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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

The recently held JCSA Ranchi, the culmination of a journey, which commenced in JCSA Phesama (Oct 2014) and continued through the effects of the famous Phesama Statement (PS) - the REGAE I (SAP) & REGAE II, had clear objectives and goals. After reading and reflecting on the input provided by the REGAE II, it had to discern and decide on the pathways to structural planning at the province and the conference levels. Among other things, the important take away of the JCSA are two: greater openness and generosity among provincials for restructuring, and deeper and greater zonal interaction through cooperation and collaboration.

The other important experience was an encounter with the great Jesuit luminaries like Frs. Lievens, Hoffmann and A T Thomas, who did great things for God and His Church in the tribal and Dalit belts. Frs. Lievens and Hoffmann who had primarily come for evangelization had a deep encounter with the socio-cultural, politico-economic world of the tribals. This profound experience of the disheartening situation of tribals - forced labour, acute indebtedness and systematic land spoliation - made them explore and tread on an alternative way of evangelization.

The outing during JCSA Ranchi, took the Provincials to Punyabhūmi, the place where Fr A T Thomas was brutally murdered. A large number of people who had gathered there helped us to recall and relive the great contribution Fr A T had made in the lives of the Dalits in and around Hazaribagh. Having felt called to be on the side of the poor, the victims of injustice, he involved himself in every aspect of people's lives. This eventually led to his brutal end.

All three walked different paths: one empowered the tribals by fighting for them in the colonial courts, the other enabled them through socio-cultural interventions and monumental works like: Mundari grammar (1903), *Chotanagpur Tenancy Act* of 1908, the *Chotanagpur, Catholic Cooperative Credit Society* (1909), *Encyclopaedia Mundarica* (1928), and the third facilitated their growth through social consciousness and commitment. However, all have left a great legacy: the vibrant Church in Ranchi and Hazaribagh.

As we are aligning the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP) and Conference Apostolic Preferences (CAP) with our life and mission, plans and projects, I believe that these great men, who made a remarkable journey ahead of us, show us a way. They were close to the poor and allowed themselves to be affectively and effectively touched by them. This helped them find a different way. Shall we walk the way of Frs. Lievens, Hoffmann and A T Thomas and make our lives and lives of others meaningful?

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### November

17: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)  
 18-19: Visitation: Ashirvad (Bengaluru)  
 21-22: Visitation, SN (Chennai)  
 23-25: Visitation: SICJ (Trivandrum)  
 26: Vocation Promoters' Meet: FRH (Mangaluru)  
 28-30: Visitation: DNC (Pune)

### December

01: Decennial of Saarang Radio: SAC, Mangaluru  
 02-09: Visitation: SAC (Mangaluru)  
 08: Province Consult (Mangaluru)  
 11-17: Visitation: Jnana Jyothi (Anekal)  
 15: Spiritual Directors' Colloquium - LM (Bengaluru)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our newly ordained priests Frs Jeevan D'Souza, Jeevan Gomes, Joel Fernandes, Merwyn Fernandes, and Ronald Serrao. May God bless you and your priestly ministry!

## LEFT THE SJ

Novice Dilan Caysus Rodrigues left the novitiate on 16.10.2019.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 19-27: Province Retreat I, MSJ  
 May 17: Province level felicitation of Jubilarians, MSJ  
 May 17-25: Province Retreat II, MSJ

**Roots & Wings 2020:** The JIGSA (Jesuits in Ignatian Spirituality in South Asia) is organizing ROOTS and WINGS 2020 in Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, Kodaikanal, from April 2 – May 7, 2020. Contact Person: Fr M. Devadhas SJ. Email: mdevadhassj@gmail.com, Mobile: +91 94875 80952 / 8056662524.

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## EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Dec 15:** Spiritual Directors' Colloquium: LM, Bengaluru

**Jan 18-19:** Meeting of LS, DoWs, CCMs: LM, Bengaluru.

## PRIESTLY ORDINATION- MANGALURU

On 18<sup>th</sup> October six of our deacons Jeevan D'Souza, Joel Fernandes, Merwyn Fernandes, Jeevan Gomes, Ronald Serrao and Melwyn Fernandes of Kohima Region were ordained priests by Most Rev Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore, in the Divine Mercy Church, Fatima Retreat House. Around 140 priests concelebrated and a large number of religious, relatives, friends and benefactors were present at the ceremony and the programme, which were well organized by Loyola Pre-Novitiate and Fatima Retreat House, Mangalore. The felicitation function was short and sweet. Sch Ovin Rodrigues and Fr Melwyn S Pinto compered the ordination ceremony and the felicitation programme respectively. (Pradeep Crasta)

## ANEKAL

Fr Lancy Monteiro directed an eight-day retreat for a group of Bethany Sisters in Mangaluru. Some of the community members visited the tomb of Fr Manuel D'Cunha on All Souls' Day. The RTEC Scholastics presented integration papers for two days, reflecting contextually on relevant issues in the light of the courses covered during the semester. A three-day cultural/educational tour to the Hindu, Jain and Christian places of worship and philosophy on the western coast of Karnataka followed thereafter. The visit was preceded by presentation of short papers on those centers by scholastics. We had lively discussions with experts of other religions in several places. Of course, we visited some exotic places and had sumptuous meals and refreshments provided by FRH, SAC and Beeri communities in Mangalore during the tour. Now Fr Henry D'Almeida is taking for us a course on 'Popular Religiosity in Karnataka'. Meanwhile Fr. Jossie Lobo took a break to teach courses at Mangalore Seminary where along with the course he also



preached a retreat, and now he is teaching at Mater Dei, Goa. Fifty NSS students of SJPU participated in the camp held at Vanakanahalli, participating in cleanliness awareness rally, doing shramadhana, conducting competitions for the children, and putting up a cultural programme. Forty staff members of St Joseph's Boys' High School, accompanied by Fr Alwyn R D'Souza joined our Deepavali celebration in PU College. They also took some motivational classes for our students. On Gandhi Jayanthi students devoted one hour of their service to cleaning and beautifying the campus. (PRS)

## BIJAPUR

Members of the staff from St Joseph's Indian Institutions along with Rector Fr Leo Pereira and 22 students from SJIPUC, spent three days with us at Vijayapura and Sindagi, interacting with the local staff and students about plans and onward journey in twinning. They were impressed by the zeal and work of the Jesuits in the Bijapur Mission. Five scholastics from Asha Kiran, Mangaluru, stayed with us for 10 days for an exposure programme. Deepavali at Maitri campus was colourful with lights, rangoli, music, dance and a meal.

In the parish, the Mission Sunday auction brought in a tiny sum though it was more than the widow's mite. Fr Lumnesh went to Kathmandu to address the JEA on ecology. A bronze medal in basketball at state level competitions for High Schools, besides a silver medal for 'Under 14' category in state level basketball tournament made Loyola School and PU College the talk of the town. On Gandhi Jayanthi, the students of Loyola School Sindagi cleaned the entire school campus. Eight scholastics from Asha Kiran, Mangaluru, stayed in Sindagi for ten days' vacation camp.

The Sangama staff joined the farmers' rally demanding adequate supply of water for the crops. Differently abled people had their public hearing with the officials of the Social Welfare Department. Issues were addressed and some optimistic signs of redressals were shown by the officials. MNREGA training was conducted for the leaders and networking partners. Through the initiative of Sangama, drinking water and electricity facilities are now provided to nearly 90 houses in Vidya Nagar slum in Sindagi which was deprived of water and electricity for more than 20 years. (SG)

## MANVI

The Pannur- Manvi mission Jesuit community was well represented at the ordination ceremonies and at the celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of the Servant of God Pujya Rajendra Swami. Frs Arun Luis and Don Prem Lobo accompanied the staff members of Loyola Kapepaladi School, Pannur, on an excursion to Mumbai. About 550 former students of Loyola institutions came together for an alumni meet, well-organized under the leadership of Fr Royston Madtha, and, first of its kind in the campus, to form the Loyola Institutions Manvi Alumni Association (LIMAA) in the presence of the president and secretary of JAAIKAR. Loyola Kapepaladi School organised sports day, driving home the message of physical fitness along with studies. Dn Bonaventure from Holy Cross Congregation will be in Pannur for his diaconate ministry, lending a helping hand in school, hostel and pastoral ministry in Pannur and the neighbouring villages. His presence has rejuvenated the spirits of the parish youth and children, as a result of which, the youth from the parish with renewed fervour participated in 'Yuvajanotsava', a gathering of all Catholic youth from all over Karnataka organised by the Bellary diocese. It was a mega event which saw a turnout of around 2000 youth from all over Karnataka. Fr Don, in the company of Fr Anil D'Souza and Dn Bonaventure, conducted a meaningful Taize prayer for the parishioners, which was such a hit that their services are now requested in Manvi too. Around 60 MBA students from SJIM, Bengaluru were in Pannur for their rural exposure programme. Around 37 Bethany tertians are currently in eight villages in and around Pannur - Manvi for their one-month mission experience.

As part of our twinning initiative, nine staff members from SJBHS were in Manvi to conduct English coaching and communication course for the teachers of Loyola and Xavier Schools, and in return, six of our staff members went to Bengaluru to participate in a seminar conducted by SJBHS. The Degree College celebrated Deepavali in an eco-friendly manner spreading the message of promoting good over evil. Six Loyola PU students represented Raichur district at the state level sports. It was a memorable sight to see so many children, staff members, co-

workers and the Jesuits of the community expressing their gratitude to Fr Maxim Rasquinha on his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. The children put up a mesmerising cultural programme in his honour. The staff members flocked to click a selfie with the birthday boy. (AL)

### **DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune**

The first year philosophers had a study tour to Ajanta and Ellora and the second year philosophers went to Goa, while the III year theologians had diaconate retreat at Xavier Training Centre, Belgaum, by Fr Somy Mathew (JAM) after which they went on a pilgrimage to Goa, where they celebrated mass in the sanctuary of Bom Jesu, visited the Church where Bl Rudolf Aquaviva and companions are buried, and the shrine of St Joseph Vaz. It was indeed a deep spiritual experience. Sch Vinod AJ has been appointed as the main coordinator and Sch Marvin Apose a core committee member for the DNC community days in December. (VAJ)

### **LOYOLA**

As a preparation for Loyola Day the pre-novices had a three-day programme from October 5-7, with races including a marathon, games, quizzes, and play acting, and even a cooking competition and toughest of all, they had to actually consume what they had prepared! The Bishop and our Provincial were highly appreciative of our pre novices for their splendid contribution to the success of Ordination event in FRH on October 18, under the masterly baton of Fr Pradeep Crasta! After all this, the pre-novices had four days of home-visit to taste their mummys' peerless cuisine. (PP)

### **MOUNT ST JOSEPH**

During his annual visitation Fr Provincial met all of us, listening to us and sharing his own experiences. He also presided over a mass in the parish and encouraged the parishioners to be positive, pro-active and to promote vocations.

Loyola Institutions had the 'Collaborators' Day' for all the staff members, teaching and non-teaching. The novices bade farewell to Novice Dilan as he left the Novitiate and wished him the very best in his future. They had inter-novitiate classes on Discernment by Fr Terence Farias. 15 Sister novices from the neighbourhood joined

the course. Now, all are busy with the study experiment and are boosting up their intellect.

During the month of October people came together in each ward of the parish, to pray the rosary, which helped to renew the community spirit in the parish. 18 statues of Our Lady went round to every house of the parish. On October 20, Mission Sunday was celebrated with a wide variety of activities that fetched a sum of Rs. 5,63,000/-. St Ignatius ward members went on a pilgrimage to visit the tomb of Poojya Rajendra Swami, Chikkarasinakere, and then visited the Jesuits in Pandithahalli. Through the help of competent women doctors, the parish organised a special three-day seminar on sustainable menstruation, life skills, health and hygiene for the poor women of our parish. Unlike other years, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day liturgies attracted huge crowds this year.

In Prerana, 40 silver and golden jubilarians hailing from different religious congregations attended the renewal programme, which ended with a well-appreciated eight-day Ignatian retreat directed by Fr Pradeep Sequeira. 22 religious women from various congregations participated in a 10-day workshop on religious leadership. Fr Terence Farias offered a five-day discernment course for Sisters at Ryshivana as well as for 82 Novices at Guanella Preethi Nivas, Bengaluru. Fr John Pradeep gave a workshop on Ignatian discernment and spiritual direction to the Sisters of St Anne of Bangalore and to the members of ICPE (Lay Group) in Mysore. [OV]

### **VINAYALAYA, Mumbai**

The courses in Art Appreciation by Frs Wendell D'Cruz SJ and Vijay Gonsalves SJ, and in psycho-spiritual-sexual Integration by Fr Dudley Mendonca SJ have put us on the road to wholeness and integration. The short two-day seminar by Sr Sagaya on POCSO Act, gender inclusiveness, and human trafficking gave us critical information and made us ponder. We had a swimming course for three weeks. We also admired the paintings and carvings of the Buddhist monks of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BCE in the Mahakali caves during one of our outings. (MD)



## **SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai**

The semester holidays were well planned with two days of Ignatian workshop on 'examination of consciousness' and a triduum by Fr Somy Mathew (JAM). Frs Lawrence Fernandes and Nithin Monteiro attended the ordinations at Bengaluru and Mangaluru. Fr Lawrence participated in Jesuits in Higher Education South Asia (JHEASA) meet in Calcutta. (MD)

## **VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad**

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, we participated in an inter-religious prayer meet held at Karnatak University Dharwad at which we conducted a prayer service based on the Bible. Most of our scholastics participated in the youth fest winning prizes both in individual and team events. 'Samarasa Vedike' and the department for Gandhian Studies jointly organised 'Satsang' – a devotional musical evening to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. We also celebrated Deepavali along with the members of Samarasa Vedike. (DX)

## **VIDYANIKETAN, Trivandrum**

The second term commenced with excitement as several newspapers and magazines began publishing 'letters to the editor' written by the Juniors. As part of the Deepavali celebrations, a Holy Mass in Hindi was organised for the migrants from Jharkhand, followed by a get-together. A visit to the Vikram Sarabhai space centre was an enthralling experience. We had an art appreciation course by Fr Roy M. Thottam SJ, (KER). Three of the five Jesuit Brothers of Kerala province joined us for mass on the feast of St Alphonsus Rodrigues and were warmly felicitated thereafter. (KB)

## **NAVASADHANA**

Many Jesuits from Bengaluru, Mangaluru and relatives of ordained priests paid a short visit to us on their way to ordinations and first masses. The involvement of the pre-novices in the ordinations at Bengaluru was well appreciated. The new priest Fr Suman Balu celebrated mass for us and we felicitated him and his parents. On October 5, the pre-novices went on a pilgrimage to the shrine of the Servant of God Pujya Rajendra Swami SJ at Chickarsinakere. They also had three

days of intense English classes during the Dasara holidays. Fr Edward Philip visited neighboring places in search of vocations and to invite boys for the vocation camp. Fr Joseph D'Souza conducted the monthly recollection for the Navasadhanites on the theme 'demons that we encounter in our spirituality'. (KL)

## **FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE**

We have re-started the devotion to the Sacred Heart, a characteristic of the Society of Jesus. The response from devotees is more than expected. Similarly, we have also resumed the devotion to the Rosary with an evening open-air mass at the Shrine. Frs Vijay Prabhu, Rony Pais and Jayanth K Padival preached an 8- day retreat each in Mangaluru and around.

Fr Maxim Misquith with a strong support by Fr Pradeep Crasta and his plucky young men, masterminded the arrangements for the priestly ordination of six of our men on October 18. The ordaining prelate, Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha, was highly appreciative of the minutely detailed arrangements. Fr Rony conducted a workshop at St Agnes College on emotional granularity for community counsellors on October 19. The monthly Sugama talk had mental well-being as its theme, impressively communicated by Dr Lavina Noronha, director of Ave Maria Palliative Care, Mangaluru. The triduum for our regents, 16 of them, was directed by Fr Rony. (FP)

## **ARRUPE NIVAS**

The community members went on an annual pilgrimage to St Mary's Basilica, Shivaji Nagar. On September 8 many priests from the house went as main celebrants for Monti fest in and around Bengaluru. Finally, it was the turn of the community itself to host a Monti fest celebration for the community members with a festive mass, 'Novem' and a vegetarian meal.

The Jesuits and students of mass communications had a great privilege to interact with the Magsaysay awardee of this year Mr Ravish Kumar, acclaimed broadcast journalist, who was felicitated by Gauri Lankesh Foundation on our college campus. A few community members also joined a North Eastern student group to clean the college campus on Gandhi Jayanthi. Fr Richard Rego visited a chain of universities in USA including Creighton and Seattle Jesuit Universities for planning college exchange programmes. The

mission-month was celebrated with a well-organised mass and a reflective homily by Fr Selva Rathinam, our extended community member from JDV.

On October 7, the community members along with hostellers celebrated Our Lady of Rosary's feast with a rosary and prayers at the community grotto. Some Jesuits partook in St Michaels parish feast celebration for the religious. New priest, Fr Vivian Richard, an attached member of the community serving at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Jalahalli, celebrated his 'first mass' at Arrupe Nivas with his fellow Jesuits. The community Jesuits played a friendly basketball match against the college staff with a convincing victory. Fr Arun D'Souza from Jesuit Nivas was the pillar of support for us during the match. Fr Melwyn D'Cunha and a few other Jesuits along with FSI sisters from Sneha Nilaya went on a visit to a couple of rehabilitation centres in Sumanahalli and the city. Frs Johnson Pinto and Prakash D'Souza were with us spending their quality sabbatical time before they left for Jerusalem and Kohima region respectively. Fr Vishal D'Souza after a hectic academic schedule and exams went on a vacation to north Karnataka and Mangalore. He is back again for the second semester. Fr Ramesh Vanan of Guyana Region visited us and spent quality time interacting with Jesuits and a few staff members. The community joined the Jesuit Nivas members to felicitate the new priest Fr Leo Florence on his birthday. Fr Melwyn Fernandes, the new priest from the Kohima Region graced the occasion of the birthday celebration of Fr Julian Fernandes (KHM). Fr Melwyn D'Cunha also partook in the Mission Symposium in the Extraordinary Mission Month organised by the Bangalore diocese. (WMR)

## INIGO SADAN

During the Deepavali holidays, while some made their triduums, others accompanied the staff and the students on their excursions and outings. Frs Leo Pereira and Henry Saldanha visited our institutions in Vijayapura, and Frs Cyril Menezes and Henry took their students to Hyderabad for an excursion. Some of the scholastics are already in Vijayapura; others are planning to go to Pandithahalli. The staff of St Joseph's IHS and PUC came back with great memories of being together during their long trip to Mumbai, Pune and Mahabaleshwar. The visit to Bijapur Mission brought a greater awareness of the reality of our mission in north Karnataka among our staff and students. A

science exhibition in the Primary School has created waves of scientific temper. Mr Anil Fernandes, a teacher in the High School completed 25 years of silver service and was honoured during the PTA AGM. The presence of the Provincial on this occasion was a sign of great support to all stakeholders. Remedial coaching for the academically weaker students from class 5 to 10 is conducted daily as a personal accompaniment.

The Community College received the 'Best Institute For Training And Placement' award from Karnataka Education Board at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bangalore. The whole college partook in the golden jubilee celebration of SKIP, and the delicious cookies by our hotel management students were well appreciated by the guests. The college also arranged a workshop on sexuality by Fr. Dheeraj D'Souza SJ and the students from Montfort College. The Rearminds group conducted a workshop on 'carrier paths and key skills' for all the eight batches with an aptitude test. Meanwhile, Fr Deepak attended a meeting of Selco. This meeting helped us to get a solar project to the community college.

CBSE conducted one day counselors' conclave in SJCBS School for nearly 250 counselors from different schools of Karnataka. A Swedish music group performed for our students in the campus auditorium. Our students participated in a traffic awareness programme organised by United way Bengaluru. In recognition of the active participation, the US based Bloomberg TV channel interviewed Fr Balaraju and other students. Fr Rohan D'Almeida attended the JEA meeting in Nepal. (JP)

## JESUIT NIVAS

Continuing with the fruitful twinning programme and collaborative teaching learning process, SJBHS teachers conducted a two-day workshop on spoken English for the staff members of the schools in Manvi. The Jolly Phonics session in Bengaluru was attended by 20 pre-primary teachers of SJBHS, six teachers from Manvi, and two teachers from Holy Angels School, Pandithahalli. 40 SJBHS staff members led by Fr Alwyn R D'Souza visited SJPU and took part in a special assembly celebrating Deepavali where they distributed sweets, interacted with students, visited the CIRW social work center, hostels, tailoring center, and a village adopted by Jnana Jyothi where



they interacted with the social workers, women and children. SJBHS celebrated Gandhiji's sesquicentenary birthday with a special assembly and a cultural programme during which an emblazoned Khadi handkerchief was presented to every student and staff member. The much talked about popular carnival-cum-literary and cultural festival, Phenomenon 2019, was a splendid success. Over 200 schools participated in the 36+ interesting events offered. The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the SJBHS MUN was impressive, with 22 schools participating and 338 delegates in the fray. The opening ceremony was inaugurated by Mr Ariel Seidman, deputy Consul General of Israel to South India. The closing ceremony was presided over by Mrs Sulini Sarugaser Hug, legal advisor to the UNHCR and Mr Sebastian Hug, CEO and Consul General of Switzerland. Addressing the critical need for cyber security, the students of Stds 5 to 10 attended a workshop by KPMG ethical hacker Soni Mathew and his team. A dental awareness camp for the students of LKG to Std 4 focused on dental health and oral hygiene. A retreat and a personality development programme were organised for the Catholic and non-Catholic students of Stds 5 to 12.

The SJPU students visited various centers like home for the aged, destitute home etc. as part of the outreach programme. SJPU organised the cultural extravaganza - Equinox 2019. Film star Vinay Rajkumar, son of Raghavendra Rajkumar, was the chief guest for the inaugural function. On November 1, as part of Kannada Rajyotsava, Kannada Habba was organised with different cultural dance and art forms of Karnataka. Around 50 colleges participated in the various activities. DJ Ivan and MJ Rakesh added colour to the extravaganza.

After a meaningful inauguration, the AICUF of SJCL organized a 'Green Movement' to be realised in three phases. As an initiation towards this movement the members of the AICUF bought a plant each and planted it in their homes to lay a 'green footprint' on this planet. The venture, having coincided with Deepavali, spread the message of innovative and meaningful celebration of 'Green Deepavali', with the principle - revolution within reach. (SD)

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

The community rose to the occasion singing a melodious greeting song composed by Fr Vinod Paul, at a simple celebration of the diamond and golden jubilees in the Society of

Jesus respectively of Frs. Freddie Menezes and Denzil E. Lobo, with all Mangalore Jesuits in attendance. Several cyclonic winds and thunderstorms did some damage to properties at several institutions.

Many of the students of the degree college have gone on study tours and internships. The Gonzaga School had Hindi Sapthah to highlight the importance of learning Hindi, with a variety of activities and competitions. The week following was the Sports Week with inter-house competitions culminating with sports days. Then came the Kannada week culminating with Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, with thematic songs and dances. Students also went on a study tour to various places in and around Mangalore and other parts of Karnataka and Goa.

At PU College, in commemoration of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr K M Lokesh, department of History, Mangalore University and Mr. Mahesh Nayak, executive editor of Mangalore Today, addressed the students on the topic 'Relevance of Gandhiji's Philosophy Today'. Fr Rupesh Madtha, Mangalore Diocesan Director, Young Catholic Students (YCS) and Young Students' Movement (YSM), addressed the students in batches on 'inter faith harmony'. The PU College hosted the first edition of the Model United Nations. Many colleges from Mangalore and Bangalore participated in the event. Justice Santosh Hegde, former Lokayukta, was the chief guest at the valedictory ceremony. The students participated in the national level open swimming competition held at Diu Daman. Ms Nayana won several medals in the Rescue India swimming championship held in Gujarat and has been nominated for the world championship to be held in Italy. Lester Lobo of I PU was awarded a bronze medal at the 12th State Level Philatelic Exhibition 'Karnapex - 2019' for exhibiting 'Railways- The cheapest mode of transport'. Many of our students have won laurels in the District and the State Level Athletics meet and they are qualified for National Level Championship to be held in Punjab. Jeethesh of 2017-2019 batch cleared the Naval entrance exam SSR in the first attempt held in the month of August 2019.

Dr Shashikiran Nivas, Fr Leo D'Souza and Alifha Severes from Laboratory of Applied Biology have published a chapter in the Book

'Algae. Biodiversity, Biology and Biotechnology' published by the University of Madras.

Our own Sch. Ovin Rodrigues was the narrator at the Ordination mass at FRH. Many community members also attended the first masses of the new priests in different parishes. In fact, Rector Fr Dionysius Vaz was given the pleasant task to represent the Provincial at several places. The PCF Fr Francis Fernandes came to visit the scholastics, his maiden visit. Of course, the scholastics put their best self forward, what with a refreshing outing to Tanneerbhavi beach and a dinner, which helped them to bond with their mentor. The community celebrated the mass for the dear departed of the Society of Jesus at the Jesuit cemetery at Jeppu. Our veteran pastor Fr Santosh Kamath took the lead to see that every minute detail was attended to. (MP)

### **Pujya Rajendraswamy Nilaya, Pandithahalli**

Our Lady of the Rosary has blessed us with many favours. On October 5, we were spiritually enthused by the prayer service and the Eucharist in Rajendra Swamy Shrine on the occasion of the 300th death anniversary of the servant of God. Many Jesuit communities like Manvi, Hassan, Mount St Joseph and Arrupe Nivas visited Pandithahalli. Fr Joseph Monteiro directed a six-day retreat at Xavier Sadan. Scholastics from Asha Kiran and Inigo Sadan were with us helping our children to learn English and uplifting the weaker students. Fr Melvin Lobo did his annual retreat and charged us with holiness. (SK)

### **INSIGHTS FROM PEDRO ARRUPÉ:**

#### ***From Personal Conversion to Social Reform***

Sin is not only an act, a personal act, which makes us personally guilty. Over and above this, sin reaches out to what we may call the *periphery* of ourselves, vitiating our habits, customs, spontaneous reactions, criteria and patterns of thought, imagination, will. And it is not only ourselves who influence our "periphery." It is shaped by all who have helped to form us, by all who form part of our world.

We thus have a congenital inclination towards evil. In theological language this is called "concupiscence," which is, concretely, a

combination in us of the sin of Adam and all the sins of men in history—including our own. (...) Now, Christ did not come merely to free us from sin and flood the center of our person with his grace. He came to win our *entire* self for God—including what I have called our "periphery." Christ came to do away not only with sin, but with its effects, even in this life; not only to give us his grace, but to show forth the power of his grace.

(...) If "personal conversion" is understood in the narrow sense of justification operative only at the very core of our person, it does not adequately represent the truth of the matter, for such justification is only the root, the beginning of a renewal, a reform of the structures at the "periphery" of our being, not only personal but social. If we agree on this, conclusions fairly tumble forth. For the structures of this world—our customs; our social, economic, and political systems; our commercial relations; in general, the institutions we have created for ourselves—insofar as they have injustice built into them, are the concrete forms in which sin is objectified. They are the consequences of our sins throughout history, as well as the continuing stimulus and spur for further sin.

There is a biblical concept for this reality. It is what Saint John calls, in a negative sense, the "world." The "world" is in the social realm what "concupiscence" is in the personal, for, to use the classical definition of concupiscence, it "comes from sin and inclines us to it."

(...) In short, interior conversion is not enough. God's grace calls us not only to win back our whole selves for God, but to win back our whole world for God. We cannot separate personal conversion from structural social reform.

(Taken from 'Men for Others' 1973)

### **REST IN PEACE**

**Bro Paschal D'Souza**, (GOA) 83/59, on Oct 24, Goa.

**Fr Romuald D'Souza**, (GOA) 93/74, on Nov 1, Goa.

**Mr Leo Tellis**, (63) elder brother of Fr Cyprian Tellis on Nov 1, Mangaluru.

**Br Benedict Kichingia**, (JAM) 82/47, on Nov 8.

**Mr Denis Pinto**, (69), Father of Sch George Pinto on Nov 9, Gantalkatte, Mangaluru.

**Fr Noel Francis D'Souza**, (CCU) 87/65, on Nov 11, Kolkata.