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PROVINCIAL'S MUSINGS

Besides other things, the anniversary of the independence of our country, the feasts of two great Jesuit saints - Peter Faber, master of Spiritual Exercises (2) and Albert Hurtado of Hogar de Cristo fame (18), August has also brought us the restoration day (7). In his letter, 'Commemoration of the second centenary of the Restoration of the Society of Jesus', Fr. General invited the Society for spiritual and apostolic renewal. In this context I would like to make a few reflections on one of the themes suggested by GC 35. I am sure it will help us to renew our life and ministry in the Society.

It is true that our mission is universal and our union is with the whole body of the Society, but they can only come alive in local circumstances. In other words, the efficacy of our service and the strength of our union depend on the health of our Jesuit life and relationships in the local communities. Hence Ignatius made cura personalis - personalized care of the individuals in a community - as one of the hallmarks of our Jesuit tradition. Cura personalis is basically the care we have for each other - brother to brother, superior to brother and brother to superior. To foster cura personalis in communities GC 35 made a concrete suggestion called **fraternal conversation with the local superior**.

The purpose of regular fraternal conversation with the local superior is to enhance our effectiveness in mission and to foster our spiritual growth.

What we should talk and how we should talk in these regular fraternal conversations may be significant points to consider. We can say anything that is important for our mission and life. Some areas we could focus on are - our current experience of ministry, life in community, our spiritual life, our experience of living the vows, health and recreation, family and friends, etc. The Spiritual Exercises, while teaching us to reflect on experiences, speak of the areas of consolation and desolation. We should keep in mind that consolations are as significant as desolations. Hence we are to share the areas of disappointments and concerns but also moments of joy and contentment.

Some of us may wonder whether regular fraternal conversation with our local superior is really necessary. After all, don't we sit at the dinner table with him? Don't we watch TV together? Some others might say, "Isn't this uncalled for and even intrusive? Don't we make our annual manifestation to the provincial?"

The small social interactions that enhance our sense of companionship with our local superiors are helpful, but they are not enough. They may at times make our sharing shallow and impede us from reaching the appropriate depth. Regular fraternal conversation asks us to strive for the depth our life and mission require. Of course, fraternal conversation with our local superior does not replace the account of conscience with the Provincial but it certainly will take us beyond the tendency toward self-sufficiency and individualism.

How are we going to grow in community if we do not let the superior know the truth about us as individuals? How are we going to grow in obedience and the following of Christ if we avoid the Superior? Let us give a serious thought to this suggestion and endeavour to meet the superior regularly to grow in personal life and apostolic ministries of the Society.

APPOINTED BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Eric Mathias: SAC Community, Mangalore

Dn Lancy Dias: Sangama, Sindagi

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

- August 16 : AGM, BJES, Jesuit Nivas
 17 : Final Vows, SJBHS
 18-21 : Visitation, Mundgod
 22-24 : KRCR Meeting, Karwar
 25-26 : Visitation, Harihar
 27-29 : Visitation, Hassan
 30 : Loyola Mandir
 31 : Province Consult
- Sept 01-02 : Visitation, Gulbarga
 03 : Loyola Mandir
 04 : S Zone Provincial's Meeting, Dindigul
 05-08 : Loyola Mandir
 09-10 : Visitation, FRH
 11-16 : Visitation, Asha Kiran

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FINAL VOWS: 17 August in SJBHS Chapel, Bangalore

REGENTS MEET: 22-24 August in St Joseph's, Hassan

YOUNG PRIESTS' MEETING: 20-21 September in Manvi

ORDINATIONS: 10 November 2014 in SJBHS, B'lore

LEFT THE SJ: Sch. Infant Vivian L on 19 July 2014

SEMINARS AND RETREATS: Fr Sebastian Painadath SJ, Indian Contemplative Retreat with the Gospel of John, Bhagavad Gita and elements of Jesus Prayer. From Nov. 23. morning to 30. afternoon at NBCLC, Bangalore.

FR RONNIE PRABHU, Bangalore

I have been busy organizing quite a few programmes that are hopefully helpful to build up the image of the church for the greater glory of God, which is my main duty as Public Relation Officer. We had a well attended EID-MILAN, a fellowship of Muslims and Christians soon after Ramzan. The Muslim ministers in the government, several IAS officers and those in the Minority Welfare Department participated. Even though he could come only when the dinner was getting over the Chief Minister too came. The Archbishop has now given me the task of organizing a joint service project along with our Muslim brothers.

I also organized a training program in Public Relations helpful for the PROs in all our institutions. In fact every priest must be a PRO. Col ARB D'Souza of Karwar was the resource person.

A program for training Inter religious retreat directors was organized. But we experienced literally the gospel story: none of those invited turned up, instead we had some of those in their sabbatical who took the training and they found it very beneficial. To give the trainees a hands-on experience we had a week-end inter religious retreat which was well attended and fruitful.

The publicity that our office is giving to the minority benefits made available by the government for Christians is yielding fruit. Many more Christians are using these opportunities in the educational field. Our team organized a training program in minority benefits for Christians of all denominations in Hubli, under the aegis of the United Christian Forum. Another training program was held for all the superiors of the St Charles Congregation.

A Protestant organization has requested me to be the chairman of their committee for organizing "Leadership Training Programmes" for pastors of all denominations. Leadership training for them means more or less a retreat with focus on the Bible. It is a great experience to meet these pastors and share their zeal and devotion. We had the second of such 3 days programs recently and I am happy some Catholics joined the program, so necessary for any ecumenism.

Work here is heavy but quite thrilling. There is so much to do in the spirit of the magis. I am very fortunate here I get a lot of co-operation and voluntary help.

It is so good to have **Fr Eugene Lobo** here, his office is very next to mine, though he stays in Ashirvad and commutes daily. His vast experience in education makes it easy for him to widen his horizons to the Christian educational scenario in the whole state.

Something in a lighter vein: with me here and Eugene coming in as Regional Secretary for Education. **Fr Francis Guntipilly** as Regional Secretary for the Labour Commission (functioning from Anekal) and with one Francis in Rome and another Francis in Shimoga, word is going round that the Jesuits are slowly taking over the Archdiocese.

ANEKAL

Bishop Francis Serrao SJ spent a day with us. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with a solemn community mass, and a thrilling basketball match. The Priests and Religious from the neighbourhood joined us for a prayer service followed by a festive meal. **Fr Francis Pinto** celebrated a festal mass for the catholic students in the college and a fellowship meal was organized at Jnana Jyothi for all the College and CIRW staff. The Balajyothi hostel students put up a programme in honour of St Ignatius followed by a sumptuous dinner.

We commemorated the death anniversary of **Fr Benedict Swaminathan** on 06 August with a special mass for the repose of his soul. His close relatives were present.

Fr Joseph D'Mello conducted a two credit course on Mysticism for the II yr RTEC students. **Fr Sunil Ranjar** is all set for his courses on Introduction to the New Testament and New Testament Greek.

The college students celebrated Ramzan with a special skit on the five pillars of Islam. The exhibition organized by the Science Department received much appreciation.

Fr Edward Phillip was the resource person for a day's training programme for the SHG leaders in which 80 women took part. Spoken English classes have been initiated for our tailoring students. The Iyr RTEC students have begun Children's Clubs in their

respective villages where they go for social ministry on Mondays. Study centers have been started in four of our villages for Dalit students. The Doctors from St John's along with the health coordinator Sr Irene are visiting villages and government schools and conducting regular health camps. Our Hostels are full to their maximum capacity.

Fr Edward Phillip conducted a one day programme for our Parish youth. Regular catechism classes and vibrant involvement by our youth is a good sign. The Feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with great fervour at St Joseph's Church as well as at the Jigni sub-station.

Sch Teyol Machado has successfully undergone a knee surgery at St Philomena's hospital and is now convalescing at Loyola Mandir.

BIJAPUR

There were heart warming celebrations of the feast of St Ignatius in all the units. The parish feast was preceded by a Triduum. The Bishop of Shimoga, **Francis Serrao**, was the main celebrant. We had the procession of the Holy Eucharist in the main streets of Bijapur after the Eucharistic Celebration.

The Education department invited three teachers from the Loyola Yomiuri High School to help out in formulating CCA model lesson plans.

The parents' representative spoke well at the PTA meeting of our institutions. Currently we have two Spanish volunteers who are helping out in the computer classes and English classes. We also had the visit of another volunteer from Italy, Petra, who has a deep affinity towards the Bijapur Mission. Fr Patrick Goujon from France visited us.

At the CNFE, we had a wonderful, inter-religious celebration of Ramzan titled *Eid Milan*.

MANVI

As a preparation for the feast of St Ignatius, **Fr Dion Vaz** gave us a talk on the legacy of St Ignatius and conducted a meditation for the community. He also guided the staff of Loyola institutions with three sessions on how to become an effective teacher according to the charism of Ignatius. We had a meaningful celebration of the feast of St Ignatius. Fr Robert Paul, Manager of Infant Jesus PU and D.Ed college, Raichur, officiated the Mass and preached.

All our students, priests from deanery and the neighbouring Religious were invited. The Spaniards who had come for their one month village exposure programme entertained the crowd with a Spanish dance. The children of Pannur gave them an emotional farewell.

We received sad news of the demise of the mother of **Fr Vinod Paul**. We had a special Mass in the hostel to pray for her soul of Fatima.

Fr Francis D'Souza has begun his social work with right earnestness. The ringed well project at Yeddaloddi has been successfully completed. **Sch. Don Prem Lobo** after his philosophy in France finally arrived at Manvi. Loyola high school took part in the zonal sports and won five individual trophies.

MUNDGOD

Fr Henry of Pilar Fathers gave the recollection talk followed by confession and community mass on the theme 'change' (life of Ignatius). We had combined celebration of St Ignatius feast with the staff of Loyola school, Loyola Kendriya Vidyalaya and Loyola Vikas Kendra at LVK Mundgod. **Fr Balaraju** from Dharwad, delivered the message. **Fr Arun Luis** shared about Mundgod Mission in the clergy meeting. The drop out school for the children at LVK is full in number.

A Seminar cum workshop on Karnataka schedule caste and schedule tribal plan 2013 was organized by Indian social institute, Bangalore and Loyola Vikas Kendra, Mundgod for two days around 40 participants from various likeminded NGOs from Mundgod were present for the seminar.

A rally was conducted by Janaspoorti Trust, Loyola Vikas Kendra and Government Collage Mundgod against the atrocities on women. A Memorandum was submitted to the Thashildar of Mundgod. Over a thousands of people were present for the rally. The women were given some tips how to protect themselves, how to report the matter to the police, what to do in case of emergency were clearly told by Mr Patan the CPI of Mundgod. Our staff had a daylong seminar on SAKAL given by the Taluk Panchayath.

The Loyola Vikasa Kendra, Hangal invited all the Hostel committee members of the village hostels for a day of orientation. **Frs Arun Luis, Jerome** and **Anil D'Souza** gave them the inputs about the ways to take care of

the village hostels and their responsibilities. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated in a simple and meaningful way in Hangal Parish. We had Eucharistic celebration in the morning and followed by breakfast for all the parishioners. We celebrated the parish feast in a grand manner. In view of the feast we had triduum for all the parishioners. The feast day mass was celebrated by Fr Michael Wagh and Fr Stany of Belgaum diocese was the homilist of the day. Many priests and nuns were present for the feast. After the mass we had fellowship meal.

St Rita's Church and three substations (Malagi, Ugginkeri and Mainalli) celebrated Ignatius feast on third of August. After the Eucharistic celebration sweets were distributed to all the Parishioners.

The 'vanamahostava' was celebrated in the school campus. The hostel staff and the school staff residing in the hostel were invited for a dinner to mark the beginning of the academic year. Now the school is using rain water for all its domestic purposes. Loyola School also celebrated 'Ramzan' keeping with the interreligious aspect of Society. The feast of the patron of the school, 'Loyola day' was celebrated with joy. Fr Anil D'Souza was the main celebrant for the Eucharist offered on the previous day of the feast. A cultural event was organized by the staff and the students on the feast day. The Religious and the priests from Sirsi and Hangal deanery were with us to be part of the celebration.

ASHA KIRAN

We began our preparation for the feast of St Ignatius with a Novena. **Fr Pradeep Sequeira** gave us a talk on 'Our Way of Proceeding.' On the feast day, all the Jesuits of Mangalore gathered in Fatima Retreat House as one family. Dr Lawrence gave us a gist of the history of Mangalore Jesuits, followed by benediction and a fellowship meal. On 7 August we had a solemn Mass commemorating the bicentenary of the restoration of the Society of Jesus.

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, Pune

On the feast of St Ignatius Fr George Pattery, the newly appointed POSA was the main celebrant. The Rector of DNC released the new web magazine of the house "DNC Times". **Sch. Rayan Lobo**, the editor,

and **Sch. Vishwas Misquith** have done a great job in planning the magazine wonderfully well.

The province group was happy to receive **Fr Sunil Clifford Ranjar** here at DNC. **Fr Vincent Crasta**, apart from his regular responsibility as the Registrar of JDV, has been conducting classes in soft skills to a group of first year philosophers. He also delivered a talk on academic integrity to doctoral students of JDV. **Fr Henry D'Almeida** was in Bijapur to attend a meeting with the collaborators of the Mission and also to celebrate the feast of St Ignatius with them.

The construction workers ministry in which the Karnataka province scholastics are actively involved is running smoothly under the leadership of **Sch. Cyril Castelino** and is providing a window of opportunity for the brothers to experience the life and struggles of a group of poor labourers from North Karnataka living here in the slums of Pune.

MOUNT ST JOSEPH

Sch. Anthony Lawrence, on completion of his B.Th. at V.J. joined the community and is providing willing and valuable assistance to **Fr John D'Souza** in his many offices. **Fr Thomas Quadros** left us to assume office as Socius to the Kohima Regional Superior.

Retreats uninterruptedly make D.A. a powerhouse of prayer in an atmosphere of silence, supported by the Retreat Guides. The system, introduced at Prerana by **Fr Jossie D'Mello**, of a core group which other participants of different modules join, enable the Formation Programmes, as also the many other courses, to be well attended and rich in the variety of persons who attend. **Fr Willie Sequeira** returned fascinated and biblically charged from his pilgrimage cum study stay in the Holy Land, and is ever ready to share these riches with the Novices and any one eager to profit from them. The Novices calendar had an Inter Novitiate Programme on Prayer for the 1st years and intense basket ball and volleyball coaching under the Novice Master.

The feast of St Ignatius was prepared for with great devotion by the Community with the Novices leading, and was celebrated with much enthusiasm. Noteworthy was the Feast Day Mass in the morning with the presence of the Retreatants and the participants of Prerana, the mid-day Inter religious Prayer Service in Kannada together with the Staff

members of all our schools and the group of our Ignatian Volunteers, and directed by **Fr Francis Fernandes**. The High School and College besides had an Ignatian Quiz prepared by **Sch. Ronald Serrao** and Fr Francis Fernandes. The Parish celebrated the Feast on Aug 3rd with Masses in Kannada and English, followed by refreshments at which the Ignatian volunteers and Novices had a lot to contribute.

Coincidentally, the playgrounds were all through the week filled with joyous and noisy cheering students, each for his/her own School, in the Cluster School Games, from which our Primary and High School carted home loads of shields, plaques and certificates for their prowess on the sports fields. The Primary School is adding a few facilities for the mid-day meals, the storage of vessels, two new classrooms for the K.G. Classes, as also an office for the Manager. With the increasing admissions in the High School and College, drinking water taps and a new floor for Class Rooms, Labs and Office space is fast nearing completion.

SATYA NILAYAM, Chennai

The scholastics had a day out in groups for a faith sharing experience which was well appreciated. **Fr Sunil Ranger** from Rome dropped in for a short visit followed by nine of our young priests from Karnataka involved in Higher Education who were in Chennai for a meeting.

We had Sch. Loy Fernandes memorial Lecture on the theme "Send My Roots Rain" by Gerald Manley Hopkins'. The parents of Sch. Loy were present.

We had a creative and spiritually enriching novena based on the places in the life of St Ignatius as a preparation for the feast of our founder St Ignatius.

On 7 August, we solemnly celebrated the bi-centenary of the restoration of our Society with a solemn mass in the morning and in the evening a cultural program and dinner for our neighbours, fellow religious and friends. To mark this occasion, SACRED SYMPHONIES, the new Satya Nilayam Hymnal, edited and collated by **Fr Lawrence Fernandes, Sch. Avinash Lobo** and team was released.

Second years have started learning French and Spanish while Latin is being learnt by First years.

Fr Lawrence Fernandes went to Karumathur for a 'Workshop on Formation' organized by the Department of Philosophy, Arul Anandar College to present a paper on 'Decree on Reform of Ecclesiastical studies of Philosophy: A Reflection'.

VIDYA NIKETAN, Dharwad

Fr Eddie, our new Parish priest was the main celebrant on the feast of St Ignatius. A cultural programme was arranged for all the Parishioners, neighbours and friends. **Fr Balaraju** is taking Bible classes for the Parishioners. **Fr John Gomes** has gone to Mount St Joseph to direct a month's retreat for a group of Sisters. The Scholastics gave a Radio programme.

VIDYANIKETAN, Trivandrum

Vidyaniketan celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of **Fr Richard Sequeira** in the Society of Jesus, with a meaningful liturgy followed by a short felicitation programme and dinner. Fr Francis Xavier (MDU) gave us a 3 day course on Time Management. St Ignatius feast was celebrated with great love, enthusiasm and joy. An informative powerpoint presentation by Fr Joe Pulickal on the Suppression and Restoration and the multi-lingual singing by the Juniors on Ignatian themes for our guests were the highlight of the day. Loyola Institutions, Sreekariyam organized a friendly basketball match with the Juniors. We Played well and lifted the trophy- a full bunch of plantains!

ASHIRVAD

With **Fr Eugene Lobo** joining Ashirvad, the community has become a true *Panch* (Five). As the KREC Secretary, he furnished all the records and successfully conducted his maiden AGM. **Fr Hedwig da Costa** gave an inspiring talk to St Joseph's Boys' High School staff on 'St Ignatius and Jesuit legacy.' He was the main celebrant for the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola organized by St Joseph's Evening College. **Fr Edward Philip** conducted a programme for the Chikkakammanahalli women. He is occupied day in and day out - theory during day and practicals at night. Any problem...! Seek his counsel. There was an overwhelming response for the *Eid Milan* conducted by IRHM, with over 160 people taking part including many Jesuits. **Fr Victor Lobo** has submitted his Ph.D. thesis to the University.

FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE

A warm farewell was organized for **Fr Eugene Lobo** in the new majestic Divine Mercy Church, his magnum opus, as he handed over the tabernacle keys, and also a Cross, to **Fr Prashanth Madtha**. **Fr Santosh Kamath** gave a course to the seminarians in Mysore. **Fr Richard Mascarenhas** has returned from Jerusalem. FRH hosted the feast day celebrations of St Ignatius for the Jesuits of Mangalore. All listened to a talk on 'The impact of early Jesuits on Dakshina Kannada', followed by a prayer service on the Restoration, and benediction by **Fr Denis Rasquinha**. Fr Santosh sang Te Deum. Under the leadership of **Fr Lawrence Castelino** every Friday three hours adoration is organized in the Church. **Fr Lawrence Pinto** looks after his little garden while Fr Denis Rasquinha is ever available for confessions and counselling. **Fr Maxim Misquith**, our Minister, has beautified the whole campus. The Community members visited the Senior Citizens Home in Mangalore run by CSST Sisters.

ARRUPE NIVAS

With students hailing from Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Chad, Kenya, Togo, Iran, Korea, Mali, Myanmar and Belgium – St Joseph's college is verily a family with diverse faiths, languages, cuisine and cultural pursuits – a mini continent albeit landlocked.

A taste of universal adult franchise without citizenship barriers, to all the campus scholars, resulted in a male dominated student council formation. Two Jesuits – Sch. Ebanazar Bareh (KHM) and **Fr Pradeep Anthony** – emerged winners from their respective classes without rigging, booth-capturing or towering promises. Better performance, quiet efficiency stood them in good stead in and out of the class.

A public address system with speakers in all classrooms is taking shape. The playfield has received a much needed facelift on the ground, thanks to the planning and meticulous follow-up by **Fr Sunith Prabhu**. **Fr Richard Rego** and the Principal, **Fr Praveen Martis** worked with a will to land two new courses at SJC – B.Voc (2 courses) and M.Sc. Maths. Even with a total of 33 students in two

months, the late response from students to the B.Voc courses, augurs well for the years to come.

The renovated chapel in the SJC Hostel block attracts many students with the artistic “winged spirit” hovering over all on earth, all those who visit the Lord feel blessed. The Ignatian Week Novena to St Ignatius raked in a slew of raw talent from the student fraternity and sorority, mostly at the quadrangle under the banyan tree. Heaven and earth combined for a week long programme with pep talk on Ignatian theme each day, followed by food fest, song, gospel music, drawing, collage, sketching, rangoli competitions and the like. A panel discussion on Ignatian history and themes, drew a sizeable gathering. Eucharist for all staff members and parents on 27 July – hosted by BJES – Ignatian Mass for all Catholic students and staff members on 30 July, a Festival Mass on 31 July for all hostel inmates – may have made St Ignatius happy, to be eulogized by one and all. All the devotees took the opportunity on 30 July to felicitate **Fr Anthony Joseph**, Vice President of BJES and the main celebrant, **Fr Anand Prabhu**, the Jubilarian and **Fr Clarence D’Souza**, on the eve of his retirement from government service as lecturer in SJC. Fr Clarence will continue to inspire us to emulate him, till his bones complain ‘enough.’

No vehicle dare enter the college campus without a parking pass. No student would now dream of entering the campus and class without flashing a distinct ID Card. It is riot of colours on clothing and student accessories on the campus.

The inaugural of the student council was a historic affair, with all class representatives looking their best. Fr Pradeep Anthony and Sch. Ebanazar, added their weight even as they were “swearing” for their classmates. The management dignitaries and the Chief Guest, Sri. Rajiv Gowda – an alumnus and a Rajya Sabha, MP, made it a sober, sombre yet colourful affair. All in all, it was a “man” aged stage, with no complaints from the others.

Within Arrupe Nivas, newness of life and inspiration dawned from the beginning of June. **Frs Manoj D’Souza** and **Denzil W. Lobo**, the minister, moved ‘out.’ Fr Pradeep Anthony moved in as Chief Minister of the community. Since then, he has made his

presence seen and felt, with renovation, rectification, and reorganization, within and without. He also left behind his footprints at Solur and Nelamangala not in the shoes of his predecessor but his own, for the fruits of the earth and work of human hands. Fr Valerian Castelino (KHM) has been a student younger than his professors but older than his mentors. He took the oath of office as Director, St Joseph’s Hostel, to fill the void left by Fr Manoj. Hostel inmates welcome his daily presence in and around. Daily masses are more lively now than earlier. On 16 June, **Fr Brian Pereira**, took charge as the new Rector of the community, after the inaugural mass and celebrations. Since then “IGNITORS” have walked distances in and out of the campus. State AICUF meet successfully concluded and regional AICUF units came together. With his new office adjacent to the community premises, he is a much wanted Priest magnate, even if he refused to fly away at times. The campus around has been spruced and suitably roofed over wherever necessary. Amiable bipeds and quadrupeds might soon find cozy comfort around the Nivas.

JESUIT NIVAS

The golden jubilee of **Fr Anand Prabhu** was celebrated with a meaningful mass. **Fr Jossie Lobo’s** inspiring homily on “To be a living Parable”, the presence of **Bishop Francis Serrao** and many Jesuits, the near and dear one’s of Fr Anand enriched the Jubilee celebration. The felicitation programme was held in the SJBHS hall, **Fr Freddie D’Silva** raised the toast. As a pilgrimage, the entire Jesuit Nivas community went to Maddur to visit the tomb and shrine of Fr Rajendra Swamy, an Italian Jesuit Fr Anthonio Maria Platei who lived in the year 1709-1719. It was an occasion for all of us to go back to our roots and to get energized by Jesuit values and mission. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with the staff of St Joseph’s institution with mass on 27 July. Fr Thambi, a holy cross priest teaching in SJCBA was the main celebrant. On 31 July the feast was celebrated with various religious, with a prayer service followed by Agape.

“Ignatian Week” was organized in our various institutions. Several competitions and literary

activities were conducted for the students on the life of St Ignatius.

At **SJBHS** the Annual speech day and prize distribution was held on 12 July. Rev Fr Rector who was the chief guest on the occasion gave an inspiring message. The entertainment segment of the program consisted of songs sung zestfully by the senior choir. The Musical 'US and Them' enthralled the audience with its colourful costumes, lively songs and dance. The OBA presented cash awards to the toppers.

On 30 July a special assembly was held to celebrate the feast followed by the Eucharist. **Fr Hedwig da Costa** gave an inspiring talk to the staff on the life of St Ignatius. Frank Anthony Memorial All India Interschool Debate Competition was held. In the T20 all India invitational Cottonian shield, under 14 category, SJBHS emerged runners up.

SJPUC-D on 1 August Viswas 6th state rank holder and 323 distinction holders were facilitated along with their parents. Fr Rector spoke on aspect of service to society. Nagasaki and Hiroshima day were celebrated for the first time.

SJPUC-E The Formation of the Students Council is a fresh initiative, with the first ever lady President of SJPUEC. There was also, a Eucharistic Celebration for the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola for all the Catholic Staff and Students. Fr Hedwig da Costa was the chief celebrant. The Student's Council members and Class Representatives were given a day's orientation in leadership Skills. The college dance team participated in the Inter-College Dance competition organized by Loyola PU College, Bangalore. **Fr Maxim Dias** attended a Seminar on Jesuits in Higher Education organized by Higher Education commission held in Chennai.

SJCC The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated in a grand scale. Besides various Ignatian week activities, special religion classes were held for the students to highlight the life of Ignatius and the charism of Jesuit Education. We have adopted a neighboring school as a part of our outreach programme, where in our students take regular tuition classes. AICUF, CSA, NSS, Ladies association club and Student's Council participated in a protest rally against the 'child rights abuse' which was organized in the city. CSA group visited 'Kidwai Cancer Institute'. Our office Superintendent Mr Arokia

Das, who served the institution for 34 years, died suddenly leaving us all grief-stricken.

SJCBA- On 25 July the senior students organized Pinnacle, an intra collegiate business fest for their juniors. On 27 July the Josephites of SJCBA actively participated in the Eucharistic Celebration for the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola by taking charge of the choir for the Mass. On 28 July, a special Eucharistic Celebration was organised in the college campus exclusively for the SJCBA staff and students. Later in the day, **Fr Joy Fernandes** addressed the students on St Ignatius. A Student Leadership Summit 2014 was organized wherein Student Leaders from leading colleges in Bangalore participated.

ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, M'lore

The feast of St Ignatius was a quiet celebration for the community as several community members were absent due to various reasons. All the same, most institutions organised a Eucharist. Fr Joe Tauro, the superior of Carmelite Monastery was the chief celebrant at the mass organised by Degree and PUC colleges. The community gathered in the afternoon for a festive meal.

The AGM of MJES was held under the chairmanship of Fr Provincial.

At the PUC, the Students' Council inauguration was held in early July. A peaceful protest was held in the PU campus against sexual harassment of women. All India Level Inter School Quiz Competition for students organised by the Reserve Bank of India, Bangalore in collaboration with St Aloysius PU College was held on the campus. More than 65 schools and colleges participated.

One of the former inmates of ABH has been deputed by the "Make a Difference" organization to the USA for a year of studies at the Santa Rosa College in California.

Rector, **Fr Denzil Lobo**, spent a couple of weeks in the US, meeting various management and other faculties in various universities. He has come back happy that he could strike a chord with many of them, with several MOUs being signed.

"Kavitha rachane and Kavigosti" a two-day state level seminar was organized by the Department of

Kannada of the College in collaboration with the Sahitya Academy, New Delhi. 'Sahaaya' is a new project implemented by the College this year wherein all degree students are expected to put in 20 hours of service (outreach programme) in any one of the social sectors.

Frs Melwyn D'Cunha, Manoj D'Souza, Marcel Rodrigues and Alphonse Fernandes attended a two-day programme organised by the Higher Education Commission in Chennai. They have come rejuvenated and full of new ideas.

The unfortunate criminal case slapped on our fathers and workers is still a spot of bother for the community. However, on the positive side, the support from Fr Provincial and the entire province is tremendous. Several Jesuits from different communities are helping us, some of them on a full time basis. The support from the local clergy and sections of lay people is also very encouraging. With all your support and prayers, we hope to take this case to its logical conclusion.

SAC, HARIHAR: Interfaith Harmony Association of our college organized Ifthar cum Inter-religious dialogue meet at a local Mosque and Ramakrishna Ashram. Around 136 students and many staff members of PU attended. It was an enriching programme and a small effort to bring harmony among people belonging to different religions.

We had a meaningful celebration of the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. **Fr Vincent Pinto** organized mass for all the catholic students. Fr Santhosh Pereira MSFS the assistant Parish Priest of Harihar Church was the main celebrant. In his homily he highlighted the motto of the Society of Jesus. The AICUF students put up a skit on the life of St Ignatius of Loyola. **Fr Santhosh Fernandes** delivered an impressive message at the public function. **Dn Balaraju** from Sagar was present.

St Aloysius College Harihar was the host for the first CRI meeting of Davangere unit. **Sch. Anush D'Cunha** conducted a beautiful prayer service on the occasion. The community actively participated in the celebration of the feast of St John Vianney in Shimoga. Bishop Francis gave an inspiring talk based

on the life of St John Mary Vianney the patron saint of the diocesan priests.

Fr Santhosh Fernandes supervised the building of *astra ole* in the ladies' hostel to save fuel. **Fr Denzil Lobo**, the Rector assigned Fr Santhosh Fernandes as the Director of ladies' hostel. Sch. Anush D'Cunha is the warden of gents' hostel and Mrs Jyothi Rai continues as the warden of ladies' hostel.

ST JOSEPH'S, HASSAN

Fr Gerald Furtado left our community for his next appointment at Indian High School, Bangalore. But, the coming of **Fr Gilbert Saldanha** to our community and the school, brought back the smiles into the campus. The school and college, in separate programmes bade adieu to the outgoing principal and warmly welcomed the new principal.

The hostel, under the able administration of **Fr Christopher Xavier**, is now 23 strong. Fr Patrick GOUJON, from France was with us for the feast of St Ignatius. The school and college had organized many events in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius. The community, along with the boarders had a novena based on the saints of the Society of Jesus. The school and college staff had a felicitation programme to thank the Jesuits. The main celebrant for the Feast day mass was **Bishop Francis Serrao** of Shimoga. His message was short, clear and fulfilling. Many guests, along with the staff and students and the parents of the hostel and boarding were present. The community was delighted to have our Provincial along with **Frs Freddie D'Silva, Anil D'Mello, Francis Menezes, Leo Pereira** and **Antony Joseph** for the AGM of HJES.

INIGO SADAN

The feast of St Ignatius was the highlight of the month. Novena prayers and talks on various Ignatian themes were organized for the community. The Feast day also marked the celebration with the Boarders. On the occasion of the Feast the Holy Eucharist was organized for all the Catholic teachers, students and parents on 27 July. Fr Selvin (PAT) was the chief celebrant. Breakfast was arranged for all those who attended the mass.

SJCPUC conducted the closing of Spardha (inter class sports) along with the celebration of the feast of St Ignatius. **Fr Freddie D'Silva** was the chief guest and he inspired the students with the ideals of St Ignatius. SJIMS had literary club, quiz club, science club and others conducting very interesting assemblies. We keep them pasting on our website.

We had three-day long "Inigo Fest" with fancy dress, face painting, drawing, rangoli, inter school elocution competitions. All our notice boards were adorned with the pictures of Inigo. A brochure on INIGO and the Jesuits was given to all the students and also the newly designed certificates, bearing the picture of Inigo.

Inaugurating the "Inigo Fest", **Fr Gerald Furtado**, the chief guest highlighted the need of knowing Ignatius today. Our guest of honour, **Fr Rony Pais**, captivated the hearts of all our small ones with his magical spell of words and actions and stressed the joy of making Ignatius relevant today.

We had the celebration of the feast of Ignatius at the SJIMS level on the 28 August. Fr Rector was our chief guest. A new one-act play, INIGO, written and directed by our teachers, was the highlight of the function.

In Athletics, football, hockey, basketball we emerged winners at the taluk level. Raj Vinayak of VI C bagged three gold medals at swimming at the North dist level.

The Boarders, especially the new comers, are getting accustomed to the life of the Boarding. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated meaningfully. The Boarders put up a small play on the life of St Ignatius at the school level. The whole community of Inigo Sadan joined the Boarders in celebrating our founder's feast. Two of our boarders have joined the school Football team and one among them was selected to go to Kochi for the selection camp.

In the Community College, the success of a month's course in English, paved the way to the grand inaugural of the academic year. **Fr Anil D'Mello**, inaugurated the academic year, and addressed the students stressing the need to integrate values in the process of learning skills. We also had the investiture ceremony of the Student Council. "Nimagonda Salam" the programme that was aired on TV 9 has boosted the college's rating and has brought us good number of students. The inauguration of the Scholarship programs for the students was held on 26 July, in collaboration with

United Way Bengaluru (an NGO). The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with great pomp. **Fr Joy Fernandes** was the chief-guest. The Birthday of **Fr Melwyn Lobo** was celebrated grandly at the college and the hostel level. The number of students admitted to Community College has crossed 200. The classes have begun in full swing.

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REST IN PEACE

Br John Alphonso (PUN) 101/78 on 19 July in Pune

Mrs Fatima J mother of Fr Vinod Paul on 14 July

Mr Joseph Rodrigues (70) brother of Fr Edward Rodrigues on 12 August

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