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Conversion and Dreaming with Pope Francis

Scripture shares with us the dreams of prophets, kings, and disciples. Now we have Pope Francis continuing God's dream of a better world. In his latest apostolic exhortation, *Querida Amazonia* (Beloved Amazon) released on 12 Feb 2020, the Holy Father shares four great dreams: social, cultural, ecological, and ecclesial. In his own words:

I dream of an Amazon region that fights for the rights of the poor, the original peoples and the least of our brothers and sisters, where their voices can be heard and their dignity advanced.

I dream of an Amazon region that can preserve its distinctive cultural riches, where the beauty of our humanity shines forth in so many varied ways.

I dream of an Amazon region that can jealously preserve its overwhelming natural beauty and the super abundant life teeming in its rivers and forests.

I dream of Christian communities capable of generous commitment, incarnate in the Amazon region, and giving the Church new faces with Amazonian features (QA 7).

The Pope quotes liberally from lovely poems about the Amazon, inviting us to cherish this precious gift from God, a gift that we have exploited, a gift in need of better care. He even calls for our feelings of outrage and indignation to come to the fore. He concludes this letter calling us to lift our gaze to Mary so that we may be transformed and set free from evils, with a prayer that includes these words:

*“Touch the hearts of the powerful,
for, even though we sense that the hour is late,
you call us to save
what is still alive”* (QA. 11).

This past year we have been dreaming new dreams while formulating our Province Apostolic Plan which will soon be sent to Fr General for his approval. We dream dreams that will not allow us to sleep! May our Mother Mary lead us to a deeper conversion and transformation this Lent.



Fr. Roland Coelho

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our newly ordained deacons, **Menoy D'Souza, Steven D'Almeida** and **Nigel Alphonso**.

ISI-BANGALURU

Free medical camp for migrant girls working in the garment industry

A free medical health check-up camp for migrant girls, working in the garment industry; was organised by the labour and migration unit of Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru, on 9 February 2020 at St. Anthony's Friary. The main objective of the medical camp was to provide initial care to migrant girls in life-threatening conditions. In the inaugural address, Sr. Antonetta Pereira FMM, stressed upon the importance of personal hygiene and healthcare. The novices of FMM congregation added colour by their welcome dance and prayer. Ninety-five, migrant girls and 20 boys availed of the free medical health check-up.

Joe Nazareth spoke on “*Health is more valuable than wealth. A poor peasant with good health is happier than the rich person with poor health.*” The session was interactive and informative along with group activities. The staff of St. Philomena's Hospital did a wonderful job by accompanying these less-privileged migrants in the healthcare aspect of their lives. Simultaneously we had motivational sessions, such as personal hygiene, money management, relationships etc. All benefitted from it.



At the end of the medical health check-up camp, the participants expressed their gratitude to ISI- B

community, for their concern towards migrants. The camp was successfully organised under the constant support and encouragement of the ISI – B' community. The medical healthcare camp was coordinated by Joe Nazareth under the labour and migration unit.

Fr Joe Nazareth

TORANGATTI

Social & Enviromental Commission meeting in Torangatti

On 14 February, after the inauguration of the renovated Sarvajagatik Virakta Math, Torangatti, the social justice & ecology commission members, met and discussed on the PAPs. We were graced by the presence of **Fr. Roland**. We began with a prayer and set ourselves to fine-tune the mission-vision-action plans, for the Province Apostolic Plan, pertaining to the Social Justice & Ecology Commission.

In this regard, a great deal of work done by the Goa Province Jesuits, under the guidance of the Directors of Works and the Superiors of our communities was well appreciated. We felt the need to network with our communities, communicating on whatever is done at the community level with the whole Province, so that other communities may adopt such initiatives. We as Jesuits need to be exemplary and 'walk the talk'. A small change in our lifestyle will speak volumes towards actualizing the PAPs.

We could inculcate some of the following aspects



into our lifestyles as well as in our areas of work. Avoiding unnecessary printing (paper, flex, banner, etc), not using tissue papers in our events, parties, reducing garbage in our campuses, declaring plastic-free-zones, adopting no-fireworks policies, and our school events could be focused on collaboration rather than competition.

The meeting ended with the hope of implementing the PAP and encouraging each other to save mother earth.

Fr Edmond Facho

LOYOLA HALL, MIRAMAR

Pratap was invited by the Milagres College, Mangaluru on 10 February, as a resource person for their conference on "Multiculturalism in Language and Literature". Pratap was the main resource person for the Konknni section. He gave a keynote address in Konknni on "Language and Culture in the context of Konknni" through a power point presentation. He also gave a response to Konknni papers presented by 3 staff members and 4 groups of students. Forty college students took part in the Konknni section.

On 14 February, Pratap went on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Health Basilica at Harihar, Shivamogga Diocese of Karnataka. He was keen to see the wooden statue of Our Lady which is more than 250 years old kept in the Basilica. It was found by a Hindu Brahmin in Tungabhadra River at Harihar near his house approximately 225 years ago. People of all faiths come in large numbers to pray at the shrine. The feast is celebrated on 8 September, beginning with nine days of novenas. During those days pilgrims of all faiths from different parts of South India come to worship. This shrine unites all people of South India irrespective of their religion.

Fr Pratap Naik

KHANAPUR

A Grace-Filled Year at, Milagres Church, Khanapur

It has been another grace filled year for the catechism students and the teachers, with God

showering His abundant blessings since the commencement of the academic year on 16 June, 2019. We thank the Almighty for being gracious to us in many ways. Indeed it is a pleasure and an honour to begin our day and other important events with the Holy Eucharist, as we did with the inauguration, significant feasts and finally the closing of the catechism year.

The catechism students of the Khanapur Parish are indeed vibrant. Their playfulness and active participation in the church adds a tremendous joy to the ambience of the church.

On 16 February, we conducted examinations for the students to have some organized learning and to grow in their faith. We are grateful to Sr. Shantilata, **Br. Ashwin** and the teachers, Helena, Sabina, Maggie and Rachika, for all their hard work, dedication and sacrifices to reach out to children and for guiding them during the year.

On 21 February, we organized a picnic for the catechism students. The Tree Park for children near Koundal, had been a great adventure outing. They were all energetic and excited with the play park, showing off their skills and stunts in the jungle gym, trapeze rings, merry-go-round, seesaw, spring set and so on. We are very grateful for the sacrifices and trouble taken by all those involved in making it an enjoyable day for them. There was a good response from all the students. The trip had been sponsored by Mr. Clifford Rosario and his team.



On 23 February, we had the Catechism day with students putting up a short program and organizing the liturgy despite their busy schedule and examinations. They were rewarded for their hard work and creativity in different competitions

held during the year 2019-20, the greetings card competition, and maintaining the catechism book; which was introduced this year for the students to maintain their catechism books creatively.

All these activities were possible due to our corner stone, our **PP Fr. Kustas Lima**, who has been our support and strength all throughout the year. We thank him for his presence, encouragement and guidance.

Sch Ashwin Fernandes

A REGENT'S LIFE IN MYANMAR

The last seven months have been a time of grace. After arriving in Myanmar, for four months I was appointed in Yangon, where my primary assignment was to learn basic Burmese along with Sch. Vien from Vietnam, besides getting acquainted with the language, I was also appointed to help out in various other works of the Myanmar Mission. Being appointed as one of the coordinators for the Myanmar Magis youth and also in the youth commission along with a newly ordained priest and three other scholastics, we had to constantly meet in order to plan programs for the youth and to, chalk out a budget for the next three years. As this mission is still building up, the youth commission had to start from scratch.

It all began after the Mission Forum in July 2019, at Maria Della Strada Novitiate. For three days the members of the entire mission, including lay collaborators met and after reflecting on the UAP's of the society of Jesus, chalked out a draft of how it could be implemented in the Myanmar Mission. The various commissions later had to plan out ways of implementing these proposals in their respective works and draw out a plan for the next five years.

During my stay there, I also got involved in two community colleges, managed by Fr. C. Amal of the Madurai Province, who has been working here for over 10 years. These 2 community colleges cater mainly to students from the slums and offer courses such as soft-skills, English, computers, accounting and various other personality development programs. This community college program has been so effective, that a number of

their students get good jobs and some of them even come back as teachers.

From October, I have been appointed at Taunggyi, a town that's surrounded by hills and has a scenic view. My stay here began with the regents, gathering, attended by 10 regents working in Myanmar, followed by the annual retreat at the Novitiate. Rejuvenated spiritually, I then began working at **St. Aloysius Gonzaga Institute of Higher Studies (SAG)** in Taunggyi itself. This institute offers 4 programs: 'Young Learners Program' (YLP) on weekends for kids, 'Cumulative English Learners Program' (CELP) for part-time students at four different levels, 'Preparatory Program' in affiliation with the GEL (Global English Language) with a duration of one year and the 'Integrated Program', affiliated to the Ateneo de Manila University, with a three-year course duration. On the weekends, the students of the second year and third year are sent to various monastery schools to teach the young monks and poor kids. Most of our students at SAG are from the conflict areas in Myanmar and also from the refugee camps. Here at SAG, I teach *Political Science* to the third years and *Introduction to World History* to the first years. As the computer teacher and media in-charge just resigned, I have to take care of the media and technical arrangements in the School.



Besides teaching at SAG, I'm also involved in the pre-novitiate program. Thrice a week I have to take classes for the pre-novices on Jesuit History, at Faber House. Teaching them Jesuit History gives me a chance to go deeper into our Jesuit Heritage.

From 28 to 31 December, the regents participated in a workshop on, '*Understanding Young People of Today in the Light of Development Psychology*,' at Yangon, which was hosted by the Myanmar Leadership Institute (MLI), run by the Myanmar Jesuits. The resource persons were Sr. Agnes Pai Tu, R.S.G. and Sr. Benedicta Phillip, R.S.G. As most of the regents work with the youth, this workshop helped in equipping us to be more effective in dealing with them.

Life in Myanmar so far has been interesting and filled with learning experiences. I continue to be united with the Province in prayer and spirit.

Sch Sean Cardozo

ST PAUL'S, BELAGAVI

Annual Passing Out Parade & SSLC Brotherhood Day: The Annual Passing Out Parade for the SSLC students was held on 7 February 2020. The Principals of the neighbouring city schools were the Guests of Honour. In his address to the SSLC students, Fr. Pedro Rodrigues SJ, requested the SSLC students to practice good moral values and be a beacon of love and hope. Fr. Principal instructed the students to study sincerely for their board examinations. The students from Std. I to VIII put up colourful items. The school brass band performed brilliantly during the entire event. Brotherhood Day for the SSLC students, was held on 11 February 2019, in St. Paul's. The celebrations began with a Thanksgiving Mass for the intentions of our SSLC students. Fr Malcolm Barreto SJ, - Vocation Promoter of the Goa Jesuit Province, was the main celebrant. In his homily he requested the SSLC students to continue to be grateful to the school, the teachers and to God. This was followed by an entertainment



programme and a fellowship lunch organised by the school's cabinet members.

Visit to INOX: The primary students of our school were given a live experience of a multiplex cinema hall, with HD sound effect in INOX cinema. A movie in Kannada 'Naavellaru Galeyaru' (we are all friends), with English subtitles, was screened. Apart from enjoying the movie, our students also had an opportunity to meet and make new friends with the students of other schools, who were also present in the theatre.

Live experience of the Milky Way: On 17, 18, and 19 February, Equinox Planetariums, a Dehradun based organization, put up a portable / mobile planetarium. Inside the planetarium dome, students witnessed the magical world of astronomy. The planetarium was like a space vehicle and the students had a live experience of flying through a virtual universe based on actual scientific data. The students were briefed about the mysteries of the universe, by a seasoned astronomer with the help of a powerful dome projector.

NCC: Cadet Corporal Viraj Kulkarni, a student of St Paul's, was the second runner up in the All India Best Cadet Competition for the NCC Air Wing Junior Division. Cadet Viraj also participated in the Republic Day Celebrations held in New Delhi on 26 January 2020.

Fr Cecil Fernandes

HAPPENINGS AT ST. BRITTO, MAPUSA

SSC Farewell and Passing Out Parade: As the end of the academic year draws near, the atmosphere in the school gets heavy with emotions of sadness and teary goodbyes. The staff and students of St. Britto's planned and executed a farewell program. **Fr. Malcolm Barreto SJ**, was the main celebrant for the Eucharist. The theme was, "**Launch out into the world with Love and Courage**". He delivered an inspiring homily which was much appreciated by the staff and the students. The program was meticulously planned out by the students of the Std IX and the staff.



Keeping alive the Jesuit tradition, we have a traditional send-off for the SSC boys; popularly known as the 'Passing out Parade'. The event involves practically the entire school. It's a grand Adieu, that we give the outgoing SSC boys every year. This brings to close, their life in School. We have tried our best to groom them into becoming men for others, as they move out of the school campus. Now as they march to the beats of the farewell anthem, we see them weeping and marching out of the gate followed by their parents. If there is one event that any parent looks forward to, it is the Passing out Parade, at St. Britto's High School, with all its grandeur.



Workshop on Peace and Reconciliation:

What India needs today urgently, is peace and an education which promotes peace and harmony. Keeping this urgency in mind, Loyola Institute of Peace and International Relations (LIPI), Kochi and Indian Social Institute (ISI), New Delhi, jointly organised a **National Workshop on 'Peace and Reconciliation'** for the Teachers under JEA on 15, 16 February 2020, at ISI, Bangalore. **Tr. Yvette Paes from St. Britto's**

High School, Tr. Janice D'silva from Loyola High School and Mr. Asif from St. Paul's, attended the workshop from Goa Province. The aim of the workshop was to promote peace thinking/acting in schools. An eminent array of resource persons were present. Those who attended the workshop were designated 'Ambassadors of Peace', in their respective schools/neighbouring schools. Initiating creative ways of peace promotion was also envisaged. Promoting peace and reconciliation is a priority for the Society of Jesus. It is a timely response to Decree 1 of the General Congregation 36, to the recent JCSA recommendation to work towards peace and reconciliation at all levels in society.

Diakonia: February 22, 2020 will always be a memorable day for **Deacon Nigel** because it was one of the rarest events happening in our community at St. Britto's. The school chapel was spruced up and the parishioners were all decked up for the great Eucharistic celebration during which, Nigel was ordained a deacon by **Bishop Filipe Neri Ferrao**. It was indeed a spiritually uplifting moment for all of us in the community and also for our daily parishioners, who witnessed such a ceremony for the first time. The newly ordained deacon is now busy assisting the priests during



various masses in the house and also the parish. We wish him our blessings for his ministry.

Sizzling Senior Club: We have heard of FC Goa club, and we have heard of many other clubs but have you ever heard of the Sizzling Senior club? This is an initiative of one of the families staying near St. Britto's, namely; Mr. Julian and Mrs. Freda Vaz. For a few years now they have been having annual gatherings for senior citizens of the

locality. After a few successful gatherings and after enough support from family and friends, they founded the new ' **Sizzling Senior Club.**' They meet on the last Saturday of every month from 5 to 8 pm. The main aim of the Club is to ensure that all the members enjoy a multi-layered evening where they come together to make new friends and reconnect with old ones, engage in a variety of activities like playing housie/quiz games, singing and dancing with gusto. The only criteria to join

this club is that a person has to be above 60 years of age. The venue for this fun filled evening, is the school hall at St. Britto's High School. They are very grateful to the Jesuit fathers for providing them the space to have an enjoyable evening of togetherness. This is our bit in building human communities.

Fr Anand D'Souza

STATUS 2020-2021- PART 1

Danzil Fernandes	Philosophy	JDV, Pune
Irivo Joao	Philosophy	Satya Nilayam, Chennai
Glinson Fernandes	Philosophy	Satya Nilayam, Chennai
Jaeison Monteiro	Regency	Nepal
Alendro Da Costa	Theology	
Velenson Gomes	Theology	
Steven D'Almeida	Diaconate	St Anthony's, Belagavi
Menoy D'Souza	Diaconate	St Anne's, Harnai
Raul D'Souza	Diaconate	Bom Jesus Basilica, Old Goa
Lindsay Lobo	Diaconate	Milagres Church, Khanapur
Nigel Alphonso	Diaconate	O.L. of Miracles, Sanguem, Goa

Fr Jimmy Mendes	Asst. Teacher/Minister	Loyola HS Margao
Fr Pedro Rodrigues	Principal	Loyola HSS Margao
Fr Savio Abreu	Principal/Minister	St Paul's HS Belagavi
Fr Cecil Fernandes	Vice Principal	St Paul's HS Belagavi
Fr Jacob Carvalho	Principal	St Paul's PUC Belagavi
Fr Cedric Fernandes	Sabbatical/LOWM	XRH Baga
Fr Denzil Rodrigues	Minister	St Britto's Mapusa
Fr Jovito D'Souza	St Anselm's Parish	Southall, UK
Fr John Fernandes	MTh Spirituality	JDV Pune
Fr Jude Carrasco	Minister	Bom Jesus Basilica, Old Goa
Fr Merwin D'Souza	Minister	Jesuit House, Panjim
Fr Savio Rodrigues	Sabbatical	UK

Schedule: March 2020

7-8	Community picnic	Karwar
10-11	BXC budgets	St Paul's, Belagavi
15	<i>Challenge-</i> annual meeting	JH, Panjim
16	Curia blessing & spiritual input by Agnelo	JH, Panjim
21	Women's Day rally	Christ Niwas, Nesargi
23-24	Consult & spiritual input by Augustine F	St Anne's, Harnai
29	CRI programme	Panjim

God
Bless
You

Happy Birthday Dear ...**March 2020**

04	Noel Fernandes	19	Joseph Fernandes
07	Thomas D'Souza	22	Thomas Chenakala
09	Rosario Rocha	24	Levis Gomes
12	Velsonson Gomes	25	Prakash Figredo
17	Patrick de Melo	26	Nelson Gonsalves

**MEN WHO TOILED IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD****March**

03	Cana Joseph
03	Pinto Agnelo
08	Pinto Joseph
13	D'Souza Lino
13	Mendes Luis
15	D'Souza Alban
21	Lainez Nicolaus
22	De Menezes Rui
30	D'Cunha Valentine

