

# ANDHRA VANI



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NEWS LETTER OF ANDHRA JESUIT PROVINCE

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### The Pope's Monthly Intentions for FEBRUARY - 2020

#### Listen to the Migrants' Cries:

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

#### INFORMATION

Fr. Paul Amalraja Mariados will be taking his final vows on 4th February 2020 in St. Joseph's Chapel, Satyodayam, Secunderabad.

A Memorial Eucharistic Celebration for Fr. P.F. Jayabalan SJ is organized by the Andhra Jesuit Province on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020, at 6.00 p.m. at Anandajyothi, Nagarjunanagar, Guntur.

Hearty Congratulations to Fr Boyapati Joji for successfully defending his Ph.D. thesis, "An Investigation on some Graphene-based Nanocomposite Electrode Materials for Asymmetric Super capacitors" on 24th January 2020.

Fr. A. Stanley Amitharaj has got new gmail account [aamitharaj@gmail.com](mailto:aamitharaj@gmail.com)

Fr. Thaigopula Balaswamy's new mail ID is [tbalasj5959@gmail.com](mailto:tbalasj5959@gmail.com)

Sch. Yadala Vijay Sunand left the Society on 03rd January 2020.

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME FEBRUARY 2020

- 01 - Convocation - Loyola Academy, Alwal  
109<sup>th</sup> Annual Day, St. Patrick's School,  
Sec'bad
- 02 - RCRI Executive Meeting, Jeevan Jyothi
- 04 - Final Vows of Fr. Paul Amal Raja
- 05 - New Priest's Sharing with PCF
- 06 - Memorial Service Fr. P.F. Jeyabalan SJ,  
Ananda Jyothi
- 07 - ALC College Day, Vijayawada
- 08-09 - 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Day Celebrations, Loyola  
Public School, Nallapadu
- 10-12 - Vinukonda Mission
- 15 - LITDS, Katukapalli, Visit by LINSI  
Foundation
- 16 - Province Consult
- 19 - NAAC Peer Team Visit - ALIET,  
Vijayawada
- 22-02 March - JCSA, Kathmandu

### SATYODAYAM, SECUNDERABAD:

26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 is an important day in the annals of Andhra Province. A new chapter began as Fr Koppala Abraham Stanislaus assumed office as the sixth Provincial of Andhra Province during the solemn Concelebrated Eucharistic Celebration. The first being Fr AXJ Bosco, followed by Fr A. Santiago, Fr Joe Sebastian, Fr Pothireddy Antony and Fr PS Amalraj, each one of these five men (besides the former Regional

Superiors Fr. T. Balaiah, Fr. US Paul and Fr J. Kuriakose) have contributed in an unique way to the growth of the Province.



We remembered each one of them for their unique contribution to the growth of the Province and the Society at large. About 60 Jesuits attended the celebration to wish the new Provincial.



Fr G. Victor Emmanuel gave an inspiring homily on 'Leadership'. After the Mass we all gathered near the Grotto and consecrated our Province and the whole Society to the care of Our Lady.



In the dining hall Fr. P.S. Amalraj and the new Provincial Fr. Koppala Abraham Stanislaus were felicitated Fr. D. Papaiah, local superior and Fr. K Naresh, the only novitiate companion of Fr Koppala Stany before we had our delicious meal arranged by Fr. Joachim. AMDG.

**-D. JOSEPH RAJ SJ**

### **ANANDAJYOTHI NOVITIATE:**

The months of December and January witnessed many celebrations in Ananda Jyothi and they had given us rich experiences and meaningful insights into our life. We all participated in the Christmas vigil mass joyfully along with our Nagarjuna family. After this we were in K.D. Peta from 27<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January for our Christmas vacation as well as tribal exposure. We all experienced the love and affection of Frs Elias, Simon, Sisters and the faithful of KD Peta. We attended Balamela, a special programme organized for the tribal children, in which we conducted various games for the children and also distributed prizes to all of them with the help of Frs. Elias and Simon. We were accompanied by Fr. Simon to the nearby places around K.D. Peta and relaxed ourselves. We warmly welcomed the New Year with full of colours and cheerful smiles. We returned to the novitiate on 3<sup>rd</sup> January with a bagful of sweet memories. From 6<sup>th</sup> January we had 'Psycho-sexual Integration' course by Fr Michael Augustine SCJ along with Sacred Heart novices for five days. It stimulated our minds, awakened our hearts and guided our behavior. On 14<sup>th</sup> January we celebrated Sankranthi in the traditional way. Fr ISF Jayaraj celebrated the festive Mass in Indian style with a deep sense of joy and pride of our culture. It was followed by fun game and Vanabojanam in our Mango garden. The events of the day made us as happy as Lark and we were like ducks to water.

**- VELANGANI NSJ**



### **SSC JUNIORATE, SITAGARHA:**

Scholastics in Juniorate are embracing the 4<sup>th</sup> Universal Apostolic Preference, "Care for the common home", by stirring the conscience of the people through Drama, "Close the Factory (Heal the Earth)", and the Christmas crib saying Jesus born in, "The Broken World". These events stirred our conscience and definitely the conscience of the audience too. Soon after these programs one of our professors, Fr Geoffrey Meagher, SJ, fell sick and was admitted in Kaderma hospital. We request your prayers for his speedy recovery. We renewed our Vows on the last day of Triduum that was on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 with more commitment. On 5<sup>th</sup> January the juniorate community called a day off for a picnic to Kazarikilo, a Santhal tribal mission station. We spent our time peacefully there and later that evening we journeyed back. This New Year brought to us hectic curriculum with debates, speeches and essay writings.

**- ARAVIND KUMAR SJ**

### **VIDYANIKETAN SICJ, TRIVANDRUM:**

After the hectic second term exams the committees were formed to celebrate Christmas. All of us took part in the midnight mass in our respective parishes and welcomed Baby Jesus along with the parishners. On the eve of Christmas, the community gathered to share the joy and exchange gifts. The next day we set out as a community for the picnic to Neyaar dam. We also visited Loyola School, Mukundhara and cherished the hospitality of the community. Community days that followed were days of fun, excitement, and sharing which culminated with camp fire and barbeque. Community days helped us to feel one with each other and know all our weaknesses and strengths. After community days, the annual triduum was held from 2nd January to 5th January. It was directed by Fr M. Jacob. The triduum concluded with renewal of vows.

The community welcomed 2020 as all of us joined for the New Year mass here in Vidya Niketan. All of us have scored good marks in the second term and showed improvement in academics. The third term has begun and the professors are busy with their new syllabus. Fr. Melwin, the superior of the community had his eye surgery in Bangalore and he is expected to be back by the end of this month.

**- S. ANIL SJ**

### **SANJEEVAN NIWAS, VIJAYAWADA:**

The joy of Christmas brought peace and fellowship to the community from neighboring communities and well-wishers. From 27<sup>th</sup> December to 30<sup>th</sup> December, scholastics were busy with the first mid examinations. Sch. Thomas stayed in the community and paid visit to the pre-novices' homes. Fr Marianna visited his ailing mother at St Joseph hospital, Guntur. He requested prayers for his mother's good health. On 4th January, we celebrated birthday of sch. Rex Kumar. Makara Sankranti vocation began from 10<sup>th</sup> January to 19<sup>th</sup> January. Scholastics, in groups of four left to Vizag, Hyderabad and Yanam to enjoy three days of our annual tour. On 17<sup>th</sup> January, we began Triduum under the spiritual guidance of Fr G.Kiran S.J at Ananda Jyothi, Nambur. Fr Xavier Rex came along with his about 60 students and stayed in Sanjeevan for two days (17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> January) as part of their educational tour. On 20<sup>th</sup> January, scholastics resumed the college classes and scholastics doing engineering were burning midnight oil to excel in the first mid examinations. Construction of basketball and volleyball courts, are at full swing.

**- O PRADEEP KUMAR SJ**

### **REGENT'S MEET:**

All the five regents gathered at Satyodayam for the third Regents Meet on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We scheduled our five days in three activities. Firstly, we had spiritual conversation with Fr Wilson (PCF) individually. We shared about our

responsibility and experience in regency places. We were given valuable advice to be active and alive in our ministry over there. Secondly, we had Triduum from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January. Fr. Joachim guided us in Triduum. He emphasized on mission in order to be creative and alive in it. On the third day of the triduum, Fr. P. S. Amalraj, the provincial, offered the Holy Eucharist in which we renewed our vows. Fr. Provincial congratulated the regents for the fruitful Triduum under the guidance of Fr Joachim. He was highly appreciated by Fr Provincial for accepting the request of the regents' coordinator to Guide the regents in Triduum. Finally, Sch. Aseer thanked Fr Joachim and Fr Provincial for being with us and guiding into the spirit of lively Jesuit. Then, Sch. Pallamraju, the coordinator thanked the PCF for his constant support and encouragement in all our activities. Thirdly, we had one day visit to Ramoji Film City. The day was well spent. We had fun and frolic. We are grateful to Fr. Papaiah who helped to book the entry tickets to Ramoji Film City.

**-PALLAMRAJU SJ**

#### **DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE:**

We received ever cherishing blessings in our community, as we began the month of December with community days' celebrations in which Sch. Dasan was one of the members of organizing committee. The celebration provided a platform to enhance our companionship and enabled us to discover each one's talents and abilities. On 9<sup>th</sup> of December we had a day of recollection by Fr. Prabhudass of our province, which helped us to prepare ourselves effectively for the Christmas celebration. Besides, the community invited us to reflect upon the universal apostolic preferences during the advent which helped us to have more personal reflection on the expectations of society and as part of it, we were encouraged to participate in the protest against the CAB and NRC with the youth which is one of the

UAPs (accompanying youth). 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> December we had our first mid examination of even semester. The New Year began with Provincial's visit from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> January. It was an occasion of blessing and encouragement for all of us to move ahead with new zeal. On 18<sup>th</sup> of January we had Pongal celebration in our community where Tamil brethren highlighted their unique Tamil culture and traditions. It was indeed an eye capturing moments, which enhanced the community to inculturate. The following day we had a prayer service on "peace for nation" where we prayed for our nation and showed our solidarity with the youth who are on the street protesting against the current issues of our nation. On 20<sup>th</sup> Fr POSA, Fr ADF had come for their annual visitation. The visitation was a grace filled occasion and their sharing was enriching and motivating.

**- JOHNSON SJ**

#### **VIDYA JYOTI, DELHI:**

The New Year 2020 has brought new beginning, new blessings, new joys, new opportunities, new perceptions and new hope in Delhi at Vidyajyoti, college of theology. We thank the almighty God for showers of blessings during diaconate retreat of 3<sup>rd</sup> year brothers at OKLA (Navinta Retreat house, Delhi) from 27<sup>th</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January. The first and second year brothers had their Triduum in Vidyajyoti from 2<sup>nd</sup> of January to 5<sup>th</sup> January guided by Fr. Paul D'Souza, S.J.(Gujarat). He helped us to reflect on "The fundamentals of religious life and their implications to follow Christ with values". During Triduum, the spiritual conversation enlightened our spiritual life especially to feel, to care and to show solidarity with the suffering world. To show our solidarity for the citizens of this nation, the staff and students of Vidyajyoti participated in a protest on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January fighting against CAA, NRC and supporting JNU students along with social activists and students. We the second year theologians participated in a three day

international seminar at ISI in Delhi on the theme "International consultation on Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities" from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of this month. A considerable number of participants took an active role coming from different states of India and outside of India. In the workshop, there took place a "Moot Advisory proceeding" with regard to Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

- B. PETER SJ

#### **YOUNG PRIESTS MEET-ANANDAJYOTHI:**

The young Priests gathered in Ananda Jyothi for their annual triduum, on 13<sup>th</sup> February under the able leadership of Fr. N. Britto. Having involved in the mission tirelessly, this triduum came as a moment of introspection and relaxation. Fr. G. Kiran inspired and motivated us with rich Ignatian insights for prayer and reflection. The theme for the triduum was BLESSED, BROKEN AND GIVEN, based on the call for priesthood and the special call to relive the paschal mystery. The talks touched on the need to sanctify, sacrifice and surrender ourselves in the service of the Lord. Jesus instituted priesthood and Eucharist, Ignatian devotion to the same and the call given to all of us to break ourselves inspired and motivated us towards living our priestly life effectively.



We had fruitful sharing in three groups guided by Frs. S. Arokiasamy, Amalanathan and John Joseph. Thanks for their guidance in helping us to bring out our personal experiences as a way to enrich and inspire

each other in our common journey. Fr.P.S. Amalraj addressed us about the challenges for a priest in this modern world. He further added about the importance of a priest and the major role, a priest can play in the hectic world. Thanks to Br. John for providing us sumptuous food and comfortable accommodation. Our gratitude extends to Annanda Jyothi community.

- MARIA PRASAD SJ

#### **AMALAPURAM PARISH:**

On 11<sup>th</sup> January our Provincial Fr PS Amalraj along with the Bishop of Eluru Rt. Rev. Jayarao Polimera blessed the Mogallamuru Chapel and offered Eucharistic celebration for the people. Fr Provincial cut the ribbon and the bishop consecrated the church to the Holy family.



The Amalapuram M.P. graced the occasion and appreciated the people for inviting her on this occasion. It was well attended by priests, catechists and people of Amalapuram sub stations. Our parish priest Fr Estaky Selvaraj worked hard to build the church. It was well appreciated by everybody. We thank the Lord for His abundant blessings. We keep in record the support of Fr. Provincial. We acknowledge Fr. Elango (Project Director) and Fr. D. Papaiah for getting funds for the chapel. The people of Mogallamuru village were very happy to have their own place of worship.





Our Bishop was very happy with the way the program was conducted. Our provincial was gracious enough to sanction 900 loads of mud to raise the level of ground in our school campus. Now the water may not stay in and around the campus. We thank Fr Papaiah for supporting us to complete this project. Fr Kiran has joined our community after his tertianship for his pastoral ministry. Fr Andrew is busy in painting the school to attract the new students for the coming academic year.

– S.A. SAMY SJ

### **HINDUPUR PARISH:**

The long awaited day of Silver Jubilee Celebration of St. Francis Xavier's Church was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 with pomp and grandeur. At the same time, it was simple and prayerful and not extravagant. His Lordship Most. Rev. Antony Poola D.D, Bishop of Kurnool officiated the Solemn Eucharist on this occasion. Rev. Fr P.S. Amal Raj SJ, the Provincial, who actually built the church in 1995, was also present to add to the solemnity. A simple procession from the entrance gate to the church preceded the blessing of the modest community hall for the parishners. About 20 priests, Sisters and Brothers of different congregations, the faithful of the Hindupur Parish and their relatives participated in the celebration.



At the beginning of the mass one of the parishners fondly recalled the history of the mission started by the diocese to begin with and how it was handed over to the Jesuits on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1989. The Bishop gave an apt sermon on this occasion appreciating the faith of the people which consisted of eleven families in the beginning and has grown to a community of 40 families. The entire mass was made prayerful and inspiring by the singing of the local choir. Fr. Peter Peram SJ made the liturgical music melodious by playing the Keyboard while Sch. Asirvadam SJ conducted the choir.



After the mass a short felicitation was given to the Bishop and the Provincial. The services of the former parish priests were gratefully recalled and some of them who were present for the function were honored with a shawl and a memento. A short cultural programme followed it and at the end a sumptuous dinner was given to one and all. During felicitation the Parish Priest, Fr M. Selvaraj, expressed his sincere gratitude to all the Priests, Sisters, Brothers and Parishioners for being part of the success of Jubilee Celebrations. May God bless this small catholic community of St. Francis Xavier's Church. May the faith of the people shine like light and lead many others to God!

– M. SELVARAJ SJ

### **KRISHNAPURAM PARISH:**

Sanjevanatha Swamy and Mariagiri feast day celebrations went on well by the grace of God on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January. One day prayer meeting was conducted by Fr Vijay Raju and Sanjeev and the theme was "Love of Christ"

by the national charismatic team from Guntur did a wonderful job by conducting praise and worship, healing session and preaching the word of God. The faithful and devotees participated devotedly.

A few devotees gave witness of healing of physical ailments and their life experience in time of troubles and experience the power of three Jesuits of Carnatic Mission. The cultural programme was conducted in the evening and the highlight of the programme was 10 virgins play enacted by Loyola English medium school students and devotional group songs and dances were appreciated by all. We also had the inauguration of artistic paintings on "sermon on the mount" which drew the attention of the crowd and it really spreads the devotion to the faithful. Rangoli competition was conducted in the premises of Sanjevanatha Swamy in which children and women participated actively and they were awarded with prizes.

Special thanks to JMJ sisters and Fr. Antony Paul and Sch. Thomas for sending pre-novices to help us. They really worked hard with vigour and enthusiasm wherever services were needed. Our Loyola English medium students won the overall runners championship in the JIST tournament conducted at Loyola public school, Guntur. Congratulations dear students

**-STEPHEN AMALRAJ SJ**

### **SIVAPURAM PARISH:**

The annual parish feast of Infant Jesus went on well with the usual gusto on 16th January. The Holy Eucharist began at 11.00 am with Fr. P. S. Amalraj, Provincial as the main celebrant. Fr PeramPeter (PP) welcomed all the guests and Fr N. Mathew, our Mission Superior reminded the congregation about the significance of Infant Jesus in our daily life. . Fr K. Velangani Raj (Parish Priest of Pedarikatla, Nellore Diocese) preached the homily in a charismatic tone. He highlighted the responsible and reasonable role of parents in bringing up their children in good faith and discipline taking Infant Jesus as the

model. Fr Ravi Sebastian sang the Collect and Preface in his own creative and well-versed way. Fr M. Joseph led the choir and received abundant appreciation from people for his beautiful singing and music. We thank him specially for all his efforts of 10-day-long practices in training our parishioners to sing courageously in front of others. Fr M. Prasad arrived here much ahead of time and glanced at all arrangements of the celebration. Br Xavier Amal had been an inspiring figure sitting in the midst of the congregation very devotionally and praying constantly throughout the Mass. We thank all the guests and Jesuits especially those from young priests' body who participated in the celebration. Soon after Mass, there was a short presentation of Kolatam by our parishioners which was the most attractive item. We thank Mr. Y. Christuraj (Narasanayinipalem catechist) for teaching Kolatam, very painstakingly. In the evening, the procession and veneration of Infant Jesus statue with Kolatam began at 8.00 pm in the streets of Sivapuram and ended at 1.30 am. All our catechists, elders, youth, children and parishioners deserved our thanks as well as appreciation for their hard work and active involvement in the celebration. May the Infant Jesus bless them more and more in the days to come!

**- PERAM PETER SJ**

### **LOYOLA E.M. SCHOOL, JEEVALAYAM:**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, we celebrated the semi-Christmas in our school. On this occasion the Staff and Children prepared with great vigour and participated with the spirit of Joy. The Children performed variety of dances and enacted the skit on the 'Birth of Jesus'. It was very well prepared and presented the message of Christmas in a simple way. They also performed various dances on the theme of Christmas. Br. Xavier Amal, gave a short, simple and meaningful Christmas message. Then the Christmas cake was cut and shared by all the students and the staff. I am grateful to Fr. U. Antony, SJ, the



principal of LPS who generously contributed and shared his Joy with us.

On 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, we celebrated the 'Sankranthi' festival in a grand manner. On this occasion we conducted the 'Rangoli' competition for the staff and the students and prizes were given by one of our well-wishers. We are trying our best to bring up the standard of the school with your support and prayers.

**- M. XAVIER AMAL, SJ**

### **LOYOLA, HINDUPUR:**

The month of December had kept us on our toes with various activities. Our Pre-Novices helped in the celebration of the long awaited Silver Jubilee Celebration of St. Francis Xavier's Church which was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 with pomp and grandeur. A short and sweet Programme with Christmas Message was staged by Pre-Novices on 19<sup>th</sup> December, at the old age home run by DSS Sisters. A hearty laughter and joy was seen on the faces of the inmates and it was a home coming experience for both inmates and the Pre-Novices. Fr. Maria Prasad preached a day of recollection to St. Ann's Sisters at Kadirepalli and Chaired as the Chief Guest for Christmas Celebrations at St. Ann's School.



On 21<sup>st</sup> evening Christmas celebrations were organized for the community and the workers in the campus. Pre-Novices presented a cultural programme on the birth of Christ and Fr. Maria Prasad gave the Christmas Message. A sumptuous Christmas meal was served after the blessing by Fr. C.J. John.

The Christmas and New Year Celebrations in School and Hostel were held on a grand scale. Children came out with message oriented

and meaningful programmes. The active participation and creative skills of the hostel boys during New Year competitions made us all spell bound. The School children and Hostel boys are committed to their studies, and have special interest in learning the English language. Fr. K.P. Francis and Fr Maria Prasad show special interest in providing quality food and other required facilities for the overall development of the School and the hostel. As the 10<sup>th</sup> Board Exams are fast approaching, the staff and students take special interest in spending qualitative time in revising their lessons after school hours.



Pre-novices' participation and help in Maria Giri Feast at Krishnapuram is praise worthy. They expressed their joy for their vocation into the Society of Jesus after learning the history of Telugu Catholics.

**- M. THOMAS SRIDHAR SJ**

### **LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL, VINUKONDA:**

Our boys returned to the hostel on 26<sup>th</sup> December after three days of Christmas vacation. On 31<sup>st</sup> night Fr. Ravi and Sch. Aseer went to Jeevalayam for their New Year ministry. Fr. Ravi was the main celebrant of the Eucharist and Sch. Aseer took up the choir. Fr. Joseph had gone to Darsi whereas Fr. Showry to Gudlavalleru for their New Year ministries. Having conducted a friendly Volleyball match for the hostel students we provided them with a special dinner on the eve of the New Year. The choir conducted by Fr M.Joseph on the day of Sivapuram feast



was well appreciated. Our school was closed for Pongal holidays for 10 days from 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of January. Our students were excited enough to go home for this most awaited and long Pongal holidays. The school was re-opened on 21<sup>st</sup> January. Having known the already declared dates for FA3 exams the students started burning their midnight oil.

- ASEER SJ

#### **LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, KARIMNAGAR:**

Motivation is the key to learning and perseverance is crucial to success. Basically students studying in our institutions come from poor families and lack Motivation. As the exams are fast approaching, our fathers are striving hard to instil these two values in our students who find it hard to concentrate on their studies after coming from their Christmas Holidays. Intermediate students have finished their first pre-final examinations and gearing up for the second pre-final. B. Ed second year students are going for their teaching practice and first years are preparing for their First Semester Examinations.

On 12<sup>th</sup> January Intermediate girls' Hostel students had gone for a day out to Santhinagar, Elagndhala Port and Lower Maneru Dam under the supervision of Fr MA Alex. And on 20<sup>th</sup> January, Parish Priests of Karimnagar Deanery had made their monthly recollection in our community under the guidance of Fr Dhanapaul. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January our school students had gone to attend JIST tournament in Nallapadu. Our School and B Ed college campus were chosen for the local body elections and heavy preparations and deployment of police personnel was present and on 24<sup>th</sup> January, the voting was completed peacefully without any disturbance.

-S. KARUNAKAR SJ

#### **LOYOLA PUBLIC SCHOOL, GUNTUR:**

We had the 55<sup>th</sup> alumni gathering 2019 of Loyola public school for two days on December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The gathering

brought back the colourful days of past for many old students of Loyola Public school. The old students had their fun on the courts of Loyola. They all became students once again. The chief guest was NTR University Registrar Dr. Beemeshwar. He said that for his batch both school and hostel had never been institutions rather a second home. There was March past, volleyball and basketball, swimming and tug of war between different batches. Nearly 400 to 500 students participated in different events. Kudos to Fr. Naveen and his team whose hospitality and willingness made the alumni gathering a memorable time for the old students with sumptuous meals and motherly care.

Both Hostel and Loyola Telugu medium school had Bhogi and Sankranthi celebrations. It was a colorful sankranthi on the campus this year.

Fr. Uvari Antony attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Jesuit Alumni National congress from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> of January. It was held at St. Joseph's college, Trichirappalli. 600 alumni attended from all over the nation. The theme for the congress was "networking for a harmonious world". The congress felt that the communication and networking between the alumni and the Jesuits are the necessary means that will contribute to build a better society. The congress discussed largely on Networking. Fr. Tony said that it was an enriching experience to listen to some of the eminent alumni who played a vital role in contributing to the good of the civil society. Fr. John left for his long awaited holy land visit on 23<sup>rd</sup> January evening. We wish and pray for his safe and fruitful visit to holy land.

- BALA PRAVEEN SJ

#### **SEVENTH JESUIT INTER SCHOOL TOURNAMENT (JIST):**

The arrangements for this gala event were excellent. The performance in sports and games was spectacular. In the evening we had a talent night, various cultural activities

with delicious food, generous donors, good cooperation among the management, staff and students of LPS, committed PETs, Jesuits, Alumni, well-wishers made the event a grand success. It was a great privilege to LPS to organize the 7<sup>th</sup> JIST tournament at Nallapadu, Guntur with the collaboration of St. Patrick's High School. We sincerely thank LPS & St. Patrick's community for their constant financial support to organize this beautiful event.



It was a wonderful sight to see our students from different schools wearing sports dresses with colourful flags, rhythmic march past, excellent commentary, abiding by the rules & regulations of the JIST tournament brought all our schools together. As Henry Ford says "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success." We found great understanding, appreciation and competitive spirit among the participants. Overall our tournament brought all our Jesuit schools together under one umbrella called "*Loyola Family*". On behalf of Fr. Provincial and Secondary Education Commission, I express my sincere thanks and profound gratitude to Frs. Bosco, U. Antony, Naveen, Bro. Praveen who worked round the clock along with other experienced PETs from Guntur. The inauguration was presided over by Sri B. V.

Prasada Rao, Ex. Volleyball Coach, Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh, Fr. Baskar, Fr. KunduruJoji & Principals from different schools graced the occasion with LPS management. The closing ceremony was officiated by Sri. Kolli Rajendra Reddy, DSDO & Chief Coach, DSA, Guntur, Sri P.Veeraswamy, ITC, Guntur. Fr. Peter Daniel, Director of VRO appreciated the Loyola father's contribution in the past, thanking them for organising JIST tournament. In their message they could capture the attention of students and staff to excel both in academics and sports in the coming years as well. They thanked LPS community profusely for their whole hearted collaboration and systematic planning to organise the JIST.

- U.ANTONY SJ

#### **LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, PULIVENDULA:**

The Loyola Awareness and Cultural Team (LACT) staged awareness programmes in Z.P.High School, Lingala, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyasala (KGBV), Madikavandlapalli, Talupula and at Ippatla.



On 5<sup>th</sup> January, we had 'investiture ceremony' for the first year scout students. On the same day, it had swacha bharath camp on the campus

Women's Cell organized a seminar for first year girls on "Nutritional Values and Hygiene". As part of Sankranthi sambaralu, it conducted games for girls and Lady staff. Sri. V.V.Narasimha Reddy, Municipal Commissioner, Pulivendla distributed the prizes to winners.



On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 NSS volunteers went to serve at Ranganathasamy temple for Vaikunta Ekadesi Festival.



A two days Field Study Trip was organized by the Department of Geology. Departments of English and Physics organized Quiz programme. The Pulivendula community is extremely happy to share the news that Fr. B. Joji has successfully defended his thesis on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020. "Congratulations dear Dr. Fr.Boyapati Joji"

#### **ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE, VIJAYAWADA:**

On 28<sup>th</sup> of December, the Bishop of Vijayawada Most. Rev. T. Jospheh Rajarao blessed the foundation Stone for the new building in ALC Campus. We could witness the steady progress of it under the supervision and guidance of Fr M. Sahayaraj. Our college reopened on 20<sup>th</sup> January after the Sankranti holidays. On 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January Fr. G. Victor SJ, the principal was invited by the Birla College, Mumbai to present the best practices of an autonomous college, which was conducted for all the top autonomous colleges in India. On 10<sup>th</sup> of January staff seminar on ICT, in class room handling was conducted.

Around 150 old boys of first batch of Xavier hostel gathered to celebrate the birthday of Fr. Koyi on 19<sup>th</sup> of January. Unfortunately he was not well and was admitted in the hospital. An MOU with Skill Development of India for Visibly Impaired was signed. A Seminar was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> of January to sensitize the staff to help the physically challenged students in our college by Mr. Mobdeji. On the same day campus drive was

conducted by the MRF company and online exams were conducted in our college. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January a seminar on English speaking skills was conducted for the junior lecturers.



Fr. Bala Kumar is back to the community with renewed vigour after the completion of Tertianship at Sitagarh. He is occupied with YES-J's work and also avails himself for pastoral work in around Vijayawada. On 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2020, the feast day of our Lord's Baptism and National Youth Day, Fr. Gundolf Kreamer, SJ (German Province) along with the community members blessed the site of the upcoming YES-J Centre.

#### **ALIET, VIJAYAWADA:**

On 9<sup>th</sup> January a mega international placement drive was organised at ALIET in collaboration with European Centre for Mechanics, Germany and Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC). Several students have been recruited by various companies. Phase II of Robotics training for the students is over and before starting phase III, already 8 of our students have been recruited by foreign industries Viz, KIA motors, Isuzu etc. APSSDC has chosen our college as a centre for imparting training in Robotics for Phase III. Students from Siddhartha Engineering College, C. R. Reddy College, Eluru will be trained in our Robotics laboratory. In the month of January our departments conducted several seminars and workshops like, A Seminar on Solid Waste Management Awareness by MBA, a workshop on Payroll Management by MBA and a workshop on Cyber Security by CSE. Sankranti was

celebrated on a grand scale imparting an image of respecting all religions. Staff and students participated in it with great fervour.

### **JESUIT ALUMNI NATIONAL CONGRESS:**

The 9th Jesuit Alumni National Congress was organized at St Joseph's College, Trichy during 17 – 19 January 2020 with the theme 'Networking for a Harmonious World'. Jesuit Alumni of AP and Telangana (JAAPT) were well-represented by 43 of our alumni/ae from Andhra Loyola College, Andhra Loyola Institute of Engineering & Technology, Loyola Public School, St Patrick's High School, and Loyola Academy and they were escorted by Frs. Uvary Antony, Vatti Joji, Gnana Devan, and Rex Angelo. On the opening day, the event started at 5 PM with a grand gathering & procession led by Fr. George Pattery SJ (POSA), the Chief Guest, Mr. Alain Deneef (President, WUJA), the Guest of Honour, Prof John Varghese (Principal, St Stephen's College, Delhi), the Keynote Speaker, Fr Danis Ponnaiah SJ (Provincial, Madurai), Fr Jebamalai SJ (Provincial, Chennai), Fr Leo Fernando SJ (Rector), Mr Naresh Gupta (Secretary, WUJA) and Dr Devendra Singh (President, JAAI). With the College band in attendance, all delegates marched from Arrupe Library to Jubilee Hall where the inaugural session was held. Prof John Varghese, an alumnus of Loyola, Chennai delivered the keynote address on how to empower our educational institutions and alumni associations through networking to create a harmonious world. At the end, scintillating dance performances by the artiste from Kalaikaveri made the audience spell-bound. The day ended with a grand dinner with live-orchestra at the lawns.

On Day Two, Hon'ble Justice K Chandru, Former Judge, Madras High Court spoke on 'Judiciary & Networking' with practical suggestions to improve the culture of networking among the alumni. It was followed by an insightful panel discussion

with Fr Sunny Jacob SJ (Secretary, JEA& Advisor, JAAI) as the moderator. Fr. J. Felixraj SJ (VC, Xavier University, Kolkata) talked on 'Jesuit Education & Networking' and Mr R Vijay Sankar (Editor-in-chief, The Hindu Group) on 'Media & Networking'. After the coffee break, Dr Jebamalai Vinanchiarachi (Principal Secretary, UNIDO, Vienna) gave a talk on 'Global Networking for Social Harmony' and Dr S Irudaya Rajan (Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum) dealt at length on 'India's Role on International Migration'. At the end, Ms Vaishali Janarthanan (Social activist, Vidhayak Bharti, Mumbai) delivered a challenging address on 'Networking in Gender Sensitization & Child Protection'. In the afternoon, there was a group discussion/reporting session which was followed by JAAI Zonal Presentations and JAAI Awards Presentation. It was a proud moment for Andhra Province as we won 3 out of 7 Awards available to the 160-odd Jesuit alumni associations in India. 'Social Champion Award' and 'Glory to Alma Mater Award' were presented to Andhra Loyola College Alumni Association (ALCAA) and 'Congress Champion Province Award' to Andhra Province for having sent the biggest contingent of delegates. It was quite encouraging to note that our Province could bag three Awards amidst tough competitions from peers. The day ended with variety entertainment by students of St Joseph's College and School along with those from JIM with Mr Thirunavukkarasar, a Josephite and the local MP as the Chief Guest.





On the concluding day, we had the Holy Mass presided over by Fr. A Rex Angelo SJ (PCA, Andhra Province & Coordinator, South Zone) at the Sodality Chapel. It was followed by the meetings of JAAI Accredited Delegates and Governing Council at Toulouse Conference Hall. Later at the General Session, Fr Jerry Rosario SJ (Founder, Dhanam & Manidham) spoke on 'Organ Donation and Networking'. It was followed by the presentation of Mr Francisco Guarner (Chairman, WUJA Congress) on WUJA Congress at Barcelona in 2021 and he invited the delegates to attend the same. During the valedictory function, Mr V Ramakrishnan, (CFO, TCS, Mumbai) elucidated on 'Opportunities in the Networked World' and Dr V Thiruppugal IAS (Additional Secretary & Advisor, NDMA, Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI, New Delhi) spoke on 'Networking for a Safer & Disaster Resilient India'. The entire Congress was an eye-opener for the delegates as they were enriched with a proper understanding of the immense fruits of networking for a harmonious world.



All expressed their appreciation for the wonderful manner in which the Congress was organized by the local team and left the venue with rich experiences. It was decided that the next national Congress would be organized by the Northern Zone and the venue would be communicated to all after concurrence with the local alumni unit. May the spirit of solidarity and service continue to spread among our beloved alumni/ae!

- A REX ANGELO SJ

## *Birthdays*

### *February*

- 01 P Jose Mathew K
- 01 P Kishore GAP
- 02 P Ramesh Bosco B
- 07 P Lourdu Raj I
- 08 P Augustine K
- 10 P Shailendra BJ
- 10 P Prashanth BD
- 10 N Parra Srikanth
- 11 P Thumma Sunil Ch.
- 14 P Joachim Raja S
- 15 P Jojaya Pudota
- 19 P Joji Boyapati
- 19 S MV Anantha Abhinay
- 19 P George Stephen J
- 21 S Singavarapu Anil
- 27 S Eeda Naveen
- 27 P Vana Chinnappa Ch
- 27 P Vidya Sagar P
- 28 P Inna Yeruva



### *March*

- 01 S Jannu Vijay Kumar
- 07 P Gnanadevan S
- 08 N Kakumanu Teja
- 10 P John Joseph A
- 17 P Jeyaraj Gorantla J
- 19 S Thumma Manoj
- 21 P Casimir KS
- 22 N Guvvala Rupesh Kumar
- 23 P Dominic Sundera Raj I
- 25 S Harikotti Gopichand
- 27 P Jeyaraj ISF
- 30 P Arun Valan Andrew S
- 31 P Stephen Amal Raj A

## New Provincial taking charge



**Congratulations**

### RIP

30.12.2019	Br. Pascoal Colaco SJ (BOM,78/55)
05.01.2020	Fr Errol D'Lima SJ (BOM,77/61)
08.01.2020	Mr. Pasala Jojaiah(82), father of Fr P. Balashowry,SJ
19.01.2020	Br. Arockiasamy Sebastian SJ (MDU,72/52)
20.01.2020	Fr Thomas Pullenkave SJ (CCU,80/37)
21.01.2020	Fr Joachim D Mello SJ (GOA, 68/46)
27.01.2020	Fr. Lankapalli Prasad SJ (AND, 54/34)



## OBITUARY



### Fr. LANKAPALLI PRASAD, SJ

**BIRTH: 06.10.1966**  **DEATH: 27.01.2020**

Fr. Lankapalli Prasad, SJ, hails from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India. He is survived by his beloved mother, an elder sister and two elder brothers. He lost his father at his young age of four. Being the youngest child in the family, he seemed to have received both tender love and self-discipline. This family influence seems to have contributed to his understanding of the society at large as well as God. He believed in God who is both tough minded and tenderhearted. He experienced God's tough-mindedness in his Justice and Wrath and his tenderheartedness in his Love and Grace. All along his religious life, he strived to personalize these attributes of God. To a large extent, he succeeded in living out. This is possible because he grew in extensive knowledge of spiritual matters, the enjoyment of God, a fervent prayer life, unremitting trust in the Holy Spirit, inner freedom and a fervent zeal for everything that concerns the honour of God.

Fr Prasad exhibited his tough mind through his incisive thinking, realistic appraisal and

decisive judgment. He was sharp and penetrating, breaking through the crust of the needs of the poor and the marginalized and sifting the true from the false. He was astute and discerning. He was strong and austere and had firmness of purpose and solidness of commitment to God, religious life, people of God and the universe. This was possible for him since he experienced the true love from the family and consistent support and encouragement from the Society of Jesus. He enjoyed the beauty of friendship with the poor. He was very warm to feel affection for the poor as it was vivid in his M.Th thesis on Dalit Realities. He was selfless to share the marginalized joy and sorrow. He hated to be an isolated island. He linked himself with God, the creation and the mainland of humanity through his outpouring love and concern for the poor and the marginalized. He literally practiced the Scriptural edict: "do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" (Mt 6:3).

His goodness was not found in passive commitment to creed, religious rules and regulations but in his active participation in the formation of young Jesuits and other religious. He fanned the flame of enthusiasm for lifetime of service, because he had capacity for universal altruism, rather he possessed the Samaritan capacity for dangerous altruism. He had moral strength and courage to risk his position, prestige, even his life for the welfare of the needy. He always sympathized and empathized with the young. He was very sure that teaching without compassion and enthusiasm is but a mere show or at worst a perversion of the Gospel, which we claim to proclaim. No doubt this philosophy of life was personalized and lived out by him.

Greatness is not found in possession, power, position or prestige. It is discovered in kindness, humility and service. Everyone here would whole-heartedly agree with me that Fr Prasad was such a person. He did not allow dent that spirit in spite of experiencing near fatal death on Pune-Mumbai Express High Way. He was full of compassion and kindness. Many formees and staff both Jesuits and non-Jesuits would testify these sterling qualities in him. The sincere concern he had for the young drew them close to him and made them experience the genuine joy, solace and consolation in the time of pain and need.

Fr Prasad, you combined both knowledge and humility, youthful enthusiasm and a spirit of inner restraint. You were available, responsible and compassionate. You lived by convictions. As we bid farewell to you we assure you of being tough minded and tenderhearted persons in our faith journey. Father! Into your hands we commend our beloved Fr. Prasad Lankapalli.

May his soul rest in peace!

- **ISF JAYARAJ SJ**



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