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From the provincial's desk...

The Grace of Visitation

The last month was a month of intense grace for me. I began the visitations of the communities with a deep sense of my own limits to be privy to the graces at work in Ours. How good it is that the Society of Jesus hinges its mode of governance on the dual axis of *cura personalis* and *cura apostolica*.

Anticipating God's special ways with each one, it seemed fitting this time round to focus on *cura personalis*. The concern of the apostolic works, *cura apostolica*, would be taken care of at another time.

Respectful listening to each one gave me a sense of the way we are in God's hands. The depth of faith, the bedrock of each one's commitment, is a sacred moment to stop and thank God. The gentle challenge of the *magis*, creative imagination, and effective leadership to build Jesuit community is a brave task. The great desire of our communities is to be witnesses of the Lord by our lifestyle. Hospitality of the communities is commendable. Holy boldness in the mission of the community needs creative application. Times have changed; and change requires innovation.

As I look out of my office window at the Jesuit House, I see the sun setting on 2011. How majestic! The old year passes away. The new year is on the horizon. Memories of the past call for Thanks to God. The new brings in opportunities from God. Its challenge is new thinking and new possibilities. In all things may we keep faith with our mission.

The visitation focussed on the dreams of the old and the visions of the young. We have much to imbibe of the former's enthusiasm, and the creativity of the latter. It is so heartening that the seniors are still on their feet and doing the Lord's bidding. The Province is blessed with talented and generous young men ready to face up to new possibilities in the mission. Together we discern the old, assess the new, and use every opportunity to do everything for the greater glory of God.

Rosario Rocha SJ

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

Jan 03-21:	JDV Pune (Teaching, Visitation of Scholastics)
Jan 13:	Panjim (Meeting of Arch. Board of Educ)
Jan 14:	Loyola, Margao (Education Commission Meet)
Jan 23:	Prov. Consult (Jesuit House, Panjim)
Jan 27-30:	Satya Nilayam Chennai. (Visitation of Scholastics)
Feb 01-02:	St Paul's Belgaum (School Visitation)
Feb 03-04:	St Britto's Mapusa (School Visitation)
Feb 07-09:	XTC Desur (Visitation)
Feb 12-15:	Vidyajyoti Delhi (Visitation of Scholastics)
Feb 16:	XTTI Patna (Visitation of Scholastics)

APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father General has appointed:

Fr Severin Leitner General Consultor and Regional Assistant for Central-Eastern Europe (ECE) to replace Fr Adam Zak. Fr Severin was until now Rector of the Theologate at Innsbruck and Delegate for Formation of Jesuits in Europe.

Fr Kinley Joseph Tshering Provincial of Darjeeling. Fr. Kinley, is currently rector and principal of St. Joseph School, North Point.

Fr Vernon D'Cunha Provincial of Bombay (India). Fr. Vernon, currently Treasurer of the Province, was Master of Novices for many years.

Fr Gregory Naik Admonitor of the Provincial of Goa.

Fr Levis Gomes Socius to the Provincial wef from 01 April 2012. Meanwhile Fr Provincial has appointed **Fr Gregory Naik** Acting Socius for a period of three months from 1st January to 31st March 2012. (E-mail: sociusgoa@gmail.com)

With the approval of Fr General, the Secretary of the Society has appointed:

Fr Roy Sebastian Nellipuzhail (NEP) Assistant to the Director of the Communication and Public Relations Office at the Curia in Rome.

Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas (GOA) Under Secretary of the Society, initially for a period of three years. He will replace **Fr Ralph da Costa** (KAR). Fr Agnelo will depart on 23rd January night. Fr General conveys his sincere appreciation and thanks to Fr Agnelo for his many years of service as Socius and his good wishes and prayers to Levis and Gregory as they begin their period of service. Fr Provincial adds "On behalf of the members of the Province and on my own behalf, my deepest gratitude to Agnelo for his valuable help and timely counsel to me. His dedication and efficiency is remarkable. May our prayerful good wishes accompany him to his new mission in Rome."

With the approval of Fr General, Fr Provincial has appointed **Fr Patricio Fernandes** Province Coordinator of Formation (PCF) wef 3rd December

Fr Joseph Cardozo has been appointed Prefect of Spiritual Formation of all the Scholastics at Arrupe International Residence (Manila) . There are altogether 61 Scholastics (Juniors, Philosophers and Theologians).

Fr General has called **Fr Desmond Saldanha** to the Final Vows in the Society of Jesus. He will pronounce them at St Britto's School Chapel, Mapusa on 2nd February at 5.30 p.m. followed by dinner.

All the Jesuits are cordially invited. It would help if the Superior or Minister is informed.

PS: It is a custom in the South Asia Assistancy to assign Ours in the Common Works to specific communities in the Province. I assign **Fr Rui de Menezes SJ**, and **Fr Denzil Fernandes SJ** to St Paul's, Belgaum; **Fr Delio Mendonca SJ**, and **Fr Anthony da Silva SJ** to XCHR, Porvorim; and **Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas SJ** to Jesuit House, Panaji. The Superior of the respective house is encouraged to welcome, and keep in touch with their extended community members.

SACERDOTES IN AETERNUM

The Province is fortunate to have three more new priests in the persons of **Felix D'Silva**, **Orville de Silva** and **Richard d'Souza** who were ordained by Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao, the first two on 27th December at their native place Ambelim (South Goa) and the last at Mapusa. Both the functions were very well organized and well attended by a large number of the faithful. There were about 50 priests at each place, with Jesuits from all over the Province forming the majority that concelebrated the Holy Mass with the Archbishop and the newly ordained. Fr Provincial was present at both places. The Master of Ceremonies, **Fr Pedro Rodrigues**, trained both sets of Altar Servers who performed their duties with clockwise precision. **Fr Kelwin Monteiro** at Ambelim and **Mr Ian Pinto** at Mapusa kept the faithful *au courant* with what was happening during the celebration with their appropriate commentaries. The choirs at both places also rose up to the occasion, with some former Scholastics adding their well-trained voices in Ambelim.

JVIT Team

Maiden Christmas in Rome

There seems no better time to get inducted into the Curia community in Rome than at Christmas! It's been a splendid week of celebrations with a wonderful Christmas spirit of joy and sharing in the community. Being right next to St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican makes Christmas even more special. A quick walk to the Piazza enables you to join the global pilgrims and taste of the universal Church. There is always a "christian electricity" that charges through the crowds when they pray, cheer, sing or clap at events presided by the Pope.

The Curia community has 55 Jesuits from the nine Assistancies of the Society. Our Assistancy has 10 Indians working in the Curia. It's marvellous living in an international community with such a diversity of languages and customs. Italian is the lingua franca of the community. I enrol in an Italian language course in January 2012 at Padova, Northern Italy.

Two other Jesuit colleagues, **Frs. Gerry Blaszczak** (NYK) and Patxi Alvares (LOY) work with me on the Mission Commission. Together we are to spell out the three dimensions that characterize the Jesuit Mission today, namely, Faith, Justice and Collaboration. This new vision Fr. General will share eventually with the entire Society. Ongoing meetings with Fr. General and his counsellors have been thought provoking and creative. Fr. General seems clear that collaboration is the way forward for the Society in the 21st century.

Tony da Silva S.J.

INVITATION TO SADHANA INSTITUTE to celebrate Tony de Mello

It will be the 25th death anniversary of Tony de Mello on 2nd June, 2012. Sadhana Institute will be celebrating SPIRIT OF TONY during June 2nd - 4th, 2012. Since it so long ago that Tony passed away and people have either joined him or most have move to different communities since then the staff at Sadhana Institute requests all those who attended a Midi, Mini or Maxi Sadhana with Tony de Mello to contact isfjeyaraj@gmail.com so that we can send you an invitation to the 3 days celebration. We also gratefully request all Jesuits who know of any other religious or layperson who attend any of the Sadhana courses with Tony to please remind them about this occasion.

XCHR, Porvorim

Angelo da Fonseca Christmas Story is the theme of an exhibition of selected paintings of the famous Goa born painter at XCHR that was inaugurated on 6th December by **Dr Maria Aurora Couto** in the presence of the painter's wife **Mrs Ivy da Fonseca**. On display are 25 paintings that depict the Christmas story. Angelo (1902-1967) was born in St Estevam, Goa. On completing his schooling at St Vincent's High School, Pune, he studied science for two years at St Xavier's College, Bombay, and joined Grant Medical College. He scored a sensational 100% in anatomy during his two years in medical studies! But he left medicine, then applied for an agricultural course in Pune but left it and joined the Sir J. J. School of Art in Bombay to study art, his first love. Eventually he studied under Rabindranath Tagore in Kolkata and was subsequently condemned and expelled from Goa by the Portuguese Colonial Government for his paintings; he had painted the Virgin Mary in a traditional Goan sari. His paintings have been displayed in major cities worldwide, like Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, Cork and Lisbon. It is said that he has to his credit over 1000 water colours and oils, murals and paintings at places such as St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, De Nobili College, Pune, Rachol Seminary, and even at Missio Museum (Aachen, Germany). The Exhibition will close on Jan 6, but two more editions of the same artist are expected in the near future: one related to Lent and Passion and the other on various mixed themes.



JIVIT Team

TSKK, Porvorim

Thomas Stephens Konknni Kendr (TSKK) in combination with Xavier Centre of Historical Research (XCHR) organized a Christmas Get-together with the neighbouring Holy Family Parish. The gala Christmassy evening was held on the 17th December at TSKK premises. Its theme 'Re-living the Christmas Story' was a going 'back' to the beginnings: history of Christmas and Christmas related traditions like the crib, the Christmas tree, the three Kings, the carols and the shepherds. Their significance and changes over the years was well highlighted by the **Fr. Pratap Naik**, the former Director of TSKK, who ably compered the evening show in his inimitable style, evoking laughter and creating an appropriate mood fit for the occasion, subtly suggesting how it ought to be lived. The programme was organized mainly for the representatives of the 9 zones of the Parish. The young and the old of the parish took part. Melodious Konknni carols rent the otherwise sober precincts of TSKK. The Christmassy attire of the old and the bubbling spirit of the very young emphasized the Christmas message underlying the theme: joy, love and fellowship. The Director of TSKK, **Fr. Apollo Cardozo**, thanked the gathering.

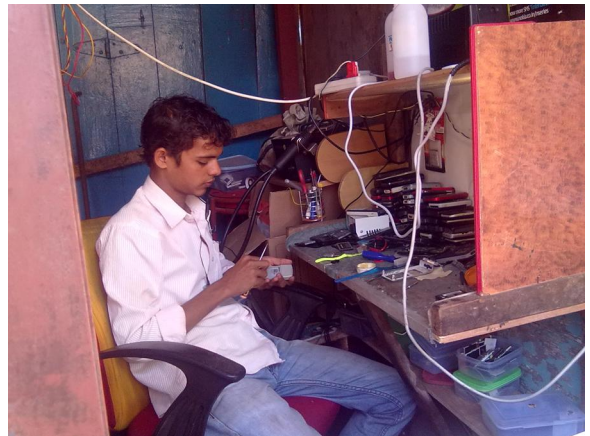
On 26th December, Doordarshan Goa invited Fr. Pratap for the Phone-in live Programme from 6 to 7 pm. He was interviewed by Ms Shakila Sheikh on various aspects and customs related to Christmas. Viewers of the programme from different parts of Goa too asked him various questions related to Christmas: the crib, carols, Christmas tree, Christmas cards, Santa Claus the origin of the name Christmas and Natal etc.

Ephraim Gracias S.J./Pratap Naik S.J.

Rashid: A saga of a Rising Star

A few days ago, when I had gone to arrange for a session on, “the use of the internet,” for the students of the computer course in the SWADES' run computer centre, I bumped into a familiar looking young lad, who was waiting to meet me. He introduced himself as Rashid Riyaz Alwad, a beneficiary of the mobile repairs and a computer hardware networking course, organized and conducted by SWADES, more than a year ago in collaboration with “Overseas Employment Agency and NRI Affairs, Goa”. Rashid was beaming with joy and eager to share his success story. Rashid hails from Thane-Dongurli, a quiet village away from the city humdrum in the Sattari taluka of North Goa district. He is the eldest of the three sons of Mr. Riyaz Alwad a brick kiln industry labourer who migrated to Thane-Dongurli about 24 years ago. He has somehow hitherto managed with much difficulty to feed and raise his family of five. Even today Mr. Riyaz earns about Rs. 4000 a month which is not enough to make ends meet. The labour exploitation by the brick kiln industry has compelled them to live in extreme poverty. Life became an endless toil for the family, for obtaining even the basic necessities.

One day as Rashid was casting about for some employment avenue, he came upon a mobilization drive at Valpoi by the trainer's team of SWADES. Eager to know more about the program, he made enquiries from Mr. Shiva Dhuri the then computer hardware trainer, about the criteria and benefits of the skill development program. He approached us and asked if he too could join the program and receive some training that would give him a decent job. Spurred on by hope and optimism, the very next day Rashid reached the centre with all the credentials required for enrolling into the course. After an interest inventory test conducted under the strict supervision of Vice Admiral, Mr. John D'Silva, the honorary chairman of “Overseas Employment Agency and NRI Affairs, Goa” he was selected among the batch of 14 students. He began his course in earnest, attending classes every day and carefully absorbing every training input. Within a few weeks, his confidence grew and he knew that if he continued to work hard he would certainly be able to get a good opening in the booming mobile industry. Apart from technical training and life skills, he also learnt several useful skills like budgeting, capacity enhancement, personality development, team work, sharing responsibilities, etc.



At the end of the four month course, we arranged a few days of special training for him at Agnel Technical Ashram. This further enhanced his confidence levels and entrepreneurship skills, which helped him to start a mobile repair shop in Valpoi. He mobilized and invested Rs. 10,000 in buying few tools and equipment required for the repair work. Initially the income was low. He saved money to buy more equipment and then his business picked up. Today after putting aside Rs. 50 per day as a rent amount for a ridiculously small space he has hired in a market place, he earns more than Rs. 1000 per day which amounts to more than Rs. 30,000 per month. If he continues to work with zeal like this, he has a very bright future ahead. Recently Rashid got an invitation from the Nokia mobile company to start a Nokia Mobile Service Centre in Goa. Rashid has already zeroed in on a place in Canacona to start the service centre. He has saved enough to buy a house in Valpoi and also pursue advanced studies in mobile technology. At the age 19 he has taken on the responsibility of the family on himself. He wants me to talk to Vice Admiral John D'Silva to fetch a job in the Indian Navy for his younger brother and wants to support his youngest sibling in studies. Rashid always dreamt about going abroad to make his fortune and nothing can stop him from realizing his dream now. He says every cloud has a silver lining. The skills I learned in SWADES Centre brought this silver lining in our life.”

Simon Fernandes, SJ

VIDYAJYOTI, Delhi

One of the exciting events over here is the yearly 'BAL MELA'. We have a fun day for all the children with whom we are involved in our weekly ministry, excluding the parishes. From the slums to the neighbourhood, a total of 575 children attended this event. We had a lot of outdoor games and cultural programme towards the end of the day. This year we celebrated this event on 27th November.

On the 4th of December, the Archbishop of Delhi, **Rt. Rev. Vincent Concessao** celebrated his Golden Jubilee. On this occasion, all the neighbouring parishes were assigned some parts of the celebration to take care of, namely, prayer dance, liturgy, altar serving and so on. Some of our brothers involved in the parish ministry were also involved in the same.

On the 8th and 9th of December, we had X'mas programme for the Tihar Jail inmates. **Sch. Jose Silveira** acted in the hindi play 'Ek Nayi Asha', whereas **Sch. Santosh Vaz** was assigned the job of sound management for the cultural programme and **Sch. Joseph Nazareth** was involved with the buying of gifts along with Santosh and many others. It was indeed a wonderful experience to visit this famous prison for the first time.

We were very much disturbed during our exams as one of our

professors, **Fr. George Keerankeri**, was serious in the hospital. We were not able to focus totally on our studies. His exams on the Gospel of Matthew and Sermon on the Mount were cancelled because of this. His province men (Kerala) took utmost care of everything along with the staff of our residence. When finally, on 16 December, the Father breathed his last, Joseph, along with some others took care of the funeral arrangement like buying flowers. Jose, as usual took care of the choir. **Archbishop Vincent Concessao** presided over the Eucharist.

We really feel happy when our province men visit us. This month too, we relished the presence of our dear **Frs. Savio Abreu and Kelwin Monteiro**. We would like to say a word of thanks to both for visiting us, their younger brothers who really appreciate their kind gesture of love and concern.

Jose Silveira S.J.

DIVYA DARSHAN, Sawantwadi



"Divya Darshan", the recently acquired house in Sawantwadi, was blessed by **Bishop Alwayn Barreto**, Bishop of Sindhurdurg on Dec 18th at 12.15 p.m. The provincial **Fr Rosario Rocha** first cut the ribbon, then a prayer service was held and then Bishop blessed the house going through all the rooms. Many Jesuits coming from Goa, Belgaum and Ajra, together with some diocesan Fathers, Sisters and lay people from Sawantwadi took part in the blessing of the house which was followed by a nice get together and meals. **Fr Paul Ankush** had worked tirelessly for the last few months to get in order the house which lies on Sawantwadi-Belgaum road, some 2 kms from the city. It is named "Divya Darshan" (Divine Vision) on account of the beautiful view one can get from the house. Fr Ankush will carry on looking after the house. The province thanks him for all the trouble taken to organise the blessing.

Cecil Fernandes S.J.

ST PAUL'S, Belgaum

Christmas at St Paul's

This year for a change the students of St Paul's visited a number of places for Carol singing. This included Deshnur, Nesargi, Madhanbhavi, Nirmal Nagar hospital and hostel, Karunalaya home for the aged, other hostels, seminary, and parishes. The students impressed everyone with their melodious voices and playing the carols with instruments (brass band). They were accompanied by **Fr Cecil, Fr Mathew, Bro Solon, Mr Anthony** and the band master **Mr Bajantri**. Sweets and fruits were distributed.



The school crib was the centre of attraction. The theme was "All things bright and beautiful the good God made them all" depicting the beautiful world with waterfalls, fountains, snowy hills, lush green fields, river and bridges, flower pots etc. The crib was made by the drawing master **Mr Karu Wagh**, Fr Cecil and the peons.



Dec 22nd: A Christmas programme was organised by the hostel boys in front of the hostel. Ex-hostelites, well wishers and the Jesuit community were present for the programme which was followed by dinner. The girls of the Community College too put up items on the occasion. Fr Mathew and Bro Solon worked very hard to train the hostelites.

On Dec 23rd Christmas was celebrated for the students. They put up carols and a meaningful

Christmas skit and the staff too contributed by way of a dance based on Carols. **Fr Eusebio**, the parish priest, was the chief guest.

Paulite Reunion

Dec 23 was also a day for the Paulite reunion. Students, ex-students with their family members, well wishers, Jesuits, staff and ex staff took part in the reunion. 1557 people participated in the reunion which consisted of students from the '60s to the present generation. **Bishop Peter Machado** blessed the gathering. This was followed by games, dances, dinner and three rounds of housie. It was very well organised and we hope to make this an annual feature. The Paulites of Belgaum Worldwide have donated three water coolers to the school, whilst the 1986 batch have donated a sum of Rs one lakh to install an LCD projector in the school hall.



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Smart Classes

With the introduction of Smart Classes, St Paul's has now become hi-tech. The teachers are equipped to teach with the help of the LCD which has increased the enthusiasm of the students. Cameras too have been installed in every class and corridors to monitor the discipline and security. **Fr Roland** and **Fr Mathew** have worked very hard to get all these projects implemented. With **Fr Alban** and **Fr Cecil** as their support, we now have a wonderful team to carry on the good work in the school.

Cecil Fernandes S.J.

The Departed

Fr Jose Luis Lopetegui (GUJ)	04/12	84/64.
Fr Joseph Lombart (MAP)	04/12	83/65
Br Oscar Rodericks (JAM)	08/12	80/55
Fr Hilarius Toppo (RAN)	10/12	84/61
Fr Mathew Kochupura (GUJ)	11/12	57/35
Br Joseph Alvares (KAR)	12/12	85/66
Fr George Keerankeri (KER)	16/12	67/49
Fr Ignatius Ddungdung [RAN]	18/12	59/70
Fr Joseph Paul Chianese (SRI)	21/12	95/79
Mgr Francis Braganza (GUJ)	21/12	89/73
Fr Paul de La Gueriviere (MDU)	21/12	91/70
Fr Valiaveetil Chacko (MDU)	29/12	81/59
Br. Thomas Daniel (PUN)	02/01	45/81

Birthday Wishes go out to

January

15 Shawn D'Souza
17 Simon D'Melo
30 Anand D'Souza

February

06 Alban D'Souza
09 Rinald D'Souza
10 Leslie Francis
12 William Rodrigues



Happy

Birthday...

Keep running.....