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Called to be Men of the Spiritual Exercises

For two days in the beginning of September (last month), in the serene campus of PAI-Raia, Fr Jossie D'Mello (Socius, KAR), took the Superiors and Directors of Works of our province back to our roots. Since we are in the process of Province Apostolic Planning (PAP), aiming to integrate the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP), of the Society, it was good that Jossie helped us to reflect on the "Deliberations of the First Fathers-1539."

We were reminded that the Ignatian God is a labouring God who speaks to us through interior movements; he calls us to be sensitive to the needs of others, to read the signs of the times, and to partner with him. We were also reminded that in the three-month long Deliberations, the goal for Ignatius and his nine companions was clear: "to seek the gracious and perfect will of God according to the scope of our vocation." Yet, there were plurality of views in their search to more fully surrender all their energies to God. Those varied views brought greater clarity, depth, and breadth to their thinking.

During their Deliberations, the Founding Fathers prepared their souls in three ways: (1) to work towards a disposition of inner freedom to find joy and peace in the Holy Spirit; (2) to refrain from influencing another's opinion; and (3) to objectively propose one's views by considering oneself a stranger in their group. They were not hasty; their process took time.

As we are in the process of PAP, the first evaluations from our communities and institutions have come in. Many have reflected deeply and sincerely. Here is one example of a portion of a sincere reflection from one of our Jesuit communities, which follows after their affirmation of their identity and mission: "However, we might have failed or [been] unfaithful in many areas of our life. We have sometimes failed to read the signs of the times. We have failed to get a depth dimension in our life and action. We have failed to evaluate and assimilate the complex socio – economic, cultural and political milieu. We have failed in the process of reflection and action rooted in our experiences. Sometimes work and life became a routine process. We have not seen the fire burning within us in the midst of worries and tensions."

God's Spirit is challenging us to be men of the Spiritual Exercises: to pray regularly, to get off our butts, to focus on our mission, to foster unity in our respective communities, to stop unduly criticizing our brothers and collaborators, to work with passion and dedication, to open our eyes to the reality of the poor outside our gates, and to make discernment a part of our very being "in order that we might BETTER and MORE exactly fulfill our principal desires of accomplishing the divine will in all things, and in order that the Society might be MORE surely preserved."

Fr. Roland Coelho

FR GENERAL APPOINTS:

Fr. Durai Fernand, S.J as Provincial of Gujarat Province.

INVITATION:

You are invited, to the Priestly Ordination, of Malcolm Baretto and Shawn D'Souza, at the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa, on Saturday, 19 October, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. Your presence will be greatly appreciated. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

HAPPENINGS IN OUR SCHOOLS

ST. PAUL'S, BELAGAVI

SEMINAR: A seminar for parents titled, '*Parenting Ki Pathshala – Know Your Child*', for the parents of the Sunbeam students, was held by eminent personalities of the Indradhanushya Trust. This seminar was focused on creating awareness amongst parents, on how to orient themselves to engage with 'Generation Next' and assimilate the art of effective parenting.

FLOOD RELIEF CONTRIBUTION : The students of our school made their contribution in cash and kind to the recent flood affected victims in Belagavi. The same was sent to the affected victims through the Belgaum Diocesan authorities.

SPORTS & GAMES: At the Cluster Level Department Sports, our students won the first place in the following events – Volleyball U-14, and Football U-17. The U-14 football team has qualified for the District Level. Our school also won the Phoenix U-17 Football Trophy, organized by Phoenix School, Belagavi.

TEACHERS' DAY : In solidarity with the recent flood affected victims in our city of Belagavi, we decided to celebrate Teachers' Day on a low note. The day began with a Eucharistic Celebration for the P.U. College students and teachers, wherein Rev. Fr. Ronald D'Souza SJ – Rector and Manager, was the Main Celebrant. Fr. Ronnie preached an inspiring homily on the life of Saint Mother Teresa and requested the faithful to imbibe good values and work sincerely for the benefit of all. The management presented all the staff members with

gifts as a token of appreciation for their services.

OLYMPIAD EXAMINATION : Many of our students have enrolled themselves for the SOF International Olympiad Examinations in different subjects like English, Science, Mathematics, General Knowledge and Computers. These exams will help them to know at what level they stand in that particular subject and also in comparison to local, state, national and international levels.



INTER SCHOOL CULTURAL AND LITERARY FESTS : Our students won the General Championship at the literary competition organized by the R.H.Kulkarni Samark Trust, '*Spell Bee*' organized by M.V.M. High School, Belagavi, '*Lakshya 2K19*' organized by Rabindranath P.U. College, Belagavi, '*Alphia*' organized by Dnyan Prabhodhan Mandir, Belagavi and '*Kala Sangam*' organized by Angadi College of Science and Commerce, Belagavi.

EXAMEN : On 7th September 2019, Rev. Fr. Anand D'Souza SJ, vice principal of St. Britto's High School, Mapusa, Goa, conducted a session for the teachers of our school. He taught them how to go about doing the '*examen*' and the different steps one has to follow. He also gave a handout to each teacher on the same. He told the teachers that they themselves have to put it into practice every day and then implement it in their class-room either in the morning or after the school or before the final bell for 10 minutes every day. Fr. Anand also spoke on '*Educate Magis*' – a Jesuit Network wherein each teacher can register. He explained the steps of registration on their smart phones. He said that this has a lot of advantages as it will help the teacher to interact with fellow teachers of other Jesuit institutions in Asia and around the world. The teacher can also use the same to discuss any educational topic locally or internationally.

PARENT TEACHER MEETING : For the

welfare and betterment of students, class-wise PTA meetings were held. The parents were instructed of what is required from them and the students for the smooth functioning of the school. The principal appreciated the presence of the parents at the meetings and thanked them for their suggestions. The executive body of the PTA was also constituted at these meetings.

Fr. Cecil Fernandes

SANGARGALI. ...NATION BUILDER....Through Education....Teacher Par Excellence.

I am grateful to The Rotary Club Belagavi, South, for awarding me with this prestigious award. It's an award for the impact I have made in the lives of thousands of students all over India, through the teaching profession, seminars, orientations, retreats, motivation & excellence, talks to students, and soft skills for teachers. It has also been my contribution to nation building. It's a token of encouragement and recognition of the hard work, enthusiasm & love for teaching, reaching out to the poor and needy especially in the Sangargalli Mission.

This award is a big challenge for me, to continue to be a blessing to the needy and the underprivileged kids of Sangargalli. I am grateful to the parents of ex-Paulites and the Paulites too, who visited Sangargalli and were touched to see the noble services being carried out, through the field of education at St. Paul's English School, Sangargalli.

Thank you my Jesuit companions in St. Paul's Belgaum, Khanapur, and Sangargalli.

Fr. Matthew Bardeskar

LOYOLA, MARGAO

The birth centenary of Fr. Antonio Pereira, SJ., was celebrated in August 2019. On this occasion the High School organized a Poetry Writing Workshop in his honour. At the beginning of the celebration, the traditional lamp was lit and his portrait was garlanded. The resource person for the Workshop was Dr. Rajay Pawar and Ms. Sushella Halarnkar. Ms. Halarnkar spoke on the literary contribution of Fr. Pereira, whereas Dr. Rajay explained the various facets of poetry writing and motivated the students to take up this art of poetry writing. 37 selected students who opt for Konkani as the 3rd language

from LHS and LHSS participated in the workshop. Staff member Mr. Elliton Fernandes coordinated this programme.

The Primary (unaided) section celebrated Teachers' Day on 12th Sept. The youngsters did put up a good display – many of them being on stage for the first time; either delivering a speech, reciting a poem in honour of their teachers or shaking a leg. Credit goes to the many parents who gave their time to train the students. **Amit** welcomed the gathering comprising of students, the primary staff and parents. Tr Cassandra rendered the vote of thanks. On 13th Sept the Primary (aided) and High School had their celebrations. Besides the usual prayer service there was a football match between the staff and students; wherein the former cornered glory by winning the match. Not sure if there was any match-fixing. The referee is tight-lipped. Later the PTA felicitated the teachers with a token of appreciation and the students entertained the staff with a variety programme. Snacks were distributed to the staff, courtesy of the PTA.

On 14th Sept, the 'Loyola Platinum Jubilee Quiz' was held with 10 schools having responded to our invitation. The Headmaster, **Basil** welcomed the participating schools and **Simon** rendered the vote of thanks. The winners were presented certificates and mementos, and all the participants were awarded certificates of participation. The Quiz was well organized by Mr. Peter Pereira and the quiz master, Mr. Rohit Viegas, kept the teams on their toes with his questions and ppt displays.

The annual event, “MATINÉE FRANÇAISE 2019” organized by LHSS was held in August 2019. The celebration focused on: “A Morning celebrating France, Francophone countries, the French language and culture.” This celebration was part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of LHS. After the lighting of the lamp, the Principal **Basil** welcomed the gathering. A host of competitions - French duet singing, cosplay (impersonation of some French personalities), quiz on France and French personalities, group singing and bottle painting were held. The activities were organized for the students of LHSS whereas the duet singing was open to the five invited high schools that teach French as part of their curriculum. Keeping globalization in mind, this event helped to strengthen the love for France, the French language

and its culture.

The former Head of Department of French at the Goa University, Dr Edith Furtado was the Chief Guest for the occasion. In her address, she enlightened the students regarding the benefits of learning the French language and the different fields and scope available where the knowledge of French would be a plus point. The judges for the various competitions were prominent French teachers/lecturers from Chowgule College and the Goa University. There were food stalls with mouth-watering snacks and pastries, all a part of France cuisine, set up by the students. Truly, the event offered a taste of France.

The Manager, **Willy** proposed the vote of thanks and the Vice Principal, Dr. Walton Noronha announced the winners of the various activities. The programme ended with the singing of the “Loyola



Anthem". This brought down the curtain to a well-organized programme under the able hands of Mrs. Cora Abreu and her team.

Before the Ganesh break, the LHSS celebrated the festival of Ganesh with a plethora of dances enacted by the various classes. Seeing was believing! The young damsels put their best foot forward and displayed not only synchronized steps but their energy levels were just amazing. What took everyone by surprise was that of all the 6 dances just one male student participated; the others were just part of the audience watching with wide eyed expressions; probably they never expected that their batch mates could be so professional on stage. Truly hard work brings in its own benefits!

The celebration ended with sharing of sweets

depicting the important value of tolerance and learning to accept and respect each other beliefs in a diverse culture like ours. The symbolism of Ganesha was explained so we could understand and appreciate the significance of this festival. Surely, it was an exercise in inter-religious dialogue in practice.

Teachers' Day of the LHSS was celebrated on 16th Sept. The staff decked themselves in 'Retro' style as that was the dress code for the day. The programme began with a prayer service and then followed an entertainment programme put up by the students. The band on stage belted some numbers that prompted the students and staff to move to the beat. The PTA offered the staff tokens of appreciation. The officiating principal, **Basil** addressed the staff and students and the programme ended with a vote of thanks by a staff member. The curtain came down with lunch being sponsored by the PTA for the staff in the school premises itself.

Fr. William Rodrigues

LOYOLA HALL, MIRAMAR

CCR TV, Goa, has recorded as on 31st August 2019, the following Konknni videos of **Pratap** Naik. Ximpiêntlim Môtiâm (food for thoughts) 98 episodes, Bhokti Lharam (non-denominational hymns) 14 episodes, Bhurgeonlem Angonn (Children's songs) 10 episodes, Konknni Bhas (Konknni lessons for adults) 13 episodes, and Learn Konknni 21 episodes. Every week new episodes are added to this list! All these episodes are telecast on CCR TV channel every day. They are also available on YouTube.

One can see Pratap on CCR TV at least 4 to 5 times per day! Social Media is a powerful and effective media these days, to reach the vast majority of people. For Pratap, Magis is not merely an abstract Jesuit concept, but a reality to “Walk the talk”.

Fr. Pratap Naik

TSKK-PORVORIM

Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr, with the assistance of Xavier Centre of Historical Research (XCHR), on the occasion of **Fr. Thomas Stephens' 400th death anniversary**, organised a half day Seminar on his Life and Works, entitled '**Fr. Thomas Stephens and his Contribution to Konknni Literature**' on **12th September 2019**, in the Kendr hall. The in-depth research papers were presented by the resource persons, **Dr. (Fr.) Nelson Falcao SDB and Dr. (Fr.) Pratap Naik SJ**. Fr Nelson's papers were titled, *Fr. Thomas Stephens – Life and Works* and *Fr. Thomas Stephens and Kristpurana: Socio-Cultural, Educational and Religious Aspects*. Fr Pratap's papers were titled: *Fr. Thomas Stephensachem Konknni*



Vyakaronn ani Tachem Bhasvijneank Khaxelponn and *Fr. Thomas Stephensachem Dōtōnichem Pustok*. All the four papers were well appreciated by the large gathering of over 100 students and lecturers representing the various Colleges and Goa University (Konknni Departments). **Mr. Sylvester Vaz**, lecturer at St. Xavier's College, Mapuca, compered the Seminar. **Fr. Apolinario Cardozo S.J.**, the Director of the Kendr, welcomed the participants and **Fr. Kelwin Monteiro S.J**, staff member, proposed the Vote of Thanks. Ms. Arti Fernandes, captured the important moments of the Seminar, while Fr. Anderson Fernandes S.J., took care of the technical operations of the programme. Every member of the Kendr took great pains to

successfully look into the logistics of the programme. All the participants were given a small memento as a remembrance. The next programme to commemorate and remember Thomas Stephens' 400th death anniversary will be a one day Symposium, entitled '**Fr. Thomas Stephens' Encounter with Language and Culture**', on 5th October, 2019 at the same Venue.

Fr. Apolinario Cardozo

BAGA-Down by the River Side (XRH)

This month has been a grace filled month. We were blessed with the visit of our beloved Provincial **Fr. Roland** and our Superior **Fr. Cedric**, they visited us twice in this month. **Fr. Ankush** is busy giving the one-month Ignatian Retreat. In case you come across anyone wishing to do the Ignatian Retreat, do direct them to **XRH**, Fr. Ankush is more than willing to guide them. Jovito along with the support staff is working on beautifying the place. After keen observation of the weather conduction here at XRH, we realized that other fruit bearing trees would not be able to endure the strong winds during the monsoon as well as other times of the year, so we took up the task of planting coconut trees. As a



humble beginning we have planted 75 saplings. We had a meaningful Eucharistic celebration on the Birthday of Our Mother Mary. Fr Ankush, in his homily, stressed on the importance of a mother in one's life and dwelt on Mary's discipleship. We see a steady increase in the number of people attending the daily and Sunday Eucharistic celebrations. Once again, a reminder to our fellow Jesuits, in-case you are thinking of having a relaxing and refreshing time, Come to Baga, Stay in Baga, Baga hamari hai.

Fr. Jovito D'Souza

NESARGI-Christ Niwas

The monthly meeting of the Jesuits working in the Kannada area was held on the last day of August. The members present were **Fr, Tom, Fr, Menino, Fr, Augustin, Fr, Prakash, Fr, Reginald and Sch. Velsonson**. Each one discussed the joys, challenges and the plans they have for their mission and were assured of support from the other members.



At the beginning of September, the scholastics studying and working in Belagavi had their monthly recollection in Christ Niwas, under the guidance of Fr Tom. The theme of the recollection was 'Inner Freedom.' Fr Tom gave vivid examples of himself and of the personalities around the globe to elucidate the theme.

The community of three is actively involved in visiting the SHGs and rendering their services in whatever way possible. The task of empowering the masses by conducting workshops and training programmes such as women empowerment and seminars for the tailoring girls, continues. All these experiences continue to re-ignite hope for the downtrodden and re-energize the ones actively involved in bringing about empowerment.

Sch. Velsonson Gomes

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BORDERS

SRI LANKA

At last, the day dawned on us, to leave for our Tertianship to Sri Lanka. Jude and I travelled together to Chennai on 2nd Sept, early morning and spent the day at Loyola College, Chennai. We were very much inspired and motivated by the work of the Madurai Jesuits in the campus. The next day we

landed safely in Colombo without any trouble at the airport. Fr. Baylon was there in his white cassock and black sash, waiting to receive us in the visitor's cabin, a simple, humble and down to earth person. We had not seen him earlier, so we were doubtful if he was the same person, with whom we had been conversing all this while for the visa work. We spent a day at the Provincialate, in Negombo, till the others arrived on the following day. The Provincialate is located a few kilometers away from the church which was bombed recently. We were happy to meet our old friends and companions, whom we knew at different stages during our formation. The following day, it took us four hours to reach our destination (Kandy), where we were warmly welcomed by Fr Anthony Samy.

We have now begun our Tertianship programme from the 5th of September. We began with the Inaugural mass in the evening, followed by a sumptuous candle light dinner. The Provincial and other priests from the neighboring Fatima Retreat



House, also joined us for dinner. As of now, we have finished with the Autobiography of Ignatius, short tour to the city of Kandy, talk on Socio-Political scenario of Kandy, followed by the sharing of our Personal stories. Jude has volunteered to be the Liturgist and I have taken the responsibility of the choir. The most exciting moment of the day is the evening volleyball game. Our muscles are now loosened and we are energised to carry on other activities in a better way. We don't know what will appear next on our table as Bro Lalith our Minister, is really creative, very generous and is always ready with a sumptuous and delicious spread. We are doing well and enjoying the pleasant climate of Kandy. Do keep us in your prayers.

Frs. Jose Silveira and Jude Carrasco

MUNICH, GERMANY

It has been exactly two years for me in Munich. I hardly realized how fast the years have passed by. My experiences in totality have been extremely enriching and rewarding. Two years ago, when I arrived in Munich, I could hardly speak German. I knew a few basic words like good morning, good night and so on. It took me some time to get adjusted to the language because the grammar was totally different from that of English. In the beginning I thought that I wouldn't be able to learn the language, but in the course of time I gradually started to pick it up. I believe that one just requires patience while learning a language. After completing a year of language course, I answered the language exam for foreign students and on clearing it, got admission in the college and an extension of visa for my philosophy studies.

At present, I have completed two semesters in philosophy and will start the third semester, this coming October. In these two semesters I have gained a lot of knowledge in philosophy. Moreover, philosophy has taught me to think critically, to discuss, to argue and then to understand philosophical matters. With regards to the exams; at the end of each semester we have oral exams, depending on the number of compulsory subjects and the ones which have been opted; and after every two semesters we have written exams. With God's grace, I passed all my exams. During our semester break, we are expected to write a thesis on a certain theme pertaining to the semester. So even during holidays there is always work to be done.

These two years in Munich helped me not only to gain knowledge in philosophy, but also helped me in my overall development; and that was mostly possible because of my community and the Apostolate. We are altogether nine of us in the community. Everyone is allotted jobs for the smooth running of the community. Apart from this, everyone gets a chance to buy the groceries, to cook for the community, to prepare for the Liturgy and to preach once a month in the Church. Last year, I also started my apostolate. I teach English and Maths in a school and German to migrant children. It's a wonderful and an enriching experience altogether. At times, along with philosophy, all these other activities are quite exhausting; nevertheless, it's quite interesting and a learning experience too. These two years in Munich were really filled with God's blessings and I pray that the remaining two years, will be the same.

At present it's the summer semester break and I have come to Missionsprokur (Jesuitenmission), in Nürnberg, to do my internship for a month. My main purpose to come here is to be of some help to the Jesuitenmission, as they pay for my college expenses and my stay in Munich. Apart from that, we receive credit points in college if we do a job or internship during holidays. At Jesuitenmission, they have a brilliant, dedicated and a hardworking team. I help mostly in the project department: write reports of the new projects before sending it to the decision committee sometimes translate documents and at other times type out the necessary information of projects of the earlier years. It is quite interesting to know about the numerous Jesuit projects they support in a number of provinces in the world.

Sch Jovilton Afonso

Courses Available

There are two programs that will be conducted by the Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Research (CISR) at De Nobili, Pune. The first program is only for young Jesuit priests who have not yet done their Tertianship. The second is for Jesuits as well as the wider Ignatian family. Both the programs can accommodate only 20 participants.

Francis Pudhichery SJ

1. Ignatian Principles for Priestly Ministry: (5th Dec to 20 Dec. 2019)

The two week program aims at offering young Jesuit priests an in-depth understanding of specific Ignatian Principles that are relevant to their identity as Jesuit priests and which will aid them in their priestly ministry.

Modules: Introduction to the priestly character of a Jesuit vocation; Priestly ministry of St. Ignatius – Constitutions, Spiritual Diary & Letters; Priesthood in the documents of the GCs/Generals; Discernment in one's priestly life & ministry

2. Ignatian Sources: (5th Jan, 2020 to 15th March, 2020)

The 10 week program on Ignatian Sources will primarily focus on the fundamental texts that

constitute Ignatian Spirituality. The modules will familiarize the participant with the texts, help one to analyze and interpret them in accordance with the changing times and contexts. The program ends with an 8 day retreat.

Modules: Introduction to Ignatian Sources, the Autobiography, Discernment, Spiritual Exercises, Constitutions, Spiritual Diary, Letters, Writings of

the Early Companions, Ignatian Prayer, History of the SJ in India, Vatican II and Mission Today.

PROVINCIAL'S SCHEDULE: OCT. 2019

30-2 Oct	Visitation	XTC, Desur
3-5	Visitation	Khanapur & Sangargalli
7	Visitation	ISI, Bangalore
8	Visitation	SN, Chennai
10	PAP	JH, Panjim
15-16	Visitation	Loyola, Margao
18	Consult	LH, Miramar
19	Ordinations of Malcolm and Shawn	BJB, Old Goa
21-28	JCSA	Ranchi

God
Bless
You

Happy Birthday Dear ...

October 2019

02 Anthony da Silva
06 Felix D'Silva
07 Joachim Dmello
08 Sean Cardozo
11 Lindsay Lobo

October 2019

12 Paschal D'Souza
12 Merwin D'Souza
14 Irivo Calistus Joao
17 Raul D'Souza
24 Jose Silveira
30 Denzil Fernandes

LET US PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Mr. Honorato Barreto, the brother of Fr Savio Barreto, passed away on 4th September, in Maina Curtorim, Goa.

Fr. Edward Jeganathan Anthony, S.J. (83/62) passed away on 10th September 10, 2019) in Madurai.

Mr. Caetano Fizardo, the father of Sch Mark Fizardo, passed away on 7th September, in Chandor, Goa.

Fr. Alphonsus Benedict D'Souza SJ (78/62), passed away on 6th September, in Guwahati.