



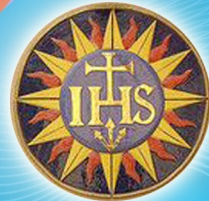
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**Welcome, Protect,
Promote and Integrate.**

- Pope Francis



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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION, FEBURARY - 2022

For religious sisters and consecrated women:

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Diaconate Ordinations:

- Sch. Dasan Bernard will be ordained Deacon on 19th February, 2022 at DNC, Pune.
- Sch. Polanki Praveen will be ordained Deacon on 26th February, 2022 at Vidyajyothi, Delhi.
- Sch. Gollapalle Krupa Rao and Sch. Surthani Brahmam (Vijay Kumar) will be ordained Deacons on 19th April, 2022, at Gesu', Rome. We pray for God's blessings on our Province men and on their Companions.

CONGRATULATIONS DEAR FR. BOTCHA SURESH KUMAR, SJ

FINAL
VOWS
26.1.2022



CONGRATULATIONS



FROM THE DESK OF FR. PROVINCIAL : CONVERTED TO CONVERT

"Dear Friends in the Lord,

"Time lapsed, the former status of Ignatius - less educated and alone, had not prevented him to possess a deep intimacy with Christ during his convalescence-conversion journey. Ignatius allowed God to take full control of his life, like a school master, to refine his rough and rash Basque personality. His compelling motivation to share the conversion experience with others left him restless and his presence became a fine, endearing presence. Sooner, with his refined personality, he began to share his personal intimacy with Christ with his co-students at College of Sante Barbe. Through spiritual conversations, he pulled like a magnet a group of friends - the first companions. Ignatius gained their friendship and affected them into a process of self-conversion. Eventually, their friendship and spiritual conversion bound them into 'Friends in the Lord' and they lived this new relationship in union of hearts and minds, in discernment and in lifestyle, with Christ and the Church. You and I are called to this Conversion of oneself into Christ, in order to Convert others to Christ. This, truly, is the journey, the pilgrimage, of Friends in the Lord! May we become, day by day, worthy of this Name!"

(An Excerpt from the Homily, given in the Final Vows Mass of Fr. Botcha Suresh Kumar, SJ)

APPOINTMENT:

Fr Bodhana Ashok Kumar SJ is appointed as the new PCF - Province Coordinator for Formation. God bless him and the Scholastics as he takes up this important responsibility in forming the future pillars of the Society of Jesus. Much appreciation and thanks to **Fr Wilson Clement Mariadass, SJ**, who has been the PCF for nearly 4½ years (May 2017 – Jan 2022). He has been very motherly in accompanying our Scholastics in their formation. God bless him and restore his health fully. We pray for him to be back on his feet at the earliest.

FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME - FEBRUARY 2022

- 03 Executive Meeting of ATRCRI
- 04-05 Visitation, St Patrick's, Sec'bad
- 05 Vidyaniketan, SICJ, South Zone Meeting – Online
- 07-11 Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur
- 14-17 Visitation, ALL, Vijayawada
- 18 Meeting with Superiors - Online (6.00 - 7.30 pm)
- 19 Meeting with Commission Coordinators - Online (6.00 - 7.30 pm)
- 19 Coetus Praevius Meeting
- 20 Province Consult, Curia
- 20-26 JCSA Meeting – Online

INFORMATION:

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE: OMICRON

Please observe all the necessary Covid Protocols! Be safe and help others to be safe. Please check your emails and read my letter to the Province, 30 Jan. 2022, on COVID - THIRD WAVE SERIOUSNESS.

ONLINE MEETINGS:

- Circumstances are prompting us to take recourse to Online technology. Though it is not as enriching as when we meet in person, still it is effective if handled properly, with some preparation.
- I request all the Commissions to have an Online meeting for an hour or two convenient to your members, before the 17th of Feb. 2022. Commission Coordinators, kindly organize this. Just for one or two who may be unable to participate due to internet difficulties, kindly do not cancel.
- We will also have Online meetings for the following groups: Ministers, Treasurers, Principals, and Correspondents. I will let you know the dates at least one week ahead of time.

ARRIVAL

- Fr. Dusi Ravi, SJ, is arriving in Hyderabad on 19th February, 2022. Welcome back, Father. Have a safe and pleasant journey!

ANANDA JYOTHI, NAGARJUNA NAGAR:

On 24th Dec, we started our inward preparation to receive the Infant Jesus into our hearts by a recollection talk given by Fr. ISF Jeyaraj SJ. On the same night we had vigil Mass in two of our ministry places (Kaza and Chinna Kakani) where we shared our joy and happiness of the coming of the child Jesus into this world.

On 25th Dec morning we decorated our refectory with the personal cribs, arranging them like a tree. Our fathers who had come for the retreat appreciated



our creativity and encouraged us to do more of this sort. We, the novices, gained confidence in creating something

new, recycling the waste. We played volleyball match and had a small evening Christmas get-together, wherein we revealed our Christmas friends and exchanged our gifts with them. On 27th morning we

had evaluation on Christmas day preparation and celebration in which we appreciated each other.

On Jan 1st night, we had a new year programme in our garden and in a symbolic way we burnt the effigy of 2021 representing the old and welcomed the new year with the newness of joy in the heart of everyone. We played some fun games and danced around the camp fire.

From 2nd Jan onwards we started our ministries in four substations (Kaza, Chinna Kakani, Kantheru and Venigandla). On 9th Jan, Fr. Victor Emmanuel SJ celebrated his birthday. On 12th Jan Fr. Joachim left for Secunderabad for his retreat. On 17th Fr. Selvin Raj SJ took a course on "social analysis" for four days. We also celebrated the birthday of our Br Ravi, NSJ on 19th Jan.



R. Uday Kumar, NSJ

YOUNG PRIEST'S RETREAT AT MEDCHAL



Nineteen of our Young Priests (Pre-Tertianship) made their Annual retreat in Medchal, at Nirmala Retreat House, from 12th Jan. evening to 20th Jan. We are grateful to the retreat preacher Fr. K. P. Vincent, SJ, from Gujarat Province. On 20th afternoon, Fr. Provincial addressed the young priests. He appreciated and encouraged the young priests for their commitment towards mission. He said that the Ignatian Year is a pilgrimage of conversion which should guide us to let ourselves be guided gently by the Holy Spirit, centring our lives ever more on Christ and allowing ourselves to see all things new in Christ.

Fr Sudhakar SJ

VIDYANIKETAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:

During our Christmas holidays (21 Dec. to 3 Jan.), we had our Community Days Celebration (CDC) starting from 27 to 29 Dec. All of us participated whole-heartedly and made CDC alive and vibrant. A lot of celebrations took place in the Juniorate in January 2022. Having been confined inside for 6



months in 2021, we got an opportunity to step outside the campus for the first time for the Triduum during which we also renewed our commitment to the Lord. We spent our graceful days of Triduum in Maria Rani Centre situated in Srikari-

yam, a thirty-minute journey from Vidyani- ketan. In the Triduum guided by Fr. Sunny Ja- cob, we had a beautiful experience of God.

We commenced our third term from January 5, 2022. The PCF of Karnataka province, Fr. Francis Fer- nandes visited our community on 5th. We celebrated the birthday of Sch. Velangini on 8th. Pongal cele- bration was on 15th. The Scholastics of the Chennai and Madurai Provinces respectively coordinated the programme. With the help of our cooks, the scho- lastics of Chennai and Madurai Provinces prepared the traditional Tamil meal and spread their flavour of love to the entire community. They had planned a variety of games and activities for the day. Further- more, we had sessions on the culture and diversity of the Tamil region. Overall, it was a wonderful way to start the New Year 2022 with vigour and enthusiasm.

SANJEEVAN NIWAS, VIJAYAWADA:

The birth of Jesus as well as the New Year reju- venated our spirits and gave us a new outlook on life. On Christmas eve, we all shared our joy and happiness with one another by exchanging gifts as a token of our love. It was a wonderful experience to enhance our companionship and community spirit. Fr Avinash S.J also joined us. We had also a guest, Sr. Mary Francisca of the Adoration Monastery of St. Clare, from Tamil Nadu. Fr AXJ Bosco was her retreat guide. The New Year brought in new life, giving us

hope to have a bright future. It also gave us serious- ness and dedication to prepare for our forthcoming exams. We began our Semester end examinations on 3rd and ended on 13th. We put in a lot of effort and worked diligently in order to have good results. After our stressful exams, we had a community picnic to Bapatla beach, where we all had a blast. We Played many games and relaxed ourselves. On the way to Bappla we also visit- ed the Bird Sanctuary in Uppa- lapadu. It was quite fascinating to see dif- ferent kinds of birdsthat haveflocked intherefrom different countries.



We were also happy to celebrate three of our Scho- lastics birthdays namely Sch Binison, Sch Sameer and Sch Anil Nag. Solar panels have recently been fixed. Many thanks to Fr. Sudhakar SJ who wrote the project and to Fr Papi- ah S.J who sanctioned the amount. With re- newed zeal and verve, we began our new Semester, and we hope to excel in our studies and to enrich our minds with more knowledge.



Sch Abhilash, SJ

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE:

On 27thDecember we were privileged to have a day of Picnic to Satara, where we experienced the joy by visiting the inmates of the home for the different- ly-abled, run by the MCBS Fathers. Immediately af- ter which we had our Triduum on 30th December to 2nd January guided by Fr Peter Ignatius SJ. The period of Triduum were days of grace and renewal.

Though we began the new year silently with prayer and reflections, we were filled with the bless- ings and graces needed for the new year. On 4th and 5th January, the final year philosophers and theologians were happy to have offline classes,

which were called off immediately due to the rapid spread of Omicron virus. Hence, we shifted our classes back to online mode. On 11th Fr Joji went to Lonavala to prepare himself for tertianship. On 15th January we celebrated the birthday of Sch Kiran. On 16th January we had Pongal celebration with a solemn Mass in the morning celebrated by Fr Nishant, the Dean of Philosophy at JD. His inspiring homily enthused and motivated us. Though the Tamil scholastics of DNC had intended to organize many events and games, due to social distancing and other Covid protocols, they cancelled them.

It is unfortunate that the Rector of DNC had tested Covid positive in the middle of the month. He celebrated his birthday in quarantine on 21st Jan. We are praying for his speedy recovery.

U.BhaskarSJ

DARSI MISSION:

The community is happy and healthy with the blessings of Baby Jesus. On the eve of Christmas, Fr. S. Ravi and Fr. Victor Emmanuel celebrated Mass in Darsi parish. Fr. Gnanadevan celebrated the New Year Mass and prayed for our Darsi mission and all people. Intermediate students completed their half yearly examinations as per the Government schedule and according to the Government's requirements. Fr. Joseph Raj attended the Province Jubilee Retreat in Ananda Jyothi from 26 Dec to 3 Jan. All the students were present in the campus for the New Year and all are very happy to be together to start the New Year 2022. Most of the Intermediate students and some of the 10th class students in the campus were vaccinated for Covid 19. All the Children went home for Sankranti vacation from 10 to 16 Jan. 2022. During that time Frs. B. Showry and M. Anand made their annual retreat organized for the Young Priests by the Province in Medchal, Secunderabad. They are back in the community now. Fr. Showry attended the Synod meeting along with two other parishioners in Podili on 11 Nov. Now all the school children are busy preparing for their SA-1 Exams.

Keerthi Kumar, SJ

ADILABAD - ASIFABAD MISSION:

All the preparations such as carol singing in every Catholic house of the parish, setting up a big Christmas Crib in front of the church, choir practices for

the midnight mass etc., were all over at Christmas midnight on 24th December. The parish church was filled with the faithful for the midnight mass. After the mass, we greeted the people and shared with them the Christmas cake. Fr. Prathap celebrated the Christmas mass at Luxetipet on 24th and returned to Utnoor to join the

the night vigil mass. Fr. Amal left for Ananda

Jyothi, Nambur on 25th night to attend the province Ignatian retreat. On the same day Fr. Tom, the parish priest, went to Hyderabad for a family function. During those days from 25th to 27th Fr. Prathap was in charge of the parish and the hostel. Fr. Amal returned on 4th January after a very fruitful retreat.



Fr. Prathap celebrated the New Year mass and preached the word of God to the parishioners of Utnoor. The important event of this month in our diocese was the inauguration and blessing of Ephatha Retreat Centre on 6th January. It was supposed to be a mega function. On account of the Govt. orders on Covid restrictions, we had a simple celebration. There were only 150 participants - priests, nuns and the faithful. The Apostolic Nuncio to India, Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, came all the way from Delhi. He graced the occasion with his presence, inaugurated, and blessed the Ephatha Centre. Fr. Xavier Rex, as the coordinator of the reception committee and Fr. Amal as one of its members, arranged everything for receiving the Nuncio and the



Vicars General of Wardha, Shamshabad and Nalgonda at the centre. On the previous day of the inauguration, the Jerico prayer was conducted at Ephatha retreat centre by Fr. Daniel Poovannathil for about two hours from 5 to 7pm. Fr. Amal participated in it.

Finally on 17th Jan we got our damaged Bolero ve-

hicle repaired. We took the vehicle to Loyola School Karimnagar. The renovated vehicle was blessed by Fr. M. Alex, the superior of Loyola institutions Karimnagar and it was driven to Utnoor. We thank Sch. Pallem Raju for accompanying Fr. Amal to the Showroom and the insurance office and assisting him to take delivery of the vehicle, and also the Jesuit community for their hospitality and support during our stay at Loyola, Karimnagar. We could now pursue our work with ease as we have our own vehicle. We are thankful to Fr. Provincial and Fr. Treasurer for transferring the amount to the showroom on 17th which enabled us to submit the payment receipt to the insurance company.

We visited the villages before the departure of Fr. Prathap for his retreat at Medchal and enlisted the names of those who did not receive the agricultural assistance of Rs.2225/- in their respective bank Pass Books. These names were sent to the office of the province Treasurer so that they could check with the bank and do the needful for those who did not get this assistance. Fr. Amal went to Shanthinagar on 13th for the silver Jubilee of the parish church. He celebrated the thanksgiving mass while Fr. G. Kiran SJ preached the homily. Fr. Amal also joined the blessing and consecration of the renovated church and the Jubilee mass offered by the Bishop of Warangal on 14th. We congratulate Fr. Inna for renovating this church with beautiful artistic interior decoration and for making it conducive for prayer.

Our Parish church feast at Utnoor was on 25th January. We began the preparations by hoisting the flag on 16th. We had daily adoration, novena prayers and masses. On 21st and 22nd we had prayer convention conducted by Fr. Chinnanna CMF from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. During those two days Fr. Chinnanna was available for the people for the sacrament of Reconciliation and prayers. On the day of the feast 25th January, Bishop Prince Antony was the main celebrant and preached the Word of God. Frs. Amal and Prathap were at the service of the parish priest in the preparation for the feast. Fr. Amal returned to Utnoor on 27th after attending the final vows of Fr. Botcha Suresh at LPS Guntur.

Fr. Prathap SJ

CITRA - SECUNDERABAD:

We completed the Covid – 19 Emergency Relief Proj-

ect initiated by ISI Delhi. We could reach out to 67 villages/localities both in Andhra and Telangana with 893 dry ration kits, 800 generic medicine kits, 1000 masks, 900 bottles of sanitizers, 40 sets of medical equipments containing BP monitor, Temperature sensor and Oximeter to the frontline health workers. Nearly 131 corona affected families were helped with Rs.5,000 each for medical care and support. The visit of Fr. Shin SJ, the Project Asst. Director from ISI Delhi to our province, encouraged us a lot. Thanks to our community volunteers Ms. Rajani, Mr. Chandhrakanth and Mr. Praveen for their selfless service during the last six months.

We profoundly thank the Project Directors and the staff of ISI, Delhi.



On 2nd Dec 2021, 14 families in Kakarlamudi, 10 families in Madaka and 6 Catechists from Pedana Parish availed themselves of the loans - Rs. 20,000 each - through MCU. On 12th Dec Fr. Selvin along



with the volunteers visited all the MCU villages in Gandigunta, Pedana and Manginepudi parishes with Christmas gifts. 170 poor Dalit families received their Christmas gifts at their door steps - with great surprise!

On 9th Dec 2022, around 25 migrants from 7 migrant localities in the city were invited to CITRA for a meeting. This meeting was organized precisely to build rapport with the contact persons from the identified migrant localities. The importance of the unorganized labourers to be registered in E-Shram portal of the Government of India was explained to them in detail by Ms. Rajani and Fr. Selvin. CITRA has already initiated the registering of the unorganized migrant labourers in the E-Shram portal. We are ready to extend our services in all our Jesuit parishes also.

On 16th Dec 2021 the TCBC secretary for Mi-

grants Fr. Vijay called for a meeting to form "Migrant Networks among the clergy and religious of Vijayawada Diocese". Most Rev Bishop Rajarao DD gave the inaugural address followed by a group discussion animated by Fr. Bosco and Fr. Selvin. From 17th to 20th January 2022 Fr. Selvin gave a course on "Socio-Cultural Analysis" to our Jesuit Novices in Ananda Jyothi, Nambur.

On 28th Dec 2021 the Indian Christian Secular Party (ICSP) convened a consultation at HASSS, Secunderabad, under the leadership of Sri. Sleeva Galleli. A good number of civil society members who are interested in active politics were invited, both from the Christian and the Muslim communities. The key note address given by Fr. S.



Emmanuel drew the participants closer to the present political context wherein the minorities were targeted by the communal forces in India. Fr. Bosco explained to the participants the on-going struggle of the Dalit Christians' demand for reservation and equal representation on par with Dalits in other religions. Mr. Aris Mohammad awakened the conscience of the audience as to how the Muslim community is targeted by the Hindutva communal forces in India. Prof. Prabhakar urged the need for coaching and mentoring young students from the minority communities in civil service exams to play their rightful role in Indian



administration and in judiciary. Mrs. Sara Mathew talked about adverse impact of CAA and NRC on minority communities in many parts of the Indian states. The entire consultation process was efficiently moderated by Fr. Selvin, the Director of CITRA. He concluded by emphasizing the need for active political participation of the minority communities in the given political scenario of our country, lest we fail to do our service for greater common good of the people.

On 23rd Jan 2022 all the women leaders of the MCU came together at Pedana to share and plan for the future events. During the meeting 10 families from Rayapally village received Rs. 20,000 each as loans. Women representatives from Bodugunta village expressed their desire on behalf of the village community to be part of the MCU. The following day Fr. Selvin visited Bodugunta village, interacted with the elders and adopted this new village - along with the existing ones. Women in that village were formed into 5 small groups to benefit from the loans through MCU.

At last, with all our consistent effort, CITRA Society has obtained 12 A & 80 G approval from the Income Tax Department. Thanks to our auditor Mr. Nagarjuna.

Fr. M.G. Selvin Raj SJ

ARUNODAYAM AND LOYOLA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, HINDUPUR:

Schs. Johnson and Pradeep went for the Regents' meet for 4 days, from 27th to 30th. On 31st Dec Pulivendula community visited us. On 6th of Jan Pre Novices went home for Christmas vacations and returned happy and refreshed. Only 17 candidates were back to Arunodhayam. Regular classes started on Jan 7th. Fr. Thambi and Fr. Avinash



went for Young Priests Annual retreat came back on 22nd. We had Pongal celebration at Arunodhayam. It was a wonderful cultural fest. Pre-Novices exhibited their hidden talents in various cultural programmes.

In school we had a joyful celebration on 31st Dec. Children participated with great enthusiasm and zeal. Fr. Francis gave the New Year Message and Blessed each and every one. After the Sankranthi vacation from Jan 8th to 16th, the School reopened on 17th Jan. Children are sent back to school with great precautions, due to the rapid spread of Covid. On 26th of Jan we celebrated the Republic Day with great enthusiasm and remembered the his-

toric moment when our nation became a Sovereign Republic. Children participated and showed great pride and respect towards our nation.

Children are preparing for Summative Assessment-1. Exam starts from 31st of January.

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, SECUNDER-ABAD:

Our students completed their half yearly exams on 23rd of December. We had Christmas celebration for our students and staff on 23rd of December. Rev. Fr. M. Kulandairaj, was our chief-guest for this Christmas celebration. He inspired and motivated to share love, peace, joy and hope by helping the poor by sharing gifts. We shared our love, joy and happiness with



our teaching and non-teaching staff and sub-staff with Christmas carols, by providing

sumptuous lunch and by giving gifts. We gave Christmas holidays for our students and staff from 23rd December to 2nd January. Our Frs. Vatti Joji and Elango did their retreats during Christmas holidays. Frs. George Stephen and Naveen Kumar were fully involved in their Christmas ministry. Fr. Philip is at home.

We reopened our school on 3rd of January. Parents and Teachers meet was held on 8th of January. We commenced online classes on 10th of January for all classes due to increase in corona cases. Fr. Naveen Kumar did his retreat during Sankranti holidays. We conducted entrance exam for LKG to 7th class students on 22nd of January. Fr. Vatti Joji and Fr. Burugu Sudhakar published an abridged version of their previous book, "Bharatha Desa Aanimuthyalu" with the Biographies of Saintly people who lived in Telugu areas. Biography of Fr. Giorgio Manante, SJ, who is the Founder of Kilachery Mission, is an added attraction in this book of "Telugu Catholica Aanimuthyalu". Many generous people came forward to sponsor the copies. So, 12,000 copies were printed and distributed immediately on a no loss and no profit basis. Editors are happy that their work reached many Telu-

gu Catholic homes, and they thank all the Jesuit contributors of this book.

G. Naveen Kumar, SJ

LOYOLA PUBLIC SCHOOL, NALLAPADU:

Our fathers in community rendered their Christmas and New Year services in different Parishes in Guntur Diocese. After Christmas vacation the school resumed on 3rd of Jan, 2022. Rangoli is a traditional form that brightens up an occasion and is believed to be a harbinger of good luck. Beautiful patterns are created on the floor using coloured rice, flowers, coloured sand or paints. Keeping up with this thought, students

made beautiful and creative Rangoli patterns on 11th Jan 2022. All the students put



their best foot forward and took part in the competition with zest. Innovation and creation are the words that best describe their efforts.

LPS organized a massive Vaccination drive on the campus with the help of the Sachivalayam health team in which many students received the first and second doses of vaccination. Thanks to Fr. Principal for arranging this event. On the 30th Day of Br. Maria Michael's passing away, our community had a special Eucharistic Celebration and went to ALC cemetery and paid homage to our beloved Brother.

Fr. Michaelraj, the HM of LHS organized Rangoli Competition on 17th Jan, 2022. Cash award was given to winning students. Each Rangoli was unique in its own way. The school campus was brimming with festive cheer from students and teachers. Such a beautiful way to celebrate Sankranti, one of the most popular festivals of India. Summative assessment 1 exam will be held on 31st Jan to 5th Feb both in Primary and High School. Children are busy preparing for these exams in LHS.

It was special joy for us to join Fr. Suresh S.J., in thanking God for leading him through these many years and helping him to commit himself through his Final vows to our Lord in the Society of Jesus. It was a graceful event in which more than 100 Jesu-

its from our Province were present. Special thanks to the Superior and community for their meticulous planning and execution. We are blessed by the gracious presence of our Provincial who is here for visitation.

Sch. Y. Naveen Kumar S.J.

LOYOLA INSTITUTION, PULIVENDULA:

On 24th Dec. Frs. Principal and Vice President met the Chief Minister at Idupulapaya and requested him - among other things - to maintain the Aided Status of the institution. He told the Education Minister and Collector to do the needful.

Though the University has not announced the 5th Semester Exam, we started 6th semester classes from 28th Dec, with the fear of future lock down. From 27th Jan, University Practical exams will be held for third years. First years admission is still on under "Management Quota".. On 20th Jan. a seminar on "Financial Management" was organized by ARTS & Commerce Department. On 25th Jan, an awareness talk on: National Voters' Day was organized by the department of ARTS. Republic Day was organized by NCC and to mark "75 years of Independence" students formed the shape of 75.

From 26th Dec, various games competitions were conducted by the Women's Cell and NSS. The winners received their prizes on 8th Jan (Sankranti Sambaralu). Rangoli competition was held on 7th evening.



On 8th Jan both boys and girls came in traditional dress and made the campus really colorful and more than 35 cultural items were performed thanking mother Nature.

3rd to 9th Jan, we had NSS Special camping programme in Bidinamcherla village. NSS volunteers cleared the drainages and park area. They also conducted awareness programme in nearby villages. Loyola Awareness and Cultural Team (LACT) joined them in conducting a cultural programme at Gurijala village. On 8th Jan, on the request of execu-



tive officer of Sri Ranganathasamy Temple, our NSS volunteers went and cleaned the Temple premises.

On 23rd Dec, Loyola Polytechnic College has conducted Semi-Christmas celebrations and the Chief Guest was Fr. Anthony Paul. On Jan 6th, Loyola Polytechnic College has conducted 'Loyola Beat-2022' (cultural competitions for the whole college). All the



students and staff were divided into four groups and competition was held for the whole day. Mrs.

Sruthi, student of St. Xavier's College, Bombay and Fr. Avinash, SJ were the judges of the competition. There were altogether 20 dances, 4 Mimes and 8 songs for the competition. Within a short notice and amidst academic demands, the students had put up a very good show and the competition was really exciting.



The Board exams for the Final year students was 20th to 29th Jan and the Second year students will begin their 3rd Sem from 7th of Feb.

Showrinatha Swamy Hostel also has organized a week of cultural and sports events for the hostel boys in view of celebrating Christmas. A week before

Christmas, different cultural programmes - including fancy dress and sports (out-door and indoor games) - were conducted for the boys, in the evening and at night and they were given prizes.

Fr. Vijay, SJ

ANDHRA LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, VIJAY-AWADA:

All of us did our part in celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ rendering our services to various parishes in and around us. The community gifted blankets to people sleeping on the roads and pavements on the occasion of Christmas and New Year. Kudos! to you Fr. B. Balakumar for quietly gifting the needy at the appropriate time. Montfort brothers hosted us for a gathering on January 4, 2022. It was a memorable gathering filled with joy. Fr. Marianayagam, the minister of the community took up the repair works of the refectory, the chapel and the guest rooms. Thank you dear father for all the hard work you put in. Now the refectory, the chapel and the guest rooms look great and pleasant. Fr. M. Sagayaraj and Fr. P. Antony are back in the community recuperating after a brief stay in the



hospital. We pray that our Lord heals them completely and grants them good health. Fr. A. Francis Xavier is doing well after undergoing a procedure with regard to the prostate gland.

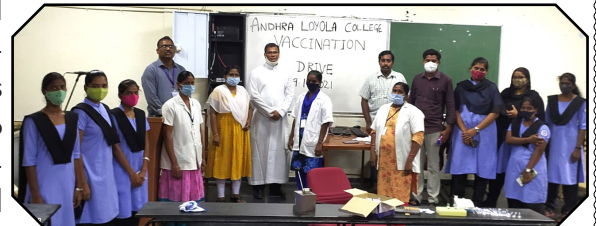
We express our gratitude to our Sanjeevan Scholastics, who, through the generosity of Fr. G. Kiran, were beside our fathers taking care of them. Specially we would like to express our gratitude to Sch. N. Vidyasagar for taking care of Fr. A. Francis Xavier at St. Joseph's Hospital. Fr. P. Balashowry, the Rector, along with Fr. Marianayagam, the Minister, played a piv-

otal role in taking care of our fathers. God bless you dear fathers. Seven of us took the booster doses so as to cope up with the third wave of Covid-19.

All the units in the campus are running in a normal way though there are some positive cases of Covid. The community is doing its best in catering to the demands of different units. On January 20, 2022 we celebrated the birthday of Fr. Koyipuram Thomas. He enters into the 94th year of God given 'Life'. On January 25, 2022 we celebrated the birthday of Fr. N. Bujji Babu. We were very happy to have with us for some days Frs. M. Thomas and C. V. Chinnappa. They brought in a lot of joy as they recalled their stay in the community. We wish them well in their ongoing research studies.

ALC

The New Year began with the semester end exams for the second and third years. The even semester for the second and third years began on January 17, 2022. The extension department of ALC organised Vaccination drive from 3-6 Jan. Magic Youth Unit conducted cultural



competitions in solo singing and solo dance on 9th. It was a great loss to ALC family as Mr. M Mariadass of Mathematics Department expired on 9th after suffering a stroke both in heart and brain. Department of English and ALC ELT Research Centre organised a Two-day National Seminar from 17



18, on the Theme 'Trends, issues and Challenges in English Language and Literature'. Dr B Karuna, In charge Registrar of Acharya Nagarjuna University, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. 15 Research papers were presented in the seminar.

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Fr. D. Balaswamy attended the 'AIACHE' meeting held at Kanyakumari from Dec. 27-30, 2021. On Dec. 27, 2021 Frs. P. Balashowry, A. Francis Xavier and N. Britto visited JNTU, Kakinada to meet the officials and to wish them a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2022. All of them are very favourable towards our Institute. On Dec. 29, 2021 Frs. A. Francis Xavier and N. Britto visited Mr. G. Ramaraju, one of our Governing Body members, at his residence in Hyderabad. He was very cordial and kept up his promise of helping us. It was very informative to visit 'Gangaraju Institute of Engineering and Technology' in Hyderabad. We came to know about various new programmes and initiatives taken up by the institute. The second year students had their first mid



exams from Jan. 3, 2022. The third and fourth years had their second mid exams from 18th. The first year admissions and the lateral entry admis-

sions are done. The classes for the first and second years are in full swing in the offline mode. They also will be having their exams in two weeks' time.

'Andhra Loyola Institute of Engineering and Technology' is recognised in the band 'Promising' under the category 'Colleges/Institutes (Private/Self Financed) (Technical)' in Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievement (ARIIA) 2021, - a flagship programme of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, on 29 December, 2021. Special Vaccination drive was conducted for the students on 30 Dec. 30, 2021. Amidst all these activities, the institute is in-

volved in fine tuning the report for the NAAC. The times are challenging, given the situation of Covid. In spite of the challenges, the administration, along with the staff, are doing whatever is best for the students. May our Lord help us and guide us in this endeavour.

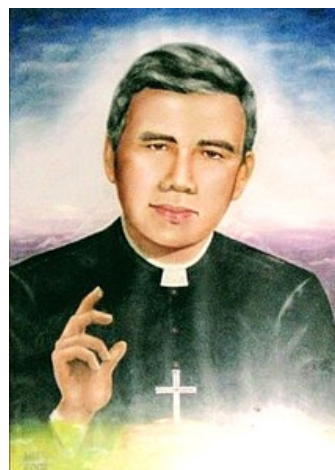
YESJ

Fr. B. Balakumar organised a one-day workshop on Motivation and Goal Setting for Young Women, in collaboration with Sisters of St Anne, Madhavaram. A Webinar on 'The Importance of Communication' for college students was organised. AICUF units at ALC, Maris Stella college, St Theresa's College, Eluru and JMJ college, Tenali are strengthening their units and organising various activities in their re-



spective campuses. MAGIC YOUTH Clubs at ALC, Vijayawada and LA, Secunderabad are very active, conducting a variety of activities in order to bring out the talents of the student community. Besides all these activities, he is occupied with counselling, fundraising, meetings, construction supervision etc.

**Fr. Rutilio Grande, SJ,
was beatified on 22nd January, 2022**



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03.01.2022	Fr Michael V. Panimegam SJ (DUM, 72/53)	in Kalidanga, Rampurhat
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26.01.2022	Fr. Jeyaseelan Thomas Barnabas, SJ (MDU, 69/51)	in Dindigul.
27.01.2022	Fr. Lucas Rayappan SJ (GUJ, 59/39) at Shalby Hospital in Ahmedabad.	

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