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## PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

**W**e had a very meaningful Handing over Ceremony between Fr Stany D'Souza and me. The homily by Fr Joe Mathias and the toast by Fr Jossie Lobo set the tone for the celebration. It was a memorable experience for all of us.

How can I summarise Fr Stany's tenure as Provincial of Karnataka Province? He was a **dreamer**, always dreaming holy dreams for the Province. He was a leader who had a vision, lived the mission and directed the Province into the future. He was an **overseer**, a steward of the charism of the Society. He always inspired us to be faithful to the charism of the Society in its present times. He was also a **weaver**, one who helped us reconcile and build communities of friends in the Lord and who helped us collaborate and network with different groups. He kept the Province together with his systematic approach, spiritual conversations, Province policies and twinning partnerships. We pray that God may be with him as he takes the challenging task of leading the South Asian Assistancy as POSA and assure him of our cooperation and prayers.

God has blessed the Province with **eight new priests** – Frs John Baptist, Vinod A.J., Roshan Pinto, Jeevan James, Praveen Martis, Avinash Lobo, Vishwas Misquith and Royston Pinto. They are called to mirror the life of Jesus in today's times. Taking inspiration from Pope Francis, they are called to be men of the Magis: men of discernment, men of the periphery, men who bear the "smell of the sheep."

We are in challenging times faced with the corona virus and the virus of centralisation, communalisation, and commercialisation in the country. One of our own Jesuits, Fr Stan Swamy, has been implicated and arrested for working for the uplift of the Adivasis and for fighting for their rights of land and displacement. We are also faced with the challenges of the New Education Policy and the economic collapse in the country. The Hathras incident has once again brought to the fore that gender and caste discrimination and violence is rampant in our country. We need to combat these like warriors with greater focus on our UAPs and KPAPs. What will help us combat these challenges is our deep and personal attachment to Jesus and his mission, being friends in the Lord, discerning the signs of the times, collaborating and networking with faith-based and rights-based groups and having great love for the poor and the excluded. By holding one another in circles of kindness, across all our differences, by standing with one another, and caring for one another, we shall overcome these problems.



## APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

**Fr Jan Roser**

*Provincial of Germany*

**Fr Martin Lenk**

*Provincial of the Province of the Antilles*

**Fr Fabien Gasigwa**

*Regional Superior of the Rwanda-Burundi Region*

**Fr José de Pablo (ESP)**

*World Vice-Ecclesiastical Assistant of the CLC  
(Christian Life Community)*

## APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Chinnappan Mariyaraj**

*Mount St Joseph*

## CONGRATULATIONS

To **Fr Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza** on taking over as the President of the Conference of South Asia. May God bless him and his new assignment

To our newly ordained priests, **Frs Avinash Ajay Lobo, Jeevan James KA, John Baptist, Pradeep WK (KHM), Praveen Kiran Martis, Roshan Pinto, Royston Pinto, Vinod AJ and Vishwas Joy Misquith.** May God bless you and your priestly ministry.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 18:** Meeting of LS & CCMs – Online

**November 11:** Meeting of DoWs - Online



## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### October 2020

02: Ordination: SJBHS (Bengaluru)  
04: Mass of the Holy Spirit - SJICPUC  
10: Ordination: SAC (Mangaluru)  
11: AGM: MJES  
18: Meeting of LS & CCMs - Online  
19: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)  
21-24: Visitation: Inigo Sadan (Bengaluru)  
26-30: JCSA  
31: Blessing of renovated Mainalli Church (Mundgod)

### November 2020

03-05: Visitation: Asha Kiran (Mangaluru)  
06-08: Visitation: FRH (Mangaluru)  
11: Meeting of DoWs - Online  
12: Province Consult: LM (Bengaluru)  
14: Final Vows: Fr Anthony Pradeep & Fr Roshan Pereira  
15-24: Visitation: Jnana Jyothi (Anekal)  
26: South Zone Provincials Meet (Trivandrum)  
27-30: Visitation: Mundgod Mission (Mundgod)

## INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PROVINCIAL

Fr Stanislaus D'Souza handed over the mantle of leadership of Karnataka Jesuit Province to Fr Dionysius Vaz on September 26, 2020, the eve of the 480th anniversary of the approbation of the Society of Jesus. The solemn Eucharist held at Inigo Sadan chapel began at 6.00 p.m. While over 50 Jesuit representatives from various communities attended in person, over 2000 persons participated virtually in the event which was streamed live on YouTube.



Fr Stany began the Holy Eucharist with sentiments of thanksgiving for all that God had achieved in and through him in the past six years and a half. Fr Joe Mathias in his thought-provoking homily elaborated the concept of Christian leadership and the virtue of love. After the homily Fr Stany read the appointment letter sent by Fr General and formally handed over the responsibility to the 13th



provincial of the Karnataka Province, Fr Dion with the symbolic presentation of the monogram of the Society of Jesus alongside the symbols of the Constitutions of the Society and the map of the province on either side. Fr Dion then continued the celebration of the Mass.

The Eucharist was followed by a short felicitation function compered by Fr Arun Kumar. Firstly, Fr Stanislaus D'Souza was felicitated with a shawl, a garland, Mysuru peta and a plant as a symbol of gratitude for his immense contribution towards the growth and care of our province. Then, Fr Dionysius Vaz was welcomed in a similar manner and was wished well for his new ministry. Fr Joseph Lobo in his well-scripted toast enumerated the gifts of both these men and wished them well with an apt message for each, as they embark on their new journeys as Major Superiors. Fr Anand Pereira, RDD and consultor of Kohima Region was present as the representative of the Regional Superior and expressed his sentiments on behalf of the entire region with his words of love and appreciation. Frs Stany and Dion took turns to share their feelings. They thanked all those who had accompanied and helped them in their journey and sought prayerful support for future mission.

Fr Olvin Veigas and Sch Nithin Coelho rendered technical assistance in airing the programme online. (Sch Ovin Rodrigues)



### **PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS: Bengaluru**

Five of our deacons - C. John Baptist, Vinod AJ, Jeevan James KA, Roshan Pinto and WK Pradeep (KHM) – were ordained priests by Archbishop Peter Machado on October 2nd in St Joseph's Boys High School chapel, Bengaluru. Owing to Covid-19 restrictions only a small number of Jesuits and a handful of relatives of the ordinandi could physically attend the ceremony. But a large number – perhaps a thousand or more – were able to witness the ordination ceremony as well as the felicitation programme that followed, live streamed as it was on YouTube. The presence of Fr Anand Pereira representing the Kohima Region, the angelic choir by Jnana Jyothi scholastics, and the compeering of the programme by Sch Wilson Saldanha and Fr Leo Florence added to the glamour of the event. (Fr Wilson Bennis)



### **PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS: Mangaluru**

Four other deacons – Avinash Lobo, Praveen Martis, Royston Pinto and Vishwas Misquith - were ordained priests by Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha on October 10th in St Aloysius PU College Loyola Hall, Mangaluru. The number of Jesuits, priests and laity who attended the ceremony and the felicitation programme was just over a hundred; but thanks to the live streaming of the programme on Daijiworld and the Province YouTube many more could prayerfully witness the event. The entire ceremony was meticulously planned and executed by the Loyola Pre-Novitiate team beginning with the director Fr Pradeep Crasta, assisted by Sch. Joswin Pereira and the pre-novices, with the cooperation of the PCF Fr Francis Fernandes, the Jesuits of SAC Community and the scholastics from Asha Kiran. Sch. Ovin Rodrigues was the Master of Ceremonies. The presence and message of the new Provincial Fr Dion Vaz was an inspiration to all present but particularly to the newly-ordained. (Sch Ovin Rodrigues)



With the scholastics from Asha Kiran and Inigo Sadan joining us, the Jnana Jyothi community is bubbling with life. After completing his quarantine, Sch Larren Menezes is back to the regular routine of the community. All are kept busy with online and offline classes. The third year theologians also have POP (Pre Ordination Programme) sessions on week-ends given by various resource persons. Fr Anil D'Almeida made himself available to take a course on Karnataka culture. He also took some POP sessions on Jesuit Priesthood for third year theologians. The AGM of AJE&CS was held online. It was a joy to see the Jnana Jyothi choir sing at the ordination ceremony in Bengaluru on October 2.

Weekday and Sunday Masses have resumed in the Church. Parishioners are happy to attend the Mass in the Church. Preparations are on to conduct online catechism classes for high school and PUC students.

St Joseph's PU College had the virtual Inauguration of the academic year 2020-21 and welcome to the first-year students. Two of our Arts students were honoured by the Dept of Education for

securing first and second places in the 2nd PU Board Exam in Anekal taluka.

The CIRW staff and the internees of St John's Hospital have started the second phase of 'Covid-19 Awareness' programme, especially on how to care for patients, as cases are increasing day by day in the villages. In collaboration with Fr Francis Guntipilly and ISI-Bengaluru, the CIRW has initiated a rapid pilot survey of migrants in Anekal and Jigani towns and Anekal slums. We have identified about 90 poor families to distribute another round of ration kits sponsored by Lok-Manch. There has been a continuous demand for New SHGs, VSS (Village Small Savings) and Children's Associations, as the villagers have realised that these Sanghas (groups) can do wonders during unexpected situations. The tailoring classes have assured livelihood to many in the current unpredictable situation. Therefore, we have started a new batch of tailoring classes in all of our five centres. In addition, the staff of CIRW conducted a 3-day skills development training for the tailoring teachers to bring out the best in the worst time. (JP)

The Inter Religious Harmony Movement meetings are being conducted online every second and fourth Sunday of the month regularly. Swami Tattwarupananda Adhyaksha from Ramakrishna Mutt Bengaluru was the main speaker recently who spoke on the necessity of religion today. Mr Ali Kwaja, eminent alumnus of St Joseph's College and founder and chairman of Banjara Academy was another main speaker on the topic of understanding and supporting Covid 19 patients. Dr Thimmappa Hegde an eminent Josephite and a well-known neurosurgeon and spiritualist spoke

on the topic, 'In-depth inter religious spirituality'. Ms Sarah and Mr Muhammed Ismael of the Mercy Mission Bengaluru spoke of the support to COVID 19 patients given by the mission. We have the new addition to our Jesuit community in Fr Kuldeep Bara (MAP) who is doing his three-year law programme at St Joseph's Law College. Fr Francis Guntipilly gave a talk on 'Peace and Gandhi' on the web of the Archdiocese of Bangalore on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi. (EL)

With renewed vigour and zeal the LVK social workers have started visiting villages and meeting people. The staff had various training sessions on effective writing skills, case study, letter writing, and module preparation given by Mr Lokesh Gowda. Sch Cannon Fernandes gave a day's training programme on effective use of computers to the staff. Training programme for the SHG members on dairy was given by Dr Mutturaj Tatti. Lokmanch project team organised a training

programme for the farmers on 'organic farming' by Mr M. S. Kulkarni assistant director, Agriculture Department, Mundgod. Forming 'construction workers union' has picked up momentum as the construction workers have become aware about their rights and benefits. A press conference at the local level was organised by LVK to brief about the



land rights. Nutritious Food Mela was organised in LVK through the CDPO department. Regular computer and spoken English classes are being conducted at LVK Computer Centre.

The AGM of NKJECS was held at LKV for which some members were present physically and others

virtually. Fr Francis Menezes directed a six-day retreat for the deacons of Karwar diocese. The renovation work of the Mother of God Church, Mainahalli carried out under the supervision of Fr Francis Menezes is in its final stages and is getting ready for its inauguration. (FM)

## KALABURAGI



The teaching staff of the College is busy preparing classes, video recording, editing and uploading them for the benefit of the students. Under the leadership of Fr Melwin Mendonca, the College conducted the NEET exam for 420 students by strictly maintaining usual precautionary norms. The newly installed CCTV cameras also helped in the smooth conduct of the exam. He also organised a five-day staff development programme for the College staff with the help of competent resource persons.

We thank Fr Francis Fernandes, PDD of our Province, for finding a donor to fund the installation of an RO unit of 1000 liters capacity.

The treated water is being used for both drinking and cooking purposes. After a group of stray dogs attacked and killed one of our sheep, strict vigil is being maintained to deal with this menace.

Thanks to continuous and copious rains, the College campus looks green and our borewells are getting recharged with watershed management. Fr Praveen Kumar is back in the community with fresh vigour after spending a few days in his native place. Sch Kiran Leema, besides taking care of the community as sub-minister, is also supervising the maintenance work in the campus. (MM)

## ASHA KIRAN



Asha Kiran scholastics have ventured into a YouTube channel under the leadership of Sch Prathap and Sch Rexman (Sri Lanka). September 8 was the day of two-fold celebrations. Along with the feast of the Nativity which was celebrated with a mass and a special meal, it was also the day of the Karnataka Province mass. Hearts filled with gratitude were raised to the Almighty for all the blessings showered upon the Province

during the mass which was presided over by Fr Kevin Sequeira. The third-year scholastics were glued to their desk as they began preparing for their exams. It was difficult for all of us to bid adieu to our beloved seniors as they moved out after writing their exams. At last, after so much of uncertainty and waiting, our eleven new first-year brothers have found their way to Asha Kiran. (RRB)

## FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



It was a harrowing experience for us the past few weeks! After the demise of Fr Walter Andrade, the passing away of Fr Jayanth K Padival and Fr Vijay Kumar Prabhu came unexpected, making it a difficult time to cope with! Due to the Covid restrictions, we could not have the funeral Masses. We could only conduct the burial services for which only a few could attend. Both Fr Vijay and Fr Jayanth had endeared themselves to one and all in the community with their warmth, humour, goodwill, kindness and compassion. They were much appreciated for their spiritual and pastoral services. After being in the hospital, and then confining themselves to quarantine restrictions at Loy Vihar, Frs Maxim Misquith, John Gomes, Norbert Fernandes and Br Benedict Rosario are

back in the community regaining their strength. During this time the seniors of the community were confined to their rooms with meals and other needs brought to their doorsteps. The community during these difficult times was blessed by the generous, caring, selfless and patient service of our Minister Fr Joseph Monteiro and Fr Ronald Pais who looked after each one's minute needs. They were ably assisted by our dedicated band of collaborators who rendered their services with a smile. Do keep all of us in your prayers.

We had a meaningful community faith sharing of how we felt during the difficult days and how we feel now. The Masses in the Divine Mercy Chapel which were stopped briefly will resume from October 3. (CD)



The pre-novices were given a break to go home to celebrate the Monti Fest with their dear ones. Some of them who could not go back home were willingly taken by some other pre-novices to their homes. Finally Fr Peter Pinto and the cooks were the only ones left behind to guard the house! Immediately thereafter, our sick bay (for the time being it was the hall) was filled to capacity with those who had fever. But all of them recovered

within four days thanks to the dolo treatment of Sch Joswin Pereira. Fr Pradeep Crasta who fell sick has recovered now. Meanwhile, Sch Joswin is busy getting things ready for the ordination. We have an additional member to our community known by the name Lear belonging to the breed of dachshund. Meanwhile Chinto the cat has deserted Fr Peter! He must have found a better companion! (PP)

**MOUNT ST JOSEPH**

'Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realise they were the big things.' This quote has proved itself right for the last month. Our new Provincial Fr Dion Vaz along with our POSA designate Fr Stany D'Souza paid us a surprise visit on 1 September. Despite the pandemic, the novices had an 'Ashram experience' here in the novitiate chapel itself with the celebration of a traditional Indian-style mass celebrated by Fr Anil D'Almeida.

The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was marked by spiritual preparation for nine days through the novena and community recollection talk by Fr Anil D'Almeida and culminated with the celebration of a meaningful Eucharist. At noon we had a traditional Indian-style community meal with the community members and the support staff of MSJ.

The novices have completed their week-long study experiment. They were glued to their desks reading their books earnestly to present the insights they received. Dn. Pradeep WK from Kohima region shared his valuable experience with the novices.

A young man broke open the parish office under the influence of drugs on 1 October. No damage was done, and no valuable was missing. Though we have kept up one online Sunday Mass for the benefit of elders and children, more number of regular Sunday masses are organised to accommodate more faithful in the church so that Covid 19 protocol can be adhered to.

The catechism classes, ward daily rosary during the Rosary month of October, Divine Mercy Chaplet daily at 3.00 pm, meetings of various associations are regularly held through zoom and google meet. So far three families of our Parish had the misfortune of losing their dear ones because of Covid 19. All the three Covid19 deaths got a decent farewell to heaven with cremation and burial of ashes with proper requiem mass. The cemetery is getting ready with niches being built for the future deposit of ashes. The parish campus and the cemetery campus are lush green with plants growing well with utmost care. The parish priest is busy responding to the needs of the people from birth to death. (RS)

**ARRUPE NIVAS**

Frs Dion Vaz, the Provincial, and Stany D' Souza, the POSA designate, made their maiden visit to the college and community on 27 September. Fr Ralph da Costa is busy arranging the College museum in the MAGIS Block. Fr Denzil E Lobo, the IT Director, is immersed in giving skilled and seasoned touch to campus IT technology. Fr Joseph Lobo, the Research Director, besides his online classes for various theology faculties and spirituality centers, is busy organising webinars on research methodology across disciplines.

The community shared a meal with the construction workers on the completion of the

College administration block. Each one of them was given a small gift too.

The visit of the expert committee appointed by the Bangalore City University in view of the renewal of the recognition of the college research centres of Chemistry and Botany was successful. Though campus is quiet, the College is functioning fully online. Theory and practicals, peer teaching and remedial classes, curricular and co-curricular activities, projects and assignments, certificate courses and diploma programmes, departmental and association activities, College and departmental meetings, mid-semester and

end semester examinations, among others, are running with full steam. The Students' Council with the help of Ketto is raising funds towards the fees of the economically challenged students.

Parishodhana organised a talk by Dr B Narasingaraja Naidu (Retd. Professor & Chairman, Dept. of History, Bangalore University) on 'Contributions of Christians to Indian Freedom Struggle.' It also organised a talk on career options in History and Understanding Bengaluru heritage by Dr Githa Badikillaya, Founder Trustee, Destination Heritage. Josephite Aids Awareness Movement (JAAM) organised a week-long 'Stand up to Stigma Campaign.' The PG Microbiological Society organised a guest lecture by Dr Subhojit Sen (Faculty at UM-DAE) on 'Tracking stress induced epigenetic changes: from human cancers to chlamydomonas.' Social

Work Students Association organised a lecture by S. Balan, senior advocate of the High Court on 'Labour Codes: Challenges and Prospects' with reference to the recent policies declared by the central government. It also organised the first Alumni lecture series on 'Social work in the corporate sector: perspective and scope' by Ms. Gangamma, programme manager, Amazon. UG Chemical Society's Remedial Association presented Peer Learning - a platform for making college learning with extra fun. They also organised Elusion - a game to resolve tricky situations. Consilium, an association of the Dept. of Psychology presented Open Mic - a safe space and an opportunity to showcase students' talents as part of suicide prevention week through songs, art, poems, etc. SJC indeed is teeming with life and activity despite the COVID. (JL)

## INIGO SADAN



The feast of Mother Mary was celebrated in a grand manner. Sch John Romiyo (DAR) reached Inigo Sadan and was put in quarantine for a week.

SJIPS conducted various activities which motivated the students and the exercise was a learning experience for the staff. Corona has taught us to do many things in different ways. Children participated in the Rotary Club (Spell Bee) activities and they had FA 2 exams.

The celebration of teachers' day was conducted

and aired from the campus of St Joseph's School CBSE. Hindi Diwas was celebrated by the staff and the students of St Joseph's School. Online live streaming programme was launched. The Investiture ceremony for the academic year 2020-21 was conducted with much anticipation. An online prayer service was held to honour our Blessed Mother Mary. First Fun n Frolic day was held with the theme 'My Family'. The entire programme was organised by the preprimary teachers coordinated by Ms Savitha and Br Mark. (FA)

## JESUIT NIVAS



We hosted the Ordination of five Jesuit deacons on October 2. Archbishop Peter Machado ordained the deacons to priesthood. The physical presence was limited only to the close family of the ordinandi and some Jesuits. But many joined through the online platform.

To mark the International peace day a song compiled by the students of St Joseph's College of Law (SJCL) was released urging the youth to become ambassadors of peace. In an effort to promote entrepreneurial endeavours among students and identify, inculcate and enhance the innate entrepreneurship skills, the Entrepreneurship Development Cell at SJCL hosted an intercollegiate competition 'Prarambh'.

This year SJEC has good admissions despite the disruption caused by COVID-19. We organised

14 online Leadership Series Lectures by experts from different fields. An experiential workshop on 'Guided Imagery Meditation as an Integrative Practice' was organised to help teachers and students to cope with anxiety and stress.

An orientation programme was conducted at SJPU for the first years. Fr Sunil C Ranjar addressed the students on the legacy of Jesuit Education. For the second years, there was a week-long workshop on public speaking, debating skills and dialectical reasoning. This was organised and conducted by the alumni of SJPU.

In order to ensure learning continuity, SJCC introduced online classes with several innovations in teaching, learning and evaluation. A team was formed, a suitable portal identified, and a policy was drawn for holding online classes at SJCC.

Mentorship and counseling support to students was also offered in the online mode. Many student and staff support groups were formed to promote inclusive learning and help students transition into this new normal. All activities transitioned to the online mode, including the student council elections, investiture ceremony, guest lectures and seminars.

The staff members participated in five faculty development programmes (FDPs) and five train the trainer (TTT) programmes organised by the institution as a pedagogical tool and E-content development for SWAYAM. The Institution also

organised notable webinars such as National Education Policy 2020 – A socio-cultural perspective, and the international webinar series on Sustainable Development Goals – 2030.

The Institution has signed a memorandum of understanding with Women in Tech, Maldives to promote computer and analytical skills among the students and has acquired institutional membership with United Nations Global Compact Network India (UNGCI) and has been recognized as the local chapter for SWAYAM – NPTEL this academic year. (WB)

## HASSAN



A few showers and the hard work of Fr Joseph D'Souza has made our campus green. The construction work of the new PUC building is in progress. In the meantime, the high school building also has undergone some minor changes with the renovation of the school entrance. We had a meaningful celebration of the feast of the Nativity of BVM.

Fr Henry Saldanha, our new headmaster, has brought many changes in the school and is working hard to build up an alumni association. The fruit of it is already seen in the contribution of Rs 2 lakhs towards the scholarship fund of the poorer students received from a distinguished alumnus Mr Ashalk Haranahalli of 1973 batch.

Our teachers underwent a thorough training in conducting online classes. Our new regent Sch Maxim D'Souza is a sought-after man for guidance on online classes and technical issues. We have begun the online classes both for the school and PUC. There is a good response both from the parents and the students. In this time

of pandemic, the teachers are working hard to reach out to the students and teach in different villages through the 'Vidyagama' programme.

The second and third year students of St Joseph's College started their online classes through MS teams from mid-June itself. Probably ours was one of the first colleges in Hassan to start the new academic year with full-fledged online classes. New admissions are going on. We have almost completed 95% of the admissions. Online orientation was held for the parents and the new students who joined the 1st year course. To keep the academic vigour going, we organised a day's national level webinar on 'Strategic Human Resource Management: An Analysis amidst Pandemic'. There was an overwhelming response and the webinar was well appreciated. Besides engaging online classes, the staff is also busy attending various webinars. Affiliation committee for PG course (M.Com) visited our college. The team was happy about the facilities provided for the new course. (MD)

## ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, M'luru



In a short while after the announcement of Fr Dion as the new provincial, we had more good news with the appointment of the new Rector, Fr Melwin Pinto. He took charge on September 22 at MJES Governing Body meeting. The community bade farewell to Fr Dion with grateful hearts for four and half years of selfless service and immense contribution to St Aloysius Institutions. Fr Melwin with his arrival has brought in a lot of joy, energy and positivity.

It was quite unfortunate when the City Corporation renamed St Aloysius College Road with a short

notice. The management on its part held a press conference opposing the undemocratic move and is weighing various options for the future course of action.

The examinations for the final semester students in the College went on smoothly with over 2000 students writing the exams in more than 10 centres spread across Kerala, Goa and the North East. The student council was inaugurated with our new Rector presiding over the programme in the virtual presence of the chief guest Mr Anil Pinto, Registrar, Christ (deemed-to-be university).



The entire event was live streamed on YouTube.

To shower love and admiration to teachers, students organised a virtual Teachers' Day celebration in the PU College. The staff of SAPUC won various prizes at 'Yenergy', a talent hunt competition, held for teachers by Yenepoya Institutions. On account of World Suicide Prevention Day 2020, Dr Laveena Noronha, Director, Ave Maria Palliative Care, presented informative sessions for parents and students. Over 50 various associations and clubs were creatively inaugurated online to cater to various interests of students. Our High School has taken a big step towards clean and renewable energy with the installation of 30kv solar power unit on the roof of the hall. This was possible due to the generous contribution of the old students and keen interest of the headmaster Fr Gerald Furtado

The community went through a difficult phase when five of our members were tested positive for Corona. Those infected were treated at Fr Muller's Hospital with our Corona warrior Fr Sujay on his toes always at their service. The feast of Nativity was celebrated in a simple way owing to COVID precautions. By the grace of God all the sick members are recovering well and the life in the community has slowly returned to normalcy. We welcomed these days three new members Fr Adhul Thomas (KER), Sch Jomon (KER) and Sch Harish to the community. They will be pursuing their higher studies in the College. Meanwhile, we bade adieu to Schs Anand Paul and Joseph Jerald, the Einstein and the Newton of the community. They have since moved to their regency places on the successful completion of their long-awaited exams. The birthday of Fr Santosh Kamath was celebrated with a solemn community mass and grand dinner thereafter.

At AIMIT, the nativity of Mother Mary was celebrated with a traditional multi-course meal on plantain leaves. At the Institute, the festive mass was celebrated on the eve of the feast with

the blessing of corn. Payasam and sugarcane too were served. The exams for the final year students were conducted smoothly by following minute procedures of COVID protocol. Students from Kerala were able to write their exams in different special centres arranged in Kerala. State of the art computers donated by Mr Prem Watsa and Mr Michael D'Souza were blessed and inaugurated by the new Rector. A simple programme to celebrate the generous gift by the donors was also held after the inauguration. Orientation and initiation classes are being conducted online for the new students. The three outgoing student priests Frs Wilson Moras, Sijo Mathew and Bernard were given an emotional farewell at Gonzaga Nivas.

St Aloysius Gonzaga School celebrated 74th Independence Day with pride and great patriotism. The English Literary week was organised under the theme 'Celebration of Literature and Life' by conducting various fun-filled language activities for students. A teacher enrichment programme 'Me Time' was organised for teaching staff in the school. The programme was conducted by eminent resource persons on various topics under the aegis of Catholic Association of South Canara (CASK). The teachers were duly honoured on Teachers' Day by CASK, the PTA executive members, students and the management with variety of activities and gifts. On the same day, the Rector of St Aloysius Institutions Fr Dionysius Vas was also felicitated as well as given a farewell by the School as he was appointed as the new Provincial of the Karnataka Jesuit Province. To enhance the literary skills, Hindi Saptah under the theme 'Hindi Bharath Maa Ki Bhindi' was organized with various activities for the students. World Ozone Day and International Day of Peace were observed by the students as awareness was given through video clippings. All the students completed their first periodic test in the month. (OR)

## VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad



Frs Melwin Pinto and Edward Philip visited Mundgod, Bijapur, Sindagi and Manvi to review the progress of the work among the unorganised youth in these areas. The scholastics had a course by Sr Prescilla Braggs BS on self-awareness and Sr Lucy Britto SCCG on the architecture, sculpture and paintings in and around the Vatican.

Under the guidance of Fr Edward Philip, the youth ministry has been revived. Schs Adline Monteiro, Steve Gibson and Pradeep D'Souza, who are in charge of the youth ministry, along with Fr Edward Philip planned out activities for the youth at the neighboring parish of the Holy Cross, Dharwad, with the help of the priests there.

The group-wise projects which began in the middle of July, for all the scholastics are bearing fruit. These projects include composing lyrics and music, compiling prayer services on different themes, experimental cooking, and cultivating vegetables in the terrace garden.

The Teachers' Day was celebrated with the youth of our parish. We began the celebration with the Holy Eucharist; thereafter, we wished the teachers through songs and then felicitated them with mementos and light refreshments. We had novena to our Blessed Mother Mary in preparation for the 'Monti Fest'. We had the traditional fellowship meal on the feast day. We participated in the online course on 'The Responsible Use of Social Media' given by Sch Joseph Jerald SJ from St Aloysius College community.

Fr Melwin Pinto was the main celebrant and Fr Edward Philip preached the homily during the First Vows Profession of one of the Sisters at Shanthy Sadan convent. Schs Christon Gonsalves and Princen Michel helped in training the sisters for the choir. We spent a day in prayerful recollection and faith sharing at Haliyal. Fr Antony TV led us through the recollection and concluded it with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

We bid a fond farewell to the outgoing superior Fr Melwin Pinto as he was appointed the Rector of St Aloysius Institutions. He handed over the baton to Fr Antony TV, our new superior. Through the initiative of some scholastics, along with the help and encouragement of Fr Melwin, we have a new in-house recording studio to make our talents in singing and instrumental music creatively productive. (PD)

## XAVIER SADAN, Mysore



'Two-some is lonesome but three-some is wholesome'. So we are three now, with the welcome addition of Fr Vijayaraju. Despite the forced cancellation of the scheduled programmes, we have been reasonably active with retreats and courses in Xavier Sadan, but mostly outside and a few on-line. Thus, Fr Anil D'Mello gave an 8-day retreat to novices, a triduum to juniors, and some monthly recollections here and there. Fr Freddie D'Silva led a diocesan seminarian through a 30-day retreat and also gave a 6-day retreat, a 6-day programme for tertians, a 5-day programme for novices, and two on-line courses for sisters, each of which was for two full days with four sessions a

day. He is also giving a 1-hour on-line session to JMJ Sisters on their constitutions every Saturday. Meanwhile, Frs Anil and Vijayaraju are ever available to help out in parishes and convents for masses. The out-going Provincial Fr Stany D'Souza was with us for a few days going through a recuperative cum rejuvenation therapy at the local Ayurvedic Hospital. The immediate positive outcome of his experience was a munificent gift of ten brand new sofa chairs for our office and community room. Bishop Francis Serrao of Shimoga too was with us before going to give a retreat to a local religious community here. (AD)



## REST IN PEACE

**Fr Erik Breye SJ (RAN)**, 80/61, on 18 Sept, in Ranchi.

**Br Nicolas Hernandez Blanco SJ (ESP)**, 92/75, Missionary to Gujarat from 1949 to 1988, on 20 Sept 2020 in Villagarcia de Campos, Spain.

**Fr Dionysius Rasquinha SJ (PAT)**, 65/44, on 24 Sept, in Patna.

**Mr Salus Fernandes**, 91, elder brother of Fr Hilario Fernandes, on 26 Sept, in Tanzania.

**Fr Joseph Thayil, SJ (KER)**, 90/70, on 30 Sept in Kozhikode, Kerala.

**Ms Philomena D Fernandes (83)**, paternal aunt of Fr Santhosh Fernandes, on 1 October, in Kumta.

**Fr Louis Francken, SJ (RAN)**, 82/63, 5 October, in Ranchi.

**Fr Paul Vadakel, SJ (KER)**, 91/71, on 08 October, in Kozhikode.

**Mr Doreraj (70)**, father of Fr Edward Philip, on 13 October, in Mysore.

## **Fr Vijay Kumar Prabhu SJ** (11 October 1940 - 15 September 2020)

Covid-19 cruelly cut down Fr Vijay Kumar Prabhu, 'a Jesuit with a large heart and deep humanity', who left us so soon and so suddenly, after having been hospitalised with tell-tale symptoms, where he suffered much and, despite the best possible medical care, succumbed to the pernicious pandemic on September 15, 2020, the feast of the Mother of Sorrows. He is indeed sorely missed, as the vicious virus has claimed its wholly innocent and totally unsuspecting victim, who has rightly been described as a gentle and generous man of deep spirituality and a positive attitude.

Born in a devout catholic family in Madanthyar, Dakshina Kannada, on October 11, 1940, when he joined the Society on June 29, 1959, one among the first batch of fresh novices to be housed in the just inaugurated Mount St Joseph, Vijay bore the name of Victor Gonsalves, which he later changed to Vijay Kumar Prabhu, and was ordained a priest on March 25, 1972 under that new name. From then on, for nearly 48 years, barring a couple of years spent in Rome securing the Doctorate in Philosophy from the Gregorian University, Fr Vijay had been quietly but fruitfully spending himself in the service of God's Kingdom as a teacher, formator, superior, spiritual director and mentor, until the end came suddenly and unexpectedly in the wee hours of the morning on September 15, 2020.

On the day of Fr Vijay's death Fr Olvin Veigas published a warm and moving eulogy to Fr Vijay saying: 'There are many people who come into your life but very few leave behind an indelible mark. This is because they have been exceptionally kind, gentle and generous towards you. You do



not want such people to go away from your life so early, because they are simply good. This is the case with Fr Vijay Prabhu.' A better summary of the person that Fr Vijay was, the witness that he bore, and the service that he rendered one can rarely find, and so, one can do no better than just echo these beautiful and deeply sincere sentiments here in this obituary of a person who was a fine human being, an exemplary Jesuit and a devout priest.

Fr Vijay was deeply human, gentle, caring, kind, generous, warm, affectionate, and humorous. At the same time, he was wise, prudent and endowed with enormous soft skills. No wonder, then, that he was called upon to spend most

of his life as a Jesuit either as a formator successively in St Joseph's Seminary, Mangalore, Satya Nilayam, Chennai, Vidya Niketan, Dharwad and as the Province Coordinator for Formation; or as a Religious Superior in Ashirvad, Bangalore, Mount St Joseph, Bangalore, St Aloysius College, Mangalore, St Joseph's College, Bangalore, Pannur-Manvi Mission and for five years as the Provincial of Karnataka. In all these positions he was much loved, admired and appreciated by his fellow Jesuits and others because of his amiability, warmth, easy accessibility, generous hospitality, kindly welcome and immense tolerance, which made him easy to approach and confide in, though as Fr Olvin rightly puts it, Fr Vijay 'never looked for positions in the Society, instead they came to him'.

As a Jesuit he was a living embodiment of Ignatian Charism and Spirituality, ever striving to live it and inculcate it in others especially the young Jesuits in his care. He was always encouraging and supportive, inspiring his men to be creative, open and intellectually alive, trying new initiatives, publishing books, and even starting the Pannur-Manvi Mission. That was the measure of his trust and confidence in his men. He loved the Society, loved the Province and loved his Jesuit community wherever he was, and always evinced keen interest in the apostolates of the Society.



The priesthood made Fr Vijay a deeply spiritual person. He was a man of prayer and fervour, but never ostentatious. As Fr Olvin points out, 'during his regular evening walks in the MSJ campus he would say his vocal prayers and rosary which could be heard if you were around him. Probably this must have kept him going in spite of his weak heart. In the last few years, Fr Vijay developed a number of health problems, yet he had others in his heart. He always saw how best he can be of help in spite of his debilitating health. During his stay in Mount, I found him busy preaching eight and thirty day retreats at Dhyanaashrama to groups of priests, nuns and brothers. Thousands of people must have listened and prayed through his insights because of his great intellectual, spiritual and human depth. People remember him for his friendliness, warmth and affability. He was always ready to give spiritual retreats at the newly opened retreat house Xavier Sadan in Mysore and at the reorganised Fatima Retreat House, Mangalore. I carry with me one insight that he gave in preaching Ignatian retreats. He said that we must always cultivate in retreatants a taste for the prayers of St Ignatius of Loyola.'

And so, as we bid a painful fare well to a much loved companion, we indeed mourn his death, but even more, we celebrate his eventful life lived wholly for God and God's people, and thank God for giving us the privilege of knowing and loving a rare human being, an inspiring Jesuit and a compassionate priest like Fr Vijay Kumar Prabhu. May he rest in peace.

Fr Vijay, we will miss you greatly but your inspiration and life will certainly enable us to continue your legacy in our lives as Jesuits. May you Rest in Peace!

– Fr Frederick D'Silva

# STANDING IN SOLIDARITY



*Why truth has become so bitter, dissent  
so intolerable, justice so out of reach*

*Fr Stan Swamy, SJ*





ear loving Father,

Filled with gratitude for the strength you bestow upon us

To face pain and persecution in these crisis moments

We come before you realizing and feeling your divine presence amidst us.

As we gather in solidarity with several people

Who stand for justice and are persecuted,

We pray for Fr Stan Swamy and several others today.

Give us a memory to know

That in times of hatred, injustice, and persecution

You are there.

Give us the wisdom to know

The value of the cross and

The power of the resurrection.

Give us strength enough to bless our persecutors

And to love our enemies.

Lord,

You give us hope and perseverance,

You give us fortitude and endurance.

And so,

May your will be done

May your people suffer no more.

May love reign, May hatred cease

May truth emerge victorious.

Lord, we pray with St Paul...

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;

perplexed, but not driven to despair;

persecuted, but not forsaken;

struck down, but not destroyed; (2 Cor 4:8-9)

We pray for a spirit of faith for Stan and the others

May they feel your presence through good health and resilience.

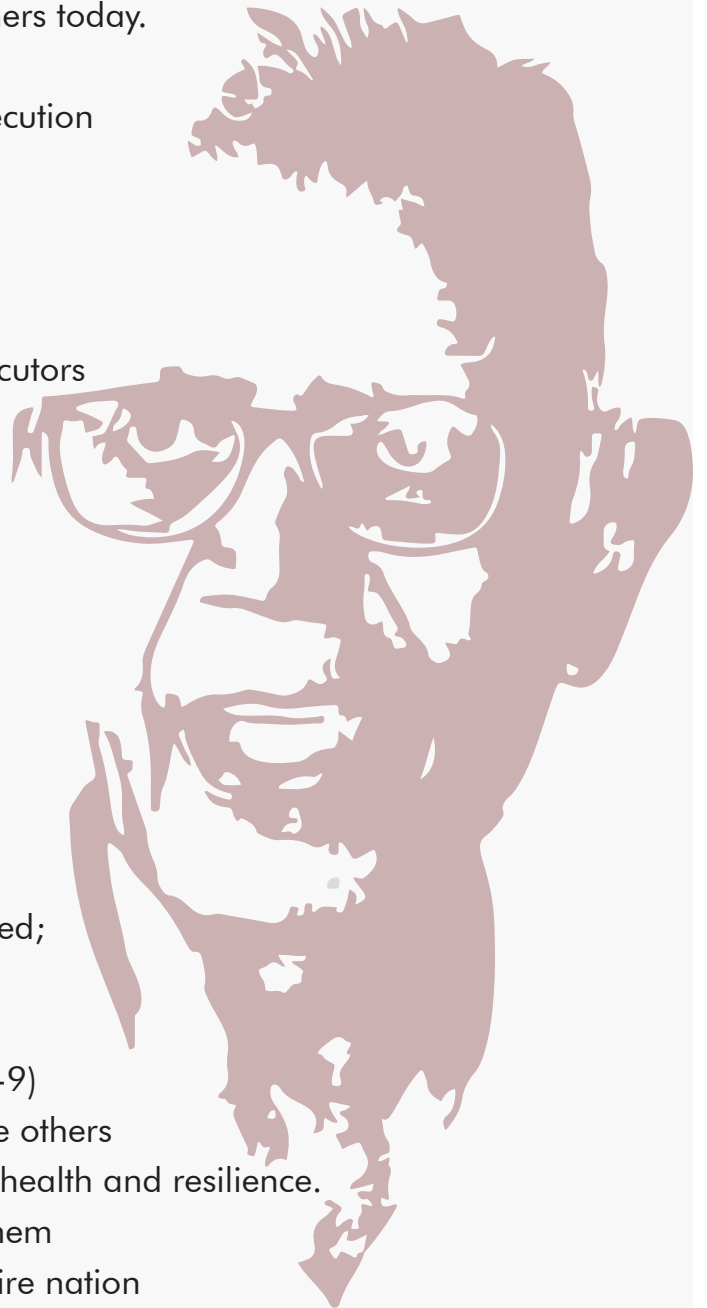
We pray for our tormentors and we bless them

We pray for renewal – a renewal of the entire nation

So that justice, equality, and love may prevail,

Now and forever,

Amen.



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**Fr George Pattery**

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