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MID-YEAR UPDATE

MESSAGE FROM

REV. FR. RANJITH ANDRADI



I feel privileged to reach out to you through this news bulletin as the new Rector of your Alma Mater, St. Joseph's College, Colombo 10. I firmly believe that the College which molded you and formed you into who and what you are today is very close to your heart and it can never be separated from you. I am sure the love and affection that you have for the College would never diminish but, keep burning within you. So great is your loyalty for the Alma Mater.

Wherever you are right now, we urge every Joe to rally around us in a spirit of love and brotherhood in our attempt to lead our present students in the noble path of education. I strongly believe that the Catholic heritage of this great school should continue to be upheld and strengthened in order to guide the present day Josephians in the journey that leads to a life pleasing to God now and in the future.

Jesus said in Mt 16/25-26 "For whoever would save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life," The life that God has given us is indeed a gift to us. What we make out of this life is our gift back to God. Therefore, let us make this gift pleasing to Him.

Jesus said "Seek and you shall find". Let us seek happiness by dedicating our lives whole heartedly in the service of others. Let us get rid of the habit of whining about the darkness in the world but be beacons of light which shines forth in the lives of others.

I close this note with the following quotation "Service to others is the rent we pay for our room here on earth" (Muhammed Ali)

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REV. FR. ANTON RANJITH



Rev. Fr. Anton Ranjith was appointed the Vice Rector of St. Joseph's College in February 2014 and has fulfilled God's plan to the best of his ability by being a shepherd to all those who needed guidance during his tenure. He was an advocate of discipline and true Josephian value solidified over the past century, and was instrumental in chartering the College Disciplinary Council in 2017. His ability to take initiative with regard to such practices in the time of need was highlighted when he played a forefront role in ensuring safety inside and outside College as the acting Rector due to the imminent threat to security that was posed following the Easter Sunday attacks in April 2019.

In addition to the pivotal administrative role that he executed with no compromise in value, Rev. Fr. Anton made it his prime duty to create strong connections with all those who knocked on his door by being a beacon of guidance and wisdom.

As the Priest-in-Charge of many clubs and societies in College, he effectively engaged with all students, and this fact was brought to light in an exceptional fashion when his dealings with the Prefects' Body as its Priest-in-Charge is taken into consideration. Having worked closely with five Prefects' Body batches consisting of many great student leaders of diverse calibre, Rev. Fr. Anton would go out of his way to ensure the wellbeing of the Prefects and would be supportive in dealings that pertained to College discipline, which fell under the jurisdiction of the Prefects' Body. As a former office bearer of the Prefects' Body of St. Joseph's College myself, I can attest to the fact that every moment spent in the Vice Rector's office strategizing the best course of action in order to take College to greater heights together with my batch mates, are invaluable in nature due to the empathy, guidance and wisdom bestowed upon us by Rev. Fr. Anton. He also dedicated his time and efforts to enhance the experience of being a Prefect in an institution such as ours by taking part in the activities organized by the Prefects, from the annual Prefects' Day to the annual Prefects' Trip. Such was the commitment that he portrayed with all associations and societies under his supervision, which undoubtedly acted as a strong sense of motivation and support to everyone involved.

While adapting a methodology of spiritual enrichment and light humour to reach out to the students, Rev. Fr. Anton went to great lengths in order to identify nearly every student in the upper school; thus exemplifying the value of creating and maintaining human contact in a contemporary academic environment.

His services towards College and his involvement in uplifting the standards of our alma mater are highly appreciated and regarded by the OBU of St. Joseph's College. We wish him God's most gracious blessings in all things that he wishes to undertake in the future, with the hope that he continues to carry out the good work of the Almighty.

- Deon Wanigesinghe



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REV. FR. MILAN BERNARD



Rev. Fr. Milan Bernard took over the reins as the Prefect-of-Games in May 2014 and has been in charge of all sports related activities within the College. As witnessed by every sportsman, Fr. Milan always took the extra steps to ensure that each sportsman was taken care of and that the players received the best attention and support possible.

A testament to this can be seen in the number of times he would visit and speak with each individual team and also travel with the teams, regardless of the sport, whenever possible. He would also make sure that the players are properly fed before participating in any matches or tournaments, and even receive food packets or milk packets after every training session.

While ensuring that the players receive the best training and support, Fr. Milan also kept track of the students' education by meeting with each student after a particular exam,

making sure that their academics have not been affected by their sports. He would enact certain rules and regulations regarding their class schedules, not allowing any player to miss their classes due to training. It is due to his stringent care and support that the players paid him respect and would follow his rules without fail.

Under his supervision since 2014, St. Joseph's College has witnessed many exceptional results by all sports which has not been witnessed to this extent in history. The First XI cricket team emerged victorious in the All-Island League Tournament after a span of 13 years. The team also won the Joe-Pete 50-Over Encounter in 2018 as well as 2019. In terms of rugby, St. Joseph's College became the champion of the All-Island Knockout Tournament for the very first time in history. The First XI football team also emerged consecutive champions in the All-Island Football Tournament for two years for the very first time, and had also won the Joe-Pete Soccer Encounter in 2018 after a span of 6 years. The Josephian swimming team is also known across the country for being the consecutive All-Island champion for 15 years and running.

On behalf of the OBU of St. Joseph's College as well as all of the players, we thank Rev. Fr. Milan Bernard for all the continuous love, care and support that he has given to every sportsman and also wish him the very best of luck for his future endeavors.

- Shevanka Kurumbalapitiya



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REQUIEM FAMILY MASS

The Old Boys' Union of St. Joseph's College together with the batches of '93 and '95 have taken the initiative to organize a Requiem Family Mass in remembrance of the Easter Sunday Attack victims on Sunday, the 10th November 2019 at the College Chapel from 8.30AM onwards. The Chief Celebrant of this mass will be His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith.

All monetary contributions made on the day will be deeply appreciated as they will be donated to the victims and families of the tragic and unfortunate act of terror that shook the very core of the our little island on the 21st April 2019. The mass will be followed by breakfast and fellowship, thereby extending the invitation to all Old Boys of St. Joseph's College and their families.

JOES SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET

UNDER 17

DIVISION 2

St Joseph's College lost to Carey College by 2 wickets in a second round match played at Railway grounds.

St Joseph's College 169 for 8 in 50 overs

Thiven Punchihewa 51, Isitha Kariyawasam 43 n.o

Carey College 173 for 8 in 40.1 overs

Thiven Punchihewa 3 for 33, Jayden Makalanda 2 for 23

U-19 DIVISION 1 TOURNAMENT 2019/20 TEAMS & GROUPS			
GROUP A		GROUP B	
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, COLOMBO	ROYAL COLLEGE, COLOMBO	S. THOMAS COLLEGE, MT. LAVINIA	ST. ANTHONY'S, KATUGASTOTA
MAHINDA COLLEGE, GALLE	DE MAZENOD COLLEGE, KANDANA	PRINCE OF WALES, MORATUWA	ST. ANNE'S COLLEGE, KURUNEGALA
MARIS STELLA COLLEGE, NEGOMBO	ISIPATHANA COLLEGE, COLOMBO	ST. PETER'S COLLEGE, COLOMBO	DHARMAPALA COLLEGE, PANNIPITIYA
ST. BENEDICT'S COLLEGE, KOTAHENA	ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE, GALLE	MORATU MAHA VIDYALAYA	DHARMARAJA COLLEGE, KANDY
D.S. SENANAYAKE COLLEGE, COLOMBO		DHARMASHOKA COLLEGE, AMBALANGODA	
GROUP C		GROUP D	
NALANDA COLLEGE, COLOMBO	ST. ANTHONY'S COLLEGE, WATTALA	ST. SEBASTIAN'S COLLEGE, MORATUWA	ST. JOSEPH VAZ COLLEGE, WENNAPUWA
THURSTAN COLLEGE, COLOMBO	DEVAPATHIRAJA MV, RATHGAMA	TRINITY COLLEGE, KANDY	ST. THOMAS COLLEGE, MATARA
ST. SERVATIUS COLLEGE, MATARA	GURUKULA COLLEGE, KELANIYA	RICHMOND COLLEGE, GALLE	LUMBINI COLLEGE, COLOMBO
MAHANAMA COLLEGE, COLOMBO	MALIYADEVA COLLEGE, KURUNEGALA	ZAHIRA COLLEGE, COLOMBO	WESLEY COLLEGE, COLOMBO
ST. SYLVESTER'S COLLEGE, KANDY		ANANDA COLLEGE, COLOMBO	
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UNDER 15

DIVISION 1

St Joseph's College lost to Trinity College on the first innings in a second round match played at Asgiriya

Trinity College 1st Innings 128 all out in 41.2 overs
Sachintha Hewage 4 for 14, Shenuk Serasinghe 4 for 47

St Joseph's College 1st Innings 88 all out in 44.2 overs
Abishek Jayaweera 22, Gagana Chamod 22

Trinity College 2nd Innings 35 for 6 dec in 13 overs
Lahiru Amerasekera 5 for 13

St Joseph's College 2nd Innings 11 for 2 in 2 overs

DIVISION 2

St Joseph's College beat Prince College on the first innings in a second round match played at Darley Rd

Prince College 1st Innings 111 all out in 60.1 overs
Dinil Ferdinandusz 4 for 21, Lakmina Fernando 3 for 51

St Joseph's College 1st Innings 118 for 8 in 43 overs at close
Yehan Perera 47, Stefan Vanschoombeek 22 n.o

FOOTBALL

Chryshane Perera and Irusha Ruwanka have been selected to represent Sri Lanka's Under 16 Football team at the Asian Football Championship and South Asian Football Championship tournaments. Aruna Sampath, the current coach of St. Joseph's College has been appointed as the coach for both tournaments.





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RUGBY

St Joseph's College lost to Trinity College 17 points to 5 in the Plate Final of the Under 18 Schools Rugby 7's tournament, earlier in the day, St Joseph's College were beaten by Zahira College 19 points to 14 in the last minute in the Plate tournament.

