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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

It is just a matter of time. Soon we will have a new Provincial. As I embark on a new mission, I thought I would rewind the reels of my memories.

I still remember vividly the time when I received the news of my appointment. I was attending on a guest in the refectory at Jesuit Nivas. I told my guest that I was feeling unwell, and rushed straight to my room. Well, there was no time to relax as congratulatory calls came pouring in. At about 11 pm, I went, as I usually do, to make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. During my prayer, my eyes suddenly fell on the statue of mother Mary. This encounter evoked in me a message: what is ultimately required is that I need to be an instrument in the hands of God as Mary was.

Since then six years have passed. I do not know whether I have been an instrument but the Lord has indeed done great things to the Province. Despite defections and deaths, there has been a rise in the number of Jesuit vocations and ordinations. According to the latest statistics there are 311 Jesuits (P: 203+ S: 106+ B: 2). It is the rise not only in number but also in buildings, ministries and especially in the quality of our life and mission. At the moment we have well managed in 14 Communities and 11 units attached to them, 7 formation houses, 63 formal educational institutions (Primary School: 18, High School: 13, PUC: 13, College: 11, Technical School: 4, Research Centres: 3, Academy for Civil Service: 1), 3 retreat houses, 1 Spirituality Centre, 4 Social Action Centres, 5 Parishes, 4 Technical Institutes including a community college, 2 Youth centres and many hostels.

What has worked well for the Province? I believe it is the deep life in the spirit, strong community life, and regular renewal and refresher programmes. Our men have responded by being creative, committed, and, I should say, contemplative. I am particularly happy about two concepts, 'community owns the mission' and 'twinning' which the Province has translated into action. They have engendered a new way of being and doing.

Weren't there any problems and snags? Yes, there were many. I had to handle litigations regarding our men and properties, struggle to regularize land and finances, bear the pain of the defections and finally, care-front some Jesuits.

However, as I look back and try to recollect, I have only rainbows in my memories. The Lord has been extremely gracious to me. Our men in general, the socius, the consultors, and the local superiors in particular have supported me with their prayer, counsel and availability. Of course, there have been many excellent Jesuits. They have set a standard for me to emulate. A few 'difficult Jesuits', have indeed challenged me to grow in my *cura personalis* and *cura apostolica*. But all in all it has been a memorable and fruitful journey. Thank you!

### APPOINTED BY CONGREGATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

**Fr Francis Gonsalves (GUJ):** President, Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune

### APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

**Fr. Jerome Cutinha (JAM):** Provincial of Jamshedpur

**Fr. Joseph Maria Christie (MDU):** Secretary for Higher Education

By a letter dated 14 May 2020 (KAR 2020/13), Fr General has transcribed **Fr Jayanth Kumar Padival** from Kohima Region to Karnataka Province.

By a letter dated 25 June 2020 (KAR 2020/20), Fr General has transcribed **Fr Joseph Benedict Mathias, SJ** from Ranchi Province to Karnataka Province.

### APPOINTED/ ASSIGNED BY FR PROVINCIAL

#### REGENCY

**Sch Pruthvi Rodrigues**  
Loyola School, Mundgod

**Sch Elson Lobo**  
Swami Rajendra Nilaya, Pandithahalli

#### JUNIORATE

**Sch Joseph Melvyn Govias**  
Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

**Sch Joshua Fred Lobo**  
Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

**Sch Nikil Robin**  
Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

**Sch Prakash**  
Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

**Sch Steve Gibson Rodrigues**  
Vidya Niketan, Dharwad

#### DIACONATE MINISTRY

**Dn Royston Pinto**  
St Philip Neri Church, Basrur / SAC, Mangaluru

#### Dn Avinash Lobo

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kanajar / SAC, Mangaluru

#### Dn Vishwas Misquith

St Francis Xavier's Church, Bejai / FRH, Mangaluru

#### Dn Praveen Martis

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Tirthahalli / SAC, Harihar

#### Dn John Baptist

Our Lady of Health Church, Harihar / SAC, Harihar

#### Dn Roshan Pinto

Our Lady of Fathima Church, Jalahalli / Jesuit Nivas

#### Dn Jeevan James

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ulsoor / Inigo Sadan

#### Dn Vinod A. J

St Patrick's Church, Bengaluru / Arrupe Nivas

### THANKYOU!!!

**Fr Lisbert D'Souza (BOM)** is leaving the General Curia after nearly 16 years of service as Father General's Assistant for the South Asia Assistancy. Few Assistants, in the modern history of the Society, have held this type of responsibilities for so long. And very few had the opportunity to offer their advice to three different Superiors General. (<https://www.jesuits.global/2020/06/24/serving-three-generals-fr-lisbert-dsouzas-mission/>)

**Fr Selva Rathinam** for serving JDV, Pune as its President for the last six years.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

- To **Schs Elson Lobo, Joseph Melvyn Govias, Joshua Fred Lobo, Nikil Robin, Prakash, and Steve Gibson Rodrigues** on their First Vows
- To our newly ordained **Deacon Jeevan James**

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMMES

### July

02-03 : Extended Consult: Ashirvad, SJCC  
 04 : Canonical Consult: SJCC  
 25 : GBM: ISI, Bangalore

### CHANGE OF E-MAIL ID

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### LEFT THE SOCIETY

**Sch Roshan Vincent Pinto** left the SJ on 15 June 2020

### ANEKAL

The 7 first year theologians had their course on Social Analysis by various resource persons- Jesuits and lay- from Bengaluru. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year theologians and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year philosophers are having online classes from JDV. Fr Sunil Ranjar, after finishing his official quarantine period here, has started teaching the first years. Of course, he rated '5 stars' for the royal treatment he received during this time.

St Joseph's P U College staff bade farewell to the outgoing Director, Fr Ivan Sequeira and welcomed the new Director, Fr Steevan Gonsalves on 22 June. Fr Steevan also took charge as the Director of the Primary School. Online classes are on in full swing for science and commerce sections.

The Jnana Jyothi community with the collaboration of CIRW, SJPU staff and volunteers distributed 6300 kits to migrants here from North Karnataka and North India. We also reached out to the poor women of our Self-Help Groups, Children Association, Village Small Savings, Rag Pickers, Auto Drivers, Barbers, Daily Wage Labourers, Municipality Workers of Anekal and Jigani area. Thanks to all our benefactors and volunteers.

The month of May bade '*Bella Ciao*' (Good bye beautiful) to Fr Cyprian Tellis for his six

years of service to CIRW as the innovative and energetic Director. We also bade farewell to Sch Avinash D'Souza, our regent, for his generous and selfless service to CIRW. Drizzly June welcomed Fr Shantharaj T as the new Director, and Sch Johnson R as the assistant in CIRW and prefect in the boys' hostel. Tailoring classes have resumed of course, with extra precautionary and safety measures, to protect themselves from the deadly virus. There has been more demand for admissions in our tailoring centre, as many have lost jobs, and want to pick up new skills to work from home.

People in and around Anekal have realized that CIRW, Jnana Jyothi, is not just known for its social work activities, but also partakes in the joys and sorrows of the vulnerable people. It was very visible to them through the way we went about helping people in the locality during the Corona-crisis. As a result, more than five new 'Sanghas' (Associations) have been formed, and many more are on the way; and thus, the CIRW family is spreading far and wide. The staff of CIRW and coordinators have visited nearby brick factories requesting the owners to start "Tuition Centers" and "Night Schools" for the migrant children after the Corona phenomenon diminishes. There is a positive response from the factories around Anekal to work with the North Karnataka migrants.

Free medical camp has resumed, and doctors from St John's along with CIRW staff are spreading awareness of Covid-19 to the villagers through SHGs. We are grateful to St Joseph's Institutions, Bengaluru and to all our sponsors for providing sanitary items to help the poor and vulnerable communities. (JP)

### ASHIRVAD

The extended consult to help select the new provincial was held at Ashirvad cum SJCC, with most of the members resident at our place on July 3 – 4. Fr Jerald D'Souza,



superior, has been very active with the Center for Social Concern. He has been part of several online conferences and also held some meetings at Ashirvad. He also attended a full session at ISI Bengaluru on the topic of Migrants and the concern we ought to show towards them. Fr Francis Guntipilly has been busy with the online Google Conferences regarding Migrants and Labour issues. With his contacts at Ajit Premji Foundation, he has secured Rs 97,50,000/- for Manvi Mission social work and food distribution, and is hoping to get greater sums for other mission centers too. His dedicated work and personal supervision at Gulbarga mission is highly appreciated. Everyone admires his capacity to move around and use his silent contacts for the benefits of the poor people in Bengaluru and in the missions. Our new member of the Community Fr. Josephvaz Monteiro, having secured his admission at St Joseph's for PG in Literature, has made use of the waiting time in mastering his talents in music at our neighbouring music center and soon hopes to obtain a degree from the Trinity College, UK. This talent is greatly utilized for our liturgical services. Fr Harry Terry has been busy with his online law classes and is waiting to write his fourth semester Law examination. His service at the treasurer's office and support in the dining hall is highly appreciated. Fr Prashanth Madtha has been busy with the Educational works in Bangalore Archdiocesan Educational office giving his utmost support to the Managers and the educational institutions during these difficult times. Fr Eugene Lobo has been attending his office daily giving guidance to various educational institutions as they are struggling to implement the decisions of the Government. (EL)

### **BIJAPUR**

As the Covid pandemic is continuing day by day and the cases are increasing steadily, our Mission is busy with Covid Relief Work. We distributed dry ration to the Transgenders, in and around Vijayapura. The

construction work of the new Church has resumed. Two new Sisters from the Institute of the Maids of the Poor, joined our Mission to help us in the finance office and hostel. Fr Teyol Machado joined our community and has taken charge as the director of CNFE. We have eleven Scholastics who are home quarantined in ITI campus. Fr James Gonsalves directed an eight-day Retreat to the Deacons and took some classes for them. Fr Provincial, Fr. Francis Fernandes, PCF and PDD, together with Fr Jerald D'Souza, Province Coordinator for Social Action, paid a visit to our mission. Our 10<sup>th</sup> standard students successfully and safely completed their SSLC exams. (PM)

### **GULBARGA**

The lockdown did have an impact on the community, but it was not locked in. Rather, it was an opportunity for us to reach out to the needy of Gulbarga. With the cooperation of the staff, alumni and volunteers from different NGOs and FBOs we distributed 8500 food kits, made possible by the generous financial assistance of Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI) given through KJES. We thank Frs Francis Guntipilly and Teyol Machado for their presence and support and guidance. St. Xavier's PUC started online classes for the II PU students. Fr Richard Mascarenhas took charge as the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Bidar. He also preached a recollection to the priests and religious of Bidar deanery. Most of the community members visited Harihar for the feast of St. Aloysius. It was a much needed break for everyone. Fr Cyril Castelino, who, after 3 years as Principal of St. Mary PUC handed over charge to Fr. Clevon, of Gulbarga diocese, is now getting ready to leave for tertianship at Hazaribagh. Fr Anand Prabhu organized the planting of nearly 100 saplings in the campus. (CC)



**MANVI**

Even amidst the Corona scare, the Mission was abuzz with a lot of activities following all the Covid-19 precautions. Fr Leo Pereira took charge as superior on Ascension Sunday, and the out-going Superior, Fr Arun Luis was given a befitting farewell for his yeoman service. Fr Leo has already managed to register a long awaited Nandihal land with the assistance of Fr Eric Mathias and Fr Arun Luis. Under his care the farm now flows with milk and honey. Fr Melwyn D'Cunha took charge as the Principal of Loyola College. He along with the other DoWs of Loyola Institutions, successfully coordinated a three-week faculty development program. He has been elected as the Vice President of union of private unaided colleges in the district. The departments of Botany, Commerce, and Mathematics organized webinars using online portals. The college staff participated in an online workshop, "Online teaching tools" organized by St Joseph's PUC, Bengaluru. Under Parmarsh scheme of UGC the college staff participated in a three day workshop on NAAC process, organized by St Joseph's College of Commerce. The AIMIT team conducted one day online workshop for our staff on leadership and teaching-learning process. The NCC got involved in Covid relief work and assisted in the smooth conduct of SSLC exams. The Scouts-Rangers and rovers prepared the face masks which were distributed to SSLC students. The out-going Principal, the Green Ambassador, Fr Royston Madtha was thanked for his services in the college for 4 long years. He is now awaiting his tertianship in Sri Lanka. We owe him a great debt in making this campus lush green. Fr Wilson Moras is the new addition to the community to take the place of Fr Robert Rodrigues as the Finance officer of Loyola Institutions. We wish Fr Robert a fruitful ministry in Afghanistan. The foundation day of our Mission was celebrated on the feast day of Sts Peter and Paul. Fr Eric Mathias in his homily recalled the major milestones of

the Mission and God's providence over 18 years of its existence. The newly erected stations of the cross and the new tractor, Ms. Dinah's gift, were blessed after the Mass. Fr Don Lobo, our another green Ambassador at Pannur has put in efforts to make the campus green and will be soon moving for his higher studies at XIMB. The community thanks Schs Vishal Pinto and Johnson and warmly welcomes Sch Nishanth Noronha. (MR)

**MUNDGOD**

Sch Pruthvi Rodrigues, the new regent has arrived in Sadhana. The online classes for PUC science students are going on quite well. The SSLC exams were successfully completed amidst Covid-19 scare. The LVK as well as LCH gave accommodation to some of our hostel children from faraway places during the exams.

With an abrupt end of the academic year, the hostels were closed and the children were sent home. After their departure the campus had a deserted look and that time was used to clean up the campus and attend to some repair work under the leadership of Fr Bartholome. During the prolonged lockdown we were in touch with our hostel students and enquired about their health.

The LVK staff immersed themselves in preparing the action plan for the year with the guidance of Fr Jerald D'Souza and with the help of Mr Lokesh Gowda, consultant for the Project on Land Rights and Productivity. The staff also visited a few villages with caution to take the survey of migrants. The LVK held two meetings with very few people to review and plan the course of action regarding the Project on Land Rights and Productivity and Lokmanch project. As the certain pockets in our working area both in Mundgod and Hangal are affected by Covid-19, it is difficult to carry on the field work; it has kept us working indoors investing time in capacity building and documentation. The LVK Hangal too has done a survey of around

600 migrants under the guidance of Fr Santhosh Walder. Fr Thomas D'Souza despite his recurring backache looks healthy and cheerful.

The staff of LKV, had a month-long training in online teaching. Environment Day was celebrated in the school campus by planting around 50 saplings. The DC of UK addressed around 450 health workers, police officers and doctors in the school premises. Fr Francis Menezes had made all the necessary preparations and the masses have resumed in St Rita's parish. Fr Provincial, Fr Francis Fernandes, PCF and PDD, together with Fr Jerald D'Souza, PCSA, visited us and had a very fruitful sharing concerning the Mission. Under Fr Roshan Lobo's guidance a variety of vegetables are cultivated in Sadhana campus. (AD)

### **LOYOLA, Mangaluru**

To give a warm send off during the cold Covid days is a herculean task. However, that was achieved by Fr Pradeep Crasta personally getting two of the pre-novices from their homes. The send off to the would be novices began with the celebration of the solemn Eucharist presided over by Fr Dion Vaz, Rector of SAC assisted by six other priests. Fr Dion preached a short and meaningful homily.

To the evening programme that followed, there came a large number of Jesuits from all the communities of Mangaluru. They were entertained with a short farewell programme well-choreographed by Sch Joswin Pereira and a sumptuous tasty meal which would tickle the taste buds of a gourmet. On the 18<sup>th</sup> June, the would be novices were the guests of SAC community at supper. The very next morning they began their sojourn in a tempo, led by their chief shepherd Fr Pradeep and were surrendered to the care of the novice master. Next day, on his way back Fr Pradeep brought two candidates from Hassan to the pre-novitiate. Nowadays, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year pre-

novices keep attending an hour of online classes. (PP)

### **LOYOLA MANDIR**

The freshly vowed juniors namely Schs Joseph Melvyn Govias, Joshua Fred Lobo, Nikil Robin, Prakash, and Steve Gibson Rodrigues spent 10 days of the first leg of their juniorate at the Loyola Mandir community. The community members helped in various ways to conduct classes and organize their makeshift juniorate, an engaging one caused by the lockdown uncertainties. The Juniors left for Vidya Niketan Dharwad on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. (OV)

### **MOUNT ST JOSEPH**

June, known for its showers of joy, was indeed a joyful month for six second year Novices to be placed with the Son as they took their First Vows on June 21 at MSJ, at the hands of the Provincial, while Fr Mariathas, the Novice Director designate of Sri Lanka, preached an inspiring homily. Fr William Sequeira had earlier guided them in their eight-day retreat. Navataranga, the Novitiate bulletin, was released by Fr Provincial at the felicitation programme. What a joy it was to see 9 energetic and exuberant Pre-Novices, 5 from Loyola and 4 from Navasadhana, entering the portals of MSJ on June 19! They were warmly welcomed at the portico with the mandatory temperature test conducted by Fr John Pradeep, the Novice Director, for Corona virus. At present, after finishing their First Probation, they are on the field to play their innings of novitiate life.

At Loyola Degree College, world environmental day was observed by planting fruits trees in the Mount St Joseph campus by the staff. Fr Gilbert Saldanha was the Chief Guest. The college staff is maintaining the fruit garden. A half day seminar was conducted for the faculty members on "Open Education Resources and MOOC's - Information and Communication Technology." Webinars were organised by the

departments of English, Psychology, Journalism, Hindi and Commerce. All the participants were issued certificates. On all Mondays in the month of June a special webinar for research students was held, with around 50 research scholars participating. Our teachers have completed the online classes for 2019-20 academic year. We are waiting for the directions from the Bangalore University to begin online classes for 2020-21 batches. Many of our staff members participated in the webinars, conducted by the several colleges from different parts of India. (RS)

### ARRUPE NIVAS

With the advent of Jesuits from across disciplines like sacred, secular and computer sciences, the spirit of St. Joseph's is becoming increasingly spiritual, scientific, and digital. The academic year 2020-21 for the second- and third-year students commenced with online classes on the 15 June. The faculty members were given training to organize and conduct these classes. Student attendance at these classes has been more than 90% on an average, which appears to be better than the regular class attendance! Several Faculty Development Programmes such as 'Digital Teacher' by LIBA, video creation, networking, training on online classes, etc., were conducted. Both teaching and non-teaching faculty and also the Jesuits in the community are earnestly learning a variety of subjects through online courses from various platforms. Many departments organized national and international webinars on numerous themes.

An article of Fr Joseph Lobo appeared in the *La Civiltà Cattolica* on 20 June, occasioning quite a few positive reviews in various Italian journals, and a withering online blast from a fundamentalist group in the West. The newly constituted St Joseph's Research Centre has earnestly begun the groundwork. Already a committee consisting of a few teaching staff from various BJES

colleges has been constituted. To begin with, after a wide consultation, a BJES-level research policy is being formulated.

The Co-workers' day was celebrated on the 27 June with a Holy Mass and the cutting of the cake. They were appreciated for their excellent service: keeping the community happy and healthy by providing nourishing and tasty food. The alumni association is continuing the relief work of distributing essential items to the migrants and the poor across Karnataka. (JL)

### INIGO SADAN

The scholastics had a fruitful and nourishing experience of spiritual conversation based on Fr Kolvenbach's letter, "Some aspects of formation from the end of the novitiate to the start of regency" for two weeks. The third-year scholastics have started their online classes in Philosophy.

The Community College organized a program to welcome the new Rector Fr Joseph Rodrigues to the Institution, marking it with the release of the annual magazine "UJWALA" 2019-20. Renovation and remodeling of our class rooms are underway. Teachers are busy preparing and updating the syllabus content for the online classes. At the Indian High School, too the staff members are doing the same. While the students are being home schooled - a real challenge for the students and the staff to cope with the technology and the digital learning mode. The new Rector, Fr. Joseph Rodrigues was also welcomed in the school at the launching of the new app of the school. The Project was undertaken by Fr Henry Saldanha, the former Principal, meant to share important information about the school. Fr Cyril Menezes and Fr Felix A successfully conducted the SSLC Exam amid the COVID-19 pandemic. St Joseph's Indian Primary school had one-week orientation classes for the teachers on different methods of digital teaching. Fr Rohan D'Almeida equipped them



with skills to handle online classes. At the same time, Fr Lumnesh Kumar spoke to them on eco-spirituality, while Fr Antony TV enlightened them on characteristics of Jesuit education. The online classes have successfully commenced and the students are getting acclimatized to them.

At SJS CBSE World Environment Day 2020 was celebrated with Fr Lumnesh Kumar as the Chief Guest and planting of saplings in the presence of Fr Joseph Rodrigues, the Rector, and Fr Rohan D'Almeida, the Principal. Many Children participated by sharing pictures of them planting saplings at home. The science and mathematics teachers are conducting online classes for the students of the Loyola School in Sindagi. The online content and teaching was also shared with Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya, Mundgod, and Xavier School Manvi. International Yoga Day was celebrated, with the Physical Education Staff encouraging the students to perform yoga at home. Students were also encouraged to participate in various competitions conducted by the CBSE. The teachers were constantly in touch with the students and kept them engaged through meaningful activities virtually. (FA)

### **JESUIT NIVAS**

We had the firsthand experience of the pandemic caused by corona virus when one of our community members was tested positive. By God's grace he is recovering well, and will soon join us. We took all the precautions and followed distancing norms in order to stop the spread, marching together united in spirit and trusting in God's healing providence. Fr Denzil E Lobo presented the Catholic Education Policy (CEP) of KRCR to the communities of JN and AN.

SJBHS was one of the hubs for packing and distributing ration kits, reaching out many people during the early months of the

lockdown. The School Counsellors and Special Educators are in touch with parents and students providing guidance during the pandemic. Fr Alwyn R D'Souza moved to Mundgod after two years of dedicated and selfless service, and Fr Joel Fernandes took over as the Primary School Administrator. Our staff members were trained in various online teaching platforms. We have regular online classes for the students. World Environment Day was celebrated by planting a few saplings in our campus as part of the Go Green initiative. International Day of Yoga was observed with the emphasis on the holistic development of a person.

SJPUC successfully conducted the much awaited, meticulously planned and systematically executed English exam for the second-year students. SJCL recruited new staff through online demo and interviews. The students are having online internal exams these days. (WB)

### **ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru**

The feast of our patron, St Aloysius Gonzaga was celebrated in a unique way this year owing to the COVID situation. The PU College, under the able leadership of the new Campus Minister Fr Sujay Daniel, conducted an online Novena through short and inspiring YouTube videos. The holy mass on the feast day celebrated by Fr Rector in our Chapel was telecast live on Divine Word TV and YouTube. We hosted a fellowship meal for the Jesuits of Mangaluru and the sisters collaborating in our ministry. Various units commemorated this feast with our staff with the Holy Eucharist, prayer services and inspiring talks. The Scholastics organized an online quiz on the life of St Aloysius Gonzaga and Aloysian Institutions for the community. Some worked hard, others tried their luck, but at the end of the day Jesuits of Beeru won most of the prizes.

After the success of free online certificate courses, the degree college launched

numerous webinars with very good participation from our students and the general public. There were many high-profile speakers, one of them being Derrick O'Brien, MP Rajya Sabha, addressing on the topic "Migrant Workers: A Long Walk Ahead". The students and staff benefited from the free courses secured by the college through online learning platforms. The college added another feather to its cap by featuring in NIRF 2020 ranking's 101-150 band. We even performed well in this year's India Today – MDRA Survey by securing ranks in 7 disciplines making us one of the best institutions in the locality and the state. At AIMIT, Beeri, staff members are engaging themselves in MOOC courses and are also conducting webinars. They will also launch a series of certificate courses in the coming days. An orientation for the same was held recently.

In the PU college a plethora of online competitions were held to encourage the students to harness and exhibit their talents. Fr Dion Vaz and Fr Ronald Pais trained the staff on skills in counselling as part of the Staff enrichment programme. Online certificate courses, webinars and study materials shared, are helping students to keep up the academic rigour.

At Radio Sarang, the rural drinking water and sanitization project commissioned by the state government has been going on smoothly. Many resource persons were invited to speak on water and sanitization issues. Our own, Fr Leo D'Souza, too spoke on the value of water which has made waves and the talk has since gone viral. UNICEF has also given a small project to create awareness on COVID-19. This project too has been carried out meticulously.

The SSLC examination went on smoothly. A Health Care Center for the campus getting ready at the location of our old museum will function as a quarantine facility to treat

students with COVID and other similar symptoms. The Anjali farm has taken good shape with the onset of rains and addition of new fruit bearing trees and commercial crops. The Scholastics from Asha Kiran rendered a day's service in cleaning and planting new saplings.

The ministry of working for the rehabilitation of destitute boys is closed at Aloysian Boys' Home. In its place, a hostel for North Karnataka Youth who will pursue higher education in SAC is being planned, keeping in mind the apostolic preference of KPAP.

The annual rain contest has already begun in the community with many controversies. Many have failed to secure Bull's eye only to be satisfied with Bull shit. The interview of Fr Praveen Martis has hit screens on Daijiworld. He is the second Jesuit to share his life experience after Fr Santosh Kamath's widely watched episode. (OR)

### **SAC, Harihar**

Fr Cyril Raj, who had rendered his service with quiet efficiency for over a year as House Minister, Lecturer in SAC and Director of the Gents' Hostel, left for Inigo Sadan, leaving his place to Fr Rayappa M, who joined our community and immediately set about discharging his responsibilities and developing and beautifying the main campus as well as the new campus. The community held a farewell get-together to thank Sch Jaison Lobo for his cheerful disposition and dedicated service to the institution and the community. Sch Harish Kumar, awaiting commencement of his B.Ed. course in SAC, Mangaluru, is our interim regent helping the House Minister in the maintenance of the house and the garden.

The feast of our patron saint, St Aloysius Gonzaga, was celebrated without the usual solemnity and grandeur this year. It was preceded by novena prayers every evening at

which the resident Catholic staff took part. We had, on the eve of the feast, a staff get-together followed by a festive lunch. On the feast day itself we had Mass celebrated with Fr Maxim Rasquinha as the main celebrant and Fr Melwyn D'Cunha as the homilist, followed by breakfast with our collaborators. The highlight of the day was the evening fellowship of Jesuits from Mundgod, Hanagal, Gulbarga, Manvi and Harihar, followed by festive dinner. Bishop Francis Serrao added joy to our celebration by his gracious presence.

SAC, Harihar was buzzing with activity, April to June, despite the Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions. A few teachers and students responded wholeheartedly to Fr Eric Mathias' call for relief work among the migrants and other virus-affected families in Harihar. Fr Santhosh Fernandes, stranded at Harihar after his tertianship in Sri Lanka, joined the SAC team in the task of preparing and distributing ration kits. It was not long before the civic authorities – Tahsildar, DC, SP and senior Police Officials – perceived the generous gesture of SAC, and linked our service with the inspiration of St Aloysius Gonzaga. A few donors from among our staff, parents of students, and our friends and benefactors made monetary contributions which helped us to cater to many others who were affected by the pandemic – barbers, auto-drivers, street vendors, LGBT community, physically and mentally challenged persons in the slums, etc. The distribution of food-kits to more than 7000 Covid-affected people has deepened our own sense of commitment in mission. (PS)

### **VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad**

We busied ourselves with a host of activities in the last couple of 'pandemic' months - a fruitful annual retreat directed by Fr. Prashanth D'Souza, giving food grains and supplements to about 60 poor families in and around VN to last about fifteen days, improving our soft skills in communication,

music, computer skills and reading different categories of books in English.

Fr Richard Mascarenhas proceeded to his new mission in Bidar. Fr Louis D'Souza arrived from Sindagi to take over as the Treasurer from Fr John Gomes who left for Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru. Fr. Melwin Pinto arrived as the new Superior and Fr Prashanth D'Souza left for Prerana, Bengaluru. Adline Monteiro, Sujay Paul, and Shaun D'Silva, fresh from their juniorate in Thiruvananthapuram and a 14-day home quarantine at FRH, joined the community, shepherded all the way from FRH, Mangaluru, by Frs Joseph Monteiro and Ronald Pais. We were also graced with the visit of Fr Provincial, along with the PCF, Fr Francis Fernandes, both of whom addressed us instilling hope and courage in these troubled and uncertain times. Fr. Jerald D' Souza, PCSA, accompanied them.

In between Fr Melwin Pinto successfully conducted a 2-day orientation programme for the staff of the Manvi Jesuit Institutions, with the help of Schs Suman D'Souza and Christon Gonsalves.

Apart from study, we are also learning basic cooking. You are welcome to VN to savor our lip-smacking snacks, jams and peanut butter. We will be coming up with more home-made delicacies. We will keep you informed. We are also working on a terrace garden project, and preparing community prayers and composing hymns and bhajans.

The juniors who would have otherwise headed to Trivandrum for their Juniorate, have instead landed here, adding to our joy by making VN a 'mane thumba makkalhu'. They will be starting their Juniorate programme very soon. (SD)



**OURS IN PUBLICATION**

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**REST IN PEACE**

**Fr S.M. Xavier Irudayaraj, SJ** (MDU) 79/61, on 16 June 2020, Dindigul

**Fr Marcus Murmu, SJ** (DUM) 63/38, on 20 June 2020, Dumka, Jharkhand

**Dr Alexander Santan Lewis**, 90, father of Fr Elvis Lewis, on 30 June, Tallur

**Fr Joseph L. Pragasam, SJ** (MDU) 83/64, on 03 July 2020, Madurai

**Fr Paul Jackson, SJ** (PAT), 83/64, on 05 July 2020, Patna

**Dr Francis da Costa**, 87, brother of Fr Ralph da Costa and late Fr Hedwig da Costa, on 07 July, Bengaluru

**Mrs Natalia Crasta**, 73, maternal grandmother of Sch Dolwin Cutinha, on 11 July, Mangaluru.

**IGNATIAN INSIGHTS FROM ARRUPÉ**

Arrupe's Dark Night: He had just returned from a long and tiring journey to South East Asia. During that journey he was in high spirits. He had gone there to encourage the Jesuits working for the refugees from Vietnam, so called "boat people". In his speech to them which he called his "swan song", he said: "I am very happy. I see a great opportunity for the Society to show Christ's compassion to the most suffering". Now he was getting back to Rome. The contrast could not have been more stark. The atmosphere of misunderstanding, suspicion, anonymous complaints, and a Pope who was distant, uncommunicative, laconic, cryptic. He had informed the Pope several months earlier of his decision to resign. The Pope had asked him to wait for his approval. Arrupe had waited. Month after month. Approval never came. For nearly a year he had not heard anything from the Pope. Arrupe was still waiting and there was total silence from the Vatican. The wait was agonising for him. The uncertainty was unbearable. And above all, the constant feeling that the Pope was somewhat unhappy with him. John Paul II seemed reluctant to meet Arrupe and seldom gave him an audience. Arrupe, who had free access to Paul VI for long conversations, was able to meet John Paul II only twice and that too for 10 minutes at a time. He confided to one of his close companions without bitterness: "The Pope speaks very little with me". For a man who laid great store by his love and loyalty to the Church and to the Holy Father, it was a terrible agony. And yet, Arrupe obeyed joyfully and waited and went about his work of animating the Society. Still, deep within him something was breaking and he was living in the dark night of the soul. That is the precise moment the illness struck him just before he came out of the airport. (Taken from the talk of Fr Frederick D'Silva, SJ to the Senior Jesuits of Karnataka Province)



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