



## KARNATAKA JESUIT PROVINCE

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### **To all Local Superior and Dows**

Dear Local Superiors and Directors of Works,

Peace of Christ!

Sub: Alumni Associations in the Province

May 19, 2019 was a day of grace and joy for Karnataka Province as on that day was promulgated the Province Apostolic Plan (KPAP) for greater apostolic effectiveness in our life and mission. As we continue our reflection and discernment with regard to the implementation of KPAP, we need to keep in mind the three perspectives underlined by GC 36 in our way of proceeding: Discernment, Collaboration and Networking. We cannot implement on our own the KPAP. We need the generous help of our collaborators. Here, I would like to draw your attention to the role of our alumni associations in our mission.

Our Alumni Associations are our ambassadors in promoting the vision and mission of our institutions. Therefore, it is imperative that we build and promote Alumni Associations in every educational institution of ours. Our KPAP has to be disseminated among them so as to make them our solid partners in our endeavors to put KPAP into practice. We need their collaboration in our apostolic commitment. This commitment aims at improving the welfare of all men and women, most of all the marginalized and the weak.

Some other aims and objectives of an Alumni Association (AA) could be

1. To contribute to the mission of the Society of Jesus
2. To promote Jesuit values in society
3. To assist the College/School
4. To assist the students
5. To support the current and retired teachers
6. To support the staff
7. To found Freeships and Scholarships

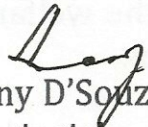
8. To organize vocational training and career guidance programmes
9. To be ambassadors of the institution
10. To help the institution in every manner, especially at crisis moments
11. To offer financial assistance
12. To provide professional assistance
13. To support the institution in all its ventures – technically, in advisory capacity, resource generation, etc.

I request all our DOWs and Superiors to establish Alumni Associations in every institution with these goals and objectives in mind. If they have been established but are not functioning to our satisfaction, then we need to promote them with greater interest and make them active and vibrant. If they have been functioning well, then encourage them to participate in the Province Apostolic Preferences to be partners in our work.

**Fr Swebert D'Silva, Province Coordinator for Alumni Associations, has organized a meeting of all the Office Bearers of each Alumni Association along with their Jesuit Directors on Sunday, 11 Aug, 2019 at St Joseph's Boys' School Auditorium from 9.00 am to 1.30 pm. All the Jesuit Directors will kindly persuade the Office Bearers of their respective Association to attend this meeting without fail. This gathering is known as JAAIKAR (Jesuit Alumni Associations in Karnataka). I sincerely thank Fr Swebert for taking the initiative in this venture.**

May God bless all our Alumni Associations and may we become more and more collaborative in our life and mission.

Yours in Christ,

  
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