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NEWSLETTER OF ANDHRA JESUIT PROVINCE

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INFORMATION :

- * Sept 7 - 8, Finance Commission Meeting
- * Sept. 21 Gathering of Religious & Priests Satyodayam
- * Oct 4 - 6 - South Zone Seminar, Satyodayam
- * Nov 17 - Dec 12 Sadhana at Lonavala, Pune
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SICJ TVM :

We had a community recreation on 17th of July. On the same day we celebrated the birthday of Karthick. The Fathers of St.Xavier's college community invited us for a fellowship gathering. We presented a short variety entertainment programme and we enjoyed their presence and friendly chat. Sunsequently we had a community meeting and evaluation which opened the door for us to express our feelings and difficulties, and thus brought us together to live a better and joyful community life. Later we went through a course on Time Management given by Fr. Francis Xavier, SJ (MDU) and we took the opportunity to thank him on behalf of our community. It was a fruitful course and it enabled us to manage ourselves and bring out our best within the stipulated time frame. On 28th evening we had a quiz programme conducted by ourselves and all of us participated and benefited a lot. Deacon Linto (KER) gave us some coaching for basket ball which helped us to play more carefully. We celebrated the feast of St.Ignatius with spiritual fervour ignited by the Novena and we relished the delicious dinner. We visited Vianney Bhavan on the feast day of St. John Mary Vianney. On the feast of the Assumption of our Lady and Independence Day we had a short flag hoisting

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME :

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	- Visitation - LHS, Vinukonda
	14	- Consult - Satyodayam
	18 - 20	- Visitation - Karimnagar
	21	- Seminar for Religious, Satyodayam
	24 - 25	- Visitation - Katukapally
	26 - 27	- Visitation - KD Peta
	28 - 29	- Visitation - Seethampeta
	30	- ALC, Vijayawada
Oct	1	- ALC
	4 - 6	- South Zone Seminar, Satyodayam
	5	- Consult
	7 - 8	- Visitation, Suryapet
	11 - 13	- Visitation, VJ, Delhi
	13 - 21	- JCSA and POSA Consult, Delhi
	29 - 1 Nov	- Visitation, LA

ceremony and it was a "day out" for us and we enjoyed ourselves immensely!

- Augustine . T

FRENCH GROUP AT KD PETA :

"We will be missing them a lot! We will be feeling bored once they leave! They really made us very happy!" These were the sentiments expressed by many local people at K.D.Peta as the 18 French students bade them goodbye at the end of their stay which lasted from 16th July to 10th August. All of them are young students who formed a group under the banner of "IndeEspoir"(India - Hope), an association started in 1980 by Fr. Patrick Languet, a French Jesuit. Every year the association sends three to four groups, each under the guidance of a Jesuit, in order to construct buildings for the poor, especially, the dalits and the tribals. Not only do they help financially but also they render manual service during the construction of houses. Each group starts the preparation from the month of January to raise



the required fund, to get to know each other in the group and to be informed of the Indian culture and heritage. While in France , I was assigned the pleasant task of preparing and accompanying this particular group at KDPeta. Their project was to construct the second floor of a building which would later on be used as a hostel for tribal girls. After having been with the group in France and at K.D.Peta, I was very much impressed by the joy with which they moved around, the enthusiasm they exhibited in their manual work, the ease with which they mingled with children, their eagerness to interact with the tribals in the villages and their efforts to get used to Indian cultural habits. A number of them were trying to eat with their hands; some bought saris and learnt to how wear them; some bought lungis, while others got shirts stitched in the village. In the beginning their principal work was limited to carrying bricks and sand but slowly a number of them picked up the art of cementing, spade work, mixing, etc. Although the naxal activity and the samaikyandhra movement caused some problems , we were able to take them for two outings to Visakhapatnam and Araku besides the regular tribal village visits. Additionally, they were very much enriched by the various interactions they had with the archbishop Rev. MallavarapuPrakash on the feast day of Saint Ignatius, Fr. Pothi Anthony, Fr. Peter Daniel, Fr. Amar, Fr. Shailendra, Fr. Christian Mellon (a French Jesuit who accompanied another group of IndeEspoir in Karnataka), Fr. Rayappa (principal of the Don Bosco college at Narsipatnam) and his students. The Language was definitely a barrier in all their interactions. Even though most of them could speak English, the difference between the French and the Indian accents of English is too great to call the communication "easy". Occasional Telugu classes in the evenings which they themselves asked for, were of some help to them to talk to the people. Apart from that, in the evenings, some used to have regular prayer services and faith sharing. Brief daily evaluations and longer weekly evaluations rendered their experiences more profound and reflective. They are very grateful to Fr. Prasad for all the arrangements made, Fr. Elias for the spiritual service rendered, Sch. Naveen Xavier, Sch. Praveen, the Sisters and all the other local people for their generous help, and to the brothers of Fr. Ashok for the guided tour at Visakhapatnam. The contentment expressed by them during the general evaluation at the end of the camp summarizes it all: "We received much more than what we had given." After having accompanied them, I experienced a similar feeling that by God's grace, "I received more from them than what I had given them"

- Thomas Madanu

SANJEEVAN NIWAS - VIJAYAWADA

As part of Bicentenary Jubilee Celebrations of the Restoration of the Society of Jesus we joined the college community for the talk on "The Suppression and Restoration of the Society" given by Rev.Fr. John Joseph SJ on 29th July. It was a very thought provoking and inspiring talk which motivated us to reflect and learn lessons from the past history for a better and brighter future of the Society. On the eve of the feast of St.Ignatius, we had a candle light procession in the college campus along with the students. Fr. Ashok, Socius to the Novice Director, gave a short but a very sharp message on St. Ignatius and his values.

On the day of the feast we had a solemn Eucharistic celebration in the college church at 6:30AM by Most.Rev. MD. Prakasam Bishop of Nellore and in the evening a meaningful prayer service was conducted by Rev.Fr.Anil SJ for all the local Religious and clergy on the theme " Suppression and Restoration of the Society" which was very much appreciated by all .

During to the Agitations going on in the Region of Seemandhra against the bifurcation of the state, we could not have regular classes for about ten days. We had different activities during those days. One day we went out on a community picnic to Kondaveedu and Kotappa konda which was very adventurous and exciting. In the afternoon we had sumptuous meals given by the Loyola Public School community. We thank the community for their loving care and generous hospitality. In the evening on the same day we had a football match with Loyola Public School team in which our Sanjeevan team won. Congratulations to our Sanjeevan football team who won the match with 6-1 goals. We also had special preparations and presentations on the Suppression and Restoration of the Society given by the living groups. These preparations and presentations sharpened our intellectual capacity and helped us to know and experience the reality and the pain of Suppression and also the joy of Restoration. We thank Fr.Balashowry our Superior and Fr. Anil our Spiritual director who arranged and organized all these activities for us which made us engage ourselves actively and meaningfully during these unexpected holidays. At present classes are going on smoothly as usual. We congratulate Sch. Aseervadam who bagged 1st prize in the solo singing competition at the state level.

- Sch. Paul Pradeep SJ

DNC - PUNE :

The month of August is filled with a flurry of activities. The feast of St.Ignatius of Loyola was a memorable day for all of us having the theme 'faith seeking justice'. The solemn Eucharistic celebration was meaningful and the prayer service was thought- provoking. On 3rd of August we had rain-picnic to Lonavala in living groups. It was an enjoyable and enriching experience for all of us. We celebrated the golden jubilee of Fr. M.J Victor (MDU) and Fr. Job (DEL) in a grand manner. Eleven students of JDV went for the relief camp to UttaraKhand. They came back with a lot of experiences to share with us. The visit of Fr. Provincial boosted our morale. It was a grace filled experience. He exhorted us to prepare ourselves for the universal missions. The Day of

Independence and the feast of the Assumption of Mary was celebrated with a lot of jubilation. Our theologians have successfully completed their first mid- semester exams. Now, 2nd and 3rd year theos are busy with their B.Th seminar and B.Th essay respectively. Apart from all these we are busy with our studies and at the same time praying for the reign of peace in turbulent Andhra Pradesh. - **Sch. Krupa Rao sj**

USA :

Dominic Sundar and myself are fit and ready for the academic year. I reached Berkeley on 5th August and Sundar was there at the San Francisco Airport to welcome me and to drive me at night to Berkeley. He is an expert driver.

As for me after a few days of settling down, the sabbatical batch of twelve consisting of people from seven countries went for a directed retreat to Los Altos, a Jesuit retreat centre on a hill overlooking Oakland and San Francisco. The place was very conducive to prayer and it is the retreat house of the California Province stretching over thirty acres of land. Hence there are alleys and by-lanes suitable for prayer and walks. The programme was very fruitful as the planning was meticulous. There is Fr. Kulandaisamy from Madurai for the same programme.

After the retreat, we were just introduced into the real sabbatical refreshing by various introductions suitable for study, leisure, reflection and classes. I think as the days go by, we will benefit more than we expected because the group itself is rich with experiences and faith -sharing, Let me wait for more in the days to come. As for Sundar, he took a ten- week intensive Greek Course during the entire summer and because of that, we can see a scholarly tiredness in his face. He just returned from his annual retreat in San Francisco and is now ready for further challenges of the academic year. Berkeley is a university town and we can see students all over. There are seven theological institutes just a walking distance away. The University of California is in a vast campus with many Libraries and academic buildings and Sundar took Greek classes in the University. More, as we proceed, and we remember the Province in our daily prayers. - **Amalanathan**

LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, NALLAPADU

Amidst tempestuous protests of the Seemandhra People against the ruling Congress Party's Political decision in favour of dividing Andhra Pradesh, Nallapadu-Loyola Institutions celebrated St. Ignatius Feast three times in a unique way! Perhaps for the first time we had before the festive lunch exclusive (otherwise always with the staff and students) Feast Day Community Mass presided over by Fr. Santiago-thanks a million to the unexpected roadblocks due to the sustained political unrest because of which we could not have a feast day mass with the staff and students. The second time was on 31st of July, in the evening a simple and meaningful prayer service followed by a fellowship meal with the priests, sisters and brothers of Guntur Diocese. The third time was a thanksgiving Eucharist on the 1st of August with the staff and students of English and Telugu medium schools. After the Eucharist the staff and the students played friendly outdoor games

and concluded the feast day celebrations with a sumptuous festive meal. Despite the triple first class commemoration of St. Ignatius' feast, a virtual warpath scenario of the whole Seemandhra remained the same. However our daring and determined duo, Frs. Uvary Antony and Andrew, meticulously chalked out an undivided schedule and conducted the 1st unit tests for the students by ensuring foolproof arrangements.

On 15-08-2013 our Telugu Medium School commemorated Independence Day. The President of Guntur Lions Club Mr. D. Ravi Kumar besides unfurling the National Flag was the Chief Guest of the Day. Frs. Uvary Antony and Ananda Kumar, Loyola Public School Principal and Vice-Principal respectively were the Guests of Honour. Fr. Andrew welcomed the gathering. Guntur Lions Club with inspiration, mediation and persuasion of our Telugu Medium Old Students who happened to be the members of the same Club distributed nearly 150 pairs of uniforms to the deserving students. The Chief-guest in his address insisted that any curriculum without value education will not form the bright future of the nation. He acknowledged that he was happy and proud to associate himself with Loyola Telugu Medium School, which imparts value - based curriculum and student- centered education. In turn Loyola High School Management and Staff reciprocated and appreciated the initiative of the old students and their sensitive response to the needs of the poor. Fr. Uvari Anthony awarded the prize winning amateur student artists who participated in the drawing competition. Fr. Andrew placed on record the generous gesture of Annapurna Stone Crushers who sponsored football shoes and kit to promote and encourage enthusiastic Loyola Football Team Members. The day ended with a short and thematic cultural gala.

Kudos to the Village Reconstruction Organization (VRO) Operational Director, Fr. Santiago, who after three years of tireless fiercely focused Ignatian efforts, made sure that the year-end balance sheet showed surplus. The original aim and intention slowly gained acceptance and a steady overhauling paved the path for people -centered self-reliant VRO. Fr. Amar participated in the seminar on "Lay Collaboration" held at Christ Hall, Calicut from 16th to 18th of August by the South Zone as part of the meaningful preparation for the bicentenary celebrations of "The Restoration of the Society of Jesus". - **Sch. G. Naveen Kumar**

GUDLAVALLERU :

August on the 15th was a remarkable day in the parish; perhaps, it is first time in the history of Gudlavalleru Parish! We had an aged and widows gathering on that day. We expected around a 100 and odd aged widowers and widows; but, to our surprise, we had around 190 people attended this gathering! the Church was packed. We had one hour of praise and worship along with Rosary followed by a Eucharistic celebration. The Catechism Children entertained the aged with their dances. After the Eucharistic celebration all of them were given a good meal. They felt that it is nice to gather perhaps once in 3 months for their own spiritual nourishment. The aged left for their villages after the Independence Day celebrations with joy in their heart and felt



they too are valuable to the Society. The Parish Priest requested their valuable prayers for the Parish and for the people because their prayers will be answered soon by God. Fr. Selvin visited the Parish to evaluate the self help groups of this Parish on 18th. He celebrated the Eucharist on 18th Sunday and after that he addressed the women's group. At present we have three groups running under the Loyola Self Help Group and three more new groups wanted to join LSHG. Our LSHG has been very faithful in repaying the loan. This help through the Province is really helping the poor not to depend on the money lender with huge interest rates and a relief to the poor of Yahweh. At present the Parish is busy with the diocesan Scholarship programme. I am grateful to ALC Community for arranging special thanksgiving mass on the occasion of my final commitment - **N. Mathew**.

ANANDA JYOTHI NOVITIATE :

The months of July and August remind us of the greatness and blessings of God upon us. First of all, the internal as well as the external preparation for the feast of our Founder, St. Ignatius through novena prayers and decorations indeed made it a memorable one for all of us. In addition to these, Fr. Thamburaj's (of Madurai Province) seminar on 'Ignatian spirituality and personality', just before the feast, from 24th to 27th of July, all the more helped us spiritually and intellectually. We thank him profoundly for all his inspiring talks and input sessions. On 31st we had feast day Eucharist presided over by Fr. Chinnaih of Pastoral Centre. The evening was marked by the enriching prayer service conducted by the scholastics for all the invitees of different religious communities. It was very well appreciated. The cultural event that evening with full of humour and message held the audience spellbound. All our guests told us that they indeed had a whale of time! The feast of Assumption of Mother Mary and the Independence Day, were celebrated with full gusto with a creative

mass in which Fr. Director's homily on Motherhood of Mary was very inspiring! One of the novices, Kireeti, filled us with the spirit of patriotism with his inspiring speech highlighting that we should never forget the struggle that our freedom fighters underwent in obtaining Independence for us. The very next day we had a recollection given by Fr. Emmanuel SJ. He stressed on the importance of detachment in our lives in order to be ever free to follow Christ. We thank him for imbibing in us the quality of detachment. The course on Psalms given by Fr. James Victor of Thoothukudi diocese from 19th of 22nd of August indeed enlightened all the first years on how to pray with the Psalms. Kudos to Fr. James Victor for his valuable course! - **Saji NSJ**

LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, PULIVENDULA :

The community was revamped spiritually after a day of community orientation by Rev. Fr. Esthaky Selvaraj at Krishnapuram. Community orientation at Krishnapuram – a resting place of Jesuit pioneers also instilled in us the spirit of Magis and a thirst for frontiers. Kudos to Fr. Arokiasamy and his Polytechnic team for securing 70% results in the exams. Fr. Xavier Rex gave an orientation to the staff of Polytechnic College. His inspiring talks and thought provoking reflections left the staff in awe and wonder. In this time of trial and testing, we were comforted with the presence of Fr. Provincial and the commission members to evaluate the ongoing problem in the Polytechnic College. Fresher's day was organized in the Polytechnic College. Fr. Arokiasamy, the Principal, & Fr. Papaiah enthused and inspired the students with their talks while Schs. Marian and Sagar conducted a prayer service. A word of appreciation to Fr. Amal for being a cause to get good results in the Loyola Degree College. We have good admissions to the Degree College this year. A week long celebrations were organized in both the institutions to commemorate the Feast day celebrations of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Fr. Rex gave us a community recollection highlighting the vision of St. Ignatius in the lives of modern Jesuits. The staff and students of Loyola institutions, Pulivendula expressed solidarity with the people of Samaikyandhra by taking out rallies and organizing dharnas. - **Sch Marian**

BIRTHDAYS :

September

- 19 S Naveen Xavier B
- 20 P Amalanathan MV
- 21 P Gnana Selvin Raj M
- P Selvaraj M
- P Anil P Kumar P
- 23 S Suresh Kumar B [1 June]
- 28 P Macedo Royce W

October

- 02 P Esthaky Selvaraj A
- 03 P Melchior S [16 June]
- 06 P Prasad Lankapalli
- 10 P Jeyaseelan A
- S Pavan Vinay K
- 12 P Santiago A
- P Rex Angelo A
- 13 S Balakumar B
- 16 P Balaswamy T

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