



# Fide et labore

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## Principal's message

### Inspire others through 'faith and toil'



The effectiveness of any institution depends on the role various stake-holders play. St Joseph's College is privileged to have Alumni with strong loyalty to the institution. A chapter of the Alumni is already established in Coorg. In the years ahead, we hope to have more of those chapters in different parts of the country. The 40th get-together of the batch of 1969 was another moving incident.

They not only came together to re-live memories but also to think of others. The group has already contributed more than a lakh for a midday meal fund. There are others who give so that those who do not have could have a meaningful education. Many others have supported the institution through different ways. Former students have dropped in to give lectures, to be resource persons at seminars and to be in the Board of Studies. Gratitude has been the hall mark of the Josephites and I want to express my sentiments of gratitude to all of them. The present team of officials has done a wonderful work with the Association. The former team has supported the present group.

The institution has plans ahead. An autonomous college needs endowments. The former students have established some medals for rank holders. We need another twenty with Rs 40,000 each. We shall also be putting up a hall to accommodate at least 1500 students. To help the marginalised, scholarships are essential. The College has not kept out students for lack of financial resources and that policy of the management would continue. Only a college of concern and compassion can form students for transformation. The management would like the former students to partner with the College in educating the marginalised and help out in various add on courses and programmes. Since we have received much, we should be able to give much to contribute to a society of concern.

The annual get-together of the Alumni is indeed an occasion for celebration, fellow feeling and planning. We gather round the motto of "Faith and Toil" and witness the faith and toil of past students and how they have made it to their present levels of life. After all, life is all about faith in God and one another and toil is the tool that makes our life successful. May we be able to inspire many others in and through our lives and works to that motto of ours, "faith and toil".

### Gold medals established by Alumni

The following persons have contributed towards the establishment of medals for the rank holders

1. **Jayamala N. Jagdale** has donated Rs 2 lakhs in memory of her husband Nagarajan Jagdale for five medals for toppers in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Zoology and Botany.
2. **1987 PEM and PCM** batch of students has established a medal for an all-round student in Physical Sciences.
3. **Claude Sinnas** has established a medal in memory of his son Vinod Sinnas for the topper in Computer Science.
4. **S. G. Raveendra** has established a medal in the name of Ms Seethalaxmi for the topper in History.
5. A gold medal has been established in the name of **Late Vinod Sinnas** for the topper in Computer Science.
6. **Coorg Alumni** has established a gold medal for the topper in Political Science.
7. **Samir Akbar** has established a gold medal for the topper in Industrial Relations.

### Contributions for flood victims requested

During the Alumni Reunion Day to be held on October 25, generous contributions from the Alumni/ae will be received for the cause of the victims of the recent floods in North Karnataka.

## Reunion 2008

# Over 300 gather for the annual reunion 08

Alumni had its annual reunion on Sunday, November 16, 2008 at the College premises. It was a day of sharing, reliving and uniting for all Josephites who came from far and near. Both older and newer batches were well represented. It was a wonderful sight to see people, both old and young, interacting with one another.

Mr Lakshminarayana, secretary to the Chief Minister of Karnataka, spoke as a representative and as the Secretary of the association. "It is wonderful to be back on the campus. We are all proud of being Josephites. Whatever I am today is because of this great institution," he said.

Principal, Fr Ambrose duly acknowledged the support of the alumni to the College in many different areas. "Alumni members have gone out of the way to help us voluntarily. We need to build up a strong alumni association to further strengthen our bonds. This will be possible if the Alumni officials are represented



It was a day of reliving old memories of student days for those who gathered

by various batches," he said.

The College cultural team enthralled the audience with its unique dance performance. Over 300 alumni/ae attended the reunion.

# World Congress of Jesuit Alumni/ae



The new Council of the World Jesuit Alumni/ae

The Seventh World Congress of Jesuit Alumni/ae was held between 22-27 July 2009 at Bujumbura, Burundi. It was the first ever Congress in the African continent. Indian delegation was of 20 members comprising 11 Alumni/ae (2 woman) & 9 Jesuit Fathers. St. Xavier's College (Cal) Alumni Association, Kolkata, represented by 6 members was the largest.

North Zone had 9 delegates, followed by 5 from South and 3 each from Central & West. The Indian delegation was the largest national delegation.

The 35th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus has focussed Africa and hence, the Congress was christened as "Hope" and the theme was "For a better Africa: What have we done? What are we doing? What should we do?"

The Congress began with a Mass, followed by an inauguration by the Vice President of Burundi – a Jesuit Alumna. Throughout the Congress experts and scholars discussed problems being faced by Africa and possible solutions on alleviating the

same.

The Indian Federation was given a special slot to show case its projects & progress. JAAI Secretary, Naresh Gupta along with Rev. Fr. Felix Raj, Conrad Gonsalves & Ronald D'costa, presented a power point presentation to highlight our achievements. Since there are no Universities in Great Lakes region, hence, Indian delegates invited Africans to come to India for higher studies. They were also assured of scholarships.

On the 4th day Superior General Ref. Fr. Adolfo Nicholas, addressed the Congress. He also presided over the evening Mass and blessed every one.

St Joseph's College Alumni Association was represented at the World Congress by Mr Ranjit Rawal.

The next congress will be held at Medellin, Colombia, Latin America in Aug/Sept. 2013.

## Alumni bid farewell to President



The Alumni Association of the College bid farewell to its President, Mr Frank Noronha on January 30 at the College. Mr Noronha has been promoted as the Director General of Press & Information Bureau, and thus has been posted to Delhi.

In his address Principal, Fr Abrose lauded the many initiatives that Mr Noronha took to revive the College Alumni. "Despite his illness, Mr Frank Noronha was a man full of life and always cheerful. He never complained of his illness. Those who went to meet him came back rejuvenated," he said.

In his farewell speech, Mr Frank Noronha said that whatever he had become in life was purely due to the role played by SJC. "I was a mere village boy. I did not know how to speak English. It was Fr Julian who was teaching English in the College and others who took interest in me and taught me English and important values in life. It was indeed an honour to be the President of Alumni to give back at least something back to the College from which I have received so much. I assure to do whatever I can in the future as well," said Mr Noronha.

The Association honoured him with a shawl for his services and his achievement to reach the topmost position in PIB.

## '69 batch contributes funds for mid-day meals

1969 batch of the alumni have contributed substantially for the mid-day meal scheme of the College. The College wants to place on record their generosity in helping poor students get their mid-day meal free at the College.

Date	Name	Amount
04.08.2009	Canara Bank	25,000.00
04.08.2009	Indian Overseas Bank	30,000.00
04.08.2009	Prof. B R A Rao	10,000.00
04.08.2009	Dr. T Balasubramanyam	15,000.00
04.08.2009	Cash Collected	26,000.00
04.08.2009	Prof. C R Pranesachar	2,000.00
15.10.2009	Mr. Lokaraj	10,000.00
15.10.2009	Cash Collected	13,000.00
15.10.2009	Stephen Paul	1,000.00
15.10.2009	Shankar K	1,000.00
15.10.2009	No Name	1,000.00
15.10.2009	No Name	2,000.00

## Prof. Clement attends Jesuit alumni meet



The South Zone Jesuit Alumni conference was held on December 28 and 29, 2008, at Loyola College, Vijayavada, Andhra Pradesh. Fr Francis D' Mello S.J, former Provincial of the Bombay Jesuit Province, gave the keynote address. He spoke on the theme of the conference "A Fire that kindles other Fires".

He emphasised that a teacher could be a catalyst in kindling other fires – if he/she uses role-plays, fantasy exercise & group dynamics in teaching.

The other two sessions spread over the next two days programme were by Dr Jaya Prakash Narayan, IAS and an alumnus of the College on "Men & Women for others"; and one by Sri Lagadapatti Rajgopal, MP, Vijayavada, also an alumnus of the college on "profession & service".

The philanthropic attitude of the alumni was visible at the conference. They raised Rs 80 lakhs and more for starting a school for the poor children in just two days.

Finally, the programme concluded with Dr.Y.S Rajashekar Reddy, Honorable Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, an illustrious alumnus of Andhra Loyola College, gracing the occasion. He lauded the role of Jesuits in education.

# Alumni chapter opened at Coorg



The alumni committee members who were present included Fr Ambrose Pinto, Principal, Fr Melwyn Pinto, Alumni director, Mr Lakshminarayana, Alumni president, and Mr David Sagayaraj, Alumni Vice-president.

What do you think could motivate a 93-year-old army man to drive up to a civilian function with child-like enthusiasm? It was the prospect of rekindling fond memories that brought Col Chengappa to Serenity Hall, Virajpet, on September 6, 2009. That was the venue for a get-together of the Coorg chapter of our alumni.



Col. Chengappa

The event, which saw over 100 excited people converge at the Serenity Hall, was a resounding success. The gathering included alumni and their families. Several distinguished alumni were felicitated at the event.

# Governor unveils commemorative stamp

It was a moment of great honour on the campus on August 1, 2009 when the Governor of Karnataka, Sri Han-sraj Bhardwaj presented to the College the commemorative postal stamp.

The stamp with the picture of the erstwhile stone façade was formally unveiled by the Governor in the presence of Mr Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communication and Technologies, Mr N.A.Haris, MLA of Shantinagar Assembly constituency, Fr Francis Serrao, the Provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province, Fr Terence, the Rector, Fr Ambrose Pinto, the Principal and Mr Laxminarayana, President of Alumni.

Governor, Sri Bhardwaj highlighted the contribution of minorities in the field of education. "There is no parallel to the contribution made by the minorities in the field of education. The missionaries are serving because of the faith given to them by Jesus Christ which inspires them to work in the remotest corners of the



(L-R): Rector, Fr Terence farias SJ, Governor, H. R. Bhardwaj, Minister, Sachin Pilot, Principa, Fr Ambrose Pinto SJ.

world. It is a mandate given to them by the Almighty, to spread knowledge," he said, adding, "The minorities have contributed significantly to the country, however, their services have not been documented."

The Governor deemed knowledge as the basis for achievement. "Knowledge has no parallel. It is the greatest purifier of soul. And unless one's soul is purified, one cannot be a scholar, as one can be misled by other con-

siderations," he added. He further said that knowledge was free and it should be borrowed from all parts of the world.

Quoting from various scriptures, Sri Bhardwaj called India a great civilisation that should not witness discrimination against her own countrymen. "India is a secular State and all religions have freedom to practice their own faith according to their conscience," he opined.