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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

A great industrialist, philanthropist and legend has departed to his eternal home. Mr Ratan Tata was a great visionary, versatile industrialist, generous philanthropist, lover of human beings and especially the poor. The sincerity of his convictions, the breadth of his outlook, the clarity of his vision, and the purity of his emotions – all these have brought to him the admiration of all his employees and the general public.

I was recently touched by a beautiful anecdote about Mr Ratan Tata! When Indian billionaire Ratanji Tata was asked by the radio presenter in a telephone interview: Sir, what do you remember when you got the happiest in life?

Ratanji Tata said: I have gone through four stages of happiness in life, and I finally understood the meaning of true happiness. The first stage was to accumulate wealth and resources. But at this stage I didn't get the happiness I wanted.

Then came the second stage of collecting valuables and items. But I realized that the effect of this thing is also temporary and the lustre of precious things does not last long.

Then came the third phase of getting a big project. That was when I had 95% of the diesel supply in India and Africa. I was also the owner of the largest steel factory in India and Asia. But even here I did not get the happiness that I had imagined.

The fourth stage was when a friend of mine asked me to buy wheelchairs for some disabled children. About 200 children. At the behest of the friend, I immediately bought the wheelchairs. But the friend insisted that I go with him and hand over the wheelchairs to the children. I got ready and went with him. There I gave these children the wheelchairs with my own hands. I saw a strange glow of happiness on the faces of these children. I saw them all sitting in wheelchairs, moving around and having fun. It was as if they had reached a picnic spot, where they were sharing a winning gift.

I felt real happiness inside me. When I decided to leave, one of the kids grabbed my leg. I tried to slowly release my legs, but the child looked at my face and held my legs tight. I leaned over and asked the child: do you need anything else? The answer this kid gave me not only shocked me but also completely changed my outlook towards life. This child said: "I want to remember your face so that when I meet you in heaven, I can recognize you and thank you once again.....!!!"

How I wish some of us are touched by the spark of Mr Ratan Tata and have a conversion experience to live a life of poverty, simplicity, and be compassionate to children in crisis. How I wish we would reach out to those children in Manvi who still suffer both physically and emotionally!



- FR DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED/APPROVED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Maxim Dias: Consultor of Karnataka Province

Fr General has approved **Frs Praveen Kumar** and **Wilson Bennis Kishore** for the profession of final vows in the SJ

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

October 2024

01: Mass – General Conference: SND Sisters (B'luru)
02-04: Visitation: Mundgod Mission (Mundgod)
06: JYMSA: Prerana (Bengaluru)
07-09: Course for Silver Jubilarians: Prerana (B'luru)
10: MAGIS: Gulbarga
12: Ordination: FRH (Mangaluru)
12: Province Consult: FRH (Mangaluru)
13-15: Visitation: Asha Kiran
16-17: KRCR Meeting: Baga, Goa
20-26: JCSA (Delhi)
27-29: Visitation: Vidya Jyoti (Delhi)

November 2024

01-04: Visitation: Jesuit Nivas (B'luru)
09-10: Meeting of LS, DoWs, CCMs: Prerana (B'luru)
11: Province Consult: LM (B'luru)
14-18: Visitation: MSJ Seniors (B'luru)
20-21: Course for CSST Major Superior (B'luru)
23: Meeting with Young Priests awaiting Final Vows: Ashirvad (B'luru)
23: Governing Board Meeting: SJIM (B'luru)
25: Visitation: SICJ (Trivandrum)
26: Meeting of South Zone Provincials (Trivandrum)
28-30: Visitation: VN (Dharwad)
30: YUVA Programme: Dharwad

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Fr Maxim Dias** on your appointment as the Consultor of the Province.

To our newly ordained priests **Frs Joseph Jerald A, Joswin Pereira, Kiran Anthony Leema, Maxim Martin D'Souza, Paul Anand Prasad D** and **Wilson Saldanha**. May God bless you and your priestly ministry.

THANK YOU

Fr Melwyn S Pinto for all that you have been to Karnataka Province as the Consultor of the Province.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

09-10 November: Meeting of LS, DoWs, CCMs: Prerana (Bengaluru)

23 November: Meeting with Young Priests awaiting Final Vows: Ashirvad, Bengaluru

30 November: YUVA Programme: Dharwad

Novices Roshan Pinto and **Kiran PR** left the Novitiate on 16 September, 2024. We wish them God's abundant blessings as they begin a new phase in their lives.

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN): OCTOBER 2024

For a shared mission: we pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

ORDINATIONS: St Joseph's Boy's High School Chapel, Bengaluru



28 September 2024 was a momentous occasion for the Province as Fr Paul Anand Prasad and Fr Joseph Jerald were ordained to the sacred priesthood. The solemn mass was officiated by the esteemed Most Rev. Dr Peter Machado, Arch Bishop- Bangalore Diocese, alongside Auxiliary Bishops - Rev. Dr Arokya Raj Satish Kumar and Rev. Dr Joseph Susainathan, on the theme- "His Work, My Hands". In his homily, Bishop Satish Kumar articulated the essence of priesthood, emphasizing the qualities essential for a fruitful ministry. The newly ordained priests and their

families were honoured in a felicitation ceremony after the mass. The Auxiliary Bishops were also honoured on behalf of the Karnataka Jesuit





Province, acknowledging their guidance and contributions to the spiritual growth of the Church. To culminate the festivities, an Agape was organised, inviting all guests to partake in fellowship and celebration. As Fr Paul Anand Prasad and Fr Joseph Jerald embark on their priestly ministries, we extend our heartfelt wishes for their journey to be filled with grace, fulfilment, and peace. May their hands be truly instruments of His work, touching lives and transforming hearts in service to God and the community.

- Fr Ashwin Cordeiro

ORDINATIONS: Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru



In a solemn Eucharistic celebration held on 12 October, 2024, at the Divine Mercy Church of Fatima Retreat House, four Jesuit deacons: Joswin Pereira, Kiran Leema, Maxim D'Souza and Wilson Saldanha, were ordained to priesthood by Rev. Dr Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore. The ceremony, themed "His Work, My Hands," was witnessed by hundreds of Jesuits, clergy, religious members, and the families of the newly ordained priests. In his homily,



Bishop Saldanha emphasized the privilege of becoming ambassadors of Christ through ordination and reminded them that God is always by their side. Fr Dionysius Vaz, the provincial, expressed his gratitude to the bishop and participants, particularly the parents of the newly ordained priests, for their sacrifices and dedication. The ordination ceremony was marked by a meaningful liturgy, sumptuous lunch, coordinated by Frs Leston Lobo and Anil D'Mello and their team.

- Fr Leston Lobo



RRSJSJSA-The Actual-Process



The "Actual-Process" of RRSJSJSA took place at Prerana from 20 to 22 September, 2024 bringing together 55 Jesuits for a time of renewal. We reflected on our past with gratitude, addressed present and future challenges with hope, and collectively discerned eight preferences for our future over three days. Inspiring messages from Fr John Dardis, Archbishop Peter Machado, Fr Cedric Prakash (GUJ), and some of our collaborators added depth to our discussions. The provincial felt affirmed by our mutual sharing discernment processes. This marks just the second step in reimagining the Society of Jesus in South Asia, with preferences to be led into action. We felt God's abiding presence throughout and extend our gratitude to the task force team, led by Fr Brian Pereira, for their exceptional teamwork, inspiring active participation in the actual process, and for preparing a resourceful booklet.

Prerana provided a perfect setting with nourishing meals, while SJU sponsored matching green T-shirts for all. The actual process deepened our sense of belonging to the Society of Jesus and reinforced our deep sense of Universality and Conference. We wrapped up our meeting feeling renewed and energized!

- Fr Ronald Pais



AICUF, Karnataka



As part of the AICUF centenary initiatives, an insightful online lecture on “Youth and Spirituality” by Fr Joseph Antony D’Mello SJ was held on the 19 September, engaging around 150 participants from across India. Additionally, the AYCM National Camp 2024 took place from 15-18 September, at AICUF Ashram, Bhopal, with

the theme “Revisit-Renew-Reimagine AYCM with Hope.” Students from various regions, including Karnataka, participated and made it a memorable and enriching experience. AICUF also started two new units in the dioceses of Chikmagalur and Shimoga.

- Fr Maxim Dias

KJES YOUTH WORKS (PCYM)



The website and the logo of the Province Commission for Youth Ministry (PCYM) was inaugurated by Fr Dionysius Vaz. Fr Provincial addressed the youth as a chief guest and inspired the youth at Mount St Joseph Community. Fifteen youth collaborators underwent a retreat under the guidance of Fr Joseph A D’Mello. Fr Pradeep Crasta and Fr Prashanth W D’Souza also took sessions to help the youth to deepen their spiritual life. The province Youth Collaborators conducted two-day orientation at St Joseph’s PU



College, Anekal. The PCYM conducted Ignitors’ integral formation programme at St Joseph’s University. Nearly 78 resource persons were involved to ignite and inspire the hearts and minds of nearly 10,000 students. The PCYM hosted a South-West zone reimagining and restructuring process for the youth in Prerana. Twenty-eight participants

from different provinces took part. Fr Brian Pereira animated the sessions, and the Fr Provincial addressed the attendees.

- Fr Joel Fernandes

ARRUPE NIVAS, Bengaluru



The convocation of the inaugural cohort of post-graduate students from 21 disciplines was held on the university campus. To mark the occasion, the Honourable Minister for Higher Education and Pro-Visitor of the University, Dr M C Sudhakar, presided over the convocation ceremony, with the convocation address delivered by Dr Thimmappa Hegde, Director of the Narayana Institute of Neurosciences, Bengaluru. This event marked a significant milestone in the institution’s history, as St Joseph’s University evolved from the upgradation of St Joseph’s College. Additionally, the freshers’ fest, Swagath, and the intra-university cultural fest, Prathibha, were successfully held during this month.

Dr Kumar M, Assistant Professor, and Dr B S Prabhakar, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, have secured a consultancy project from Clean Max Enviro Energy Solution Private Limited for INR 2,43,153.88. Dr Paul Newman attended the UN Summit in Geneva, Switzerland, while Dr P E Somaiah, Head of the Department of Political Science, co-edited two books. Ms Wilma D’Souza, Dept of Mathematics was part of the ‘Biri Biri Pavs’ first-of-its-kind poetry recitation reality show in Konkani language on Daijiworld TV organised by Kavita

Trust. Furthermore, two faculty members published in a Scopus-indexed book, four faculty members were promoted to Assistant Professor II (Level 11) and Assistant Professor III (Level 12) and two successfully attained their PhD.

Edna Joseph (II INPP) presented at the Technical Consultation Meeting on “Social Media and Drug Use Prevention” at the Fourth Wave Foundation at the United Nations Office, Vienna. Neole Anna Cornelio (II BA Psychology and Journalism) achieved notable success at the World Athletics Championships 2024 in Lima, Peru, breaking the national record of Indian U20. Notably, she also excelled in the SAAF Games hosted by India in Chennai, leading India to secure the gold. Five cadets from 1 KAR AIR SQN NCC were selected to represent Karnataka and Goa Directorate at the All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2024. Furthermore, BVoc Filmmaking alumnus Maruthi Reddy (batch of 2016-19) worked as an Associate Director in the Telugu feature film Uruku Patela, which was released this month.

The University also hosted a visit from Seisen University, Tokyo, Japan, and welcomed a group of 90 Tibetan students. Rev Fr Martin Lenk SJ, Provincial of Caribbean Province also visited

the campus. Dr Helen Pain MBE, CEO of the Royal Society of Chemistry and Chair, Board of Trustees, Chemical Council, UK, conducted a seminar on "Moving Towards a Greener World." To prepare students in life-saving techniques to make a difference when it matters most, a World First Aid Day Seminar was held in association with NIMHANS. A workshop on Mentoring and Basic Skills in Counselling was conducted for the Academic Staff. Many classes also went on educational tours and industrial visits.

Fr Richard Rego's first PhD scholar Vimla Lekshmi successfully defended her PhD thesis at the prestigious National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS). He also led a group of seven students (Global Scholars) and two staff from Creighton University (USA) and an equal number of counterparts from SJU, in an India Immersion programme, encountering a variety of

cultures -both grass-roots and elite- of Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru and surrounding areas.

St Joseph's Boys' Hostel students celebrated Onam with much grandeur. The cultural flavour of God's own country added a mixture of joy and gladness for all those students witnessing this festivity for the first time. Fr Jaison Pais, the director of the hostel, gave all his support and encouragement for the students to organise this celebration.

The community members went on a pilgrimage to the shrine of St Mary's Basilica as part of preparation for the feast of the Nativity of BVM. The celebration of 'Monti Fest' was an uniting experience for the Jesuits in the Arrupe Nivas. The family meal at noon was a joy shared in love and brotherhood.

- Fr Aravind Royce

ASHA KIRAN, Mangaluru



As September unfolded, we began the month with devotion, observing the novena to Our Lady and joyfully celebrating the Feast of the Nativity and Onam in a traditional Mangalorean style. Frs Sujay Daniel and Ronald Pais, along with other team members, spearheaded the RRSJSA Actual Process held in Prerana. Concurrently, our community forum, 'Your Opinions Matter,' addressed a critical social issue: the sub-classification of SC and STs. Fr Sujay preached a retreat to FMM sisters, while Fr Ronald conducted a workshop on Stress Management for Charity sisters. Some of

our Scholastics also attended the ordination ceremony in Bengaluru.

- Sch Anson Alex



ASHIRVAD, Bengaluru



Fr Arul Anthony attended the National MAIN meeting at Delhi, as part of the Centre for Social Concern activity. Fr Arun Luis visited Manvi to console the victims of the tragic bus accident. Five Ashirvad community members took classes on various topics for Igniters programme at SJU. Frs Arul and Brian Pereira took part in JESCOM meeting that was held at Kolkata. Ashirvad community hosted more than 60 family members of our newly ordained priests, Fr Joseph Jerald and Fr Anand Prasad. Our community had a mean-

ingful celebration of the Nativity of BVM, by having a pilgrimage to St Mary's Basilica and joining the procession there and having a vegetarian meal with the collaborators and the staff. Fr Arun took part in the training of CRI zonal leaders in Bengaluru. Frs Arun and Brian attended the actual process of RRSJSA in Prerana. Fr Arun attended the meeting of PDDs in Baroda. He also visited a few mission stations of Gujarat Province.

- Fr Elvis Luis

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE, Mangaluru



The Feast of the Nativity of BVM, celebrated as Monthi Fest, was a pivotal event this month, drawing the faithful from near and far in large numbers. The vibrant display of faith, fervour, and love for our dear heavenly Mother was truly a feast for the eyes and a source of encouragement for all who attended. This occasion also marked a special time of grace for our community, especially

with the presence of Fr Provincial, with his annual visitation to FRH. He celebrated the festal Mass at 11.00 am in the Church, enriching the congregation with his inspiring message. Throughout the month, Frs Anil D'Mello, Ajay D'Silva, Edward Rodrigues, Joseph Rodrigues, and Joseph Monteiro directed Ignatian retreats for the religious, providing them with deep spiritual insights

Daily counseling and personal guidance sessions for both laity and religious were effectively offered, primarily by Fr Joseph Rodrigues and assisted by other Jesuits. Frs Anil and Edward also led half-day programmes for the Sisters of the Queen of the Apostles in Vamanjoor, with the focus on the "Role Clarity between Superiors and Directors of Work" and the "Need for Spiritual Direction." Additionally, Fr Anil was invited to conduct a day's programme on "Vocation Promotion" for the sisters of St Anne's of Providence. Frs Norbert Fernandes, Maxim Misquith from Gulbarga, and Thomas D'Souza from Sindagi were admitted at Father Muller's hospital for minor health concerns. Our guest, Fr Francis Rodrigues, SJ from Nairobi, stayed with us for a few days, sharing his experiences and insights.

The month included a two-day leadership and personality-building session for fifty student council members of St Aloysius PU College of Harihar, fostering growth and collaboration among our youth. In compliance with the local Bishop's decree, we have adjusted our Sunday Mass schedule, reducing one of the four masses at Divine Mercy Church. We are pleased to report that all our senior Jesuits remain in good health and continue to radiate joy within our community. The month of September concluded on a celebratory note with Fr Oswald Mascarenhas' birthday, marking a joyful occasion for all. In keeping with the requests from far and near, we are pleased to announce that the new liturgical calendar (ORDO) is now ready for distribution.

- Fr Edward Rodrigues

HOMBELAKU, Manvi



Frs Jason Furtado, Kiran Pashan and Cyprian Tellis were with us as Revisors of the mission. Fifty PG students from St Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru spent three days in our mission for rural exposure under the guidance of Fr Don Prem Lobo.

Br Suman D'Souza's grandmother passed away on 3rd September at Chikmagaluru, and on 27th September Fr Wilson Bennis' grandmother passed away at Saklespur. May their souls rest in peace.

On 5th September we had a shocking tragedy. Our school bus carrying children for the Teachers' Day celebrations met with an accident with the government bus outside the town limits. Two boys – Samarth Amaresh of 1st Std, Xavier school and Srikanth Maresh of 7th Std, Loyola School died on the way to the hospital. Around 25 students were injured, some of them seriously. The driver Balavantha (Junior) fractured both his legs. We are grateful to the province, to our Provincial for standing by us and supporting us through special prayers and immediate visits. Most of our people, local leaders, and authorities stood by us in the nick of time and helped

us to navigate the difficult times. The children of Shanthi Nikethan, a school in Sirwar contributed Rs. 26,000/- towards the deceased families. Frs Jason Furtado and Arun Luis (PDD) visited us as Provincial's representatives in connection with the bus accident. Frs Daniel Fernandes, Rector Jesuit Nivas, Manoj D'Souza, Charles Lasrado and Jerry D'Souza were with us for two days discussing ways to strengthen twinning initiatives.

The most significant event of the month was the Visitation of Provincial to our community. It was truly a moment of grace for all of us. We felt encouraged and strengthened in our mission through the encouragement that we received from Fr Dionysius Vaz.

Forty-six students from four NCC units of Loyola Institutions accompanied by three staff members went to Thorangal near Bellary for a 10-day camp. Several of our PU students have been selected for State level in sports and games: Boys in Valley ball, Basketball, Kabaddi and 100m. hurdles; girls in 400m. Relay, 1500 race (Padma), 3000 m. walk race and Basketball – the best in recent years.

- Fr Maxim Rasquinha

INIGO SADAN, Bengaluru



The month of September commenced with the Novena in honour of the feast of Nativity of BVM. The communitarian *Novem Jevaan* further increased the spiritual tone of the feast. The scholastics, along with hostellers and boarders, embarked on a pilgrimage to St Mary's Basilica in Shivajinagar, seeking her blessings. The community was blessed by the visit of

Auxiliary Bishops of Bangalore, Most Rev Joseph Susainathan and Most Rev Arokiaraj Satis Kumar, who reminisced their association with the Jesuits. As part of the twinning initiative, three staff members from Loyola School, Sindagi accompanied by Fr Lancy Fernandes visited our CBSE school and interacted with the co-ordinators.

The high school, in collaboration with the general post office, organised a Philatelic and Numismatic Exhibition which gave the students, a unique opportunity to explore rare stamps and coins. On International Democracy Day, 350 students participated in the human chain, spreading aware-



ness about the importance of democracy. Dr Anil Fernandes, one of the staff members is awarded the 'Best Teacher Award' at taluk level which is a moment of pride for our institution. The student council of PU College organised a vibrant cultural programme on account of the Teachers' Day celebration. The department of commerce and

humanities hosted Aakruthi-2024, a commerce fest that saw the creative participation of around 400 students. On World Suicide Day, a workshop was held to promote mental health awareness.

The annual athletic meet of the primary school was a huge success featuring exciting events like pyramid formation, martial arts demonstration and an innovative band performance. Mr Nagaraju, the physical education teacher received the prestigious Best PET award, bringing great honour to the school. The boarders of St Louis Boarding House, fostered their devotion to Mother Mary through a spiritual pilgrimage to St Mary's Basilica, Shivajinagar. St Joseph's Skill Academy, in collaboration with 'Learning Matters Organization', have begun conducting sessions for English and Life skills instructors to facilitate the use of Artificial Intelligence in their teaching methods. The Teachers' Day celebration, brought the students and the faculty together.

- Fr Vishal Pinto

JNANA JYOTHI, Anekal

To strengthen the unit collaboration, the KJFCT scholastics conducted the classes on 'Human Resource Development' in St Joseph's PU college, 'Social Awareness' inputs in CIRW and 'Computer and Soft Skill' classes in Bala Jyoti hostels. The teachers were honored for their commitment and hard work on 5th September in St Joseph's School. The kindergarten section celebrated Fruits and Vegetables Day. The kids came to the school dressed as fruits and vegetables, adding fun and color to the event. St Joseph's PU College is buzzing with activities. The Karnataka Province Youth Commission organized a two-day orientation programme for the first-year students. It helped the students to adjust to the new academic environment and understand the values upheld by the institution. Meanwhile, the science students had a productive field visit to Kanakapura Nandini Milk Dairy, where they learned about the scientific processes involved in dairy production. Sr Mabel D'Mello conducted a health and hygiene awareness programme for all the female students, ensuring that they are well-informed about their personal care. Dr Denver gave an awareness programme on physical and mental



well-being for the boys. The students of St Joseph's PU College took part in extracurricular activities, district-level volleyball, kho-kho, and kabaddi tournaments.

Centre for Integral Rural Welfare with the help of National Research Network and Cancer (NRA) Foundation (with the help of Doctors from Fortis Hospital) organized the General Cancer Awareness, Life style modification and Health Check-up programmes at Jnana Jyothi Campus Anekal for the village women, Bala Jyothi hostel girls and the tailoring centre students. Around 200 participants benefited from the programme. The CIRW also organized 10-day foot and body pulse therapy at CIRW, in collaboration with Byraveshwara Wellness Organization. Almost 800 people benefited from it. The girls of our hostel had a special session on health, hygiene, and counseling. Srs Dr Mabel D'Mello BS and Dr Swathi BS were the resource persons. This year, being the year of prayer, all the families of the parish conduct group Rosary in their families.

- Sch Arun Lobo

JESUIT NIVAS, Bengaluru

SJBHS celebrated Cadence (6th edition, Inter School Music Fest), Hindi Diwas and Gandhi Jayanti. The Social Outreach programme in various shelters and homes for the needy, the help-



less and the differently abled in Bengaluru was an enriching and transformative experience for our students, parents and staff. An awareness programme on 'Safe and Unsafe Touch' for our

students was organized. An Intra-staff event 'Sports Fiesta' was an enjoyable experience. The Infosys Springboard Maker Lab on Wheels rolled into our school, turning our campus into a hub of innovation and hands-on learning. Heartfelt gratitude to the Razack Family (Mr Irfan Razack, 1968 Batch; Mr Rezwan Razack, 1970 Batch and Mr Noaman Razack, 1974 Batch) for their



donation of ₹5 Crores to SJBHS towards the ongoing project (playground with double basement and additional classrooms block). The plaque announcing the 'Razack Family Block' was unveiled. The OBA too has contributed ₹1 Crore to their alma mater. The batch of 1974 celebrated their Golden Jubilee Reunion in school. What made it truly memorable was the presence of their teacher Mrs Sait who celebrated her 100th birthday with her students!

At SJPU, the Computer Science Department launched a Robotic Certificate Programme to equip students with technological knowledge. The Student Council organised the Teacher's Day. Novena prayers for the staff was organised

JOSEPH NIVAS, Hassan



The students and the PTA of the schools celebrated the Teacher's Day. While the students expressed their gratitude to their teachers through dance, songs and offering flowers, their parents thanked the teachers through their words of appreciation and little gifts. Fr Cyprian Tellis, the Protection Officer of Safeguarding, addressed the teaching staff of all the units and enlightened them on the Province Policy of Safeguarding minors and vulnerable adults, POSH, and POCOSO, and clarified their doubts and waded away their fears. The nursery students went around the city with awe and wonder. The students of St Joseph's English Medium School enacted as little Gandhis, Nerhus, and even as Marys and Jesuses on their Talents Day. The parents witnessed their sons and daughters with excitement and laughter. Smiley badges were awarded to students to promote the culture of spoken English in the school. AVIVA-the freshers' day was another event where students presented their

leading up to the Feast of the Nativity of the BVM. The KPAP team conducted events like Elocution and Street Plays with themes that promoted social awareness. The MUN Society convened the 9th edition of SJPUC MUN, a simulation of the United Nations Conference. Genesis, annual inter-collegiate Gospel fest saw enthusiastic participation from students of various colleges.

At SJIM, in addition to guest lectures from the industry experts, the students organized in house finance and marketing conclaves. A finance symposium with SBI as knowledge partner saw readiness of public sector banks getting interested to partner with us. A good number of companies are in the process of recruiting our second year PGDM students. Nine of our students including four girls participated in the weeklong Bootcamp organized by the Institute of Innovation Council of the Ministry of Education in NIT-K, Surathkal. One of SJIM teams made it to the top 12 out of 69 teams that pitched innovative ideas.

Deacons Joseph Jerald and Anand Paul were ordained as priests at SJBHS Chapel with three bishops, large number of Jesuits and the family members of the newly ordained priests. Fr Olvin Veigas conducted half-day FDP for the teaching staff of Loyola ITI, Bengaluru. The DoWs of Jesuit Nivas went to Manvi to visit the twinning partners. *Monthi fest* was celebrated in the community on the 8th September with the traditional meal and novena.

- Fr Olvin Veigas

talents and creativity in welcoming the new comers and making them feel at home. Through 'GALA' a week-long series of activities and competitions brought to light, the hidden flairs and the youthful vigour of the students. A short programme called 'Mental Health and Peace' had a thought-provoking talk by Fr Vinod Saldanha, who made the students to pause and reflect on their life as youth of today. After an initial meeting on collaboration between the Jesuits of SJCH and SADU last month, an online meeting was arranged for faculty representatives from both institutions. This was the first meeting and it helped the faculty members to connect and get to know each other, paving the way for future collaboration. During his annual visitation to Joseph Nivas, Fr Provincial met the staff and student representatives of SJCH. Fr Provincial appreciated the eloquence and clarity shown by the students of SJCH during the meeting.

- Fr Jeevan Prabhu

LOYOLA MANDIR, Bengaluru



In September, the Loyola Mandir community hailed several guests. Fr Martin Lenk, the Provincial of the Caribbean Province, visited the Karnataka Province from September 11 to 13. Accompanied by Fr Provincial and the Socius, he toured Bengaluru and Mundgod, witnessing the life-mission of the Jesuits and addressing them. The Jesuit representatives from various communities from the Bengaluru had an opportunity to listen and interact with Fr Martin Lenk about the newly carved Caribbean Jesuit Province. He also paid a courtesy visit to the homes of Frs Ramesh Vanan and Edwin Anthony. Fr Alangaram Arockiam (CEN), was with us for a week in view of publishing his book by the ATC publications. Loyola Mandir front garden underwent an ecological transformation by the green hands and financial mind of Fr Jason Euseph Furtado. The repotting, trimming and fresh plants with varied colours have not only given a facelift but also made it resemble the Garden of Eden! Fr Jason had a hectic schedule, visiting several provinces for meetings as a Revisor of JCI. Fr Royston Pinto participated in an online seminar titled "Com-

plementary Norms to the Code of Canon Law," organized by the CCBI Commission for Canon Law and other Legislative Texts. He is also busy attending and updating himself through seminars and conferences conducted by various overseas universities on Canon Law. Besides his duties as Finance Officer and Asst. Archivist, he participates in various events of SJII. Fr Harry Terry Noel gave orientation to the PG Students of St Joseph's University organised by Ignitors group. Loyola Mandir community joined the Inigo Sadan community in welcoming the Auxiliary bishops of Bangalore and both communities pledged their full cooperation in support to the bishops in their pastoral mission. On 1st October, the community bade farewell to Mr Joswey D'Souza, who had served as accountant in the KJES' Office, and welcomed Mr Anil D'Souza. Ms Alphonsa Ngoru was introduced to LM community and officially to assist in the Province Historical Archives. The Province Historical Archives is currently undergoing a systematic reorganization and digitization, thereby making the archives relevant and research oriented.

- Fr Royston Pinto

LOYOLA PRE-NOVITIATE, Mangaluru



Incessant heavy rains have brought joy to all of us. This joy was enhanced by the celebration of our Mother Mary's birthday, popularly called *Monthi Fest*. Our pre-novices prepared well for the feast by reciting novena prayers in front of the *Maria Bambino* image, which was gifted to us by Belvedere Sisters. As the pre-novices went home to celebrate the feast with their families, we celebrated it on 10th September at Loyola. Fr Peter had a mild attack of dengue from which he has recovered well. The pre-novices have just finished their first term exam and are now celebrating Community Days under the leadership of Sch Vivian. For these three days, he has complete control of the pre-novices. He had a unique way of conducting the treasure hunt, during which, after driving them for a long duration around

the house, they discovered that the treasure was in the regent's room! Fr Leston Lobo is in high demand for orientation talks and even talks on promoting vocations. Despite all the talks, he has not neglected his work in vocation promotion. The adjacent property to our basketball court has finally come into our possession, thanks to the hard work put in by Frs Jason Furtado, Anush and Leston. Recently, a huge python was found on our approach road. A pre-novice fearlessly caught it, put it in a basket, and brought it inside. This, only increased the workload for Fr Leston, who took it all the way beyond Marvoor on the way to Bajpe and released it in a stream. Another python was found hanging on the wall of the Capuchins; pythons seem to seek shelter in religious houses!

- Fr Peter Pinto

LOYOLA SADAN, Kalaburagi



These days, the weather in Kalaburagi is fluctuating between periods of rain and sunshine. The campus is undergoing renovations, including the construction of roads and beautification of the campus under the leadership of Fr Maxim Misquith and Fr Anand Prabhu. At St Xaviers PU College, an event concerning social and intellectual integration, as well as personality development, was held for 1st-year students on 4 September, 2024, featuring Fr Joyson Vaz as the resource

person. The Physical Science Association organized a poster-making competition on 13 September, 2024, focusing on the theme of "Renewable Energy Solutions," showcasing the students' artistic talents and knowledge. Kalyan Karnataka Day was celebrated on 17 September, with Dr. Kailas S.D. as the Chief Guest, who delivered an insightful speech that enhanced students' understanding and pride in the region's history and contributions. Noteworthy achievements were

attained in sports by our students, particularly at the taluka-level and district level athletic meets where the students of SXPUC, Sharanabasappa, Bhuvaneshwari, Niveditha, and Aishwarya excelled and were selected for the state-level athletic meet. On 21 September, the Department of Commerce hosted a Commerce Fest, featuring commerce exhibitions, product selling, wealth

from waste activities, and a business quiz that captivated both students and faculty. The Science Department organized a field trip to the Science Center in Kalaburagi under the theme "Sparking Curiosity and Igniting Young Minds," providing students with enriching practical learning experiences outside the classroom.

- Fr Roshan Pinto

MAITRI SADHANA, Vijayapura



Fr Provincial's annual visitation brought renewed energy and enthusiasm to our community. His presence and guidance uplifted the spirit of the entire team, as he visited all the units of the Vijayapur mission. His encouragement inspired us to continue our work with greater dedication and purpose.

In Loyola School, Sindagi a two-day capacity building programme on IPP was conducted by Fr Jeevan Prabhu. Pre-primary celebrated Rainbow Day to appreciate the beauty of nature. As part of twinning, three of our staff attended staff enhancement training at St Joseph's CBSE Bengaluru. An online talk on 'Self Care' was organised to help the staff to cope up with work pressure and professional life.

Loyola English Medium School conducted parent-teacher meeting for students from LKG to X, with parents expressing happiness over their children's progress. Our students excelled in sports, with 32 selected for the district level and 18 for the state. The school organized inter-school Mehendi and patriotic group song competitions, with over 140 participants. Additionally, our students performed exceptionally well in Pratibha Karanji, winning 14 first places and advancing to the district level.

On Gandhi Jayanti, Loyola PU College organized a campus cleaning drive, promoting cleanliness and civic responsibility. This year, the college saw

outstanding achievements, with many students representing the state in sports like swimming, athletics, and basketball. The staff benefited from enrichment programs, including seminars by Fr Francis Menezes and Fr Edward Rodrigues, while three members attended JESCOL-II in Bengaluru. The NSS Association celebrated NSS Day by visiting a government school and engaging in student activities.

The three-month Sewing Technology Skill Training, organized in collaboration with Loyola ITI and Akshaya Shakti, concluded with the distribution of certificates, where two outstanding students were awarded sewing machines. A district-level programme for 300 Devadasi women was held, focusing on land rights and government schemes. A health camp was conducted at the district prison in collaboration with BLDE Hospital, offering essential medical services to the prisoners. CNFE was honored with an award from ICE Charitable Society for its 30 years of sustainable social contribution. Fr Teyol Machado participated in a national consultation on Child Care and Early Education at National Law School, Bengaluru, while Fr Suman and Sr Jaya attended a workshop on project proposal writing at Dhyanaashram, Chennai. The CNFE also engaged in two state-level consultations on initiatives for people living with HIV (PLHIV) and Devadasis, organized by Karnataka Raajya Mahila Abhivruddhi Nigama, Bengaluru.

- Fr Suman Balu

MOUNT ST JOSEPH, Bengaluru



On the feast of the Nativity of BVM, the community along with our lay collaborators had a festive vegetarian meal together, served on plantain leaves. In order to help the community to know better and interact with our collaborators, we as a community visited Loyola Primary School for the tea. The session was interactive and informative with informal interaction with the staff. The get-together ended with a sumptuous High Tea! Fr J. B. Mendonca was admitted to St Philomena's hospital for few days to regain his health. He is

back looking stronger! Fr Joseph D'Mello, the Rector gave two days of classes on Discernment for the Salesian Priests at the Don Bosco Renewal Centre. The community had a requiem mass for Mrs Annie Pereira, the elder sister of Fr James Gonsalves. We were happy to have in our midst, Fr Martin Lenk, the Provincial of the Caribbean Province, who joined us for lunch and interacted with us. Fr Joe Mathias conducted a course on 'Personality Integration in Consecrated Life' at Geddalahalli, Bengaluru to a group of novices

from different religious congregations of men and women.

The Novitiate was buzzed with a diverse array of activities. The Novices engaged themselves in a productive 10-day study experiment cultivating depth in intellectual vigour. Following the example of St Ignatius, they delved deep into books to attain depth knowledge. They also spent a day as Pilgrims, pondering over the jubilee theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope' as they visited St Mary's Basilica in Shivajinagar. They paid a flying visit to Ashirvad community and relished a sumptuous meal. The Novena on the theme 'Mother of Hope' in preparation for the feast of Nativity of Mary was spiritually nourishing. The Novices attended the Konkani mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Kalena Agrahara. Fr Martin Lenk, the Provincial of the Caribbean province, addressed the novices in an interactive session. Thanks to him for, we gained a broader understanding of the Universal Society. The novices attended the ordination ceremony of Deacons Paul Anand and Joseph Jerald. We organized a half-day programme called, "One Day with Christ" as part of our vocation promotion. It was a heartwarming experience to see 35 students from three neighbouring parishes taking active part in it.

The month of September was special in our Parish as we celebrated the Nativity. We had three days of preparation and a grand festal mass in Konkani. To mark the occasion, we designated the month as Family Month and organized five competitions that involved the entire family. On Sunday 29th September, we held a half-day programme for married couples at Mt St Joseph with 30 participants. The programme, conducted by the Holy Cross Fathers from Sakalavara, was an enriching experience that renewed the commit-

ment to marriage. JESCOL-I was organised for the newly recruited staff of Loyola Institutions on 13 and 14, September. The 11 senior staff of our units, were the resource persons. Both the participants and resource persons benefitted a lot from JESCOL-I.

The LCPUC Council members conducted the teachers' day with fun and games. All of them received a special gift of Ketel on the occasion of Teachers' Day. Our boys and girls participated in the Bangalore South district sports events. Throwball, Tennikoit and Kho Kho team bagged runners up and selected for state level teams. Asfiya Khannum K from 1 CS/SA participated in Karate conducted by Decathlon Sports and won bronze medal. A talent show was conducted for students to exhibit their talents in singing, drama, skit on drug awareness, dance, etc. Health Awareness programme for all the students was conducted by Dr. Pretesh from St. John's Medical College Hospital and Dr. Smith from Kidwai. Loyola ITI, in collaboration with VIDYA, organized a Health and Nutrition Awareness session promoting healthy lifestyle among our students. The Institution proudly achieved a 100% pass rate in the 2023-24 technical exams for all NCVT and NSDC certified courses. A faculty development programme, facilitated by Fr Olvin Veigas, from St Joseph's Institute of Management, was held to enhance staff skills. A fire safety awareness programme, led by Jesuit alumnus Mr Mahanth from the Hulimavu fire station, included practical demonstrations. Dr Prakash and Mr Vishweshwaraiah, a former Indian Air Force captain, visited the campus to discuss educational opportunities for school dropouts from tribal communities such as Soliga, Jenu Kuruba, and Hakki Pikki.

- Fr Clarence D'Souza

NAVASADHANA PRE-NOVITIATE, Hassan



October was an enriching month for the pre-novices at Navasadhana. In the first week, the pre-novices completed their second internal exams, showing remarkable improvement in their academics. On 12 September, the community joyfully celebrated the feast of Nativity of the BVM, marked by a traditional vegetarian meal.

A day of recollection, led by Sch Ovin Rodrigues, helped the pre-novices deepen their spiritual journey. Additionally, Mr Supreeth Reddy, an ALCUF member, conducted an insightful session on media awareness.

The provincial graced the community with his presence, celebrating the Holy Eucharist during his annual visitation. The pre-novices were privileged to witness the ordination in SJBHS, Bengaluru, visit several Jesuit communities in the city and also had the joy of visiting the homes of their fellow companions from Bengaluru, further strengthening the bonds among them. Fr Vinod and Sch Princen have also been actively involved in vocation promotion and conducting orientations.

- Sch Princen Michael

Fr Martin Lenk, the Provincial of the Caribbean Province, visited our mission, accompanied by our esteemed Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz. During his visit, Fr Martin toured the Mainalli substation and took part in the welcome gathering at Loyola School. Thanks to Fr Vijayaraju the organiser. Fr Martin was truly impressed by the tribal dances performed by our students, and he appreciated the diversity and its richness in Mundgod. The core team of the Mundgod Jesuit Mission held a follow-up meeting at St Rita's Church, to implement the insights and suggestions given at the recently held Mission consultation. The parish community also celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady with great love and devotion.

LVK-Mundgod: As part of the Siddi Development Project, we conducted health awareness camps in three Siddi villages and held a Siddi Development Research consultation at SJU on 11 September. Awareness programmes focusing on prenatal and postnatal care benefited 65 pregnant women and mothers, and nutritional food supplements were distributed during these camps. Certificate distribution ceremonies were organised in Malagi and Mundgod for 82 students who completed the courses in tailoring, computer training, and ARRE work. Additionally, life skills and menstrual hygiene training were provided to 188 adolescents, while leadership training was conducted for 35 women to enhance their capacity for community leadership. In collaboration with St Aloysius College, 53 MSW students were assigned to eight villages to engage in community development through a rural immersion programme. Staff members Laxman, Hajrath, and 11 youth participants attended a training programme in Davangere that focused on youth leadership, political participation, and social development. Furthermore, Mallamma completed a 10-day Gram Swaraj training in Bengaluru, which concentrated on local governance and rural development. Smitha participated in a three-day workshop in Chennai on project writing, budgeting, and reporting, equipping her with essential skills for managing development projects.

LVK-Hangal: The Annual General Meeting (AGM)

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru

St Aloysius Community: Fr John D'Souza, our house minister went on a three-week trip to Europe to visit technical institutions as part of the delegation from Skill for Progress (SKIP) or-

ganization, Bengaluru. He came with an enriching experience and is eager to implement the best practices at St Aloysius Industrial School, Mangaluru. Fr Melwyn Sunny Pinto left for Japan

of Pragathi Loyola Trust was attended by a good number of women from the self-help groups (SHGs). As part of the trust's ongoing efforts to empower women, members of SHGs, participated in financial literacy training sessions led by Mr Parashuram Katti, who shared valuable insights on effective financial management. Additionally, a group of 53 youth embarked on an excursion to Kuppali, Sakrebailu, and Bhadra Dam, providing them with an opportunity to connect with nature and explore the rich heritage of the renowned poet Kuvempu. Furthermore, men and women from various villages attended the "Krishi Mela," an agricultural fair showcasing advancements in farming techniques, sustainable practices, and modern farming equipment. A group of M'Com students from St Aloysius (Deemed to be University, Mangaluru, spent several days in the villages as part of a learning initiative, thereby gaining firsthand experiences of rural life. Meanwhile, Fr Vincent Jaison participated in a workshop on "Project Writing" held in Chennai.

Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya (LKV): The LKV's Scouts and Guides, Bulbul, and Cubs units performed exceptionally well at the district-level Patriotic Singing Competition, securing the runner-up trophy in all four categories. Furthermore, LKV staff participated in a Capacity Building Programme (CBP) on Mental Health, emphasising well-being and support for their professional development. Additionally, the Principal's Conference organised by HDNKS promoted collaborative learning and effective leadership. The LCH hostels recently organized two significant events: an AIDS awareness programme and a women's safety seminar, aimed at educating students about essential health and social issues. and the Aradhana and Sanjeevana Day celebrations to foster creativity and provide students with opportunities to excel. The LCH Student Cabinet also hosted a Teachers' Day ceremony to honour all teachers residing on campus. The LCH community came together for a Family Day, to enjoy a delicious vegetarian meal served on banana leaves, which promoted unity and eco-friendliness.

- Fr Melvin Lobo

to offer his services as a guest faculty for the next six months. The community wished him well for his new assignment. Fr Praveen Martis, Vice-Chancellor has gone on an official visit to Tanzania, East Africa to explore the possibilities of collaboration with the Universities. The Annual General Body meeting of Mangalore Jesuit Educational Society was held on 7th September and was chaired by Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz. The Amar Konkani journal has now received the ISSN number: 3048-6890, Title: MJES Journal of Amar Konkani. A small vendor Mr Mallikarjuna Malagi well known as Samosajja in the campus and served eateries to students for 40 years went to his eternal abode.

St Aloysius Gonzaga School: In honour of teachers, the Student Council of St Aloysius Gonzaga School along with classes X and XII organised Teachers' Day celebration on 5 September. The Gonzagaites participated in CBSE South-Zone Swimming Championship, held in Davangere, Karnataka. Saatwik Nayak Sujir of class X secured two bronze medals, Sudeepti Sunil from class V won a silver medal and a bronze and Avaneesh Nayak Sujir of Class V won a bronze medal in the event. At the CBSE South Zone Chess Tournament, held at Harappanahalli in Davangere district, Rion Braggs from class VIII won 1st place on Board 2, while Vihaan Adarsh Lobo from class VI won 3rd place on Board 1. Students participated in the inter-school district football tournament and won 1st Runner-Up. Yuvaraj D Kunder of Class VII participated in the CBSE South Zone Skating Competition held in Belgaum and won a gold medal. The school conducted a training session for students from class VIII to XII on Cyber security. Our school organized a session on 'Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses' (POCSO) Act for the staff of St Aloysius Institutions. Ms Aparna Suresh participated in the South Zone Jesuit Educators Triennial held at Don Bosco Skill Mission, Bengaluru. Students wrote their first term exam and were happy to complete the term. Class XI and XII students went on their excursion to Goa soon after their term examinations.

St Aloysius High School: St Aloysius High School recently hosted a district-level basketball tournament for under-14 and 17 categories. Our Higher Primary School students excelled, securing victories in both boys and girls under-14 categories. Additionally, our High School boys' team won the trophy and qualified for the divisional level. Furthermore, St. Aloysius Higher Primary School

organized a district-level swimming competition for primary and high school students. The event was meticulously planned and executed. Our students dominated the championships, winning the overall titles in both primary and high school sections. We wish them well for the state level competitions.

St Aloysius PU College: The sixth edition of the St Aloysius Pre-University Model United Nations (SAPMUN) saw the enthusiastic participation of approximately 420 delegates from 23 institutions. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Edmond Fernandes, Founder & CEO of CHD Group and former Consultant to the United Nations Economic & Social Commission for the Asia Pacific Region. Ms. Giselle Mehta, a former IRS Officer, Litterateur, and Entrepreneur, presided over the valedictory ceremony. The Students' Council celebrated Teachers' Day by expressing their appreciation for teachers through a variety of entertaining programs. The day also featured special festivities organized by the management to celebrate and honor the staff. A seminar for faculty members was conducted by Fr Pradeep Sequeira, focusing on both the Universal Apostolic Priorities (UAP) and the Karnataka Province Apostolic Priorities (KPAP) to foster greater understanding and collaboration among the staff. Dr Malini Hebbar led a leadership orientation programme for the Student Council and class representatives, focusing on the innovative concept of "Leadership PIE: Personality, Innovation, and Enthusiasm." Ms Divya Dsouza, a specialist in Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP), delivered an insightful session for staff on the practical applications of NLP to enhance teaching effectiveness. SAPUC celebrated Onam with vibrant festivities, bringing together students and faculty to embrace the essence of this important festival. In observance of World Democracy Day, over 700 students participated in a "Human Chain Formation" organized by the Karnataka Government, showcasing their commitment to democratic values. Hindi Diwas was celebrated with competitions and engaging sessions. Dr Parshuram Ganapati Malage and Dr Archana Shenoy led discussions on the increasing importance of Hindi in modern India and its role in fostering unity among diverse communities

ST Aloysius (Deemed to be University): SADU witnessed the interactions with faculty and students by former AICTE chairman, Prof A Sahasrabudhe. A week-long rural immersion programmes

for Post Graduate students were conducted at Pilathabettu, Kavaloaduru Panchayats and Mundgod. AIMIT Campus completed its end semester (II) exams. Eight Schools conducted the mandatory Parent-Teacher Meetings for the first year students. Foreign institutions such as Millersville University (US), Sophia University (Japan) and Seisen University (Japan) visited the campus while interactions took place offline with University of Olivet. Teachers were honoured on Teachers Day through the Vidya Vandan programme. National seminars on sustainable nutrition, Sociology Fest, Posa Osar, etc were held. Guest talks took place on topics such as life planning, science and

leadership, advances in semiconductors, exam anxiety etc. Programs under MOUs with CHIRD have taken place in the form of FDPs. The SDPs under DBT programme and certificate course in Teaching Excellence have resumed. Workshops on Connect with nature (JHEASA), Skill Sprint (Aloysian Sports League) were held along with the National Multilingual Theatre Festival. Regular public lecture series are held for all faculty members particularly for the non-teaching staff under Arogyavahini (health and wellness). Confessions and Holy Mass were held to celebrate the Nativity that concluded with sugarcane distribution.

- Fr Melwyn Anil Lobo

SWAMY RAJENDRA NILAYA, Pandithahalli



Teacher's Day was celebrated in the presence of parents and the campus had a festive atmosphere. The Parent-Teacher Meeting was organized by the Student Council. The SJBHS Alumni Batch of 1977 honoured the teachers with mementos to recognize their dedication and hard work. Additionally, the students of SJS Pandithahalli achieved a remarkable success at various events, such as, sports meet, Prathibha Karanji, science exhibition and brought laurels

to the school. The Batch of 1977 from SJBHS, Bengaluru, organized a three-day health check-up during which students underwent eye examinations, ENT assessments, dental check-ups, and general health evaluations. Furthermore, students from LKG to Class IV celebrated Colours Day, highlighting the importance of colours in their daily lives. All these activities have added colour to St Joseph school!

- Fr Anthony Pradeep

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



In September, eight of our scholastics travelled to Harihar as volunteers, assisting priests and pilgrims during the preparation for the feast of the Nativity. We began the semester with a solemn mass to the Holy Spirit, seeking guidance in our studies.

Daughters of the Cross in Hubli, meeting regents in Bijapur, Manvi, Hassan, and Mundgod, and participating in the RRSJSA process at Prerana. The VN community also took an active part in the novena and festive Mass for the Nativity of the BVM in both Dharwad and Hubli parishes.

Our community participated in a daylong orientation led by Fr Leston Lobo, while Fr Pratap Chandru provided guidelines for our community life. Additionally, we organized a blood donation camp. The daily ministry in the slums was inaugurated on 14 September, and our scholastics are now regularly involved.



This year, Sunday ministry has been arranged at St Joseph's Church in Hubli and Holy Cross Church in Dharwad. Sch Merinth passed on the baton of leadership to Sch Samuel, and our community is grateful to Merinth for his dedicated service. Our Superior was actively engaged in several significant events, including a recollection for the

Fr Joyson Vas conducted sessions for Ignitors at St Joseph's University in Bengaluru and led a recollection for the Ursuline Franciscan Sisters of Hubli. He also conducted a two-day capacity-building course for social workers from the Goa province in Macche, Belgaum.

- Sch Akshay Kumar

XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE, Belagavi



We began the month with a recollection on the theme of "Embracing Others," guided by our Novice Director, Fr Francis Fernandes (BOM). This reflective session invited us to deepen our

understanding of community living and our call to be compassionate toward others. Currently, we are engaged in classes on the history of the Society of Jesus, taught by our Socius,

Fr Anthony Tribhuvan (PUN). The first-year novices are immersing themselves in the Autobiography of St Ignatius, while the second-year novices are focused on studying the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus, both under the guidance of Fr Francis Fernandes. These foundational texts have been instrumental in shaping our Jesuit identity and mission.

On 15th September, we were invited to join the neighbouring Canossian Sisters for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The day was marked by a spirit of joy and fraternity as we shared a meal with the sisters, whose gracious hospitality made the experience truly memorable for all of us. Later, on 22nd September, the youth from Khanapur Parish, under the leadership of Fr Joe Monteiro (GOA), organized an overnight orientation camp at Xavier Training College (XTC). It was a privilege to host about 60 young people for this enriching and faith-filled event. The pro-

gramme provided a unique opportunity for the youth to engage in formation, reflection, and fellowship. Adarsh from our province, along with another Jesuit novice companion, ministers to one of the substations of this parish.

As the month draws to a close, we second-year novices are eagerly preparing for our upcoming Mission Experiment, a significant step in our formation, while the first-year novices are getting ready for their Long Retreat, a time of profound spiritual encounter. Shawn and Sanjan, along with 10 first-year brothers, will begin the Long Retreat on November 1, 2024. Meanwhile, the second-year brothers will embark on their experiments: first the Mission Experiment, followed by the Pilgrimage/Begging Experiment, and concluding with the Pastoral Experiment.

We humbly ask for your prayers as we embark on these formative experiences.

- Nov Gevin D'Souza

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune



September began with the installation of Fr Roland Coelho, as the new rector to Papal Seminary. We had a special prayer organised by the Kerala province scholastics for the victims of Wayand flood. On the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we had a rosary procession organised by theologians. The scholastics of our province helped in organising the Monti Fest celebrations for the Mangalorean Catholic Association (MCA) at Christ the King Church. We

had a meaningful recollection guided by Fr Philip Abraham (KHM). On 20 September, the Jesuits from the central zone organised Karam celebrations at the community level, and on the following day by the Chotanagpur Catholic Association (CCA). We also had the first round of ministry evaluation, which followed the dynamics of the spiritual conversations. Currently, the scholastics are glued to their desks preparing for their semester examinations.

- Sch Maria Divij

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai



We celebrated Teachers' Day, honouring our teaching staff and recognizing their vital role in shaping our intellectual depth. We celebrated Onam, Karam and Monti Fest in a traditional way with an enriching cultural style. Food and liturgy too were very colourful and creative. A significant event was the two-day workshop on the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, led by Fr James Kannan CMF, which equipped us to better serve vulnerable members of society.

Education: Implications and Innovations at Madras Christian College, on Teachers Day.



We were happy to have with us Fr Sunil Ranger from Rome who shared with us of his life-mission in Rome. Frs Derrick and Royston Madtha paid a brief visit to Satya Nilayam amidst their busy sessions in Dhyansharm, Chennai.

The Loy Memorial Lecture featured Fr Arokiaraj Patrick (PUN), who delivered an engaging talk on the Phenomenology of Pornography, with enlightening thoughts. We also had a guest lecture by Fr Jerome Manyahi SJ, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Hekima Jesuit University, Kenya, who discussed the Modal Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics, bridging the gap between science and philosophy.

- Sch Vimal Raj

VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi



After the whirlwind of hospitalizations that marked the first two months of the academic year, September unfolded as a serene and peaceful chapter for Vidyajyoti. The pleasant weather, coupled with a delightful array of festivities such as Monti Fest, Onam, and Karam, infused a joyful spirit in the community. We had week-long Monti Fest celebrations. It began with a joyous gathering in Gurgaon, followed by meaningful celebrations at college during the week, and concluded with vibrant festivities at the Kanara Cultural Association in Delhi. Our scholastics actively participated in all these events, lending their melodious voices to the choir and organizing games that fostered camaraderie and joy. Besides this festive exuberance we also experienced the beauty of the

Indian rite and an ecological mass; the latter was organised with great dedication by Sch Sharun D'Souza and his eco-wing of the college. As we wrapped up our first semester examinations, we stepped into the second semester, resuming regular classes with renewed energy.

As a forum coordinator for the Jesuits in Dialogue (JID) Fr Anil D'Almeida participated in the annual Service of Faith meeting at Vinayalaya in Mumbai to discuss and plan for the future of the mission of dialogue in South Asia. Currently, he is in Karnal, Haryana, guiding an 8-day retreat for the Bethany Sisters.

- Sch Roydon Misquith

VIDYANIKETAN, Thiruvananthapuram



September was a month of significant growth and development for the juniors at Vidyaniketan, Kerala. The month began with a three-day course on Yoga: Theory and Practice led by Sr Tincy James SABS. This course provided us valuable lessons on maintaining both mental and physical health. We celebrated the Onam festival and Kerala Province Day with great enthusiasm. The celebrations included a presentation on the history of Onam by Sch Dilan (KER) and a traditional fellowship meal known as Onam Sadhya, allowing us to immerse ourselves in the rich culture and tradition of Kerala.

Frs Dasan Bernard (AND), Arul G (MDU), and Anush D'Cunha attended the Assistency Juniors' staff meeting in Kolkata. During those days, we were busy with our first semester exams. We also engaged in pastoral ministry at Christ the King Parish in Vettucaud, which provided us, an enriching experience. Additionally, we benefited greatly from a course on Group Dynamics and Community Building by Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto (KAR). Overall, September was a month of cultural celebrations, community building above all great learning.

- Sch Avin Fernandes

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, New York



On September 13 and 14, Boston College hosted a conference in honour of James F. Keenan, SJ, the founder of the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church (CTEWC), titled "Bothering to Love: James F. Keenan's Retrieval and Re-invention of Catholic Ethics." The event brought together over 100 participants, including CTEWC members from all five regions, many of whom

were among Keenan's 42 doctoral students. I had the privilege of attending the conference and participating in discussions. During their brief visit at Fordham, I had the honour of meeting His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, and Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, Apostolic Nuncio, and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, who were in New York for the UN General Meeting. Our classes are now in full swing, and we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of Autumn, the most beautiful time of the year. We are also preparing to witness a historic moment with the closely contested U.S. Presidential election on 5th November. The atmosphere is charged with anticipation as the nation gears up for this significant event.

- Fr Bala Kiran



GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY, Rome



After having done one year course work in the university and successfully completing language

requirements, Fr Anthony D'Souza has started working on the thesis argument. He had been

to Spain to learn Spanish and he also took some time to visit Ignatian places.

Fr Sunil Ranjar has returned to Biblicum from a rejuvenating sabbatical in the Philippines, where he had an enriching and refreshing experience. After relishing his time there, he had been to the province before diving back into his ministry. During his vacation, he guided a retreat for our scholastics and offered courses at Jnana Deepa, Pune and Ryshivana, Mangaluru. Now, he is prompt to resume his responsibilities at Biblicum.

Ashwin Rebello has successfully wrapped up his propaedeutic year, marking a significant milestone in his academic journey. Over the summer, he spent time in Milan, lending a hand in parish ministry, gaining valuable pastoral experience. Now, with fresh enthusiasm and readiness, he

is about to embark on his licentiate studies as the winter semester begins on 7 October. We wish him well as he steps into this exciting new chapter!

Fr Nithin Machado is back from his language course. He had been to Palermo, a city on the Sicilian Island. On the 5th of October he will be participating in the community orientation for members of the Bellarmino community.

Fr Antony TV visited the Ignatian sites in Spain. He had an enriching experience of visiting places in Madrid, Alcala, Avila, Bilbao, Loyola, Javier, Pampalona, Manresa, Montserrat and Barcelona. During his visit he stayed in seven Jesuit communities and met many Jesuits of the Spanish Province.

- Fr Antony TV

KAKUMA, Kenya



After three initial weeks of my stay at the Jesuit community in Nairobi, I am in Kakuma refugee town since a month. During my time in Nairobi, I completed the onboarding process at the JRS Regional Office, where I understood my role and responsibility within the JRS team. Additionally, I had an opportunity to make a presentation to the 80 urban refugee students, many of whom were unfamiliar with the vision and mission of both JRS and the Society of Jesus.

I'm gradually acclimating to the challenging climatic conditions, as well as adapting to the local lifestyle, culture, food habits, and

countries, with the majority coming from South Sudan. The refugees are hosted in four camps adjacent to the town. I am assigned the Pathfinder assistant coordinator role at the Arrupe Centre. The Pathfinder is one of the elements of JRS works. The position requires me to closely supervise the Digital Inclusion and the Early Childhood Development programmes, along with other livelihood initiatives lined up for the implementation for the refugees, to enhance their livelihood options in the camps. I am gradually learning my job.

In addition to my official responsibilities during the week, I actively assist Fr Dan Mai, a Jesuit from the Californian Province, in his pastoral activities on Sundays. The refugee camps are served by more than ten churches under a single parish managed by the Salesians. Each Sunday, we alternate in celebrating two to three masses. The Eucharistic celebrations are vibrant and crowded, with many faithful in attendance. Though the context throws new challenges each day, I have been able to connect well with the JRS team, students and people, fostering a positive atmosphere and gaining valuable experiences, including learning Swahili.

- Fr Jeevan James



language. Kakuma is a small town situated in the northeast of Kenya, hosting almost three lakhs refugees from various East African

ST PETER FABER, Paris



The community is complete with 35 members from 15 provinces. On 9th September, we began our language studies at the Catholic

University of Paris. On the 16th the Superior General, Fr Arturo Sosa, visited our community. His presence was a moment of grace to each

one of us. He spent a fruitful evening with us, engaging in conversation, prayer and a delicious Indian dinner that was prepared by Joyal D'Sa. Finally, 19 of the 23 Indian Jesuits were present for the gathering at the Blomet, on the 21st of September, in order to know one

another. In the meantime, we continue to stay focused and make headway in our language learning with both communal support and individual effort.

- Sch Noel Prabhu

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Fr Clarence D'Souza SJ

I hail from Mangaluru proper, belonging to Milagres Parish. I come from a happy close-knit family. We were nine siblings. My Dad worked in the public sector Life Insurance Corporation and retired as the Divisional Manager of the Madras Division. My Mum taught French, giving tuitions and teaching in different institutions for over forty years. She came to be called "Ann French"! I am third in line among the siblings. Our dear Parents were selfless and made every sacrifice, bringing us up with Christian values of family life. Our childhood days were marked by warmth, laughter and fellow feelings, graced by daily family prayers and with concern and care for the needy. We were economically a middle-class family. I did my schooling from the second standard to my graduation in St Aloysius College Institutions, Mangaluru from 1961 to 1974.

I trace the roots of my vocation to the spiritual and humane upbringing at home and the thirteen years of my education under the Jesuits at St Aloysius. By nature, I was shy and more of a homebird helping out in the home chores. I should have delayed my joining the Society and should have worked for some time to help the family, since my dad at that time had just retired, my eldest brother had a small job, the second was doing his studies, and younger to me there were three sisters and two brothers! My Mum took up teaching French. But my dear Parents, magnanimous and generous, desired that I go ahead joining the Society of Jesus and that God would look after the family. And

indeed, the Good Lord has blessed the family for the sacrifice, and faith of my Parents and their love.



I joined the Society of Jesus, Karnataka Province on 16th July 1974. Along with Fr Paulose V T, we were sent to Vinayalaya, Bombay, for the first year of my novitiate with Fr Vincent Banon as the Novice Master. In 1975 we came to Mt St Joseph Bengaluru for our second year, Fr Hilario Fernandes as the Novice Master. After Novitiate, for the Juniorate, I was asked to pursue post-graduate studies in History, at Bangalore University. I did my Philosophy at DNC Pune. My regency was at St Joseph's College Institutions Bangalore. It was a challenging year of varied experiences with the rare opportunity of working in four units - looking after the Middle Dorm of the BHS Boarding, the school shop, teaching moral science in the PUC of the Day College (SJC) and full-time teaching History in the Evening College (SJEC). I was then sent for my Theology to Vidyajyoti, Delhi. I was ordained a priest on 28th April 1984, in Milagres Church Mangalore by Bishop Basil D'Souza. I did my tertianship at Sacred Heart Church Shembaganur. I made my Final Profession in July 1991.



A long chapter down memory lane was my involvement in the educational apostolate, during the prime time of one's active phase of life. For thirty-five years I was a full-time member of the Department of History and teaching in SJC (now SJU). Being a student of

History I had a passion for the subject and in sharing its insights with students. I enjoyed taking the classes and took the full load of my classes all through the years, till I retired! During a greater part of those years, I also looked after the maintenance and building of the College Museum and archives. In the midst of the many challenges and demands, I retained my enthusiasm in teaching till the last day, thirty-five years later!!

During those thirty-five years, another yeomen service I had to render was as Vice-principal for thirty-two years! In the traditional mould,



the main function of the Vice Principal was to maintain discipline, not in the narrow sense, but a wider one. I was described as a strict person. I was strict with myself to begin with. That role was indeed not a bed of roses. To look after

discipline and other responsibilities, and at the same time taking the full load of classes was a continuous challenge, keeping the large number of students in mind, each day, week, month, year and together for three decades! But in all sincerity and fairness those years were rewarding years, with varied experiences for which I am much grateful. I learnt much from the students, staff, well-wishers, and my fellow Jesuits... I give thanks to the Lord for all His Wonders and Love!

A third humble service of mine as a student of history, I had the privilege of keeping in mind the history and heritage of the College, to conserve and preserve its records and artefacts. It all began as a small museum that was looked after by the Department of history. Down the years I helped in collecting a

number of rare photographs, documents and articles of importance. Later, the Museum was rechristened as the College Museum of which I was the "unofficial" curator. Due to the demands of a growing college for space, the Museum became a 'Museum on wheels' shifting to three different locations after we shifted to the new campus in Langford Road.

Those thirty-five years of active apostolate in the educational field have been the most happy and fruitful ones for me. I also helped out celebrating Masses in parishes around, whenever invited

After a long, happy, fruitful and rewarding service in the field of education, on retirement I came to Mt St Joseph to help out in the Retreat Ministry in Dhyanaashrama. With the exception of one year when I was in FRH Mangalore, and back in Mount enjoying the peace, calm and spiritual joy of the Ignatian retreat ministry.

I have to thank the Lord for all His Mercies and Love all through the years and continue to say "The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His name!" I am ever grateful for His love. At this stage of my life, as age catches on with some infirmities, I recall and rejoice for all the wonderful experiences. I find peace and joy, in prayer, and fellowship, and in counting the blessings, naming them one by one!



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TO LIVE THE COUNCIL REQUIRES A CHANGE OF HEART

"From Ignatius, I've learnt to take a positive view of whatever goes on in the Church. Since the Second Vatican Council, which reminded us that the Church is communion, the various components of the people of God have been seeking their individual vocations, their individual missions. Indeed the whole Church has taken the road to respond more effectively to the command to evangelize, and on this road each of us has a specific contribution to make. We are however only human and, as we search out what our contribution should be, crises, tensions and problems may well arise. I see all this ebullience as the outward face of an intensely lively organism, striving for equilibrium in all sons of fields: in relations between bishops and theologians, in the relationships between local Churches and religious Orders, in collaboration between the various forms of lay apostolate. The dialectic between criticism from theologians or from other ecclesial entities and the complaints of the hierarchy also forms a part of this process of growth towards ever greater communion. Clearly, if in the criticism violent, aggressive expressions are used, an equally violent response can be expected. In the Church, the law of charity ought to regulate all our behaviour, even our protests, but it is hard to die to oneself and so there will always be instances of resistance dictated by a worldly spirit. This notwithstanding, I'm convinced we're growing in communion and that the spirit of dialogue reintroduced into the Church by Vatican II will continue to bear fruit."

- Fr Peter Hans Kolvenbach

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