to all the other virtues. Ignatius does not intend a reflection on poverty as such, but chooses to become poor because Christ chose it. This is the reason for the vow of those who make their profession to live like Jesus poor and humble in consecrated life. A poverty that allows us to communicate the Jesus of the Gospel in radical obedience to the Father.

For this reason, "becoming poor" as a dimension of following Jesus Christ means freeing oneself from that which prevents one from making oneself available to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. "Becoming poor" is a step towards placing one's trust in God and in Him alone. It is poverty as a stripping away and detachment that frees one from the tendency to possess wealth as the basis of one's security. Whoever "becomes rich" convinces himself that he can then control his life and secure it against all kinds of risks. The way of evangelical poverty, on the other hand, leads us to live in the open, puts us into the hands of others, into the uncertainty in which we place our hope in the Lord.



Fr Provincial and Loyola Mandir Community wish all the readers of KS  
a very happy Christmas and a grace-filled New Year 2022.

May God-with-us, Emmanuel, bless each one of us.

