

## IPP WORKSHOP

We as students were aware about IPP-The Ignatian Pedagogy Paradigm but the college being a Jesuit College and well known for its IPP way of teaching wanted to drill this well into our minds and hearts hence an apt speaker Fr. Charles Rodrigues S.J was invited to give us the background of IPP so that our teaching is firmly rooted in Ignatian Spirituality which also reflects harmony within and around oneself. 'Harmony' being theme for the academic year 2016-17, encouraged many programs, one among it being the IPP Workshop by Fr. Charles.



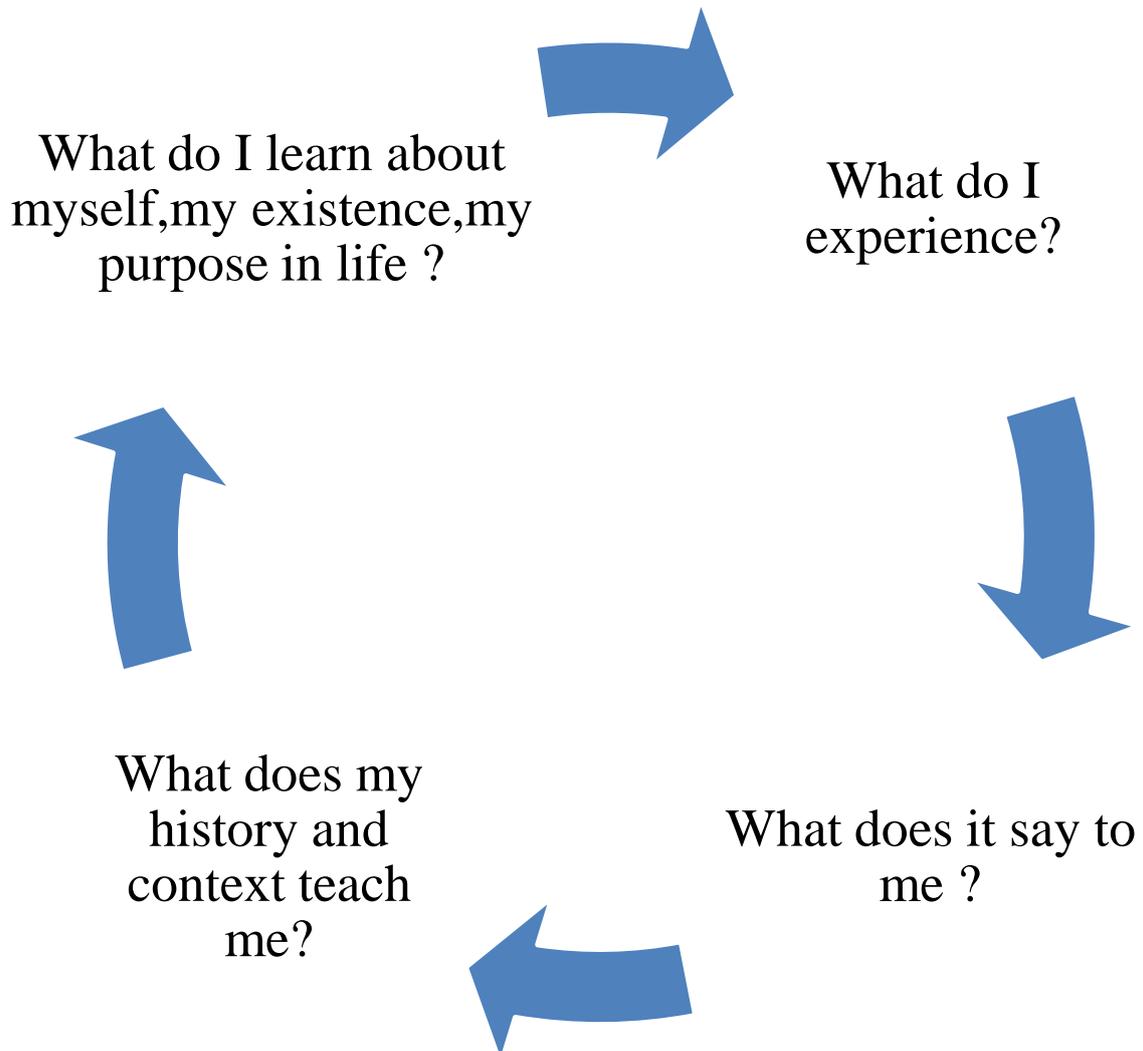
Dr. Geeta Shetty, our incharge Principal introduced Fr. Charles and gave a brief background about Ignatian Spirituality based on which our college functions. Fr. Charles started off with a beautiful poem which gave a message that “Teachers today need a thread to go on in this chaotic world...”. St. Ignatius gave us a way to do the same. Jesuits are highly active in the field of education. St. Ignatius’s values are not limited to the field of education but are also applicable to our personal lives as humans. Fr. Charles mentioned that St. Ignatius have a major role to play in education and the field of education is incomplete without Ignatius. He mentioned that ideas of “progressive curriculum”, “idea of textbooks”, “systematic idea of holistic development” were born from ideas and spirituality of St. Ignatius. He was also of the opinion that to be spiritual or to encounter the divine it is not necessary to go and sit on the mountain and meditate, you can do so in your day to day activity, through your profession and through your small acts. He emphasized that it is more important to be a good human being rather than being a good teacher. Being both is an added benefit. To do so, Ignatian ideology comes to the rescue. He compared Ignatius to salt. Ignatius is the salt of the education field.

Fr. Charles took us through a tour on Ignatius life and the Jesuit history through his very creative powerpoint presentation. He mentioned that the old and initial Jesuit institutions practiced IPP although it was not known as IPP then and that is how it got carried forward through teachers. Father gave us a very close up look on Ignatius’s life and formation and related it to our present lives. He related the then history of the world to the present times. He made good use of ICT to address us in a very modern, creative and a precise way. He showed us a very beautiful video which described Ignatius life in a very creative and precise way. He also explained Ignatius’s formation stages. He then related Ignatius’s life, ideas, spirituality to the present world and especially to education. After a reflective discussion he gave us few questions to reflect on which probed us to things which he was trying to reach us on.

After a short break, we had discussion on the reflective questions. He then went on to discuss Ignatian Spirituality with us which was the base of Ignatius for his ideas especially in the field of education. Father did amazing correlation of his topic with different subjects like

geography, history, movies, science, scientific instruments and concepts and with our present day life. Thus, although the topic seemed not so interesting was made interesting by the speaker because of beautiful blend of knowledge of different fields and use of technology.

IPP focuses on the core values which make the students think beyond and look deep within themselves. He also mentioned that, IPP is the recipe which is freely available to all but the actual challenge is the making of the dishes, the execution of a lesson based on IPP. He gave us the Hermeneutical Circle which will help us in appropriate execution of IPP:



We were divided in groups and were given questions for personal and group reflection based on Ignatian ideas and education system present today. This was followed by individual group presentations of the whole class wherein we discussed the given questions in great detail and the discussion was enriching. The session concluded with vote of thanks and a small message by Fr. Blaise D'Souza, our Manager.

This workshop indeed help us understand what we already knew from a different and a deeper perspective which will surely enrich our teaching, inculcate values in our students and promote harmony within an individual and in the society.