



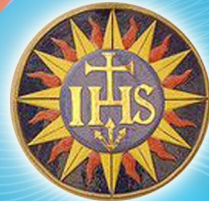
ANDHRA VANI



Our response to contemporary migration...

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

- Pope Francis



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THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION, MARCH - 2022

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges: may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

FR. GENERAL APPOINTS

Fr. Angelo Sujeewa Pathirana, SJ, Provincial of Sri Lanka Province.

Fr. Girish Santiago, SJ (GUJ), Regional Superior of the Myanmar Dependent Region

ANNOUNCEMENT

Fr. Dusi Ravi Sekhar, SJ, returned to the Province on 24th Feb. 2022

Till the month of May, 2022, the following will belong to:

- **Fr. Bodhana Ashok Kumar, SJ** - Satyodayam, Tarnaka
- **Fr. Jada Joji Chiranjeevi, SJ** - Sanjeevanadhaswamy Nilayam, Krishnapuram
- **Fr. Nagothu Showry Kishore Kumar, SJ** - Loyola Bhavan, Seethampeta

For the moment:

- **Fr. Louis Philip Manuel, SJ.**, will be moving to the Infirmary in Beschi College, Dindigul, for treatment and care, next week. He will be there till he is able to travel back to the Province.

46 Lenten Homilies:

Planned and encouraged by the Communication Commission and overseen by Fr. K. Ravindranath, SJ., our Province men are on social media giving their reflections on the daily Lenten Readings, in Telugu - one Jesuit each day - for 46 days. Please check out our channel [loyolakaladarshini](#)

PROVINCE RETREATS:

March 26 Evening - April 3, 2022 Evening:

April 2 Evening - April 10, 2022 Evening:

May 6 Evening - May 14, 2022 Evening:

Nirmala Dhyana Sadan, Medchal

Ananda Jyothi, Nagarjuna Nagar

Nirmala Dhyana Sadan, Medchal

FR. PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME - MARCH 2022

- 01 ATRCRI meeting, Jeevan Jyothi, Sec'bad
- 04 Visitation, Katukapalli
- 08-16 Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur
- 18 Coetus Praevius Meeting
- 19 Province Consult, Curia
- 21-26 Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur

LEFT THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

Pasupuleti Bala Praveen - 14th December 2021
Sebastian Varghese Dominic - 17th January 2022

Let us pray that they may be well and follow Jesus and experience His Love in the path they have chosen. May they bring into their life and work something of the Ignatian spirituality they would have imbibed during their life in the Society.

NEW OFFICE BEARERS OF ATRCRI

Fr. Koppala A. Stanislaus SJ - President
Sr. K.V. Tresa JMJ - Vice President (AP)
Sr. Elsna Thanickal SAL - Secretary/Treasurer

ANANDA JYOTHI, NAGARJUNA NAGAR:

We stopped going for ministries from 23rd of January onwards due to the increase of the Covid-19 pandemic. On 26th morning we celebrated Republic day. We had flag hoisting by Br. John Arokiam and Br. Nithin delivered a powerful speech in which he highlighted the prosperity of our country and the need to protect our Constitution. On the same day we participated in the final vows of Rev. Fr. Suresh in L.P.S, Nallapadu. Most of our novices had a short spell of illness in the beginning of the month of February; and all of them were cured by the healing hands of God. We had a recollection talk by Fr. ISF Jeyaraj on the feast day of St. John De Britto. On 14th we celebrated Fr. Joachim Raja's birthday. The same day we had the blessing and installation of the new statues of St. Ignatius and St. Francis Xavier, and the renovated chapel, by Frs. Sandan-

vari Antony and Joachim. Eucharist followed. L.P.S. community willingly joined us. Then there was an excellent cultural programme by the novices.

K. Stephen NSJ



DIACONATE ORDINATIONS



**CONGRATULATIONS
DEAR
P PRAVEEN SJ**



**CONGRATULATIONS
DEAR
B DASAN SJ**

VIDYANIKETAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:

On 25 January, we attended a webinar on "Synodality" by Fr Joseph Lobo SJ. It really strengthened our call and deepened our understanding of the Church today.



On 26th, we celebrated the Republic Day of our country. We had a short programme comprising march past, flag hoisting,

address by the chief-guest. The day was well organised by the Scholastics of Ranchi Province with Hindi mass, games, and sharing of the cultural heritage of Jharkhand. On 12 February we attended an online recollection on "Finding God's will" by Fr Gerard Rodricks S.J., which was organised by Prerana Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Bengaluru. We made a fruitful recollection on the following day. On the 16th, we went to Anjengo for a picnic and visited "Sneharam", the Social Action centre of Kerala Province. Fr Benny Chiramel SJ, the Director of Sneharam welcomed us and provided us with a delicious meal. In the afternoon we went to Kanaza Kunna for a city darshan and saw the museum, the zoo, the aquarium and the art gallery. On our way back we visited the fabulous LULU mall, newly built in Thiruvananthapuram. As Covid-19 is slowly waning, we started moving out during our weekends to the nearby places. As the academic year is about to come to an end, we are preparing for exams hard with model exams, group studies, etc.

Sch. Velangani SJ

SANJEEVAN NIWAS, VIJAYAWADA:

As Fr. Botcha Suresh willingly professed his Final Vows, our Sanjeevan community contributed their mite in song, through a melodious choir.

We the scholastics in Sanjeevan were entrusted with new offices to render our valuable services to one another for the growth of the community. Fr. Kiran celebrated one of the novena masses in Gunadala Matha Shrine on 1st Feb 2022. Fr. Bosco was affected by a mild Covid-19 and had to be in room quarantine for a few days. He joined the community after a week. A few of our scho-



lastics actively participated in the choir of Gunadala Matha feast, as our Bishop himself requested Fr. Kiran to send our brothers for the feast day choir to balance the choir group with male voices.

We are thankful to the province which sanctioned a new TVS to purchase goods necessary for kitchen. The TVS was blessed by Fr Bosco who prayed



for the safety of all who travel by this vehicle. Sch. Vidyasagar completed 4(1) semester end examinations on 14th Feb 2022 and began the last semester of his B.Tech. The community was filled with the gracious presence of our new PCF Fr. Bodhana Ashok Kumar, who had his first visit to our community. We were very happy to meet him personally for 4 full days from 14th Feb to 17th Feb 2022. He encouraged all of us both individually and as a group. It's really enriching to have a Google meet with our PCF as one scholastic body organized by Sch. Kiran the coordinator of Andhra province. We all thanked Fr. Wilson, our former PCF, who joined us in this Google meet and prayed for God's blessings on Fr. Ashok Kumar who has taken up this new responsibility. Fr. Ashok Kumar requested the scholastics to be more productive in all the areas possible, especially in academics and spiritual areas.

We are very sad to hear about the sudden death of Mr. Thamburaj, the younger brother of Fr. Bosco. Fr. Bosco immediately rushed to Dindigul to attend the funeral service. We prayed for our Dn. Dasan Bernard

and congratulated him for being ordained Deacon. All Andhra Sanjeevan Scholastics rendered their caring services to Fr Stephen, day and night, by taking turns. We intend to serve him until he is discharged.

Sch. K. Vijay Kumar SJ

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE:

The month of February kept the Scholastics at DNC on their toes as they were preparing for final exams and the Diaconate Ordination. On the 12th, we took the theme of Poverty for the recollection and we had spiritual conversations in the living groups over the General's letter on poverty. After a long waiting, JD finally resumed the offline lectures on the 17th of this month. Along with 11 Jesuits and 5 Capuchins, Sch. Dasan Bernard was ordained Deacon on the 19th of February. His Excellency, Thomas Dabre, D.D., the Bishop of Pune, ordained them. It was a faith-enriching experience for all of us as we participated in the Holy Mass physically, while many others joined us on Live Streaming. Sch. Pavan organized the felicitation ceremony for the Deacons. The Second Year Philosophers finished their final exams on the 21st of February. We will have official visit of Fr. PCF to our community from 25th to 27th of this month.

Sch. Anil SJ

DARSI MISSION:

On 26th of January we had a common Republic Day celebration in the campus. The college students had 2 days of fun games, competitions and cultural evening, where all the students took active participation and exhibited their hidden talents. All the students were very happy and grateful to their principal Fr. Anand for giving



them these opportunities and for encouraging them. Now the Intermediate students are busy writing their pre-final examinations. The school children completed their Summative assessment-1 exams successfully. The feast of St. John de Britto was celebrated in Dararam vari Palem (one of our substations) in a simple and devotional manner. Many faithful participated in the feast day Eucharist and prayed, through the

intercession of St. John de Britto, for good health and abundant blessings. Fr. Showry is still working hard to obtain the necessary documents for the St. Xavier's High School. The Intermediate students are studying hard and preparing themselves for the final exams. Now we are busy preparing the Inter and 10th students for their public examinations.

Keerthi Kumar, SJ

ADILABAD - ASIFABAD MISSION:

Fr. P. S. Amalraj turned 80 on Sunday 30th January. The parishioners of Uttoor not only prayed for him during the Mass but also felicitated him for the great blessings the Lord has showered on him. The clergy and the religious of Adilabad zone came in the evening to Uttoor and participated in the prayer service conducted by Fr. Prathap and shared in the meal prepared for the occasion.

As the schools reopened on 1st of February after the Sankranti and Covid holidays, we visited eight of our adopted schools on 1st to 3rd to see how many of our students had come, and to motivate and animate the teachers to give their best to the students.

JATHARAS of the deities play an important role in the life of the Adivasis. Fr. Amal joined the Kolam tribe of the region as they concluded the "Bheem Devudu" Jathara at Chinna Patnapur on 4th. The biggest tribal festival celebrated in the world is that of Sammakka and Sarakka at Medaram in Mulugu district of Telangana. It was held from 16th to 19th. It is estimated that one crore and thirty lakh devotees from different states attended it this year. Fr. Amal in solidarity with our Adivasi people went all the way to Medaram and participated in this Jathara. He witnessed the deep religiosity of the Adivasi people: having a holy dip in Jampannavagu; and moving toward the shrines of Sammakka and Sarakka carrying on their heads jaggery (Bangaram in local parlance) to place before Sammakka and Sarakka in gratitude for blessings received and to pray for further favours.

We were at the service of Fr. Vidhyasagar SJ, the Coordinator for Vocation promotion, from 3 to 6 Feb. introducing him to the parishes in Adilabad Zone. He addressed the students at Rampur and Adilabad. We also gave him a glimpse of our Adilabad Jesuit Mission by taking him to our villages and showing our works. We joined and assisted Fr. Xavier Rex SJ

in his campaign to recruit students for the first year Intermediate in our Carmel Junior College. We were with him when he addressed class 10th students of St. Paul's and Little Flower schools at Utnoor. He continues the campaign by visiting all the catholic schools in the diocese, while his staff go



around other private and Govt. schools. We hope that all his efforts will be blessed by the Lord and that the Carmel Junior College will have more students for the coming academic year 2022- 23.

We successfully completed the "Red Charity, Austria" project. Through this project we assisted 600 tribal families in the Ummadi Adilabad region with dry food ration worth Rs. 1090 to each family and Rs. 2225 to



each family for their agriculture assistance. We thank Fr. Papaiah the Treasurer and Fr. Elango, the PDD, for their collaboration and cooperation in this project.

We, the Jesuits and the Sisters of CMC, together with the hostel students, celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Rinoj, the Administrator of the hostels in Carmel Junior college on 7th with a cultural programme followed by dinner. Fr. Prathap was in charge of the parish from 7th to 12th in the absence of the parish priest and offered Mass on every Wednesday at Kothagudam, the substation of Utnoor parish. Our presence was a source of joy and strength to the people of Allampally substation during their Church feast

celebration. Following the tradition in the diocese, we attended the parish feast celebrations at Indravelly and Salegoan on 13th and in Adilabad on 20th.

Our Bishop Prince Antony visited our Jesuit Mission and our apostolic works on 19th along with Fr. Davis Chiramel and his two colleagues. During this visit, he handed over a sound system worth Rs. 39,000 to the Ashram High School at Panapattar. This PA system was sponsored by Mr. Rajagopal Chowdary an alumnus of LPS, Guntur. Our Bishop also addressed the students of Kasturibhai Gandhi Balikkala Vidhyalayam (KGBV) at Modi. We took him and his guests to Jodeghat and they had a look at all our villages, paid their homage at the memorial of Mr. Komrum Bheem, visited the museum, and met the students of the Ashram Upper Primary School at Jodeghat. On our way back from Jodeghat, we showed them Shivaguda village. Thus the Bishop and his guests were able to see the works we do in our adopted Govt. Ashram schools and villages. We are thankful to our Bishop for his visit to our mission and for all his support and encouragement.

Fr. Amal completed the computer lab work at Jodeghat with the help of the electricians and carpenters of Mr. Marreddy from Hyderabad and it is ready for the inauguration. We begin our fifty days of Lent as per the tradition of Syro Malabar Church on 28th. Kindly keep us all in your prayers.

Fr. Prathap SJ

ARUNODAYAM AND LOYOLA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL, HINDUPUR:

We were all blessed with sound health and good many activities in the month of February and the pre-novices are having a real learning experience. We were happy to celebrate the birth day of Fr. Philomin the spiritual director of pre-novices on 25th January. We made the day a memorable one with the cultural evening and a few games. On 26th January we all celebrated the 73rd Republic day, in our English Medium School. All the pre-Novices were vaccinated as per the guidance of the Government on 27th January; and the 10th class students were vaccinated on 5th February. Quarterly Parents-Meet was conducted in our school where we seriously discussed special study, special classes, and special time table and fee details. The following day a

meeting was held with the teaching faculty. Fr. K. P. Francis the Principal addressed the meeting, expressing his concerns. Fr. Avinash works round the clock to arrange special classes for the 10th students with the help of experts; besides, he also conducts slip test regularly as part of preparation for the upcoming exam. Pre-Novices are grateful to Fr. Joachim Raja who taught Phonetics for the pre-novices from 17th -20th February. This course improved their readings and communication skills. Currently the Pre-novitate staff members are preparing the pre-novices for their CDF Exam which is scheduled on 14th March.

Sch. M. Johnson

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, SECUNDERABAD:

We celebrated Holy Mass for our Christian staff and students on the first Friday of this month. We prayed for our management, staff, students and all people all over the world. We asked God to eradicate Corona virus from the world. It was also the feast of St. John De Britto. We prayed for and wished our Principal, Rev. Fr. Elango who celebrated his feast on that day. We had Rev. Fr. Provincial's Annual Visitation on 4th and 5th of February. These two days were special and grace filled days for us.

We upgraded our library with ISC books on 7th of February. Recruitment for new teachers was held on 13th of February. We conducted parents and teachers meet for KG to 10th class students on 12th of February. Parents of 10th class students and teachers meet was conducted on 14th of February to discuss the commencement of ISC in our school for the Academic year of 2022-2023. We conducted second unit test exams for our students from 17th to 28th of February. We celebrated Fr. George Stephen's birthday on 21st of February. We plan to cast our final slab for the new building on 27th February. We are preparing for Inspection on March 5th by ICSE Board for introducing 11th class in our school. A Telugu article of Fr. Vatti Joji on Blessed Rutilio Grande Garcia S.J., was published in Bharathamitram of February Edition.

G. Naveen Kumar, SJ

LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, KARIMNAGAR:

The months of January and February is the time of blessing and grace-filled days for the Loyola Educational Institutions, Karimnagar. Many officials visited

the community in January. They brought a lot of joy and happiness along with them and shared with us.

Fr Naresh went for the province retreat on the 25th of December and came back to the community on 3rd January. The RCF of Kohima visited the Kohima Scholastics on the 5th of January and expressed his utmost happiness for accommodating their young lads in the community for B.Ed. studies. We celebrated the Birthdays of Schs. Pallam Raju and Amos in January and February. We had a community Mass in which we specially prayed for their Vocations and offered special prayers for their family members. All three institutions declared Pongal holidays from 8th January to 17th January as for the Telangana Government orders. We had the canonical visitation of Fr Provincial on 10th and 11th January. The community felt it as a



grace-filled moment for the Loyola Educational Institutions. Fr. Maria Prasad left for Medchal for the Young Priests province retreat on 12th January and he was back by 21st January. Fr. Alex, the Superior of the community put up the compound wall around the site opposite our campus. It now has a new look - levelled ground and painted walls. It is well protected now. Fr Karunai Dass, the Minister of the house took special care of the Covid patients, with the help of the Scholastics. They were tested negative within a week.

The staff members of The Loyola English Medium School went for the picnic on 1st January to Komati



Cheruvu, a tourist place in Siddipet, under the guidance of Fr. Joseph, Principal of The Loyola English Medium School. The staff members enjoyed the day out as together they had a lot of fun and laughter. He also organized a Rangoli competition for the parents on the occasion of Sankranti and awarded them with prizes. The teachers, the parents, and the children felt very happy for such a programme in which the parents could involve themselves directly and participate on behalf of their children. One of the school teachers namely Mr. Harish participated in the School Innovation Challenge Programme organized by the Telangana Govt. The Programme intends to provide a platform to students from 6th to 10th grade on problem-solving methods which enable them to showcase their innovative solutions for the identified problems. The Science exhibition was conducted on the 26th of February in which the children exhibited their innovative ideas and talents.

Loyola Junior College Campus is being beautified with different flower plants. The classrooms wear a new look after painting the benches and the tables. The final public exams schedule was announced and the staff members are systematically preparing the students. Fr Alex, the Principal of Loyola Junior College, is taking a lot of effort to increase the strength of the college and to develop it in all the ways possible.

The B.Ed. college second-semester exams are completed and they began the third semester classes. The 1st year admissions are over and they too began their regular classes. The campus is beautified with a lots of flower plants. It is clean and full of greenery now. Fr. Naresh, the Principal of Loyola B. Ed College has been taking extra effort to run the college systematically despite the uncertainties in this pandemic.

The Pre-novices went home on the 23rd of December on the occasion of Christmas. They came back to Pre-novitiate on the 29th of December. We attended the New Year vigil mass in Karimnagar Parish on the 31st night. Fr. Provin-

cial addressed the Pre-Novices. He expressed congratulations for excelling in their studies. He also acknowledged the hard work they put in, to keep the campus clean and green. He encouraged them to continue with the same spirit and zeal in the days to come. Sch. Naresh, the Regent, conducted a basketball match for the Pre-Novices on the occasion of the Pongal festival. They had online classes from the 18th of January to the 1st week of February. At present they are all busy writing weekly tests and the term exams.

Sch. Ch. Naresh, SJ

ANDHRA LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, VIJAYAWADA:

Community:

The month of February began with the Quarantine. Eight of us tested positive for the Covid-19 and all of them were quarantined in their respective living rooms. Frs. Jojaiah and Koyipuram were treated in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guntur. By February 10 all of them recovered. Thanks be to God. A word of appreciation to Fr. Marianayagam, the Minister, who took care of all the needs of the fathers during quarantine. On February 11 most of us concelebrated in the Eucharistic celebration presided by His Grace T. Joseph Raja Rao, Bishop of Vijayawada Diocese, on the occasion of the feast of 'Our Lady of Lourdes' at Gunadala in the premises of Bishop Grassi High School. On February 15 we celebrated the birthday of Fr. P. Jojaiah.



We joyfully praised the Lord for all the wonderful things he has done and is doing in and through Fr. P. Jojaiah. He is 92. We prayed specially for his good health. It was a moment of grace as Fr. Provincial visited us from February 14-17. He inspired and challenged us in his final exhortation. On February 22 & 23 we had the review of budgets of every unit with regard to expenditure until January 31, 2022.

ALC:
Programmes organised:

- 3 February: A 'Job Mela', by the Placement Cell of ALC through Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC).
- 5, 8, 10 and 13 February: NCC- Naval Wing, Air Wing, Army Wing, camps.

- 9 February: An Institutional Visit to Government Ayurveda College, Vijayawada, by the Department of Botany. III year B.Sc. Biology Cluster students participated in it.
- 15 February: A seminar on the theme, 'Role of Students in Road Safety today', by NSS units of Andhra Loyola College (Autonomous), in collaboration with Vheedu (NGO).
- 18 February: 'Land to Lab' programme to enhance the experimental learning of IX and X class students from the neighbouring schools of our College, by the Department of Physics.
- 19 February: A Guest Lecture to mark the World Day of Social Justice, by the Department of Political Science. Ms. Subhagata Das, a writer, a mentor and a trans woman graced the occasion and gave a powerful interactive lecture.
- 21 February: International Mother Language Day celebrated in the Seminar Hall. Dr. Garlapati Swathi, Asst. Professor, K R R Govt. Degree & PG College, Kodad was the Chief Guest and Sk. Rahmanoddin, Telugu Wikipedia organiser, Hyderabad, the guest of honour.
- 21 February: The first year degree students began their first semester end exams.



The college is gearing up for the IVth cycle of N A A C Accreditation.

ALIET:

- Mr. S. Kishore Babu, the HOD of IT department, received appreciation from NPTEL for being a pillar of support in NPTEL initiatives. Through him Andhra Loyola Institute of Engineering and Technology is recognised as an 'ACTIVE' Local chapter.
- A Patent was awarded to Dr. Ch. Rathna Jyothi of CSE department for an invention entitled, 'Smart Mosquito Racket with an image sensor for ensuring child protection', for the term of 20 years.
- Dr. D. Ratna Kishore of IT department got a project sanctioned worth Rs. 5 Lakhs from MHRD under the scheme Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.
- On 31 January, Fr. N. Britto SJ & Dr. T. Lakshmi Narayana, both belonging to ECE department,

presented a paper in the second 'International Conference on Micro/Nanoelectronics Devices, Circuits, and Systems (MNDSCS-2022)', in the virtual mode organised by NIT, Silchar, on the topic, 'Optimization of RF MEMS switch using Linear Vector Quantization Network'. They also presented a paper in the 'International Seminar on Interdisciplinary Trends in Artificial Intelligence (ISITAI)', organised by Loyola Academy, Alwal on February 21 on the topic, 'Prediction of Optimized Shunt Capacitive RF MEMS Switch Dimensions using Feed Forward Neural Network', in the virtual mode.

- The staff are actively involved in preparing the documents for the NAAC re-accreditation process.
- 45 B.Tech students have got placed in various companies with a salary package of Rs. 5 Lakhs and above per annum. Three of them got Rs. 11 Lakhs. Two of our current final year MBA students got placement in 'Home first finance company' with Rs. 5.5 Lakhs per annum.
- 26 January, the college celebrated the Republic day. Dr. T. Subbarayudu, the HOD of MBA department, was the chief guest.



- 21 February, for the 'International Mother Language day', Dr. Ravindra Bhas from ALC was the chief guest.
- The first and second mid exams will be conducted at the same time for the first year students from March 14. The second year MBA students are writing their semester end exams, while the first years are writing their first mid exams.

YES-J:

- February 4: Fr. B. Balakumar delivered Carlo Memorial Lecture at St Theresa's College for Women, Eluru on, 'The Challenges of Education for Transformation'.
- February 12: Organised the Youth Commission Meeting in the online mode.
- February 14: Animated the Youth on 'True Love

and Healthy Relationships' at Mulapadu Parish.

- February 20: Animated the Youth for greater unity and participation in building up the faith community at Immaculate Conception Parish, Ravipadu.
- February 25-27: Took part in the AICUF State Advisors and Animators training at AICUF Ashram, Bhopal. Mr. Jagadeesh from ALC and Mr. Sujeet from LA also participated.



- Rs. 25 Lakhs has been sanctioned by Mr Kesineni Nani, MP, for the construction of the toilet block in YES-J Centre.
- AICUF and Magic Youth units in different colleges are active with their own campus activities and programmes.

-Fr. N. Britto SJ

Music, Liturgy and Spirituality:

(By Fr. Dusi Ravi Sekhar, SJ)

It had always fascinated me to discover- little by little- how music so naturally embraces Liturgy and Spirituality. There is something beyond the melodies and notes. This was the motivation for me to undertake research in the last ten years and I share here some prominent strides of the research.

Saint Tyagaraja (1767-1847), the monarch of bhakti music and literature, is arguably the epitome of bhakti which he profoundly expressed in his celestial musical compositions. It was surprising for me to note how the waves of his bhakti music could touch the shores of Christian/Catholic liturgical music tradition. Tyagaraja was heavily imitated by the early Christian composers in South India like Vedanayagam Pillai, Vedanayagam Sastriar, Purushothama Choudhary, Pulipaka Jagannadham and others. Vedanayagam Sastriar was said to be one of the court poets of king Serfoji II of Tanjore where Tyagaraja rendered some of his outstanding performances.

Vedanayagam Sastriar (1774-1864), being a con-

temporary of Tyagaraja, had imitated some of the musical compositions of Tyagaraja. Later when Purushothama Choudhary (1803-1890), a scholarly Bengali Brahmin settled in Ganjam district near present Srikakulam, got converted to Christian faith in Baptist Church he had brought with him rich bhakti tradition which helped him to compose lasting kirtanas for Christian worship. Choudhary, together with Pulipaka Jagannadham and William Dawson had laid a strong foundation for bhaktigenre in Christian worship with its roots in bhaktimusic.

When the Second Vatican Council opened the doors for vernacular singing, since the Catholics did not possess many hymns readily in hand, they had adopted some of the compositions of our Christian brethren for the liturgy of the Eucharist. Nadipinchu nanava, swami ni velugu, devuni stutiynchidi, hrudayamanedu talupu nodda etc. are some typical works of the early protestant composers. (These were some of my research findings in PSTU, Hyd.).

Saint Tyagaraja was also known to be great mystic. I find some levels of his mystical consciousness resonate with that of St. Paul and St. Ignatius. The mystical consciousness that Ignatius spells out in the contemplation to obtain love (230-238) in the Spiritual Exercises matches one that Saint Tyagaraja expresses also in pancharatnakirtana 'dudukugala' (Goularagam) where he says, 'Sakala bhutamula yandu neevai yundaga, madi leka poyina', that is, 'Though you were present in every being I had no mind (consciousness) to recognize'. Both Tyagaraja and Ignatius drive the devotees/contemplatives towards higher levels of mystical consciousness. Most poet-saints, music composers and artists of 16th and 17th centuries were steeped in this mystical consciousness. This had been experience of poet-saints like Tukaram, Kabir, Mirabai, Annamayya, Ramadas, and great composers of Western classical music like Bach, Beethoven and Mozart; art-mystics like Michelangelo, Bernini, Caravaggio, Fra Angelico and Giotto. Without this mystical consciousness they wouldn't have created such soul-stirring masterpieces. My studies in Rome have served the purpose of integrating- in a small way- these higher forms of bhakti with Spiritual theology.

Mystical consciousness of Ignatius needs to affect every sphere of our life today. This is the call of Ig-

natus in the Jubilee year to raise the levels of our consciousness to become what Karl Rahner calls 'to be a mystic of joy in the world!' Mystical consciousness elevates life, promotes higher life with higher qualities, values and commitments. Mystical consciousness pushes one to the domain of no distinctions that St. Paul speaks of in Gal. 2:28 and Col 3:11 (Christ is all and Christ in all). Finally, mystical consciousness is an invitation to every Jesuit for a radical transformation and a universal vision of life.

[Fr. Arturo Sosa, our Superior General, has sent us a letter on Poverty and has asked us to examine ourselves - as individuals and communities. To help us towards that, we are publishing the talk on Poverty given by Fr. P. R. John S.J., Vidyajyothi, Delhi, on 25th Feb. 2022, which provides an Ignatian and Andhra-Carnatic-Mission backdrop and model]

A POOR PILGRIM'S STORY:

The Vow of Poverty

- Witnessing in the World of Today

Introduction

"Kathalukaalluantakucetululevu", (Stories have no legs and hands), is a popular Telugu proverb. We Jesuits in Andhra/Telangana are fond of stories. We are proud of our monumental epic stories of Nannayya-Potana-Tikkana Mahabharatam and Molla Ramayanam. We are fond of the subaltern stories of Sammakka-Sarakka, Ellamma-Pochamma and Nagobajataru. We love Pitta kathalu, Podupu kathalu, Burra kathalu, Chandamama kathalu, Panchatantra kathalu, Tenali Ramakrishna kathalu, Neeti kathalu, and Puneetula kathalu. Within this world of stories of Telugu people, the Carnatic Jesuit missionaries lived the story of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Inigo gives us a new perspective, meaning and a horizon. His story triggers in us the imagination 'to dream the impossible - magis'. It motivates us deeply to love and serve Jesus Christ and His Church. Hence, it is proper that we listen to and pray the story of Ignatius, specially in the Ignatian year of conversion. We are invited by our Father General Arturo Sosa to reflect and to contemplate on the theme of 'Vow of Poverty and Witnessing in the World of Today.'

Part I: The Story of St. Ignatius of Loyola
Our understanding and practice of the vow of poverty is necessarily linked with the startling images of Ignatius as a 'poor pilgrim'. Let us journey with Ignatius to re-live his moments of poverty: In Montserrat, "on the eve of the Annunciation of Our Blessed Lady

(in March), in the year 1522", Ignatius went secretly to a beggar and stripping off all his garments, he gave them to a beggar; he dressed himself in his chosen attire and went to kneel before the altar of Our Lady (Autobiography 18.1-2). He begged alms in Manresa every day. He did not eat meat nor drink wine, even though they were offered to him (AB 19). When winter came, he was down with a very severe illness... he had frequent stomach pains... (AB 34,4). At Barcelona, he did have six or seven ducats which had been given him for the passage from Venice to Jerusalem; he had accepted them, being somewhat overcome by the fears suggested to him that he would not otherwise make the passage. But two days after leaving Rome, he began to realize that this was a lack of trust on his part, and it greatly bothered if it would be good to be rid of them. He finally decided to give them generously to those who approached him, who were beggars usually. (AB 40, 4-7). He maintained himself in Venice by begging, and slept in St. Mark's Square. He had a great assurance in his soul that God would provide a way for him to go to Jerusalem; this gave him such confidence that no arguments or fears suggested to him could make him doubt (AB 42,3). He arrived in Cyprus in the depth of a very cold winter, and it was snowing. The pilgrim had no clothing other than some breeches of coarse clothes, knee-length and legs bare... (AB 49,8). When he arrived at Alcala, he began to beg and to live on alms.... A cleric and other who were with him, seeing him beg alms one day, began to laugh at him and to utter some insults (AB 56 3,4). In Paris, Ignatius was compelled to beg and even to leave the house where he was staying (AB 73,5). The pilgrim with Faber and Lainez in Vicenza found a certain house outside the city, which had neither doors nor windows. They stayed in it, sleeping on a little straw that they had brought (AB 94,3-5). In Rome, he spent forty days, saying Mass each day, and each day with many tears. The question was whether a church would have any income and whether the Society should make use of that (AB 100,4).

The above-mentioned experiences of St. Ignatius capture how he voluntarily embraced poverty considering God as his 'source' and 'resource'. He relied on God and God alone. He never felt ashamed of being poor for God's sake. In this manner, Ignatius the 'poor pilgrim' becomes a model to all Jesuits: "Formees ought to travel a month without money, begging when ap-

appropriate from door to door for the love of God our Lord, in order that they may accustom themselves to eat badly and sleep badly; and likewise, so that letting go of all hope they might have in money or other created things, they may place it entirely, with genuine faith and intense love, in their Creator and Lord."

[Part II: The Stories of Jesuits in Carnatic Mission
Part III: Our Story: Andhra/Telangana Jesuit Province]

SHANTHINAGAR:

"I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever." Ps 86:12

Recollecting the two events gone into the history of Shanthinagar parish - the Silver Jubilee of St. Thomas Church and the Golden Jubilee of Balanagar village, along with parishioners, I am moved to thank God and express my gratitude to God and every individual who turned it into a devotional and colourful celebration. The Silver Jubilee of St. Thomas Church was celebrated on 14th Jan, 2022. As part of the preparations, we offered Eucharist on 12th and 13th Jan presided by Fr. Mathew Neerakal SJ and Fr. P.S. Amalraj SJ; and Fr. Kiran SJ preached on the theme of "500 years of Ignatian Conversion". On 13th Jan, we went in procession from Nampally to Shanthinagar village, carrying the statue of St. Thomas, asking for his intercession. On the 14th Jan., the day of the Jubilee, we received His Excellency, Bishop Udumala Bala, D.D., Bishop of Warangal with honour and in procession. On arrival, His Excellency unveiled the silver jubilee plaque, and blessed the renovated Church, Altar, Tabernacle, and Lectern. Then our Jesuit fathers blessed the following statues in the Church: Fr. K A Stanislaus SJ, the Provincial, blessed the statue of St. Ignatius of Loyola; Fr. P S Amalraj, the statue of St. Francis Xavier, and Fr. P Anthony, the statue of his Patron, St. Anthony. After the blessings, His Excellency presided over the Eucharistic celebration, with Fr. Provincial concelebrating, along with others. During the liturgy, 50 children received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the beginning of the Eucharist, Sr. Renuka MSI presented the history of the village. The entire liturgy and welcome dance were coordinated and prepared by the Nirmala Sisters. Mr. Visha and his team made the choir melodious. Sumptuous jubilee dinner was served to the entire village and the guests. Fr. Inna, the Parish Priest, acknowledged and thanked every individual, notably mentioning His Ex-

cellency, Bishop Udumala Bala, Fr. Provincial, other Fathers and Sisters, village-Elders, the youth and the Nirmala Sisters for their cooperation and contribution.

The Golden Jubilee of Balanagar village was celebrated on 25th Jan, 2022. Novena prayers were offered in preparation of the celebration. Frs. S. Bala Showry, Tharun, Arogyam, Kamal, Sundar, Anand, Kasu Marreddy, R. Thomas and Alex SJ were kind enough to lead the liturgy during the Novena days. On 17th Jan after the flag hoisting, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Tharun and on 21st Jan, Adoration and Confession were conducted by Fr. Kamal. On 22nd evening, the statue of Mother Mary was taken in procession in the streets of Balanagar. On 23rd the village Youth organized the cultural evening. On 24th the village-elders coordinated the procession of Christ the King. On the actual day the celebration started with the jeep-procession in which the Chief guests were received with honour and reverence. Though we had invited his Lordship, Bishop Udumala Bala, to grace the celebration, due to ill-health he could not be present. However, Fr. K A Stanislaus, SJ, the Provincial, was considerate enough to preside at the solemn Eucharistic celebration. Fr. R Thomas, Dean, Karimnagar, accompanied him and Fr. Amarrao SJ preached the sermon. The history of 50 golden years of the village was recalled on the occasion and the celebration was taken forward by the blessing of the Bell Tower by Fr. Santiago SJ, while Fr. K A Stanislaus SJ inaugurated it, by ringing the bell. The Golden Jubilee plaque was blessed and unveiled by Fr. R Thomas.

The celebration witnessed 30 Priests and Religious Brothers and Sisters. The entire liturgy was coordinated by the Nirmala sisters with the help of Mr. Albin, the Catechist, while the youth decorated the Church and the campus.

Fr. Inna, the Parish Priest thanked Fr. Provincial, Fr. Dean and the Clergy and the Religious for their presence while acknowledging the cooperation and contribution of every individual, notably mentioning the village-Elders, the Catechist, the Youth and the Nirmala Sisters for the success of the celebration and for maintaining a devotional ambience all through the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Fr. Y Inna SJ

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

01 S Jannu Vijaya Kumar
N Kevin Bosco M
07 P Gnanadevan S
08 S Kakumanu Teja
17 P Jeyaraj Gorantla J
18 N Madanu Nithin
19 S Thumma Manoj

21 P Casimir KS
22 S Guvvala Rupesh Kumar
23 P Dominic Sundara Raj I
25 S Harikotti Gopichand
27 P Jeyaraj ISF
30 P Arun Valan Andrew S
31 P Stephen Amal Raj A
N Pokala Katam Raju (Moses)



REST IN PEACE

Fr M. Joseph John Britto (MDU 77/58)	on 3 Feb 2022
Fr Joe D'Abreo (BOM 89/72)	on 4 Feb 2022
Fr Vijayanand Shidonkar (GUJ 74/56)	on 7 Feb 2022
Fr Conrad Mascarenhas (BOM 84/63)	on 17 Feb 2022
Fr Suman Minj (HAZ 51/28)	on 19 Feb 2022
Fr Mathew Pullattu (KER 87/66)	on 23 Feb 2022
Fr Marc De Brouwer (RAN 97/78)	on 25 Feb 2022
Mr. Thamburaj, Brother of Fr. AJX Bosco, SJ	on 20 Feb 2022
Mr. D. Balaswamy, Uncle of Fr. K. A. Stanislaus, SJ	on 2 Mar 2022

OUR BROTHERS IN GLORY

Bro. Maria Singam Joseph	06.03.2017	ALC
Fr. Balaguer Melchior	08.03.1997	LA
Fr. Arakal Jacob	12.03.2020	LA
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