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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

As usual, the birthday of late Lal Bahadur Shastri, our former Prime Minister, has passed off without much fanfare this year as well. It is not only the question of the celebration of his birthday, if one searches the internet, one finds mighty little about Shastri. Is it because he was born on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi or has it also something to do with his personality?

To a question by one of his unnamed friends about the reason for his modesty and aversion to accolades and encomiums Shastri is supposed to have answered him with the example of Taj Mahal. Two types of stones are used to build Taj Mahal. One is the costly white marble, which one can see on the outside, and the other are the ordinary stones, which are used to build the foundation. Almost everyone talks about the beautiful white marble used outside, but no one cares about the ordinary stones used in the foundation. In fact it's because of the stones **in** its foundation that Taj Mahal has been able to stand strong for all these years, and will continue to stand strong in the future. So, we should be like normal stones.

There is another story related of Shastri. When his sons used his official car he made his wife to deposit the applicable amount **in** the government account.

Shastri was short in stature but he was not small minded. He had a great vision for the country. He did not abuse power but served the country with certain devotion and dedication. He spearheaded the white and green revolutions; coined the slogan: "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan" to encourage the two crucial pillars - soldier and farmer - of our country. Shastri was simple and sincere. He led the country through the power of his example. When there was chronic food shortage across the country he not only invited the country to forgo a meal but he first implemented it in his own family and hence the response was overwhelming. Many parts of the country observed it as Shastri Vrat.

Recently I read a short reflection on rice and salt. If one cooks 3 cups of rice, one does not add 3 cups of salt to it. In every preparation of rice, the measure of rice always outnumbers the salt and a little salt makes a huge difference in the overall outcome. Similarly, a small bulb dispels darkness in a large room.

The example of salt and light (remember, Jesus too used these metaphors), explains the life of Shastri. He believed that he could make big things happen. Little doesn't mean insignificant. Our presence can make a BIG difference. We can be the salt and the light of the world. We can be different and make a small difference around us.

**APPOINTMENT BY FR GENERAL**

**Fr Durai Fernand**, Provincial of Gujarat Province.

**Approval from the Congregation for Catholic Education(CCE):**

**Fr Lawrence Fernandes'** appointment as Principal of Sacred Heart College, Satya Nilayam, has been approved by the CCE

**ASSIGNED BY FR PROVINCIAL**

**Fr Hilario Fernandes**, Inigo Sadan, Bengaluru.

**PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME****October**

12-13 Meeting of LS, DoWs &CCMs  
 14 Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)  
 18 Ordination: FRH (Mangaluru)  
 21-30 JCSA(Ranchi)

**November**

01-05 Visitation: MSJ, Seniors(Bengaluru)  
 12-16 Visitation: Jesuit Nivas (Bengaluru)  
 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)

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our newly ordained priests Frs Anthony Arul B, Leo Florence, Suman Balu and Vivian Richard. May God bless you and your priestly ministry.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****October**

18: Ordination: FRH (Mangaluru) at 10 AM  
 26: "SJ: Safe Desk": South Zone Seminar: Ashirvad, Bengaluru

**December**

15: Spiritual Directors' Colloquium - LM Bengaluru.

**Two Programmes on Ignatian Spirituality At De Nobili College, Pune**

**1. Ignatian Principles for Priestly Ministry: (5 - 20 December, 2019)** This two-week programme offers young Jesuit priests an in-depth understanding of specific Ignatian Principles helpful for their own identity and priestly ministry.

**2. Ignatian Sources: (5 Jan - 15 March, 2020)** The 10 week programme on Ignatian Sources will primarily focus on the fundamental texts that constitute Ignatian Spirituality and ends with an 8 day retreat.

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**PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS:**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, four of our deacons-Anthony Arul, Leo Florence, Suman Balu and Vivian Richard were ordained priests by Bishop K A William of Mysore, in the exquisitely decorated chapel of St Joseph's Boys' High School, Bengaluru, with around 120 priests concelebrating and a large number of religious and relatives, friends and benefactors witnessing the ceremony. It was a delight to see every member of the JN community involved in one way or the other in organizing the function. The SJICC Hostellers and the Inigo Sadan scholastics under the direction of Fr Deepak (Montfort) led the choir. The felicitation function was short and sweet. Frs Sunil Fernandes and Praveen Hrudayaraj compered the program.

**YOUNG PRIESTS' MEET**

42 young priests spent two days at Ashirvad on 14 - 15 September, relaxing, reflecting, sharing and rejuvenating and getting to know one another better. Fr Provincial in his inaugural address not only presented the state of the province but also invited the young Jesuit priests to adhere to our way of proceeding in a spirit of Magis. Fr Joe Mathias (RAN) made a presentation on 'Psycho-spiritual Integration'. The active interaction was helpful for better human formation.

The young priests are indebted to Fr Sunil Fernandes, Principal of SJBHS, for arranging a day long picnic at a resort and to the Jesuit Nivas community for a sumptuous dinner in the evening. We thank the PCF, Fr Ivan Mendonca, the co-coordinator Fr Felix Anand and the Ashirvad community for their kind and generous hospitality. (Antony Pais)

**ANEKAL**

The Community celebrated *Monthi Fest* joyfully with the traditional vegetarian meal. Fr Jerome D'Souza was with us for his annual retreat. The community participated in a volleyball match with our PU college students on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

In RTEC the courses were given by Frs James Dhabi, Francis Fernandes and Balaraju. The Dean, Fr Jossie Lobo was away at Vidya Jyothi, Delhi, giving a course of lectures. While there, he also addressed a group of Iranian and Indian Shia scholars and diplomats on the theme of 'Significance of the vicarious suffering of Jesus'. A lively discussion and exchange followed.

The CIRW organised a day's session for 200 women on 'Agricultural benefits to the people and the landowners' with the help of the Agricultural department in Rachmanahalli. The Lokmanch team of Delhi visited the CIRW. The Balajyothi Hostels conducted Sports Day for the children. On Teachers' Day the children honoured their teachers and conducted some cultural activities and games.

St Joseph's PU College had "PTA Meet" with Fr Tom Quadras as the resource person. On Gandhi Jayanthi, the students offered an hour's service for campus cleaning. A team of CIEDS, Water Conservation Committee gave an awareness programme to our students on the importance of saving water resources and its impact on future generations. (PRS)

**ASHIRVAD**

Fr James Gonsalves organised a four-day seminar at Ashirvad on Empowered World View. He also guided an 8-day retreat for St Ann's Sisters at Mangalore. Fr Francis Guntipilli organised a one-day workshop at Paalanaa Bhavan for all 40 commission secretaries of Bangalore Archdiocese, dealing with the topics on administration, financial management, class room management, etc. He also went to Mangalore with Ms Aruna Roy to organize the Fr Claude D'Souza and Ambrose Pinto Memorial Lecture at St Aloysius College. He organised a special programme at Bijapur for migrants and domestic workers. Fr Jerald D'Souza went to Manvi for the inauguration of the social service centre, and attended the JESA convention in New Delhi. Fr Eugene Lobo gave a programme on Draft Education Policy to correspondents and managers of schools at Bethany Generalate, and gave a one-day seminar to the teachers of Nazareth School Banakal, on education, leadership and POCSO. Fr Prashant Madtha has been very active in

his assignment as the secretary of the Archdiocesan Board of Education, visiting nearly 95% of the Archdiocesan schools and colleges, setting things right and providing supportive management, and conducting several orientation programmes in the schools of the Archdiocese. (EL)

**BIJAPUR**

The month of September began with a whiff of fresh air due both to the devotion to Infant Mary and an extended spell of rain. Fr Provincial spent four days in the Mission meeting Jesuits, visiting various units, and enriching and inspiring all of us. Frs Leo Pereira and Jason Furtado, the revisors, were here on their official visit. Fr Lumnesh gave a 2-day course on Eco-spirituality at Prerana and attended the JESA convention at Delhi and presented a report on GIAN Ecology.

In preparation for the Nativity of the BVM, we had a triduum in the parish. On the feast day, the girl children of our parish were felicitated. The church construction work is in full swing with the slab over the basement getting ready. The recent heavy rains have inundated the whole surrounding area including the basement of the presbytery and the new construction site. Our Christa Bhaktas are becoming more active in the church related activities such as singing and reading. Even though their number varies every Sunday, a few of them are very regular to the church.

Teachers' Day was celebrated at Loyola school and PUC with various competitions for the teachers. The taluk level Pratibha Karanjeer was organised at Loyola school by the department of Public Instruction. The boys of Loyola Primary school won the first place in the district level basketball tournament and are selected for the division level at Belgaum. Loyola PU College students too excelled in various sports events organized by the education department. In the district level football and handball events, the girls secured the first place; the boys the second place in basketball, hand ball and throw ball. All the school teams have entered state level tournaments.

St Joseph's Indian Institution counsellors guided our school and PU College students to handle their interpersonal relationships. Fr Jeevan Prabhu took sessions for the college students. JESCOL was held for all the units of Bijapur mission on 27-29 September. Frs Henry Saldanha, Pradeep Sequeira, Francis Guntipilly and Edward Philip were the resource persons.

Loyola Boys' Home is once again back to its normalcy. We conducted different competitions and sports where the boys showcased their talents. Meanwhile, pre-novice Denver has come for an exposure programme. He is helping our boys in their studies.

This year, the Loyola ITI focused mainly on the 10th failed students. They are given skill training along with free coaching classes in the afternoon. The ITI students are taking much interest in their studies because of continuous effort through motivational workshops and soft skills training programme. They are also introduced to co-curricular activities. On teachers' day, a skit titled "a day in a teacher's life" was put up by the staff, that moved the hearts of many students.

The teachers' day celebration at Loyola school Sindagi found the teachers beaming, both for the prizes they received and the best teacher awards and certificates conferred on them by the students. In the second round of twinning programme, IX Std students had a 4-day long exposure on their subject matter at IHS (CBSE). Five teachers accompanied the students. All were enriched by the teaching sessions and the rains that misted them all along Bangalore Darshan. The credit goes to Fr Leo Pereira and community. We eagerly await the renewal of the affiliation from the CBSE Board officially.

Fr Sunnybhai, SJ and his team visited Sangama CIRD to supervise the Lokmanch activities. He appreciated Sangama social action centre for its systematic documentation of all the LM-related projects. Mother Teresa's death anniversary was observed with differently abled children. More than 10 such persons were helped financially. The Govt distributed facilities worth Rs 50,000 to three families. Awareness on drug abuse and various govt schemes for the construction workers was given to the youth of Poordala village. Some village leaders exposed the corrupt practices of a few govt officials; it resulted in raising the quality of mid-day meals in the Anganawadis of these two villages. (VS)

### **MANVI**

The Jesuit community hosted the CRI members of Raichur. Fr Joe Mathias, Rector of St Peter's seminary inspired all those present through his meaningful reflections on the life of Mother Mary. Frs Cyprian Tellis, Prashanth D'Souza and Joy Rodrigues were with us as revisors. Fr Provincial, on his annual visitation, spent a lot of time listening to us and also visiting the works. His presence and guidance has boosted our spirits. He also blessed the

new Social Work Centre and Fr Arrupe multipurpose hall, in the presence of many Jesuits, social workers, staff and students.

The whole community participated in the Manvi parish feast celebrations with Fr Arun Luis officiating and preaching. Fr Anil D'Souza attended the JESA convention in New Delhi. Pre-novice Noel Prabhu from Navasadhana is with us for three months for his mission experience. He is actively engaged with the PUC boys conducting effective English coaching for them and helping out in other works on the campus. The PDD Fr Francis Fernandes and deacon (Fr) Vivian Richard with a couple of experts spent three days in our mission collecting data for the website and to plan out projects.

An evaluation programme of Lokmanch was held in Pannur, Pothnal and Janodaya Manvi by the team comprising Fr Sunnybhai from Delhi, Fr Francis Balraj with two other collaborators. A legal aid programme for the disabled was conducted in collaboration with Human Rights Legal Network, Bangalore.

Loyola Degree College, under the leadership of Fr Royston Madtha had a wonderful graduation day ceremony, its very first, with the graduates in their black gowns pledging to create a better society. The PU students after having won the taluk level sports, participated in the district level sports and some of them will be representing the district at the state level. Xavier CBSE school students too participated for the first time in the all CBSE school sports events held at Bangalore and Gadag.

The students of SJIM, Bangalore, were with us in Pannur for a rural exposure programme. Teachers' day was celebrated on a grand scale in all the units with the students organising numerous activities for the teachers. The birthday of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated with a cleanliness drive to spread the message of conservation of nature. (VP)

### **MUNDGOD**

Loyola Primary and High School had their taluk level sports in Loyola Campus. It was a delight to see many of our students winning prizes. Some of them have reached the district level as well. Currently, some of them are participating in the Dasara competition. Students from SAC BEd College and from SJIM Bangalore were here for the immersion programme. They stayed in the villages. Childfund India also did some flood relief work through Loyola Vikasa Kendra in the flood affected areas of Mundgod, Hangal and Haliyal.

Fr Provincial, the Socius and the Province Treasurer were here for the AGM. Fr Roshan Lobo was on cloud nine to see so many at the AGM. Fr Francis Menezes, our superior, grabbed the opportunity to lay the foundation stone for the renovation of the Mainahalli church. We were happy to have with us the novice companions of Fr Francis Menezes. They spent a day in prayer, reflection and sharing.

Fr Jerald M D'Souza went to Delhi to attend the JESA meeting. Now he is in Tirupati attending the Childfund meeting. Our regents after the regents' meet in Bengaluru look refreshed and rejuvenated. Fr Johnson Pinto paid us a quick visit after his 3-month sabbatical course in JDV, Pune. He says it was really refreshing and he enjoyed every bit of it. Now he is getting ready to go for a Holy Land pilgrimage. Fr Prashanth Sequeira, our new community member, is busy organizing the people concerning the forest rights as well as training various un-organised youth groups. (FM)

#### **ASHAKIRAN**

We had a community celebration of the feast of the Nativity of BVM, sitting around and relishing dishes on plantain leaves - a very unique celebration for many of the northern scholastics at Asha Kiran. Schs Royster and Pratap, as the MCs at "Musical Evening - 2Kl 9" held at SAC, did a wonderful job and made us proud. There was a talk on "Usage of cell phones" facilitated by Sch Joseph Jerald. We were indeed enriched by his life experience with regard to using cell phone responsibly. On the feast day of Archangel Michael we celebrated the 80th birthday of Fr Michael John, our minister, with the Jesuits of Mangaluru present. (VFS)

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

We had an enriching province-wise faith sharing on September 7. We had a life-enhancing Ignatian talk on the September 13 by Fr Rector on "Living a healthy and a spiritually balanced life". Mrs Cynthia of the Safe Kid Foundation gave a talk on 'Time Leadership' to the third year theologians.

Under the able leadership of Sch Praveen Martis, some of our scholastics were actively involved in the choir as well as coordinating and organizing the cultural program after the Eucharistic celebration on Monti Fest at Divine Mercy Church and Christ the King Church. The DNC community celebrated the Onam and Karam festivals. A play named 'Two by Two', a modern tale on Noah's story, was held in the Papal Seminary Hall, written and directed by Fr Cyril Desbruslais SJ. Fr Rayan Lobo was here to do his annual retreat. (VAJ)

#### **LOYOLA, Mangaluru**

All the dengue boys, 15 of them, are back and are busy writing their mid-term examination. Fr Denzil Lobo, minister of SAC, generously lent the services of fog sprayer who did a thorough job both inside the house and on the campus. Hope we have said good bye to dengue. Fr Sunil Ranger of Roman fame was our guest for a day. (PP)

#### **MOUNT ST JOSEPH**

On the feast of the Nativity, we shared our community meal with our co-workers. Fr Francis Pudhicherry gave a talk on the formation of the Constitutions of the Society to the community as part of the ongoing formation. The community made a pilgrimage to the shrine of Pujya Rajendra Swami, Chikkarasinakere, on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Novices lent their voices for a solemn mass celebrated by the Bishop of Mysore, KA William and concelebrated by a large number of Jesuits and other religious. Fr John Pradeep preached an Ignatian retreat for Presentation Sisters in Chennai.

The Novices are very much enthused after visiting the Samadhi of the great Jesuit Missionary at Chikkarasinakere and our newly acquired school in Pandithahalli. This month we had feedback sessions followed by a day of recollection. We attended the ordination of four of our deacons at SJBHS. Fr Jossie Rodrigues gave a course on "psycho-spiritual integration" at St Peter's Seminary, Bengaluru.

In the Parish, the Nativity of Our Lady was celebrated on a grand scale with a meal and mass in Konkani. As part of the month of Rosary, 18 statues are making rounds in different wards, helping bring unity within the parish community. Preparations for the Mission Sunday are in full swing. Currently there are four Sunday masses in the parish and there is a steady increase in mass attendance. Fr Arun Kumar organised JEPASA meeting in Darjeeling. Loyola Degree College conducted a special programme called *Sanvidhana odu* for which Shri Nagamohan Das, a former judge of Karnataka High Court was the main speaker. Dr Siddalingaiah, former professor and MLC was present. On 1<sup>st</sup> October the inauguration of the Gandhi Study Centre and the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary celebration of Mahatma Gandhi took place. Journalism department organised an intercollegiate festival *Journo II* in which students of 15 colleges participated. Fr Francis D'Almeida attended the triennial meeting of the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India in Guwahati and also the JHEASA annual conference at St Xavier's College Kolkotta. [OV]

**VINAYALAYA, Mumbai**

In honour of the feast of the BVM, we had the privilege of going on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Mount Mary (Bandra). We had courses on psycho-spirituality and awareness on POCSO Act and crime. Now, we are immersed in our books to prepare ourselves for our first semester exams. (AR)

**SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai**

We actively participated in our parish feast day of Annai Vailankanni at Besant Nagar on 8<sup>th</sup> September with devotion and celebration. Fr Lawrence Fernandes along with Prof Dr Thomas Landy from College of Holy Cross, Worcester, USA visited Annai Vailankanni shrine at Nagapattinam for a research visit.

The inter-faculty SN-JDV student seminar, QUEST on the topic "ANDROIDZ - newborn of an uncanny world" was the highlight of the month. Satya Nilayam along with JDV students presented papers on the topic and participated in the 'big debate' which was broadcast live on YouTube. Fr Nithin Monteiro was the main coordinator of the whole seminar. Karam festival was also organised at SN. The second year students had a study tour to Sri Aurobindo Ashram at Pondicherry under the guidance of Fr Lawrence Fernandes; the first years went to Ambur for a visit to a mosque. (Davidson)

**VIDYA NIKETAN, Trivandrum**

'Monthi Fest' was celebrated with a meaningful Mass with Fr Melwin Pinto explaining the significance of the feast in his homily. The sumptuous community meal prepared by us and served on a banana leaf was much appreciated. Onam, the all-important harvest feast of Kerala, was celebrated on a grand scale by Malayalam speaking Juniors. The lively group games and the Onamsadhya (an elaborate festive meal) were a real treat. The students of Vidyaniketan expressed their deepest gratitude to the staff on Teachers' Day. We prayed for them during the Eucharist and greeted them with a delightful felicitation song.

VN was privileged to host the annual Assistancy level Juniorate staff meeting. The juniors were overwhelmed by the presence of over fourteen guest professors and were especially enriched interacting with them at table. While the staff and the delegates were busy with their input and sharing sessions, the juniors faced their first term exams. This was followed by a well-deserved cultural tour to central Kerala. The tour was not only a time to relax but also turned out to be a profound exposure to the rich culture of Kerala. (JD)

**FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE**

Fr Rony Pais has been demonstrating his expertise in expanding the multifarious apostolate of FRH. First, it was in terms of masterminding a workshop on 'work-life balance' for teachers and lecturers, in which Ms Sindhu David spoke on handling various types of stress. This he followed with Sugama talks for men and women religious on the theme - A call to listen to others with Pope Francis as a model, at which Fr Shantharaj underscored the synodal perspective of the Pope in decision making. Meanwhile a long line of counselees flock Fr Rony on a daily basis. There are of course the routine activities like Bible classes and motivation talks to our hostellers. Amidst all this Fr Ivan Mendonca brought in some fresh air with his retreat talks to CLC members.

On October 5, the Shrine with a new altar was blessed by Bishop A.P. D'Souza, who presided over the Eucharist that followed. There was also a blessing of the new (smaller) statue of Our Lady of Fatima and a car procession. Many former directors of FRH were present. Fr Provincial celebrated the solemn high mass on the following day assisted by a large number of concelebrants at the Shrine itself. Donors, benefactors, the architect and contractors were felicitated.

As part of his MSW, Fr Francis Pinto went for flood relief work at Belgaum and Gokak for a week. He also attended the national conference organised by National Institute of Personnel Management 2019 at the Agriculture University, Bengaluru. Frs Vijay Prabhu, Rony Pais and Jayanth Padival have been busy directing retreats. (FP)

**INIGO SADAN**

Despite their busy schedule in preparing for their exams, the scholastics made time for the singing practices every day in preparation for the Ordination ceremony and rose to the occasion under the baton of Fr Deepak. Our Rector, Fr Leo Pereira keeps abreast with the construction of the new building in the campus besides his regular classes. Fr Henry Saldanha is busy with high level 'chai pe charcha' with the alumni and PTA office bearers and benefactors of the institutions, in addition to his routine administrative work. The graph of the weight of the community members on the chart is showing a steep upward movement, thanks to our minister Fr Cyril who has found the super speed highway to the heart of the community members via their stomachs.

Teachers' Day was celebrated in style by the students of High School and PUC, with cultural programmes, games and gifts. Our PTA conducted a session for our staff to de-stress as part of Teachers' Day Programme. Frs Jeevan Prabhu and Henry Saldanha celebrated Teachers' Day with the Bijapur staff. Our alumni met at Catholic Club for a fund raiser introductory programme for the Bijapur Mission. Our PUC staff visited Bijapur to conduct special classes for the PUC students of Commerce and Science. Fr Henry Saldanha coordinated a three-day JESCOL seminar for the collaborators of Bijapur Mission.

Keeping in mind UAPs of the Society, the Community College (SJCC) organized a seminar on HIV and cancer care; a talk on love and infatuation; and another on palliative care. The major event of the month was 'Srujana- Talent Show'. In view of building a good understanding among the staff, a day was reserved for a session on 'Team Building' by Fr Edward Philip. Two of our staff attended the NSDC training programme in Chennai.

In SJS (CBSE), Teachers' Day was celebrated with a special assembly and a special programme by the students. As part of the twinning programme and collaborative learning, students from Loyola CBSE School Sindagi visited SJS CBSE. The visiting students were taken to HAL Aerospace Museum, and Vidhana Soudha. Hindi Diwas was celebrated as part of the CBSE co-curricular activity. The CBSE Sindagi group, was also part of this celebration. 'Tea with the Management' to know and interact with the members of the Inigo Sadan community was organised. Synergy, a day dedicated to the staff of SJS CBSE to bond with one another through various team bonding games and sporting events was held. (JP)

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

The feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary, was celebrated with devotion and traditional fervour. A novena was also held and students and staff took turns to conduct the novena each day. The festive mass had the blessing of the new com and strewing of flowers to Mother Mary. In the community, traditional multi-course vegetarian meal was served on plantain leaves, with the head of the family Rector distributing 'novem' to all community members. Different institutions too held the novena and organized confessions in preparation for the feast. At Gonzaga CBSE School, a workshop on English phonics was organised for one and a half day. Gandhi Jayanti was well celebrated. The Scouts and Guides involved themselves in shramadhan as a

mark of tribute to the Mahatma. The next day of Gandhi Jayanti there was Open House.

At SAPUC, students and the PTA put up a colourful programme on teachers' day, and treated the teachers to lunch. SAPUC teachers' team was the winner of 'Guruvandana 2019', an intercollegiate competition for teachers organised by Rotary Club Mangalore. Various career guidance sessions were organised to help students make informed career choices. Darshan P, a student of 2017 batch secured 2<sup>nd</sup> rank in national level company secretaries exam 2019. Energy, talent and creativity overflowed at the Musical Day-2019. The chief guest, Mr Ashish Planna set the stage with a rapturous performance, followed by a plethora of performances by the singers, instrumentalists and dancers of the college. A staff enrichment programme was held on the theme 'understanding adolescence' and 'need for counselling'. SAPUC sports teams were the winners of district level football, volleyball, basketball, swimming and wrestling championships. The Degree College too organized a musical evening with talented students showcasing their musical abilities. In ITI, Godrej has set up a state of the art facility to train our AC mechanics, who will be recruited by the company at the end of their course. Admissions this year have been fairly good and classes have commenced with renewed enthusiasm.

Our untiring pastor Fr Santosh Karnath celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 5. The community had a grand celebration to mark the eventful day. The octogenarian himself was full of life and was kept busy by the continuous ringing of the phone from India and abroad. In the community, there was a high mass celebrated by the birthday boy himself. Jesuits from different communities in Mangalore were present at the mass and reception that followed where Fr Melwyn S. Pinto raised the toast. Incidentally, Fr Santosh was a resource person at the inter-religious prayer meet held in the city on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. (MP)

#### **ST JOSEPH'S, Hassan**

Frs Prashanth D'Souza and Denzil W Lobo visited our community and campus as Revisors for Houses and Apostolic Works. In the degree campus, the month of September saw a number of activities. Guest talks, Industrial visits, General eye check-up camp, Fire safety drill, are some of the activities to mention a few. District level Inter PU Commerce and Management Fest was organized for the PU Colleges in our campus. Talents day- Inter class cultural fest was organized for the students across the sections. There was an overwhelming response. (JP)

**XAVIER SADAN, Mysuru**

There has been never a dull moment in Xavier Sadan during the last two months. Two eight day retreats for religious, a 6-day retreat for TOR Fathers, one course on Religious Life and another on Cost of Discipleship for Novices, all by Fr Freddie D' Silva; Inner child healing sessions for 5 days for novices by the Schoenstatt Father Joy Puthussery; and a 4-day workshop for Junior Sisters on Emotional Integration and Apostolic Effectiveness by Frs Dion Vas, Joe Mathias and Freddie D' Silva kept Xavier Sadan humming like a bee hive. To add to the excitement was the visit of the Revisors, Frs Jason Furtado and Joy Rodrigues, who have given us delightfully high grades, which were confirmed by Fr Provincial, whose annual visitation brought us cheer, encouragement and consolation. Fr Freddie D' Silva gave a retreat for FSM sisters in Bangalore. Fr Anil D'Mello gave a talk to the lay leaders at St Philomena's Cathedral on St Paul and has been invited to give the same in another parish. Right now Fr Clarence D'Souza is leading a group of Sisters through their 8-day Manresa experience.

The new priest, Fr Anthony Arul said Mass for us and stayed with us for festive dinner, together with his parents. We were happy to play host to several Jesuits who came here in connection with the 300<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Swami Rajendra at Chikkarasinakere and also the First Thanksgiving Mass of Swami Arul of Metgalli. Come and savour a slice of life in this abode of peace and prayer. (AD)

**PUJYA RAJENDRASWAMY NILAYA, Pandithahalli**

Children from our school participated in the cultural event (Prathiba Kaaranji) held at the cluster level and have bagged many prizes. Some events have been selected for taluk level too. We had a meaningful Teachers' Day celebration with a beautiful message by Fr Paul (MST). Fr Rony Pais gave an inspirational talk to our teachers. The visitation of Fr Provincial gave us a new vigour and zeal. He also inspired our teachers with his message to love children. We have finally got the permission to run 8th standard. (SK)

**INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA: Bala Kiran**

I returned to Innsbruck after a short visit to the province and began my classes on 1<sup>st</sup> October. I have successfully defended my Thesis titled "Compatibility and Parallelism between Capabilities Approach (Amartya Sen, Martha Nussbaum) and Catholic Social Doctrine; its application to the economic political context of India" under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Wilhelm

Guggenberger. The Thesis has been awarded "Sehr Gut" which is the top grade in German speaking countries. The paper explores the converging and the diverging points between the Capabilities Approach of Amartya Sen and the Catholic Social Teaching, and considers Amartya Sen as the challenging dialogue partner who could challenge, enrich, contribute and provide frameworks to the Catholic Social Teaching to communicate its vision of realizing a just and participative society to secular development narrative especially in the context of India. I now begin my preparation for doctoral studies in the area of Moral Theology.

**REST IN PEACE**

**Mr Alphred Rodrigues**, 81, paternal grandfather of Sch Pruthvi Rodrigues, September 18.

**Mrs Monica Patrao**, 83, sister of Fr Freddie D'Silva, September 21, Mangaluru.

**Fr Aloysius Thoppil**, (AND), 56/31, October 1, Guntur.

**Mr Ephrem Rodrigues**, 77, elder brother of Fr. Anand Prabhu SJ, October 5, Mangaluru.

**Insights from Pedro Arrupe**

*The newness of the Gospel*

"The newness of the gospel lies in its fundamental law: You shall love your neighbor as yourself, for in this precept alone the whole law is contained. And, 'as I have loved you, so you should love one another.' This 'as I' is the true characteristic: 'In this shall men know that you are my disciples.' And this unconditional love for God and for the brothers and sisters is service, like the service of Christ, unto death, not seeking to be served but to serve, not content to give of our possessions, but giving ourselves, laying aside all self-centeredness, just as Christ who 'took on the condition of a slave.' This newness of the gospel is a guiding principle of life for every Christian. That which brings a Christian to a qualitative leap and makes him a religious is the all-demanding radicality of that love and service, given concrete reality in a profession of life according to the gospel, and publicly dedicated to God and to the Church. In other words, the vocation of one who is chosen by Christ ('you have not chosen me; I have chosen you') is not only to announce or preach Christ, but to implant the gospel dispensation and way of life, to bring men and women to love one another as Christ has loved us, to bring them to the awareness that this love has been given to them freely by another- another who has loved them to the point of wanting to share his very own love with them by dying and rising for them and making himself their food in the Eucharist. This is the way to arrive at Christian maturity."

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