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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

The year 2020, with the Covid-19 pandemic still not abating, seems to be the most lack-lustered and silent of Christmas celebrations we will ever have. “*Christmas is in the air*” doesn’t seem to be happening! With the SOPs in place, there are restrictions for masses, gatherings, and carol singing thus robbing us of the celebratory spirit of Christmas. Yet we do not lose hope. Going back to the historical roots of Christmas in Bethlehem, we recognize that we are in similar situations. Contemplating the mystery of the Incarnation and the Nativity, we will discover the true meaning of Christmas.

To experience the real meaning of Christmas, we need to go from the city center to the peripheries. We need to visit the poor migrants, the farmers, the tribals of Jharkhand, our poor children unable to access online education and forced into child labour, and human rights activists in detention together with Fr Stany Swamy who are expelled, exploited and victimized by the progress and development of our age. There, perhaps, we may be invited to see the symbol of salvation wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger as fodder for the hungry humanity.

Christmas is a feast of God’s love. We are invited to **do what God did: become human**. We experience the unique happiness that only other-centeredness can offer. Every time a hand reaches out to help another.... That is Christmas. Every time someone puts anger aside and strives for understanding... That is Christmas. Every time people forget their differences and realize their love for each other... That is Christmas. May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding and closer to the blessing of peace!

I wish you the Joy and Peace of Christmas and the New Year 2021 filled with God’s choicest Blessings. Let us stand in the light of Christ – where Love overcomes hatred; Truth overcomes deceit and Hope overcomes despair.



- DIONYSIUS VAZ, SJ



APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Brian G. Paulson: President of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States

Fr Karl J. Kiser: Provincial of the USA-Midwest Province.

Fr Shajumon Chakkalakkal (DAR): Socius, Admonitor and Consultor to the POSA.

Fr Roland Coelho (GOA): Consultor to the JCSEA/POSA

Frs Antony TV, Francis Fernandes and Shantharaj T are approved for the Final Vows.

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Assistancy Organizing Committee for the **Ignatian Year 2021-2022:**

Fr Francis Pudhicherry (GUJ), Fr Dionysius Vaz (KAR), Fr Ajit Xess (RAN), Fr Siji Chacko (PAT) and Fr Sunny Kunnel (CCU)

APPOINTED BY PROVINCIAL

Fr Thomas Quadras: Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

December 2020

12-19: Visitation: Jnana Jyothi, Anekal

13: Spiritual Directors' Colloquium, Ashirvad

21: Province Consult: LM

January 2021

02: Visitation: Xavier Sadan, Mysuru

03: Visitation: SRN, Pandithahalli

05-07: Visitation: SJHS, Hassan

10-14: Visitation: MSJ, Seniors, Bengaluru

16-17: Meeting of LS: LM

18: Province Consult: LM

20-24: Visitation: Jesuit Nivas, Bengaluru

26: Final Vows, Anekal

27-28: Visitation: Ashirvad, Bengaluru

30-31: Visitation: SAC, Harihar

EVENTS / MEETINGS

January 2021

16-17: Meeting of Local Superiors: Ashirvad

23-24: Regents Meet: LM, Bengaluru

February 2021

11: Young Priests' Meet

18: Meeting of DoWs of Higher Education: LM

19: Meeting of DoWs of Secondary Education – Ashirvad

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ASHIRVAD



Mr. Shanthraj, Vice Principal of Vijaya Evening College spoke on Religious Significance of Rajyotsava, and Ms Madhu Bhushan of Gamana Mahila Samuha on the role of women in fostering religious harmony during the Inter-Religious Harmony Movement sessions in November. Fr Jerald D'Souza conducted a two-day programme on social issues and awareness to the JMJ Novices, Bengaluru. He went to Manvi for a two-day session on migration and the role of social activists. He also took part in the silent protest march against Love Jihad bill at State Bank of Mysore circle. He addressed the Staff of the Law College on effective protest management. Fr Harry Terry Noel along with the St Joseph's Law College team organised an online webinar programme

for the Bijapur staff and social workers on Constitutional Rights.

Fr Francis Guntipilly organised the Father Manuel Alphonse Memorial Lecture on Development, Democracy and Constitutional Rights. Ms Aruna Roy, Mr Nikhil Dey and Mr Babu Mathew spoke on various issues including the arrest of Fr Stan Swamy and 15 other members. Fr Francis G also took part in the Migrants Seminar held at ISI, Bengaluru. He organised one day seminar for the Regional Commission for Labour. The younger members of the community participated in the protest march organized by the Archdiocese of Bangalore at Freedom Park to show solidarity to Fr Stan Swamy. Fr Prashant Madtha has writ-

ten two books, one in English and the other in Kannada, with the titles, Smart Teacher-Smart Class (Classroom Management) and *Classu Roomu Nibhavane*. These were published by St Joseph's College, Bengaluru. He accepts this as

MUNDGOD



The annual visitation of our new provincial Fr Dion Vaz was a time of grace as he listened to each individual Jesuit. He addressed the staff of LVK, LKV and Loyola School and motivated them to aim for the MAGIS. Fr Tom D'Souza's 74th Birthday celebration was marked by the presence of his theology companion, Bishop Francis Serrao of Shimoga, who gave an inspiring homily at the Eucharist. Fr Johnson Pinto and Fr Jerald M D'Souza were privileged to have Fr Provincial present for the celebration of their birthdays – 50th and 40th respectively.

Mr Chand Peer, former staff of ISI-Bengaluru, was the resource person at the one-day training programme for our state board school staff on the secular fabric of the Constitution of India. The LKV CBSE had online celebrations of Children's Day and Constitution Day. Fr Alwyn R D'Souza was the main celebrant for the feast of Christ the King at Ugginkeri. Fr Jerald D'Souza planned and supervised the arrangements.

BIJAPUR



Our community was blessed with the visitation of the Provincial. It was a moment of grace. Fr. Jason Furtado was with us for a couple of days in his capacity as the Revisor. The regents were happy to meet the PCF, Fr. Francis Fernandes, during his visit. Fr Anthony Lawrence was the resource person at the Deanery Recollection held in Muddebihal. After the recollection, the Bijapur Mission team had the Christmas celebration. The regular classes in ITI have commenced and all the students are coming to classes regularly. Majority of the boys have joined the ITI hostel. In collaboration with SELCO, which has given us solar machines worth ten lakhs, the Loyola ITI has kick-started a livelihood programme. Fr Provincial blessed the new lab at the time of his visitation.

The CNFE organised Diwali celebrations in different slums. The Parish had Diwali celebrations for the Christa Bhaktas. The church building is getting a good shape day by day. Thanks to the efforts of Fr Anthony Dass, Loyola Nivas, Sinda-

the outcome production of the COVID 19 lockdown situation. Fr Prashant gave an interview to TV 5 Channel regarding his monumental works and multi-lingual publications. (EL)

Loyola Vihar was the venue for the annual retreat, guided by Fr Francis Menezes, for the Sisters – Daughters of the Cross. Children's Day was celebrated in different villages with fun games and cultural activities. The highlight of the Deepavali celebration was the Inter-Religious Prayer Meeting at which



heads of different religious groups actively participated. More than a thousand people who had

assembled at the meeting were enlightened by the message of the festival of lights. As part of the campaign strategy LVK, Mundgod/Hanagal organized a two-day course for the staff on Social Analysis, with Mr Chand Peer as the resource person. A rally involving 500 people was organized under the Forest Rights Project to help the deserving to claim their forest land rights. (ARD)

gi, has become the new destination for triduums and retreats. The campus offers graceful ambience for retreatants. People find a good retreat preacher in the person of Fr Balaraju A. Loyola school conducted a few online competitions on the occasion of Children's Day. Fr Dion, our Provincial, distributed gifts to the winners. He also distributed food kits to all the HIV infected and affected children. The manager of the school, Fr Alwyn D'Souza is making all odd counts in encouraging the 10th standard students as they are preparing for their board exams. With the help of our twinning partner, St Joseph Indian Institutions, Sangama-CIRD provided a tricycle to a differently abled person. Sangama celebrated Constitution Day along with Diwali celebrations in several villages among the unorganised youth. Fr Balaraju A, gave an inspiring talk at Gulbarga CRI zonal gathering. Presently the students are busy preparing for Christmas and taking active part in Christmas competitions. (PM)

Fr Cedric Prakash (GUJ) gave an online talk on World Solidarity Day giving a call to all Jesuits and collaborators to stand with Fr Stan. The Bethany Provincial, Sr Cecilia Mendonca and her assistant Sr Roschel Mascarenhas came to pay a visit to Sr Navya and Sr Prema (Wardens of the girls' hostel). Frs Melwyn D'Cunha, Wilson Moras, Deacon Praveen (Holy Cross) and Sch Nishanth Noronha went to Harihar for the 80th birthday celebration of Fr Pradeep Sequeira. Fr Maxim Rasquinha's 88th birthday was celebrated on 2nd November. The community anticipated the celebration to the 1st evening with a rich prayer service. Fr Eric Mathias and Sch Roydon Misquith were present.

Fr Jason Furtado (Revisor), Fr Francis Fernandes (PCF) along with Fr Ronald Menezes

came to Manvi for their official visit. On 23rd of November, Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Provincial of Karnataka along with Fr Melwin Mendonca, Superior of Gulbarga community and Sch Kiran Leema came to Manvi. Fr Provincial's visitation was a time of grace for Pannur-Manvi Mission. During his visit Loyola Aqua (water purifying unit) was blessed and inaugurated at Loyola Kapepaladi School. Fr Anil D'Souza was instrumental for the construction of this unit. In the presence of Fr Provincial, Superiors and DoWs from our missions came for a consultation on Migration.

On 27th Nov, Frs Sunil Fernandes, Joel Fernandes, Shailendra (AND) along with thirteen members of the staff of St Joseph's Boy's High school (our twinning partners) spent a couple of days in Pannur-Manvi Mission. (MR)

KALABURAGI



Fr Jason Furtado, Revisor, and Fr Francis Fernandes, PCF, arrived here on official work, a couple of weeks before the annual visitation of the Provincial. We were indeed joyful when the Provincial, Fr Dionysius Vaz, confirmed us in our mission, appreciated our work and ministry, and urged us to maintain our zeal and enthusiasm for the mission in this COVID time. The community played host to the CRI zonal level recollection in our campus attended by about 50 participants from different religious congregations. Fr Balaraju A. gave an inspiring talk on Fratelli Tutti on this occasion.

Besides preparing classes, video recording, editing and uploading them on YouTube for the benefit of the students, our teaching staff are also coaching II PUC day-scholars from the neighboring villages, with due attention paid to maintain Standard Operational Procedures. With the arrival of Sr Hilda Ferrao, a member of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus, the campus has new life. She has started coaching classes for our school children in the neighboring villages. She is appointed as the Warden of our Ladies hostel and Principal of the school. (KL)

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



It was a special time of grace to experience our fellowship and feel encouraged when Fr. Provincial, Dion Vaz, was with us for the Annual Visitation. After a prolonged suspension due to COVID-19, the Retreat Ministry at FRH is reviving. A group of nine-sisters of the SRA congregation did their Long Retreat under the guidance of Fr Joseph Monteiro. Other members of the community helped out in giving the conference talks. Fr Ronald Pais directed an eight-day retreat to the SRA Novices at Vamanjoor. He conducted orientation programme for the faculty of Aloysius ITI and Gerosa School Teachers, Jeppu. Fr Clarence D'Souza preached triduum for the Sisters of Charity at Casa Gaia.

'Divine Mercy Week' was observed in the Open Shrine during the last week of November. Each day was marked by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the celebration of the Eucharist. The enthusiasm and work of our superior and director, Fr. Maxim Misquith could be seen in the large numbers who turned up each day.

Fr Lawrence Pinto and Fr Stany Miranda spent a few days at Fr. Muller Hospital to regain their health and strength. Fr Denis Rasquinha, our nagenarian, did the honors of inaugurating the inter-community Basket Ball match held at St. Aloysius College. It was a pleasant evening for the Jesuits of Mangaluru. (CD)

In addition to utilizing their time for online classes, the pre-novices also prepared themselves for the basketball tournament to be organized during the Covid weeks. The contesting teams would be Jesuits of Loyola, Asha Kiran and St Aloysius College. The mega event was arranged

and held on 22nd of November on St Aloysius College grounds. Needless to say, SAC lost - first to Loyola, then to Asha Kiran. The future of basketball is secure in the hands of Jesuits-in-the-making. (PP)

The month of November kept the members of the LM community on the move. Sch Nithin Coelho left for Japan after a long wait. Fr Lumnesh Kumar made a trip to Delhi to apply for his visa only to return to prepare some more paperwork, which he promptly did along with teaching a weeklong course in the RTEC, Anekal. Frs Jason Furtado and Francis Fernandes made a trip to the communities in North Karnataka for revisor's work and meeting of the scholastics respectively.

Fr Olvin Veigas gave a zoom retreat to a group of Nuns of CJ in Mumbai and then a course on the history of the SJ to the Jesuit tertians at Prerana. Fr Jossie D'Mello taught a course for the Jesuit tertians on the Spiritual Exercises and Discernment and then gave a zoom online retreat to the CJ Nuns of Allahabad Province. Fr Ronald Menezes is actively involved in the archives scanning the documents. (OV)

The novices had a plethora of activities in the month of November. We remembered the Jesuits who have gone before us on All Souls day. We had the blessing of the cemetery after the mass. The novices had three days of creative and fun-loving competitions from 6th to 8th November under the banner of "Horizon – 2020", which was well coordinated by novices Abraham and Darwin under the guidance of Fr. Merwyn Fernandes, the Socius. The feast day of St. Stanislaus Kostka on the 13th of November was a joyful day for all of us. We reflected on "Joyful Journey: Inward, Outward and Upward" during the triduum in honor of St. Stanislaus Kostka. The solemn feast day mass was celebrated by our birthday baby, Fr John Pradeep, the novice director. On the same day, the novices put up a programme, which comprised of the main item – The life of St. Stanislaus Kostka through a Yakshagana, directed by the first-year novice Joel Lobo. On the following day, we had the inauguration of the "Pedro Arrupe Pantry" in the novitiate by Fr Richard Sequeira to enable the novices to acquire skills in cooking. On the 19th of November, the novices went out of their nests and had "Pilgrim-

age & Picnic" in Bangalore city, visiting St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Tarbes convent, Ashirvad and Arrupe Nivas. The novices got a golden opportunity to visit the Assembly hall at Vidhana Soudha. The novitiate community is grateful to Frs Victor Lobo, Rohan D'Almeida, Jerry D'Souza and Harry Terry for going out of their way to arrange an outstanding outing. We bade farewell to Fr Anil Almeida, who is now in US to resume

his studies, through a farewell match. To enhance the spiritual growth, the novices had a week-long seminar on the Ignatian Prayer Methods by Fr Arul Sivan, the tertian instructor at Prerana. St Francis Xavier was greatly honored in the community through novena and a festive mass. The novices have finally resumed attending Sunday masses in the Parish.

We had several meetings online and offline with different parish groups to discuss and plan for Advent, Christmas, New Year and Mission Sunday. The Advent Calendar and online mass link is sent daily to the parishioners. The website is updated regularly by Fr Olvin Veigas. The parish hall has



been converted to a chapel for live streaming of daily and Sunday masses since mass attendance is still low. Around 200 families received ration in view of Christmas. House blessings, Baptism, and other sacraments are taking place without any major challenges. The online Catechism classes

helped the children to keep their faith alive. Fr Arun Kumar in his new role as the JCSA Secretary of Faith is busy attending and arranging meetings with those concerned to effect a smooth transition from multiple Commissions to a few Secretariats. (RS)

PRERANA - TERTIANSHIP



The tertians have begun their daily and weekend pastoral ministry. Having acquired familiarity with the dynamics of the Spiritual exercises and having developed confidence in becoming retreat directors, they have now started planning their own individual and group retreats. In his talks, Fr Olvin Veigas led the tertians on a journey of history of the old and the new Society – from its inception through suppression to restoration. The

tertians took part in the protest, jointly organized by the local CRI and Mount St Joseph community, to express solidarity with and demand release of Fr Stan Swamy. Fr Joye James (KER) gave a one-day session on Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults, focussing mainly on Child Rights, Juvenile Justice Act, POCSO, SA Conference Policy. Currently, the tertians are busy making a detailed study of the Constitutions of the Society. (LF)

ARRUPE NIVAS



With the arrival of two scholastics from Kohima Region - Remo & Jokim and two from East African Province - John Kapugi and Angelo Msuya, the community is full to the brim, 24 in all, bubbling with activities and enthusiasm. The newly constructed Admin Block of the College was inaugurated on 14 November. Archbishop of Bangalore, Most Rev. Peter Machado blessed the building and the Provincial, Fr Dion Vaz inaugurated the building. The building looks magnificent. A lot of planning and hard work has gone in especially by the Rector, Fr Swebert D'Silva and the Principal, Fr Victor Lobo. Fr Pradeep Anthony and Fr Roshan Pereira were fully incorporated into the Society when they pronounced their



final vows on the same day. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, it was a low-key but solemn celebration, with a limited number of Jesuits representing various communities of the Province. Under the able leadership of our Rector, Fr Swebert D'Silva, all the members of the community were actively involved in organizing the programme, which was much appreciated by one and all for the meticulous planning and perfect execution.

The Community actively participated in the rally that was organized by the Bishops of Karnataka in association with ISI Bangalore on 12 Novem-

ber 2020, in support of Fr Stan Swamy.

Fr Ralph da Costa had a setback in his health condition, as the blood circulation in his right leg totally ceased due to arterial blockages. Although some doctors advised the amputation of the leg, providentially, an America-returned doctor succeeded in opening up the arteries through angioplasty and initiated a novel hyperbaric treatment to fix the malfunction. Ralph is improving and is able to walk a few steps now, on his own. Fr Richard Rego underwent a surgery on his backbone at Narayana Hrudayalaya. He was suffering from constant back pain for a long time. We hope and pray that this surgery will heal him completely.



The college Research Center completed organizing a Research Methodology webinar series pertaining to different sciences – six in all. The response from the participants from across India and abroad was overwhelmingly positive. Besides, Fr Joseph Lobo was much in demand for his talks on *Fratelli Tutti*, for recollections and classes at various theology centers. Fr Denzil Lobo was the chief celebrant for the inaugural mass at XIME, Bengaluru. (JL)

SJBHS in collaboration with the Physical Education Foundation of India (PEFI), Karnataka Chapter conducted a National level webinar on 'Nutrition, Fitness & Mental Health: Striking a Balance'. The teachers attended a webinar organised by KISA (Karnataka ICSE Schools' Association) on the NEP. As part of our Twinning programme, a few staff members visited Pannur-Manvi and interacted with the people, staff and students. Making an exciting expedition into the captivating world of science and math, 'Eucranium' and 'Infinity' (Intra School Science Fests) were successfully conducted. Children's Day, Deepavali and Constitution Day were celebrated online. A fun-filled extravaganza, 'Chilgala' the Primary School Fun Fest, which was held online offered the children an opportunity to explore a variety of experiences and interests.

SJPUC organised MUN in which many colleges actively participated. Those who had excelled in last year's examination were honoured during the 'Excellencia'. There was a special prayer session to pray for Fr Stan and a talk followed on the Constitution of India and our rights and duties. We had a virtual awareness session on the NEP by Mr Senthil Kumaran, Chief Confluer of the Learners Confluence.

Dr. Caren Rodrigues, the faculty member of SJIM,

NAVASADHANA //

The second-year pre-novices were busy with their midterm exams and first years had their regular classes. There were also a few classes on self-improvement and motivation. The long-awaited offline classes have begun for Schs Sanson D'Souza and Joyal D'Sa.

Navasadhana along with the Hassan community organized a thanksgiving mass and a short felicitation programme for Fr Roshan Pereira on the occasion of his Final Vows. The religious from Hassan, our college staff as well as benefactors

INIGO SADAN //

The Jesuit community at Inigo Sadan is complete with the arrival of three more scholastics. The feast of St. John Berchmans was an occasion for the priests in the community to specially greet the scholastics. The community showed solidarity with

has been selected as a delegate to the global summit Economy of Francesco commissioned by Pope Francis. St Joseph's Institute of Management is recognized as a Research Center under the University of Mysore.

SJEC organised a Constitution Day celebration in the college campus. The celebration featured short talks on the significance of the day. The staff took an oath to uphold the principles of the Constitution. Online panel discussions were organized for the students on Constitutional Rights and Duties. SJEC conducted offline exams for all the students by adhering to all the COVID norms.

In SJCL various competitions were organized to commemorate the Constitution Day, such as quiz, public speaking, and an address by Prof Kancha Illaiah Shepherd on "Transformative Constitution: The promise and the reality". The mooted events for the year 2020-21 were flagged off with a workshop on "Introduction to Mooting" which was facilitated by Advocates Vikhyat Oberoi and Arjun Rego. The Legal Aid cell was formally inaugurated with a webinar by Dr Nagarathna (Associate Professor, NLSIU) on "The Rise of Cybercrimes in India: Issues, Challenges and the Law". The Debating Society organised a workshop on "Asian Parliamentary debating" which was facilitated by Mr. Rahul Raman. (WB)

joined us for the celebration.

We were more than happy to welcome Fr Mariaraj, who paid a short but loving visit to the prenovices. It was indeed an opportunity for us to thank him for all the services that he had rendered to this home of love and also an occasion to bid him farewell. Fr Joseph D'Souza, our Superior, led us into a meaningful recollection and helped us to prepare for the Lord's coming. The pre-novices are busy as bees planning and practicing for the Navasadhana Day. (PA)

Fr Stan Swamy and other incarcerated human rights defenders by partaking in the public rally held at Freedom Park. We celebrated Deepavali together with our domestic staff with a meaningful prayer service. The community bade an

affectionate farewell to Fr Henry Saldanha.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we had only virtual celebrations of Children's Day, Diwali, and Constitution Day. Our teachers tried their best to replicate the activities virtually.



The mood of celebration was heightened with an invigorating dance performance put up by teachers for their beloved students. The School Student Council was formed after careful scrutiny, interview and selection of the candidates. At the Investiture Ceremony, the Vice-Principal, Fr Felix Anand congratulated the newly appointed leaders on their willingness to take up the responsibilities.

The management and the high school faculty appreciated Mr Anil Fernandes and felicitated him on the defence of his doctoral thesis. The school PTA organized a webinar on "Parenting- A Challenge" for all the parents. Dr. Rameela Shekar, Mental Health Professional was the resource person. A farewell was organized by the School and the PU College staff on November 30 for Fr Henry Saldanha.

Jagruthi Foundation conducted 'Career Guidance' and Narayana Nethralaya conducted 'COVID Eye Care' webinar for the students of SJICPUC. Our students actively participated in the intercollegiate Gospel Fest, Exodus and Cultural Fest Magna Christa organized by Joseph's College and Christ College respectively. The staff attended a webinar organized by SJPUC on the implications of NEP for PU Education.

Kannada Rajyothsava was celebrated with great enthusiasm at St Joseph's School CBSE. The entire event was conceptualized by the teachers of the Kannada Department under the guidance of the principal. The celebration of Children's day was virtually displayed through images and

videos of the activities done & shared by the students as they participated in various age-appropriate online competitions conducted by the school. Teachers also organized and enacted a short, humorous & meaningful skit portraying the importance of school life and friendship.

National Heritage and Integration Day was celebrated with a virtual programme to make everyone aware of the importance of our cultural heritage and its preservation. The highlight of the virtual celebration of Constitution Day was the recitation of The Preamble by our special guest Mrs. Ashwini M. Hattiholliz, the serving 21st Additional Senior Civil Judge.

As per the guidelines of the UGC SOP, Community college resumed its offline classes with a COVID



Test conducted by the B B M P. Inauguration of the college was marked by the Parent Teachers Meet on 19th November 2020 at which the Director, Fr Cyril Raj, gave a general introduction to the Community College; and the Rector, Fr Joseph Rodrigues, spoke on Jesuit Education and its legacy. To sustain student motivation at this time of the pandemic, two Webinars were organized: one on 'The Importance of Values in Daily and Professional Life' by Brahmakumari Bhuvaneshwari, and the other on 'How to Fight COVID through Ayurveda and Home made Therapies' by Dr B.S. Krishnamurthy, BAMS. The Community College is grateful to SKIP organization for helping us to get a sponsorship from SELCO for setting up a Solar Lab in our premises which will help our students to become innovative leaders in a technologically advanced world. The SELCO Solar Lab was inaugurated by Ms Sarah Alexander from SELCO foundation. The chief guest of the day was Mr David Kumar from UWB. (FA)

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, M'luru



At AIMIT, II-year students had their internal exams on the campus. Practically all students of MBA were present. They are now having their

offline classes in the Institute. All staff and students along with the Director underwent COVID test. All are found negative as of now. The mood in the

campus is very positive, with all staff members cheerfully meeting their wards after a long gap of seven months. Young priests from Mundgod, Kalaburagi and Harihar as well as scholastics from SAC came to AIMIT for a triduum to renew their vows. Fr Melwyn Sunny Pinto guided them in their preparation. JESCOL programme was held at the AIMIT campus for the staff of Manvi and Harihar.

Sch Pramod Peter (PAT) is the latest addition to the community. He will be pursuing his B.Ed. studies. The Mangalore Jesuits Basketball Tournament held in our campus was a nice occasion for the young and the old to come together. Now the Badminton league is underway. Ten Jesuits from the community along with the staff from the hostel and the college are participating in the fiercely fought tournament.

Fr Clifford Sequeira underwent a surgical procedure on his left knee to set right the torn meniscus. He is recuperating well now. We are glad to have two newly qualified assistant professors

Frs. Melwyn Lobo and Vinod Paul amidst us who have successfully cleared the recently held UGC NET exam.

St Aloysius Institute of Education held its graduation day at which 48 teachers received their certificates. Many of them were physically present. Schs Arvin Pais and Ashwin D'Silva who graduated on the occasion were virtually present. Our Anjali farm is bubbling with life and greenery. Country chickens and goats are recent additions to the farm.

In our PU College, various events like the Musical Day, Science Fest – Scientific Flair, Commerce and Arts Fest, Conquest, Harmony Week, Constitution Day and many webinars were organized online. An inter-religious harmony song led by Fr Sujay Daniel has touched many and is well appreciated. The Gonzaga School also celebrated various important events virtually. Among the many programmes, the song 'Kuch Kuch Hota Hai' sung by the Principal, Fr Melwyn Lobo, on the Children's Day has gone viral. (OR)

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



Scholastics of Vidya Niketan, were happy to welcome and meet the PCF, Fr Francis Fernandes. As part of the KPAP, we organized two activities. First, the celebration of the festival of Diwali in association with our neighbors and with the members of the Inter-religious dialogue group of Vidya Niketan. Dr Rajesh Chittaguppi, the Professor of History from JSS College, Dharwad was the chief guest and the speaker. Second, the Day of the Indian Constitution and the Law Day was ob-

served by having the Senior Civil Judge of District Legal Services Authority of Dharwad, Mr R.S. Chinannavar, as the chief guest along with advocate Dr S.R. Manjula. They addressed the gathering on Civil Rights and on Fidelity to the Indian Constitution. Both these in-house programmes were very well organised and appreciated. On All Souls Day, we paid our respects to Fr CCA Pai, the Jesuit of our Province, who is interred at the parish Catholic cemetery in Dharwad (MM)

XAVIER SADAN, Mysore



Looking back at the past two months we are really surprised that despite the still raging pandemic we have been able to continue our mission of UAP 1. Topping the list, but not chronologically, is a 6-day retreat for 26 UFS sisters by Fr Dolphy Pais OFM Cap at Xavier Sadan. Then comes the team work by Frs Anil D'Mello and Vijayaraju at St Francis School in the neighbourhood, both of them holding the parents and teachers respectively spell bound. Vijayaraju, like a typical Gowda, is strutting around our small garden as the master of all he surveys, directing our sole gardener in the intricacies of cultivation. Fr Anil D'Mello also gave an orientation and chapter guidance to the delegates of the CSST provincial

chapter, an orientation for the staff of Avila high school in Mysore, and an Introductory talk during the prayer meeting for Fr Stan conducted by the United Christian Forum. Fr Freddie D'Silva gave three 6-day retreats, one 4-day retreat, a renovation Triduum to a group of Jesuit Scholastics, and one day marathon for the JMJ Provincial Team, all at Xavier Sadan. So COVID has not had the better of us yet. Our two golden retrievers have been replaced by a Doberman and a German shepherd, so that we feel more secure. As we go to press, a new chapel is being set up in a portion of the hall on the first floor so that the guests have a less noisy and more serene space for solitude and contemplation (AD)

REST IN PEACE

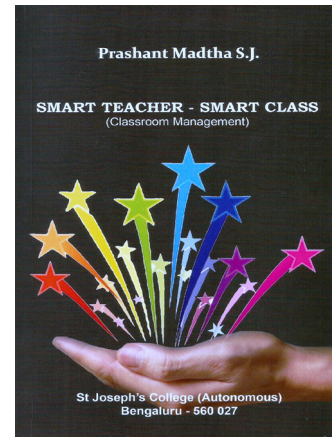
Fr Rudolph Fernandez, SJ (BOM), 86/69, on 16 November 2020, in Nashik, Maharashtra.
Fr Lourdu Susai Irudayaraj, SJ (DUM), 74/53, on 16 November 2020, in Dumka, Jharkhand.
Fr Cipriano Mendía Echániz, SJ (ESP), 89 / 71, on 17 November, 2020, in Loyola, Spain. He belonged to Gujarat province and later transcribed to Spain.
Br Lawrence Richard Saldanha, SJ (HAZ), 83/58, on 17 November, in Hazaribagh.
Mr Valerian Serrao (49), maternal uncle of Sch Pruthvi Rodrigues, on 21 November, in Udupi.
Fr S. Paul Lourdusamy, SJ (PAT), 65/43, on 22 November 2020, in Kolkota.
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