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Dear Josephite Family,

We extend our warmest greetings to the entire Josephite family, to our dedicated faculty, brilliant students, supportive parents, and cherished alumni. We proudly present to you the 25th edition of our College Newsletter. This publication is far more than a collection of achievements; it is a profound reflection of 25 years since St. Joseph's Pre-University College began its independent journey, building upon our enduring Jesuit legacy. This Silver Jubilee milestone allows us to pause and celebrate how successful our students have been in applying the wisdom of our motto, Fide et Labore (By Faith and Toil). These pages showcase how our young men have achieved Academic Excellence while embracing the Jesuit goals of Character Formation and Social Concern, making a meaningful impact on society. We are continually inspired by your growth and resilience. As the leadership team, we see this as the foundation for our next chapter. The capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill, but the willingness to learn is a choice, and we urge every Josephite to keep making that choice daily, seeking opportunities to expand your knowledge and moral consciousness, moving beyond self-interest to become men willing to serve others, men the world urgently needs. Congratulations to the Editorial Board for their dedication to chronicling this significant period in our history. May your journey with us continue to be one of holistic growth and abundant blessings as we look ahead to a prosperous future.

With regards,
The Leadership Team



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Dear Readers,

Twenty-five years, a journey of transformation, growth, and unwavering commitment to excellence. This silver jubilee edition is more than simply a newsletter; it is a chronicle of our institution's remarkable evolution. From humble beginnings to becoming a beacon of innovation and learning, every milestone reflects the collective vision of students, faculty, staff, and alumni who believed in something greater. Over the past 25 years, we've witnessed the burgeoning of infrastructure, the flourishing of academic programs, and the growth of minds that have transcended boundaries.

We've adapted to technological revolutions, embraced new pedagogies, and remained steadfast in our core mission, nurturing generations of thinkers, leaders, and changemakers. This special edition celebrates not just where we've been, but the foundation we've built for the future. The stories these pages tell honor the legacy we've created together.

The Editorial Board is deeply grateful for the trust and opportunity granted by the Leadership Team to document this extraordinary transformation. Thank you for being part of this incredible history.

With pride and gratitude,
The Editorial Board



The Jesuit Legacy: From St. Ignatius to the BJES



ST.IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA:

St. Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1534, and their formation is centered on his "Spiritual Exercises," a method of prayer and meditation to discern God's will. After a life-altering injury and a period of recovery where he read religious texts, Ignatius had a spiritual conversion that shifted his focus from earthly glory to serving God. This led him to gather companions in Paris who shared his vision, leading to the creation of an order dedicated to global evangelization, education, and social justice, with an emphasis on "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam" (For the Greater Glory of God).

BJES

The Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES) was officially formed and registered on March 31, 1973, under the Karnataka Societies' Registration Act. Its fundamental objective was to centralize and manage the administration of the various educational institutions already established under Jesuit leadership in Bengaluru. Today, the BJES oversees a wide array of prestigious schools and colleges, including the notable St. Joseph's and Loyola institutions. While the Society itself was established in 1973, it carries forward a much longer educational tradition. For example, the St. Joseph's Institutions were initially founded in 1882 by the French Foreign Mission Fathers, it was only much later, in 1937, that the management was formally handed over to the Society of Jesus. The BJES has and continues to play a huge role in the development of young minds in the city of Bengaluru.

A Legacy of Unity: St. Joseph's Before And After the Bifurcation

St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, before the bifurcation, was a single, comprehensive institution offering education in Arts, Science, and Commerce under a single administration.

KEY HISTORICAL MILESTONES

❖ 1854: The institution was founded by the Catholic priests of the Missions Etrangères de Paris (MEP), initially as a seminary.

❖ 1882: It was established as a full-fledged college by the then Rector, Fr. Maurice Vissac, and was affiliated with the Madras University as a Second Grade College.

❖ 1926: Madras University granted the college the status of a First Grade College.

❖ 1937: The Fathers of the Paris Foreign Mission handed over the management and administration of the college to the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

❖ 1949: Following the reorganization of states, the institution was affiliated to The University of Mysore.

❖ 1964: The college's affiliation shifted to the newly established Bangalore University.

❖ 1967: It was granted permanent affiliation to Bangalore University.

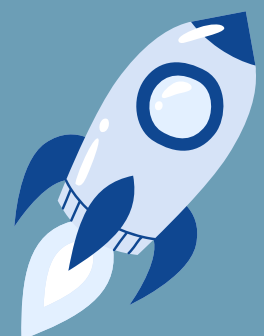
2001 Bifurcation

- ❖ The Government of Karnataka ordered the separation of pre-university (PU) courses from graduate-level studies.
- ❖ This led to the establishment of a dedicated St. Joseph's Pre-University College as an independent institution.
- ❖ The graduate-level Science stream continued under St. Joseph's College, while the Commerce stream was handled by St. Joseph's College of Commerce. The institutions remained under the common administration of the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES).

The 1972 Bifurcation

- ❖ The Commerce sections were separated to form the independent St. Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC), which moved to a new location on Brigade Road.
- ❖ The Evening College sections were separated to form St. Joseph's Evening College.
- ❖ The original institution continued as St. Joseph's College of Arts and Sciences at the Residency Road campus.

- ❖ Pre-1972 Structure: Until this point, it functioned as a single entity (St. Joseph's College) at its Residency Road campus, and consisted of Arts, Science, and Commerce sections, as well as an evening college section.



The Genesis of St. Joseph's Pre-University College

SJPUC started with truly humble beginnings: only six sections housed the entire student body—three for Science, two for Commerce, and one for Arts, with each class exceeding 120 students. The college was affiliated with the current campus of St. Joseph's, which originally included what is now St. Joseph's College of Law, and experienced a pivotal moment in 2001. A government-mandated bifurcation split the institution. The senior most faculty relocated to the newly formed degree college, leaving the junior staff to build what became St. Joseph's Pre-University College (SJPUC).

Today, 25 years later, SJPUC stands as a powerhouse of Pre-University education. It has expanded nearly sevenfold, boasting a total of 38 sections across I and II PUC, including 18 Science sections, 18 Commerce sections, and 2 Arts sections. The total student strength now exceeds 3,056, a testament to the institution's remarkable growth and enduring legacy.



OLD EDIFICE



NEW EDIFICE

Our Developmental Trilogy

The three goals that define the holistic development of a Josephite:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We are dedicated to fostering critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and a relentless quest for truth, moving beyond rote learning. Our high-quality teaching encourages students to actively question, analyze, and innovate. We reinforce this rigor with tailored support, including remedial classes for those needing extra help and advanced classes for high-achievers. Comprehensive career counseling guides their aspirations. This approach develops agile, independent thinkers equipped to evaluate information, solve complex problems, and make meaningful contributions.

CHARACTER FORMATION

Our mission prioritizes character development alongside academics, shaping graduates into individuals of integrity. We instill core values—honesty, respect, self-discipline, and sincerity—rooted in Jesuit principles like *cura personalis* (holistic development). We integrate these values through dedicated Human Resource Development (HRD) classes for ethical reflection and through drives, community service, and leadership opportunities that build empathy and social responsibility.

SOCIAL CONCERN

We transform student reflection into active contribution through practical, immersive initiatives. Organized rallies advocate for social and environmental causes, while extensive outreach programs engage students directly with underserved communities. Essential food and book drives instill a tangible sense of shared humanity. This commitment ensures every graduate understands that citizenship involves service, preparing them to be impactful, responsible, and ethical members of the global community.



Echoes of the Jubilee: The Event Gallery

Twenty-five years of journeying together culminated in a spectacular Silver Jubilee celebration, and in this section, we invite you to view the highlights of this milestone year. The photo gallery below documents special event, capturing the spirit and success of our community.



Rooted in Green: Students and staff planting saplings as part of the Jubilee Tree Plantation drive, contributing to a sustainable future.



Digital Safety First: A snapshot from the engaging Cyber Security Awareness session, empowering students to navigate the online world safely.



Celebrating Karnataka: Our students proudly participating in the vibrant Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations at the Sri Kanteerava Stadium.



Harmonies of Faith: A moment from 'Genesis: The Gospel Fest,' showcasing talent and spiritual unity through music and performance.



Marching for Change: Students passionately participating in the anti-drug abuse awareness rally, advocating for a healthy, drug-free community.



Characters Come Alive: Creative cosplay event where students transformed into their favorite characters from their English literature texts



Voices for the Planet: The SJPU debate team celebrating their win at the GPA-conducted competition on the topic, Climate Action.



Stellar Achievements: A proud moment as students receive their certificates during 'Andromeda', an intra-collegiate fest.



Champions of the pitch: The SJPU boys pose with their trophy after winning the PU Board Taluk and District-level football tournament organized by PU Board in association with REVA University.



Heartfelt Generosity: Students gathered to contribute to the impactful Food Donation Drive.



Victors of BIFROST: SJPU boys proudly posing with the prestigious Overall Championship Trophy won at the 'BIFROST' inter-collegiate fest.



Inspirational Dialogue: A moment from the interactive session with Babar Ali, the World's Youngest Headmaster.

TO A VIBRANT FUTURE...

The story of our institution is not confined to its historic buildings; it lives and thrives through the dedication of its people, most notably the Old Boys' Association (OBA), which serves as the essential bridge connecting our storied past to a vibrant future. Our alumni are the active stakeholders, mentoring the next generation, fostering career opportunities, and extending the institution's global influence, embodying the very spirit of service and excellence established by our founders. Building on this solid foundation, the next milestone begins with a clear vision: to expand our Global Impact through groundbreaking innovation, drive Digital Transformation in learning, and deepen our role as Community Anchors. We invite every OBA member and supporter to join us in actively shaping this bold new chapter, ensuring that the foundational values of St. Joseph's PU College continue to drive innovation and positive change for generations to come.



Celebrating the Silver Jubilee with the OBA (Old Boys Association)

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