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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

**W**e have initiated a new tradition in the Province. At the end of the academic year, every superior writes an annual letter to the Provincial. It is basically the view and review of life and mission. One of the aspects that the 2019-20 annual letters highlighted was the fruitful community life.

The annual letters concurred that it was the annual plan, which is drawn up at the beginning of every academic year, and the integration of three things: a simple lifestyle, deep life in the spirit and a strong life in common that ushered in a fruitful community, and consequently, aggressive apostolic life. By and large, communities adopted a simple lifestyle with adequate facilities and each one made an effort to grow in contemplation even in action: the scholastic communities introduced the practice of praying together in the chapel, some apostolic communities began the common Eucharist in the morning, regular faith sharing during the monthly recollections, and yet others started common prayer sessions for domestic helpers on weekends.

One of the much sought after activities in the communities was the evening recreation. After supper, all sat together to relax and to relate experiences. It was fun, a booster to work and the strength to face crises. The other main feature of our communities was consultation. There were a variety of meetings: community and consult, registered society and core group, and of course, the meeting of the individual Jesuits and DoWs with the superior. As this initiative made the Jesuits feel valued, it unleashed creativity and commitment.

Yet another feature was the outreach programmes. Besides the regular work, most of the Jesuits took up spiritual ministries and mercy visits. In fact, this way of proceeding took the communities much closer to the suffering during the pandemic. On similar lines, the other significant development was the twinning of rural and urban communities. It bridged the rural-urban divide. All owned the Province, and freely shared all that they are and have.

Although St Ignatius stressed dispersion, which implied apostolic availability, mobility, universality for the sake of mission, he knew well that union of hearts and minds was absolutely necessary for the preservation and progress of the Society. In fact, during his studies in Paris, he relentlessly worked for this fellowship. Hence, the first companions called themselves 'friends in the Lord', persons, who were close to one another, because they were above all close to Christ. They believed that the friendship was a grace for them to overcome and to celebrate all their differences.

We are in difficult times. Among other things, COVID 19 has also engendered social distance. In this context, let us make every effort to build a good community among us not only because it guarantees spiritual vitality and apostolic efficacy but also because it is the only way to take all towards a better future.

### APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

**Fr Hermann Rodríguez Osorio**

*Provincial of the Province of Colombia.*

**Fr Victor Hugo Miranda Tarazona**

*Provincial of the Province of Peru.*

**Fr Kizito Kiyimba**

*Provincial of the Province of Eastern Africa.*

**Fr Soosai Mani**

*Provincial of the Province of Delhi.*

**Frs Danis Ponniah** (MDU), **Melvil Pereira** (KHM) and **Santosh Minj** (HAZ) as Consultors to POSA and JCSA Convenors and Chairs of South, North and Central Zones, respectively.

### APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Melwin Mendonca**

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### ANNOUNCEMENT:

Since the tertianship at Shembaganur is suspended for this year due to COVID 19, the Province of Karnataka will host the tertianship for this year in Prerana, Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru

## CANONICAL ESTABLISHMENT OF LOYOLA SADAN, KALABURAGI

By a decree dated 08 July 2020, (KAR 2020/22), Fr General has canonically erected the house 'LOYOLA SADAN' situated at NH 218, Sirnur, Farhatabad PO, Kalaburagi – 585 308, INDIA with all the privileges and favours, which the other houses of the Society legitimately benefit from and enjoy.

## NEW PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

In a decree signed on 8 June 2020, Fr General announced the creation of the new Province of Southern Africa. The Province will bring together the Region of South Africa and the Provinces of Zambia-Malawi and Zimbabwe-Mozambique.

## 'QUIZINIGO 2020' – Global Ignatian Online Quiz

15 years old Abdul Rahiman from Mangalore writes after participating in the quiz "I've been wanting to know about other religions and today your quiz competition became a reason. I got a bit of knowledge about the general and spiritual facts on Jesuits and Christians. I would like to thank all the members of the organisation; only because of this quiz my sense of harmony among religions grew much more." Sr. Uzma Siddique, RJM from Pakistan writes "Thank you very much for arranging the quiz competition. It was really very interesting to participate and check my knowledge and know more about the life and mission of the Jesuits around the world. Thank you." These testimonies indeed speak about the purpose and intention of organising this global event as a preparation for the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola.

The COVID 19 Pandemic and lock down forced us to scale the feast celebrations down in our institutions and parishes. As we wondered how to celebrate this year's Ignatius' feast with our students, staff, collaborators, parents, alumni and

other religious in this context, the idea 'QUIZINIGO 2020' an Online Global Ignatian Quiz was born. The Provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province Fr Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza was supportive of the idea and personally guided the coordinating team of the quiz animated by Fr Joseph D'Mello, the socius to the Provincial.

A brochure for advertising the event was prepared and shared through social media. Online Registrations were opened on the website [www.karnatakajesuits.org](http://www.karnatakajesuits.org). Two quizzes were announced, one for the age group of 13-18 years, and the other for 19 years and above. Around 5000 participants registered within 4 days, from around 3 continents across the globe. This was indeed an encouraging sign. There were multiple choice and true or false questions which focused on: Life of St Ignatius, some significant years, places, events, works that are associated with him and significant saints, and works of the Society of Jesus, major contributions of the Jesuits in various ministries and fields.

A mock quiz was organised two days prior to the actual quiz to give a first-hand experience to many participants who were new to using this mode. 27th July, the day of the global quiz, saw many participants attempting the quiz with great

interest and enthusiasm. At the end, they received their score and an e-certificate as a token of appreciation and acknowledgment of their participation. Winners were awarded cash prizes.

(Lumnesh S Kumar)

## ANEKAL



The Community intensely prepared for the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola with a contextualized Novena. The feast day Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr Sunil Ranjar. A fun-filled quiz, a vigorous basketball match, a devotional prayer service and a simple fellowship meal marked the day. Fr Ivan Sequeira and Sch Marvin Apose accompanied Sch Larren Menezes to his home at Gantalkatte, Mangaluru for the funeral of his dear dad whose untimely and unexpected demise shocked all of us. Thanks to the Jesuit Nivas Community for their timely and generous assistance in providing the transport facility. To the already green campus, some more fruit saplings were added under the leadership of Fr Cyprian Tellis and Sch Shanthraj. St. Joseph's PU College has excellent results this year as Science stream got 97%, Commerce 85% and Arts 70%. Two students in Science scored 95 % and topped the college.

CIRW is constantly on the move to help the direct or indirect victims of COVID19, surveying the brick factories in and around Anekal, and distributing snacks, juice, biscuits, soaps, masks, and sanitary kits to the children and women working in the factories, thanks to Mr David, alumnus of St. Joseph's College Bengaluru for his generosity. The CIRW staff in coordination with St. John's Hospital intern-doctors went to almost 45 villages to give awareness on COVID and motivate people psychologically and emotionally. 25 new sewing machines were distributed to the tailoring students and women, who took the daring step to undertake the tailoring course despite many difficulties and failures in their life. The CIRW staff actively participated in the workshop called "Mission Vishwas" (Eradicating Poverty through Job opportunities) coordinated by Ms Aparna Ponnappa, the alumnus of XLRI, Jamshedpur. We have a new logo for CIRW, thanks to Frs Marcel Rodrigues and Anthony Arul. (JP)

## ASHIRVAD



Ashirvad Inter Religious Harmony Movement (IRHM) animated by Fr Jerald D'Souza organized two Zoom Cloud Seminars for the IRHM group with corona virus related topics. On July 12 Ms Sylvia talked on facing the Corona Virus situation and on May 26, Dr Anita Rego spoke on the issue of working on anxiety during the COVID 19 Pandemic. More than 60 people participated in the Zoom Prayer link. Fr. Francis Guntipilly is now back from the second phase of his mission of social service at Vijayapura – the first one was in Kalaburagi. Having received Rupees 97 lakhs from Ajit Premji Foundation he along with 120 plus volunteers in the mission prepared more than 12500 food packets to be

distributed to various groups and surrounding villages in Vijayapura, Bagalakote and Manvi. With the continuing lockout situation in Bengaluru Fr Francis G enjoyed his well-deserved quiet holiday and rest in Vijayapura. Our Ashirvad community celebrated the feast of St Ignatius in a suitable way. The community recollection was held on the eve of the feast with an input talk on Ignatius life and work by Fr Eugene Lobo, and the feast day Mass with the co-workers. Fr. Harry Terry has completed his online classes and online examination during the lockdown period and spent his time serving the community in the best possible way. (EL)

## BIJAPUR



CNFE, under the leadership of Frs Anthony Dass and Teyol Machado, distributed 11600 food kits to the HIV infected victims, Devadasis, Slum dwellers, LGBTQ group, High risk group, Children at risk and others. This was

the generous contribution from the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative in collaboration with the Karnataka Jesuit Educational Society. Fr Francis Guntipilly was the man behind this entire process who saw to it that the food kits reach to the really



deserving people. For almost a month, more than 1000 volunteers helped us in unloading, packing and distribution. On the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, we had the festive mass in the parish for which we had invited religious from nearby convents and parishioners. We also celebrated the feast with our co-workers at a fellowship meal. Community faith sharing was held in Sindagi on the feast day evening, which helped us to know our own Jesuit brothers in depth and it was an enriching moment for all. The Deacons and Juniors who were quarantined in LITI campus, and have now left for their new destinations, were a great help to us in food kit distribution. St Anne's par-

ish feast was celebrated, with Fr Balaraju A as the main celebrant. Fr James Gon-



salves and Fr Balaraju A took classes in Gulbarga for the seminarians. The Sindagi campus is full of greenery with the cultivation of Potatoes, Congo pea, Millet and other vegetables. More than 500 saplings were planted in the campus. (PM)

## GULBARGA



Loyola Sadan has been canonically erected as a community after 11 years of its existence. The residence received a makeover with a coating of fresh paint under the able supervision of Sch Kiran Leema. We as a community did our annual retreat at Sadhana, Mundgod. We thank Sadhana Jesuit Community for its hospitality and especially Fr Johnson Pinto for guiding us during the retreat. We celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with the residential lay staff. Fr Vijayaraju presided over the solemn liturgy and Fr Richard Mascarenhas preached. The community bade farewell to Fr Cyril Casteli-

no who left for his tertianship at Sitagara. As the online classes are going on for the II PUC students, we are eagerly waiting for the arrival of the students in the campus.

Fr Richard Mascarenhas was successful in getting a new water connection to Sacred Heart Church, Bidar. He also undertook much needed maintenance work of the church and residence. Now he has a companion in the person of Fr Christuraj, a Salesian priest who has been appointed as the youth director of Gulbarga diocese. (KL)

## MUNDGOD



LVK has switched over to 'work from office' mode as there is a spike in COVID-19 cases in its target villages. LVK undertook strategic planning for various works and was completed with the able guidance of Mr Lokesh Gowda, consultant for Land Rights Project. The farmers who have no legal rights upon their land found new hope in LVK's initiative to support in their struggle to claim land rights. As the LVK has begun construction workers' campaign under Lokmanch Project, it has made a lot of them to register in the Labour department. LVK has also helped 45 construction workers to register through Seva Sindu online portal. Fr Prashanth Sequeira after serving the mission for a year left for Hazaribag for the tertianship. Mundgod Mission is grateful to AIMIT, MJES for donating us 25 computers.

LVK celebrated the feast of St Ignatius with prayer, quiz and an inspiring message from Fr Johnson Pinto. In Hangal the feast was celebrated with

the Ursuline sisters. The festive mass was presided over by Fr Tom D'Souza and preaching was done by Fr Santhosh Walder. In St Rita's Parish the neighboring sisters joined the celebration and had a delicious breakfast after the festive mass presided over by Fr Francis Menezes and the homily preached by Fr Johnson Pinto.

LKV CBSE has secured cent percent results in the board exams. Online 'Ignatian Week' competitions were organized for the students and many participated enthusiastically. Roopa Mascarenhas, the principal of LKV bagged the second place in the Inigo Quiz conducted by the Province. LKV students also actively partook in 'Rakhi and Friendship Day' celebrations conducted by Tarumitra. Loyola PUC secured 92.91% overall results. Jesuits from Gulbarga found the school campus most suitable for their spiritual renewal and thus the Sadhana community was converted into a retreat house for a week and Fr Johnson Pinto was the retreat director. (AD)

With Schs Agil Roy and Reoin Barnes from Thiruvananthapuram joining us, the house is full with 41 scholastics this year. The scholastics have begun online classes and are getting back to the rhythm of study. The month concluded with a novena to St Ignatius on different relevant themes. We had "IGNITE 2020", nine days of events. For the first time in the history of Ashakiran, we had feast mass in the house with Fr Sujay Daniel as the main celebrant. We attended a webinar facilitated by Fr Errol Fernandes

SJ (BOM) on the theme, "COVID - 19 and our response". On Saturdays, instead of the usual ministry, we discuss and implement the apostolic preferences of our province. (VFS)



## FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



Masses were resumed in the Divine Mercy Church from mid-June, strictly following the instructions and guidelines given by the Diocese of Mangalore. Frs Joseph Monteiro, John Gomes, Terence Farias, and Clarence D'Souza joined the community at Santrupti. Fr Joseph M. took over as Minister from Fr Ronald Pais who can now give his full time as counsellor and programme coordinator of the campus. Fr Maxim Misquith, our Superior has been appointed the Prefect of Health for our senior fathers. Fr Lawrence Pinto who felt unwell was admitted to Fr. Muller's Hospital. Happily, all reports are clear and he is back in the community.

FRH's, Arrupe Vihar served as the quarantine block for our nine juniors on their return from Thiruvananthapuram in late May. Confined for 14 days, they came out, hale and hearty and proceeded to their respective communities. In early July Fr T. V. Anthony followed suit. He then proceeded to Dharwad.

Fr. Maxim Misquith with his many responsibilities was still able to give recollections and the sacrament of reconciliation to the neighboring religious. Fr. Ronald Pais besides rendering effective

online counselling, conducted an orientation for the St Aloysius PUC staff. He also gave a talk to the AIMIT staff and St. Aloysius High School faculty on the legacy of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. He conducted a two-day orientation programme for the Staff of AIMIT. Fr. Francis Pinto was given a warm and affectionate send-off. He was a live-wire in the community endearing himself to one and all, especially the seniors.

In preparation for the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola we had a nine-day novena marked by prayer and reflection; and exhortation given by Fr John Gomes on the eve of the feast and penitential rite. On the feast Day we had a community solemn mass with Fr Maxim Misquith as the main celebrant and Fr Vijay Kumar Prabhu the homilist. In the evening, we hosted a two-hour programme for our collaborators in the community and campus. Marked by prayer, a short talk, and exciting games and refreshments it indeed was a happy feast for them. Frs Joseph M and Ronald organized the programme. To cap it all a "community name" Housie Housie was conducted for the community members. (CD)

## LOYOLA, Mangaluru



COVID19 indeed shut us all inside the house, but it could not consign our spirits within the four walls of Loyola. Our pre-novices had daily contact with their teachers through internet. Thanks to the generous help given by AIMIT by donating 10 computers and the generous contribution by BJES. After listening to the stirring talk of Fr Lumnesh S Kumar on the preservation of the environment, the pre-novices thought that confining the love-birds to their cages was sinful and

unnatural, and so they forgot to close the opening of birds' cage. And to their delight all the birds except two, took to their wings, to freedom and sure death. Only two of them like good Jesuits remained back to ask permission of their superior and hence survived. Besides the novena prayers for the feast of Ignatius, the pre-novices listened to the talks of the province experts on St Ignatius, took part in the quizzes, and familiarized themselves with the life and deeds of Ignatius. (PP)

The first-year novices, after their first probation, had classes on the Introduction to the life and spirituality of Jesus and St. Ignatius by Fr Merwyn Fernandes, the Socius and Fr John Pradeep, the Novice Master respectively. Fr Anil D'Almeida, took a few Kannada classes. Frs Eric Mathias and Rayappa from Harihar inspired the novices with their sharing of their experiences of Jesuit life and mission. The last week of the month was packed with loads of activities titled 'FIESTA-2020'. The novices were divided into two groups and were given opportunities to exhibit their talents through activities like hymn composition on St Ignatius, grace before meals, mime on

the theme Ignatius' message to the corona affected Jesuit community, funny skit titled Laugh with Loyola and finally instrumental music piece apart from various indoor and outdoor games. The novices creatively presented the novena. A community quiz was organized on the eve of the feast by quiz masters Frs John Pradeep and Merwyn Fernandes. The solemn festal mass was celebrated by Fr Anil D'Almeida. 'Seriously funny games' was organized by Frs Jeevan Gomes and Merwyn Fernandes for the entire community. A short cultural programme was put up by the novices for the entire community and for the collaborators of MSJ. (RS)

SJC was invited by NAAC to present the best practices in a national webinar which had overwhelming response from academicians across the country. The NAAC officials and a number of colleges across India admired the college for its innovative programmes. A one-week online Induction programme for 43 new faculties was organized on a variety of themes such as Jesuit education, brand building, classroom management, digital teacher, e-Content development, library orientation, research, outreach, etc. The academic year has commenced with online classes. The COVID relief work phase-II is in progress, wherein the Alumni/ae Association is distributing food packets cum sanitization materials to COVID patients and to the medical staff of the city hospitals as well as in our mission centres.

A week long online Ignatian Week was organized for staff and students, with a quiz, essay competition, podcast, sketching, photography, poster designing, theme song, poetry slam, etc. Fr Freddie D' Silva gave an inspiring online talk to all the staff members, igniting Jesuit vibes in many a faculty. Fr Denzil E Lobo was the main celebrant for an online melodious festive Mass in honour of St Ignatius of Loyola for the staff, students, parents and alumni/ae. Fr Joseph Lobo preached a heart-warming homily.

Several members of the community, young and old alike, are learning a lot from free online courses offered by renowned Universities through COURSERA. The interested province men can contact Fr Richard Rego for registration. This wonderful opportunity ends on 30 September 2020. (JL)

Our scholastics number has increased with the addition of two new members to our community. Amidst this pandemic, our scholastics are exhibiting the aspect of creative fidelity in various community activities. The community prepared itself for the feast of St Ignatius with a novena and an Ignatian talk by Fr Francis Fernandes. Festivities on July 31 began with the Solemn holy Eucharist presided over by our beloved Provincial which was live streamed for the staff and students of SJII. The KBC style quiz 'Lord of Loyola' was conducted by Frs Robert Rodrigues, Felix Anand and Sch Kiran Branco.

The First Batch of Class-10 students of St Joseph's School CBSE secured 100% results in the 2019-



20 CBSE Board Exams. All the students secured First Class. Teachers are conducting online classes through MS Teams Platform, and training for the staff was done by a staff member of St Joseph's Arts & Science College. We thank Fr Daniel Fernandes for facilitating the same. A thoughtful Inter-religious Prayer Service was presented on-



line. A webinar for parents on 'Education for Kids in a Pre & Post Corona Scenario' was conducted by the School Counsellor- Ms Sheela Balan in two sessions. Virtual Training for staff on 'Counselling Skills for Teachers' was conducted in two sessions by the organization Drishti. Webinar on Suicide among Adolescents & Young adults: Risk Identification & Management was conducted and Fr Rohan D'Almeida was one of the panelists. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with many activities like a webinar on 'Relevance of Ignatian Insights to our Present Context' with Fr Jossie D'Mello as the resource person, global online Ignatian quiz-Quizinigo, online competitions focusing on St Ignatius for students, and competitions for Staff and their families conducted virtually. The staff & their families, students & their parents took part in the live streaming of the Holy Eucharistic celebration.

Thanks to Fr Henry Saldanha, the former Director, and the Principal and his team, the PU result this year brought cheer to the staff and students with an overall percentage of 94.66, with two students securing 12th and 16th ranks. Both, the High School and PU College students are home-schooled through effective online teaching using Microsoft teams. The High School conducted an online Orientation programme for new comers, the 8th std students and their parents with Fr. Melwin Pinto, the former Principal of the school, as the resource person. The other students, 9th and 10th std., attended a webinar on Challenges of Online learning amidst pandemic, by Assoc. Prof. Sandra Sunitha Lobo, Head of the Dept. of Psy-

chology, Roshni Nilaya. The newly set up High School computer lab was blessed by Fr. Joseph Rodrigues, Rector. A variety of online competitions like, quiz, collage, speech, creative writing, creative canvas, short film, etc. were held in honor of St. Ignatius. The live streaming of festal Eucharistic celebration brought together in prayer and worship all the catholic staff, students and parents.

The SJIPS teachers were busy conducting online classes, quiz, drawing competition, parents' meet, etc. for the students and parents. The Staff had to learn new method of teaching. There was very good response for the online mass on the feast of St Ignatius.

In St Joseph's Community College (SJCC) there is a good response for online applications for admissions. The setting up of the Selco Solar lab has been completed successfully. The SJCC skills instructors are busy placing students and updating the syllabus for the current academic year. We have renewed the UGC scheme under St Joseph's Evening College proposing for another two courses to be added under UGC scheme.

We had a one-day training programme for the accountants of KJES from SJII, Anekal and Mysuru, organized by Fr Jason Furtado to bring uniformity in accounting in all KJES units, and held at St Joseph's School CBSE with CA Vittal Rao and his daughter CA Manyatha as the resource persons. (FA)

## JESUIT NIVAS



**A**fter having gone through strict social distancing and precautions to stop contagion of COVID-19 we were able to return to normal. We welcomed our community member who was tested positive and recovered with a lot of joy. Mutual support and dependence on God helped us to be strong.

All our students of SJBHS have done well in the Board exam. Regular Parenting sessions are being held. A special session was held on "Dealing with Stress during COVID." 'Transcendence' our annual inter-school Science and Technology Fest went online - for the first time. It will go on till the second week of August. The festivities connected with the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola saw big participation from staff and students who took part in 22 competitions of the INIGO Fest. 'SJBHS has Talent' was a unique event conducted for the Parents and the

Staff and their families.

At SJIM, the inauguration of the 2020 batch of PGDM took place on 3rd August in virtual mode. 180 students from across India have joined the program of which 50% are Christians. Frs Felix Victor and Francis D'Almeida conducted an orientation programme.

University organized an international webinar series on "Negotiating Postcolonial Spaces" from 13 to 17 July, 2020. Around 1300 participants from across the world participated in it.

Good Second year results brought laurels to SJ-PUC. A week long online competitions were held for the students as a preparation for the feast of St Ignatius. There was an online orientation programme for the second-year students animated by Fr Melwin Pinto. (WB)

**F**r Leo D'Souza celebrated his 70 years in the Society of Jesus on 25 July with a Holy Eucharist and a short felicitation programme. The Jesuits from Loyola, Beeri and the main campus along with the Sisters collaborating in our Institutions participated in the joy of the eldest Jesuit of our province. Fr Leo's immense contributions were beautifully presented during the toast raised by Fr Vincent Pinto with a mention of his five loves, namely, his lab, chapel paintings, ABH, ITI and the museum.

SAPUC secured 98.38% in the II PU Board Exams, with three rank holders in the commerce stream. The college organised an intense CET crash course to help students prepare for the KCET exam. The 3-day online retreat, AWAKEN 2020 was organized for the students with the presence of popular spiritual bands and renowned speakers including our own Rector. The Counselling department with the active involvement of Jesuits from the community held a series of online parenting and interactive sessions for our parents and students.

Our Schools and Colleges are actively involved in conducting online classes and engaging students with various activities. The "Go Green Project" organized in the Gonzaga school to create awareness on the protection of the environment was very successful with students coming out with creative things. The video message of the Principal, Fr Melwyn Lobo for the staff, parents and students on important feasts and occasions is well received and appreciated.

The college organized more than 75 national and international level Webinars. Free NET coaching for our faculty members was conducted by our senior faculty members. A similar programme is being held for the PG students. "Aloysius Jaala Santhe", a social entrepreneurship project was recently launched to create a virtual platform for home grown and home-made products.

At AIMIT, Beeri, teachers went through a series of faculty development programmes. One of the resource persons, Fr Dionysius Vaz, our Rector, spoke to them on challenges of Jesuit education

in the present-day context and also led them through Ignatian sources for insights into education. Fr Melwyn S Pinto, the Director, is shut-



tling between two campuses managing AIMIT as well as Radio Sarang and Konkani Institute. He presented two webinars – one through the department of Journalism and Mass Communication and the other through the Konkani Institute. Radio Sarang has received another project from MJES to create awareness on COVID-19 related issues. The staff at the station are now busy like never before handling three projects simultaneously.

The feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated this time with the degree college taking the lead with meticulous planning by Fr Felix Victor, the campus minister. Various online competitions, a mega Quiz, 9 day Novena and an Interfaith Prayer Service were organized. Every Aloysian institution celebrated the feast of our founder in a simple way through various activities, prayers and get-together for the staff. The festal mass celebrated by our Rector and an inspiring homily by Fr Marcel Rodrigues was live streamed on Daijiworld TV and YouTube. At the community level we had daily novena prayers, an evening recollection, penitential service and an agape dinner. Deacons Avinash Lobo and Royston Pinto, our extended community members spent a few days with us before leaving for their respective parishes, Kanajar and Basrur. Fr Dion used the lockdown period to go to Xavier Sadan, Mysuru to take classes on Psycho-spiritual integration for the major and minor seminarians of Mysore diocese. (OR)

**U**nder the able guidance of Fr Melwyn Pinto, we have been divided into three groups for the sustained activities and co-

operation - Gardening, Cooking, and Music. The five juniors who arrived from Bengaluru: Joseph Melvyn Govias, Joshua Fred Lobo, Steve Gibson



Rodrigues, Prakash, Nikil Robin added vitality to our lives in Vidya Niketan. Sch Arun Raj who arrived from Mumbai via Vijayapura to Dharwad, Sch Harish Sundar who joined the community from Harihar, Fr Anthony T V, who landed at Dharwad via Mangaluru, swelled the community strength to 21. Intramural Ignatian competitions which began nine days before the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola brought out the best among the 17 scholastics. Fr Anthony T V, as the main celebrant of the feast-day mass, set the tone for the celebrations to follow. Representative members from local religious communities and the parish

priest of OLPS Church were hosted to a dinner after the mass. The 7 collegians were elated to be summarily promoted from 2nd and 4th semester to the next semester. All the 11 are busy with varied online courses from the source COURSEERA and Edx App. Even with the lock-down and seal down, the religious communities in and around Vidya Niketan have not missed the daily masses with the willing cooperation of the 4 clerics in the campus. Intensive classes in English and soft skills have been taken up for the juniors since the beginning of July. All of us have successfully kept away from COVID-19 until now. (AVR)

## XAVIER SADAN, Mysore



It was a rather subdued, but nevertheless solemn celebration of the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, with us hosting about 30 invited guests, our neighbours, priests and religious, at the Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Fr Arun Luis, and then, followed by quite a richly spread lunch, the Panditha Halli Jesuits joining us for the feast, and we going there for the recollection preceding the feast, while Fr Provincial, his Socius, the Treasurer and Sch Nithin Coelho, our welcome guests, missed all the festivities by a whisker, but all the same made it for the feast of St Peter Faber, thereby giving us a good excuse for another, but mini celebration, at which Fr Provincial contented himself with fresh orange juice, leaving the rest of us free to drown in our own delightful diversions and distractions.

While complying with all the protocols and standard operating procedures regarding COVID-19, we have at the same time been keeping our doors open to some select groups, such as 17 seminarians of Mandya Diocese for a week, 58 seminarians of Mysore Diocese for 25 days, a small group of Novices preparing for their first profession with an 8-day retreat etc, with both the resident Jesuits and invitees such as Bishop Francis Serrao, Fr Dion Vaz, Fr Arun Luis, Fr Norwin Pereira, two SVD priests, a Franciscan priest, and a couple of Sisters helping us out as resource persons, and Sch Elson Lobo, the brand new Regent at Panditha Halli, being a sturdy tower of strength and

a strong right hand man for us all through our programme for the seminarians.

Although our hugely enchanting, and highly inviting lush green entrance is now history, we have done our best to deck the house with high grade grills, attractive glass shades and beautifully coloured curtains, both to safeguard beauty and to ensure security, not to speak of keeping away the dust and noise of the highway, and, in the bargain, getting the bonus of a well-furnished and cosily comfortable community room above the portico, which was inaugurated by Fr Provincial on the feast of St Peter Faber.

What with a freshly acquired German Shepherd joining the already resident Golden Retriever duo, a furry, cuddlesome cat, an assortment of fowls, ducks, sparrows, love birds, squirrels and pigs, not to mention the two resident Jesuits, Xavier Sadan bids fair to give a stiff competition to the Mysore Zoo, but, with this difference: here, the entrance is free, and so, come any time and relax. (AD)



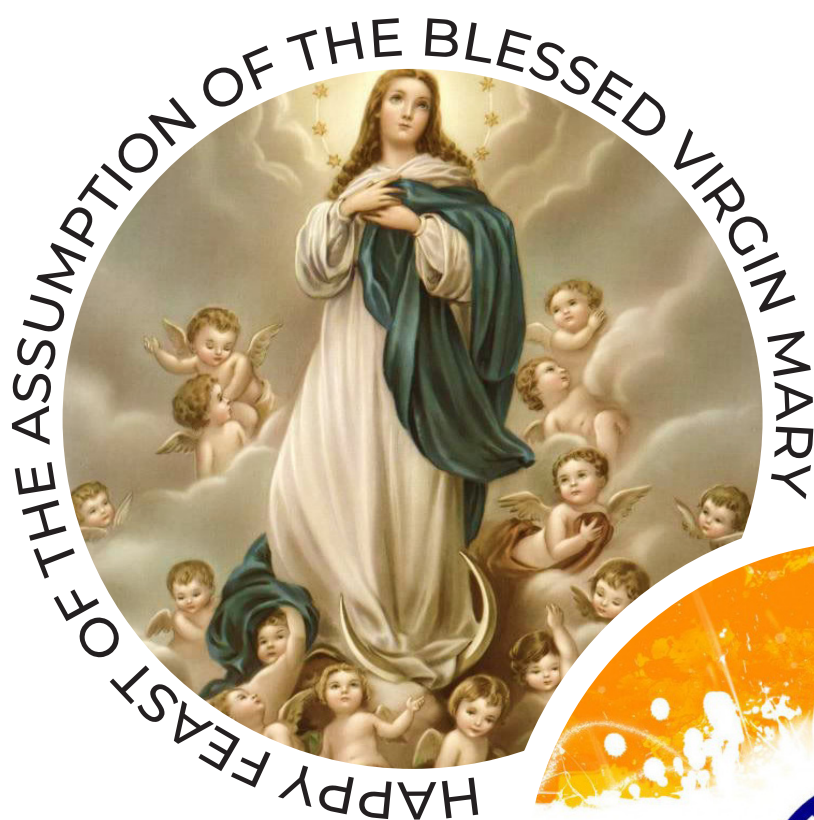
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## REST IN PEACE:

**Mr Stany D'Souza, (70)**, brother of Fr Leo D'Souza, on 18 July, Mangaluru.  
**Mrs Anthonamma**, maternal grandmother of Sch. Princen Michael, on 20 July, Silvepura, Bengaluru  
**Mrs Hilda Cornelio, (70)**, younger sister of Fr Michael John, on 28 July, Kallianpur.  
**Fr George Gispert-Sauch, SJ (BOM)**, 90/73, on 29 July, Mumbai.  
**Mr Lancy Joseph Menezes, (57)**, father of Sch Larren Menezes, on 31 July, Mangaluru.  
**Fr Isidore Pinto, SJ (PAT)**, 78/57, on 7, August, Patna.  
**Mr Anthony Raj (60)**, paternal uncle of Fr Edward Philip, on 08 August, Mysuru.  
**Mr Manuel Lopez (72)**, uncle of Sch Cannon Fernandes, on 11 August, Sirsi.  
**Mrs Hilda D'Souza (57)**, maternal aunt of Sch Maxim D'Souza, on 12 August, Mangaluru.  
**Fr Elias Arockiasamy SJ (AND)**, 80/58, on 12 August, Visakhapatnam.  
**Fr Gaudentius Kongari SJ (HAZ)**, 86/66, on 12 August, Ranchi.



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