

# ANDHRA VANI



Our response to contemporary migration...

**Welcome, Protect,  
Promote and Integrate.**

- Pope Francis



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**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for September 2020: Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered,  
but shared in a just and respectful manner

### INFORMATION

Fr. General has appointed  
**Fr. Keith William  
Abranches, SJ** as Rector  
of Collegio Internazionale,  
Gesù, from July 2021.

**Fr Dionysius Gerard  
Leonard Vaz (Dion), SJ**  
as provincial of Karnataka  
Jesuit Province.

New cell number of  
Fr. A. John Joseph SJ  
6281321270

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME - SEPTEMBER 2020

08 - Laying of foundation  
stone for YES-J center &  
Final vows of  
Fr. Pudota Anil SJ  
ALC, Vijayawada

20 - Consult, Satyodayam

### ANANDA JYOTHI, NAMBUR:

On 31<sup>st</sup> July, we had a simple but meaningful feast day celebration of our Founder Father St. Ignatius of Loyola. On this special occasion our chapel was filled with the 'new-scholastics', novices, Jesuits, and a few sisters. It was profound, yet simple Eucharistic celebration in the retreat house followed by a sumptuous dinner. We are immensely happy for the safe arrival of Fr C. Alex SJ on 6<sup>th</sup> August. Fr Thambi took all the scholastics for shopping to buy necessary goods. Our new-scholastics are blazing efforts to improve their English language. We had blissful occasions to wish two of our scholastics, P. Sathish and Madhan as they celebrated their birthdays in this month. On 15<sup>th</sup> Aug., we celebrated with delightful feeling, our 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. Novice Velangani delivered the Independent Day Speech. We honoured our national flag and

*Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary*



remembered the incredible sacrifices of our freedom fighters. The Retreat House is getting ready to begin a 'Month long Retreat' for five sisters from two different congregations under the guidance of Fr Amalanathan. May God bless the efforts made to bring people to God through our "Spiritual Exercises".

- K.TEJA, NSJ

## ANANDA JYOTHI RETREAT HOUSE:

- ABHILAS, SJ & SCH. VIJAY, SJ

We, the Junior Scholastics residing in Ananda Jyothi Retreat house, are overwhelmed with joy to have the presence of Fr. C. Wilson, PCF. His company made us joyful and happy. After discussing with him for good amount of time, considering all the possible options, in the midst of series of uncertainties and lockdown, Fr. Provincial decided to send us for Degree studies to ALC. Having discerned well Fr. Provincial unveiled the groups of our UG subjects. As and when things get cleared we will move to Sanjeevan Nivas. We were delighted to have Fr. Anthony Paul amidst us to improve our English reading and writing skills. Fr. Sagar is helping us to develop our listening comprehension skills. Through the guidance of all these fathers, we are able to learn advanced English better. Fr. Amalanathan and Br. A. John are looking after our physical needs. Br.A. John took a course on film appreciation connecting it with psychological dimensions. The course really enlightened our minds and enabled our analyzing capacities. We are very grateful to his explicit teaching.



We celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary and the Independence Day in a meaningful way. Fr. C. Wilson hoisted the National flag in our retreat house. Fr. Velangani is keeping himself busy in VRO serving the poor and the marginalized. The construction of the houses for the ably challenged people in Kopalle village is over and VRO team is planning to invite the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for inauguration. We also had a fruitful recollection given by Fr. John Joseph on the feast day of Queenship of Mary.

## SANJEEVAN NIWAS, VIJAYAWADA:

- ANTHONY RAJU SJ

We were fortunate to have Fr. Francis Xavier for the inauguration of 15 computers on the 1st of August. On the occasion of 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day and the feast of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, we had a solemn Mass celebrated by Fr. Marianna in the morning. Soon after the Eucharist, we had flag hoisting ceremony and a message delivered by Fr. AXJ. Bosco. In the evening we recited Rosary in procession around the house. The Sanjeevan community was once again illumined by the birthday celebrations of Schs. Bala Niranjana, Dasan, Anthony Raju, Dominic Sebastian, Vidya Sagar and Fr. Joseph Kiran.



On 18<sup>th</sup> August Members of ALC, Ananda Jyothi and LPS honoured our invitation and joined the birthday celebration of Fr. G. Kiran and other scholastics. We had a short cultural programme in which we shared our joy to have Fr. G. Kiran in our community. All the scholastics got involved very seriously in their respective academic studies. The first years are busy in arranging the library and looking after various other works in the house. DNC philosophers and theologians have successfully finished their mid exams. Amid all these, theologians and philosophers have taken an active role to plant many a decorative and fruit yielding trees in and around Sanjeevan Niwas.

## JOY OF FR. BOSCO SJ AND HIS COLLABORATORS:

The amazing online networking to help Jharkhand migrants, in the unexpected precarious condition of Corona times..

Fr. David Solomon, the Director of the Social Centre in Ranchi was in touch with me, giving information about the hapless migrant workers who needed help. The first group of 15 migrants was in Srinivasa Colony in Guntur. I sent an SOS to Fr. Velangani and there he was, feeding them generously for more



than a month. The second group was in Adilabad and I contacted Fr. P.S. Amalraj and he, with his usual compassion, took care of them. The third group consisted of 8 damsels in distress (nurses) in Ongole. Sr. Theresa MJM and Mr. Murthy, a social worker helped them through the Collector, to have their food for a few weeks and get back to Jharkhand safely. The fourth was a pregnant woman with a son in Utnuru, near Nellore, whose husband was stranded in Jharkhand. Mr. Jeyaraj, my friend, a social worker arranged their



safe travel back to Jharkhand. The fifth was 50 young women workers, feeling insecure without medical facilities and other conveniences in BRM industries, Nellore and again Mr. Jeyaraj and his co-workers made negotiations with the company management for almost a month and finally, they were sent back to Jharkhand in 2 buses on 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2020. Since I do not know much Hindi, Sr. Irene MJM, in Guntur and Sch. Aset SJ in Sanjeevan, Vijayawada were my willing translators. Fr. David Solomon is very grateful for all that we have done for the Jharkhand migrants.

### POP - 2020:

"Let God be glorified in everything". Our hearts are filled with gratitude towards all those who assisted us in carrying out POP fruitfully. We thank Jesuits of Andhra Loyola College community for their availability



and sharing their experiences on various topics. We feel very much privileged to have Frs. Bosco and Kiran as our directors. They have been instrumental in guiding us to approach various resource persons. POP was given a perfect beginning with NLP course by Fr. Bosco. We are equipped with skills that would create a breakthrough in the aspect of our thinking. He

himself dealt different topics like Jesuit presence in Andhra. Collaboration and Networking. Inputs given by Fr. Jojaiah enlightened us with various aspects of priesthood that would stay with us for the rest of our lives. Fr. Balakumar spoke about the relevance of youth ministry and our response. Of all the courses we had on Psychosexual and spiritual integration, the present one instilled a new thinning in many ways of our lives. Fr. I.S.F Jeyaraj, Novice



master helped us to integrate scripture with psychology. Fr. Francis Xavier with his talk on intellectual apostolate enabled us to know how the birth of society took place in the atmosphere of University. Fr. Sagayaraj's sharing of his own experiences on 'Jesuit priesthood and social commitment' inspired all of us to go an extra mile in helping the poor. In a special way, we express our gratitude to Fr. G. Kiran, for his support and encouragement. Our coming together in the evening daily enriched us with



insights from each of us on the topic of that day like Spiritual Exercises, Constitutions, GC's etc. There were also two women resource persons namely Mrs. Leela Kumari (Lawyer and Social Activist) and Mrs. Little Flower (Professor of Physics in Maris Stella College) for different topics like Lay perspective on priesthood, Expectation of laity regarding priests. Recollection given by Fr.G. Rayappa provided a perfect conclusion. Fr. Rayappa shared his own experiences of POP and helped us to recognize God's guiding hand in our vocational journey. During Evaluation, Fr. Bosco expressed his views and was happy with the way whole course went on. All of us shared that they were blessed with insights and experiences relating to the importance of Jesuit priesthood. In a special way, we express our grateful thanks to Fr. Provincial and PCF for giving us an opportunity to journey the "Arrupe month" in these troubled times of pandemic. Kudos to Sch. Saji for coordinating this programme. We also thank Schs. Peter and Praveen for assisting him.

### HEKIMA JESUIT COMMUNITY- NAIROBI:

- NARESH PANITHI SJ

Since the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic life at both Hekima Jesuit School of Theology and Hekima Jesuit Community changed drastically. However, life continues with its own pace. As I completed B.Th. second-year and entered into third-year together with 27 of my companions- belonging to the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar, had the opportunity to go through the Arrupe month (a month-long preparation towards applying for diaconate ordination and thereby holy orders). And the entire experience of Arrupe month was very useful with its dynamics; listening to the faith and vocation history as well as sharing my own,



prayerful reading and reflection over resources of the society, and listening to the resource personnel concerning priesthood, religious life, and catholic family. On the whole, it was one of my most satisfying times with my companions here at Hekima. As the academic year 2020-'21 took off and Covid-19 regulations are in place in Kenya and most of the international borders are closed, the first-year companions are yet to join the college and community in person but for now all of us attend online classes.

### NEWS FROM ROME, ITALY:

- G.KRUPA RAO, SJ

The final vows of Fr. Dominic Sundar was held in the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. Very Rev. Fr. Arturo Sosa SJ, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus presided over the Eucharistic celebration and received the vows. Fr. Johan Verschueren, the DIR, Fr. Juan Manuel Granados, the Superior of Biblicum Community, Fr. Michael Kolarcik, the Rector of Biblicum Institute and others presided over the Eucharist. It was a simple and yet very touching and moving celebration. Following the Covid-19 restrictions, the number was restricted to altogether 30 community members with the addition of three Andhra Jesuits in Rome. The community and the superior had gone all out to make the arrangements impressive. A sumptuous banquet added joy to the participants. The whole celebration went on live streaming- thanks to two of the scholastics from Gesu. For the Andhra Province Jesuits in Rome, it was a moment of great jubilation. On behalf of the Province we felicitated Fr. General and Fr. Dominic Sundar with a shawl and bouquet. Fr. Joe Sebastian had given the spiritual accompaniment to Fr. Dominic to prepare him for the final vows. Fr. Sunder thanked all the invited guests and participants for giving him the privilege of celebrating the final vows in Biblicum. He thanked all his family members, with a choked voice, for their loving accompaniment all throughout his life. He thanked his mother in a special way for such profound impact she had left on him from the very childhood. It was a happy moment for us as members of Andhra Province to reunite in Pomezia, a parish near Rome where Fr. Ravi Sekhar was rendering his pastoral service. Frs. Joe, Ravi and Sunder celebrated Sunday Mass (with strict Covid-19 restrictions) and prayed for the faithful in the parish. Fr. Joe Sebastian is staying in a parish right now where he has gone to render pastoral service. Sch. Vijay had gone to Taize (France) for a month-long programme. Sch. Krupa Rao has opted to help out in JRS centre

in Gesu for a month. The JRS has rendered great services during the pandemic and continues to feed the migrants and the destitutes in Rome. Both Vijay and Krupa will be going for Arrupe Month from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Sep. The academic year for 2020-'21 is expected to commence in the second week of October. Since the second wave of the pandemic is gaining strength now, we have to wait and see if regular classes will be held in the University class rooms! Fr. Peter Raj left Rome on 14<sup>th</sup> August back to the Province. His services in the Curia were highly commended by Fr. General himself during the informal conversation in Biblicum at the time of the final vows celebration. Tanti Auguri a Te padre Peter! Hearty congratulations to Fr. Peter Raj for your silent and impressive services in Rome.

**ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE, SITAGARHA:**

**- N. BRITTO SJ**



Against all odds 26 of us from 15 provinces reached Sitagarha on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Frs. Ignatius Tete and K.C. Stephen, our Tertian Instructors welcomed us. We all of us felt fortunate to start our Tertianship on the feast day of our founder St. Ignatius of Loyola. It was a memorable day for all of us as we spent the day mostly in gratitude to our Lord through the intercession of our founder St. Ignatius of Loyola. We had the inauguration of our Tertianship on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2020. The Rector, Fr. Patras Tirkey welcomed us and cautioned us about the existing scenario in Hazaribagh. The Provincial of Hazaribagh, Fr. Santhosh Minj gave the keynote address. The address mainly focused on theme chosen for this year's tertianship i.e. the second

Universal Apostolic Preference, "Walking with the Excluded".

We thanked the Provincial personally who was instrumental in actualizing the new block for the Tertians with all the necessary infrastructure. We were quarantined till 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. During this period and even now everyone is keeping good health. Fr. N. Britto is elected as the Beadle for the Tertians and in this capacity was given the honour of unfolding the National flag on the '74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day' celebrations in the Community. Fr. J. Vijay takes care of the Conference room and all the Electronic Systems present in it. We begin our 'Spiritual Exercises' on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020. We request your prayers for all of us as we journey through the Spiritual Exercises. We would like to express our gratitude to Fr. Provincial and his team for taking all the steps possible for making our journey safe to Sitagarha.

**GUDLAVALLERU PARISH:**

**- N. SHOWRI KISHORE, SJ**



The people of Gudlavalleru are fighting a tough battle with life as they face the difficult situation because of Corona. They are going for the regular agricultural work of paddy plantation and removing weeds. Due to the instruction from the diocese regular Masses in the villages and the centre are not celebrated. The ration to the 8 catechists and the co-worker was given on the occasion of the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This help was given by the province. On 15<sup>th</sup> of August the feast of Assumption and Independence day was celebrated at Chintalagunta. We celebrated the anniversary of the Lourdu Matha grotto there. The construction of Fatima Mata church at Venturmilly is going on. On 23<sup>rd</sup> August,

the anniversary of Fatima Matha Grotto was celebrated at Seri Kalvapudi. We are experiencing good rains here. The fish pond of the parish is handed over to the diocese as per the instructions from the diocese.

Our tribal people of Jodeghat area live on the hills in the midst of nature and with nature. POLALU PANDUGA (festival of lands) was the feast they celebrated on 18<sup>th</sup> August. On this day a special Puja was conducted and the Naivedhyam carried by each family was offered to God. At the end of the Puja the offered Naivedhyam was given as Prasad to the Bulls. The tribal people believe that as the Puja is offered, Lord Shiva comes down, enquires from each bull about its wellbeing, blesses and assures that He will give His continued protection to them.

In view of this festival, we planned the first distribution of dry ration under "Red Care, Austria in collaboration with Loyola Society, Uttoor, Adilabad district," project. Accordingly on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August, we distributed 10 kgs of rice, 2 kgs of red gram dhal, 2 kgs of green gram dhal, 3 kgs of sugar, 2 kgs of oil, and 100 gms of tea powder. Our Bishop Prince Antony joined us in this dry ration distribution and served the people like any one of us. It was a great joy for us when Fr. Elango, PDD of our province informed us on 21<sup>st</sup> July that "Red Care, Austria" has sanctioned our project and we should start the implementation of it. Immediately we began the survey in each of our 15 villages which will help us not only now in the distribution

of dry ration but also to assist them in agriculture, education and health care. We completed it by 5<sup>th</sup> August.

The CMI fathers began their Provincial Chapter for the election of their new Provincial at Bellampalli on 24<sup>th</sup> August. Fr. Xavier Rex gave the inaugural talk at this chapter setting the right tone for it. He began online classes for the students of Carmel Academy. He also extended this service to the catholic schools which requested him to include them in this programme. St. Paul's E/M school, Uttoor where we are, is one of the institutions to benefit by this help of Fr. Xavier Rex. Fr. P. S. Amalraj accompanied our Bishop Prince Antony to Hyderabad

on 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. to contact three women religious congregations to take up Evangelization and other integral apostolic works connected to it. It was a fruitful visit. We celebrated Fr. Prathap's birth day on 21<sup>st</sup> with an adoration followed by Holy Mass.

We were delighted to have the brotherly and business visit of our Jesuits of Pulivendula and Hyderabad communities on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug. The presence of Frs. Papaiah and Elango among them helped us very much to implement the project of Red Care, Austria professionally and courageously.



When there is an upheaval in the spread of Covid-19 pandemic and prolonged lockdown that has confined the people indoors so long, we are challenged to find alternative ways and means to cope with life. Somewhere we have to stop our charity to the needy at this juncture, lest they become more vulnerable and dependent on the donors.



In the long run their collective initiative and individual creativity are relegated. It's time

to channelize all our resources to strengthen the resilience of the poor people in villages and urban slums. Since the monsoon season has begun the people in Jingeru village (Pedana Mandal) have started their agricultural activities with the support of financial assistance through Micro-Credit Union. 25 families have come together to receive Rs. 20, 000/- each as loan to begin their works in their small portion of land available to them in their village. Fr. ISF Jeyaraj accompanied me to visit the villages of Micro-Credit Union in Machilipatnam area. He along with Fr. Anil Francis distributed Rs. 10, 000 each as agriculture loan to another group of 25 poor families in Devarapalli village. Both the villagers have resolved to return their entire loan in 10 months and become eligible to get the next loan. We are grateful to the students of Sainte Jeanne D' Arc, Brignoles who are extending their constant help through their student association "A Smile for India" since 2010. Two more villages are in the process of animation and credit availability is in the pipeline.

### LITDS, KATUKAPALLY:

### - K. YESURATNAM, SJ



We bid farewell to Fr. Marainayagam and welcomed Fr. Paul Amal as new superior of the community on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020. It was an emotional moment for both Fr. Maria and staff as he leaves them after spending 12 years in Katukapally. We thank him for wonderful services rendered to tribal people all these years as regent, Superior, Director and Head Master.



We are grateful to Jesuiten Mission, London, Jesuit Mission Australia and LINSI foundation Switzerland for their generous help towards deserving tribal people in this COVID-19 pandemic situation. We thank Provincial, PDD and the Treasurer for their care and concern towards the tribal mission at Katukapally to carry out the mega event to distribute the essentials to three tribes namely Koya, Gothikoya and Kondareddies. We began the distribution work on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 and went upto 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 in the agency area of two Panchayats of Edugurallapally and Pega of Chintur mandal and some villages of Yetapaka, Kunavaram and VR Puram mandals of East Godavari Dt, Andhra Pradesh. LITDS through Jesuit Province Society implemented work of distributing dry ration to 2717 families in 41 villages with 10 kgs rice, 2 kgs of dal, 2 liters of oil and four soaps each.



The team headed by Fr. Paul Amal, Fr. Yesu Ratnam, Sisters and Village staff altogether 23 members involved in this noble work. All our staff

have the feeling of satisfaction of this noble service. Even all the beneficiaries along with the children are very much grateful to donors for their generosity.

We celebrated the feast of St. Ann on 26<sup>th</sup> July and the feast of our founder on 31<sup>st</sup> July along with our community sisters in a meaningful way. Fr. Paul Amal hoisted the flag on the Independence day and our candidate S. Jeremiaiah delivered a wonderful speech.

### **Flood relief work:**

We could not see the sun for the last one month. Due to continuous heavy rains, there is no electricity and network in our area. After 1986, there is heavy flow of water in Godavari with heavy force. So, many of tribal villages are badly affected by floods and we have to go by boats to supply food and medicine. LITDS distributed food packets to 200 families of kondareddies and koya who are affected by floods. Highway is covered with water up to 6 feet. So we are not able to go either to Chintur or to Bhadrachalam. Still there is so much to do for the flood affected people.

### **LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL, SURYAPET:**

**- B. BOSCO, SJ**

The month of July has left a significant mark. The arrival of the monsoon brought a drastic change in beautifying the campus into a green zone. We had an enriching spiritual journey in conducting and participating Novena Prayers to St. Ignatius with community Mass. On the feast day, we had distributed the dry ration to the teaching and non-teaching staff, which was really a great help to the staff amid COVID-19. Thanks to the province for the timely help towards this meaningful gesture and support. We also had the feast day celebration in a meaningful way by celebrating the feast day Mass with the co-workers followed by a sumptuous meal. Fr. Arun Valan took charge as principal of the school and conducted the Independence Day celebration at the school with a limited number of people.

Fr. Bosco is occupied in beautifying the campus by pruning the branches and shaping the trees. He was fully involved in rendering the spiritual help to the old age home at Snehanilayam. On the feast of the Assumption, he was the main celebrant and had the privilege to hoist the National Flag. He is also ever ready to look into the needs of the guests who visit the community. On the 7<sup>th</sup> August Fr. M. Anand along with the members of his family said hello to us and on 13<sup>th</sup> Aug. Satyodayam community along with Fr. Provincial had a meal with us. At the initiative of our Superior we had an electrifying experience when we visited the Musi Dam on 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. which is to its full due to heavy rains. The Parish Priest of Wangamarthy invited us to visit the parish and we enjoyed his hospitality.



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

**- GABRIEL RAJA, SJ**

The month of July has blessed us with good showers. The campus is clean and hygienically protected by 'Neem Breeze' all over. Though there is considerable number of Covid-19 positive and active cases in the town, people are found to be on the roads and fields with less preventive measures in order to meet their basic needs. Fr. M. Joseph, SJ left the community on 2<sup>nd</sup> July to Karimnagar and on 4th July Fr. Gabriel Raja, SJ joined the community. The community gave a grand farewell to our longstanding cooks Mr. Francis and Mrs. Mary. The Students are busy attending the classes from home through "Sapthagiri Channel" as instructed by the government. The telecasted classes are indeed helpful to some and unhelpful to some as it



is unreachable to them. Teachers are busy contacting students, monitoring their progress in learning through the telecasts via phone calls. We began the Novena themed, "Facing Covid-19 with St. Ignatius" on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. On the occasion of the Founder's Feast we distributed 'Dry-Ration' sponsored by the province to the un-aided staff of the campus. They were very grateful to the Province for reaching out to them at the time of need. The festive eve was marked by a grand dinner with our co-workers.



Birth and death are the beautiful designs of God in human life. In the early hours of August 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Savarinathan the beloved father of Fr. S. Ravi, SJ completed his earthly journey. It was divine providence that Fr. Ravi was with his ailing father during his last days. His silent presence was a great strength and our community prayers were sincere support to the grieved family. Ten days later on 12<sup>th</sup> Aug, we as community prayed for the soul of Fr. Elias Arockiasamy and the grieved family members.

## LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL, HINDUPUR:

- G. AVINASH, SJ

The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated in a simple way due to indefatigable host of Corona. On the same day we had dry ration distribution to the co-workers with safety measures. The commemoration of Independence Day was celebrated with co-workers. Flag was hoisted by one of the co-workers, namely



Mrs. Lalithamma. With a great respect to our freedom fighters, we remembered the spirit of freedom, hope and love. Frequent and sudden lockdown announcements had already inflicted a heavy burden on the lives and livelihood of the people. Soon after the flag hoisting community members visited and distributed food materials and sweets to slum children on the occasion of Independence Day. The rains helped us to go for nine varieties of vegetation as well as plantation of mango, tamarind, banana, papaya and neem saplings. Now the campus looks beautiful, clean and green. Fr. K P Francis and Fr. Anthony Paul attended ceremony of foundation stone laying for the new residence and school of Sacred Heart Brother's Congregation. Fr. Antony Paul



left for Anandajyothi community on 15<sup>th</sup> August to render his services to the juniors. Fr. Shailendra came from Bangalore on 28<sup>th</sup> July for a break and he is staying with us. Due to heavy and continuous rain, one side of the old Jesuit residence unexpectedly collapsed. Arunodayam Regent Sch. K. Pavan arrived on 8<sup>th</sup> August and had a self quarantine



for a week. Since his director is away he is busy in looking after the cultivation and needs of the house. The Corona virus pandemic has proven challenges towards schools and parents in educating their children. Online classes are regularly going on for children. Classes are done systematically with free of cost.



## ANDHRA LOYOLA COLLEGE (PG, DEGREE & INTER), VIJAYAWADA:

- I. LOURDURAJ, SJ

ALCAA in collaboration with Andhra Loyola College organized Covid-19 testing for both teaching and non-teaching staff for 4 days in August. Almost all those tested were negative with an exception of 2 who were sweepers. All the Jesuit community members too tested for Covid-19 during this drive. Beautification of the campus is on amid Covid pandemic. The roads have been made broad. New bike sheds have come up for the staff vehicles near the gate. The space that was used as parking space is developed into a landscape. Thanks to Fr. G. Victor and M. Sahayaraj who oversee the project. Renovation of College office: The college office is renovated with the help from ALCAA.



It was inaugurated on the 26<sup>th</sup> August by Mr. Sawang, Director General of Police, AP after the blessing by Fr. P. Bala Showry, Rector. The air-conditioned office has seating arrangement for the office staff. Admissions to 1<sup>st</sup> Year degree and 1<sup>st</sup> Year Intermediate are on. While one third of the seats are filled for Degree, Intermediate admissions have just begun but seats are being filled fast. The vice-principals of the respective wings are in-charge of admissions this year. The second and third-year degree students are having online classes from 25<sup>th</sup> July. Vice Principal's office monitors the attendance.

Andhra Loyola College, an extension of SAI-STC, is converted into Khelo India Centre (there are 59 centers in India) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2020. Sports ministry has given the privilege of running Khelo India Centre at Andhra Loyola College. Athletics, Volley Ball & Kabaddi are the disciplines assigned to our College. Mr. Nagendra Prasad, Frs. Sahayaraj and Victor Emmanuel have been working on the project for some time. The college is grateful to all those who helped in getting Khelo India project.

ALC - LMS launch: Prof. K. Hemachandra Reddy, Chairman, APSICHE, Shri Gowthan Sawang IPS, Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh and Prof. Rama Mohan Rao, Vice-Chairman, APSICHE



and Nodal Office, RUSA, AP launched ALC-LMS on 26<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 AM. The event was telecast by the dept. of Viscom. The guests launched Mobile App, Website and Applications of LMS. Two of our students too launched the applications for students.

Mr. Srirangam Matthew, RUSA-Cordinator, who was the architect of this proposal, was the master of ceremonies. Frs. Principal, Correspondent and Rector were part of the launch. ALC - LMS is RUSA funded and so the video and audio equipment used for telecasting the event live. Thanks to RUSA for giving us these fantastic facilities to the students of Andhra Loyola.

Fr. Lourduraj Ignacimuthu SJ published a research paper titled "Use of Social Media and Video apps for Formal Learning during Covid-19 among Undergraduate Students." Journal of Critical reviews. vol 7. issue 11. 2020. ISSN- 2394-5125 4046. The journal is Scopus indexed. This is his second research paper publication in the past 4 months. AP State Council of Higher Education (APSICHE) has appointed Fr. Lourduraj Ignacimuthu SJ, Head, Department of Visual Communication in the Academic Standing Committee (ASC) from 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020. The committee has 5 members. Mr. Srirangam Matthew, Lecturer in Zoology, Andhra Loyola College and Fr. Lourduraj SJ are members in this committee. The committee shall suggest subject experts to generate e-content and to chalk-out execution of plans proposed. The State is developing its own Learning Management System (LMS) through this committee.

The feast day of our Founder was celebrated in ALC campus differently due to Covid-19. We had meaningful novena prayers which helped us to draw inspiration from St. Ignatius. The community recollection on 30<sup>th</sup> July was a fitting culmination of the novena. The recollection talk given by Fr. AXJ. Bosco on the examination of consciousness was down to earth and practical. The online quiz organized by Fr. Bala Kumar proved an effective means of informing our staff and students about our roots. Fr. Balashowry the Rector delivered a talk on the topic 'Ignatius and Spiritual Exercises' on the feast day. The 20 minute-long talk was telecast on Divyavani channel. The same was also circulated to our staff and students through various online platforms. It was informative and well appreciated by all. A basketball match was organised between the ALC community and the Scholastics at Sanjeevan. In the evening we had the feast day Mass in the community followed by dinner. We were honoured by the presence of Most. Rev. Thelagathoti Rajarao, Bishop of Vijayawada who braved the corona scare and shared our joy during the dinner.

**ALIET:**

The existent pandemic has forced the creativity and innovation to bloom in all fields. ALIET has made use of the lockdown to equip the staff with the needed tools to effectively reach out to the students creatively. During the lockdown the staff attended several workshops of which two are particularly noteworthy. The first one was a weeklong workshop 'Digital Teacher' offered by LIBA, Chennai. The second one was the workshop of the same length offered by ICT Academy. These two in addition to many other programmes come handy now for the staff to take online classes. The online classes have taken off and are in full swing since 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. for the second, third and fourth year students. The uncertainty regarding the examinations of the outgoing students persists. On 11<sup>th</sup> August Fr. Francis Xavier, Joint Secretary of the TCBC for education organised, at the request of the Bishop of Vijayawada, a meeting at ALIET to respond to the call of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the aided schools to be handed over to the government. Most. Rev. Thelagathoti Rajarao, Bishop of Vijayawada along with DGM's of Vijayawada and Guntur and representatives of various religious congregations attended the meeting.

**YES-J:**

MAGIC-AICUF conducted a three day online Cultural and Literary competitions from 13-15 August. Students from different colleges and youth groups took active part in them. On the occasion of International Youth Day, Live Motivational Session on the topic 'The Importance of Young Leadership in Nation Building' was conducted in collaboration with various colleges and youth organisations. Fr Bala Kumar gave a short video message in commemoration of International Youth Day. He continues to keep himself busy with online Counseling and the background work in starting the construction of YES-J Centre.

**LOYOLA EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS,  
PULIVENDULA:****- P. VIJAY, SJ**

We, the Pulivendula community members continue to get engaged with various activities on the campus. As usual, there has been a lot of developmental works, along with academic programmes, going on in the campus. The Non-Teaching Staff of Loyola Degree as well as Polytechnic Colleges continue to work every day in the Clean and Green programme and infrastructure development activities. The Principal of the Degree College is as usual busy with leveling the campus and doing the plantation. The Ruined Fort Wall which is at the east face of the Degree College was made access by aligning the heavy boulders with proclainers and preventive walls were constructed to protect it. Both the Principal and Vice-





Principal of Degree College went up to Railway Kodur to bring saplings for plantation. On International Youth Day, Loyola Degree College conducted an online essay writing and drawing competitions for those who volunteered from the Rural Action in Development Society (RAIDS) and prizes were distributed to the winners by Sri. Bhaskar Reddy, Urban C.I and Sri. Narasimha Reddy Municipal Commissioner on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Independence Day ceremony was very short and sweet with limited number mostly participated by NSS and NCC. Dr. L. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, Reader in Geology graced the occasion and urged the students to grow in patriotism and love for the nation. On the same day, the College has carried out “Vanam Manam Programme”. We are glad and proud to inform you that

Our Degree College been certified as a “Recognized Swachta Action Plan Institution” by Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education. We sincerely appreciate Fr. Principal. The Loyola Polytechnic College has already commenced regular online classes for the second-year students from 17<sup>th</sup> August. The Principal of the college is busy with the academic works. The Principal along with Vice-Principal organized a webinar on “Engage, Educate and Evaluate” for our staff as well as nearby schools and colleges in order to make the staff get familiarized with new features of online teaching. The Correspondent is busy with plantation and greenery of the campus and Vijay is busy guiding the final year students for their project work.



## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

- 01 S Aseervadam M  
S Eleti Pavan Kumar  
N Anthony Raju K
- 05 P Alex M A
- 07 S Vijay Kumar S
- 08 F Martin S
- 19 P Naveen Xavier B  
S Kamidi Vishal  
S B.Lavanya Kumar



- 20 P Amalanathan M V
- 21 P Gnana Selvin Raj M  
P Selvaraj M  
P Anil Kumar P
- 23 P Suresh Kumar B
- 28 P Macedo Royce W

### OCTOBER

- 02 P Esthaky Selvaraj A
- 03 P Melchior S
- 07 S Surthani Vijay Kumar  
S Durgam Vamsi



## OUR BROTHERS IN GLORY

Fr Carlos Dhula	18.09.2003	ALC, Vijayawada
Fr Windey Michael	20.09.2009	Belgium
Fr Irudayam Michael	30.09.2006	LA, Secunderabad
Fr Aloysius Thoppil	01.10.2019	ALC, Vijayawada



## OBITUARY



**FR. ELIAS AROCKIASAMY, SJ (AND,80/58)  
(1940 - 2020)**

Fr. Elias was born in Ayyampatti, Trichy, Tamil Nadu on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1940 and entered the Society on 24<sup>th</sup> Sep.1962 in Beschi College, Dindigul. He came to Andhra at the invitation of late Fr. T. Balaiah, SJ and worked in different places of Andhra Province as a pioneer. He worked in Suryapet, Karimnagar, Nambur, Loyola Academy, Nallapadu, Vinukonda and KD Pata.

He was a father figure to many. He had an ardent desire to work among the tribals. He came to Suryapet in 1976. After a year he moved to Karimnagar as a pioneer to start the school and relentlessly worked there till 1985. He had struggled to safeguard the land at Rekurthy against the locals and kept all the records in safe custody for future reference. From 1985 to 1987 he was at Ananda Jyothi. After Godavari floods in 1986, he was asked to accompany the Sanjeevan scholastics for the relief work at Anna Devarapeta of Eluru diocese. He was so simple that he used to work along with scholastics and edified them all.

It was from 1987 to 1994 he worked as warden at Suryapet school. He himself would not go anywhere for any relaxation because he wanted to be with students always. But, he would ask others to go out and relax. Later he worked in Loyola Academy as farm in charge, superior at Loyola Public School, parish priest and correspondent at Vinukonda and again warden and minister at Suryapet till 2011. In all these places, he worked in an unassuming way. From 2011 till his death, he worked as the director of LITDS at K.D Peta. He never came out of K.D Peta and never attended any functions and he did not visit his family for the last 30 years. He dedicated himself to the given work. He never aspired for anything in his life and was contented with his work.

Fr. Elias is a man of God, a great personality in stature and quality with many affable human qualities. He was very humble in doing any service and hilarious in his conversations with humorous jokes and truly human in dealing with all walks of people. He was a voracious reader of spiritual books and his sermons used to be very short and apt. He was a patient listener and encouraged and consoled people who came to him. His needs were very little. His last desire was to see his elder sister Lourdumary but he could not fulfill it. His elder sister still laments to see his face at least once.

He was a silent and joyful worker. He was silent sufferer too. He had fallen from the church at Oriyur and developed problems with his spinal card. He used to take painful injections to alleviate the pain. He had been suffering with a few ailments but avoided going to hospitals. He is a self made doctor for himself. He used to manage with herbal medicine. He was cheerful and hopeful till the end in spite of loosing blood and had only 5% hemoglobin. He had developed pneumonia. He had breathing trouble on the 11<sup>th</sup> night and breathed his last at 2.15 AM on 12<sup>th</sup> morning. We have lost a loving father of the poor- a great human being full of compassion and empathy and a precious gem. May God grant him eternal bliss.

**- FR. M. SAGAYA RAJ, SJ**

### **LAST DAYS OF FR. ELIAS AROCKIASAMY, SJ**

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". 2 Timothy 4:7

On 31<sup>st</sup> July, we received the feast day and birthday blessings of our Fr. Elias. He has been suffering since October 2019 from various health problems. He had a fall and stopped moving around the campus in KD Peta. He kept on guiding the works by confining to his room. He stopped eating and took only breakfast everyday till May. I along with Srs. Clare and Rafeal and co workers kept close watch of his health conditions. He did not feel the need to go to any hospital for treatment and refused to cooperate with us.

From 8<sup>th</sup> August onwards he had vomiting and blood motion. He was given first aid with much difficulties. On 9<sup>th</sup> August, Sunday, we took him to St. Ann's hospital, Visakhapatnam for treatment. Since he lost lot of blood already, the doctors wanted to improve his blood count before any treatment. With much difficulty one unit of A+ blood was given to him on 10<sup>th</sup> Aug. He was better

and talked a few words. He was urinating often and had lot of breathing problems. On 11<sup>th</sup> August, HR C.T scan was done and the result showed it was Viral Pneumonia. "It was a hell" he said referring to the journey in the ambulance. I accompanied him all through his sufferings. On 11<sup>th</sup> August, he developed a lot of restlessness and his oxygen rate had gone very low. His journey of last suffering started from 11 PM and sister Rani who knows father well started giving him her best along with a doctor and nurses. Then around 2:15 AM he had a great shake of heart and sweating. With a great sigh of relief he breathed his last. We started to give artificial air and aid to activate his heart but in vain. He reached heaven already. With the help of St. Ann's hospital management, our beloved Archbishop Rt. Rev. Mallavarapu Prakash celebrated the funeral Mass together with a few of our Province men from ALC, Vijayawada and LPS, Guntur and others. Later his mortal remains were laid to rest in Gnanapuram Churchyard after the final prayers said by Fr. Provincial and Fr. Raj Kumar, the local parish priest.

**THE ASSISI OF ANDHRA:**

With a lot of humane qualities, you have touched many people by your simple life. Silent but strong, man of a few words. You have not only touched human beings but also the nature, birds, animals, land, sky, plants and trees. Wherever you lived, you made a difference in others' life. You were a giver of life and faith and built human relational communities. You earned peoples heart in spite of many difficulties and differences. You were a simple priest and attached to God and place like an unmoved mover. Have eternal rest with the Lord your God. We promise to follow your exemplary life.

- FR. A. SIMON SJ., LITDS, K.D.PETA

**RIP**

- 01.08.2020 Ms. Lilly Mary (58), elder sister of Fr Paul Amal Raja, SJ.
- 02.08.2020 Mr. Savarinathan (90), father of Fr S. Ravi, SJ.
- 07.08.2020 Fr Isidore Pinto, SJ ( PAT, 78/57)
- 12.08.2020 Fr Elias Arockiasamy, SJ (AND,80/58) in St. Ann's Hospital, Visakhapatnam.**
- 12.08.2020 Fr Gaudentius Kongari SJ, (HAZ, 86/66)
- 14.08.2020 Mr Irudayam (93) Paternal Uncle of Fr Peter Daniel.
- 15.08.2020 Fr Mariaraj, of Madurai Archdiocese, uncle of Fr Paul Amal Raja, SJ.
- 15.08.2020 Fr Augustine Tigga SJ (HAZ, 72/51)
- 15.08.2020 Mr Sanivarapu Gangi reddy ( 85), maternal uncle of F K. Yesurathnam SJ
- 18.08.2020 Mr. Paul (70), husband of niece of Fr. CJ John
- 26.08.2020 Fr. Gaston Roberge SJ, (CCU, 85/64) passed away at SXC, Kolkata.
- 26.08.2020 Fr. Walter Stephen Andrade SJ (KAR,78/53) at Fatima Retreat House, Mangaluru.



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