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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

We are in the Easter season. May the Risen Lord help us believe in the tremendous power of love, give us courage to stand by truth against power and help us discover him when he appears to us in surprising ways.

My Easter message is three fold: First, **believe in the tremendous power of love**. Christianity is about a love story. A God madly in love with His people. Easter is about the climax of this love story. Love is the greatest reality. Love never dies. Love is a power that every human being has. It is the one thing that makes all of us equal before God and before each other.

Second, the resurrection of Jesus reminds us of **truth's protest against power**. Tagore's greatest expressions in prose of truth's protest against power: "Give me the faith of the life in death, of the victory in defeat, of the power hidden in the frailness of beauty, of the dignity of pain that accepts hurt but disdains to return it." This could be said about the resurrection of Jesus and the lives of human rights activists and the farmers in protest.

Third, the Resurrection of Jesus reveals to us a **God of surprises**, because God is always doing something new, always moving beyond what we have already known. The Risen Lord comes us to where we are, loves us as we are, and sends us on a mission. Let it be light on our face and song in our voice, let it be joy in our service, hope in our work, warmth in our love.

The Ignatian Year begins from May 20, 2021 and concludes on July 31, 2022. This is the 5th centenary of the St Ignatius' injury at Pamplona and the 4th centenary of the canonization of St Ignatius and St Francis Xavier. *To see all things new in Christ* is what we seek in the Ignatian Year. The Ignatian year is a new call to draw inspiration from Ignatius, the Pilgrim. We will celebrate the inauguration of the Ignatian Year on the 20th of May 2021 in the three zones of the Province: Bangalore at Mount St Joseph, Mangalore at Fatima Retreat House and North Karnataka at Mundgod. May this Ignatian year bring about individual, communitarian and institutional conversion in our Province.



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APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Zbigniew Leczkowski, Provincial of Greater Poland and Mazovia.

JCSA APPOINTMENTS AS ON 25 MARCH 2021

BY FR GENERAL

Fr Antonysamy Stephenraj, SJ (PAT) – Regional Director, JRS
Fr Francis Pudhicherry (GUJ) – Rector of De Nobili College, Pune
Fr Nirmal Raj Arulanandu (DUM) – Rector of Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi
Fr Sunny Jacob (JAM) – Asst for Mission and Identity for the Secretariat for Education and Jesuit Education Specialist for 'Educate Magis'

BY THE POSA

Subject to the appointment by CBCI

Fr Jesu Benjamin (DUM) - National Director, AICUF

Jor Bagh, Delhi

Fr Shajumon C.K. (DAR) – Superior
Fr James Arjen Tete (CCU) – Secretary, Formation
Fr Arun Kumar (KAR) – Secretary of Faith
Fr John Ravi Selvan (DEL) – Secretary, JEA
Fr Nelson Gonsalves (GOA) – Asst Finance Officer, JRS

ISI, Bangalore

Fr Francis Balaraj (KAR) – Administrator and Program Head of Social Inclusion and Democracy

ISI, Delhi

Fr Thomas Perumalil (PAT) – Acting Superior
Fr Siji Chacko (PAT) – Director MAIN (Additional responsibility)
Fr Shin Kallungal (KER) – Asst Director, MAIN
Fr Franklin Rex (CEN) – JRS
Fr Alwyn D'Souza (KAR) – Research Scholar
Fr Lancy Lobo (GUJ) – Research Scholar

Satya Nilayam, Chennai

Fr Francis D' Souza (KAR) - Registrar & Treasurer
Fr Arul P Stanislaus (CEN) - Minister and Spiritu-

al Director

Fr Benedict Lakra (RAN) – Spiritual Director
Fr Lindsay Lobo (GOA) – Trial teaching and Asst Program Coordinator of SNRI
Fr Martin Gnanapragasam (AND) – Trial teaching

Papal Seminary, Pune

Fr Antony Raj R (JAM) – Moderator of Philosophers & Spiritual Director
Fr Rocha Rozario (GOA) – Spiritual Director
Fr Linus Dabre (Pune Diocese) – Trial teaching at Jnana Deepa
Jnana Deepa, Pune
Fr Peter Ignatius (PAT) – Registrar and Teacher
Fr George Cordeiro (BOM) – Moderator of PG Students and Manager of PG Block
Fr Biju Vadakkumchery (KER) – Change of residence to PG Block

De Nobili College, Pune

Fr Paul Chemparathy (NEP) – Treasurer
Fr Joji Devara (AND) – PhD
Fr Jagdish Parmar (DAR) – PWP Office relocated to De Nobili College, Pune
Fr Clement Jesudoss (MDU) – Teaching at Jnana Deepa

Vidyajyoti, Delhi

Fr Hector Pinto (GUJ) – Registrar & Treasurer, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
Fr Anthony D' Souza (KAR) – Trial Teaching, VJ
Fr Edwin Philip Rodrigues (BOM) – Teaching, VJ

JRS, Afghanistan

Fr Jerome Sequeira – Country Director

Tertianship

Irudayaraj Manickam (GUJ) - Tertian Instructor, Sitagarha
Fr William Sequeira (KAR) – Tertian Instructor, Kandy
Fr Jose Jacob M (KER) – Tertian Instructor, Shembaganur
Fr Valerian Mendonca (JAM) – Tertianship at Shembaganur

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Fr Somy Mathew Mannoor (JAM) – Editor, IGNIS

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

TRANSFER LIST – PRIESTS

NAME	DESIGNATION	COMMUNITY
Fr Francis Noronha	Principal, SJPU; Director SJPS, Anekal	JJ, Anekal
Fr Kevin Sequeira	Director, CIRW	JJ, Anekal
Fr Shantharaj T.	Minister, Jnana Jyothi	JJ, Anekal
Fr Arun Luis	PDD; Assisting the Province Treasurer in lands and buildings	Ashirvad

NAME	DESIGNATION	COMMUNITY
Fr Joseph Lobo	Director, HRDC	Ashirvad
Fr Balaraju A.	Parish Priest, Kalenagrahara	MSJ, B'luru
Fr Clarence D'Souza	Retreat Ministry	MSJ, B'luru
Fr Denzil W. Lobo	Finance Officer; Teaching, LCPUC	MSJ, B'luru
Fr Jerome D'Souza	Bible Translation (KRCBC)	Prerana, B'luru
Fr Prashanth D'Souza	PCF, Young Priests	Prerana, B'luru
Fr Maxim Dias	Teaching, SJC; Zonal Youth Coordinator; State Advisor AICUF	Arrupe Nivas, B'luru
Fr Charles Lasrado	Principal, SJCC	Jesuit Nivas, B'luru
Fr Roshan Pereira	Director, SJPUC; PhD Studies	Jesuit Nivas, B'luru
Fr Vishal D'Souza	Teaching, SJBHS	Jesuit Nivas, B'luru
Fr Francis Guntipilly	St Joseph's Community College	Inigo Sadan, B'luru
Fr Steevan Gonsalves	Minister; Teaching, SJHS	Inigo Sadan, B'luru
Fr Lancy Fernandes	Coordinator; Teaching, HAS	SRN, Panditahalli
Fr Francis Fernandes	Superior, Vidya Niketan	VN, Dharwad
Fr Daniel Fernandes	Principal, SJC, Hassan	NS, Hassan
Fr Balaraju R	Finance Officer, SJC; Teaching, SJC, Hassan	NS, Hassan
Fr Ronald Pais	Acting Superior, Asha Kiran	AK, Mangaluru
Fr Alphonse Fernandes	PhD Studies	FRH, Mangaluru
Fr Cyril D'Mello	Secr & Treas, MJES	SAC, Mangaluru
Fr John D'Souza	Minister, SAC; Director, SAITI	SAC, Mangaluru
Fr Pradeep Sequeira	Finance Officer, SAPUC & SAEPUC	SAC, Mangaluru
Fr Sujay Daniel	PhD Studies	SAC, Mangaluru
Fr Vincent Pinto	Treasurer, SAC Community	SAC, Mangaluru
Fr Praveen K Martis	Teaching, SAPUC, Harihar	Harihar
Fr Arun S Lobo	Secr & Treas, BJES; Minister	MS, Vijayapura
Fr Cyril Castelino	Coordinator, LN; Director LS, Sindagi	Sindagi
Fr Jeevan James	Asst Director, CNFE, Vijayapura	MS, Vijayapura
Fr Vinod AJ	Teaching, SXPUC, Kalaburagi	Kalaburagi
Fr Melvin Lobo	Principal, LKV, Mundgod	St Rita's, Mundgod
Fr Ivan Sequeira	Principal, SXS, Manvi	Manvi
Fr John Crasta	Director, LKS, Pannur	Pannur
Fr Antony, TV	Teaching	SICJ, Trivandrum
Fr Lancy Dias	PhD Studies	Gregorian Univ, Rome
Fr Alwyn R D'Souza	Tertianship	Shembaganur
Fr Arun D'Souza	Tertianship	Sri Lanka
Fr Felix Victor	Tertianship	Sri Lanka
Fr Joy Rodrigues	Tertianship	Sri Lanka
Fr Praveen Kumar	Tertianship	Hazaribagh
Fr Rayappa	Tertianship	Sri Lanka
Fr Wilson Bennis	Tertianship	Shembaganur
Fr Avinash Lobo	MCom, SJCC	Loyola Mandir
Fr Jeevan D'Souza	BEd, Christ College	Inigo Sadan
Fr Joel Fernandes	MBA, AIMIT	Gonzaga Nivas

Fr John Baptist	MA (Economics), SJC	Arrupe Nivas
Fr Roshan Pinto	MA (English)	SAC, M'luru
Fr Royston Pinto	Canon Law, St Peter's Seminary	St Peter's Seminary
Fr Vishwas Misquith	MCom, SAC	Asha Kiran, M'luru

TRANSFER LIST - SCHOLASTICS – 2

Sch Arvind Royce - St. Joseph's School, Hassan (Regency)
 Sch Norbert Kharumnuid (KHM) - Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru (Regency)
 Sch Austin Rodrigues - Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru (BA LLB IV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Provincial will soon convoke the Province Congregation. The tentative dates are 03-07 October at Prerana.

Sch Aaron D'Lima left the Society of Jesus on 06 April 2021. We wish him God's blessings in his future life.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

April 2021

15-17: Course on Religious Leadership:
Prerana

17: Convocation: SJIM

21-23: Course for Silver Jubilarians: Xavier
Sadan

25: Farewell to the Sisters of Charity &
Welcome to the SRA Sisters: ABH-SAC

29: Province Consult

30-02 May: Retreat Directors' Course: Prerana

May 2021

20: Inauguration of Ignatian Year

22-23: Scholastics' get together: Mundgod

MEETING OF LS, DOWS AND CCMS



The meeting of the Local Superiors, DOWs and the Commission Heads (72 in all) was held on 13-14 March at Ashirvad. The presentations on the first day were as follows: Fr Charles Lasrado - Report on Consolidation and Expansion of our works in Mysore Diocese. The entire group prayed over and deliberated on the report and made certain proposals. The other presentations were: Fr John Pradeep - Ignatian Year; Fr Olvin Veigas - History and Archives of our Communities and Institutions; Fr Jerald D'Souza - Report of KPAP; Fr Rohan D'Almeida - Proposals from the NEP Taskforce. Fr Jossie D'Mello - New initiatives for strengthening lay collaboration in the province.

On the second day Fr Joe Xavier (MDU) helped the group to reflect on the present Indian context. Prof V.B. Coutinho shared his insights on St Joseph's University Bill, and initiated a discussion on its implications. Fr Jason Furtado gave an update on Financial Administration and the new financial regulations. Fr Cyprian Tellis acquainted the group with a review of the policy on Protection of Minors. Inputs on the proposed Human Resource Development Centre was presented by Fr Joseph Lobo. The meeting ended with the observations made by Fr Provincial. (Fr Joel Fernandes)

ANEKAL



The priests of the community spent a weekend together in Solur to rejuvenate themselves through the faith sharing. The RTEC scholastics busied themselves in preparing for the exams. The first years presented the Integration Papers. The second years presented the Contextual Theological term papers in the presence of the community members and Jesuits from other communities. Sch Avin from SN, Chennai is with us for a few

days attending online classes and preparing for his comprehensive exams. As part of the preparation for Easter, the parish organized a one-day retreat for the parishioners. The new batch of 1st year PU students are donning a smart look with the new uniform. On 5th of March the health department of the Government hospital, Anekal, conducted a Quiz competition for our students on Covid-19, wherein 100 students enthusiastically

cally participated. Our tiny tots of L.K.G of CBSE School have been actively participating in the on-line classes.

The month of March was filled with many activities in CIRW. The Director is busy visiting all the 57 sanghas and bringing awareness on panchayat schemes for the villages and instilling in them a desire to unite and fight for their causes. The Jesuit Nivas community visited the migrants working in brick factories of Anekal. They also brought gifts and other items as a part of their community Lenten sacrifice to distribute to the families of migrants. On the following day, the staff members of St. Joseph's College of Law visited the poor villages of Anekal and conducted some activity-based awareness programme for the people. They spent some valuable time with our Hostel

BIJAPUR



The new church building is getting ready for the inauguration this month. We appreciate the support of Fr Lancy Fernandes, Schs Arun Lobo and Chethan Kumar in preparing for the inauguration. Fr Provincial and his team paid a visit to the mission for a short evaluation. Fr Anthony Lawrence's retreat at the parish has kindled our hope for at least a few religious vocations. Under the leadership of Fr Teyol Machado, twenty persons from the mission, accompanied by Fr Alwyn D'Souza and Sch Preethesh Misquith, visited Delhi to show their solidarity with the protesting farmers. A few weeks later, another team of around 50 people attended the Kisan Panchayat Programme in Shimoga. Also a few members of the CNFE participated in the state level gathering of the Devadasis at Kushtagi. Owing to the pandemic, Women's Day was celebrated on a low key. Nevertheless, around 400 women SHG group leaders gathered for a short programme during which 40 students received scholarships funded by the SHG group women themselves. Other programmes conducted by us were: Awareness programmes on Corona, Cancer, HIV, and TB organised in collaboration with SELCO Solar and the District Administration and Family Planning Association, India; health camp organised for the senior citizens. Our team members took part in the Rail Roko Rally in support of the protesting

MANVI



Fr Anil D'Souza, with a group of social activists numbering forty in all, went to Delhi to express solidarity with the agitating farmers. The Pro-

children and PUC college students. The Igniters group visited the CIRW and worked with the migrants and distributed some gifts to the children. Two groups of students from St. Joseph's Institutions spent time in two villages as part of their village exposure programme. The students of the second batch of tailoring course in Rachamannahalli village, on completion of the course, received a tailoring completion certificate during the valedictory ceremony. The skill-based learning also enabled to instill basic values in them. Dr Sylvia Karpagam who is a public health doctor and researcher working on the social determinants of health, spent a half-day meeting and spoke to the SHG members on the issues of the problems and struggles of women especially concerning health and nutrition. (VP)

farmers, got arrested and were later released with a warning. Our MG Auto union organised a Protest on the frequent hike in fuel prices. A skill training in Jewellery making for the female youth was organised at Baratagi Tanda. CNFE also organised a workshop for its partners on UAPA, NIA and the role of social media. Thanks to Fr Jerald D Souza and Dr Sylvia Karpagam for helping the participants to function online.

Loyola CBSE School Sindagi now has a new skills room. Fr Provincial and his team were present for its inauguration. Fr Lancy was the chief guest at some of the Women's Day celebrations. Panchayat leaders were trained at Sangama CIRD. The cooperation from the public officials was evident in the health check-up camps for the village people organised in Sindagi, the service of the forest department in watering the plants to keep the campus green. As a token of our Lenten practice, we paid a visit to the school for the deaf and dumb and provided the inmates with a few gifts. Fr Balaraju A paid a visit to Kalena Agrahara at Mount St Joseph where he will soon take charge as parish priest. Sch Chethan was a boost to the students as they were learning communication skills. Besides helping the students, he is also preparing for the novices' work camp at Sindagi. (ND)

vincial of the Theresian Carmelites of Mysore Province along with two of her Counsellors paid us a visit to explore the possibilities of working

for the welfare of our people.

A group of ten teachers and parents from St Joseph's Boys' School, Bengaluru, accompanied by Fr Sunil Fernandes, the Principal, stayed with us for two days. They listened to the history of Pan-nur-Manvi Mission and paid a visit to Pannur and Yeddaldoddi. Fr Eric Mathias came to Manvi for a couple of days to attend to the pending work at the Registrar's office with regard to the land.

International Women's Day was celebrated by Loyola Social Service Centre and Janashakthi Trust, Manvi. The main thrust was to express solidarity with the farmers' protest in New Delhi.

MUNDGOD



Frs Jerald D'Souza and Santosh Walder and a few staff joined a group of local farmers on their visit to Delhi (and later to Haveri) to take part in the farmers' protest. Women's Day was celebrated in different villages on March 8 with a grand finale in town on April 5. Systematic planning is underway in LVK for establishing a Women's Co-operative Bank. A training programme on 'Good Governance' was organized for all the LOKMANCH leaders and the newly elected Gram Panchayat leaders. A committee on 'Land Rights



and Productivity' met the DC in Karwar to discuss the details about the project. Presently, LVK is doing the annual planning for the year 2021-22 under the guidance of Mr Lokesh Gowda.

Sr Irene D'Silva gave a talk to the LKV CBSE staff on 'Women Leadership' on the occasion of Women's Day. The class X students were given a farewell. Fr Provincial and his team visited Mundgod mission for three days to discuss, evaluate and plan for the future. As part of Lenten observance, a day's adoration cum confession was held at St Rita's Church and its substations. Priests of the mission helped out during the Holy Triduum in the main Church and the substations. (AD)

KALABURAGI



St Xavier's PU College and hostels are running smoothly without any incidence of corona infection even though it is on the rise in Kalaburagi city. The preparatory examinations have begun but the oppressive heat makes it very difficult for the students to concentrate on their studies.

During the Holy week Fr Praveen Kumar assisted at Chittapura Parish and Fr Anand Prabhu celebrated the liturgy for the campus staff and students. Sch Kiran Leema trained the choir for the Holy Week liturgy. Fr Melwin Mendonca got himself vaccinated for corona before his scheduled departure for Lonavala. (KL)

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



During the month of March, quite a few retreats were preached and directed in and out. Fr Maxim Misquith preached a Retreat at Bambil Parish, Mangalore diocese. Fr Clarence D'Souza directed a Retreat to the Bethany Sisters at Nantoor and Fr Ronald Pais to the pre-novices of the Holy Rosary Convent. Fr Joseph Monteiro directed two individual retreats at FRH and Fr Terence Farias directed two retreats, the first to four religious sisters and the second to two diocesan priests and a religious sister, at FRH. Fr Tom Quadras and Fr

Ronald directed individual retreats to our Scholastics.

Fr Ronald Pais conducted psycho-sexual education workshop for our Pre-novices at Hassan. He facilitated the Catholic Faculty of St Aloysius PUC, Mangaluru in learning and praying the Ignatian Contemplation. He gave talks to the Students Council of Aloysius PUC and to the Tenth Standard Students of Gonzaga School.

Seven of our community members received vaccination at Fr Mullers Hospital. Happily Fr Rossi's coughing has almost stopped after receiving the vaccination. Fr Nibert Fernandes' birthday and Fr. Terence Farias' Golden Jubilee of Priesthood were celebrated on 27th March.

A two-day Lenten Retreat in Konkani was preached

LOYOLA PRENOVIATE



In the Lenten season, the pre-novices practiced fasting and penance and saved Rs 4,500, to be given in charity. The second year pre-novices, preparing to go to the novitiate, had their 4-sheet exam, writing of auto-biography, and CET examination conducted by Sch Ovin Rodrigues. Fr Edward Philip put them through psychological assessment.

LOYOLA MANDIR



The Regents and the Second-Year theologians spent three days each at Pratiksha in recollection. Fr Olvin Veigas preached a Lenten retreat to the Kalena Agrahara Parishioners and to the members of St Vincent de Paul Society of Koramangala area. He taught a course on Business Ethics at SJIM. Fr Jossie D'Mello animated the sharing of the young priests of the Holy Cross Fathers at Sakalavara. Fr Francis Fernandes gave a recol-

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



As part of the Ignatian Year and Lenten season, the community went on a pilgrimage to St Ignatius Church Gadenahalli and Shettihalli, the well-known Jesuit mission stations of pre-suppression era. We now have a new website for Dhyanaashrama designed and maintained by Fr Olvin Veigas.

Fr Prashanth Sequeira directed two 8-day retreats at Dhyanaashrama. Fr Xavier Savarimuthu (CCU) directed a 5-day retreat for Salesian priests and brothers of Bangalore province. Frs Arockiasamy and Godwin Serrao are currently directing, month-long retreats. Fr Kanikiaraju conducted motivational sessions to the students of Loyola ITI. The staff had a session on "St Ignatius - an inspiration to be an effective staff" conducted by Fr Prakash D'Souza. The parish organized Holy Week ceremonies in several religious houses so that the faithful could attend in smaller numbers. This kind of arrangement was more meaningful during the Covid situation.

by Fr Joseph Monteiro and a three day Retreat in English was preached by Fr Rakesh and his team (all Redemptorists) in the Divine Mercy Church. The liturgical services for the Paschal Triduum were held open air in the shrine. Each of the three days witnessed a congregation of over one thousand and two hundred. Br Anthony Crasta's platinum birthday was celebrated on 5th April. (CD)

Dolly, our beautiful golden retriever is no more. Pre-novices Vivek and Lloyd who had their knees mended are back and are now managing to be on their feet. Pre-novices Robert who was in Bijapur and Royston who was in Mundgod are back after 20 days of mission experience. (PP)

lection talk to the priests and religious of Gulbarga diocese. He did the Holy Week ministry in Katapadi, Udipi. Fr Provincial made the visitation of the community. Fr Charles Lasrado, after a gap of 10 years, is back to teaching in St Joseph's Evening College bringing his global expertise in finance to the classroom! Fr Jason Furtado made a quick tour of the North Karnataka Missions attending to urgent business. (OV)

The Visitation of the Novitiate by Fr Provincial was as usual a time of grace. Novices Abraham and Joel Lobo, budding artists, conducted a 5-day 'Art and Literature Fest' for the novices, with inputs and guidance from Frs Xavier (CCU) and John Pradeep. In the inter-novitiate Lenten Recollection for neighbourhood novices, 34 novices participated. Spiritual talks by Frs Xavier, Edward Rodrigues, John Pradeep and Merwyn Fernandes on the significance of the season of Lent were indeed enriching. Fr Merwyn Fernandes presided over the solemn Eucharist on the feast of St Joseph. In the cricket match held on that day between MSJ Jesuits and Loyola Institutions Staff, the latter emerged champions. The crash course, given by Fr William Sequeira, on the Spiritual Diary of St Ignatius, helped us become familiar with the classic. We also had a quiz on the daily news and the Province Newsletter (KS).

At Prerana, the two month course for Religious preparing for their Final Profession, ended on 29 March 2021. Fr Gilbert Saldanha was the presi-

dent and Sr Crescentia D’Almeida FMA the chief guest on the Graduation Day. Fr Sebastian Painadath (KER) gave this month’s online recollection talk on the theme “Paschal Mystery”. Fr Prakash Louis (PAT) spoke on the second UAP – “Walking with the Excluded.”

In the Loyola Degree College, an awareness programme on the Indian Constitution, with reference to the rights of women, was designed and conducted by the Ambedkar Study Center. In

ARRUPE NIVAS



The Holy Week celebrations were held with much fervor and conducted with creativity in the College hostel chapel. A series of 9 Research Colloquia were held in the college, where our faculty members presented the progress of their college funded Seed Money grant for research projects. Fr Joseph Lobo has been appointed Secretary of the Karnataka Desk for Theology and Doctrine by the Archbishop of Bangalore.

On the occasion of the college day celebrations the chief guests were Dr Asha Sudhakar (an alumna of 1972 batch), currently the oldest member at the Karnataka Mountaineering Association, and Mr. Karthik Krishnan (an alumnus of 2008 batch), the Principal, Surana PU College. About 200 students received prizes for the various achievements. Special awards were given to some NSS, NCC and sports students for their out-

JESUIT NIVAS



At the Valedictory Ceremony for the students of X and XII Standards of SJBHS, the Chief Guest was Prof (Dr) Sudhir Krishnaswamy, Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University and an alumnus of the school (Batch of 1991). As part of our ongoing Twinning programme, two teams led by the PTA and 4 counsellors visited Pannur-Manvi and had a mutually enriching and beneficial session.

The online programme on “Peace, Harmony and Reconciliation” was much appreciated. Our little Josephites (from the Pre-Primary section) celebrated a unique online “Grandparents Day”, and made their grandparents feel really special. The OBA, as always, committed to the mentorship and guidance of our students, organised a special event ‘Welcome to OBA’ for standards 10 & 12 making them aware of the infinite potential of the OBA network. Radio artist Karan Machado

the national seminar on “Research in Kannada: Contemporary Issues” about 120 research scholars, poets, writers and renowned Kannada thinkers participated and presented papers. On World Women’s Day, the College invited 5 self-help group women from the Centre for Integral Rural Welfare, Jnana Jyothi, Anekal. They spoke on how they have been empowered through self-help groups. They were honoured with shawls and saplings. The college thanks Fr Shantharaj T – Director of CIRW. (FD)

standing performances. The outreach cell organised various webinars and social service activities such as painting the day care school, visit to children creativity centre, packing ration kits etc. The 500 ration kits packed were sent to Anekal to be distributed to the migrant workers. The placement office hosted the fourth Edition of Corporate Genesis. The Chief Guest for the event was Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai, Padma Shri Awardee and the current Chairman of Manipal Global Education. The event had six speakers who inspired our students. The Public Relations Office organized the third edition of Open Heart 2021. The chief guests were Shri. Narayana Murthy – the Founder of Infosys, Shri. Krishna Byre Gowda – the former Minister for Law & Parliamentary affairs and Ms Deepika Das – a cine actor. This event focused on untold stories of the invited guests, so that their life stories could motivate the youngsters. (JL)

‘Kay’ was the speaker. Informative webinars were held on “Insight into Learning Difficulties” and “Career Guidance for Beginners.” The school organised a throwball match and a cricket match between the Staff and the PTA. Overall it was an action packed and eventful month despite the pandemic.

SJPUC organised a national level cultural fest – Equinox. Many colleges participated. Mr Shine Shetty – Actor and Big Boss winner of Season 7 was the Chief Guest. The staff had an eco-retreat for a day at MSJ.

St. Joseph’s Institute of Management (SJIM) commemorated 25 years since it received AICTE approval for its flagship two-year full-time Post Graduate Program in Management with a grand celebration on 19th March. Prof Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of AICTE was the chief guest.

During the program, the SJIM Eminent Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award, instituted by SJIM

to commemorate this silver jubilee, was awarded to Teach for India. (WB)

NAVASADHANA



The community picnic to Kushalnagar was beyond doubt a time to relax and rejuvenate ourselves. Mount St Joseph community along with the novices paid us a passing visit. Fr Dheeraj D'Souza continued his mission of vocation promotion – this time in the region of Kalenagrahara. The CET exam for the second year pre-novices was conducted by Sch Maxim D'Souza. As a part of their Lenten sacrifice and penance, the pre-novices went on a pilgrimage from the Parish

to Navasadhana. They distributed food packets to beggars and interacted with them. Fr Ronald Pais was with us to take sessions on Psycho-sexual integration for the pre-novices and also to interview the second year pre-novices in view of their selection to the novitiate. Schs Sanson D'Souza and Joyal D'Sa, having been busy for a whole month with exams, have moved out for the much awaited home visit. (PA)

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



Fr Santosh Kamath completed 50 years of priesthood on 27 March, 2021. The community celebrated the day in a simple way giving a good start to the golden jubilee celebrations. The Holy Week liturgy was celebrated in the high school hall. Fr Sujay Daniel, our local "parish priest", organized it meticulously with a beautiful choir. Frs Felix Victor and Joy Rodrigues have left for Sri Lanka for their tertianship.

An Ignatian retreat, 'Ignite', for the Campus Ministry members was held at ABH. SAPUC Students won various prizes in the District Level Basketball, Football, Throwball, Badminton, Wrestling and Swimming competitions. The teams are qualified for the State Level.

St Aloysius Gonzaga School honoured 51 meritorious students with Vivek Bansal Scholarship. During the same programme, the food court, a new facility for students was also inaugurated. Our students brought laurels to the institution in different competitions. As this report goes to the press, we have received official information from the Central Board of Secondary Education that our school is accorded affiliation for the XI and XII Standards.

The degree college hosted an online sharing event in collaboration with Promise Foundation, having Google, Godrej and Deccan Herald as associate partners. There were more than 6000 participants from across the globe, engaged in sharing and generating ideas, in this thought-provoking program called 'The Knowledge Factory'. A devotional and charismatic live Gospel Concert was organized before Easter with 12 gifted students performing under the guidance of Reuban Machado, a staff and a gifted musician. The annual cultural fest in the college was held for a day this year. Prabhu Mundkur, Cine Actor and an Alumnus, inaugurated the event. A movie starring Prabhu was shot in our campus for a few days.

The Students of SAPUC gained hands-on experience through activities based on music, at the one-day theatre workshop, 'Rangadalli Naavu... Neevu' by Journey Theatre Group, Mangaluru. The 'Samvada' team reached out to over 4000 students, through interactive sessions based on the theme, Social Justice and Sustainable/Inclusive Development, titled - 'A Justainable World'.

At AIMIT, Beerli, classes have resumed after a short break, though in the online mode. The AIMIT farm has also introduced apiculture. It is hoped that the campus will be able to further spread sweetness around. (OR)

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



The scholastics have been in study holidays from the beginning of March. We were glad to learn about the announcement from Karnataka University, Dharwad, regarding the proposed commencement of the semester examinations from April 8. On March 7, under the leadership of

Fr Edward Philip, the youth of our parish and the scholastics of the community celebrated the International Women's Day in the parish. Five scholastics accompanied the parish youth on a pilgrimage to Nandgad. Fr Dionysius Vaz, our Provincial along with Fr Jerald D'Souza and Fr Arun Luis

visited our community. Fr Edward conducted a psychological assessment programme for the

pre-novices of the Loyola Pre-novitiate. (AR)

DNC, Pune



After the Diaconate Ordination, the deacons are in full demand to preach in the towns and villages of Pune. Schs Marvin Apose and Larren Menezes were given a tearful farewell at DNC. After completing their comprehensive exams, they left for regency. All our deacons have done well in their

Ad Auds exams. The Holy Week Services were made more meaningful with thought provoking and insightful reflections by Fr Selva Rathinam. Once again the deacons are back at their desks, intensely preparing for their comprehensive exams scheduled for June. (AD)

JRS, Afghanistan



In the midst of insecurity and uncertainty JRS Afghanistan tries to give hope to the people who have been deprived of basic necessities of life. We are five Jesuits from different provinces of JCSA trying to build the lives of people through reconciliation and peace education. I started on a JRS assignment as the education consultant, and have lately been appointed as the Project Director of Bamiyan Province. This is the first time that I am working with people whose faith, language, culture, and food habits are different from mine. There is no Christian presence in the Republic of Afghanistan; and the practice of faith openly is not possible. All the same during the Holy Week,

we took a break to gather in Kabul and share our deep spiritual experiences in the mission. Now that Spring has begun, the educational institutions have reopened; and farmers are busy getting their fields ready for the planting. Many call this a Spring offensive. We, however, continue our engagement, confident that change is possible in the ethnically divided people of Afghanistan. (RR)



SATYA NILAYAM



With the news about the surge in the number of Covid cases in many parts of the country, we at SN held an emergency meeting, and decided to wrap up the on-campus classes for our second years and send them back to their provinces. The remaining portion of the academic programme will be held online. The first-year online classes will continue uninterrupted.

The senate meeting in mid-march brought the POSA, Fr Stanislaus D'Souza, to Satya Nilayam.

Also, Karnataka Provincial Fr Dionysius Vaz visited Satya Nilayam in his capacity as a member of the campus planning team. The multi-cultural academy day, *Samanvaya 2021*, was held to celebrate cultures and to express thanks. Rev Dr Basil Xavier SJ, former principal of Arul Anandar College Karmathur, spoke to our students on "Philosophizing beyond Philosophy". With all students back in their respective provinces SN is back to the online mode of conducting classes and exams. (LF)

REST IN PEACE

Mrs Griselda John (46), elder sister of Fr Xavier Christopher, on 18 March, in Trichy.

Mr Agnelo Fernandes, Brother-in-Law of Fr Ronald Fernandes (Guyana), on 19 March, in Pune.

Mrs Irene Rodrigues (92), eldest sister of Fr Prashant Madtha, on 21 March.

Fr Arul Jeevan, SJ (MDU), 73/50, on 22 March, in Dindigul.

Mrs Alice Pinto (81), Aunt of Fr Cyril Menezes, on 22 March, in Mangaluru.

Fr Anil Kishor Tirkey, SJ (RAN), 67/47, on 27 March in Ranchi.

Mrs Benny Lobo (90), Godmother of Fr Joseph I Rodrigues, on 30 March, in Bantwal.

Mrs Philomena Lobo (68), younger sister of Fr Prashant Madtha, on 06 April, in Mangaluru.

Fr Phillip Crotty, SJ (HAZ), 89/71, on 06 April, at Lavendar Bay Jesuit Residence, Sydney, Australia. He worked in Hazaribag Province for 50 years. He was also the Regional Superior of Hazaribag from 1980 to 1986.

Fr Varghese Paul Chollamadam, SJ (GUJ), 77/56, on 10 April, in Vadodara.

Fr John Joseph Amaladoss, SJ (AND), 75/58, on 14 April, in Guntur.

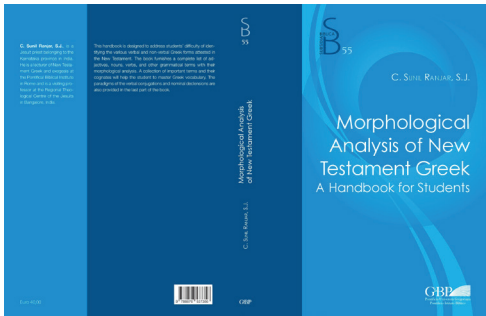
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NEW BOOK

Congratulations to Fr Sunil Ranjar on his new book -
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DOWN MEMORY LANE



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

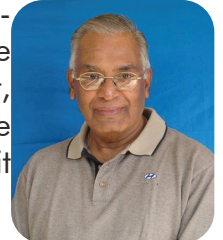
FR PRADEEP SEQUEIRA, SJ

Born in Kinnigoli in 1941 I was the last in a family of seven children. I was christened Aloysius at baptism; but much later, on the occasion of my priestly ordination, I changed my name to Pradeep Aloysius. My earliest childhood memories are suffused with feelings of acceptance and a sense of belonging. My primary schooling was in St Mary's School, secondary in Pompei High School and college in St Aloysius College.

Fr Sylvester Monteiro, who was my Principal in St Aloysius College, summoned me one day to his office to ask if I had thought of becoming a Jesuit. I had then, in all sincerity, confessed to him that I didn't consider myself worthy of the calling. (Nor have I changed my opinion since). But the Jesuit Fathers of the college community, Fr Stany Vas in particular, seemed to see in me a prospective candidate to the Society. To cut a long story short, I joined the Society in 1962 within days after I learned that I had passed my B.Sc.

After three years at Mount St Joseph – two of novitiate and one of juniorate - I was sent to Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, for study of philosophy. Equipped with systematic study methods, which I had acquired in the juniorate, I spent several hours a day in the library to delve deep into

the questions of philosophy which somehow fascinated me. Before long, my companions, professors, and even the Rector came to think that I might, in due course, join the faculty. Like the proverbial proposal by man, it did not find divine disposal.



Regency in St Joseph's Boys High School was a break from academic learning. In addition to teaching Maths and English in the school, I had to maintain discipline in the dormitory and study hall. Moreover, I was expected to accomplish in a 24-hour day a task-schedule of 36 hours. Among other things, regency taught me some basic skills of administration such as planning, time-management, patience and sharing of responsibility. It was during this period of regency that I came under the influence of Fr Claude D'Souza who had just then returned from his studies in the U.S. and taken charge as Principal of the School. Fr Claude was unstinting in his appreciation for the little efforts I was putting in, and kindled in me a desire to pursue my studies to become an educationist. I suspect it was he who persuaded the superiors to send me for B.Ed. studies.

On completing my B.Ed. in Mangalore, I was

sent to St Mary's College, Kurseong, for theology. Despite the freezing cold of the Himalayan hills, I soon began to enjoy the warmth of fellowship with scholastics and professors from different provinces. My first two years in Kurseong were the last two of St Mary's College. In the aftermath of Vatican II, it was decided to shift the theologate to Delhi – in 1972. St Mary's College, Kurseong, was rechristened Vidya Jyothi, Institute of Religious Studies, Delhi.

A watershed experience of my life occurred when I was in Vidya Jyothi. With ordination to the priesthood just a year ahead, I felt the best way to prepare for it would be to make a 30-day retreat under the guidance of the renowned preacher Fr Tony DeMello of happy memory. That retreat was a turning point in my vocation history. Questions regarding the vowed life which had long lain dormant in my sub-conscious mind surfaced to the conscious with fierce intensity, and compelled me to consider the prospect of an alternative way of life. At the end of four weeks of the retreat, during which I had frequent and prolonged sessions of consultation with the retreat director, I decided to leave the Society of Jesus. But for reasons best known to the superiors, my application for dispensation was not sent to Rome. Instead, I was given an informal year of leave of absence. That one year of experience as a 'lay' teacher in a Jesuit school in another province (then Patna, now Delhi) gave me ample time to review my decision and retrace my steps to 'Mother-Dear-O-Company'. After this I spent a year doing my M.Ed in Bangalore University, and then went to Pune to complete my theology studies. I was ordained a priest in the summer of 1975. The whole episode frequently reminds me of Prophet Jonah who had to learn the hard way that there is no escaping from God's will.

Following my ordination, I had a series of ministry assignments of long or short duration which I accepted in a spirit of obedience unaware of the fact that, by training or temperament, I was ill-equipped for some of the tasks. I began with a year at St Joseph's Indian High School as its vice-principal, and then withdrew from service in order to put in a year of tertianship in Dindigul. Back in the Province, I was assigned to a series of ministries of formation or administration: Socius to the Novice Director, Director of the Juniorate, Rector of MSJ, Rector of SJHS, Superior of Mundgod, Director of Vidya Niketan, Rector of St Joseph's Seminary, Rector of St Joseph's College,

Director of Ashirvad, Rector of Papal Seminary, Superior of Hassan, Finance Officer successively at AIMIT, SAC-Mangalore and SAC-Harihar. While in Bangalore and Hassan, I also rendered some service as Episcopal Vicar for Religious in Bangalore and later in Chickmagalur.

In the one year of sabbatical (1988-89) that I had spent in Loyola University, Chicago, I had acquired some basic skills in spiritual counselling which stood me in good stead in later years of ministry, beginning with my six years in St Joseph's Seminary. I couldn't imagine how "due consultation and discernment" could lead the provincial and his consultors to include my name in the terna for the rector's post for which I, by qualification or training or experience, was most unsuited. But the appointment had already come from Rome, and I was told "*Roma locuta, causa finita*". When I took charge, I was not aware of the serious doubts my Jesuit confreres in the seminary had about my suitability for the office of rector. But I must acknowledge, to their credit, that their initial indifference to me soon turned to kindness and appreciation and eventually to whole-hearted cooperation. The seminarians, on the other hand, generally accepted me, from the beginning, with respect and affection. The net result was that when, at the end of my term as Rector, the administration of the seminary was transferred to the diocesan hands, I profoundly felt the pain of parting from the staff and students whom I had come to love.

Looking back upon the number and variety of my assignments and the countless blessings I have received, I often feel I ought to have been less selfish and more humble, less complacent and more pro-active, less preoccupied with name and position and more concerned with the community and its apostolate. I must admit, however, that despite my many failings – of commission and omission – I enjoyed the trust my superiors continued to place in me as also the supportive companionship my fellow Jesuits extended to me. Now and again, I find myself drawing consolation from the words of St Mother Teresa: "God does not require that we be successful, only that we be faithful."

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