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## Father General announces an Ignatian Year: A Call to Conversion

As a province, we celebrated God's gift of two new priests—Malcolm Barreto and Shawn D'Souza—on 19 October. Now there is another celebration for the Society: Father General announced an Ignatian Year in his letter addressed to the entire Society of Jesus on the anniversary of the Bull, *Regimini Militantis Ecclesiae*. "To see all things new in Christ" is the motto of our celebration during the Ignatian year which will begin on 20 May 2021 (the date of Ignatius' injury at the Battle of Pamplona) and will end 14 months later on 31 July 2022.

Conversion is at the heart of this Ignatian year. Father Sosa throws out a challenge: "It is my desire that at the heart of this Ignatian year we would hear the Lord calling us, and we would allow him to work our conversion inspired by the personal experience of Ignatius." When Ignatius' knee was shattered by a cannon ball, he had the opportunity to reflect on his life during his convalescence. And what a difference it made for Ignatius and for the Church! Father General makes this connection with the Universal Apostolic Preferences calling us to conversion at three levels: personal, community, and institutional.

During our ongoing Province Apostolic Planning, we ask for this same grace of conversion, "which is necessary for our greater spiritual and apostolic freedom and adaptability. Let us take this opportunity to let God transform our life-mission, according to his will" (Fr General, 2019/23). As Goa Province, we will take special note of our call to walk with the excluded, a specific dimension of poverty highlighted by Father General in this letter.

The Ignatian Year has other events lined up: 400th anniversary of the canonization of Ignatius and Francis Xavier, and Provincial Congregations followed by the 71st Congregation of Procurators in Loyola, Spain. These events will offer us an opportunity to know, to love, and to follow the Lord in all things. "May we be inspired to have the openness of heart that we need to receive the Holy Spirit who wants to gift us the audacity of the impossible" (Fr General, 2019/23).

***Fr. Roland Coelho***

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **Ignatian Year: A Call to Conversion**

Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Fr Arturo

Sosa SJ has officially announced the celebration of the Ignatian year to commemorate 500 years since the conversion of St Ignatius in 2021 and 400 years since the canonization of St Ignatius and St Francis Xavier in 2022.

## CONGRATULATIONS

On 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019, our two deacons: **Malcolm Barreto** and **Shawn D'Souza**, were ordained priests by Archbishop Felipe Neri, in the magnificent Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa. The ambience of the Basilica set the tone for the meaningful ceremony. 45 priests concelebrated and a large number of religious, relatives, friends and benefactors witnessed the ceremony.

May God bless you, Shawn and Malcolm and your work abundantly. "You did not choose me, I choose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures." (John 15:16)

## GOA PROVINCE ONLINE PRESENCE

Elvin Cardozo, the Goa Province Coordinator for Jesuit Communication, in collaboration with Merwin D'Souza, our PDD, and their team are making us realize that we live in a brave new world. They wish to use modern means of communication and technology to reach out to today's generation and to meet the needs of people according to the signs of the times. Ms. Yashoda Harijan, will assist them in this new adventure.

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## JEPASA MEET – SEPT 2019

This year the JEPASA province coordinators met in Siliguri at PrabhuJisu Residence for their annual meeting from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September. In all 20 province coordinators were present and **Fr. Joseph Fernandes** was the representative of Goa Province. The meeting began with the Eucharist with Fr John Lobo, Provincial of Darjeeling Province as the main celebrant.

Later, Fr John, spoke on how he is implementing the UAPs through the pastoral ministry in his province. He said that every Parish must have a vision and mission, and the parish priests must ensure that they share this vision and mission with

their collaborators.

Over the next two days we shared our province apostolic plans for the pastoral ministry. We were fortunate to be exposed to the pastoral and developmental activities of the Darjeeling Province. In these hilly areas, we saw how the people manage their day to day affairs and how the parish priests face the many challenges that confront them. What touched us deeply was witnessing how they faced these challenges with a smile on their faces and with trust of the Lord in their hearts.

**Fr Joseph Fernandes**

## VINAYALAYA, MUMBAI

Irivo and Danzil are doing quite well at Vinayalaya and are kept busy attending various courses that are being conducted enabling them to introspect as they journey deeper into their personal lives.

Fr. Wendell D'Cruz, and Fr. Vijay Colaco (BOM), conducted a course in 'Art Appreciation' from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September. During this course besides having fun at trying their hand at painting, they also visited the past and explored how paintings came to be born. They had a peep into the lives of Michelangelo and Van Gogh, and learnt of the struggles they went through. Fr. Wendell shared with them how colours speak a lot about themselves and tell them who they really are. The resource persons later showcased their paintings. They enjoyed this course with an insight that there is an artist that lies deep with each one.

Fr. Dudley Mendonca (BOM) offered a course on Psycho-Spiritual-Sexual inner processing. Dudley took them on a journey of healing their inner selves by moving to the past with the NCD (Naming, Claiming, Draining- process). He enlightened them as to how emotions and feelings of the past can be blocks in their lives if not dealt with.

15<sup>th</sup> October is a day that will stand out as they will be introduced to the Juniorate E-magazine, 'THE VOICE,' by Fr. Learoy, the Dean.

Irivo is recovering well from his knee surgery and is taking utmost care of his leg as he dreams of being back on the football field.

**Irivo and Danzil**



## BITS AND PIECES FROM XTC

This is the time of the year when the novices get exposed to different courses and so we keep welcoming different resource persons from different provinces of the Western Zone.

**Fr. Ronald**, the Superior of St. Paul's Belgaum, gave us a course on the Epistles of St. Paul, thereby helping us to understand the context of the letters. Ronnie employed different methods in his teaching: at times, lectures, movies, group presentation, etc. Fr. Joe D'Souza, the Socius of Pune Province conducted a course on Vipassana. In spite of his busy schedule, he made time for the novices so they would be able to understand and discover their inner selves and get in touch with their inner being.

The course on Enneagram was conducted in the last week of September by Fr. Dinesh (GUJ). Through the course we were able to discover our personality



numbers. This was something new to us. He helped us to work on our inner child and past baggage that we carry by employing various therapies. By the end of the course our faces were filled with lots of joy and bright smiles as we began to understand ourselves better. The visitation by **Fr. Roland**, the Provincial of Goa was really a grace filled moment for our community. The Provincial was given a warm melodious welcome by the novices through a song specially composed to welcome him. As part of the visitation, the Provincial celebrated mass for the community and preached a heart touching homily on the feast of St Theresa of the Child Jesus. He touched on 4 aspects: 1) Being your true self; 2) Being focused; 3) Simplicity and humility; and 4) Doing little things with great love. He also encouraged us and advised us that we need to take personal responsibility for our growth especially with regard to our vocation and formation.

An annual occasion that we look forward to is the arrival of the Scouts and guides from Spring Valley High School, (Chubby Cheeks), Porvorim, for their annual SCOUTS AND GUIDES camp. The novices were full of enthusiasm, planning and organizing various activities. Anil gave them an inspiring message on the importance of preserving the environment in keeping with the theme of the camp: *"Care for our Common Home."*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year novices have moved out for their mission experiment in different directions in three batches. Meanwhile the 1<sup>st</sup> year novices are being initiated and getting prepared for their spiritual journey – the Long Retreat, scheduled to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

**2<sup>nd</sup> year XTC Novices****ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MUMBAI**

I am very happy and well settled in the college community and in my work as teacher of Sociology. This is my second year and I have now picked up the ropes. Initially teaching a class of 125 teenage students was difficult and I had trouble with maintaining discipline. All my earlier teaching experiences were with smaller classes of 20-30 students and much older in age. Now I have learnt to be patient and also have learnt many of their names, which helps maintain discipline.

I teach six courses: four in Sociology and two special courses: 'Voice to Values' and 'Human Rights'; and deal with around 500 students totally in my six classes. Though many of the students hail from Mumbai we do have a sizable population of outstation students. Besides my teaching workload of 20 lectures a week; a lot of time goes in assessing the 500-odd papers. Being an autonomous college we have 3 exams per semester, which means I end up correcting around 1500 papers every semester. I am also a member of 3 committees: The Women Development Cell; The CIA exam committee and The End Semester Exam Committee. I am also involved in the admission process and this lends to gainful experience. As a result a lot of my time goes in college-related works. In way I gain valuable experience working in this college which is 150

years old, having a very good reputation and which offers a wide variety of disciplines and courses.

In the community, I get along well with all my twelve Jesuit companions. Though I am from a different province they have accepted me well and treat me as one of their own. I am truly experiencing the universal nature of our Society.

This year I have been appointed a member of the Governing Body of the College and House Consultor. In the community we have a diversity of Jesuits, ranging from age 30 to 89.

**Fr. Savio Abreu**

### ST PAUL'S, BELGAUM

On the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019, **Fr. Roland Coelho**, Provincial of the Goa Jesuit Province addressed the staff and students of the P.U.College. He addressed and motivated the gathering to inculcate good Paulite values and become men and women of character. He also requested the students to develop their skills of competency; have a positive attitude and encourage their fellow companions to strive towards excellence.

At the Cluster Level Department Sports, our students won the first place in the following events: U14 and U17 Shuttle Badminton and 4 students qualified for the Divisional Level. In the U14 and U17 Cricket Divisional Level 10 students were selected and another 10 students were selected for the U14 and U17 Basketball for the Divisional Level. A seminar, '*Time to Unwind*' that included group games, discussions and team work was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> October for the teachers by **Cecil Fernandes**. A seminar on '*Effective Learning & Teaching for Teachers*' for our teachers was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> October by Dr. Suresh Kulkarni a retired teacher. Dr. Kulkarni enlightened the gathering on their sacred vocation as teachers and taught them new skills on how to motivate and teach students.

On 15<sup>th</sup> October the primary students were invited by the Belagavi Head Post Office authorities to have an experience of how the postal department functions. The postal authorities took the students around their campus and explained in detail the functioning of the various departments. The postal authorities took this occasion to motivate the

students to write letters to their friends and relatives and thereby inculcate good writing habits and skills.

An inter house and class notice board competition was held on the theme: 'OZONE LAYER'. The students depicted the threat to the ozone layer through colorful and creative art work. The charts were very informative and an eye opener making one and all aware of the importance of the ozone layer.

**Fr Cecil Fernandes**

### NEWS FROM ST. BRITTO

To show their gratitude to their teachers and for being like lighthouses to them as they grow through their teens, tackling the challenges facing them, the students put up enrapturing performances that enthralled and moved the teachers seeing the appreciation displayed. There is truly no better gift that the teachers could receive than that of witnessing the celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate Teachers' Day.

With the inauguration of the Art Room, artists have begun to mushroom suddenly from every corner of the school. The Science Club successfully conducted an awareness drive on the plants we can consume for the betterment of our health through an exhibition in the school hall. The children were excited and put forth their queries to the members of the Science Club. Their interest revolved around the medicinal properties of some of the plants on display.

The English Club organized an Inter-School Declamation Competition after a long gap and we were glad to see that 15 schools participated. The judges were enthralled by the speeches of famous personalities in history. What was highly appreciated was to see the audience hanging on to the words of the speakers.

The initiative taken to organize the canteen on certain days to raise funds to install more fans and lights in the classrooms turned out to be a great success. The number of fans in the classrooms, school office and staff rooms have quadrupled and the tube lights have also multiplied, thanks to the profit from the canteen.



The parents have adopted the newly installed school app very quickly and now classwork, homework, assignments, attendance of students, exam timetables, holiday schedules, school notices and even the exam grades, and marks will be shared through the app. These paper saving and tech savvy developments have been appreciated by all.

The school teachers were given a session on, “How our brains function” by Dr. Roy Pereira, of the Bombay province. The sessions helped the teachers to focus on what they want to achieve; how to be better teachers; and the importance of learning something new in life to keep one's brains active.

There are of course days when the challenges get the better of us, but we get our strength to swim upstream from the warmth, enthusiasm, support, love and strength we find in our community members especially when we pray and share our struggles with one another. It is truly wonderful to have a listening community at the end of an arduous day.

### Vocation Camp

St. Britto's organized an overnight vocation camp on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. In spite of the bad weather due to the cyclone, yet 30 students from Stds VII to X attended the camp: The students were from the following schools, St. Britto, Spring Valley School, Porvorim and Holy Cross, Bastora. The camp was organized by **Nigel, Denzil** and **Jonathan** under the guidance of our headmaster, **Cedric**. The vocation camp was a mixture of serious sessions, games and group activities. The candidates were very happy and many expressed their desire to come again. This is a good beginning and we do hope it will bear rich fruits. Let us continue to pray and work for more vocations. We thank **Ankush** for his timely help and support during the camp.



### TITBITS FROM LOYOLA, MARGAO

On 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, the High School as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations organized a Science Exhibition where in 29 schools in and around Margao, participated. The theme was - “**EUREKA 2019**”: “Innovation and Sustainability”. The keynote speaker was our own **Dr (Fr) Richard D'Souza**, flown in especially from the Vatican Observatory, Rome. In his key note address, Richard with the help of ppt gave us glimpses of our vast universe. The participants had their eyes glued to the screen and ears open to Richard's explanations and challenges to the youth to make the best of what was being offered to them while in school. On the second day we had as Guest of Honour, Prof. Deron Rodrigues, an ex-student and presently at Don Bosco Engineering College, Fatorda. He was called upon to give away the awards and cash prizes. He too addressed the students and spoke of the 'Chinese Bamboo' to spark interest on how one should face life, especially their early years of formation to strike deep roots.

A number of ex-students of Loyola sponsored the event and this allowed the organizers under the able-hands of Dr. Soraya Menezes to stage a well planned and appreciated event. Besides students from our school attending, the neighbouring schools responded willingly to the invitation. Awards were under two categories: working and static models. Our students were placed under a special category so as to avoid any complaints of favouritism.

The LHSS organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of '**CORNUCOPIA**', an inter-HSS event wherein 10 HSS participated. The theme was, “MARVEL” and there was a plethora of events. The day began with a prayer service, a prayer dance, the lighting of the traditional lamp and the unveiling of the Cornucopia Trophy by the officiating Principal **Basil**. The events scheduled were: 'Blast from the Past' (retro dance competition); 'Playback' (had to produce a video showcasing the everyday heroes around us); 'Marvel-lous Voices' (a display of harmonious voices through a medley of Disney songs); 'Endgame' (the futsal tournament); 'Suit-Up' (impersonation event); 'Quiz' (test of General Knowledge); 'Marvel Times' (design their own

comic strip); and the much awaited event, 'The Battle of the Bands' wherein the audience danced and tapped their feet and swung their arms to the beat. The overall champions were The King's School, Margao. They repeated their winning spree for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year.

LESA (Loyola Ex-students) organized an interactive talk by Mrs. Anindita Garg, a renowned parenting coach from Pune. She conducted two sessions: one for the students of Std X and XII and the second for the staff of LHS and LHSS. The parents of students of X and XII were also invited and many did turn up.

To the students, Mrs. Garg touched on how they should schedule their study hours. She also encouraged the students to stand up and develop their self-image and self-confidence right from an early age. She spoke on how to overcome stress and tension at the time of exams and said that each one is responsible for his/her growth and they should not allow a 10-year-old mindset to affect the rest of their adult life. She indicated that suitable nutrition helps concentration and how one should schedule study breaks. To the parents present her parting question was: "What are you gifting your child?" She advised parents to allow children live their journey and not the journey of the parents. She said that in parenting one needs to remember that they are creating not just their child, but they are creating the next nation. (This advice is also applicable to the staff).

To the staff, Mrs. Garg said that it is essential that they should have high energy levels if they would like to make an impact. She said that teachers and parents cannot use the methods that were used on them 30 or 40 years ago. Times have changed and they need to change with the times. She spoke on understanding 'Learning Styles' and 'Multiple Intelligence' to help understand their students. Besides this, she gave some helpful tips to enable teachers to make an impact through their teaching and classroom presence.

**Simon de Melo** was rewarded for his contribution to the field of education with 'The Excellence Award' from the Lions Club of Margao, Central. The award has been waiting for over three years and Simon with his humble nature had been putting it off. Finally perseverance from the organizers paid

dividends and Simon received it graciously. The community called on Simon to celebrate and we are still waiting.

*Fr Willy Rodrigues*

## XCHR, PORVORIM

The Xavier Centre for Historical Research (XCHR), at Porvorim, was once again abuzz with organizational activities, as young minds descended on its campus for the 9th annual Goa History Quiz. Over the past eight years, over 2300 students had already participated with eagerness and excitement in this annual mega event. The prelims of the 2019 competition saw an overwhelming participation of 336 students from 65 schools in Goa, putting on display their sharp minds and vast knowledge of Goa. XCHR's main goal is to get the school children to delve deeper into the history of our State in a fun-filled and relaxed manner, in the company of fellow-students.

The Goa History Quiz final was a closely contested one with just 15 points separating the top 5 sides. The tense rapid-fire round settled matters for the students from St Mary's High School who won the event by the slightest of margins.



The chief guest for the event, Mr. Bagirath Shetye, Secretary of the Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, Porvorim, gave away the prizes.

Quizmasters from the Sunday Evening Quiz Club collaborated with XCHR and made the Quiz event truly memorable and enjoyable for the young students. The Quizmasters created an environment of excitement, expectation and healthy competition



through their well-researched questions on Goa.

XCHR goes out of its way to invite rural schools and provide their students with opportunities for competition and learning. Students from rural schools are initially awed by the size of the event and the venue; but they adapt soon to the new environment and become equal competitors with their city counterparts.

Although XCHR is a Centre for post-graduate research in history, the outreach to the schools of Goa, especially in the rural areas, is an essential part of its vision. It firmly believes that the young could be made enthusiastic about the history of Goa and its culture which tends to get neglected at the school level. Furthermore, sowing the seed of heritage and history in young minds holds the promise of future scholars of history, at College and University level. XCHR has now developed an excellent library dedicated to the history of Goa since ancient times. It has become a rich source of information for schools, colleges and university students.

**Fr Anderson Fernandes**

## TSKK, PORVORIM

### ***National Symposium to commemorate Fr. Thomas Stephens' 400 death anniversary.***

To commemorate Fr. Thomas Stephens' 400<sup>th</sup> death anniversary, Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr, (TSKK), Porvorim, with the assistance of Xavier Centre of Historical Research, organized a National Level Symposium on, "Fr. Thomas Stephens and his Encounters with Language, Cultures and Religions of Goa", on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in the Claude Saldanha Hall, XCHR. **Apolinario Cardozo**, Director of TSKK, in his welcome speech said that the paper presenters, through their papers, would help us to relive the era of Fr. Thomas Stephens. Dr. Anand Patil, former Head of English Department of Goa University, presently residing in Kolhapur, gave the keynote address. The four paper presenters, namely, **Dr. (Fr.) Anthony da Silva**, Director of Xavier Centre of Historical Research, Porvorim; Dr. (Fr.) Nelson Falcao S.D.B, Ph.D, Dr. Pratima Kamat, Professor at the History Department of the Goa University; and Fr. Francis Correia, a historian and writer residing in Vasai, presented papers on Fr. Thomas Stephens and his encounters with

language, cultures and religions of Goa during his time.



**Dr. Anthony da Silva** focused on 'Fr. Thomas Stephens, Priest and Pundit' and took us back to the historical environment and the context of the great luminary. Dr. Nelson Falcao dwelt on Fr. Stephens' Religious Encounters that inspired Fr. Thomas Stephens to write the *Discurso sobre a vinda de Jesu-Christo Nosso Salvador ao mundo (Kristapurana)*, *Arte da lingua Canarim*, *Doutrina Christa mem Lingoa Bramana Canarim* and other letters. Dr. Pratima Kamat focused on the diverse 'Cultures' of Goa of that period and Fr. Thomas Stephens encounters with them and Fr. Francis Correia dwelt on Fr Stephens literary encounters and what prompted him to come out with his masterpiece – 'The Kristpurana'. **Dr. Pratap Naik**, former Director of Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr, chaired the sessions.

The participants, who were from different walks of life, appreciated the wealth of knowledge they received at the Symposium. **Kelwin Monteiro**, staff at TSKK compared the Symposium and also rendered the Vote of Thanks. The Staff of the Kendr worked hard to make this event a memorable one.

**Fr. Apolinario Cardozo**

## PROVINCIAL'S SCHEDULE: NOV. 2019

5-6	Visitation	Kannada Mission area
9	Consult	XR, Porvorim
10-18	Personal retreat	XRH, Baga
19-20	Visitation	Mumbai
21-22	Visitation	Pune
23	Centenary Mass	SFX Chapel, Cuncolim

## JCSA, RANCHI, 2019



God  
Bless  
You

## Happy Birthday Dear ...

## November 2019

Edwin D'Souza	06/25	Guy Moraes	22/36
Ronald D'Souza	06/42	Jimmy Mendes	23/84
Steven D'Almeida	12/87	*Clayton Valles	26/96
Abraham Painumkal	16/44	*Joel Mendonca	28/92
Denzil Rodrigues	16/82	Francis X. D'Sa	29/36
Mark Firzardo	20/95		

## LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Mrs Maria Conceacao Silva, the grandmother of Orville de Silva passed away on 2nd Oct, at Ambelim.

Mrs. Maura Afonso, the grandmother of Sch. Nigel Alphonso passed away on 8th Oct, at St Estevam

Mrs. Cynthia Fernandes, the sister of Fr. Desmond Saldanha, passed away on 19th Oct at Dramapur.

Bro Paschal D'Souza S.J, (83/59), Goa Province, passed away on 24th Oct at XCHR, Porvorim.