

# ANDHRA VANI



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**Welcome, Protect,  
Promote and Integrate.**

- Pope Francis

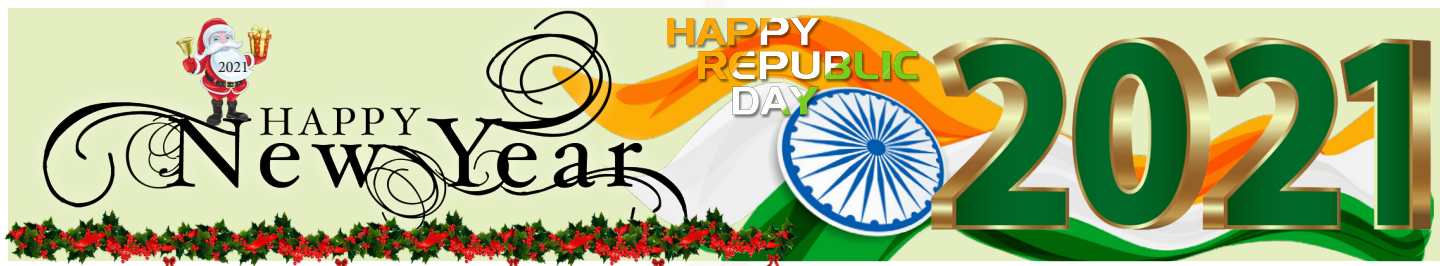


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*Fr Provincial and members of the Curia wish everyone a Hope & Joy filled New Year 2021.*

## INFORMATION:

- Schs. Bulla Peter, Kadavil Puthanveed Saji George, Panithi Naresh, Thottathil Kurian Augustine are approved for Diaconate Ordinations. Details will be announced later.
- Fr Gorantla Jeyaraj Joseph, SJ is back in the Province wef 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020, after the expiry of his 5 years term of "Ad Experimentum" in the diocese of Armidale, Australia.
- In his communication dated 27<sup>th</sup> Nov '20, The Archbishop of Hyderabad raised 'Baliah Nagar Quasi-Parish' to the status of a parish and naming it as 'Alwal Parish' with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> Dec '20.
- Jesuits of Darsi mission cordially invite our Province men for the blessing and inauguration of the new EM school building on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 at 10:00 AM.
- Fr C. Peter Raj has a new cell phone no: 7386567429

## APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL:

- Fr. Leonard Chiti as Provincial of the new Province of Southern Africa (SAP); he will assume office on 25 Mar 2021.
- Fr. Miguel Garaizábal, 78 years old, as the next Regional Superior of the Jesuits in Thailand. He will assume office on 1 Jan 2021.
- Fr. Roberto Del Riccio, SJ, 60 years old, as the next Provincial of the Euro-Mediterranean Province. This Province was erected in 2017 which includes Italy, Albania, Malta and the Mission of Romania.

## APPOINTMENT BY POSA:

- Fr Arjen Tete, SJ (CCU) as the New Conference Delegate for Formation (CDF), w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2021.



## APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

- Fr Provincial has constituted a team comprising Frs ISF. Jeyaraj (coordinator), M V Amalanathan, P Balashowry, P Peter, P Vidyasagar, Sr. S I Maria Priyanthi, ( Holy Cross of Chavanod), Prof. Sagaya Bhaskaran to coordinate the Ignatian Jubilee Year programmes in 2021-22.
- Fr Provincial appointed Fr G. Selvin Raj as the coordinator for Migration Commission.

### Dates to be noted:

All Ministers of our communities are asked to attend the meeting to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 in Satyodayam.

### FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME - JANUARY

3	Installation Ceremony of Archbishop of Hyderabad, Sec'bad
4	Holy Eucharist, Archbishop's House, Sec'bad
5	Blessing & Inauguration of School Building, St Xavier's School, Darsi
6-7	Visitation - St Ignatius's Campus, Darsi
9	Visitation - Samadarshini, Sec'bad
13-16	Visitation - Sanjeevan Niwas, Vijayawada
17	Meeting Young Priests at AJ, Nagarjuna Nagar
18-19	Visitation - St John's High School, Amalapuram
24	Consult, Curia, Sec'bad
25	Ministers' Meet, Satyodayam, Sec'bad
27 - 30	Visitation - LA, Alwal

# Happy New Year

### ANANDA JYOTHI, NAGARJUNA NAGAR:

On 29<sup>th</sup> Nov we, the novices, began our Advent Season in a dramatic but meaningful way lighting the advent candle for the first week. It was a heart touching and prayerful event. After having gone through twenty days of hectic work experiment within our Novitiate campus with short breaks in between which concluded on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, We have understood the real meaning of a 'Work Experiment' in the novitiate and the evaluation done on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov opened our eyes to appreciate each other and the works done for our community. On 24<sup>th</sup> Nov Fr John Joseph was admitted in St. Joseph hospital, Guntur for his ailments. On 27<sup>th</sup> Nov province revisors headed by Fr D. Papaiah made an



official visit for the verifications of our community documents and accounts. On 28<sup>th</sup> Nov all our community members were filled with joy to receive Fr Provincial for his canonical visit. At the end of the visitation, Fr Provincial celebrated Mass for our community giving his grace and blessing for us, followed by delicious breakfast in the Novitiate. We celebrated birthday of Fr C. Alex on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec to express our gratitude for what he had been to us and for rendering his service to the novices as a music master.





On 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec., Fr. ISF. Jeyaraj, the Novice Director, organized a 'Formators Forum Meeting' at St Aloysius Convent, Gunadala, Vijayawada. It was well attended by eight different men and women congregations wherein they have shared and discussed various positive aspects and issues found in the formation houses. It was informative and helpful for all the formators. On 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, Fr. ISF. Jeyaraj, left for his home visit and returned on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. We, the novices, along with the Jesuit community, went to VRO, Pedda Kaakani, on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec, for the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Fr Stan D' Paul SJ. On 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, all the members of the Formation Commission gathered for a meeting in the retreat house and on the following day the members of Spirituality and Dialogue Commission also had an annual meeting in the retreat house. As part of our preparation for the Christmas Eve, we have set up a huge Star prepared and erected at the entrance of our campus. It looks majestic. We, the first year novices, started our 'Intensive Journal Workshop' on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Thanks to Fr AXJ Bosco for accepting and accompanying us in spite of his busy schedule. On 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec we also had "Joy of the Christmas Tree" celebrating the joy of Christ along with our co-workers. This day was specifically dedicated for our Co-workers. We performed carol singing, dances and skit recognizing their service for our community. On this same day Mr. Rayappa, our long-standing gardener, got retired from his dedicated service to this community. We honoured him and showed our gratitude for his selfless service at Ananda Jyothi for 28 years. On 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec, we cheered the elderly people at LSP, Nambur with Christmas carols. Our Novices made a contextual and creative crib with the theme – "To set the captive free", portraying both the COVIND 19 Pandemic and the arrest of Fr Stan, SJ.



– CRUMBLISH, NSJ

### **SANJEEVAN NIWAS, VIJAYAWADA:**

The beautiful title of "The Angel Saints" has been given to the triad of exquisite flowers of dazzling purity which bloomed in the garden of the Society of Jesus: St. Aloysius, St. Stanislaus and St. John Berchmans. We, the Scholastics in Sanjeevan conducted the Novena in a unique way. We celebrated the Feast of St. John Berchmans with our P.C.F. Fr Wilson and he visited our community for his annual meeting with the Scholastics, later he celebrated Mass for us on 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. we had Recollection by Fr Rayappa on 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. The month of Dec has brought forth the warmth and festive mood to our Sanjeevan community. We began to light up our house with decorations, Christmas Cribs and stars. Fr Amal Raj visited our community on his way to Loyola Public School on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec and offered Mass for us. First years began their 1<sup>st</sup> mid examinations on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. On 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. Frs Kiran, Bosco, Marianna and some of the Scholastics went to Loyola Public School for the inauguration of New Primary Block. On 7<sup>th</sup> third years began their offline classes with great enthusiasm. Sch. Rex Arul celebrated his birthday for the first time in Sanjeevan on 9<sup>th</sup> of this month. Fr Bosco left on 9<sup>th</sup> evening for his nephew's wedding at Chennai and attended a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> by Social Action Commission at Satyodayam, from there he went to Bhuvaneshwar - Fact Finding team and on 17<sup>th</sup> he returned to the community. To prepare ourselves to celebrate Christmas more meaningfully we had monthly recollection on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec by Fr. Chiranjeevi. We, the Southern Province Scholastics gathered as a family through online on 16<sup>th</sup> of this month. We were ignited with the encouraging words of Fr Mark Rizvaan. He highlighted the urgency of men for social ministry and the relevance of it in religious life. On 18<sup>th</sup> Fr Bosco left for Ananda Jyothi to give Intensive Journal to the first year novices. We celebrated the birthday of Sch. Binison on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. There is nothing more magical than decorated trees, lights, presents, family and friends to brighten up your life.



- K. VISHAL, SJ





**ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE, SITAGARHA:**

Heart-filled with gratitude we thank our Tertian Instructors Frs. Ignatius Tete and K.C. Stephen for walking with us through the Spiritual Exercises. We have been praying and working in sustaining the graces received during the one month journey. Soon after the Retreat we were given ample time to prepare our own eight day Ignatian Retreat. The Instructors sat through our presentations of our outlines and gave necessary inputs. We submitted the full text of our eight day Ignatian Retreat to our Instructors. The arrest of Fr Stan Swamy in Ranchi came as a shock for all of us. As an immediate protest we all went to 'Hazaribagh' town and in the heart of the town we protested the unjust arrest of Fr Stan Swamy. We also submitted a memorandum to the local government officials. The 'Lok Manch' is spearheading the protest of the arrest in various ways and means possible.

This year 'Retreat Ministry' as well as 'Hospital experiment' did not materialise due to the Pandemic. The Sitagarha Tertianship is very much appreciated for these two events as they bring in renewal and spiritual impetus in our Priestly journey. In place of this we had 'Work Experiment' in the Campus itself. Fr J. Vijay opted to work in the Vegetable garden and Fr N. Britto opted to clear a part of the campus that has grown wild. The work experiment challenged us physically and it formed us to abnegate our self-love, self-will and self-knowledge. During this period of time the second year novices of the Hazaribagh province stayed in our block. Fr J. Vijay took classes on 'Self-Awareness' for two days and Fr N. Britto took classes and mentored them in 'Writing skills'. The Picnic to 'Konar Dam' refreshed us a lot.

The news of the demise of Fr J. Vijay's father came as a jolt for us. Thanks be to God everything fell in place. He was present in the last journey of his father. At present he is reconciled with himself and he is able to be a messenger of reconciliation for his family members. He thanks the community and the Province for supporting him in many ways.

We are now in the last phase of our integration. Fr Vijay got an opportunity to give recollection to the sisters of 'St. Ann of Luzern' in our campus. Fr Britto gave an inspiring Christmas message on the occasion of 'Campus Christmas gathering' for all the religious houses present in our Campus. We are now thoroughly studying and reflecting the Constitutions

of our Society of Jesus. It is now becoming colder and colder day by day as the temperature drops to five degree celsius. We are ending the Tertianship Programme on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 2021. On the same day we are planning to start our return journey to the Province. Keep us in your valuable prayers as we too pray for our Province and its activities.

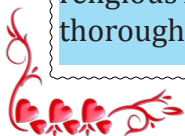
- N. BRITTO, SJ

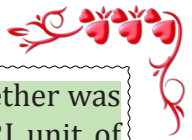
**ADILABAD - ASIFABAD MISSION:**

We began the Advent Season on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020 with Lenten practices to prepare ourselves for the feast of Christmas. The winter has set in with its biting cold. In memory of the Holy Babe of Bethlehem covered with swaddling clothes, we distributed 101 blankets for the expectant mothers and lactating mothers on Jodeghat Hills. We are grateful to our Bishop Prince Anthony for this gift. There was a Pre-Christmas



celebration at Parish level in Utnoor on 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. The Bishop gave a thought provoking message and the children of Adilabad and Utnoor entertained the congregation with their songs and dances. The youth of the parish sang their prize-winning song, sung at the Jingle Bell competition 2020 in Mancherial. This celebration was preceded by the Christmas celebration of all consecrated people (priests and religious) working in the diocese on 11<sup>th</sup> and it was followed by the Christmas celebration of the





local CRI unit of Adilabad diocese on 22<sup>nd</sup>. This CRI get together was organized by Fr Xavier Rex the president of the local CRI unit of Adilabad diocese. It was well attended by about 110 religious priests, brothers, sisters, novices and candidates. Fr Joshy the CMI Provincial of Hyderabad province enlightened the participants on the content of "Fratelli Tutti" and Fr Amal spoke on the vision and mission of CRI. Fr Pratap sang a solo Christmas song. The post card campaign for the release of Fr Stan Swamy and his 15 other companions was launched in this meeting at Adilabad level. He also organized a Semi-Christmas

celebration for all the staff of Carmel Academy consisting of both the Telugu and English Medium Schools and Junior College on 23<sup>rd</sup>. The teaching and non-teaching staff thoroughly enjoyed the celebration as it had singing, party games, sharing of gifts and dinner with Christmas cake. He distributed dry food ration and a blanket each to 50 poor families in four villages to celebrate Christmas with joy.

Frs Amal and Pratap spent two days in Satyodayam for the submission of accounts of "Red Charity, Austria" Project and participation in the Social Action Commission meeting. They were busy from 16<sup>th</sup>, leading the Christmas carol group to each catholic house in Utnoor. Fr Amal together with little children prepared a crib in front of our house. Fr Pratap gave final touches to it fixing the lights and stars. The catholic youth of the Utnoor parish prepared a Mega Crib with a lot of creativity to proclaim the Lord's birth. We have planned to have Christmas mid night Mass with an hour of adoration preceding it. Since all the parishioners have chosen their Christmas friends, there will be also exchange of gifts after the Mass.

In the history of Utnoor Catholic Church, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec has been an unforgettable day. Since 1987, it had remained as mission centre and not a parish as per Syro Malabar Church. It was raised to the status of a parish to the joy of the people, with the reading of the decree of Bishop Prince Antony by Fr Jose, the Vicar General and administering the oath to two trustees elected by the elders of Utnoor catholic community. The appointment of Fr Tom as the parish priest was also read out. We are awaiting the arrival of our candidates from Karimnagar with Fr MA. Alex their superior and Fr Maria Prasad their in-charge on 29<sup>th</sup> at Carmel Mandamarri and St. Paul's Utnoor. They would visit an open mine and Carmel academy at Mandamarri, our residence and area of operation at Utnoor and the memorial and museum of Kumram Bheem, the martyr of Gond's, who fought for the rights of Adivasi on Jal, Jungle and Jameen. The Jesuits in Adilabad Mission wish all the members of the Province and readers of Andhra Vani a grace filled New Year 2021.

- D. PRATHAP, SJ

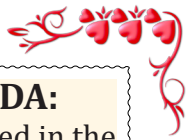


### SATYODAYAM, SECUNDERABAD:

The Word of Life Group that meets together at Satyodayam twice a month to share their fortnightly experience of living the monthly Word of Life (globally distributed by the Focolare Movement) went for another kind of sharing with another kind of group during the Christmas week. Inspired by the Mumbai unit of Word of Life, they wanted to make "the existential peripheries the preferred place to celebrate Christmas 2020". So some 10 members of the group, with a few of their Protestant Christian friends, visited the Premanjali Convent Children's Home at Gagillapuram (about 20 kms from Secunderabad) on 27 Dec, the feast of the Holy Family. They greeted the 20-odd orphan children along with the Charity Sisters (Lillia, Flavia and Christiane) running the Home, and gave them small gifts that they obviously enjoyed and could use later for special occasions. They shared with them their Christmas agape, eating together the special Hyderabad biryani they had taken with them. Who enjoyed the visit more--the visitors or the caring Sisters or the children with no parents--is difficult to decide.

- PAUL DOMINIC, SJ





## JESUIT SCHOOL MEN MEET:

On 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, the Coordinator of School Education, Fr KP. Francis, arranged one day seminar cum sharing on the National Educational Policy-2020 (NEP) and its implementation. The coordinator informed all well in advance and it was well represented. The resource persons were: Dr. K. Geetha Rao, Rtd. Professor, member of UGC, NCERT, and board member of OU, Hyderabad and Dr. Bala kumar, the Principal of Pasha College of Education, Hyderabad, NACC accreditation member, coordinator of TS Govt. SES (School Education Syllabus) and SEC (School Education Commission). They explained about NEP and its implementation processes. In their opinion this might take about 10 years approximately. Both took an hour each to explain to us how this NEP is going to be implemented. They also humbly accepted the difficulties and shortcomings in executing in our multi cultural, diverse but one country. Some of the participants posed relevant, practical and pertinent questions to take the talks to a deeper level. Fr Arul Jothi proposed vote of thanks to our resource persons.

The sharing session in the afternoon was ably moderated by Fr Simon. The parameters given for sharing include; 1. The situation of our school last year and present academic year, how do you manage Salary, fee collection etc. today? 2. How have we been implementing the UAP's (Universal Apostolic Preferences) in our schools? 3. How do we inculcate important values like peace, harmony, reconciliation, secularism and democracy among our students, staff and parents? 4. Major difficulties or struggles that we have in our institutions. 5. What are some of the plans, vision or suggestions that we have for our schools? There were few concerns consisting of both general concerns and particular. The concerns are quality in terms of standard of the students and staff also the salary, school strength, attractive allurements of the Governments, etc. They were taken into consideration by the school men commission after the sharing. At the end Fr Avinash thanked everyone for their kind and generous cooperation and collaboration. Indeed the seminar was meaningful and informative for many.

- FR KP. FRANCIS, SJ

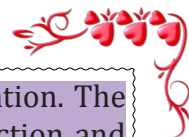
## LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL - VINUKONDA:

On 16<sup>th</sup> Oct we the Jesuit community prayed in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord for the release of Fr Stan Swamy. On 18<sup>th</sup> Oct, after the Sunday Mass in Nagireddypalli church, Fr Showry along with the faithful and Nirmala Sisters staged a peaceful protest in front of the Church. Br. Xavier Amal is full of life and is occupied in sharing his wisdom with all, especially with the Nirmala Sisters in the form of monthly Recollection. We continually remember Fr Stan mainly on Friday adorations and prayer. May God bless him and keep him according to God's plan and continue to pray for his good health and courage to be strong. On 5<sup>th</sup> Nov we remembered in a special way our province men those who have gone before us with the special adoration for the repose of their souls. Br. Xavier Amal attended the Commissions' Coordinators meeting in Vijayawada. Actual life is slowly coming back to its regular rhythm. Fr S. Ravi is busy in administering the school and all the Government assignments as Chief Examiner for IIT exam, D. Ed exams, etc. We opened the school for the X and IX boys on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov as per the order of the Government. Later, the hostel was opened for the tenth boys, fulfilling all the conditions and measures posed by the Government. Now the school and the campus is filled with full life as the students number increases day after day.

We had a simple celebration on 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, the feast of St. Alphonsus Rodriquez, the patron of our Jesuit Brothers. The community attended the birthday celebration of Fr Peter Peram which was hosted by the mission superior Fr M. Prasad at Jeevalayam. That was indeed a joyful gathering of all Jesuits in the mission for the first time. The community had another birthday celebration of Fr Showry on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov with the special prayer service conducted by Br. Xavier Amal along with Jesuits from Vinukonda and Darsi. On 24<sup>th</sup> our province revisors visited us and stayed with us for three days and successfully completed their work. On 28<sup>th</sup> Nov the birthday of Br. Xavier Amal, was celebrated and the Jesuits from Vinukonda Mission and LPS graced the occasion along with Fr G. Selvin.

On the feast day of St. Francis Xavier the whole community went and partook in the illustrious inauguration of the new primary block at LPS. On 8<sup>th</sup> Dec being the feast of Immaculate Conception





of our Mother, the titular feast of Nirmala Sisters we had a solemn Mass and a simple celebration. The Solemn Eucharist was celebrated by Fr Ravi. Fr M. Prasad gave a self-introspective introduction and Frs Showry, Suresh and Gabriel concelebrated. After the Holy Mass we wished the sisters and had Breakfast with them. On 16<sup>th</sup> Dec we began the novena prayers for Christmas. On 18<sup>th</sup> all the three Fathers, involved in the school apostolate attended the school men meet on 'Implementing the National Education Policy-2020' at Satyodayam. We the Jesuits of LHS Community wish you all a Prosperous New Year 2021

- XAVIER AMAL, SJ

**ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, SECUNDERABAD:**

Every new day is filled with surprises. The month of Dec has been a great blessing for the students of St. Patrick's. Class IX and X students were physically present to appear for the exams from 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec and the attendance was highly appreciated. On 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec we had Christmas celebrations for the staff together with the retirement of Mr. Narasimha Reddy. Mr. Narasimha Reddy served our institution for a long period of 40 years and his services were filled with love and commitment. Fr Elango the principal is working day in and out at the construction of new school. On 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Fr Joji, Elango and Naveen Xavier attended the funeral service of Mrs. Scholastica, wife of Mr Alexander the contractor of our new building construction.



- B. NAVEEN XAVIER, SJ

**LOYOLA PUBLIC SCHOOL, GUNTUR:**



The Loyola Public school Community, Staff, students, parents, officials and Alumni were exceedingly happy to inaugurate our New Primary Block on the auspicious occasion of Feast of St. Francis Xavier. The event was quite solemn and memorable, graced by the participation of Fr K. A. Stanislaus, Provincial, Sri. Kotagiri Sridhar, MP, Eluru, Sri. Y.S.Avinash Reddy, MP, Cuddapa, Sri. Dokka Manikya Varaprasada Rao, MLC, Sri. Mahesh Reddy and a large number of Jesuits of the Province, our distinguished donors and alumni, members from other religious congregations and the illustrious guests of the day who are Members of Parliament as well as alumni of the School.

Fr Superior readout the letter of Fr. General written to Fr Principal. He succinctly highlighted the essential traits of Jesuit education, while congratulating us on the completion of the building for which the foundation stone was laid by the Regional Assistant, Fr Vernon D'Cunha. Primary Block is beautiful for its physical location, well-furnished class rooms, labs, library, conference hall, infirmary, Vice-Principal's office and parent's room. Excellent Arch and playgrounds with greenery outlined are the special features. Fr Provincial, Fr Superior and other officials acknowledged the great contribution and commendable job done by Fr Uvari Antony, Principal, Mr. Krishna Reddy, Mr. Anand and Mr. Yohan.





On 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, Fr Provincial had the official visitation of our community. It was the time of grace and happiness to our community. At the end of it he addressed us together, listened to our concerns and offered a special Mass for our community. On 15<sup>th</sup> Dec we celebrated the 74<sup>th</sup> birthday of Fr. Peter Raj. We had a special Eucharist for him and prayed for him. He expressed his family background, the places where he worked and the people who closely accompanied him. Half-yearly exams were conducted in the school for classes X and XII from 14<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. We celebrated semi-Christmas on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at our staff quarters. We had a special Mass for our staff and co-workers in the quarters in which our children in the quarters put up a small cultural programme. after the Mass followed by dinner. The management appreciated their committed service in distributing food materials to people who were affected by Covid-19.

Regular classes began from 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. for classes VI, VII and VIII students in LHS. Most of the students attend and benefit a lot. Fr. Michael Raj takes care of the school well. They celebrated semi-Christmas with staff and students on 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. in which the children put up a short cultural programme and sang Christmas carols.

- K. NARENDRA, SJ

### LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, KARIMNAGAR:

The month of Nov left us with a great joy and happiness in celebrating the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Fr Dhanapal on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Many Jesuits, clergy, nuns and prominent officials witnessed this mega celebration. Fr Dhanapal expressed his gratitude and sentiments towards the end of Programme. He attributed all his success to the Mother Society. The whole event was organized by Fr M.A.Alex, superior



with the help of the community members and the candidates. The candidates under the guidance of Fr Maria Prasad and Sch. Santhosh played a vital role in the success of Golden Jubilee celebrations. Fr M. Joseph and Fr K. Naresh made the guests feel happy with sumptuous dinner. The community thanks Fr Peram Peter for adding beauty to the celebration with his mellifluous voice and music. On 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Fr Provincial was with us for



his canonical visit. It was our joy to receive him and to share our rich experiences. It was a moment of grace for the entire community. He met candidates and inspired them to become good Jesuits in the future. We thank Fr Provincial for his support and guidance to the community. Now as the Christmas bells are ringing, the candidates are having their community days from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of this month.

- G. SANTHOSH, SJ

### ANDHRA LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, VIJAYAWADA:

#### ALC COMMUNITY:

On 30<sup>th</sup> Nov we had community recollection. The recollection talk was given by Fr. Rayappa Reddy of Pallottine congregation. His talk was down to earth. We had the visitation of Fr. Provincial from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. It was a moment of grace. Fr. Provincial spent sufficient time to meet us not only individually but also in different units. We are grateful to Fr Provincial for allotting sufficient time to Andhra Loyola Institutions. Fr Ravindra preached a retreat to JMJ sisters of Hyderabad province from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.







**ALIET:**

As per the guidelines of the university, the ALIET continues to hold classes and examinations in phases. The ALIET had the grace-filled moments when Fr Provincial visited it on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec and addressed both the teaching and non teaching staff separately. During his interaction with the staff a short presentation was made about the achievements of various departments of ALIET. ALIET collaborated with Cape Comorin Trust India, Lavender Literary Club, India and White Memorial College of Arts and science for Women, Kerala and organized two Virtual Conferences. The first conference was a three day International Virtual Conference on Cultural Studies from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020. 12 plenary talks were conducted and nearly 110 research papers on variety of topics were presented. The second conference was an International Virtual Conference on Pure and Applied Mathematics organised on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020. We had Christmas celebrations for the staff of ALIET on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. It was short and simple unlike previous years. Fr Rector gave a short but relevant Christmas message. After having consulted Fr. Provincial, the ALIET has paid to the teaching and non teaching staff the arrears of the first three months. We have received the good news that the state government has retained the last year fee structure for ALIET.

**YES-J:**

On 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, Fr Bala Kumar gave a retreat to the Catholic students of the institutions of CSA sisters, Hyderabad Province. The theme was “Ambassadors for Christ”. He also organised a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec and installed a new leadership team for the Loyola Academy – MAGIC YOUTH.

**ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE:**

On 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, Fr. Victor Emmanuel SJ, Principal and Fr. M. Sagayaraj SJ, Correspondent along with Mr John Remalli went to Machilipatnam areas where 8 self-help groups are functioning in the name of Andhra Loyola College. This year Andhra Loyola College added one more group to its outreach. 90 sarees were distributed to the women members as gifts of Christmas from ALC. Frs Victor and Sagayaraj distributed the gifts. The college sponsored the food as well since it's pandemic times. On 19<sup>th</sup> Dec, Christmas celebrations were organised for

the unaided non-teaching staff of the college. Fr Victor, Fr Sagayaraj and Fr Lourduraj were present for the occasion and distributed the gifts to them. The students collected old usable clothes and distributed to poor people at Vembe colony, Ajith Singh Nagar on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Dec as part of Christmas celebration.



The third years reported for the offline classes from 7<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec for semester end final practical exams as well as II mid-semester exams. Facelift was given to academic council room and dispensary at the cost of 6 lakhs.

Dr. T Sri Kumar, Department of Physics, appeared on ETV Andhra Pradesh for a programme titled “Great Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn” on the 21<sup>st</sup> Dec evening from 5.21pm to 7.27 pm at the western sky near horizon in the South West Jupiter and Saturn about 73 crore km close along with four moons of Jupiter and this phenomenon happens only once in 400 years. The union of Jupiter and Saturn on Dec 21 is known as the 'Great Conjunction'. Both the planets Jupiter and Saturn will be reunited on the longest night of 2020, the winter solstice, set to occur on Dec 21. Congrats Astronomer Dr. T Sri Kumar of ALC.



Fr Correspondent, had a meeting with unaided staff, paid arrears (whatever percentage is cut for the past 5 months) on the occasion of Christmas. The arrears were paid to all the teaching staff. 2021 Calendars were distributed to the students and staff in the month of December.





**మహిళలు పాదుపు అలవాటుగా మార్చుకోవాలి**



**ఆంధ్ర లయోలా కాలేజ్ కరస్పాండెంట్**

మలిపట్నం, 18 డిసెంబర్, ప్రభాతవార్త :

విజయవాడ ఆంధ్ర లయోలా కళాశాల వారు తాము దత్తత తీసుకున్న బందరు డివిజన్ పరిధిలో గల మంగినిప్పుడి తరంగణిమాత దేవాలయం నందు నిన్ను స్వయం సహాయక సంఘ సభ్యుల సహకారంతో ఘనంగా వార్షిక సమావేశం నిర్వహించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా సుమారు 100 మందికి పైగా మహిళలకు వస్త్రాలు పంపిణీ చేయడం జరిగింది. ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి ముఖ్య అతిథిగా విచ్చేసిన ఆంధ్ర లయోలా కళాశాల కరస్పాండెంట్ ఎస్.ఆర్.రాజ్ మాట్లాడుతూ మహిళలు పాదుపు చేసుకోవడం ఒక అలవాటుగా చేసుకోవాలని, తద్వారా ఆదే కష్టకాలంలో కుటుంబానికి అండగా ఉంటుందని పేర్కొన్నారు. కళాశాల తరఫున అందరికీ సహాయ సహకారాలు అందిస్తామని తెలిపారు. ఆనంతరం కళాశాల విద్యార్థులు, వాలంటీర్లు ఆందరూ కలిసి పర్యావరణ పరిరక్షణలో భాగంగా మొక్కలు నాటే కార్యక్రమాన్ని నిర్వహించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో కళాశాల ప్రిన్సిపాల్ విక్టర్ ఇమానుయేలు, రవీశాస్త్రి, జాన్, తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

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During the recent visitation, Fr. Provincial met teaching and non-teaching staff and spoke to them and listened to their grievances and encouraged them to move ahead in their lives supporting the management. He promised to walk with them. Some of the senior staff were delighted to see their student as provincial of Andhra Province and this comraderies were followed by photo-ops.

The structure for the north block is completed. The wall construction is on and soon the flooring will begin. Fr Sagayaraj is busy procuring materials for the completion of the building that would house labs and classrooms for the students.

Mr. Sairam (Physics) and K Balachandra (Microbiology) have submitted their theses to the respective universities. Mr. Srinivas (Statistics) was awarded PhD recently. Dr. Srinivasa Rao (Physics) guided a student to PhD. The entire research was done in ALC Physics dept. lab. Andhra Loyola College got the much-awaited Research centre a few days ago. Plans are afoot to house the centre at the new building that is coming up in ALC.

VisComm department is producing a corporate film for ALIET. The shoot is done and the editing is on. The film should come out of the studios by 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Congrats to our faculty who are working on this project. Thanks to Fr Francis Xavieir, Director, ALIET for providing us an opportunity to be creative.

Seven of our BBA Aviation Management students were employed at the Vizag Airport by Air Asia on the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec . Congrats to Fr N Bujju Babu who is in-charge of the department of BBA Aviation and also the staff members of the department who encouraged the students to reach this level. With Fr Principal's initiative, last week two of the conference halls were named after Bishop Mummadi Ignatius and Fr Anthony Theckemury SJ.

**Design and Development of Online Teaching and Learning System - A Tool-Kit:**

Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, IQAC Coordinator (Professor of Physics) and Sri. G. Mathew Srirangam, NAAC & NIRF Coordinator (Associate Professor of Zoology), of Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada contributed chapters in the book entitled "A Tool-Kit for Online Teaching and Learning" brought by Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE). As a part of guidelines and action plan documents for strengthening the Higher Education in the State of Andhra Pradesh, APSCHE is coming out with this tool-kit. This tool-kit is documented with an objective of promoting online teaching not only during this pandemic situation, but also as a continual teaching-learning strategy encompassing blended learning and flipped classrooms. The tool-kit focuses on Online Learning- The New Paradigm for Teaching and Learning, Course Design and Development, Platform for launching Online Courses, Technology Tools for online Teaching and Learning and Student Engagement in Online Teaching Environment. The tool-kit will be officially released on 01 Jan 2021. Congratulations to Dr GSR and Mr. Matthew Srirangam. We are proud of our professors.

**- M. ANAND, SJ & I LOURDU RAJ, SJ**

**LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, PULIVENDULA:**

The month of Dec has been very hectic with many activities on the campus. Both the colleges are busy with the regular classes on the campus. Loyola Degree College has undertaken a few activities in the month of Dec. Sri. R. Ramakrishna Reddy, Lecturer in Mathematics retired on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov after serving the college for 36 years. We had an awareness talk by Dr. Saranya, Area Hospital, Pulivendula for our computer stream students. Our NSS, NCC and Scout students went to Motnuthnapalli village to lift sand to Cave Sivalingeswar Temple about 120 feet high on a hillock. On 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, the Journalists had a friendly Match in our Playground. Dr. Y.S. Abishek distributed the prizes to the winners. NCC students went for Flag Day Collection on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec and deposited Rs 35000/ for the Armed Forces. They also carried out "Swacha Parvekshan" Awareness rally on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.





For three days (7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec) Covid - 19 Test was conducted for our students and Staff. The Sanjeevini and the Staff came to the college under the Supervision of local C.I, Municipal Commissioner and Government Hospital Doctor. Nobody tested positive! Mr. B. Prasad, our Non-Teaching staff passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec due to stroke. NSS/Scout Volunteers helped the Sai Baba Temple authorities. They also cleared the premises of Ranganathasamy Temple. We had one day Swacha Bharath camp in our campus.



Loyola Polytechnic College still continues to conduct online and off line classes simultaneously. The college has organized Semi - Christmas celebrations for the students on 24<sup>th</sup> Dec and Showrinadhaswamy Hostel also celebrated Semi-Christmas and the hostel boys exhibited their talents in the form of cultural programme. The Jesuit community has also celebrated Christmas with all the Catholic and Christian students and distributed the Christmas gifts to all of them. **- P. VIJAYA RAJU, SJ**

**LOYOLA ACADEMY, SECUNDERABAD:**

We are immensely glad to note that Fr Balaiah Nagar Quasi-parish is raised to the status of a parish and naming it as Alwal Parish with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2020 on the solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the BVM. We congratulate Fr Balaswamy and he would be in the history as the last parish priest of Fr Balaiah Nagar Quasi - Parish and the first parish priest of the elevated new Alwal Parish. With this elevation, boundaries for the parish have been earmarked.

Mr. Murali Krishna from Junior college, was given a deserving felicitation on his retirement. On 27<sup>th</sup> Nov,



the staff had one day seminar on NEP and IGNATIAN PEDAGOGY, given by Frs Arul and Amar. Virtual cultural competitions were conducted on Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPS) at the Junior College. The students also just finished writing online half-yearly examinations.

The II, IV and VI semester degree and PG exams commenced and completed successfully on the campus from 6<sup>th</sup> Nov to Dec 12<sup>th</sup> adhering to necessary SOPs. Investiture ceremony was organised for the PG student council on 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. Students were told by various speakers that they should be selfless and emulate servant leadership model in discharging their duties. Fr L. Joji, the PG vice-principal enlightened the staff regarding New Education Policy (NEP) on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec and also

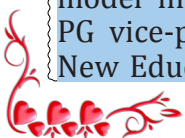
delivered various lectures to other colleges on topics like NEP and its challenges and next generation skills for the staff. The research committee paid a visit to the campus on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec for approval of the campus research centre. Kudos to Fr P. Antony, Principal and the Fr L. Joji, Vice-principal for their strenuous efforts.

The college organised virtual carol singing, crib making and photography competitions from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. The winners were given attractive prizes and the collected money from entries from participants has been donated to charity. Annual Campus semi-Christmas celebration was organised for contingent workers on 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. They were all given Christmas prizes in cash and provided with sumptuous meal. The college virtual Christmas celebration also streamed on YouTube live and the campus staff-Christmas celebration took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.



The college farm is taking a new shape under the leadership of Fr Amar, the Superior with the purchase of a tractor and its accessories for multipurpose. Variety of vegetables are being cultivated with the help of newly brought workers from Jharkand. There is a heavy demand from staff to buy organic grown vegetables on the campus. Fr S. Antony preached 8 day retreat to Bollarm Novices and is getting ready for other assignments elsewhere.

**- K. ANIL, SJ**

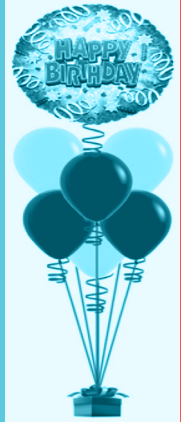




## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

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02	P Yesurathnam K		S Kodiganti Kiran
04	S Namadi Rex Kumar	20	P Thomas Koyipuram
05	P Anil Kumar K		S Kondru Rama Krishna(Vijay Kumar)
08	S Pallam Raju Katru	21	P Antony S
	N Velangani Karuna Kumar P	23	P Jeyaraj Ghattamaneni
09	P Victor Emmanuel GM	25	P Philomin Raj S
11	P Antony Prabhu A		P Bujji Babu N
13	P Amala Arockiaraj T	27	S Paul Donald Joseph
14	P Prasad MA	28	P Ravi Sebastian S
	P Avinash G		P Vijaya Kumar J
		30	P Amal Raj PS



## REST IN PEACE

28.11.2020	Mrs. Thumma Jojamma (87), grandmother of Fr. Thumma Sunil, SJ.
01.12.2020	Fr Augustine Lopes,SJ (BOM, 75/49) at Mumbai.
02.12.2020	Br. Desmond Dias, SJ (BOM,87/65) at Mumbai.
03.12.2020	Fr O.P. Mathew, SJ (KER, 75/54) at Christ Hall, Kozhikode.
07.12.2020	Br. Epiphanio Dias, SJ (GOA, 99/77) in Mapusa, Goa. Br. Basil Tirkey (RAN, 73/46), at Ranchi.
09.12.2020	Mrs. Savariammal (90) elder sister of Fr J. Thainese, SJ in Sarukani, Tamil Nadu.
11.12.2020	Mrs. Josphena (58) younger sister of Fr Palnati Showry Raju, SJ in Hyderabad
13.12.2020	Br. Saul Abril, SJ (GUJ, 89/73) in Shelby Hospital, Ahmedabad.
17.12.2020	Fr Cyprian Andrade, SJ (GUJ, 74/56)
19.12.2020	Fr Stanley D'Souza, SJ (DEL, 88/63) in Holy Family Hospital, Delhi.
28.12.2020	Mr. Etukuri Lourdu Maraiah (77), maternal uncle of Fr. D Papaiah, SJ
31.12.2021	Mrs. Kataru Amruthamma (70), mother of Fr.Kataru Anil, SJ



## OUR BROTHERS IN GLORY

Fr Francis Xavier Mani	13.01.2011	ALC,	Vijayawada
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