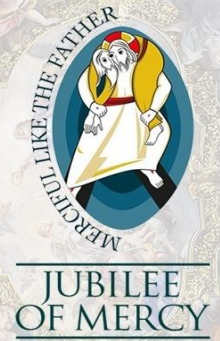




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Dear Friends,

The Annual General Body meetings of our Province Trusts and Commissions were occasions to revisit and renew our commitment to the mission entrusted to our care. We have begun the process of discernment of the **Universal Apostolic Preferences in our Province context** and are now taking this process forward through our Commissions. The Province Commissions, through our Commission Coordinators and members, need to re-visit and re-imagine our ministries and works so as to respond more effectively to the Society's mission today, spelt out for us in the UAPs. The Commission members are the hands of our Province mission, keeping the **mission focussed, vibrant and effective**.



During our Province Coordinators meeting, I have shared the **needs of the Province** and our calling to **go beyond our individual apostolates, and to think outside the box**. Through a process of prayer, reflection, spiritual conversation and communal discernment, our Province Commission Coordinators and members need to **prioritise our ministries**. Soon the Commission Coordinators will meet the new members to reflect and respond to the Province needs in prioritising their activities. **Collaboration and cooperation are essential to be effective as commissions** that bring **transformation through our mission**.

Our Superiors and DoW meeting reminded us that **we are the Province**. Each member contributes in a special way to the Province mission. We need to encourage each other and appreciate each other's talents/gifts. Each one is uniquely blessed and called to take initiatives in a different manner. As community, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we learn to discern and affirm each other. We grow in appreciation of one another; encourage, pray for and support our companions in our shared mission. As an apostolic community, Superiors and DoW need to share the vision of the mission with the members, in a **consultative and participative discernment process**. **Jesuit leadership is spiritual leadership; it is for the service of the community and apostolate**.

At the recent *Tempo Forte* meeting with the Province Consultors, we engaged in the process of spiritual conversation for our discernment. Reflecting on our mission and **how we could be more creative in responding to the signs of the time**, we experienced much **consolation and, at the same time, felt challenged to be effective in our mission**. Consolations strengthen our vision of mission and encourage us to accept challenges in our mission. As individuals, these challenges may seem insurmountable, and, left to ourselves, we are often reluctant to reach out of our comfort zones; but as a Jesuit community, we draw strength from the Lord and together we find the strength to dare and dream big for our mission. We draw confidence from **our sharing of spiritual consolations, which give us confidence** and the impetus to commit ourselves and transcend ourselves to make a difference in the lives of others.

Let us **use this opportunity to rekindle the fire in our hearts, accept the challenges of our mission today**, and reach out to the people on the margins of society, where no one else dares to go. Like our father St Ignatius, let us **listen to our hearts, to what the Lord is saying in the voice of those He holds most dear - sharing, inviting and entrusting us with His special mission as Jesuits today**.

Andrew Fernandes, SJ

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

August

- 13: AGM of Ashankur- Bhokar
14: Province Consult

- 15: Province Day Celebration
16- 23: Visit of Fr. M K George to Pune Province
28: Golden Jubilee celebration of Social Center

AROUND THE PROVINCE

SUPERIORS AND DIRECTORS OF WORKS MEETINGS:

On 20th July all the Superiors, Principals, Parish Priests and Directors of Work of our province gathered at Sanjeevan Ashram for enlightening themselves on how to be effective in governance of their assigned work. **Fr. Edward Mudavasery SJ (HAZ)**, the Rector of De Nobili College was the Main speaker of the day. The first part consists of input by Fr. Edward, in which he highlighted the **accountability** in life of a Jesuit and especially those in authority. He also spoke about of how one must be strengthened by **prayer and community spirit**. He focused on the roles of superiors that is invested with authority, as authority is understood in religious life and particularly in the Society, A Jesuit is essentially **a man on mission and Jesuit communities are also part of this mission and of apostolic communities**. Each Jesuit should be able to find strength and spiritual source in the community, in celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in the community prayer, in the colloquy with the brethren and most important the common discernment. It is the members of the community that take part in the community and apostolic discernment and not only the person in authority. He also spoke on the different dimensions of relationship of the Superior and the Director of Works, Superior and the subject, Directors of Work and the concerned subjects which also includes the co-works. Even our co-workers are part of our apostolic mission. He also added that the individual Jesuit gets his mission from the Provincial but it is up to the community Superior to adapt that mission in the community's mission. He also cautioned us of different atrocities that are emerging against the Religious. He gave practical examples from his life, experiences and his governance.

After spending time in silence and prayer, the whole group of Superiors, Principals, and

Directors of Works, Parish Priests were divided in groups to reflect on the questions based on the qualities of Superiors, the Jesuit authority and the mission ought to imbibe. Then the group Secretaries presented their reflections to the group which emphasized the points of having community prayers and sharing. It also involves remembering in prayer our province men, work, our co-workers, our benefactors and our friends. Another important aspect that came in the fruit gathering was getting feedback from the people with whom we work. Fr. Edward collated the points which came in the reflections and shared common factors to the group. **Fr. Andrew Fernandes SJ** our Provincial thanked Fr. Edward for sharing his valuable insights on the governance. Fr. Andrew also addressed the gathering and stressed on the **effective governance through spiritual leadership**. Our leadership is visible in our collaboration with others in our shared mission. Fr. Jeevendra Jadhav SJ beautifully summarized the whole session and put forth for us to implement in our lives. The whole meeting was well planned and well executed under the guidance and leadership of Our Provincial and Socius.

Dn. Anthony Tribhuvan SJ

PROVINCE COMMISSION COORDINATORS MEETING:-

The Province Commission Coordinators meeting was held on 14th of July at St. Vincent's Pune. The meeting was attended by all the Province Commission Coordinators and it was chaired by Fr. Provincial, Andrew Fernandes. In his address he welcomed the new Coordinators **encouraged the commission Coordinators to conduct regular meetings** of the respective commissions and submit the minutes of the meeting to the Provincials office. He shared the needs of our mission encouraged the commission Coordinators **to address the needs of our mission with effective creativity**. Fr. Provincial communicated to the commissions

his desire to strengthen and increase participation of all to take forward the mission of the Society. He also called on the members to concentrate on the Universal Apostolic Preferences so that they become part of commission works.

All the Commission Coordinators shared about the various works carried out by the members of Province pertaining to their commission. The commission Coordinators highlighted the importance of attending the meetings at the assistancy level. Most of them shared that the **assistancy meetings have broadened their horizons and deepened their knowledge about their ministry.** The meeting ended with a resolve to take the UAP to the grass root level for the spread of the Gospel.

Fr. Francis Patekar

KOLHAPUR TIDINGS: St. Ignatian Week



Ignatian Week was celebrated in a grand way. Various competitions such as monologue, story telling, drawing and elocution were held during the Ignatian week to prepare for this day to be celebrated on 31st. July. During the assemblies in the morning Ignatian March was daily practised



and all the students were involved in singing along with the school choir. Every day a teacher shared the reflection during the assembly on the life of St. Ignatius and the journey of the Jesuits

all over the world to inculcate the various values which St. Ignatius taught us.

It's the blessings and sacrifice of St. Ignatius that has made us to reach this stage of various fortunes and we are blessed with his values which lead us to become good human beings. Prizes were distributed during the celebration on 31st July 2019.

CELEBRATION AT ST. XAVIER'S KOLHAPUR

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated on the evening of 31st July 2019 in St. Francis Xavier's Church, Kolhapur. People anxiously awaited this occasion. Novenas were held for nine days. Triduum was conducted by **Fr. Savari Joseph**, a young and dynamic priest who was very much appreciated by the people.



The Feast Mass was celebrated by **Fr. Raja**. The Eucharistic celebration began with a prayer and praise dance presented by the girls. In his homily Fr. Francis made a reflection on the life of St. Ignatius and his way of life to serve Jesus. After the Mass the community gathered for a cup of tea and cake.

DNYANAMATA - LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE:

The month of July saw a lot of activities at Dnyanamata. The birthday celebration of **Frs. Thomas Salve and Nelton** at the beginning of the academic year was a good occasion for all the District Jesuits to come together. The visit of **Fr. Provincial** along with **Fr. Socius** was a moral booster for the community members. The occasion was also marked by a '**tree planting**' programme. Mid-July saw much preparation for the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Students of both the schools enacted skits on the life of St. Ignatius, during the assemblies. There were also many posters and charts displayed on the

display boards. These were prepared by the students. Apart from this basic information about St. Ignatius of Loyola, other activities like sports, essay writing, singing, hand-writing and elocution competitions were held. The novena during the Mass was also an occasion which brought a lot of inspiration by our Founder. The culmination of all the events was the Feast Mass in our chapel.



A good number of teachers, students and parents took part in the Eucharistic celebration. **Fr. Aba** the Main Celebrant, stressed on the **person of Ignatius and his zeal for service to humanity** in his homily. The students and teachers prepared a meaningful liturgy. We also had an evening of **Bhajans** on 30th July. It was well attended by the faithful and the hostel boys.

Both the schools also had their Annual AGBM of PTA. The meetings saw a large number of parents enthusiastically participating in it. We hope to continue in the Ignatian motto of **MAGIS**, as we march along the footsteps of our Founder and of the various pioneering missionaries who toiled hard in this mission.

Currently 11 boys of 11th standard have taken admission in the Dnyanamata hostel. The total strength of the hostel is now 80 boys. The new academic year has already begun, and the boys are gradually changing gear to pick up in their academic activities. The Dnyanamata community is blessed with dedicated co-workers, and support staff, who are making efforts to deliver their best in their assigned task. A few days of good amount of rain has eased out the water woes in Sangamner. The crops in our fields are standing strong and tall. We hope to bring more land under cultivation

this year. All said and done, immediately after these celebrations, it was time for the students to prepare themselves for the coming unit tests.

SOCIAL CENTRE :-



The last two months saw hectic activities that kept Social Centre on their toes. Like most of our project villages the farmers in Karanji are still waiting for the rains. The animal camps are still on. However, the children of the **Eco Club in Bhattewadi**, Karanji hamlet had their own ways to address this situation. They had come together and prepared seed-balls to



be spread across the open areas in the vicinity. When it rains, the balls

would become moist and then sprout into saplings with time. The children had a great time where they enjoyed doing this activity and had permission to play with soil.

Social Centre team in collaboration with local Gram Panchayat has planted trees in most of our project villages. Besides this, Social Centre distributed saplings of various varieties to the beneficiaries of



the project areas. The farmers from the project area of Karanji were given a day-

long training on the benefits of Multi-crop techniques, Five-layer Farming and importance of Organic Farming. They were encouraged to take up these methods and showed them a video of those beneficiaries who have benefitted in the previous years.

The **9th Ashakiran Day** was celebrated on 23rd July, with great joy and fervor. We had a solemn Mass

celebrated by **Fr. Vishwas SDB**, Parish Priest of Don Bosco, Savedi with Frs. James SDB, Jeevendra Jadhav SJ, Sunil Bara SJ, and Siju Varghese SJ. Many patrons were present to enhance the joy of the children. The children arranged the entire cultural programme after the Eucharistic celebration. They performed dances on various songs to give the guests a glimpse of their talents. The dances were



choreographed by a well wisher and friends. Fr. Siju introduced the **Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry** who are the new collaborators at Ashakiran. He also thanked the previous Srs. Asha, Bonita, Kiran and Magdalene of the Congregation of Helpers of Jesus for their selfless service in our mission at Ashakiran. Our **Fr. Provincial** and **Fr. Socius** were instrumental in this new arrangement at Ashakiran.



Prior to this, the students of **Loyola Junior College**, Pashan, Pune had come to visit

Ashakiran to share their joy with the children. They spent quality time with the children. The students were accompanied by their teachers and **Dn. Anthony Tribhuvan**.

As is the tradition of Social Centre, the Feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated on 30th July. **Fr. Thomas SJ** the Main Celebrant, with Frs. Siju SJ and Sunil SJ



celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the staff, members

of Ashakiran and well-wishers. This was followed by a felicitation for all the Jesuits present by the staff of Social Centre. This was followed by a splendid fellowship meal in thanksgiving.

In line with the changing times in academic studies for Climate Change, Environmental Degradation, Global Warming and a concrete response to UAP Social Centre devised a unique Post-Graduation course on Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development, comprising of theory supported by the practical experiences. Considering this expertise in this field Pune University recognized **Social Centre's Xavier Institute of Natural Resource Management** as a specialized institution to conduct this course. This is a feather in the cap of Social Centre, as it involves the fifty years of renewing land and lives and to enable the coming generations to appreciate, educate, preserve and help improvise the upkeep of nature. All are encouraged to promote this course in their circles. We can take a maximum of 30 students only. We had a group of theologians from Italy visiting tribal villages.

Sch. Patrick Martin.

SADDAC -: COLLABORATIVE MISSION

I would like to write about 'SADDAC' activities by quoting St. Ignatius of Loyola. **"TO GIVE AND NOT TO COUNT THE COST."** As we all know street children constitute one of the most vulnerable groups in India. They are deprived of adequate and appropriate protection, education and health care. SADDAC is situated in the heart of such an area where the marginalized and destitute children reside. For the last twenty years, Pune Province continues to support this apostolate by giving these children education, medical assistance, nutrition and training in various skills. Through these children are safe and cared for. The following programme and activities will give you a view of our approach towards these abandoned and street children.

1: **EDUCATION---34** children are given education and medical support. There are eleven children residing at Agarwal School. Ten children at Sangamner, Shrigonda & Kedgaon Hostel. Ten students staying with parents

displaced from Nepal. All these are enrolled in regular school.

2: DAY CARE PROGRAM -- Study hours are conducted in two shifts at the centre for poor and weak children from the vicinity, most of whose parents are vendors at the railway station and in trains.

3: SURVEY--Recently we made a survey on the railway station, through which we found that some parents still continue to take their children on trains to beg. So we started organizing, creative learning programme for these children who are below 5yrs (23 children) which gives them sure foundation for regular school. This programme is fully supported by local benefactors from Pune and Daund .

4: Counselling for mothers.

5: Skill training for girls: Beauty parlour & Tailoring. Since last twenty years SADDAC has reached out to more than 1200 children, helped them to settle in life. SADDAC has also reached out to farmers children in nearby villages through education.

It was a special moment for us who are working at SADDAC and for Fr. Luis, to see the re-union of SADDAC boys and girls now settled in life, coming with their spouses and children and sponsoring the whole event. They showed their love and gratitude by sharing their life experience.

The special presence of our **Provincial Fr. Andrew** who graced the occasion, appreciated and encouraged those now at SADDAC.

I thank our Provincial Fr. Andrew for continuing to support SADDAC Ministry. I also thank **Fr. Luis Rebello** who initiated this ministry. We are grateful to our benefactors for their financial help and moral support which keep us going with Christ, "to set the world on fire".

ST. VINCENT'S COMMUNITY

On 7th July, 2019 there was a commissioning ceremony of the Sunday school teachers during the 8:30 am Mass at St. Xavier's Church, Pune. '**CHRISTUS VIVIT**'- the exhortation by Pope Francis, was taken for the novena days in

preparation for the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola in St. Xavier's Church. Different preachers were invited to preach on the various themes. The liturgy during the novena days was conducted by different parish neighborhood teams. St. Vincent's school too in preparation for the feast organized an Ignatian week, during which time the students participated in various activities conducted by the school such as drawing and preparing charts on various Jesuit slogans and themes. An assembly was held on 30th July, 2019 when works of the Jesuits were highlighted. At the Feast Day Mass for the students, our Provincial, **Fr. Andrew Fernandes SJ** beautifully elaborated the theme '**Journeying with the Youth**'. In spite of heavy showers



many students along with their parents were present to express their gratitude and to pray for the works and well-being of the Jesuits.

The Chief celebrant for the Feast Mass of St. Ignatius of Loyola was our Rev. Bishop. **Dr. Thomas Dabre**. He skilfully developed the



theme, "**Your Choice- Christ or Self**", the theme was given to him by our resourceful Parish Liturgy Committee. Following the feast Mass was a fellowship meal which was attended by St. Vincent's Community along with our neighbouring guests. We also had **Rt. Rev. Arch Bishop Anil J Couto**, the Arch

Bishop of Delhi Diocese present along with Rev. Bishop T. Dabre and various guests.

St. Vincent's Community

ST VINCENT COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

On the 15th of June the St. Vincent College of Commerce reopened with an orientation programme for the Staff on the role of the Teachers in Higher Education. This programme was conducted by **Fr. Peter D Cruz**. The classes began from the 1st of July for SY and TY students. The results of academic 2018 - 2019 was as follows XII - 94 %, TY - 70%, M.Com - 94%.



An Orientation programme for CA/CS/CMA was given to

prospective student in the college. New manager **Fr. Jeevendra Jadhav** presided over the Staff Meeting. This year the college received an overwhelming response for FY admission. An AICUF body for the year was inaugurated on 27th July. The Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated on 30th July. **Fr. Mithun Francis**



SJ and Fr. Jeevendra Jadhav enlightened students on the relevance of

St. Ignatius of Loyola in today's context. There was a quiz on the life of St. Ignatius. The college teachers, Dr. Anil Adsule and Dr. Sunil Shete were the resource persons for the HRDC orientation programme.

Staff: Gilbi

NEW ADMISSION FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR BEGAN AT SJTI FROM AUG 2019:-



The month of July was a busy month for SJTI. Several activities were held in the Campus starting with the campus interviews conducted by PMT Machines Tools Ltd, Hyundai Motors for the final year students in the Trade Turner, Fitter and Mechanic Motor Vehicle wherein almost all the students were selected and their placement was confirmed. This has relieved the students from the burden of seeking the placements. They are celebrating this with joy!



The Officials of the Director General of Training (Govt. of India) had come for inspection at SJTI as we have applied for the affiliation of Electrician Trade the process of which is in progress. Beside the Staff at present is engaged in completing the remaining formality of the electrical laboratory as per the specification sent by DGT. A request to all of you is to pray and please offer a Mass in your respective community for SJTI to get the approval for this trade.

On 31st July we celebrated the feast of our founder St. Ignatius with a brief sharing on the life and ministry of St. Ignatius. A fellowship meal was held on this occasion for all the Staff and Hostel students. Meanwhile the Final Year ITI students are busy preparing for their final ITI exam in this month; please keep them in your prayers.

We pray for safe journey of **Fr. Robert Das** who will be travelling to U.S.A. for the Spiritual Renewal Course as part of Sabbatical.

SNEHASADAN COMMUNITY:

On Sunday, 28th July the Snehasadan community joined the Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth on a pilgrimage to the places of worship of

different religions around the city of Pune. The community felt spiritually enriched by visiting the **Guru Nanak Sahib Gurudwara**, at Camp and especially eating Langaar with our Sikh brothers and sisters and interacting with their Spiritual leaders at the Gurudwara. The community also visited the ISKCON temple at Kondhwa and were deeply moved by the Kirtanas sung at the temple. The interaction with **Shridhar Prabhu** on the ISKCON movement and its philosophy was very informative. At Ramakrishna Math the community was warmly welcomed by Swami Shrikantananda Maharaj. The interactions with Swami Buddhananda on the "Ramakrishna Mission and the Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda was very enlightening.

On 31st July with great devotion and immense gratitude, the Feast of our founder St. Ignatius Loyola was celebrated by the Snehasadan community. We had the Solemn Eucharistic celebration in the morning presided over by **Fr. D. Albert**. In his homily he highlighted the person of St. Ignatius and his spirituality. In the afternoon we had a fellowship meal. In the evening the community joined St. Xavier's parish for the Solemn Eucharistic celebration followed by festive meal at St. Vincent's community.

Fr. Sandeep Jagtap, S.J.

BEED MISSION:

Marathwada region has received very scanty rainfall. We have received only 17 per cent rain in the past fifty days of the Monsoon. Though the weather is gloomy the spirit is high. As part of the Ignatian week celebration our little wonders of the Pre-primary thrilled everyone with their foot tapping dance. Grandparents also joined the little ones. The School had organised Grand Parents Day, and a Solo dance competition for both the sections.

As part of the celebration we had also organised an **Inter-Religious prayer service**. Mr. Suresh Joshi a Pujari representing the Hindu community, Maulana Shaikh Ibrahim representing the Muslim community Mr.

Bhagare represented the Nirkari Sect and **Fr. Prakash** represented the Catholic Community. All prayed for the rain on our parched land, that the Good Shepherd lead us to green pastures and end the drought situation. The Parents of the school participated in the Prayer Service. All of them appreciated the humble efforts of the school. **Fr. Luis Rebelo** felicitated all the religious leaders.

Seeing the people struggle to get clean water for drinking, a joint venture between **Papal Seminary Pune, Social Center** from Ahmednagar and Vidya Bhavan Beed surveyed Gundha village and decided to help the village. We signalled out fourteen landless families and donated one thousand litre water storage tank supplying 12 thousand litres water every alternate day. Many Good Samaritans have come forward to bring happiness in the lives of the villagers. They were so grateful that they touched the feet of Mr. Bhausahab Madam who drove the water tanker to the village. The Provincial, **Fr. Andrew Fernandes** who encouraged us, the Papal Seminary Rector **Fr. Bhausahab Sansare** and the Minister arranged for the financial help. **Fr. Siju** the Director of Social Center and his team conducted the survey. **Fr. Prakash** and **Fr. Luis Rebelo** implemented the scheme and **Mr. Bhagwan Landge** who played the role of John the Baptist as he prepared the way for all of us. Without his selfless service we could not have reached out to the needy people. We still need further financial support and encouragement to continue the good work. We, especially the villagers, are grateful to one and all who have been instrumental in bringing the good news of hope and love.

TIDINGS FROM LOYOLA COMMUNITY:

During the last month the Loyola Campus was



bubbling with activities which enhanced its spiritual and intellectual needs. In the

School the whole month was dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, the month was entitled as '**Ignatian Month**'. A few Junior College students as part of their outreach program visited the Social Centre and Asha Kiran. The students and teachers seeing the work of our



Jesuit brethren were filled with awe and wonder. They were boosted to do something good for the society at

large and cherished those moments spent with the children of Ashakiran. We are grateful to Fr. Siju, and community for their hospitality that they rendered to our students and teachers and for sharing their valuable time with us.

Talks were arranged on St. Ignatius for all the classes. **Dn. Jesus** gave talk to our 12th Standard class and **Dn. Anthony** shared life of St. Ignatius with all the other classes on different days. **Fr. Francis Pudhucherry SJ (GUJ)** an Ignatian Expert gave talk to our teachers on Ignatius. The **Novena of St. Ignatius** was conducted during the assemblies with different themes pertaining to the life of St. Ignatius and Jesuits. The week began with solemn unfurling of the Flag of our Institute showing the meaning of the emblem of our school. Each class was given a theme to present it during the assembly on the day that was assigned to them. The class teachers put in hard work to bring out the theme and exhibit the talents of the students. One such theme was



St. Ignatius and poor, the respective class showed how Ignatius had a soft corner for the

poor, and showed how **Fr. Herman Bacher SJ** in the footsteps of St. Ignatius transformed the lives of many in Ahmednagar District. During this week there was elocution competitions held on two different days for the primary and higher secondary sections. The primary students were given theme on nature and they articulated and expressed their thoughts in a perfect manner. The judges were taken aback by the way our students presented their ideas. On 26th July 2019 there were different competitions, like making book mark, bags, cards and quiz competitions conducted for each class. Ignatian



themes were given to these competitions and students portrayed them very well. There was also class wise competition on singing the March of St. Ignatius. Each tried to be better than the other and sang melodiously, keeping the right rhythm of the same. Fr. Anish, our Principal, Fr. Sampat and teachers had the Lion's share in planning and implementing the plans and making this Ignatian month a grand success!



A day prior to the Feast of St. Ignatius there was splendid inauguration and blessing at St. Edmund

Campion Pre-School by **Fr. Andrew Fernandes SJ** Provincial of Pune. Fr. Francis D'Souza, Fr. Altrichter Mathias, Fr. Anish, Sr. Mark and Sr. Remi graced this occasion by their presence. The little

children displayed their talents through speeches and dances. It is the hard work and persistent efforts that transformed the ambience of campus. After the inauguration there were class wise football matches among the parents of the children, and the staff too. Children were thrilled to see their parents and teachers playing and were cheering them with great enthusiasm. There was atmosphere of joy and happiness in the campus.



The pre-novices and community reflected on various aspects of St. Ignatius during the novena. As part of the preparation the pre-novices had reconciliation service conducted by **Fr. Sampat**. Our Pre-novices also had drawing competition, they drew portrait of St. Ignatius and Ignatian theme. They also rendered their helping hand in setting up the Herbal garden in the Campus. Along with the feast celebration our pre-novices are trained by **Fr. Rayan, Sch. Manuel and Dn. Anthony** in singing various hymns dedicated to St. Ignatius.

In the NDA Parish was celebrated the parents and grandparents day on 28th of July 2019. The theme of the Eucharist was **"You are our First Steps"**. **Fr. Ovid** was the Main Celebrant and **Dn. Anthony** highlighted the importance of the relationship in the family and also with God and Nature. In the offertory procession water, soil, pot and sapling were offered symbolizing different people showing the importance of the people in the lives of each individual. At the end of the Mass as custom of every Sunday the children were blessed. As token of the love, each child from the family gave a sapling to their parents and grandparents. After the Mass **Fr. Ovid, Dn. Anthony**, representatives from

each group planted samplings in the campus of the Church.

The Ignatian month was concluded on 31st July with the assembly and distribution of gifts for the students. The Catholic students, teachers, parents, pre-novices, community, NDA Parishioners and well-wishers joined in for the Holy Eucharist. **Fr. Kenny Misquitta**, the Rector of St. Vincent, was the Main Celebrant and in his homily he beautifully highlighted the theme ***Lord teach me to be generous*** and the take away punch line was ***"Ye Dil Mange More."*** The priests from the community concelebrated the Holy Eucharist. The school choir joined in with their angelic voices to help the congregation to pray. In the evening the community invited the few well-wishers, parish fathers and neighbouring religious communities for prayer and agape. **Fr. Sampat**, his team and the pre-novices worked tirelessly for the grand agape by decorating the refectory and spreading a sumptuous meal.

Dn. Anthony Tribhuvan SJ

LITURGY SEMINAR FOR PARISHIONERS:

Liturgy Seminar was organised for the **Liturgy committee members** of Loyola Sadan Church on 14th June 2019 at Dnyanamata Vidyalaya Sangamner. Rev. **Fr. Alwyn Kalghati** from the Diocese of Nashik was the Main celebrant. He enlightened the members on various aspects of the Eucharistic celebrations. He addressed to all the questions and queries raised by the participants. The members requested **Fr. Joe Gaikwad** to have the follow up of the Seminar.

IGNATIAN WEEK: AT SHRIRAMPUR:

Loyola Sadan community, Shrirampur had various programmes in preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Various programmes were organised in the Church and in the School in memory of our Founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola. **Fr. Joe Gaikwad**, the Parish Priest organised on nine days **Novena Masses** for the faithful in preparation for the feast. Different priests were invited to celebrate the Novena Masses and to preach on the seven Sacraments and the last three days were dedicated to the themes on ***'the Contributions of St. Ignatius to***

the world and to the Church'. Many faithful took an active part in the Eucharist and benefited a lot from the sermons. On the feast day, We had a solemn Eucharist in the evening. A large crowd of faithful participated in the liturgy. The whole celebration was very spiritual. The main celebrant for the Feast was **Fr. Andrew**, our Provincial while **Fr. Joe**, the Socius, **Fr. Subash**, District Superior graced the occasion with their presence at the Altar. There was a grand entrance dance at the beginning to lead the faithful into the liturgy more meaningfully. Fr. Andrew preached on St. Ignatius contributions to the world and to Holy Mother Church. His sermon was very inspiring and challenging. The singing created more spiritual rhythm to the liturgy and the altar decorations added more elegant look to the Church. At the end of the Eucharist, **Fr. Joe**, the Parish Priest thanked the congregation and various committees who worked hard to make the feast more meaningful. People were very generous in offering the necessary liturgical things for the Church. All the faithful were given delicious meal. Apart from the Novena Masses and the feast day celebration, Fr. Joe also had organised one day seminar for the Catechism teachers. It was a wonderful input session.

St. Xavier School celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with great joy and enthusiasm. The week which was fondly called '**Ignatian week**' was filled with activities in memory of St. Ignatius. Prior to the feast, a number of competitions were held in the School. One major event was the elocution competition. Around 37 schools took an active part in it. Children were given different relevant topics of today like New Education Policy, Care for the common home, Situation of Indian farmers, Selfside, Social media etc. All the speeches conveyed powerful social messages and the winners were given attractive Cash prizes. A short video was shown on the important milestones from the life of St. Ignatius in the background while the competition was on. Hats off to Fr. Titus, the Principal and his committed

Staff for their meticulous planning. Delicious food was served for the staff and the guests at the end. Many appreciated the event and the planning.

As a preparation for the feast the school also conducted special Assembly for the nine days. Each day one Ignatian theme was chosen for the Assembly. The teachers and the students took a special interest to make the assembly more creative and meaningful. The message of Ignatian values was conveyed very effectively. On the feast day, Spectacular cultural programs were organized for the students. Fr. Titus, the Principal delivered a wonderful speech on Ignatius and his charism. In his speech, he encouraged the students to be **Contemplatives in Action, to care for the Common Home** and live men and women for others. He also made them to recite some of the Jesuit values, so that they remain in their heart. At the end, the Staff had dinner with the Jesuit community.

Deacon Michael Raja.

ST. IGNATIUS FEAST AT SHANTI NIWAS:

The number of Mass Centers has gone up to sixty five villages besides Vasties showing a promise of active participation in liturgy and Parish Team of Fathers and Helpers of Mary Sisters' involvement.

The new academic year saw a healthy improvement in the student strength. Many needy pupils were given free notebooks and school bags. The new school uniform has given a better identity and purposefulness.

This year God has blessed us with good



showers.

Small

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dams in

our

property

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the house

twice

overflowed, replenishing the bore and open-well also. The recharging of wells has turned water from brackish to softer and sweeter. God

having been extremely gracious to Shevgaon with good rains this year, we were able to sow Bajra millet, cotton, horse gram and moth beans. Besides accompanying for village Masses, Sr. Maria Fernandes, SHM, from the Helpers' of Mary convent, has joined the new staff in the nursery section this year. Her presence and regular English coaching for teachers and grammar classes for standards VII & VIII students in the school by **Fr. Anil** has enthused our students and staff for English speaking in the class rooms and on the play field.

Fr. Mathew has almost recovered from his leg injury. Now he is able to attend parish and

village Masses besides community programs. The Feast of St Ignatius was celebrated in the Parish Church, at Padali village and the School. At each venue the response of the participants and the people was encouraging. The Parish Priest **Fr. Valente** made sure that the people were treated to some wholesome refreshments. The women catechists have also shown readiness to conduct prayer services and catechism classes in other villages besides their own respective villages.

Fr. Mathew Paruvananani, SJ

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

03	Shaharao Prashant
06	Robert D'Costa
07	Sandeep Jagtap
08	James Thorat
12	Ratnakar Dushing
27	Francis Lobo

27 Peter Khandagale

SEPTEMBER

03	Jacob Gaikwad
07	Anthony Sequeira
08	Anish Kochanichottil
08	Atul Salve
09	Albin CC

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED IN YOUR PRAYERS

Fr. I. Savarimuthu SJ, (HAZ 76/56), India, passed away on 8th July, at Kulithalai, Trichy, TN.

Fr. Aloysius Murzello (BOM) 77/57, passed away at Mumbai on 10 July.

Fr. Augustine Silveira (BOM) 82/59, passed away at Mumbai on 11 July.

Fr. Dorairaj S. Joseph S.J., (ZAM 82/64) passed away on 14th July, Beschi Illam, Dindigul.

Fr. Hedwig da Costa (KAR), 83/66, on 31 July in Bengaluru

KINDLY MARK YOUR DIARY

- **FR. GEORGE MUTHOLIL (KER)** Designated General Counsellor and Regional Assistant for South Asia will be visiting **our Province from August 15th to 23rd August**. The time table of his visit to your community is sent to your community.
- 15th August we celebrate **Province Day**, Thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration will be held on 15th August at 6:00pm at Sanjeevan, Pune. All Jesuits are requested to be present for the celebration as well as the inaugural address of **Fr. George Mutholil, SJ** to the Province.

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM

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