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

- Pope Francis



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NEWSLETTER OF ANDHRA JESUIT PROVINCE

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POPE'S INTENTION: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

INFORMATION:

A two day workshop is organised by the Province Curia for all the members of the Province who are dealing with money on "How to draft a Realistic Budget and latest issues and concerns with regard to the IT sector and FCRA" on 14th - 15th Mar 2021 at Satyodayam, Secunderabad. Fr. G. Alex, SJ will be the resource person. All those who are dealing with money are requested to attend the workshop. All Superiors, Treasurers, Correspondents, Principals, Ministers, Parish Priests and Directors of Work are asked to attend the Workshop without fail. Superiors could encourage more members to participate.

Congratulations to Fr. Dominic Sundararaj Irudayaraj, SJ for being nominated as 'Professore Lettore' in Pontificio Istituto Biblico (PIB), Rome.

Congratulations to Fr. Uvari Antony, SJ for being honoured with "BEST TEACHER AWARD" and Loyola Public School being honoured with "BEST SCHOOL AWARD".

Fr. GM. Victor Emmanuel's Postal Address till April 2021: C/O Fr ARUN LOBO, Friendship house, Mariashram, Kunjathur PO, Kasaragod 671323

APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL:

Fr. Francis Pudhicherry, SJ, (GUJ) is appointed as the New Rector of De Nobili College, Pune. He will take charge on Thursday 25th Mar 2021 on the feast of Annunciation.

Fr. Nirmal Raj, SJ (DUM) is appointed as the New Rector of Vidya Jyothi, Delhi.

APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL:

Fr. N. Britto Martin Paul, SJ - Pastoral ministry, Tadipatri, Kurnool Diocese
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Fr. J. Vijay Kumar, SJ - Pastoral ministry, Ongole, Nellore Diocese.
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FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME MARCH 2021

07-12	Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur
14-15	Workshop on Budget Preparation, Satyodayam
17-21	Visitation - Seethampeta, Amalapuram, KD Peta & Katukapalli
23-25	Visitation - Hindupur Mission
27	Consult
29-30	Visitation - Satyodayam

ANANDA JYOTHI, NAGARJUNA NAGAR:

On 3rd Feb, Ananda Jyothi was filled with delight and joy especially at the 'Prayer House', the Novitiate. The first year novices completed one month long retreat. Soon after the retreat, on 4th Feb., we celebrated the feast of St John De Britto. It was a memorable day for all first year novices. We especially thank Fr ISF. Jeyaraj, Novice Director, for guiding us spiritually during the retreat and leading us into a great God-experience. We express gratitude from the bottom of our hearts to all the Province men, who remembered us and prayed for our fruitful retreat. Our joy was doubled when we gratefully received second year novices from their 'Hospice' experience. Their deep sharing about the experience at Nunna moved our hearts and challenged our outlook of the world today.

On 11th Feb, we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with a meaningful Eucharistic celebration and ended the day with a creative and yet devotional Rosary. On the same day we started our service at 'Little Sisters of Poor', rendering our helping hands in serving the elderly people. On 13th Feb we participated in the 'Diaconate Ordination' of our Brs. Bulla Peter and Saji George. It was prayerful and devotional. On 14th Feb we started our 'Pastoral Ministry' with great zeal. When we went for the ministry, we still kept up our social distance and used protective masks. We wish to continue with caution. On 28th Feb, we began our 'Inter-novitiate Programme with a lot of zeal. Around sixty novices gathered together from eight different novitiates. Pray for us.

Fr Amalanathan is busy with retreat preaching ministry. He has completed a month long retreat for the seminarians at St John's Seminary, Hyderabad and continues to take classes for the same group. He, with his good health, has dedicated himself in spreading the good news. Fr John Joseph, after a prolonged illness and stay at St Joseph Hospital, Guntur, is back to our community. We welcome and wish him good health. Kindly remember him in your prayers. As usual, the 'multi-ministerial community' is with different activities within and without. Fr Vidya Sagar, Vocation Promoter, is fishing around during this pandemic situation with caution. Let us wish him well.

- MOSES, NSJ





The visit to Jesuit community at Pulivendula and to Krishnapuram Mariyagiri Shrine energised our Pre-novices. We travelled to Pulivendula on 4th Feb. We broke our journey at Kadiri Parish on our way to Pulivendula, where Fr. Augustine provided us lunch and high tea. Our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Augustine. We reached Pulivendula by dusk of the day. Fr. Antonysamy, the superior of the community, welcomed us and celebrated the Eucharist on the feast day of St. John de Britto. We resided three complete days at Pulivendula community from 5th to 7th Feb. We had two days of work experience, a day in the college and a day at the village, called Balapanuru, with the help of Fr. Amala Arockia Raj. On 7th Feb we had a day out to Belum caves at Kolimigundla and to Gandikota fort. We thank Fr. Antonysamy and all the community members for their hospitality. Motivation is the key to learning and perseverance is crucial to success. A special thanks to Fr. Amala Arockia Raj, who motivated Pre-novices with his life experience. He has instilled the spirit of the Society of Jesus. The sessions on Decision Making and Time Management made us know the importance of making decision and maintaining the time in our lives.

On 8th Feb morning, we travelled to Krishnapuram Mariyagiri Shrine. Fr. Stephen received us warmly. He briefed us about the place and our forefathers after which he gave points for recollection.

Pre-novices were delighted by seeing the tombs of our forefathers. They felt very devotional at the shrine while reciting Rosary and praying to our Mother. They expressed their joy for their vocation into the Society of Jesus. It was very inspiring spiritual journey for the Pre-novices.

After returning from Krishnapuram, Pre-Novices were keen on their revision for the preparation of A.D.F. test. The revision tests were being conducted to the Pre-novices to get acquainted with the question pattern. Sch. Pavan and Fr. CJ John represented the community for Diaconate Ordination on 13th Feb at LPS, Guntur and golden jubilee celebrations on 14th Feb at ALC, Vijayawada respectively. Fr. Philomin Raj celebrated the Ash Wednesday Mass and he highlighted the importance of lent. He also preached a moving homily in the parish. Fr. Avinash attended Youth Commission meeting at ALC, Vijayawada on 20th Feb.

As per the instructions from the government full fledged school had begun from 1st Feb. Parents meet was held on 3rd Feb. One of the DSS sisters joined our school for teaching this year. Fr. Francis, the Principal, is trying his best to bring order in the school through regular assembly, discipline and insisting on regularity to classes by his motivational messages.

SANJEEVAN NIWAS, VIJAYAWADA:

- ANANTHA ABHINAY, SJ

The month of Feb kept us busy with preparation for odd semester end examinations and other activities. We attended the Republic Day parade at A.L.C on 26th Jan. On 27th Jan, Sch. Donald celebrated his birthday. On 31st Jan we had monthly recollection by Fr Marianna. We also had the common birthday celebrations on the same day. On Feb 4th we had community meeting in which we discussed and examined our growth in various fields. All the first and third year scholastics were involved in Gunadala blessing ministry from 9th to 11th Feb. It was a time of grace and blessing for each one of us. It helped us become more spiritually alive. On 12th Feb, Fr Joseph (Newly ordained priest from Delhi province) celebrated Holy Eucharist for us. On 13th Feb, we had the Diaconate ordinations of Schs. Peter and Saji at L.P.S in a grand way. After the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we had a sumptuous meal. A million thanks to Fr Sandanasamy and his community for making these celebrations meaningful. On the same day Sch. Srikanth celebrated his Birthday. On 14th Feb, we took part in the jubilee celebrations of Frs Danapal, Stanley, Royce Macedo & Koyipuram Thomas. Our first year scholastics actively helped them out in choir, liturgy and decorations. On 19th & 21st Feb Schs Abhinay and Anil celebrated birthdays respectively. Fr Marianna fell sick for a couple of days but he is fully alive now with the grace of God.



DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE:

- Y. NAVEEN KUMAR, SJ

The month of Feb was grace-filled and joyful. Significant news is that the Lord is generous to bless our province with the newly ordained deacon T. Augustine. Thirteen Jesuit scholastics of DNC were ordained deacons by His Lordship Most. Rev. Thomas Dabre, the Bishop of Pune. The theme for the occasion was - "Sent to Heal and Reconcile." In his message Bp. Dabre said that we priests and religious have no choice but to be simple, creative and original servants of Christ. It was held in the domestic Chapel of DNC on 14th Feb, 2021.



Y. Naveen Kumar and Johnson will give their comprehensive exam in philosophy towards the end of March. As the academic year is coming to an end, we are indeed faithfully committed to our preparations for the upcoming assignments and exams. Lenten observances in the community are deepening our spirits to experience the pain and suffering existing in the world. The young priests of our province, Frs. G. Jayaraj, D. Joji and Martin are busy with their studies.

HEKIMA JESUIT COMMUNITY-NAIROBI:

- PANITHI NARESH, SJ

On 13th Feb 2021, in the presence of Rev. Rodrigo Mejia Saldarriaga, SJ as the Ordaining Prelate and joined by several Major Superiors and concelebrating priests the Hekima Jesuit Community was all set for the Diaconate Ordination of 25 Young Jesuits. Being part the Ordained group, I experienced a sense of joy and gratefulness to God and the Society for finding me worthy and giving me this opportunity to be Ordained a Deacon. Though the ongoing Covid-19 regulations constrained the regular pomp, music and dance in African traditional style yet the entire event was carried out in a prayerful and solemn manner. In his homily,

Bishop Mejia charged the Ordinandi to shun 'Spiritual Worldliness' which is the tendency to apply worldly categories to spiritual matters. He held up three deacons as models of service for us, the candidates to emulate – St. Stephen, the proto-martyr; St. Lawrence the Church treasurer and St. Francis of Assisi, the great reformer of medieval times. He urged us to offer our services in truth and spirit, not just in liturgical services, but at all times. He further urged that we should not discard the attitude and duty of service after we are ordained priests.



**COLLEGIO INTERNAZIONALE DEL
GESÙ, ROME:**

- G. KRUPA RAO, SJ

With the grace of God, we are healthy and safe. The vaccination process has begun in Italy and the elderly Jesuits of our community will receive the vaccine first. In the month of Dec , we bid farewell to Fr. Edward Fassett (UWE), the Vice-Rector and welcomed the new Vice-Rector Fr. Silva Merino Gonzalo (CHL). We renewed our vows before Christmas and it enhanced us to celebrate the birth of Jesus joyfully. We had the Eucharistic celebration under the sanitary restrictions. An international meal as part of the celebration was very much appreciated. Thomas and Vijay also have contributed to it. We as Andhra Province men in Rome came together after Christmas for a Christmas meal. It was really a joy to meet each other after so many months of lockdown.

We completed our first semester with exams. The exam season was hectic and we had to do exams online as well as oral in presence. However, this experience has taught us to cope with dire situations with serenity and prayer. In the second semester, we began the daily life and regular classes. The Ignatian rooms are being renovated in order to prepare for the 500 years of conversion of St. Ignatius. Thomas is continuing the Italian lessons. Vijay is steering a short film on St. Alphonsus Rodriguez involving the members of the community such as Rector, staff members and scholastics from the provinces of South America, Europe and south Asia. This experience has enriched us to understand, appreciate and admire each other and to collaborate with others. It was very much appreciated and a lot of efforts has gone in. Kudos to Vijay for bringing out a first ever short film on the silent saint.

Visit to Vatican Museums has been a wonderful experience. We were enthralled looking at the great Renaissance art of Michelangelo and Raphael and Roman sculptures. It was a memorable experience to see the Sistine chapel. A day is not enough to tour the whole Vatican museums. Krupa Rao has become part of the new coordinators team of the community for this year.

**PONTIFICAL BIBLICAL INSTITUTE,
ROME:**

- DOMINIC S. IRUDAYARAJ SJ

Following Pontificio Istituto Biblico (PIB) Faculty Council's deliberation and recommendation, Rev. M. Kolarcik SJ, the Rector, has nominated me as Professore Lettore on 3rd Feb 2021 to teach, research and guide in the area of Old Testament Exegesis with a particular focus on Prophetic Books. Right from 2016, enroute to Hekima College, Nairobi, the PIB community and the Institute have been generous to grant research space and opportunities to complete the licentiate (S.S.L.) requirements. Both the former and the current Deans, Revs. P. Dubovský and H. Pattarumadathil, played key roles in initiating this process and bringing it to a fruitful conclusion. Our provincials, Revs. P. Antony, PS. Amalraj and KA. Stanislaus have been consistent forces of fraternal encouragement towards my continued labour in the biblical "vineyard." The Delegate, Rev. J. Verschueren, besides assigning me to PIB community, continues to support various biblical initiatives. It is pure joy to hold all these encouraging sources of our Mother Society in my heart—a heart full of glad sentiments of gratitude.

Some research works have recently seen the publication light. Some select ones include: "Micah" in The Jerome Biblical Commentary for the Twenty-First Century, ed. D. Senior, J. J. Collins, B. Reid, and G. Hens-Piazza. New York: T&T Clark, 2021; "David Hates the Lame and the Blind": Towards an Inter(Con)Textual

Reading of 2 Sam 5:6-9" in Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra-Nehemiah, vol. 2. eds. A. Brenner-Idan and G. A. Yee, 9-29. London: Bloomsbury, 2021; "Protagonist, Place and Proximate 'Other': Jesus vis-à-vis Jerusalem in the Gospel of Mark" In Logos: Proclaiming and Witnessing to God's Word. Biblical Essays in Honour of Prof. Scaria K., SVD, ed. T. Karimundackal, 201-216. Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2021.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, TADIPATRI:

- N. BRITTO, SJ

I arrived at Christ the King Church, Tadipatri in the early hours of Feb 9, 2021 for my Pastoral ministry. The Parish Priest Fr. Arulappa David welcomed me into the Parish. He is also the Vicar of the Diocese Marriage Tribunal. On the same day I was introduced to the people in the evening Eucharistic celebration. I am given ample opportunities by the Parish Priest to Break the Word of God for the people. The feast of 'Our Lady of Lourdes' on Feb 11th was a blessing for me. It gave me a lot of confidence to go ahead in this pastoral ministry. This Parish began its existence in the year 1939. The new church was inaugurated in the year 2000. This particular Parish was closed from Jun - Oct 2019. After finishing his doctoral studies in Canon Law in Rome, Fr. Arulappa David in Oct 2019 was appointed as the Parish Priest. Slowly things are coming back to normal. There are still many wounds to be healed and it can flare up any moment. We are very much focusing only on the spiritual matters of the Parish. There is a lot of devotion in the people for the Eucharist and all other spiritual matters. In this season of Lent we are trying

our best to heal the differences among the people. I know it's not going to be an easy task. We are taking one day at a time. In this season of Lent we have daily Eucharist at 6.30 am, The Way of the Cross at 12.00 pm, Rosary at 5.30 pm followed by The Way of the Cross for all those who could not attend in the afternoon and Eucharistic Adoration at 9.00 pm. Nowhere I have seen or heard especially in the season of Lent having The Way of the Cross and the Eucharistic Adoration every day. Only in this Parish there is so much of devotion. It is astonishing to see the faithful participate actively in all the devotions every day.

This Parish has 320 families in the record but only 180 families come to the church regularly and pay the monthly subscription. Thanks to Fr. Antony Prabhu SJ who went around collecting the data during the house visits during his ministry here. He sent me the data and I shall take it forward by updating it. This Parish has three substations namely: Chukalur, Avulathippayapalle and Kallur. Fr. Stephen Amalraj SJ was the main celebrant for the annual

feast of Infant Jesus celebrated in the Chukalur substation on 14th Feb. People are very much interested in the church activities. They contribute generously for all the occasions. Everyday there is someone or the other who sponsors the 'Prasadam' that is distributed after the Eucharistic Adoration. Every Sunday people come forward to do the 'Annadanam' for all the downtrodden and the poor found on the roadsides. I heard that during the Corona pandemic the Parish people went out of their way to feed the hungry everyday for nearly forty five days with their own contributions. There is a lot of goodwill and also painful conflicts that is pulling them apart. I pray for the people here that God give them the forgiveness by which they give up their mean human differences. We have planned for the Prayer and Healing meetings on 2 - 4 Mar. Fr. Arulappa is taking care of me in a good manner. We both are focusing mainly on the spiritual aspects and the rest we leave it to the Divine Will. I hope and pray our prayers and efforts bear fruit in healing the minds and hearts of the people here.

VINUKONDA PARISH :

- M. PRASAD, SJ

On 11th Feb, the Annual Parish Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes went on in a grand manner. The feast was preceded by a 9-day Novena Rosary and Mass. On the last day, we had the solemn procession with the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes taken along the bus stand road in Vinukonda town. The procession went on very devotionally with prayerful recitation of rosary, singing of Mother Mary hymns with burning candles in hands. We thank all the Fathers, who celebrated the Novena Masses, Fr. Peter for leading the parish choir during Novena days and on feast day very efficiently and prayerfully and the Sisters of



St. Ann who decorated the altar and Mother Mary statue everyday in a new and colorful way. On 11th Feb, Fr. Jyothiraj of Guntur Diocese was the chief celebrant for the feast day Mass. In his lively homily he highlighted the importance of our fidelity to God's Will and plan like that of Mother Mary. After Mass, all the parish pastoral council members were honoured with mementos. Nearly 2750 devotees of Mother Mary participated in the celebrations. The celebration ended with a sumptuous fellowship meal. We thank all the Fathers, Sisters, Catechists, Elders and volunteers for their strenuous work, mutual cooperation and peaceful collaboration.

Vinukonda Mission (Loyola Mission Pastoral Community) was graced with the visitation of Fr. Provincial on 15th and 16th Feb. The Provincial not only listened to our sharing and our manifestations but also visited some substations. He made sure to stay overnight in all three parishes in order to familiarize our surroundings and people. We had a meaningful Ash Wednesday celebration on 17th Feb. Fr. A. Leo preached for two hours and led many to genuine repentance and conversion. Soon after his preaching, many took deeksha spontaneously and freely.

ADILABAD - ASIFABAD MISSION:

- D. PRATAP SJ



The "Jeeva Swaram" charismatic convention was held at Bellampalli from 29th to 31st Jan. Fr. PS Amal participated in it and returned to Utnoor on 1st Feb to begin his 2nd year in the diocese of Adilabad. As there was no opportunity to celebrate his 78th birth day on 30th Jan, it was done on 2nd Feb with a meaningful evening prayer service conducted by Fr. Pratap followed by a dinner. We are grateful to Mr. Sumanaspathi Reddy the director of All India Radio, Adilabad for sharing with us five precious books written by Prof. Haimendorf on "Raj

Gond's of Adilabad". Prof. Haimendorf is an anthropologist from Austria who lived and worked in Marlavai a small village in Ummadi Adilabad district for many years.

Fr. Xavier Rex was the main celebrant and preacher at the feast of the Holy Family Cathedral Church in Adilabad on 5th Feb. Similarly, Fr. Pratap was the celebrant and preacher at the parish feast of Prathipadu in Visakhapatnam diocese. Frs. Xavier Rex and Amal attended the Diaconate Ordination of Schs. Bulla Peter and Saji George at LPS, Guntur and the Jubilee celebrations of our Jesuits at ALC, Vijayawada. Fr. Xavier Rex delivered the felicitation speech on Fr. Stan D Paul to the satisfaction of all. The 49th General Body

meeting of VRO was an important one as they commenced the Golden Jubilee Year of VRO on that occasion.

Fr. Xavier Rex visited us and stayed with us on 5th Feb. It was a memorable get together for the three of us as we were together for the first time in our own residence and by ourselves sharing with each other our personal experiences in the Society. Frs. Pratap and Amal went to Mandamarri on 17th Feb and participated in laying of the foundation stone for Carmel Degree College. Fr. Pratap sang the prayer song. Our Bishop blessed the foundation stone. He acknowledged in



public the services rendered by Fr. Xavier Rex and Jesuit fathers in the diocese. Fr. Xavier Rex is not only the president of the CRI unit of Adilabad diocese but also a member of the Presbyterium of priests and consultor of the diocese. Fr. Pratap is busy in setting up the computer lab at our ITDA Jodeghat School. This school is upgraded into a secondary school from the academic year 2021-'22. Our tribal children will benefit from this computer learning. We are grateful to the authorities of a prestigious school in Hyderabad for donating the entire stock of uniform available in their school.



The season of Jataras for the tribals of Ummadi Adilabad district commenced from mid Jan. "Jangu Bai" Jatar began with "Devve Niruswal" (lighting the lamp) representing the deity at the cave temple in Maharajguda hamlet under Kotaparandoli village of Kerameri Mandal. There was Maha Puja, Bheting, introduction of the new daughter-in-laws to the deity, village fair, Betal Puja etc. during the festival. It is important for us working with Gonds and Kolams to attend these Jataras and express our solidarity with them. Thus we develop also our relationship and contact with them.

The season of Lent for us has commenced on 15th Feb with Ash Monday as per the tradition of Syro-Malabar Church. Since then, we have evening Mass in our parish church so that as many faithful as possible could attend it. It is very encouraging that many attend the daily Mass.

CITRA, SECUNDERABAD:

- G. SELVIN, SJ



During the third week of Jan Fr. Selvin made a visit to Seethampeta to spend a few days there to monitor and take stock of the MCU operation after a prolonged lockdown. As he enjoyed the hospitality of Fr. Jayaseelan, he introduced



Fr. Jayaseelan to the functioning of MCU in 8 tribal villages of Seethampeta. During the Covid-19 pandemic and the continual lockdown the members of MCU were not able to come together periodically, yet there was no backlog in returning the loan amount. The returned loan amount was re-distributed to 149 tribal families Rs.10, 000 each for the purpose of agriculture and goat/sheep breeding. The surplus amount Rs. 78,000 was utilized to buy 10 steel tables, 150 plastic chairs and one shamiana for their village use. All the MCU leaders deserve our appreciation and they will continue the good works with the advice and direction of Fr. Jayaseelan.

On 23rd Jan 10 families in Rayapalli who belong to the families of Toddy tappers received Rs. 10,000 each as loans through MCU. They are all non-Christians but economically poor. On the same day 10 more families in Vuyuru also received Rs. 10,000 each as loans through MCU. We appreciate Mr. Naresh a senior AICUFer for taking initiative to form the 2nd Unit of MCU there.



On 15th Feb, by the invitation of the Arch Bishop Poola Antony DD, Fr. Selvin attended the General Body meeting of ATCBC Social Forum at HASSS at Secunderabad.

On 7th and 21st Feb with the help of Mrs. Prabha an eye specialist from Eluru, CITRA conducted Free Eye-Camp in Manginepudi, Kothapudi, Rayapalli and Usalavaripalem coastal villages of Andhra Pradesh. Many elderly people had free eye-checkup. Around 200 reading glasses were distributed to the poor and elderly people.

**LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL,
VINUKONDA:**

- GABRIEL RAJA, SJ

On 28th Jan we celebrated the birthday of Fr. S. Ravi. All our community members joined the Nirmala community in the morning solemn Mass. The birthday eve was earmarked by the special prayer-service conducted by Fr. Showry followed by the sumptuous dinner. Our joy was doubled by the presence of Jesuits from LPS, LMPC and Darsi. Frs. S. Ravi, Showry and Gabriel Raja helped out the Parish Priest of Jeevalayam Fr. M. Prasad for the parish festival by taking up Novena Mass. Fr. S. Ravi joined in all the nine days of Novena and

its culminating Car-Procession on 10th Feb evening. The parish felicitated our beloved Golden Jubilarian Br. Xavier Amal, SJ. Fr. ISF. Jayaraj after his month long retreat came to our community for rest and relaxation, indeed he had a fruitful days of 'coming down the mountain experience.' Br. Thomas and Fr. Papaiah also made their annual retreat filling our campus with their 'Spiritual-Scent.' On 17th Feb, Ash Wednesday was not only the beginning of 'grace-filled lent' but also the joy filled day of our Provincial's visitation.

Fr. Provincial celebrated Mass in Nagireddipalli Church and spent sizable time with each one of us and exhorted to continue our good works and start the vigorous preparation for the Golden Jubilee of our School in the coming academic year. We, the LHS Vinukonda community is busy with our school and hostel ministries and commitments. Government officials do make use of our campus for their competitive exams, training of MRO surveyors and their practical exams.

**LOYOLA PUBLIC SCHOOL,
NALLAPADU:**

-K. NARENDRA, SJ



Both Loyola Public School and Loyola High School at Nallapadu started their regular classes with 92% attendance. Covid-19 rules are strictly observed in the campus. At most care is given to face mask, social distancing and sanitization. Students are very happy to restart their academic activities. The Diaconate Ordination of Schs. Bulla Peter and Saji George on 13th Feb was well organised. Most Rev. Chinnabathini Bhagyaiah, Bishop of Guntur ordained the deacons. The theme chosen was "Called to Love and Serve". The Bishop preached an inspiring homily. LPS community made it a memorable, meaningful and joyful celebration. Both Fr. Provincial and deacons gratefully acknowledged the commendable service and other arrangements rendered

by LPS community, staff and students. There were good number of Jesuit companions who attended virtually from various communities. Fr. Naveen and Sch. Narendra provided delicious lunch to everyone's satisfaction.

Sri. KS Lakshman Rao, M.L.C of Guntur and Vijayawada organized Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishan Prathiba Pursakar Awards to outstanding members and institution in the field of education in Guntur Dt. On 14th Feb, Fr. Uvari Antony, our Principal was honoured "BEST TEACHER AWARD" in the beginning and later Loyola Public School was honoured with BEST SCHOOL AWARD. It was a red lettered day in the history of LPS to get such recognition. Most of our parents, well-wishers, alumni and officials appreciated the constant development, standard, strength and quality education imparted by the Loyola Public School management



and dedicated staff. We, LPS community sincerely thank our teaching and non-teaching staff for their commendable service and dedication to the school. We also congratulate Fr. Uvari Antony on receiving the Best Teacher Award and taking LPS to the greater heights. The 9th class students of LPS wrote their Annual Examinations from 10th to 22nd Feb. And the students of 10th and 12th classes wrote their second revision test from 17th to 27th Feb.

LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, PULIVENDULA:

- P. VIJAYA RAJU, SJ



Our campus is very colorful and active with the commencement of classes to all three years in both the colleges. Our community was very happy to have Pre – Novices with us. They were with us for their Work Camp from 4th to 8th Feb. Fr. T. Amal



Raj took them to Balapanur village for cleaning the drainages and organized a talk with village leaders and school children. On the last day, a few of us from our community, along with Pre-Novices, went to Belum Caves and Gandhi Kota. We organized a talk on Road Safety, poster and essay writing competitions. Mr. Narayan Naik, RTA, Pulivendula, distributed the prizes. On 10th Feb, Dr. Vinodhini, from Yogi Vemana University addressed our SC & ST students on various Government Schemes available to them. On 11th a video conference was organized for all the Aided College Principals and Correspondents on "Court Cases" for regularization of the Staff.

We had the inaugural function for the First Years on 15th Feb followed by a weeklong bridge course in English. Phase-I and Phase-II admissions are over. Spot admissions will be at the end of this month. There are no takers for Telugu Medium courses. We need to close down MPC TM, GPC TM and BZC TM. As the government announced that no fee reimbursement for PG Students joining in Private/Aided Colleges, we didn't get students for M.Sc Maths and Zoology. In M.Com, only 6 students joined. We have started offline classes for the Polytechnic students. All three batches are on the campus for their regular classes.

LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, VIJAYAWADA:

- MOTRU ANAND, SJ

On 14th Feb the Jesuits of Andhra Loyola Institutions along with Sanjeevan Niwas organised the Jubilee celebrations of Fr. Dhanapal (50 years in the Society), Fr. A. Stanley (60 years in the Society), Fr. Royce Macedo and Fr. Koyipuram Thomas (70 years in the Society). Although Fr. Royce Macedo could not be present for the celebration due to ill health, he was remembered during the Mass and the felicitation programme. Congratulations to the organising committee headed by Fr. Ravindra and the members of the committee, namely Fr. G. Kiran, Fr. G. Rayappa, Bro. Thomas and Fr. M. Anand for the meticulous planning and systematic execution of the whole programme. Kudos to the Sanjeevanites who rose to the occasion and contributed remarkably and in multiple ways for the organisation of the celebration. Classes resumed in Kaladarshini from 1st Feb after a long break imposed by the pandemic. Classes are held in vocal, dance, painting, keyboard, and guitar.

ALC :- We had a major change in the administration of Andhra Loyola College this month. On 31st Jan, Fr. Victor Emmanuel retired from his service as a lecturer, to which he showed utmost commitment for several years and made an indelible mark in the lives of his students. He also stepped down from the office of Principal on the same day. We had the Holy Eucharistic celebration in the community, during which we prayed for Fr. Victor Emmanuel. After the Mass we had a short felicitation programme.



The following day Fr. G. A. P. Kishore took charge as the Principal. The degree students of all three years have completed the first semester with the semester end examinations held in the month of Feb. Both first and second year students of intermediate are on the campus for the offline classes.

ALIET :- In ALIET, the offline classes are in full swing for all the students as the end semester examination are fast approaching. A one day entrepreneurship awareness camp was organized by Entrepreneurship Development Cell and Department of Mechanical Engineering on 4th Feb. On 21st Feb ALIET observed the International Mother Language Day in collaboration with Telugu Bhashodyama Samakhya. Several prominent speakers spoke about the importance of Telugu language. The Chief Guest of the day, Dr. Garapati Uma Maheswara Rao, the President of Telugu Bhashodyama Samakhya, Central University, Hyderabad addressed the students and underlined the beauty of Telugu and impressed upon the students the need to preserve our mother tongue.

YES-J :- Fr. Bala Kumar finds himself busy meeting and motivating the youth in several places. On 7th Feb, he organised a Tribal Youth Animation at LITDS, Katukapalli as part of Family Focused Village Development Programme. On 8th Feb he led the youth of OCD Parish at Sarapaka into the essential elements of goal setting. From 15th to 19th Feb, Fr. Bala Kumar directed a five day psycho-spiritual retreat for the Diocesan seminarians at Nuzvid and on the following day he, as the Coordinator of Youth Commission organised the Youth Commission and AICUF meeting at YES-J Centre, ALC, Vijayawada. As an executive member of Local CRI, Vijayawada, Fr. Bala Kumar took an active part in organising the Lenten recollection for the religious of Vijayawada diocese at ALC. He is busy with individual counseling, following up with MAGIC YOUTH groups, construction work of YES-J Centre, fundraising and reporting, and distribution of Bible Bhyshyam books.



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- K. ANIL,SJ



As per the decision of the Standing Committee constituted by UGC, in its meeting held on 11th Feb, the competent authority has decided to extend the autonomous status to our College for a period of five years from the session 2020-'21 to 2024-'25. We appreciate the indefatigable energy of the management, the staff and the students in achieving this status for our institute. A word of special appreciation to Fr. P. Anthony, the principal for coordinating this effort.

The four-day visitation of the provincial was indeed a moment of grace. His concluding remarks enlightened all of us to move forward in the given mission. The indoor stadium was officially inaugurated by Fr. KA. Stanislaus, Provincial on 28th Jan, followed by friendly men and women basketball matches.

Two-day offline orientation has been conducted for the first years on 3rd and 4th Feb. It was an opportunity for the students to get acclimatised to the campus. It was followed by Student Council evaluation on activities organised on-line as well as off-line for the past seven months. The PG also conducted a day of orientation for its newly joined students on 11th Feb.

The Archbishop of Hyderabad His grace Poola Anthony paid a visit to our community on 5th Feb and interacted with twin city Jesuits. The evening was quite meaningful and memorable with prayer, felicitation, and fellowship meal. Kudos to Fr. Arul Jothi, the minister, for providing a sumptuous meal.

Degree and PG college students are busy with pre-final and final theory examinations from 12th to 24th Feb. We commence the even semester off line classes from 15th Mar. The Junior College has started its offline classes from 1st Feb in two sessions per day. The local DEO appreciated the arrangements and called the college 'by far the best'. The new and attractive college logo and Society's emblem have added beauty to



the Junior college main gate. Fr. S. Antony preached 8-retreat to sisters of St. Anns Home, Bollaram from 6th to 12th Feb. Professional landscaping with variety of plants has been designed at the main campus of Degree and PG college. Thanks to Fr. Ch. Amar, the superior and Fr. T. Lourdu, the treasurer for looking into the details.

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

01 S Jannu Vijay Kumar
 07 P Gnanadevan S
 08 N Kakumanu Teja
 10 P John Joseph A
 17 P Jeyaraj Gorantla J
 19 S Thumma Manoj
 21 P Casimir KS



22 S Guvvala Rupesh Kumar
 23 P Dominic Sundara Raj I
 25 S Harikoti Gopichand
 27 P Jeyaraj ISF
 30 P Arun Valan Andrew S
 31 P Stephen Amal Raj A
 N Pokala Moses



RIP

14.02.2021 Mr. I. Arockiasamy (70), elder brother of Fr. I. Lourdu Raj, SJ.
 17.02.2021 Fr. Vasco de Rego, SJ (GOA, 96/75) in Pune.
 20.02.2021 Fr. Anthony Doongdung, SJ (RAN, 87/63) in Seva Nilaya Hospital, Namkum.
 22.02.2021 Fr. John Vattanky, SJ (KER, 89/70) at Christ Hall, Kozhikode.
 27.02.2021 Bishop Linus Nirmal Gomes SJ (CCU, 99/78) at St. Xavier's College Infirmary
 28.01.2021 Fr. Oscar Rozario (BOM, 78/63) at Holy Family hospital, Mumbai.



OUR BROTHERS IN GLORY

Br. Maria Singam Joseph	06.03.2017	ALC
Fr. Balaguer Melchior	08.03.1997	LA
Fr. Arakal Jacob	12.03.2020	LA
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St. Joseph, Foster Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and Spouse of the Virgin Mary, Pray for us. Amen.

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