

## A President's Report Delivered at the National Congress September 2007

From Jamshedpur in October, 2004 to Trivandrum September 2007, has been a long, satisfying, exciting and learning journey. And its taken 1065 days!

This is also a coincidence that the tricentenary is just over and we are all gathered here as a tribute to the founding fathers, St. Ignatius Loyola, and St. Francis Xavier and Peter Faber who actually planted the seed of their great mission very close to where we stand today.

It's a decade since Mother Teresa's left us. And September 11<sup>th</sup> will also remind us that Evil can still sometimes prevail.

So we must constantly remind ourselves that we are men and women for others, ready to form a safety ring to protect goodness and the need to extend a helping hand.

We have many things in common with the outstanding voluntary organizations of the world. We are qualified professionals, successful, yet wish to serve our community.



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Meeting with alumni of Vijay Wada



Loyola Margao reception for the Superior General



Naresh presenting gift to sisters of the poor.  
Santosh and Surya Prakash



President at Tuticorin with Fernando



Sahibganj



St. Xavier's Ahmedabad Surjit, President



St. Xavier's Delhi



## NETWORKING

You may recall that the theme at the last National Congress was 'Networking makes the difference'. We said that we need to get to know each other and thus bond our association into something.

So, I decided that my task was made out for me. I will network with as many institutions.

As President I visited

1. St. Brittos	GOA	21. Libas	CHENNAI
2. Loyola	GOA	22. Loyola College	CHENNAI
3. St. Vincent,s	PUNE	23. St. Xavier's School	TUTICORIN
4. St. Stanislaus	BOMBAY	24. Arul Anandar College	MADURAI
5. St. Xavier's School	AHMEDABAD	25. St. Mary's School	MADURAI
6. St.Xavier's College	AHMEDABAD	26. Loyola School	TRIVANDRUM
7. Rosary School	BARODA	27. St. Aloysius	MANGALORE
8. St. Xavier's	SURAT	28. St. Joseph's High School	CALICUT
9. St. Xavier's		29. St. Joseph's College	BANGALORE
10. St. Xavier's	DELHI	30. Loyola School	JAMSHEDPUR
11. St. Joseph's College	DARJEELING	31. Loyola B.ed College	JAMSHEDPUR
12. St. Joseph's College(University)	DARJEELING	32. XLRI	JAMSHEDPUR
13. St. Peters	GAYAGaNGA	33. St Xavier's	SAHIBGANJ
14. St. Xavier's	SAHIBGANJ	34. St. Michael's	PATNA
15. St. Xavier's School	CALCUTTA	35. St. Patrick's	SECUNDERABAD
16. St. Xavier's College	CALCUTTA	36. Loyola College	VIJAYAWADA
17. St. Lawrence School	CALCUTTA	37. Andhra Loyola College	VIJAYAWADA
18. St. Xavier's School	HAZARIBAGH	38. De Nobili	DHANBAD
19. Marsi Marshal	HAZARIBAGH	49. St. Xavier's	BOKARO
20. St. Xavier's College	RANCHI	40. St. Michael's	PATNA
		41. St. Xaviers's	PATNA

**CHAPTERS :** Vishakhapatnam, Loyola College, Calcutta- St Joseph's[Darj], St Michael's [Sahibganj], St Michael's[Patna], Delhi-Loyola Jamshedpur

ZONAL CONGRESSES ATTENDED :

Central - Hazaribagh	Western - Pune
Southern - Mangalore	Northern - Patna

### Meeting with Superior General, Rev. Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach

We had the privilege of meeting with Fr. General at Goa on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

Emphasis : We knew that we needed a National environmental friendly programme. We had emphasized on water. Some schools have worked towards this !

St. Xavier's, Jaipur	Loyola School, Jamshedpur
St. Xavier's, Hazaribagh	for a mission school

**Central Secretariat :** Realizing the need to have an office that can cope with routine correspondence and other statutory matters, and subscription matters, we started a central secretariat. This enables the President to concentrate on wider issues leaving administration to a professional.

**Alumni Exchange Programme:** We made a wonderful beginning and with a group of young and enthusiastic Spaniards having a great time in Calcutta. This can spread all over . This was only possible thanks to the Alumni of Kolkatta.

Jesuits are all over the world. So friendship exchanges are possible all over to encourage understanding and fellowship. Let's make our theme 'Service thru friendship exchange.

**Governing Council Meeting:** We had seven G.C. Meetings against the statutory three.

The objective was to spread the meetings to other geographical areas, thus Jamshedpur, Bombay, Goa, Vijayawada, Trivandrum, Pune & Calcutta had the privilege of hosting and experiencing their G.C. at work !

In these meetings, the sponsoring alumni were always invited. We had the privilege of conducting a joint meeting with the Zonal Council in Bombay, just before the Zonal Congress and in Trivandrum in preparation for the National Congress.

Encouragement and support of the Principals of the Institution is the backbone of the alumni association, and I have seen that they have grown tremendously with their support. So, we need to involve our Principals and make them part of our movement.

**The sleeping Giant:** Sometimes I am awed by the untapped strength of the Alumni. We yet have to discover what will make this Rip Van Winkle awaken.

Plan for the future.

Thru my travels I find that we need to know what we have to do. The need for planning and training each of us in the Zonal Council is essential.

1. Enlist new members and collect fees of current members.
2. Attend the annual functions of the member association.
3. Share information with the All India body. And vice versa
4. Encourage interest in the National Programme.

Thus, training is extremely important. It is the duty of the National Body to arrange such training and information seminars.

**Goodbye :** So I hand over to Dr. Santhosh, an alumni who has been with the movement from the beginning and has our interests at heart. Santhosh you have my good wishes and pledge my full support. I will continue to work to bind our alumni.