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## Newsletter of the Madurai Jesuits

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL

#### MISSION TO THE LAND OF PAGODAS

Dear Brothers,

As I am on my visitation of our men working in the land of golden pagodas (Myanmar), I am reflecting on the missionary demands on our province. As I have shared with you once before, it gives me immense joy to visit our men in the mission lands and to hear from them about their experiences and much more about their contributions to the growth of the mission. Their vitality, creativity and availability for the specific missions assigned to them makes me feel proud of every Madurai man who works in other provinces and countries.

As the land has just completed the celebration of 500 years of the arrival of Christianity to its soil, we are happy to note that the Jesuits too have played some role in this long history of the Church of Myanmar.

The first Jesuit to dream of Myanmar, known at that time

as the “Kingdom of Pagan” was St. Francis Xavier himself. But he never made it. Then came a group of at least four Jesuits to serve the Portuguese and the Bayingyis Catholics (born of the mixed marriages between the Portuguese and the locals). The Catholics as well as the Jesuits were chased to North Myanmar and the Catholic community from this group still survives. During World War II, there was an Irish Jesuit, who was placed in Myanmar as military chaplain and he died during service and is buried in the war cemetery near Yangon (Rangoon). In the 60s came the Jesuits of Maryland Province to run the Major Seminary in Yangon (Rangoon). However, in 1965 they were sent back by the then government. In the early 90’s another set of Jesuits started pouring in – from Indonesia and other places. They also began recruiting potential candidates for the Society. In 2013, the first local Jesuit was ordained, followed by two more in the following year. At present, more than 30 local Scholastics are under formation, with about 10 formed Jesuits from different provinces and countries serving here, including five men from

our own province.

Life in the Church of Myanmar is challenging but it is also bubbling with hope and opportunities. The doors are open and the opportunities are knocking. We are happy to be part of this process of evangelization. We have five of our men in Myanmar. Each one is making commendable contributions to the growth of this budding mission. We are proud of these men working here and the tremendous contributions they have and still are making, along with the handful of others from different provinces. They are in great demand for spiritual ministry, assistance in the governance systems, social ministry, education ministry, formation ministry, etc. As mandated by Fr. General, Madurai Province has to be ready, along with the JCSA and the JCAP to use this golden opportunity to serve in a variety of ways the wonderful people of this land of pagodas.

Fraternally,  
*Sebastien L. Raj, SJ*  
Provincial

## Provincial's Programme:



### FEBRUARY

- 01-08 Visitation: Myanmar  
 10-15 Visitation: St Xavier's, P'Kottai  
 19-20 Meeting of the Coetus Praevius  
 20-21 Consult  
 22-28 Vinayalaya, Mumbai -- JCSA Meeting

### MARCH

- 01 POSA Consult, Vinayalaya, Mumbai  
 03 LICET Convocation, Chennai  
 04 Visitation: Arul Kadal (continued)  
 07 GB Meeting – ISI Bangalore  
 08-09 Workshop for JMJ Sisters, Guntur  
 14 Counseling Centre Consultation (Morning)  
 14-15 Consult  
 17-19 Visitation: Oilpatty, Salem and Dharmapuri  
 21 LUMEN Institute, Tindivanam  
 23-26 Visitation: Ooty-Mettupalayam-Makkampalayam  
 28-31 Personal Retreat

## Chennai Mission Superior's Programme

### FEBRUARY

- 04 Meeting of Land Committee,  
 at CM Office  
 07-08 Thirumaanur  
 10-12 Maakkampalayam  
 13 Mettupalayam  
 15 Chennai Mission Consult  
 17-18 Thindivanam, Pandy  
 19 Coetus Praevius  
 20-21 Province Consult  
 25 LIBA Governing Body Meeting

### MARCH

- 7 Mission Consult  
 14-15 Province Consult

## Status of Scholastics (2015-16) - List 1

*N.B.: The status of the remaining Scholastics will be announced later*

NAME	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
<b>U.G. Studies</b>			
Antony Donic Raja A.	Trivandrum	LC, Vettavalam	BBA.
Arockia Amalan V.	Trivandrum	AAC, Karumathur	B.A. History
Arockia Sundar M.	Trivandrum	LC, Vettavalam	B.Com
Hansel Arokiasamy	Trivandrum	Clive House, Tiruchy	B.Sc Physics.
Karlin Viju V.	Belgaum	AAC, Karumathur	B.Sc. Mathematics
Karthickraj U	Trivandrum	Clive House, Tiruchy	B.Sc Botany
Prasanth	Belgaum	Clive House, Tiruchy	B.Sc Mathematics
Tony Ajith	Trivandrum	AAC, Karumathur	B.Sc Chemistry
<b>Philosophy</b>			
Albinus Martin	Clive House, Tiruchy	SN, Chennai	Philosophy
Amal Bosco J.	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune	Philosophy
Emmanuel Arockia Dass	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune	Philosophy
Jeyaseelan Saminathan	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune	Philosophy
John Paul L.	Clive House, Tiruchy	SN, Chennai	Philosophy
Jose Antony A.	Clive House, Tiruchy	DNC, Pune	Philosophy
Joseph Vedanayagam	AAC, Karumathur	SN, Chennai	Philosophy
Nelsonraj Michaelraj	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	SN, Chennai	Philosophy

NAME	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
Nirmal Savariyar	AAC, Karumathur	DNC,Pune	Philosophy
Susaipragasam Maria Packiam	AAC, Karumathur	SN, Chennai	Philosophy
Thomas Alwa Edison D.	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	SN,Chennai	Philosophy
Xavier Samuvel J.	Clive House, Tiruchy	DNC, Pune	Philosophy

### Regency II Year (Continuing)

Doni Raja F	LASAC, Madurai	LASAC, Madurai
Edward Lenin P	L.I., Kuppayanallur	L.I., Kuppayanallur
George Raja A	LTI, Madurai	LTI, Madurai
Jeyaraj Selvaraj	Kalangarai, Nagai	Kalangarai, Nagai
Joe Livingston	Myanmar	Myanmar
Maria Valan	Central Africa, JRS	Central Africa, JRS
Michael Panimaya Raj T	Central Africa, JRS	Central Africa, JRS
Vino Selukas	PEAK	PEAK



## Events



### CHRISTMAS JOY

**ARUL KADAL** students preached a one-day Ignatian retreat to the students of Vettavalam Loyola College on 09 Jan. The presence of the Children of MCDS and சிறகுகள் who came for the 'Balamela' on 16 Jan brought us a lot of joy. The children carried home unforgettable memories of the day. The Lonergan Seminar-2015 was conducted on 25 Jan. We conducted in Koothavakkam Parish awareness sessions on alcoholism for the youth from our weekend ministry places in collaboration with JMAADD. The response of the participants was highly positive. - **Wenish**

### LET THE CHILDREN COME!

**AHAL** centre and **JIM** together organized a one-day seminar on the Government welfare schemes for SCs and STs on 07 Dec. Mr Thangaraj, the assistant manager of THAKKO from Vizhupuram

talked to about 200 participants of the Government welfare schemes for SCs and STs. On 08 Dec we organized a parents meeting at Keekalur and Kilpennathur to motivate them to get their children educated. On 14 Dec we organized a sports day for children from 14 AHAL study centres. More than 200 children attended.

On 21 Dec we invited the elders from places of our study centres to plan AHAL's focus in the year 2015. They were happy to express their views. Frs Pichimuthu, VF, Jebamalai Raja, CMS, Maria Joe and Mr Alexander, Tahsildar, attended the children's sports day and cultural programme on 14 Jan at which about 500 children from 25 AHAL study centres participated.

- **Selvandhiran**

### PARENTS OF NOVICES

The novices of **BESCHI ILLAM** staged a much-appreciated play on the beginning and the evolution of religious life in the history of the

Church at the inauguration of the Year of Consecrated Life in our diocese. Fr Fredrick Fornos, the General Delegate, shared with us information on how the Apostleship of Prayer works worldwide. Fr Brian, the International Director of Archives, inspired the novices saying that we belong to the universal Jesuit order.

On 13 Dec we had the novices' parents meet, the first of its kind in the history of our novitiate. All the parents were present and were happy to meet their sons and those who train them. They came up with new ideas for the betterment of the novices. The unique meet ended with a Mass presided over by Fr Leo Tagore. On 21 Dec we had an exhortation given by Fr G. Packiaraj in view of Christmas, followed by adoration and recollection. On 22 Dec we had the Christmas Get-together. Maduralaya Jesuits and all our coworkers joined this



programme. Fr Korkoniyas Moses delivered the Christmas message. The novices rendered some Christmas carols and skits, and our coworkers presented a Christmas play. Everyone got a gift including

by Fr Provincial. On 08 Jan Fr Provincial addressed the novices, and later the whole community and shared what was positive about the community and pointed out areas for improvement.

We celebrated Pongal festival



Fr Provincial. Our coworkers were given cash gifts. At St. Joseph's Hospital the Novices gave a Christmas program for the staff and patients on 26 Dec. We conducted our annual Balamela on 27 Dec in which 165 students from 8 parishes participated. Everyone went back home with a smile on their faces and gifts in their hands.

Beschi community played host to the first Mass of Fr Cyril Suresh on 04 Jan. About 30 of his family members participated in the Mass and the felicitation that followed. It was a joyous and grace-filled moment for all of us. On 05 Jan morning Fr Provincial began his annual visitation of Beschi Illam. In the evening he met the community, exhorted us to examine the status and tone of our spiritual life and shared certain useful pieces of information about the Society and the province, and reminded the community about the forth coming General and Province Congregations. On 06 January the second year Novices were conferred the orders of acolyte and lector

by having Pongal Mass in our chapel on 15 Jan morning. The community gathered in the dairy farm at 11 a.m. with our coworkers, surrounded by our cattle, and celebrated Pongal. Some lively folk dances and parayattam were performed by our novices. On 16 Jan the novices went on a picnic to the Athoor dam. They prayed at Fr. Montaud's cemetery. On 18 Jan we were shocked to receive the news of the death of Fr Dominic's father, Mr Michael (70) at Salaigramam. Some of the Fathers attended the funeral in the evening.

- M. Anthony David, NSJ

### PRAYING OVER POPE'S LETTER

For our community prayer on Thursdays we at **DHYANA ASHRAM** reflect and pray over the letter of Pope Francis on the Year of Consecrated Life (YCL). Every week one member comments on one idea in the letter and others contribute to it. We conclude with a suitable prayer. Fr D. Jeyaraj directed a retreat for Bethlehemite Sisters from Andhra. Fr Thambu went to Goa to guide a group of lay people in prayer. Jerry conducted a special retreat on Consecrated Life on 26 - 31 Dec for 70 Sisters

from 5 congregations. He was the resource person for the inauguration of YCL in the dioceses of Tuticorin, Madurai, Kottar and Madras-Mylapore. Jerry facilitated two workshops on 'leadership today' at Pondicherry, each attended by 85 FIHM sisters and 2 half-day programmes for engaged couples on "being faithful and fruitful." Fr Lawrence Amalraj is called to address the staff in different colleges.

- Xavier Irudayaraj, SJ

### ORGANIZED BY YOUTH

*School:* We are very glad to have Fr Victor Roch as a teacher and the warden of both hostels of **LOYOLA** Higher Secondary School, **KUPPAYANALLUR**. Our school was proud to host 'ELT Mela 2015' on 12 Jan. On 20 Jan the Hostel Day was celebrated in a grand scale and the students of both Boys' and Girls' hostels presented a cultural treat to around 300 parents.

*Parish:* The Jesuit Community celebrated Pongal by blessing the cattle of all the substations of Ongur Parish. The feast of St. Sebastian, the Patron Saint of Theettalam, a substation of Ongur parish, was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm. For a change, the youth organized the feast of St John Bosco, the Patron Saint of Kuppayanallur. Fr P.S. Arul, the Parish Priest, and Sch Lenin, the youth coordinator, guided and encouraged the youth.

- Lawrence

### PROMOTING AN ECO-FRIENDLY SOCIETY

**LOYOLA ACADEMY** made use of the Pongal celebration on 14 Jan to create awareness of our rich heritage and

promoting an eco-friendly society. Fr Peter Buloweski and Dr Gergen, members from German Anbaham Society, made their annual visit on 22 Jan. They were impressed by the 'Science Exhibition' organized by the staff and students on the theme, "Promoting Eco Consciousness."

- Deva A. Stephen SJ

### FROM KOLLYWOOD

The even semester of the academic year 2014-15 began here at **LOYOLA, VETTAVALAM** on 08 Dec '14. Eminent directors and actors from Kollywood were the Chief Guests for the cultural celebration on 16-18 Dec '14. After the Christmas vacation, the college reopened on 05 Jan. Guided by our Arul Kadalites our students had a one-day Retreat and an opportunity to talk to a counsellor. Mary & Turgey Volleyball Tournament 2014 for the 12th standard students of the neighbouring schools was conducted in our college on 08 Jan. On 14 Jan every department prepared Pongal separately and shared it with others. On 19 Jan LISOR hosted a one-day consultation for social action Jesuits of the Chennai Mission area. Sponsored by Indian Social Institute, Bangalore and the Province's Social Action Commission it aimed at preparing a consolidated plan and budget for the coming year. The Department of Commerce and Business Administration organized a State level Seminar on the "Recent Trends in Marketing" on 22 Jan. Dr Marcus, the Dean of Arts at Loyola College, Chennai was the Chief Guest for the Seminar.

Fr Masillamani, who belongs to our community, says he enjoys his work as chaplain at Sugantham and reading *Jivan*. He says he was inspired by what he read recently in *Jivan* – Pope Francis' advice to pray and work.

- Royce

### PONGAL & RANGOLI

The newly elected Parish Council at **ST MARY'S, MADURAI**, started functioning with a lot of enthusiasm in our parish under the leadership of Fr Arockia Raj, our Parish Priest. They elected the office bearers on 04 Jan. They organized the Pongal celebrations that began with the Eucharistic celebration and included Rangoli competitions and sharing of pongal. Our school Alumni Association's Annual Day was celebrated on a grand scale. The alumni of 1964 batch, celebrating their golden jubilee (1964 -2014), generously offered 120 fans for all the class rooms and installed a "smart class room" in the school. They also sponsored the creation of a new website for our school: [stmarysmadurai.org](http://stmarysmadurai.org)

- G. Packiaraj

### NEW ESCs

**PAATHAI CENTRE, VALLAM** inaugurated three Evening Study Centres (ESC) in the villages of Murugamangalam and Kolakkarawadi of Tiruvannamalai District and in Paiyur of Villupuram District in the month of January to help the poor students with the guidance of the IACM cadres.

On 25 Jan we had a one-day workshop for about 70 ESC teachers and animators at the Paathai Centre. Fr V.Thomas was the resource person who motivated the teachers and explained the techniques of teaching village students. Fr Maria Joe appreciated the ESC teachers for their

commitment and service. Fr Arockiadass conducted the yearly evaluation of the ESCs with them. Fr Yesumarian distributed needed articles to the ESC teachers and urged them to commit themselves to the education of the rural poor students.

- Regis

### MEMORABLE DAY

We had the Christmas celebration here at **ST JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, OOTY** on 23 Dec. The cultural programme by the students and an inspiring message by Sr Stella, FMM made the day memorable. The students returned to the school on 19 Jan. On 26 Jan, the Republic Day, Fr Irudayaraj hoisted the National Flag and Bro Tony delivered a thought-provoking message. A Volley Ball match was held for the hostel students. The new guest rooms in the residence are nearing completion.

- Amirtharaj

### AT THE END OF THE EVENING PRAYER

*Community:* During this year, Year of Consecrated Life (YCL), every day at the end of the evening prayer here at **ST XAVIER'S**, we recite a special prayer composed by Fr Lourdu John. (See p. 8)

*College:* The UGC has sanctioned funds to the departments of Commerce and Mathematics to conduct career-oriented programmes to the UG students on Selling Skills and Actuarial Sciences – the first of its kind in South Tamil Nadu. *School:* Udayakumar, a student of ours, represented the Tamil Nadu team which won the first place at a National Volleyball Tournament held

at Delhi on 26-31 Dec '14. At another National Volleyball Tournament for school boys under 19 in Solapur, Maharashtra on 27-31 Dec '14 Vivek and Vignesh Shankar, our boys, representing the Tamil Nadu team, got the third place.

*B.Ed College:* The Pongal celebrations on 13 Jan were really enjoyable with fun games and an interesting talk by Prof Francis Xavier, SXC. On the same day, the National Youth Day was celebrated in the presence of Mr Mathivanan, the youth co-ordinator of MHRD, who invited the prospective teachers to be sensitive to others. A course on Time Management by Fr Lawrence Amalraj and extension lectures organized by subject clubs benefited our students very much. *XIBA:* The students of XIBA won the overall championship in the "XCOM" carnival conducted by the Department of Commerce in our College on 09 Jan. A one-day Skills Training for the first year students of XIBA was held on 17 Jan. Fr Maria Augustine, Director, XIBA gave a talk at a State Level Seminar on "Corporate Social Responsibility" organized by the PG Department of Social Work on 22 Jan.

- Schs Joe & William

### HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE

Fr Francis Sales, Secretary of the Kottar Diocese CRI unit, arranged a talk by Fr Jerry Rosario on YCL at **THOZHAMA ILLAM**. Fr G. Arockiaraj is busy preparing Power Point presentations on various themes including *the Joy of the Gospel* of Pope Francis. 42 Sisters (third batch) of St. Anne's, Tiruchirapalli, made their annual retreat at Thozhamai Illam on 10-17 Jan. All those who have been here (including Jesuits) for their retreat or other programmes have been highly appreciative of Thozhamai Illam for the good ambience, accommodation and catering service rendered to them by Fr. M. Charles and his small team of co-workers.

Fr. Josephraj organized a retreat for the youth at Arul Vazhvu Dhyana Centre on 14-18 Jan. Fr. Arul Sivan preached a retreat to the Cluny Sisters at Trichy on 26 Dec - 02 Jan. He also conducted a workshop on 'Discernment' for the seminarians of St Paul's, Trichy and preached an 8-day retreat to the Holy Cross Novices on 22-30 Jan.

- G. Arockiaraj

### TO GROW AS FRIENDS

Christmas holidays were a welcome break for us here at **VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM** after the exams. The visit to VSSC Space Museum, Thumba on 26 Dec was an enriching experience. Community days were celebrated on 27-29 Dec with enthusiasm.

It was helpful to display our hidden talents and grow as friends in the Lord. On 27 we were glad to witness the Bible cultural festival at Marian Engineering College. On 30 we took part in the concluding Mass and celebrations of St Xavier's College's golden jubilee. On 31 Dec we thanked God for the blessings of the past one year and welcomed the New Year with the Vigil Mass in neighbouring parishes.

Fr Jacob guided us in a Triduum on 02-04 and helped us to renew the vows. Fr Amar, PCF of Andhra, celebrated the Eucharist on 01 Jan to invoke God's blessings for the new year. We had the Pongal celebration on the Feast of St Antony the Hermit.

- Tony Ajith

### WITH POMP AND PAGEANTRY

**XAVERIANA**, Thoothukudi is on the go. To commemorate the Twin Jubilee in a spectacular way we organized the inter-school Ecumenical Carol Extravaganza which was well-received by the religious and the lay collaborators. Another new venture is the staff family Christmas get-together. We also revived the staff carol service this year. The ELT Mela was celebrated with pomp and pageantry. The 91st Annual Alumni Day was celebrated on 26 Jan, at which

## Abide with the Lord

Br Paul Macwan (GUJ), 76/53, on 25 Dec '14 in Gujarat.

Fr. Chelston (Charlie) Dias (GUJ), 68/50 on 27 Jan '15 in Ahmedabad.

Mr. A. Michael, 70, father of Fr Dominic Savio, on 17 Jan '15 at Salaigramam.

Mr Periyannayagam, 88, father of Fr Arockiasamy Perianayagam on 23 Jan '15 at Kalladithidal.

Mrs Kulandai Thiresammal, 84, mother of Fr Royappan Kulandaisamy on 23 Jan '15 in Chennai.

Mr. G. Nayagam, 82, brother of Fr G. Packiaraj, on 28 Jan '15 in Anumandhampatty.





our alumni Dr Joseph John Kenndy, Correspondent of BMC group of schools, Dr A. Kamalavasan, MBBS, and Mr R. Resington, Director, Research and Development, Can Do Automation were the Chief Guests. After undergoing a recent cataract surgery Fr Xavier Rajan has gained a bright and clear vision.

- Joe Xavier

### CHRISTMAS AT BOM JESUS BASILICA

We, Juniors of XTC, BELGAUM, felt very privileged to celebrate Christmas and the New Year at Bom Jesus Basilica, Old Goa. We were busy helping out people during the exposition of the sacred relics of St Francis Xavier, which ended on 04 Jan. The following day we had a pilgrimage to the place of martyrdom of four Cuncolim martyrs and prayed in front of their graves. We visited the Pilar museum and the Patriarchal Rachol seminary of Goa which once belonged to our Society. We visited the Tertianship Centre, Pedro Arrupe Institute at Raia, too. All these inspired us with a missionary zeal. We resumed our studies on 07 Jan. We were very happy about the visitation of Fr Britto Vincent, our PCF. On 26 Jan, Republic Day, Mrs Florine Fernandes, one of our co-workers, hoisted the national flag and the message was delivered by three Juniors in Hindi and English.

- Prasanth

## Ordination of two Madurai Missionaries

We, the two young missionary deacons, Britto Arockiam from Guyana and Cyril Suresh from Brazil were happy to be ordained priests in

India added joy to the celebration. We thank sincerely the Rector, the Sub Minister, the Parish Priest, the Assistant Parish Priests and the Jesuit community of St Mary's



our mother province during the solemn Eucharist held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai on 03 Jan, the feast day of Most Holy Name of Jesus, by Archbishop Antony Pappusamy of Madurai. Fr. Provincial and the PCF concelebrated along with a number of priests. The liturgy as well as

Madurai for their wonderful hospitality and support to make our ordination a memorable event. After having celebrated the Eucharist in our home parishes and in different Jesuit communities, having met with our companions and visited the Jesuits, we feel strengthened



the reception was meticulously organized by the Rector, the Parish Priest and their team. Soon after the Eucharist, we were felicitated by the Archbishop and then followed a festive dinner. The presence of the Jesuit representatives from Guyana and Brazil, our beloved families, religious friends and Jesuits from MDU and other parts of

by the felicitations, prayers and the Jesuit companionship. Now we are happy and grateful. As we depart to our respective mission countries of Latin-America we offer our sincere gratitude to Fr Provincial and Fr PCF and to every Jesuit in our province. We humbly request your prayerful support to our fruitful ministry in Latin America.

- Britto & Cyril



## Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

Gracious Lord,  
We thank you for your gift of calling us  
to live a consecrated life.  
You have invited us to rediscover the joy  
of consecrated life.  
and to recover our prophetic witness  
that wakes up the world.  
Help us to become true experts  
in communion,  
and to go out of ourselves  
to the existential peripheries.  
Give us the grace to understand  
what it is that you and your people today  
are asking of us.  
Keep in your care the members of the  
Provincial Congregation  
and the members of  
the 36th General Congregation.  
Bless all consecrated persons  
to live up to their call.  
We make this prayer through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

- composed by **Fr Lourdu John, SJ**

## Memories

### WON OVER PEACEFULLY

In 1856 or 1857, Bro. Brady, a Lay Brother, stayed some ten days at Madura with a group of boys from the English school he had opened in Trichy in 1847. The founder of what has become our present Campion School was then on a tour round the Mission.

After a few months, Fr Trinical must have felt quite at home in Madura and somewhat organized his tiny congregation, for on the occasion of the annual feast of Our Lady's Seven Dolours, in September, he decided to take the *sapparams* through the town. He himself followed on a palanquin and Fr Compain from Sooseyapparpatnam with Fr Mazza went behind in a carriage.

Fr Alexis Castanier, the new Superior of the Central District, setting aside the intricacies of the costly and never-ending court litigations over the possession of the village churches in the Marava, decided that he would try to enter them peacefully with the full agreement of the Marava chiefs. It was to be a long process, one that required tact, patience, the ability to bear rebukes without taking offence, to retreat after a hasty move, to lie quiet without losing one's temper nor breaking the tiny threads that still attached undecided friends. The Father had all that, and succeeded, against all hopes and in spite of the pessimistic forecasts of all in the Mission, in being introduced into most of the Marava churches, Sarugani included, in the year 1858 and 1859. That the churches thus peacefully won over to the Mission were held, was entirely due to the mediation of Fr Trinical, who saw to it that Collector and Sub-Magistrate made legal the moves of his Superior.

(from *Caritas*, Jan 1943)



## Congratulations

To **Fr Ignacimuthu, SJ** and his team at Entomology Research Institute who were given "Arumbu" Award by the Salesians on 26 Jan '15. The award was for their significant contribution to environmental protection.

## Just for....



The young and energetic priest wanted to make sure that all those hostel boys had understood what he told them before bringing them to the church for the Sunday Mass. He asked, "Boys, do you remember why you should be quiet in the church?" A boy spoke up: "Because people are sleeping!"