

immensely happy to have Fr.AmarRao with us for four days and it was a wonderful and different experience as we shared our life journey here at DNC. He encouraged all of us with his thought provoking reflections during the mass and also shared his expectations of the Society on the final day of his visitation. We had a wonderful and sumptuous dinner with PCF. We were also happy to have with us Fr.Kulandairaj and our friend and professor Fr.L.Prasad on the same occasion. Sch.Vijay organized **Taru Mitra Bala Mela** in the campus and it was well appreciated and the response of the children was beyond our expectation. All of us said in one voice **abba, abba, yentabagachesadu manodu**. Vijay is also going to attend a seminar in the month of December and he is also elected as the living group leader. Sch.YesuRatnam had successfully completed his tenure as the kitchen coordinator. He worked tirelessly even though there was some initial difficulty in speaking in Marathi to workers and now he is fluent in Marathi, hope he won't switch over to Poona province. Sch.Jayaraju, our coordinator, is also getting ready to lay down his office and we are yet to know who would be succeeding him. Jaya has been doing a wonderful job as a good and smart leader; hope his successor would complete his unfinished tasks successfully. We are glad to inform you that four of our philosophers had rocked the entire JDV day programme with their active participation. Sch.Naresh was in charge for the Eucharistic celebration for JDV day. It was well organized and very meaningful. We are also actively getting ready for the DNC play which is going to be in the month of January. We request all the province members to remember us in your prayers as we enter the season of Advent so that we may deeply experience the mystery of incarnation in our lives.

- **Sch.Vela S.J.**

BERKELEY:

In U.S the season of Thanksgiving and Christmas has begun. Thanksgiving seems to be a great National and Social event for a nation and for individual families. These are the days of fellowship and coming together socially and religiously depending on the religious convictions. As usual modern secularism commercializes the events and the consumeristic culture simply succumbs to it. My Fall semester sabbatical programme gets over by mid Dec and I move to New York and Washington for Christmas and New year. By mid January I will be in Bellarmine my alma mater in Rome for further sabbatical programmes and return to the Province by March 1st. I have been keenly studying the universities here in Santa Clara, San Francisco and Los Angeles. I will also be looking into the Jesuit Universities in New York, Washington, Philadelphia and Boston. We have a lot to learn by sending our province men from the higher education sector. It will benefit

a lot for our Province. The provinces in U.S are coming together and getting amalgamated for better efficiency and witness. One can see how the U.S has moved from Mission establishments to school education and then to massive Universities (28 of them) and now value based Justice ministries, Law and socio-political sciences.

As it is already Advent by the time Vani appears, Dominic Sundar and I send Our Christmas Wishes to the Provincial and everyone in the Province. - **Fr. V. Amalanathan**

SATYANILAYAM :

The month of November was filled with plethora of events. The events brought all of us together to experience the oneness in heart and mind. All over the Society of Jesus, there is a great jubilation as we recall the 200 years of our Restoration. There could be no better way of celebrating this restoration by contributing our mite in the restoration of our eco-systems, one of the present frontier missions of the Society. Hence, on this All Souls Day (02 Nov 2013), we, the members of SatyaNilayam community embarked on a noble celebration of the Restoration by planted 200 saplings of timber organized by its **ECO CLUB**. The entire community was involved in this celebration – the Jesuit scholastics, the Teaching and administrative staff, the co-workers of the farm, kitchen, library, academic office, and even our regular parishners from outside. “**Live deep – Begin a new life**” was our theme for the Mass on that day which was apt both for all souls day and the planting day. Fr.Jagadish was a celebrant of the Eucharist and his presence did make a difference. Kudos to Sch.K.Ravi co-ordinator of Eco Club for organizing it meticulously.

Our community days were held on Nov 4th & 5th. As it was in full swing, our hearts were filled with an immense joy and the whole campus was pervaded with jubilation and there were full of cheers everywhere. It was an occasion of coming together to enrich one another. The efforts and services rendered by **Sch. S.Vijay** as a core committee member was highly commendable.

A work shop cum Triduum on “**Affective Maturity**” by Fr. Kevin SJ of Irish province was conducted which stressed and emphasized the need for maturity of thought and behaviour in our day today relationships in our Ministry.

Sch. Ravi Kumar SJ attended a 10 day national seminar on “**Towards a culture of Inter Religious Harmony**” at Sameeksha at Kaladi in Kerala from Nov 11-21. He is back with a rich experience. As a culmination of the same, a two day seminar was organized in the University of Madras and in SatyaNilayam on **The Dimensions of Inter Religious**

Experience on Nov 22&23.The seminar highlighted the richness of diversity of religions and exhorted the constructive dialogue among the religious leaders to avoid conflicts and misinterpretation of other religious texts and to promote peace and harmony in the country. Now our semester exams are on and we are busy grappling with the worldviews and Reality.

- **Sch. S. Karunakar SJ**

VOCATION PROMOTION:

Fr. Stephen and **Sch. A. Prabhu** are busy going around, inspiring young minds and promoting vocations for the Society. **Fr. Stephen** has visited **Nalgonda and Warangal** dioceses and some parts of **Hyderabad** Archdiocese besides some parts of **Viayawada, Kerala and Tamilnadu**. There are about 150 names which includes 40 from Kerala and 45 from Tamilnadu. Celebrating Eucharist in these places creates vocation culture so father preached about the call of our Lord and our response to the same. He also inspired the catholic families as he talked about the need to promote vocations and to bring up the children in catholic faith and in certain basic values. **Sch. Prabhu** went around **Khammam** diocese and some parts of **Mahabubnagar** in the month of September. Later he also visited **Nellore, Guntur** and some parts of **Vijayawada** diocese. He also had a chance to give an orientation programme for the staff and students in few schools and colleges.

The vocation promoters are very grateful to the province and **Fr. Provincial** for placing trust in them and guiding them with constant support. Thanks to the commission members for their support and suggestions. We express our thanks to all our communities and other people who received us well with utmost generosity and hospitality.

There are a few new initiatives taken this year for better promotion of vocations such as Calendar preparation, Creating Website, facebook accounts, Preparing Brochures in different languages like English(Revised Version), Hindi, besides the already existing Telugu, Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada brochures, Meeting Vincent de Paul volunteers, Jyothirmai animators and Jesus youth groups.

The vocation promoters have planned to intensify the selection process of the candidates to ensure good quality in vocations such as, visiting the families to know their family background, health profile, academic performance, interest and spiritual orientation of the candidates and interviews by a few experienced Jesuits.

The vocation promotion **commission meeting** was held on the 03rd of October, 2013 in Andhra Loyola college residence during which certain key issues were discussed and a few

problems were addressed. The **General body meeting** for vocation Promotion was held on the 17th of November in Satyodayam and about 15 participants were present for the same. It began with the Holy Eucharist presided over by **Fr. M. Kishore SJ**. He spoke about the challenges involved in Vocation promotion and the necessity of God's Grace in the mission.

The meeting began with a prayer by Fr. Stephen and the members actively contributed to the meeting with their valuable suggestions and concerns. Fr. Provincial appreciated the vocation promoters for their good and hard work. He mentioned that vocation promotion is a challenging task and it is a challenge to every religious congregation and provinces in the world. The meeting concluded at 12:45 PM with a sumptuous dinner. Thanks to **Satyodayam** community and **Frs. Benny and George Stephen** for their hospitality! We pray that the Lord continues to inspire many zealous and young men to join the Society and serve Him and His people!

- **Fr. A. Stephen & Sch. A. Prabhu**

LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, NALLAPADU:

October and November calendar of Loyola Institutions were filled with festivities, celebrations and visitations. After a weeklong Dasara holidays all the Hostel students returned joyfully to Loyola Hostel on 16th October to start the II term. Fr. Charles the Assistant General Treasurer visited our institutions on 30th October. Having understood the financial status of Loyola Public School, with a note of appreciation advised us to have a master plan of the campus and make it more relevant and outstanding. Fr. Anand and Sch. Naveen on 3rd November organized a Diwali celebration for the hostel students. The day was marked with interreligious prayer service highlighting the meaning and intention of the festival of lights and was followed by a sumptuous dinner. The festive day ended on a bright note with fireworks in the foot-ball ground. 9th November was a special day in the annals of Loyola Institutions. One of the Alumnus Lourdu Thomas Madanu along with Anil Kataru and Vana Chinnappa Chinnabathini was ordained priest by Most. Rev. Gali Bali Bishop of Guntur. The Sacramental Celebration was spiritual and meaningful. Thanks a million to the Jesuit Community, both teaching and non-teaching staff of Loyola Public School and Loyola High School for their meticulous planning, elaborate arrangements, elevating choir, evocative liturgy and delicious fellowship meal.

Two senior boys, two junior boys and two senior girls of Loyola High School once again proved their sportsmanship by getting selected to represent the District Football and Kho-Kho respectively. On 22nd November Victoria College of Pharmacy students conducted a health awareness camp for

the Telugu Medium students. This was an initiative of one of the old students who is studying pharmacy. Fr. Andrew duly appreciated all the pharmacy students for such a thoughtful and healthy gesture.

On 14th November both the Schools observed Children's day. Loyola Public School invited the newly ordained priest Fr. Lourdu Thomas to be the Chief Guest. Teaching and Non-teaching staff entertained the children with a creative cultural programmes. The chief guest appreciated the commendable service rendered by the Staff under the leadership of Uvary Antony. On the other hand the Telugu Medium School had a variety entertainment programme followed by prize distribution ceremony to the winners who participated in games and cultural competitions. Fr. Andrew gave away the prizes. Month of November ended on a note of gratitude with the visitation of Fr. Provincial.

-Sch. G. Naveen

S.I.C.J - TRIVANDRUM :

On 1st and 2nd November we attended a course on Social Analysis, given by Fr.M.K.George of Kerala province. It has given us a social bent of mind. On 13thNov we went to Jyothi Nilayam higher secondary school for the annual day. We were challenged by the excellent performance of the students. The cultural programme was mind-blowing. We had our PCF's annual visit on 13rd of Nov. His visit was an enriching experience to all of us. On 9th Nov all the Principals of Jesuit colleges in India visited after their meeting. The feast of St.Berchmans was celebrated with great joy that ignited all our hearts both internally and externally. All the southern provincials celebrated the Holy Mass and their presence brought in life and cheers in the community. We were blessed by the visitation of the southern provincials. We could pour our hearts out to the provincial and it brought immense joy and peace to us as individuals and to the community at large. We thank God for this grace filled moments in our life.

- Sch. Joshua

LITDS - K.D. PETA :

"Save the Nature, the Nature will Save us" Our knowledge is widened! Our horizon is broadened! We are inspired! We are enlightened! Now, we know what is meant by development! We will fight for our rights! We will stand for justice! We will save our mother Earth! Now, we realize that in the name of development, our tribal lives are at stake! These were the deep down expressions of the tribal youth who attended a four-day training program on "Tribal Rights and Role of Tribal Youth in Protecting the Environment" organized by LITDS at K.D. Peta, sponsored by ISI Bangalore. About 52 tribal youth from G.K Veedhi and Koyyuru mandals of Vizag took part in this training program from 25.11.2013 to 28.11.2013.



Fr. Shailendra, SJ, Mr.Balakrishna from Green Planet Organization conscientized these tribal youth. Mr. Balakrishna engaged the group in exploring the concept of development and what really is happening in the name of the development viz. who benefits by this so called development and who are paying the price for such lop sided development.

Fr. Shailendra, SJ dealt with wide range of topics such as tribal situation today, challenges before tribal culture, role of tribal youth in the protection of environment and mechanisms of fundamentalists in co-opting tribal community into their fold. He has expounded the merits and demerits of deforestation, mining of Bauxite, Aluminum, Uranium, Coal, etc. He said, "Due to deforestation, there would be no rains and crops, wild life would be affected, water resources would decrease, earthquakes would occur, etc." He used several participatory methods such as group discussions, small inputs, screening of documentaries, etc.

The tribal youth who were inspired by this training program, made up their minds to keep up their culture and to save the nature by not cutting the trees, by not mining the natural resources, by not using plastics, etc. They also promised that they would spread this information in their villages by street plays, meetings and printing press. Fr. Elias, SJ is guiding us and keeping good health and warming up in the winter chill with chicks like poultry birds, Turkeys and guinea fowls etc

- Sch P. Praveen

ST. XAVIER'S AND LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOLS - SURYAPET:

This academic year 2013-14 was well planned and organized by the community members. The strength of the English medium school is 490. The credit goes to **Fr. Inna** because of his hard work and systematic plans. The Telugu medium strength is 330. At present the campus at Suryapet looks peacefully green. This year more Jesuits visited our campus and stayed for one or two days and enjoyed the hospitality of the community members.

There were many activities in the six months in both schools. The programmes were combined and organized together. We began with the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Independence Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day and the feast of St. Francis Xavier. Soon after the third unit test the English medium school organized a cultural week for the students. **Fr. Jeyaseelan** inaugurated the programme with zeal. He also motivated and encouraged the students to participate various events in order to bring out their hidden talents. We could see the competitive spirit among the students especially from 1st class to 10th class. On 30th November the cultural week ended with fancy dress and other programmes. **Fr. Prasad** (Holy Spirit) the chief guest distributed the prizes to winners. Thanks to Fr. Inna who organized this programme in a successful way.

On 1st December **Fr. Michael** and **Sch. Arun** organized a cultural programme for the inmates of Sneha Nilayam . The programme was given by Loyola hostel boys. As we are celebrating the bi-centenary jubilee celebration of the restoration of the Society of Jesus, on 2nd December both the schools organized a mini seminar for the teachers. **Fr. Inna** explained the origin, suppression and the restoration of the Society of Jesus to the staff by using LCD projector effectively and Impressively. Some of our staff members attended the seminar in both the places in Secunderabad and Vijayawada. These input sessions helped the teachers to understand the Society of Jesus and their work in a better way. On 3rd December the Telugu medium school celebrated the feast of St. Francis Xavier. A cultural programme was given by the students. **Fr. Inna** narrated the life history of St. Francis Xavier to the students.

The Jesuit community members at Suryapet are involved in various spiritual ministries. **Fr. S. Antony** is very busy giving retreats to various religious men and women congregations from North to South. **Frs. Jeyaseelan, Michael and Inna** are helping the neighbouring parishes by celebrating the Eucharist, hearing confessions and giving recollections to the people as well as the religious. At present the hostlers are very busy with their Christmas Carols and semi Christmas celebrations. In Loyola campus we could hear the tiny tots speaking in English .There is progress in their studies. The students are very seriously preparing for their Half Yearly Examination which will begin on 17th of this month. **- Fr. Michael Raj**

PROVINCE RESTORATION CELEBRATIONS : A Brief Report
The committee members (Frs. John Joseph, Amar rao, and Ravindra) of the restoration celebrations in our Province, met several times and designed a concrete action plan.

A) Seminar for our lay collaborators : It was held in Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada on 23rd November 2013. 250



collaborators from all over the province made the event a grand success. The participants were almost equal in both genders which augurs well for our commitment in sharing our works. The following topics were dealt with -The society of Jesus: Origin, Suppression and Restoration; Jesuit Contribution to Social, Pastoral, cultural and literary life of Andhra Church. The speaker were Frs. GAP Kishore, John Joseph, Sandanasamy, Peter Daniel, P.R. John, P.Jojayya and Dr. Srinivasa Reddy (ALC).

Some pertinent reflections and challenges were posed by our provincial and Mr.D.Abraham a well known social worker . The interaction sessions were marked by the spontaneous, frank, honest and open exchange of ideas and views between the speakers and the audience. The collaborators, at the end were filled with a sense of pride and joy for being a part of the glorious Jesuit Missions all over the world and also with a renewed, reinforced commitment and eagerness to contribute with much more enthusiasm.

The local executive committee comprising Frs. Ravisekher the Rector, GAP Kishore the Principal, P. Anil the Vice Principal and Br.Thomas the mess Incharge, carried out the preparations and execution with almost a clinical precision by focussing even on the minute details to ensure that everything was taken care of for a meaningful and highly enriching and engrossing celebration .

The Drama 'Chedirina Kala' which portrayed the struggles of our Missionaries in Paraguay had set a proper tone and mood for the seminar in the beginning. It was a sheer pleasure to watch a bevy of dance performances by the students. The audience was really in for a treat as it gorged on the rare speeches by the eminent speakers like Fr. Jojayya who got the best attention. .

B) A seminar for the clergy and the Religious : was held in Stayodayam, Secundrabad on 21st September 2013. The main

aim of this seminar was to spread the awareness of our Society's works among the clergy and the Religious inviting a renewed sense of collaboration, rapport and networking between the Jesuits and them. The topics and the speakers were the same as the seminar for lay collaborators.

All the presentations depicting the history and works of the society in the church of Andhra Pradesh were informative for learned audience. The interactive sessions were marked by frank and bold exchange of ideas views and challenges. The cooperation of the twin cities' Jesuits and Satyodayam community was invaluable in making the seminar very meaningful. Special thanks to Fr. George Stephen for looking after the food and venue arrangements and the committee members for their behind the screen work.

C) Release of the Audio CD, "Anthayu Nee Mahimake":

The communication commission headed by Fr. Ravindra brought out an audio CD on the Jesuit themes like AMDG, prayer for generosity, Ignatious, Francis Xavier ... etc. We hope it reaches far and wide and enable people to pray in a Jesuit way. We thank Fr. Provincial for his benovolent support and encouragement in this endeavour.

D)"Punaruthnam" a dance drama on the restoration: The communication commission with the help of kaladarshini team prepared a dance drama on restoration to perform in all our missions and institutions. Fr. Ravisekher has put in a lot of creative effort, which has resulted in a magnificent dance drama which will making rounds spreading the awareness of our restoration celebration. We thank Fr.D. Ravisekher and his dedicated team for their strenuous efforts. We thank Fr. Provincial for his encouragement in this venture too.

F) In the pipe line : a) A book on the lives of saints in Telugu by our Scholastics will be published soon.

b)A day of recollection and pilgrimage for jesuits on 18-01-2014 in kishanapuram the birth place of Chritian faith in Andhra Pradesh, is on the anvil. -Fr. Ravindra

ALC VIJAYAWADA :

After the long disturbing period of Samaikyandhra agitation, the college has conducted the Semester exams peacefully. However, like all other colleges which lost a number of working days due to the bundhs, the college is working even on Sundays as per the order from the DEH. The college is privileged to be one of the 41 colleges which were found

potentially capable to be upgraded into the status of a University in the country. But a lot more homework needs to be done to actually make this privilege applicable. The meeting of the Jesuit Lay Collaborators held in the college campus on 23rd November was a grand success. In spite of the heavy down pour and threats of a stormy cyclone more than 200 people turned up from all over the state. It was a moment of joy and pride for the entire society to review its mission in Andhra Province from different perspectives. The participants were highly pleased and returned charged with greater satisfaction. Fr. Provincial thanked the Organizing committee of the Bi-Centenary Jubilee and the community of Andhra Loyola College for organizing the seminar successfully. The short ballet 'Chedarina Kala', staged by the staff of ALC was impressive and touching. The community together with the staff and the catholic students in the college undertook a pilgrimage to Gunadalamatha Shrine. It was well-organized and everyone had a chance to express a deep devotion. The college has undertaken a sixty-hour-long adoration with the catholic students and seminarians in the college. The blessed sacrament was exposed from morning 8.30 to 6.30 for six days before 9th, the actual Foundation Day of the College. Students are taking part in deep fervor thanking God for the sixty long years of guidance from the providence.

Three of the college lecturers, namely Dr. Gumma Sambasiva Rao, Dept of Telugu, Dr. M.C. Rao, Dept of Physics, Dr. Shiva Kumari, Dept of Botany received the best Lecturer award from the Education Department of AP Government. Congratulations to them. The college is busy preparing for three major events in the coming months. On the 9th of December, a gathering of religious Alumni is arranged with a meaningful liturgy and sharing. The valedictory of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration in January and on the 9th of February the General Body meeting of the ALUMNI together with the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Gogineni hostel.

- D. Ravi

BIRTHDAYS :

January	13 P Aloysius T J
01 S Ashok Kumar B	P Amala Arockiaraj T
02 S Francis Showri M	14 P Prasad MA
S Yesurathnam K	S Avinash G
S Anil Kumar K	N Arika Ashok Kumar
09 P Victor Emmanuel G M	20 P Thomas Koyipuram
11 S Antony Prabhu A	21 P Antony S

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