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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS



On 25 August 2020, Fr General appointed Fr Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz, the Provincial of Karnataka Province. So, habemus Provincialem.

Born on 27 August 1963, Fr Dion acquired two masters degrees, in Sociology and Pastoral counselling. He joined the Society on June 20, 1981 and made his solemn profession on June 06, 2004. The Society gave him different missions as the director of the pre-novitiate and vocation promoter, parish priest, province consultor, novice director, superior of Bijapur Mission, rector of St Aloysius College, Mangaluru, all of which he served with great devotion and dedication.

The brief profile of Dion indicates that he is a man of exposure, experience and expertise. The varied ministries have helped him to hone his varied skills of administration and accompaniment; of training programmes and practical knowledge on finances; of constructions and legal issues. The wide exposure has not only enriched him, but has also helped him to know the Province, its men, and its works, and also to relate to the Local Church, CRI and the government officials.

Dion has a rich personality with emotional and intellectual depth, daring and decisive nature, and above all, a gift of discernment and love for the poor. The participation in the GC 36, the REGAE process and the formulation of the Karnataka Province Apostolic Plan (KPAP) have further enriched and equipped him to be an effective leader.

Of course, there are issues: the unprecedented times caused by the pandemic COVID 19 and the hostile political situation fostered by the right wing ideologies on the one hand, the New Educational Policy (NEP) and the collapse of the economy on the other, will surely pose him enough challenges. However, he is going to be the Provincial of a Province, which is blessed by the Lord in many ways. There are 307 competent, committed and credible men, and more than 80 apostolic units. The life in the spirit in the Province is sufficiently deep, community life cordial and cohesive, apostolic ministry robust, and moreover, we have a fairly good and well worked out apostolic plan to serve the Lord and His Church in Karnataka.

I am grateful to the Province for praying for, supporting and helping me to be a channel of graces to the Province. I am sure the Province will support Dion, and that God will continue to be propitious to him so that the Province experiences many and abundant graces in and through Dion!

APPOINTED BY FR GENERAL

Fr Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz
Provincial of Karnataka

Fr Dominic Quyen Vu
Provincial of Australia

Fr Joseph O'Keefe
First Provincial of the most recently created Jesuit Province: United States East (UEA)

Fr Keith Abranches (GUJ)
Rector of the Collegio Internazionale del Gesù, Rome. (assumes charge in July 2021)

Fr Melwin Joseph Pinto
Rector, St Aloysius College, Mangaluru

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Paul Coelho
Consultor of Kohima Region

Fr Vijayaraju
Xavier Sadan, Mysore

Fr Antony T V
Acting Superior, Vidya Niketan, Dharwad



Fr General has approved the appointment of **Fr Joseph B Coelho** (KHM) as the Treasurer of Kohima Region.

By a letter dated 27 August 2020 (KHM 2020/12), Fr General has transcribed **Fr Felix Monteiro** from Karnataka Province to Kohima Region. May God bless Fr Felix and his ministry in Kohima Region.

Fr Anthony Pradeep and **Fr Roshan David Pereira** are approved for the Final Vows.



CONGRATULATIONS

Fr Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz on being appointed Provincial of Karnataka Province. May God bless you and your new mission.

Fr Ronald Fernandes on being appointed Vicar General of the diocese of Georgetown by Most Rev Francis Dean Alleyne OSB, Bishop of Georgetown Diocese. May God bless Fr Ronnie and continue to guide him in his new assignment.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Dionysius Gerard Leonard Vaz will begin his ministry of leadership of the Province on Saturday, September 26. The Holy Eucharist will be at 6 PM in Inigo Sadan Chapel, Bengaluru.

Fr Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, Provincial will be leaving for Jor Bagh, Delhi on September 28.

Most Rev Peter Machado (Archbishop of Bangalore) will be ordaining Deacons **Jeevan James, John Baptist, Pradeep WK (KHM), Roshan Pinto, Vinod AJ** to Ministerial Priesthood on **Friday 02 October, 2020 at 10.00 am** in St. Joseph's Boys' High School Chapel, Bengaluru.

Most Rev Peter Paul Saldanha (Bishop of Mangalore) will be ordaining Deacons **Avinash Lobo, Praveen Martis, Royston Pinto, Vishwas Misquith** to Ministerial Priesthood on **Saturday 10 October, 2020 at 10.00 am** in Loyola Hall, St. Aloysius PU College, Mangaluru.

Let us keep these Deacons in our prayers.

The arrival of Schs Arun Lobo and Santhosh Kumar has added more life to the community. After spending three months in Jnana Jyothi and teaching four courses, Fr Sunil Ranjar returned to Rome. His presence indeed made a difference academically and made our community lively. We also bade farewell to Fr Ivan Sequeira and wished him well in his Tertianship. For the first time, Fr Olvin Veigas took classes for the RTEC students on Pneumatology (Theology of the Holy Spirit); it was well appreciated. After spending quality time with his family at the demise of his father, Sch Larren Menezes is back in the community. Though our house is almost full, we have spared some place to accommodate naati koli (country fowls) under the able leadership of Fr Cyprian Tellis.

The CIRW and its staff are running the shows smoothly despite the difficulties caused by the pandemic. The mobile-medical-camps are working in full

VIJAYAPURA //

On August 30, all the religious in Bijapur mission participated in the Mission orientation programme for which Bishop Robert Miranda was present. The Eucharist was celebrated by the Bishop. Fr Anil Prasad spoke to us on mission, which was followed by community wise sharing and a business session. The Church construction is progressing well. The basement, which is also a hall, is fully ready and we have begun having masses there. We sent a truck load of relief material to Bidar for the Covid relief work. The renovation has been done in and around Maitri Sadhana and now the house and campus have got a good shape. The entire Bijapur Jesuit community was invited to Gulbarga for the celebration of the installation of the new community. CNFE is collaborating with Azim Premji Foundation to have Covid awareness programmes in 30 slums. Frs Melwin Pinto and Edward Phillip visited the mission in view of evaluating the Unorganised Youth Project. This

KALABURAGI //

On the occasion of the canonical establishment of Loyola Sadan community, a panel discussion on the 'spirituality and contributions of Fr Pedro Arrupe to the life and mission of the Society and the Church' was organised with Frs Anand Prabhu, Balaraju A and James Gonsalves as panelists. The Bijapur Jesuit Community to which Loyola Sadan was attached so far also participated in this

swing around Anekal taluka. We are thankful to Mr David, alumnus of St Joseph's Institutions, Bengaluru, for his generous help to our village children. We bade farewell to tailoring students in our three tailoring centers in Vabhasandra, Basavanapura and Gaurenahalli. We distributed 23 tailoring machines to our outgoing students, out of which 10 were completely free because of the generous local benefactors. Forty women and students received their tailoring completion certificates. SHGs, VSS (village small savings) and Children's Associations are running efficiently, and our co-coordinators work tirelessly to keep up the smooth functioning of the Sanghas. During this pandemic, the SHGs and VSS savings are a great boon to draw money for their immediate needs. There has been a great demand for hostel admissions as our hostel is known for its integral formation of children. (JP)

visit as well as the inputs from the evaluators have brought changes in executing the programme among the partners. Lok Munch at Vijayapura with its partner organisations have come up with MGNREGA Anustana Abiyana (MAA) to encourage the migrants as well as the villagers to engage themselves with rural employment at the Panchayat level. Job cards are made, works are monitored and made sure that proper wages are paid to the beneficiaries. Students' clubs have been effectively engaging themselves with the peer group learning processes monitored by the youngsters in the locality. They share resources and make sure that some learning happens. CNFE is thankful to Hindustan Unilever for the relief aid. We are thankful to BJES and Mission Vishwas for two lifesaving ventilators that are being used round the clock to save the Covid patients. (PM)

programme which included the Eucharistic celebration. Fr Melwin Mendonca was the



main celebrant and Fr Anthony Dass homilist.

St Xavier's PU College secured an overall pass percentage of 90 in II PUC final board examination. There is rush for admission for the I PUC in the college and the hostels and we are awaiting similar response in the school too. The college teaching staff is busy preparing classes in their respective subjects and video recording, editing and uploading them for the benefit of the students.

Fr Praveen Kumar and Sch Kiran Leema are busy doing regular maintenance work and giving a facelift to the hostel buildings with the hope that soon the students will be on the campus. Thanks to copious showers, the College campus looks

MANVI



Fr Don Prem Lobo after a year of unstinted service at Loyola Kapepaladi School and hostel left for his higher studies. Fr Maxim Rasquinha went to Mangaluru for a check-up and some change. He enjoyed a fortnight's stay and wonderful hospitality accorded to him by the FRH community. Fr Royston Madtha was given a warm send-off as he left for his Tertianship at Prerana after four years of faithful service as principal of Loyola PU & Degree College. Fr John Crasta has gone for his native place near Kasargod where both his parents have been ailing. Fr Ambrose D'Souza was given a warm welcome to the Pannur mission. It was like a gar vapasi experience for Fr Ambrose who had served the Parish during the great floods of 2009-10. He has taken charge

MUNDGOD



The pandemic days were well utilised for the training programmes for the staff on the topics 'land rights and productivity' by Mr Lokesh Gowda and 'creating a child-friendly environment in the school' by Mr Suresh Pujar of Education Department. Frs Edward Philip and Melwin Pinto were with us for the evaluation of the Unorganised Youth Project. LVK became the beacon of hope as it supported 600 needy families in Haliyal and Mundgod by distributing ration kits to the needy. The Lokmanch leaders are being empowered by regular meetings and training programmes. The CFI project in association with the Mundgod Taluka health department organised an awareness programme on COVID-19 for 90 CFI children.

The social work in Hangal is also going on in full

verdant. Under the supervision of Fr Anand Prabhu all the newly planted saplings are growing well and the campus is kept tidy.

Fr Richard Mascarenhas who is in charge of Sacred Heart Church, Bidar, has begun family visits and house blessings. He has understood through these visits the present situation of the people under his care during this time of Covid 19 pandemic. Now the response of the faithful during the Sunday liturgy is much better. As a preparation for the celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary, rosary, mass and novena prayers are arranged for the faithful every evening. (KL)

of the Parish from Fr Anil D'Souza who joined the main community at Manvi after four years of fruitful service at Pannur as the parish priest and the coordinator of social work.

Frs Melwyn D'Cunha and John Thomas are busy doing the admissions which are pretty slow to come by this year due to the pandemic. They have not lost hope; in fact, they go around the district trying their best to attract students to the colleges. Our CBSE school secured 100% results and Loyola School and the PU College secured 96% results in the board exams. Fr Wilson Moras left for Mangaluru to write his final semester exams. (LP)

swing with better clarity on goals and objectives for the current year. On August 10, the feast of St Lawrence, patron of Hangal parish was celebrated. Fr Francis Menezes presided over the Eucharist and the other Jesuits from Mundgod were the concelebrants.

Despite Covid-19, Loyola High School achieved 89.55% in SSLC. There was a fairly good rush for PUC admissions. The seats were full within two weeks. Loyola Kendriya Vidyalyaya CBSE is reaching out to students through online classes. Online competitions were conducted on the occasion of the Independence Day. Novena in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady is creatively conducted at St Rita's Church as well as in the substations. (AD)

ASHA KIRAN



To preach like Sts Peter and Paul, we had a course on Homiletics by Fr Ronald Pais. From every corner of Asha Kiran, the song of the Independence was heard as we celebrated India's Independence Day as well as the foundation day of Asha Kiran. Fr Dionysius Vaz, the Rector of SAC, was the main celebrant at the Eucharist. To keep us updated on

the current affairs, we had a talk on the National Education Policy 2020 by Fr Maxim Dias. In the history of Asha Kiran, the first webinar was conducted by the scholastics on the theme 'Walk and talk with the youth' by Ms Jesvita Quadras. We were also given the taste of other religions by Fr Anil D'Almeida. (RRB)

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE



The 90th birthday of Fr Stany Miranda was celebrated with warmth and joy. Following the Eucharist concelebrated by Fr Stany, he was greeted with a shawl, garland and Mysore peta. We now have two nonagenarians in the community. To mark the Independence Day the national flag was hoisted after the morning mass by Fr Maxim Rasquinha who was with us for a few days. To commemorate the 5th death anniversary of Fr Ronnie Prabhu, a group of his admirers led by Ms Olga Noronha and Mr Steevan D'Souza brought out the 'Memoirs of Fr Ronnie Prabhu SJ 1940-2015' with the title 'I'll die Smiling'. The book was released on August 18 at Kristalaya, FRH. The programme was marked by an interreligious prayer, a documentary on Fr Ronnie and the formal release of the book by Fr Maxim Misquith.

Fr Ronald Pais preached an Ignatian retreat to the Sisters of Charity at Casa Gaia. The sudden and untimely demise of our dear Fr Walter Andrade was a bolt from the blue for us at Santrupti. Fr Walter was a quiet and gentle presence in the community, blessed and grateful. He lived an unassuming life and left us without troubling anyone. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Fr Provincial; Fr Jerome D'Souza preached the homily and Fr Eugene Lobo, the eulogy. (CD)



LOYOLA, Mangaluru



God's ways are mysterious and wonderful, for in spite of the shutdown due to Corona virus, he has filled Loyola with many a generous soul. There were no vocation camps conducted; yet those who had attended the vocation camp when they were in 8th standard or 9th had not forgotten to respond generously to follow Christ, the Lord. Sufficient credit must be given to Fr Alwyn D'Souza who worked as deacon and priest in Madanthyar and scholastic Joswin Pereira who was regent at Hassan school. Sch Joswin has brought four pre-

novices of Hassan boarding house and two have come from Madanthyar. Final credit of all of this should of course go to Fr Pradeep Crasta who, in spite of the restrictions, personally visited their homes, got their admissions done, personally brought those from Hassan by taxi. Besides pre-novices, Loyola also has given shelter to Schs Rudolf D'Souza and Macwin D'Souza who could not find place in the inn (Ashakiran). Sch Joswin has launched Website Loyola (loyolaprenovitate.com). (PP)

MOUNT ST JOSEPH



The month of August for the novices unveiled itself by the addition of various courses like English vocabulary, study skills and scripture by Frs Prakash D'Souza and Arockiasamy respectively. After their 14-day quarantine, Dn Jeevan James and Schs Roydon Misquith and Noel Dias shared their experiences of the universal Society. On the Independence Day, after the solemn mass, we had a short flag-hoisting programme where novice Denver delivered the Independence Day

message. The flag was hoisted by one of the co-workers. Fr Anil D'Almeida gave a talk to the novices on the topic 'Journeying with other faiths' to foster inter-religious dialogue in Jesuit life.

Fr Merwyn Fernandes is back, rejuvenated after his annual retreat at Xavier Sadan, Mysore. The points for the monthly recollection were given by Fr Kanikyaraju on God-experience in his life. All the novitiate gardens, especially St Joseph's

garden and the new herbal garden christened as AMDG, have had a makeover in the past one month. Thanks to the hard work of the novices and the abundance of rain, in the near future all can feast their eyes seeing the transformation of our gardens.

At Prerana, there are 23 tertians, and the tertian

PRERANA – TERTIANSHIP



The Tertianship from Shembag has found its new abode at Prerana for this year. Twenty three tertians belonging to 12 provinces and one region of South Asia have begun their journey in right earnest. The inaugural mass on September 1 was presided over by the POSA designate Fr Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza along with the Provincial designate Fr Dionysius Vaz and Rector of Mount St Joseph Fr Anthony Joseph. We are presently

instructors Frs Arul Sivan and William Sequeira are accompanying them as elder brothers in the school of the Heart. We are blessed with a new elevator. Prerana has a new look with a beautiful landscape of Ignatian theme park and an IHS logo, thanks to the initiative of Fr John Pradeep, who worked for these projects. (RS)

dwelling on the autobiography of St Ignatius. We will soon begin our month's retreat on September 26. Do keep us in your prayers. (LF)



NAVASADHANA



Navasadhana has opened its doors for a lot of newness, amidst all the uncertainties outside. We have a new director, regent, two new scholastics, and now God has blessed us with eleven new pre-novices. Through the generosity of BJES and MJES, we have new laptops, newly established computer lab and an upgraded internet connectivity, which allows the smooth flow of online classes of our pre-novices and scholastics. We also have launched a new logo of the house recently. Our gardens are getting new shapes under the leadership of our Schs Joyal D'Sa and Sanson D'Souza. We have inaugurated the renovated vermi compost bin to provide manure for our gardens. Navasadhana has now made its presence felt in various social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube with regular updates to inspire young men to join the Society of Jesus.

An intensive English camp was organised for the new comers under the able leadership of Sch Joyal D'Sa. The second-year pre-novices and scholastics are busy attending the online classes. The Independence Day was celebrated at the Degree College. Fr Mariyaraj hoisted the national flag and the pre-novices enriched the occasion by singing patriotic songs.

We are happy to have Sch Ovin Rodrigues who has come from SAC Mangaluru to help us out in camps. We appreciate his active involvement in various activities and his motivating sessions. The Corona virus in a way has brought lots of joy in our house, with the visits of many Jesuits en route to Mangaluru or Bengaluru. (DD)

ARRUPE NIVAS



An online inauguration of the first semester of PG and UG programmes were held on August 3 and 17 respectively, followed by the commencing of regular online classes. An orientation programme was organised for the newcomers. A panel discussion on the New Education Policy was organised with the panelists Dr Valerian Rodrigues, Dr M J Vinod and Dr Anil Pinto which received a very good response. Similar programmes are in the pipeline. The Research Centre under the stewardship of Fr Joseph Lobo organised an online workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights'

with resource persons Smt Prabhavati Rao (Dept of Industries and commerce, Govt. of Karnataka), Dr M N Bheemesh (ALMT Legal, Bengaluru), and Shri Vivekanand Sagar (IP Attorney and Consultant, Patent Information Centre, KSCST Bengaluru).

The Student Council virtually hosted Swagath-2020, the annual Freshers' Day, in two phases. Phase-1 included the interaction among Council members, old timers and freshers. Phase-2 consisted of a talent competition

for freshers under the theme, 'What's your superpower?'. A video, introducing 59 college associations with curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities was released. It has been circulated among all the 6000+ students. World Photography Day was celebrated with the theme 'Wild life in your backyard'. Women's quiz was organised for all the women students and faculty.

A recording of one hour adoration was prepared for the Archdiocese of Bangalore under the leadership of Fr Arul Anthony. This was televised on September 1, on the first day of the Novena in preparation for the feast of the Nativity of

INIGO SADAN



The community bid a farewell to the third year college going scholastics and welcomed two scholastics, Sch Cicil and Sch Sebastian from Kerala Province. We have begun the novena for the feast of the Nativity of the BVM.

SJS CBSE has been awarded by Global Summit Expo Awards 2020 as 'Best in extra-curricular activities'. Fr Rohan D'Almeida was awarded for his outstanding contribution to society. The 74th Independence Day was celebrated at SJS CBSE in the presence of PE teachers, coordinators, admin the supporting staff. A short online prayer service was conducted to honour our beloved Mother Mary on August 15. The online retreat for the Catholic students from class 6-10 was conducted with the theme 'Lord, increase our faith' by Fr Prashanth Wesley D'Souza. The discussion on

JESUIT NIVAS



Independence Day celebrations at SJBHS were live-streamed to the students and parents. Fr Dion Vaz addressed the staff and renewed their enthusiasm and spirit of commitment in the annual staff seminar. For new students and parents of Std 11 and LKG, an online orientation programme was held. A special online retreat for Catholic students, parents and staff members awakened a mood of prayer and thanksgiving and facilitated spiritual guidance during these difficult times. The first-of-its-kind online commerce fest 'Bifrost' was highly successful and saw 400 students participating from 60 schools, including two international schools. Teachers' Day was celebrated through a creative online assembly where the students paid a rich tribute to their teachers through meaningful

BVM. A large number of hits were recorded on its YouTube version. A talk on NEP was organised in the community with Fr Maxim Dias as the resource person.

The Independence Day was celebrated on a low key, nevertheless with much fervour. Among other details, the contribution of our own Fr Ferroli to the Independence struggle was highlighted in a speech delivered by the chief coordinating officer at the parade. NCC cadets kept guard at the flag till its lowering at the sunset. The Principal Fr Victor Lobo and the Rector Fr Swebert D'Silva delivered heart-stirring speeches. They were also honoured at the flag hoisting ceremony. (JL)

National Education Policy and Circular 61 was also held. The panelists were: Mrs Shanthi Menon (Sr. Principal of Deens Academy) Mrs Shobha Rajiv (Principal of HAL Public School) and Dr Sarada Chandrasekaran (Head of the Institution, Whitefield Global School).

A webinar on the topic 'Science for us' was organised for class 1-10. Ms Gincy Jimmy and Ms. Brinda co-ordinated this event. The chief guest for the webinar was Dr Sandra Misquith, associate professor, department of Biochemistry, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bengaluru who shared thought provoking insights on the topic 'Science for us' and ignited a sense of scientific curiosity and interest in all of us. A webinar on 'Changes and challenges' was conducted by Fr John Kennedy. (FA)

speeches, songs and dances.

At SJPU, 'Kaizen' – a self improvement webinar for all the students was organised. The resource person Roger Joseph Lurshay, an alumnus of SJPU, through his interactive and witty style encouraged all students. The alumni and the Students' Council together organised and celebrated Teachers' Day. The alumni shared their nostalgic experiences and honoured their gurus.

At SJCL, eight days orientation programme cum bridge course was arranged for the newcomers to ensure proper inculcation of ideals of Jesuit education and gain a broad and general understanding of Constitutional and legal

studies. Faculty development programme was aimed at introducing and immersing scholars/ academicians into interdisciplinary legal research. National webinar on 'Custodial deaths and violence' was conducted to analyse the issue of custodial deaths and police impunity. A two-day national workshop on research methodology was organised for students with an aim of providing a sound understanding of various research methods, instruments, tools and techniques. Virtual national symposium on migrant workers economic linkages and law, public policy

dilemmas sought to investigate the alarming differences arising from legal and economic lenses, the scope and ambit of problems faced by migration labourers. Online Intercollegiate fest 'Ekta - celebrating the diversity and inclusivity of India' was organised to mark the Independence Day. 'Prarambh' – 2-day inter-college event was organised to design innovative business plans. Our students secured the runners up position as well the best researcher award at the national level moot court competition organised by BMS College of Law. (WB)

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, Mangaluru



The 80th birthday of Fr Freddy Menezes was celebrated meaningfully at AIMIT. It was a busy day for Fr Freddy what with multiple celebrations coming on his way, starting with celebrations with the Sisters at Deralakatte in the morning, followed by staff members in the noon and finally with the Jesuits in the evening. As the end semester exams for the final year students is announced, there is a steady flow of students to the AIMIT hostels. Fr Joy was busy getting the rooms ready for the incoming students, even as he is busy managing the campus and simultaneously taking online classes in business ethics. Under his able leadership, fruit-bearing trees are planted on the campus. The support staff planted a tree each. Frs. Sijo and Bernard, our student priests, have cloistered themselves pouring on books to prepare for the exams. Meanwhile, we were happy to welcome another new student priest from MAP province, Fr Ashok Lakra who will do his MBA.

Online orientation sessions were held for the II PUC students and also for the 2000 newly admitted I PUC students. The College organised an intense NEET crash course to assist students for the NEET 2020 exam. The Students' Council leaders were elected through online voting by the class representatives. A series of online parenting sessions and peer support programmes were organised by the Counselling department.

The Independence Day was commemorated with the hoisting of the national flag at every unit. Independence Day online competitions Kala Bharata were held at PU College. The High School organised a virtual meet of the NCC cadets. Even Gonzaga School went online with virtual celebrations to inculcate patriotism in the students.

Our High School secured 87% results in the SSLC examination. The English medium students did very well with 97 pass percentage. Our last batch from the ABH made us proud with 100% results. Fr Vinod Paul, along with his brother Fr Shanth Kumar, and with the technical assistance of Sch Nithin Coelho, has launched a mobile application Kristadani on Google play store. This first of its kind comprehensive app for Kannada Mass and prayer services is a fruit of Fr Vinod's many years of collection and hard labour during the lockdown period.

A week long indoor games tournament was organised in the community. Five games that were held witnessed active participation of all Jesuits from Beeri, Loyola and main campus. While most of the games had fierce competition, ludo was won easily by Fr Leo. The other young member of our community, Fr Santosh Kamath won the annual rain contest with a huge margin. Though the rain contest has officially ended, there are still many controversies under investigation.

The announcement of Fr Dion as the new Provincial brought a lot of joy and celebration in the community. As the news poured in, the community members flocked his room showering good wishes for his new ministry. The joy was doubled when we celebrated his birthday a day later. The community mass and the grand felicitation programme that followed had some guest Jesuits and collaborating sisters in attendance. Since this was Fr Dion's last birthday as Rector here, he took a moment to thank everyone for being supportive and adding joy in his life. (OR)

Frs Prashant Sequeira and Cyril Castelino reached Sitagarha for tertianship on July 29. We were quarantined for 14 days. We began the tertianship with the feast of St Ignatius and continued with the classes on the foundational texts of the Society. We are 26 tertians from 14 provinces. We begin our month's retreat on September 2. We will keep the intentions of the province in our prayers. (CC)



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REST IN PEACE:

Fr Patrick de Melo SJ (GOA), 78/61, on 14 August 2020, in Goa.

Fr Augustine Tigga SJ (HAZ), 72/51, on 15 August, in Hazaribag.

Mr Chourappa (63), paternal uncle of Fr Kanikaraju M, on 16 August, in Harobale.

Fr Gaston Roberge SJ (CCU), 85/64, on 26 August, in Kolkata.

Fr Walter Stephen Andrade SJ, 78/53, on 26 August, in Mangaluru.

Fr Kabamba Kalimbiro Joseph SJ (ACE), 53/33, on 03 September, in Chennai.

Fr Jayant Kumar Padival SJ, 71/54, on 8 September, in Mangaluru.

Fr Jacob Carvalho SJ (GOA), 75/57, on 12 September, in Belagavi.

Fr Vijay Kumar Prabhu SJ, 80/61, on 15 September, in Mangaluru.

Fr James Thottakath SJ (KER), 83/63, On 15 September, in Kozhikode.

Mr Walter D'Silva (82), father of Fr Ajay Nelson D'Silva and elder brother of Fr Victor D'Silva, on 17th September, in Mangaluru.

Fr Walter Andrade, SJ
(05 July 1943 – 26 August 2020)

We are here to bid earthly farewell to our dear brother Fr Walter Andrade SJ. We remember him as a warm, dedicated, friendly, affectionate, intellectual and scholarly person, and yet a simple human person in touch with everyone and everything. It is not easy to say goodbye to him, a good and wonderful companion. He was an effective priest, great teacher and principal, an educationist, and a good Jesuit. For all of us, this death of his is an unexpected shock and looks as if it came too quickly and too suddenly.

Once a medical doctor, Emil J. Freireich made a statement: "In my opinion death is an insult, the stupidest and ugliest thing that can happen to a human being". It is a startling statement to us as Christians and as priests. I would deny it outright. Yet, it helps us all to reflect on a problem: what does it mean for a human person to die and what is death? Death is not a mere flight from a machine-like body that remains human body after death. It is not merely a biological event. It is a loss of something unique - when a human person dies an 'I' lost to the world and a 'You' is lost to the survivors.

This is where lies the life's tragedy and death's insult, where a unique 'I' and irreplaceable 'you' is destroyed. The 'I' which visualised the beauty, saw the stars, enjoyed music, celebrated Eucharist, in a gentle way touched the hearts of friends, gave consolation to the relatives, is lost to the world and to the survivors. This 'I' God will not replace and cannot replace because this I is someone's special, personal, loving and shining which will never die. That is what our dear friend, a Jesuit and a priest Fr Walter Andrade has been. He is and has been a special, unique person to us and now he has gone forever to enjoy his eternal reward. For us Fr Walty will always remain a memory.

Perhaps Fr Walty from heaven is looking down at us in his usual cheerful way to tell us: 'Why are you sad on my account? Rejoice and be happy. Share my joy with each other. I have completed happily my earthly journey. Come and rejoice with me.' There is a little verse which says:

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep,
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am I diamond glint on the snow,
I am sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the light autumn rain.
When you awake in the morning hush,
I am the swift uplifting the rush,
Of birds circling in flight,
I am the stars that shine at the night.
Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there; I do not sleep



That is what our loving Walty has been - always happy and cheerful.

Fr Walter Stephen Andrade was the youngest child of Stephen Andrade and Mary Andrade born on the fifth of July 1943 at Cascia, Mangalore. He did his primary schooling at St John's school Bolar and the rest of the schooling, PUC and graduation, at St Aloysius College, Mangalore. Later he went to Loyola College, Chennai for his Masters in Economics. He taught for a year at Loyola College, when he experienced the divine call to join the Society of Jesus at Mount St Joseph, Bangalore in 1967. After the novitiate he taught for a year at St Joseph's College and went to de Nobili College, Pune for his philosophy studies in 1970. He taught for two years at St Joseph's College and then did his theology studies at Vidya Jyothi Delhi. He was ordained a priest on April 30, 1977. He was appointed vice principal at St Joseph's Commerce College in 1978-79. Then he was the socius to the provincial for two years. This was followed by his office as principal at St Joseph's College of Commerce and St

Joseph's Evening College and St Aloysius Evening College, Mangalore for nearly 20 years. He was also in charge of junior scholastics at Asha Kiran and student scholastics at Dharwar. He took over as the superior of Fatima Retreat House for a year in 2007. He worked at St Aloysius College as the finance officer for about eight years till he was directed to take rest at Mount St Joseph and finally at Fatima Retreat House where he reached his culmination. This in short is the life story of Fr Water Andrade.

Fr Walter was very close to his family. Betty Andrade/ Lasrado was his eldest and only sister, who was very close to him. He had five brothers: Edwin, Gerry, Alfred, Stany who have gone for their heavenly reward. Rudolph is his only surviving brother, who lives in Bangalore with his wife Cynthia. Allan, son of Rudolph and Cynthia, currently a lawyer in California, USA, extends a brief message from his family. All of them recollect the warmth, familiarity, involvement and encouragement of Fr Walter towards each of them. It is because of him most have reached high positions in life. Every member of the family has to say volumes about him.

Fr Walter was known for his hard and dedicated work. His main interest was his teaching administration and accounts. In most places where he worked, he organised the staff salary and introduced proper salary scales. He had great love for the poor. Whenever possible, he helped the non-teaching staff because he knew their salaries were low. He was the one for giving financial support to students in the colleges and was used to give fee concession without anyone's knowledge. He welcomed students from economically backward situations and provided further help. He had no hesitation in asking well-to-do parents to support the fees of poor students in the college and whatever help he received he directed it to the scholarship fund.

Fr Walter was a great educator and he lived that call. As a principal he was a good administrator and a good teacher. He never missed his lectures in economics and his notes were circulated in the college by the students. All loved him and flocked his office all the time. They would share their problems with him and he was a good counsellor to them. He was very close to the staff members, both teaching and non-teaching, in places where he worked. Several messages from students have come expressing their sad feelings at his demise. Mr Salil Shetty, an eminent alumnus, in his message says that Fr Walter was compassion personified. He loved the poor and the under-privileged. From him he learnt that the real meaning of being a Jesuit to be person of compassion. Some of the staff members who were very close to him like Mr G K Govinda Rao, Dr H S Ventatesh Murthy and Dr T V Narasimha Rao expressed in tears how much they are missing him. Such is the feeling of many persons who were in touch with him. He had built a good contact with the public and always remained close to them. All are feeling the loss of this great soul.

Fr Walter was very practical and down to earth in every situation. Wherever he went, he put his studies and knowledge into practice. He was a master in economics. He kept himself up to date with the economics and taxation system and could advice even the auditors. He could speak confidently with anyone on the practical matters of tax and economic crises. He looked into new situations and tried to gain as much knowledge as possible. His personality was such that he shared all he had unhesitatingly with others. He was a generous and outgoing person and could reach out to anyone in need.

Fr Walter was a great Jesuit and a wonderful priest. As a Jesuit, he was a person for others and placed himself at the service of others. He was always eager to accept any spiritual assignment. The problem of poor vision did not hold him back in doing his spiritual work. In the house he was regular for his spiritual duties and community exercises. For him there was no hesitation in accepting the assignment from the superior as the will of God. He went without hesitation to institutions he was asked to go. His life style was simple and down to earth. He had a great vision for the Society and he lived this vision in his life to put magis into practice. He was very gentle and caring for those under his charge. His concern for their studies and health was outstanding. His was a truly dedicated life, and sacrificed

himself for others. In the words of Annie Dillard: 'The dedicated life is the life worth living.' Such was his life. He was a man of prayer and service. As a Jesuit he showed us what and how much hard work and dedication can accomplish.

Fr Walter was a voracious reader and he regularly read newspapers, journals, novels and story books. He made effort to read with the help of a magnifying glass. He had phenomenal memory and he remembered names of students, staff, and was good at numbers. We used to tease him about his memory for railway time table and telephone numbers. He was the lover of sports and encouraged games, particularly cricket, in the college. He watched every game and was eager to get sports reports when the college teams went for competition. The sports men and women were much attached to him and he encouraged them.

Fr Walter was a scholar of his own type. But he was an intellectual and did extremely well in his studies. He taught well and his wise and adequate reflections made one understand how well read he was and kept himself up to date with the present-day theology and Jesuit Society matters. He never looked for any appreciation for his work and did whatever he had to do beautifully with humility and quietness. He was a down to earth person and never waited anyone to do any service to him. Till the last he wanted to come to the dining hall and remain with the community.

Fr Walter was a man with a vision. He always thought ahead of time. He had a great vision for the institutions where he worked. He had a great vision for his students. He loved people in need and those suffering. He had many close friends and that was evident with constant visitors coming to visit him. He had a sizeable crowd of Jesuit friends who called him regularly.

Above all, he was a priest, an outstanding one too, a good Jesuit dedicated to his ministry and mission. He did everything well with constant fidelity to his master. He had time to pray, meet people and do his work. He took much responsibility and was always available for ministry which he undertook with care and affection. Indeed, he was a man of God and showed it in practice.

He manifested his spiritual strength in his sufferings. Never did he exhibit resentment or pain or negative feelings towards his sickness. At times there was pain and he did not show it at any time. He accepted all with a smile. Rosary and crucifix were his constant support and companions. His concern was towards people and their problems and not himself. He placed his life at the service of others, particularly the community.

The Jesuit community of Fatima Retreat House will surely feel his loss and so also the Karnataka Jesuit province. Now we are here around the last remains of Fr Walter. We now surrender him to God and to mother earth. We will miss him and yet his memory will remain with us for long time to come.

Let me conclude with a little poem:

The tide recedes but leaves behind bright sea shells on the sand.
The Sun goes down but its gentle warmth still lingers on the land.
The Music stops and yet it echoes on in the sweet refrains.
For every joy that passes something beautiful remains.

Dear friend Walty, let me as your companion and friend along with the FRH community and Karnataka Jesuit province say good bye to you now. We will miss your simplicity and smile. We all cherished your affection, companionship, friendship and you will be remembered forever. Remain with Jesus and with Mary always and bring down to us many blessings. Goodbye dear friend good bye to you.

- Eugene Lobo S.J.

Fr Jayant Kumar Padival, SJ
(16 April 1950 – 08 September 2020)

Dear Friends,

Last evening, we heard that Fr Jayant was critical and within the next few hours we heard that he was gone. It is so unexpected, unbelievably fast. He disappeared from our midst all of a sudden. Ever since we received the news of his critical health, we stormed heavens with prayers hoping that he would pull through. But God's plans were different. He wanted him back. We can only accept God's plan, hard as it may be.

Fr Jayant came to the Northeast in the early 1980s to work as a missionary in Nagaland and Manipur. He served as a pastor in Bishnupur parish and gave leadership to our schools in Manipur. Thanks to his proficiency in the Manipuri language, he was much sought after for catechetical training of the laity. His simple yet deep spirituality endeared him as a spiritual director to many young seminarians at St Thomas Seminary in Imphal and the priests in the Archdiocese of Imphal. He carried his Jesuit virtue of availability on his sleeves and was ready to go anywhere, anytime, putting up with limited facilities and numerous inconveniences. Our communities in Manipur, Nagaland and Meghalaya have immensely benefited from his services.

Fr Jayant's greatest gift was his humane way of relating with people, young or old, educated or illiterate. That is what made him a successful missionary, a much sought-after spiritual director and a successful pastor. He built brick by brick not only the buildings where he was assigned, but also the faith of the people. He pioneered difficult missions in Manipur. The moment he got into Manipur, he learnt the Manipuri language and used it adeptly to narrate stories from the Bible to children and to impart Christian faith to the elders in the Bishnupur Parish. In fact, he was the first Kohima Jesuit to learn a local language and use it effectively for pastoral ministry – a beautiful model for the younger men to emulate.

Let me share with you briefly, Fr. Jayant's journey in the Northeast of India. Having arrived in Nagaland in 1980, he worked in Chizami for four years with a brief interval for his tertianship. From Chizami he moved to Bishnupur in 1984 to be the headmaster and parish priest for the next eight years. From 1993 to 1997, he served as spiritual guide for the minor seminarians in Imphal. From 1998-2002, he served as principal of St Xavier's School Moirang, at a time when threats and death warrants from underground outfits in Manipur were commonplace. He did not hesitate to stay on and work in spite of the danger to life. He braved the anxieties of this assignment nonchalantly. A new chapter began in his life when he moved to Shillong in 2003 to be the socius to the novice master. In 2006, he was assigned to St Ignatius Loyola parish, Maweit where he was much loved for his pastoral services. In 2011, he returned to Manipur, but this time as the pastor of a remote parish in Liyai Village, among the Poumai people. In Liyai, he lived a frugal life and served tirelessly for six years as parish priest and principal of our school.



His indomitable missionary zeal was doused only by his lungs, which had become weak because of his years of service and sacrifice to the people. It was this health setback that took him back to

