

JHEASA Annual Conference

**Dhyana Ashram,
Chennai**

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Dear Rev. Fathers,

Good morning and Good day. It is my privilege and honour to welcome you all to this annual conference of JHEASA hosted by Jesuit Madurai Province Higher Education, organized by Loyola College, Chennai and accommodated by Dhyana Ashram, our loving community. At the outset I would like to thank you all for coming and also Fr. Andrew, the Principal of Loyola College, Fr. Darwin, the Superior & Bro. Arokiaraj, Minister of Dhyana Ashram and above all our able Secretary of Higher Education, South Asian Assistancy Fr. Joye James. We are reliving the Bilbao experience in which we reflected on transforming our world together as part of the International Association of Jesuit Universities and Colleges in the world.

A special word of Welcome from Fr. Thomas Alexander, our new province Co-ordinator for Higher Education. We have just finished the General Body meeting of the Higher Education sector of Jesuit Madurai Province for Apostolic planning held at LICET, Loyola College Campus on the 13th and 14th of October, 2018. 67 Jesuits and lay collaborators attended the meeting.



GBM-HIGHER EDUCATION

Jesuit Madurai Province

Apostolic Planning

Held at LICET, Loyola Campus, Chennai-34.

13th & 14th October 2018



Fr. Secretary has asked me to share a few insights of Fr. General's address at Loyola, Spain at the Ignatian Basilica during the Bilbao conference. I am happy to do so:



- **Jesus is the fire**
- **Jesuits are the other fires**
- **Igniting other fires**

PARTICIPATION



South Asian Assistancy (46 delegates)

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**THE MADURAI
PROVINCE**

Pilgrimage to Loyola on 11th of July



Keynote Address by Fr. General on the 11th of July, 2018



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Salient Features:

- **The University as a source of Reconciled life**
- **Where do we come to and what is our purpose?**
- **University as a project of Social transformation**
- **A just and peaceful life**
- **The intellectual apostolate is seeking wisdom**
- **University education aimed at universal citizenship**
- **Our identity is our Contribution**
- **Collaborative work yields more fruitful results**

Keynote Address by Fr. General

University a source of Reconciled life:

- Through its commitment to the university, the Society seeks to contribute to turn the word of Jesus into a historical truth: ...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10). Reconciliation is possible when there is life. Life produces reconciliation, which in turn makes life full. Reconciliation is a way of returning to life and making it grow towards fullness. A full life entails a kind of love capable of giving one's life so that all may have life.**

Keynote Address by Fr. General

The Physical locations give us the Spiritual space:

Where do we come to and what is our purpose? As Universities under the responsibility of the Society of Jesus we have been building this space for a long time. Deusto and Loyola are physical locations where we can meet because they are aligned with the university calling of the Society of Jesus, that is, a universal calling, as were the Ibero American University of Mexico in 2010 and the Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, in 2015. These physical locations allow us to create the spiritual space in which we find ourselves as educators and collaborators in the mission of humanising history from our place at the university.

Keynote Address by Fr. General

- We came to share our view on history and on the world that we find in the Gospel and the Spiritual Exercises. To look at the world and at history with the love of the One and Triune God means to be moved by the cry of the millions of human beings who migrate seeking better living conditions; of the victims of violence; of the impoverished who demand justice; of those who are despised for the colour of their skin or the religion they profess; of those who are denied their rights to participate democratically in public life, because political power is monopolised by people at the service of individual interests, indifferent to the Common Good and the protection of the environment.**

Keynote Address by Fr. General

Our Scientific work and Pedagogical Challenge – Social Transformation:

Adopting this perspective represents a considerable epistemological challenge for our scientific work, which seeks to penetrate reality, discover the roots of injustice and contribute to propose alternatives for economic and social transformation. A perspective that also becomes a pedagogical challenge for our teaching, to ensure that we are capable of transmitting the life that originates from it. From this way of seeing, of placing ourselves vis-à-vis reality, we embody the preferential option for the poor, by which the university becomes a project of social transformation to generate a full life. This challenge takes on new dimensions when we think of them as a global transformation.

Keynote Address by Fr.

General

University – A Project of Social Transformation:

When the university is conceived as project of social transformation, it moves towards the margins of human history, where it finds those who are discarded by the dominant structures and powers. It is a university that opens its doors and windows to the margins of society. Alongside them comes a new breath of life that makes the efforts of social transformation a source of life and fulfilment.

Keynote Address by Fr.

General

The aim of our Educational Apostolate:

Our educational apostolates at all levels, and our centres for communication and social research, should help form men and women committed to reconciliation and able to confront obstacles to reconciliation and propose solutions. The intellectual apostolate should be strengthened to help in the transformation of our cultures and societies.

Keynote Address by Fr. General

Creative Loyalty and Collaboration:

The Educational apostolate is a mission that needs to be carried out with creative loyalty to our tradition and through collaboration by evolving new ways of addressing the challenges of today's world. Loyalty and creativity are the two axes around which Jesuits in the universities must engage in the mission of education, By creating the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU), we can usher in a new era and a new style of fruitful work within the university.

Signing of the Charter and Strategic Plan



STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2021

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JESUIT UNIVERSITIES

OUR VISION

To become institutions that Promote peace and reconciliation, Justice and faith through research and the formation of students, in order to transform society and culture.

OUR CORE VALUES

- **COLLABORATION**

Our plan and priorities are guided and conditioned by our values of collaboration between and among Jesuits and Laity, between and among different disciplines, and between and among institutions.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2021

- **DEPTH**

We seek depth in understanding for both research and pedagogical purposes in order to avoid superficial interpretation of the truth or of motives and intentions of others.

- **DISCERNMENT**

We believe that the process of Ignatian discernment can assist our communities in understanding and assessing the challenges and opportunities of our times. Through the process of discernment we prepare the ground for transformation of both ourselves and our communities.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2021

A PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR & MARGINALIZED

Taking our lead from the Gospels and heeding the call of the previous Congregations and the teachings of the Church, we recognize the privileged place occupied by the poor and marginalized, and the claim they have on our talents and our time.

OUR GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Create a vibrant network of regional associations Of Jesuit higher education institutions in order to assist them with collaboration, both within and among the Conferences.**
- Implement the calls of GCs35 and 36 that all our institutions should promote the Faith that does justice and become communities of discernment and reconciliation.**

STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2021

- **Establish a Formal network (The International Association of Jesuit Universities) to link the institutions and serve as the Vehicle for advancing the implementation of a strategic agenda. The IAJU will serve as a vehicle for communication from and to the society and the institutions.**

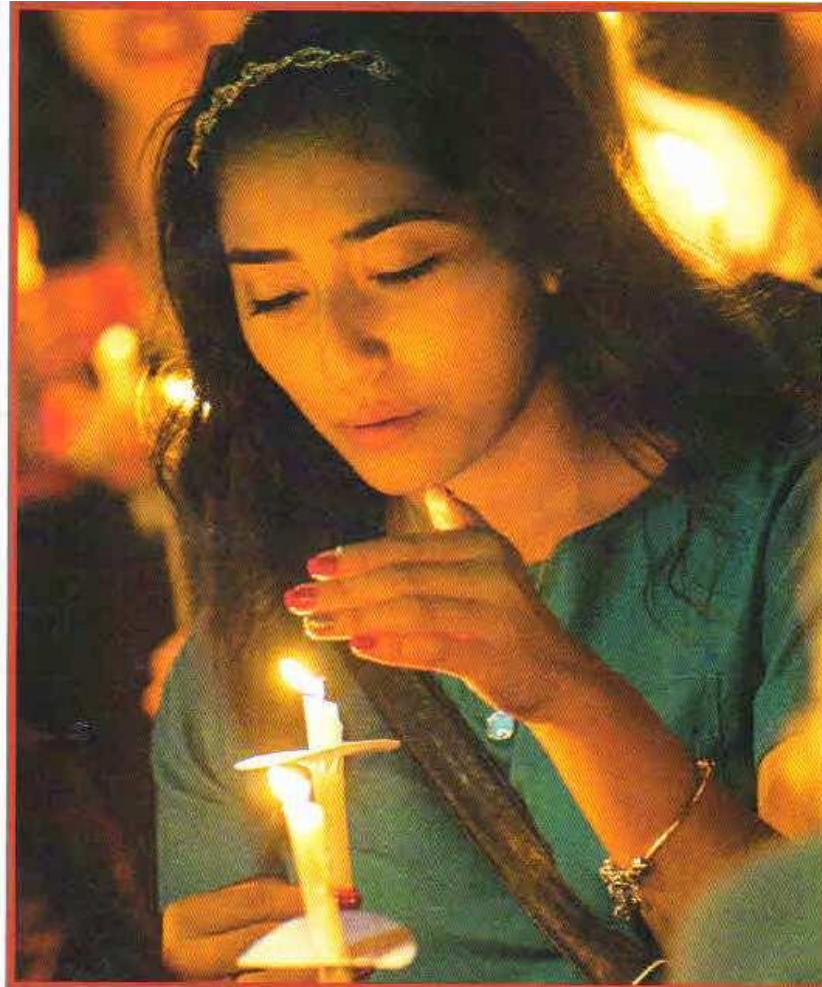
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Mass Celebrated by Fr. General



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Valedictory Session



Lessons Learnt

- **Everyone felt that we belong to the Universal Society of Jesus**
- **Sharing in the mission of Higher Education Collaboration, Networking, Promotion of Intellectual and Spiritual depth, Education of Marginalized, Option for the Poor, environmental and social Justice, Reconciliation and Peace and Formation of Ignatian Leaders Civic and Political leaders to be integrated in agenda of Higher Education throughout the world**
- **IAJU is a powerful force in the world to influence and to make an impact towards better human life.**
- **The Visit to Loyola was inspiring and took us back to the foundational experience of St. Ignatius of Loyola**
- **There is a definite Agenda for Higher Education Institutions . Higher Education Institutions have to become “ Social Projects”**
- **The International perspective on Higher Education has to be assimilated and implemented in all our Institutions.**



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