



# Fide et Labore

Once a Josephite always a Josephite

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## Principal's message

### Jesuit institution is what is lived by Alumni/ae



It feels good to pen a few lines for the first time for the SJC alumni/ae news letter. St. Joseph's alumni/ae are spread across the globe. When the Jesuit alumni/ae meet, what

brings them together is surely not just a romantic sentiment, not merely the good memories of the past, but rather the conviction that they believe in. A shared past has a common future. The privilege of the good education all of you have received holds out at the same time a challenge to reach out to the less privileged.

About 40 years ago Fr Pedro Arrupe, the former Superior General of Jesuits, had delivered an inspiring speech at the International Congress of Jesuit Alumni at Valencia in Spain. He had said, "Today our prime educational objective must be to form men-and-women for others..... people who cannot conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbours;

men and women completely conceived that love of God which does not issue in justice for others is a farce."

We are called therefore, as Jesuit alumni/ae, to humanise the world. Fr Pedro Arrupe specifies what it means:

What is to humanise the world if not putting it at the service of mankind? But the egoist not only does not humanise the material creation, he also dehumanises people themselves. He changes people into things by dominating them, exploiting them, and taking to himself the fruit of their labour. The tragedy of it all is that by doing this the egoist dehumanises himself: He surrenders himself to the possessions he covets; he becomes their slave no longer a person self-possessed, but an un-person, a thing driven by his blind desires and their objects.

To humanise the world, one has to be in solidarity with our less fortunate ones. Solidarity is achieved through "contact" rather than through "concepts". When the heart is touched by direct experience, the mind may be

challenged to change. St Joseph's is a laboratory where students come from different social, economic, cultural and religious backgrounds, tried successfully to live and work in harmony, tolerance and friendship. This experience must help to build bridges among the various communities, to promote inter-religious, inter-cultural dialogue to work for the well being of one another.

As the wise saying goes, "A person must grow or die", we need ongoing programmes of reflection, which helps to open, to apply the values and principles we earned as youngsters in a Jesuit institution to discern clearly and to act creatively. You know that the best things about any Jesuit institution is not what is said about it, but what is lived by its alumni/ae. The ideal of Jesuit education calls for a life of intellect, a life of integrity and a life of justice and loving service to our humankind. May all us live up to the College motto 'Fide et Labore.'

- Fr Daniel Fernandes SJ

## Alumni in news

**Mr Pradeep Arya, IRS**, an alumnus of the College, from the batch of 1993, presently the deputy commissioner of income tax, has taken time to serve the country at regular intervals. He is commissioned as Lieutenant in the parachute regiment. He was commissioned in the Indian Army in 2009 and posted to the 106 Infantry Battalion, of the Parachute Regiment, through the Territorial Army

entry scheme after clearing the examinations at the Service Selection Board, [SSB] Bhopal.

### Re-elected to JAAI, south zone

Prof. Clement D'Souza, the staff co-ordinator of SJC Alumni/ae Association is re-appointed as the member of the council of Jesuit Alumni Association of India (South Zone). The term extends till

2012. Fr Denzil Lobo SJ of St Aloysius College, Mangalore, is the coordinator of Jesuit Alumni, Karnataka Zone.

### 13th south zone JAAI congress

Prof Clement D'Souza, represented our Alumni Association at the 13th South Zone JAAI Congress held on 8th & 9th of October 2011 at St Joseph's Boys High School.

## Reunion 2010

# Alumni rocks evening reunion



Release of the Alumni newsletter

They may have probably run around trees together, had common tea breaks, practiced dance steps, or perhaps, discussed about their future with each other at some point when they were on the campus in their yesteryears.

Such and many more nostalgic moments were recreated at St Joseph's College on Sunday, October 31, 2010 when over 300 old students gathered for the annual reunion.

Organised and hosted by the Alumni Association of the College, indeed the alumni/ae rocked the evening. Young, old, women, some with their family and kids, came together to feel the bond of being a proud Josephite and none could resist the temptation of shaking a leg or two for a dance finale that complimented the whole day's events.

At the inauguration, Principal Fr Ambrose Pinto said, "A College is known by its strong alumni. St Joseph's is fortunate to have one. The alumni association of the College has done so much for the College and has proved that together we can really do much."

The President of the Association, Mr Lakshminarayan said that the College was really the source behind all the success that individual students who passed out from here had achieved. "We are here today with all our credentials because of our alma mater," he opined.

Later on it was fun all the way. Groups of batches were seen huddling together

and cherishing their glorious moments in the College. Some of them were



Over 300 alumni members were present for the re-union

meeting each other after many years. The participants ranged from the batches as old as 1962 to those who passed out just recently.

It was a perfect time for the reunion of old students. "For the first time I attended the alumni function. This was the place for young and old students to mingle freely," said Mathew Cruz who graduated from 1970 batch.

"It is very well organised and this association should become more popular. More and more students should participate in this reunion," added Mathew Cruz.

"I had a great evening today. I love participating in music and dance. After a long time I got chance to dance with my old buddies. Great fun even at my age of 63 years of life," said, Prakash Murthy

from 1970 batch.

It was a grand evening not only for the old ones but for passed out from the College just recently as well. "I was very happy to attend this function and I enjoyed the evening dance which was indeed unique with young and old students dancing without hesitation," said, Priya who graduated in 2008.

"It was one of the best days of my life. It was absolutely lovely. More than the studies, I cannot forget the enjoyment I had in this College, with my teachers and my lovely friends. Now I met them after a long time," said, Sandeep S who finished his graduation in 2007.

Chilled beer, multi-course lavish spread of vegetarian and non-vegetarian

meals, funny games and, of course, foot-tapping music all added to the mood of the day.

- Raghunath S.



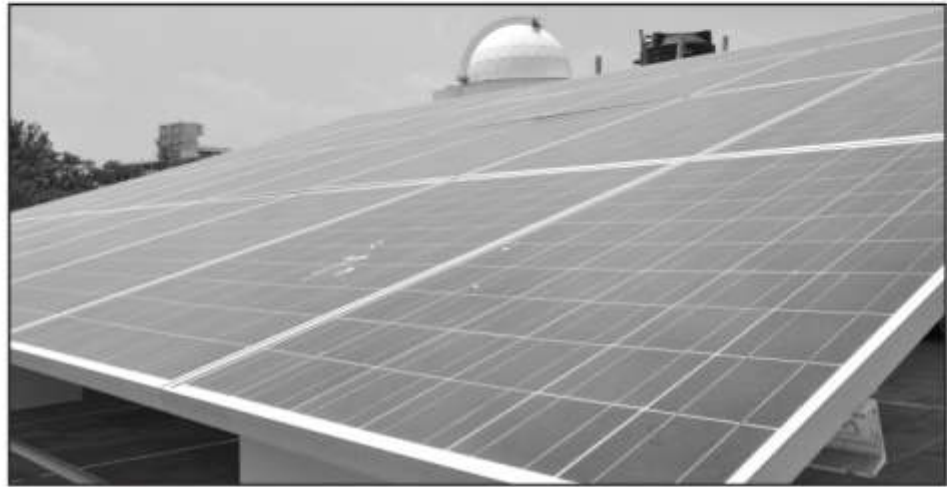
Alumni President, Lakshminarayana



# Now, St Joseph's runs on solar power

St. Joseph's College run by the Jesuits is not only an institution which has excelled in the field of education from 1872 but has taught values to be responsible citizens. St. Joseph's College has joined the global community to fight global warming and make the world a safer place for future generation. A first of its kind in South India, St. Joseph's College campus has installed a 100 kilo watt roof top solar power system. This project is commissioned under Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission covering roof area of 11000 sq ft and approximately weighing 20 tonnes. All types of loads at the campus from lights, lab equipments, air conditioners, lift, and water pumps are powered by solar generated power.

On an average daily 425 kilo watt hours of power is generated and the College is contributing in fighting global warming by reducing emission of 7600kg carbon dioxide every month and annually 91,000 kg. During the entire project life of 25 years, St. Joseph's Col-



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lege would have contributed to the global cause by reducing 23 lakh kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

This project is designed and implemented by Simplex Renewable Resources Pvt Ltd, which is part of 98 years old Mumbai based Simplex Group together with 7 billion dollar Taiwan head quartered Delta Energy. A total of 432 nos of 230 watt peak solar photovoltaic

panels with 100 kilo watt Delta Solar inverter are installed to generate power. Government of India is extending 30 per cent subsidy on the project cost amounting to Rs.63 lakhs. In addition to solar power the College has also installed rain water harvesting system.

Yes, we the management and students are proud to be part of this green initiative.

## Alumni interacts with new Principal; briefed on NAAC report



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Over 25 active Alumni members gathered at the College campus on August 20, 2010 for an interaction with the new Principal, Fr Daniel Fernandes. Director of the Alumni Association welcoming

the gathering said that the new Principal would take keen interest in the Association.

Principal, Fr Daniel said that the Alumni Association was an integral part

of an educational institution. He thanked all members present and assured them his full support and co-operation in all their activities.

Fr Principal also briefed the members of the forthcoming NAAC evaluation of the College. He said that the report for NAAC evaluation was ready and was already submitted to the committee. "We expect the team to visit the College anytime in November," he said. He called upon the Alumni to come to the College during the NAAC inspection and interact with the committee.

Dr Subhashini of Economics Department made a presentation on the NAAC report.

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## Alumni welcomes new Principal Fr Daniel Fernandes



The college now has a new dynamic leader in the person of Dr. (Fr.) Daniel Fernandes SJ. Dr. (Fr.) Fr. Daniel Fernandes SJ is no outsider to St. Joseph's College. He has worked in St. Joseph's Evening College, Bangalore and later in St. Joseph's College of Commerce. He

has come to St. Joseph's College after spending nine years as Principal in St. Joseph's College of Commerce besides an additional year of teaching there. A seasoned administrator, he has endeared himself to all as Principal of St. Joseph's Commerce College.

Competent, capable and human, Fr. Daniel is very well-known for his human relationships and building up the infrastructure of the college. His administrative abilities have been recognized by all those who have worked with him.

The College is bound to further progress and expand under his leadership and find a place as an internationally reputed college. A doctorate in folklore, he is a teacher of Kannada. He is well

versed with local culture and literature and has his feet firmly on the ground. He was a gold medalist in M.A. folklore from the Mysore University and later completed his doctorate from the same University. He has been in National Assessment and Accreditation Council and has visited several colleges as peer team member as well as University Grants Commission teams for the extension of autonomy to colleges.

He has several publications to his credit. St. Joseph's College truly feels proud that the Management has made the right choice to entrust the college in the hands of a person who has proven credentials.

Alumni warmly welcomes Fr Daniel.

## College honours distinguished Alumni



**Mr Ramesh**

On the annual Valedictory Day on April 9, 2011, three eminent alumni were honoured by the College. They were: Mr S T Ramesh, IG-DIG of Karnataka Police, Mr Navin Kumar, bureaucrat and Mr Ryan Lobo, accomplished photographer and film maker. Principal, Fr Ambrose Pinto felicitated them.

Each of them went down memory lane and shared with the audience some memorable moments when they were students at SJC. The audience burst into bouts of



**Mr Naveen Kumar**

laughter when Mr Ryan revealed that he was the one who had placed a cracker in the men's toilet lighted with a agar batti.

It was an emotional day for over 700 graduating students of the College on that day as they gathered for the valedictory function.

They were seen in colourful attire cherishing memorable moments even as they took part in a very meaningful ceremony which included, among other



**Mr Ryan**

things, blessing, receiving of memento (College logo) and lighting of candle to take Josephite pledge.

The distinguished alumni called upon all graduating students to always live by the College ideals of Faith and Toil and succeed in life.

"Once a Josephite always a Josephite," they said and hence a Josephite must always live up to the expectations the College has on him or her.

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