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NEWSLETTER OF ANDHRA JESUIT PROVINCE

**AUGUST - 2013** 

### **INFORMATION:**

- \* August 31 & Sept. 1 Extended Consult.
- Nov. 15 to 17 Jesuit Leadership Programme, South Zone level at Prerana, Karnataka for Superiors, Consultors and others.
- \* Fr. Peter Raj, Secretary to Regional Asst. Fr. Lisbert D'Souza.
- \* Sept. 21 gathering of Religious, Satyodayam, Sec'bad.

## ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, PALAYAMKOTTAI:

Every exposure is an education. So, we are indeed happy to get an exposure in Palayamkottai. We the Scholastics namely Thambi, Avinash, and Prathap reached Palayamkottai, St. Xavier's community on 29th of June to do our B.Ed and M.A (Folklore) respectively. On June 6th and 7th we had a very fruitful and meaningful community orientation in which we came to know more about the community and the individuals. To break the ice among the community members, we went for a one day picnic to Couttralam the well-known water falls in Tamilnaadu. We all enjoyed the togetherness and spirit of the community. Sch. Vijay joined the community to do his M.Sc. Computer Science on July 21st morning. Schs. Thambi and Avinash are attending the computer classes while Schs. Prathap and Vijay are attending the regular classes. We congratulate Sch. Prathap who serves as class representative in the college and beadle in the community for the Scholastics. In view of celebrating the feast of St. Ignatius, our community went on a pilgrimage to Kovalam, St. Ignatius Church. At present we are also busy in preparing ourselves for the feast of our founder, father St. Ignatius. - Sch. Avinashsj

### **REGENTS MEET AT LPS:**

Having spent one full month in our respective Regency places, all ten of us gathered at Loyola Public School Community on 10-07-2013 to have our Orientation and focus our Regency

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME:

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Aug	6	-	CV - Katukapally, Final Vows of Fr.M.A. Alex,
			Fr. Mathew Neerakkel, Fr.D.Marianayagam
	10	-	Seminar for laity ALC, Vijayawada
	14 - 17	-	POSA - Consult and DNC Visitation, Pune
	20 - 28	-	Retreat Dhyanashram, Chennai
	29 - 30	-	Visitation - Satyanailayam
	31	-	Extended Consult
Sept	1	-	Extended Consult
	4	-	APBC & RCRI St. John's Seminary, Hyd
	7	-	Finance Commission Meeting, Satyodayam
	8 - 11	-	Visitation - Pastoral Mission, Vinukonda
	12 - 13	-	Visitaton - LHS, Vinukonda
	14	-	Consult - Satyodayam
	17 - 19	-	Visitation - Karimnagar
	21	-	Seminar for Religious, Satyodayam
	24 - 25	-	Visitation - Katukapally
	26 - 27	-	Visitation - KD Peta
	28 - 29	-	Visitation - Seethampeta
	30	-	ALC, Vijayawada

according to Our Way of Proceeding. Fr. Amar Rao, the PCF initiated us into this dynamic process. Our orientation was divided into two parts. The first part provided an opportunity for all of us to share our limited experiences with one another with appropriate interventions and clarifications from the group. The whole sharing session was moderated by the PCF.

We commenced our sharing with a prayer to God to give us the openness to see our experiences devoid of the possible predetermined frames. We spent the lion's share of the day, in sharing and listening to one another. Each one's eagerness to grow came alive during our sharing. It was a very enriching sharing. The day opened our eyes and enabled us to discover the invaluable formative value in Regency as an inevitable stage of Formation.

In the second part, the PCF drove home what is expected of a Scholastic during Regency. He emphasized, "The specific aim of Regency is to deepen the Spiritual Integration and the Human Maturation of the Jesuit in all its aspects". He stressed, "We need to foster human equilibrium and psychological maturity without sacrificing the spiritual depth and density".

Towards the end of our one day Sharing and Orientation we planned for a day's Recollection during Dussera Holidays and a Triduum during Sankranthi Holidays. Finally we elected Sch. Gabriel as our Regents' Coordinator for 2013-2014. We concluded the day with a thanksgiving Eucharist. We are grateful to Loyola Public School Community for the sumptuous dinner and fraternal hospitality.

- Sch. M. Anand

## **NEWS FROM DNC - AUGUST, 2013:**

DNC is all in lush green with rains. Sch. Yesu Rathnam has been elected the coordinator of the kitchen and he is taking giant steps to provide us with sumptuous meals. Now DNC kitchen is blessed with a steam cooking machine. Presently we are busy in preparing ourselves for the feast of our founder with the theme "Faith Seeking Justice". All of us are doing well in our studies and are waiting for the first mid-semester examination. Fr. Prasad is furnishing his doctoral thesis to bring it out in the form of a book.

Note: The New Province Cell No of DNC: 08793336792

# **NEWS FROM VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI:**

The life in Vidyajyoti is filled with a theological atmosphere. **Sch**. Chiranjeevi arrived on June 6th to serve in the kitchen committee as the 4th years were preparing for their comprehensives. **Schs.** Anil, Chinnappa and Prasanth did well in their comprehensive exams. We gave them a fitting farewell and wished them well in their respective ministries. **Sch. Kiran** arrived on 21st of June as he was sub-beadle of the house. Sch. Kiran's services as subbeadle are well appreciated by the community. The first years, Schs. Prabu and Sagar joined us on 25th of June. The following day our Rector, Fr. Joe Sebastian oriented the first years towards priestly life saying that the theological studies help a scholastic to move from a compulsive way of life to a convinced way of life, stealthy ways to healthy ways, and imposed discipline to self discipline. For a week the first years had an orientation programme on self-awareness and psycho-sexual integration given by our ADF, Fr. Gratian SJ, and by Fr. A. Tony SJ, the PCF of Delhi province. Sch. Kishore and his team organized the community orientation programme efficiently which helped us to know each other better. On 8th of July, the college conducted the inaugural function. The Vidya Jyothi theological study centre warmly welcomed all its new members. We had a talk by Dr. A. Vanaik on the burning issue of anti-nuclear project protest in Kudumkulum. It was well appreciated. Fr. P.R. John SJ is currently the director of the Field work. His valuable services as the secretary of VJTR and the director of Model Town were well acknowledged and appreciated. Under the able guidance of Sch. Britto, the freshers

of our community went for their Delhi darshan. Sch. Britto and Sch. Chiranjeevi are elected as their class representatives respectively. Let us continue to pray for the good health of **Fr. A. Stany's** father. The first years for their field work visited a slum area, Jantar Mantar and Parliament. We are now into the novena of St. Ignatius. The meaningful prayer services conducted by the living groups during these days motivate and inspire us a lot.

# LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, NALLAPADU:

Concerted efforts of the Loyola Public School Community to provide a face lift to Loyola High School by way of tin-sheet roofing over the leaking terrace added grandeur and assured the longevity of the building. The New Headmaster Fr. Andrew and his teaching staff paid a courtesy visit to the students by calling on them in their own respective villages. Such visits spontaneously gobsmacked both the students as well as the parents. Besides building a good rapport, visits further ensured the goodwill of parents and well-wishers. Hence this year too we received many new admissions. Encouraged by the good number of admissions the Headmaster with the help of the staff devised a plan of action to inculcate qualitative education, drawing inspiration from our Ignatian Pedagogy. As a seguel to such planning, in June a Drawing Competition was held for all the students. Nearly 120 enthusiastic students participated and exhibited their latent native aesthetic creativity. The generosity and constant support of the Community vividly conceived a well furnished Computer Lab. The work is in progress.

Beautiful and colourful Loyola Hostel after the renovation by Fr. Anand attracted many students to become inmates. Compared to the last year, the strength of the hostel shot up. Fr. Ashok and Sch. Anthony Paul oriented and motivated the Hostlers to feel at home and to get into the Academic life. They conducted lots of student - friendly games and admonished, through their inspiring pep talks, which helped the students to insert themselves seriously into the academic routine. On 23-06-2013 we had Freshers Day. The presence of our Community Fathers added joy to the day.

Loyola Public School enrolled itself into the annals of rapid transport system with the induction of thirty brand new cityrider fifty seater TATA buses. Fr. Uvary Antony has slowly and steadily came back to normalcy. He joined the Community to resume his normal schedule. Delayed maintenance works due to his sickness neared completion.

Fr. John Soosai Manickam returned back to the Community on 21-07-2013 having attended the renewal programs held at Prerana, Bangalore. The Community is gearing up to celebrate our founder's day in a meaningful way on 31-07-2013.

- Sch. Naveen Kumar

## **SANJEEVAN NIWAS VIJAYAWADA:**

The budding Sanjeevan Community is hale and hearty with it's new Superior Fr. P. Balashowry the Superior and

Fr. P. Anil as the spiritual director and five first years - 4from Andhra Province and 1 from Hazaribag Province. The Orientation given by Fr. Selvin SJ was thoughtprovoking and inspiring. He made us understand the deeper meaning of "Panchabhutas" within us. We heartfully thank our former Superior Fr. Raju SJ and Spiritual director Fr. S. Antony SJ for their care and support. It was a privilege to all Sanjeevanites to bid farewell to both of them along with the ALC community who joined us in the fellowship meal.

We are happy to render our service to our young vowents by taking up the choir that made every one participate meaningfully in the Eucharistic celebration. The choir was well appreciated. We have started our new academic year by invoking the blessings of the Holy Spirit and through the intercession of Gunadala Matha in the Eucharist. We received His blessings in the form of a good rain. Sanjeevan community deeply felt for the passing away of Fr. Kadavil SJ. The funeral ceremony was solemn. We were touched by the people's warm experiences with Fr. Kadavil. We showed our grattitude to this brother of ours in praying for him and taking up the choir for the funeral mass.

Scholastics Giri and Vasanth bagged first prize in the facial painting competition and Sch. Thomas added more joy by getting the first prize in sloganwritting competion. We are now busy preparing for our first mid exams. Our Sanjeevan family extends its warm wishes on our founder's day

- Vincent SJ

#### **ANANDA JYOTHI:**

We had Cassock Day on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Fr. Director was not feeling well so he was admitted in St. Joseph's Hospital. So we felt the absence of Fr. Director on cassock day for he never missed Cassock Day in his career as Novice Director. Fr. Ashok celebrated Mass and gave cassocks to the First Years. His homily on Cassock Day was very inspiring and thought provoking. First Year Novices entered the Novitiate with a lot of zeal and zest. We had a volley ball game and the first years won the game. First years are slowly getting used to the atmosphere of the Novitiate. Now we are as busy as bees for the preparation of the feast of our Founding Fr. St. Ignatius. On 17<sup>th</sup> July, we had a day of recollection. It really helped us to prepare internally for the feast of St. Ignatius.

From 24th to 27th we had a seminar on "Ignatius' personality and spirituality" by Fr. Thamburaj SJ of Madurai Province. His talks, with modern means of communication like power-point presentation, inspiring videos and films, were indeed very enriching and enlightening. We thank him immensely for instilling in us the spirit of St. Ignatius. - A. Ashok NSJ

#### TERTIANSHIP - SHEMBAGANUR:

As part of the preparation for the long retreat, we were introduced to some Indian Methods of Prayer including some Yoga mudras which helped us to have a better concentration, awareness and peace of mind to sit for prayers. One day we all visited Bodhi Zendo Centre (at Perumalmalai, 15 kms away from here) and

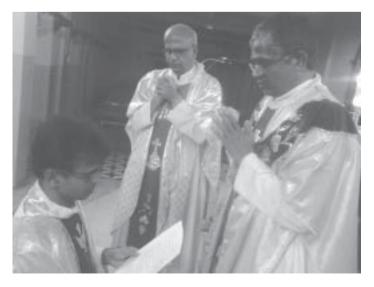
had some experience of making zen meditation. We immensely thank Fr. Arul Sivan (One of our Tertian Directors) for teaching us all these methods. Our long retreat began on June 28th evening with adoration and ended on July 28th evening with Eucharistic celebration. The spiral movement of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises (God in dynamic movement to us and we in turn, to God through His creation) helped us go through a process of Forgiven Love of God (I week), Intimacy with Jesus (II wk), Communion in Jesus (III wk) and Ecstacy-merged with Jesus (IV wk). We hope that such deep experiences may become part of our daily life as Ignatius expects from an exercitent. Indeed this retreat has widened our hearts and minds to embrace the world and the people around us with love and affection and to find God in all things and all things in God. We sincerely thank our Directors Frs. Michael Alosanai and Arul Sivan for their skillful guidance and direction during the retreat.

In order to prepare ourselves internally for the meaningful celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius, we observed a day of Fast and Abstinence on 30<sup>th</sup> till after noon. In the evening, we had high tea with all our coworkers. The feast day was celebrated with normal gusto. Around 100 religious and clergy responded to our invitation and attended the Solemn Holy Eucharist presided over by **Fr. Elias** and the grand and sumptuous dinner thereafter. Right now we are in the Magnificat Week praising God (like Mother Mary)for all his wonderful graces from the time of our conception till now. Please continue to pray for us.

- **Fr. P. Peter SJ** 

## ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, SECUNDERABAD:

In deference to the ardent wishes of Fr. K.P. Francis we had a very modest celebration of his Final Profession on Sat, July 27 in our community. Only the twin City Jesuits were invited for the function. The Mass of the solemn profession was held in the Chapel of St. Francis High School Convent presided over by Fr. Provincial.



Fr. Royce Macedo preached a soul stirring, thought provoking and rather short homily on the four vows. The Mass was followed

by a short but touching reception in the dining hall of the residence. Fr.Philomin Raj, the local superior extolled the sterling qualities of Fr. K.P. Fr.Provincial in his turn appreciated Fr. K.P for his humility, detachment and dedication. Fr. Francis in his reply to the toast expressed his deep gratitude to God, his beloved parents and the Mother Society. The community appreciated Fr. M. Joseph for the meticulous planning, melodious singing and memorable dinner given to all on that day.

- S. Philomin Raj



Final Vows of N. Mathew, MA Alex, Marianayagam

# ALIET:

ALIET is buzzing again when all the students of B.Tech, M.B.A and M.Tech returned to class work after the summer break. As the front building work is completed, now the ALIET structure looks elegant with its scenic beauty with the green lawns and newly erected statue of **St. Ignatius of Loyola blessed by Most. Rev. M.D. Prakasam, the Bishop of Nellore on 31 July 2013. Fr. Thainese SJ**, our Director was instrumental in organizing an International Seminar on "The Unknowable and the Counterintuitive: The Surprising insights of Engineering" on 5th and 6th of July 2013. The resource person for the seminar was **Dr. Aleksandar I. Zecevic,** Professor of Electrical Engineering and Associate Dean of Santa Clara University, USA. He enlightened the students and the faculty from various colleges





on the inter-connection between Religion and Science in view of modern technology and religious belief. It was really an eye-opening session for many students and faculty as well. ALIET launched its first edition of Newsletter on this occasion. It is a half-yearly newsletter.

## **BIRTHDAYS**:

## August:

- 19 N Praneeth P
- 20 P Showraiah D
- 21 S Prathap D
  - S Vidyasagar N
- 25 P Gnanasekaran A [5 Aug]
- 28 P Ravi Sekhar D
  - S Arul Jyothi M
- 29 S Michael Raj X A
  - P Kishore Kumar M
- 30 S Sagar Babu K

- 31 P Peter Daniel
  - S Rayappa G

#### September:

- 01 S Aseervadam M
- 05 P Alex M A
- 07 S Vijay Kumar S
- 08 F Martin S
- 13 P Alphonse S A
- 17 S Praveen Polisetti
  - S Madhu Babu T

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