



# Madurai Jesuits' News Letter



FEBRUARY 2017



## Message from the Provincial



### Britto Beckons Us

Dear Brothers,

On February 4, we celebrate the Feast of our Patron, St. John de Britto, who walked in our province territory about 350 years ago, who brought the good news to our forefathers and who shed his blood in our soil. In this month of John de Britto, I invite you to reflect on a very inspiring passage used for the second reading at his feast day Mass, taken from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians:

*... in all that we do we strive to present ourselves as ministers of God, acting with patient endurance amid trials, difficulties, distresses, beatings, imprisonments, and riots; as men familiar with hard work, sleepless nights and fastings; conducting ourselves with innocence, knowledge, and patience, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love as men with the message of truth and the power of God wielding the weapons of righteousness with right hand and left, whether honored or dishonored, spoken of well or ill. We are called imposters, yet we are truthful; nobodies who in fact are well known; dead, yet here we are, alive; punished but not put to death; sorrowful, though we are always rejoicing; poor, yet we enrich many. We seem to have nothing, yet everything is ours (II Cor. 6:4-10).*

All of us will surely agree that John de Britto must have conducted himself in the same spirit that is described by St Paul in the above letter to the Corinthians. In today's world, with all the challenges of the modern era, we are called upon to imbibe the same spirit in everyone of our ministries and also in our life as Jesuits. All of us are engaged in the *Missio Dei* (mission of God) and we need to have patience and perseverance, even amidst 'trials,

difficulties, distresses, beatings, imprisonments, and riots'. This is possible when our commitment to the Society is firm, when we are fully conscious of the accompaniment of God in our day-today life and when we allow Him to be the guiding spirit. This implies that we progressively succeed in emancipating ourselves from personal ambitions, desires and agenda. This further implies that we are able to say like John the Baptist, 'he must increase and I must decrease'.

We are also called to conduct ourselves 'as men familiar with hard work, sleepless nights and fastings'. While this may sound inhuman and harsh, it is still possible for one who relies on God who strengthens him. All these are necessary, when we are challenged to prove ourselves 'as men with the message of truth and the power of God wielding the weapons of righteousness with right hand and left, whether honored or dishonored, spoken of well or ill'. To stand for justice, righteousness and truth is the biggest challenge we face today in the wider society and even within our own circles.

As GC36 invites us for a serious renewal of our life and mission, let us strive consciously and willingly to be men, fully involved in the *Missio Dei*, enduring the various difficulties and struggles ahead of us in our desire to live a meaningful Jesuit life. We may be called imposters, yet we should remain truthful; nobodies, yet well known; dead, yet alive and active; poor, yet enriching many people whom we serve. As followers of John de Britto, this is the challenge to each one of us and we are sure to succeed in our efforts, because the Lord of history is walking and working with us.

Faternally,  
*Sebastião L. Raj, SJ*  
Provincial

## Provincial's Programme



### FEBRUARY 2017

- 01-02 Visitation: Loyola College, Mettala
- 02-03 Visitation: Arulagam, Harur
- 04-05 Consult
- 07-10 Visitation: St Xavier's, P'Kottai
- 11 Meeting of Commission Coordinators on Restructuring Report
- 14-15 Visitation: De Britto, Devakottai
- 18 Blessing of the additional buildings – Berchmans Illam, Chennai
- 19-28 Jabalpur -- JCSA Meeting
- 28 POSA Consult -- Jabalpur

### MARCH 2017

- 01 POSA Consult – Jabalpur
- 04 Extended Consult to prepare the Terna for New Provincial
- 05 Canonical Consult to prepare the Terna for New Provincial
- 07-08 Visitation: Loyola, Vettavalam
- 09 Visitation: AHAL, Kilpennathur
- 11-12 Consult
- 15-22 Visitation: Myanmar
- 25 Visitation: Poondy
- 25-26 Visitation: VMI, Vilangudi
- 27-28 Visitation: Nagapattinam
- 29-30 Visitation: Mettupalayam & Makkampalayam
- 30-31 Visitation: SJIS, Ooty

## Chennai Mission Superior's Programme

### FEBRUARY 2017

- 01 Meeting with Fr. Charles, SJ Asst. Treasurer, Rome
- 03 Feast Mass at Oriyur
- 04-05 Province Consult
- 07 Social Watch
- 10 Mission Consult
- 11 -12 AHAL, Kilpennathur & JESIM, Tindivanam
- 15-16 Maakkampalayam
- 16-17 Mettupalayam
- 17-18 Ooty
- 22 Seminar, University of Madras
- 25-26 Clive's Companions Meeting, Bengaluru

### MARCH 2017

- 04 Province Extended Consult
- 05 Province Consult
- 11-12 Province Consult



## Announcements

### South Zone GC Retreats in May '17 in Bengaluru:

Karnataka province has organized two GC retreats in May for the Jesuits of Southern provinces: 1. For **Superiors**: *Dates*: from 21 May evening till 29 May evening. *Venue*: Prerana, Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru. *Directors*: Frs Dion Vaz & Jossy D'Mello, (KAR). *Charges*: Rs 3,600 (Rs 450 x 8) through a cheque or D.D. *in favour of* Director, Prerana. 2. For **others**: *Dates*: from 21 May evening till 29 May evening. *Venue*: Dhyashrama, Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru. *Director*: Fr Irudayaraj Manickam (GUJ). *Charges*: Rs 3,600 (Rs 450 x 8) through a cheque or D.D. *in favour of* Director, Dhyashrama. *Contact person* for both retreats: Fr Jerome D'Souza, Socius. email: [karsocius@gmail.com](mailto:karsocius@gmail.com) or [jeromeds@gmail.com](mailto:jeromeds@gmail.com). Cell phone: (0)94821 73889. Please inform him about *the time* of your arrival on 21 May. On 21 May morning KAR Jesuits have a common celebration for the Province Jubilarians at Mount St Joseph. They welcome the retreatants to the Mass at 10 am followed by felicitations and dinner.

### South Zone GC Retreats in May '17 in Shembag & Dindigul:

The MDU province has organized two special GC retreats this summer for the Jesuits of southern provinces: 1. For **Superiors**: *Dates*: from 02 May evening till 10 May evening. *Venue*: Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, Kodaikanal. *Director*: Fr Kinley Tshering, Provincial, DAR. *Charges*: Rs 3,600 (Rs 450 x 8) through cheque or D.D. *in favour of* Procurator, Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur. 2. For **others**: *Dates*: from 02 May evening till 10 May evening. *Venue*: Beschi Illam, Dindigul. (renovated, bath-attached rooms, spacious, air-conditioned hall for talks and Mass, a vast, green campus). *Director*: Fr Bhausahab Sansare, Provincial, PUN. *Charges*: Rs 3,600 (Rs 450 x 8) through cheque or D.D. *in favour of* Treasurer, Beschi Illam. *Contact person* for both retreats: Fr Joe Xavier, PCF, MDU. email: [pcf@mdusj.org](mailto:pcf@mdusj.org). As only 35 retreatants can be accommodated at SHC or Beschi, write early to book your place.

**Next issue of MNL:** The next issue of the MNL will be out around 15 March '17.

**New Provincial for Bombay:** Fr General has appointed **Fr Arun de Souza** (BOM) the Provincial of Bombay. Fr de Souza was born in 1962, entered the Society in 1984 and was ordained in 1995. In recent years, he has been lecturing in Sociology and Anthropology at St Xavier's College, Mumbai. He succeeds Fr Vernon D'Cunha, who has since moved to Rome as *Assistant ad Providentiam* and Regional Assistant for South Asia.

**US Midwest Provinces merged:** On 13 Dec 2016, Fr General signed a decree establishing the United States Midwest Province (UMI), which will come into existence on 5 June 2017. The new Province will merge the current Provinces of Chicago-Detroit and Wisconsin, which will consequently be suppressed on 5 June. Fr General has appointed the current Provincial of Chicago-Detroit, **Fr Brian Paulson** (CDT) as the Provincial of the new UMI Province.

# Status of Scholastics (2017 - 18) - List I

**NAME**

**FROM**

**TO**

## PHILOSOPHY: FIRST YEAR

Amith Shajan R	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune
Anthony Rex Kumar A	Belgaum	SN, Chennai
Anto S. Antony	Clive House, Trichy	SN, Chennai
David Francis A	Clive House, Trichy	DNC, Pune
Ebenezer Amalraj B	Clive House, Trichy	DNC, Pune
Jackson Joseph	Clive House, Trichy	SN, Chennai
Jayanth Frankly R	SICJ	SN, Chennai
John Sylvester	SICJ	SN, Chennai
Lazar John	Clive House, Trichy	DNC, Pune
Michael Sundherson M	AAC, Karumathur	DNC, Pune
Naveen Kumar A	Clive House, Trichy	DNC, Pune
Raja Jesu Raj	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune
Ronald Antony	Beschi Illam, DGL (Novitiate)	SN, Chennai
Salamon Joseph Praveen	Hazaribagh	SN, Chennai
Theophine Michael Raja P	Loyola College, Vettavalam	SN, Chennai
Vigash Lawrence	Clive House, Trichy	DNC, Pune

## REGENCY: FIRST YEAR

Albinus Martin	Satya Nilayam, Chennai	De Britto, Devakottai
Amal Bosco J	DNC, Pune	VMI, Vilangudi
Jeyaseelan Saminathan	DNC, Pune	LTI, Madurai
John Paul L	Satya Nilayam, Chennai	LIS, Ranipet
Jose Antony A	DNC, Pune	AHAL, Kilpennathur
Joseph Vedanayagam	Satya Nilayam, Chennai	St. Joseph's Farm, Perumalmalai
Nelsonraj Michael Raj	Satya Nilayam, Chennai	JRS, Dindigul
Susaipragasam Maria Packiam	Satya Nilayam, Chennai	Myanmar
Thomas Alwa Edison D	Satya Nilayam, Chennai	JESIM, Kilpennathur
Xavier Samuvel J	DNC, Pune	PAATHAI, Vallam

## REGENCY: SECOND YEAR

Arul Gnanapragasam S.	SAHSS, Oriyur	SAHSS, Oriyur
Benitto Arulselvan A.	PEAK	Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur
Gopi Santhosam	Myanmar	Myanmar
John Richard Y	St. Mary's, Dinidigul--LASAC	St. Mary's, Dinidigul-- LASAC
John Vimal Felix J.	Loyola Academy, Vadamel.	Loyola Academy, Vadampakkam
Maria Albin Raja A	SJIS, Ooty	Kalangarai, Nagapattinam
Paul Raj Arockiasamy	St. Joseph's College, Trichy	Darjeeling Province
Sebastin Jerald A.	Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur	PEAK, Shembaganur
Williams Charles	Kalangarai, Nagapattinam	SJIS, Ooty

## THEOLOGY: FIRST YEAR (Places will be announced later)

Berchmans Kasparaj	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	Theology
Franklin Peter Rex	Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur	Theology
John Paul G	Loyola College, Chennai	Theology
Lawrence Arockiasamy	St. Mary's, Dindigul	Theology
Manickam Periyannayagaraj S	Loyola College, Chennai	Theology
Maria Then Amirtharaj G	SXC, Palayamkottai	Theology
Pon Ruban C	St. Joseph's College, Trichy	Theology
Raphael Alexander G	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	Theology
Regis Antony Christopher S	Loyola College, Chennai	Theology
Selvendhiran Antony	SXC, Palayamkottai	Theology
Vijin Antony Raj	Myanmar Mission	Theology

## Status of Fathers and Brothers: List I

NAME	FROM	TO	DESIGNATION
Fr Antony Inigo D	Madrid, Spain	Beschi (Novitiate), Dindigul	Socius to Novice Master
Fr Antony Robinson J	Tertianship	LAV, Vadampakkam	Staff
Fr Anthony Samy M	Arulagam, Harur	SJC, Trichy	Ph D Studies
Fr Babu Vincentraj	Tertianship	Palamalai Estate	Manager
Fr Clement Jesudoss S	DNC, Pune	Innsbruck, Austria	Doctoral Studies
Fr Fernando Wellington G	Dhyana Ashram, Chennai	Loyola College, Chennai	College Staff
Fr Francis Xavier P.	DACA, Madurai	Geneva, Switzerland	JWL, Vice President
Fr Gnanaraj Arul Francis	Tertianship	Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur	Staff
Fr James Suresh Kumar A	Tertianship	Perumalmalai Estate	Asst. Manager
Fr Jayaseelan Swaminathan	AAC, Karumathur	SH College, Shembaganur	Tertianship
Fr Jesuadimai Fernando	Palamalai Farm	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	Rest
Fr Jesu Nesa Raju	SJC, Trichy	Goa	Tertianship
Fr John Michael V	Supam	Mauritius Island	Missionary
Fr Joseph Xavier A.	ISI, Delhi	General Curia, Rome	Asst. Inter. Director, JRS
Fr Justin Prabhu	St Arulanandar HSS, Oriyur	SH College, Shembaganur	Tertianship
Fr Leo Anand M.A.	Tertianship	JDV, Pune	M.Th - Ignatian Spirituality
Fr Loyola Antony Savari A	LAV, Vadampakkam	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi	Staff
Br Mariadoss Antonimuthu E.S.	Clive House, Trichy	Palamalai Estate	Treasurer
Fr Packiaraj Soosai	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	Kandy, Sri Lanka	Tertianship
Fr Rajanayagam Saleth	Loyola College, Chennai	SH College, Shembaganur	Field Research
Fr Varghese Antony M	Supam	DACA, Madurai	Social Ministry
Fr Vedanayagam Ignatius	LAV, Vadampakkam	St Mary's, Madurai	Spiritual Ministry
Fr Viji Bose V.	SJC, Trichy	JDV, Pune	M.Th - Ignatian Spirituality



## They met, they celebrated...

*Celebrations, Functions, Courses...*

Inter-departmental cultural competitions, *Veera Vilaiyattugal*, and the departmental bullock-cart processions made the Pongal celebration on 13 Jan at **AAC, Karumathur** a memorable one. Expressing their solidarity with the youth who staged peaceful protests all over the State, asking to lift the ban on Jallikattu, the students of AAC joined the huge protest in Thamukkam grounds, Madurai. A three-day National Science Mela, sponsored by DST, New Delhi and TNSTC, Chennai, was held on 27 - 29 Jan.

Frs Baskar Antony, Maria Arul Raja and Sahayaraj of **Arul Kadal, Chennai** handled the contact classes for the Distance Education Programme of Vidya Jyothi, Delhi on 6 Jan. Around 20 students from Andhra, Tamilnadu and Karnataka attended. Our scholastics joined hands with the people at Marina during the pro-Jallikattu protests on 17-22 Jan.

**Beschi Illam, Dindigul** wore a colourful, cheerful look on 07 Jan, as 125 children from the novices' ministry parishes gathered for the annual 'Bala Mela.' The guests of honour were our senior Jesuits. On 12 Jan the Beschi community undertook a pilgrimage to Oriyur and Sarugani and prayed at the place of martyrdom of St John De Britto and the tomb of the Servant of God, Fr Louis Leveil. On 16 Jan, led by Br Victor, we celebrated 'Anthoniar Pongal' with folk dances and songs by novices. Two missionaries of our province, Frs Andrew Thekkekera and Cyril Suresh, who are serving in Zimbabwe and Brazil respectively, shared their experiences with the novices.

Our novices, along with their formators, participated in the Jallikattu protests in Dindigul. Animating the monthly recollection on 25 Jan, Fr Mathew Cyril from Bodhi Zendo shared one of his life-transforming experiences, to emphasize that only a deep experience of God's love leads us to true transformation.

Thanks to the efforts of Fr Ignatius Britto, and marking the revival of **CIS, Beschi**, a tertianship program has taken off at CIS after a long gap, with 30 Sisters from five different Congregations. Quite a few retreats are going on in Beschi and CIS, making the campus lively and spirit-filled.

Emma, Director, **JESCO**, conducted on 01, 02 Dec '16 a two-day training programme to the lecturers of Loyola College, Chennai who had volunteered to become personal mentors to students. On 18 Dec he conducted a seminar on "Being trustworthy in relationships" for Catholic parents in Chennai. On 19-24 Dec he conducted a 5-day program



AAC



AAC



Arul Kadal



Beschi



JESCO



Kalangarai



Kalangarai



LCM



LENS

on Counseling and Psychotherapy to 25 CIC Sisters who are in the ministry of education. During the Christmas week, he directed a 6-days retreat to the Junior Holy Cross Sisters, Trichy.

In January 2017, Emma conducted the Reunion of the Sivagangai Diocesan Clergy on the theme of Stress Management. He offered a 3-day program at CIS, Beschi, for 30 tertian Sisters. He taught a course on Transactional Analysis to the students of MSW, MBA and M.S. Counseling Psychology at Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur.

Fr Richard Hiruthayaraj of JESCCO conducted a 5-day 'Solution Focused Brief Therapy Training' to CIC nuns as well as a one-day program on the same topic to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year M.Sc. students at Nachiodaipatty. He also conducted a session on Stress Management and Coping with Life to the 1200 parents of the students at St. Joseph's Matriculation School, Madurai.

He conducted a three-day program on Adolescent Psychology to the students of St. Joseph's Community College, Nagapattinam. Fr Richard directed a psycho-spiritual retreat to the novices of the Coimbatore Presentation Sisters.

**Kalangarai, Naagapattinam**, organized children's day programmes in five places - Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam, Kollidam, Poombukar and Tarangambadi. Around 750 students benefitted from the programmes.

Fr Provincial inaugurated the Decennial Celebrations of **JIM**, St Joseph's with a Eucharist on 05 Jan. Fr Joe Arun, Director, JIM, recalled the important milestones JIM has crossed in the last ten years. All the Directors of work in the Campus concelebrated and Fr John Britto, Rector, preached the homily on the meaning of success in life. During a cultural programme, Fr Provincial shared his reflections with the gathering on the purpose of life. For the first time, JIM organised a national level Management Fest called *XChange - Be the Change* on 27 Jan. Students from more than 20 B Schools took part in different competitions.

About 1300 youth of Salem diocese gathered at **Loyola College, Mettala** to celebrate the Youth Festival on 29 Jan. It was a joint venture of Loyola-Mettala and the Youth Commission of Salem diocese. Bishop Singarayan of Salem inaugurated the Festival with a Eucharist. Resource persons of the day, Mr. Joe Malluri, Frs A. Joseph and Joe Arun spoke on the theme 'எங்கே போகிறோம் நாம்?' and motivated the youth. The clergy and the participants appreciated this new initiative of LCM and wanted more of this kind in the future.

**LENS**, Madurai, organized a film screening and discussion of *Udta Punjab*, a Hindi film on the menace of drugs in the state of Punjab. Along with 'Marupakkam.'

It organized a one-day documentary film screening and discussion at AAC, Karumaathur. Participants appreciated the short films produced by the students. Fr Irudayaraj and his team conducted a three-day workshop on creative writing for 18 CIC sisters, Madurai. He conducted two sessions on the 'Impact of mass media and digital media on family relationships' for the members of the TNBC Family Commission at their meet in Trichy. Bishop Thomas Aquinas of Coimbatore appreciated the sessions.

The community of **St Mary's, Dindigul** went to Amali Farm on 16 Jan to celebrate Pongal with the co-workers, who received a gift each from Br Joseph. Mr Naachimuthu was the Chief Guest at the grand Hostel Day celebration on 29 Jan. **AMUTHU** conducted de-addiction programmes in 12 schools in and around Oddanchatram with help from the staff of JMAAD, Nagercoil. 50 children from Amuthu participated at Children's Parliament programme at St. Mary's, Madurai and 45 women took part in a programme for unorganized labourers at Deepam Centre, Batlagundu.

Fr V. George, Director, Alumni Association of **St Mary's, Madurai**, organized the annual get-together of our alumni at which many distinguished alumni from all over Tamil Nadu took part. Fr. G. Packiaraj preached a retreat to the clergy of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry.

Xaverian Night has come to be an annual event through which the management of **St Xavier's**, Palayamkottai, expresses their gratitude to and solidarity with the families of its teaching and non teaching staff. More than 400 members turned up for the Xaverian Night 2017, held on 07 Jan. Frs Antonysamy, Secretary and Kingsley, Director, Campus Ministry, saw to it that the event was a truly joyful occasion.

We, the Tamil scholastics at **Vidyaniketan**, Trivandrum, celebrated Pongal along with our colleagues from other provinces. Our sojourn to Shembaganur for the Ecological Awareness course was an unforgettable experience. Fr John Britto, the director of Anglade Institute of Natural History, guided us through the three-day course.

We, the Juniors and novices at the **Xavier Training College, Belgaum**, came together to celebrate Pongal on 14 Jan and helped people of other cultures taste the traditional Tamil food items like *idli*, *dosa*, *vada* and *Pongal*. The same evening, our second year novices left for Ahmednagar and Mumbai for their hospital experiments. We were delighted to welcome our PCF, Fr Joe Xavier who visited us in January.



# They have done it!

*Something new, something good...*



**Jesuit Migrant Ministry External (JMMEx)** organized the International Migrants Day celebrations at Loyola College, Vettavalam on 18 Dec 2016. Fr Eugene Rosario, Director, JMMEx, and his staff were happy that 47 migrants and their families, out of about 750 migrants they had contacted in Thiruvannamalai, Villuppuram and Cuddalore, turned up for the celebrations. Fr Sahaya Josephson, Secretary, Labour Commission, diocese of Vellore, Fr Marianathan, C., province coordinator for social action, and Fr Sebastian Crossian, Director, JMS, attended. Fr. Packiaraj Soosai, Berchmans Hall, Chennai, who had studied the 'Role of the absentee male parent in the life and development of the teenage children of migrants' presented the findings of his study. The celebrations helped the migrants believe, "We migrate as workers, We shall return as entrepreneurs."

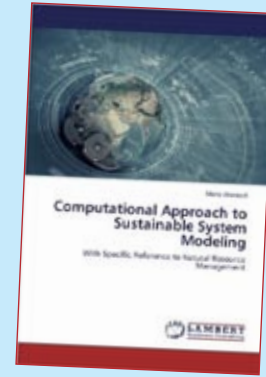
V. Sathish, a student of St Joseph's Community College, **Kalangarai, Nagapattinam**, received the gold medal for his performance in the academic year 2014-15. In the Graduation Ceremony that took place in Chennai he received the gold medal from the Vice Chancellor. This is the tenth consecutive year when a student of our Community College has won the gold medal for Refregerating and Air Conditioning Technician Course.

In the presence of Archbishop Antony Pappusamy of Madurai, and the Chennai Mission Superior, Fr Jebamalai Raja, the statue of the great French missionary, Fr John Baptist Trincal, SJ, who worked in the new Madurai Mission, was unveiled by **Fr Mark Stephen**, Kuppayanalloor, in the premises of W. Puthupatti parish on 26 Dec '16. Fr Trincal was the one who started St Mary's school and the parish in Madurai.

The doctoral thesis of **Fr Maria Wenisch**,



LIBA, Loyola, Chennai has been published by a German publisher, LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, under the title, *Computational Approach to Sustainable System Modelling - With Specific Reference to National Resource Management*. It is available at the online store, Amazon. (See New Books on p. 10)



Quite a few students of **St Mary's, Dindigul** have won gold and silver medals at the State level sports competitions. On 26, the hostel organized Widows Empowerment Programme for the mothers of hostlers.



**St. Xavier's** H. S. School, Palayamkottai, has begun to offer to the students of English Medium sections extracurricular activities like chess, Hindi, spoken English, drawing, karate, key board, western dance and *silambam*. Each student chooses one of these and gets regularly trained by professionals. Every three months EMS magazine is released on a particular theme in order to promote the creativity and critical thinking among the students. Every month special assemblies are conducted for these students to promote their self confidence and leadership qualities. We plan to extend these activities to the Tamil medium students from the next year onwards.



The 'one rupee a day' scheme has helped the students of St. Xavier's college express their solidarity with two poor farmers from two villages of 'STAND outreach programme' by donating to them Rs 6,000 each during the Pongal celebrations on 13 Jan. A 17 year old girl from Aruppukottai who needs to undergo transplantation of both the kidneys has been given Rs 20,000, and a Sri Lankan refugee Rs 15,000 towards cancer treatment.



## CORRESPONDENTS :

*Anthony Rex, Emma, Eugene, Franklin Rex, Irudayaraj, John Richard, Lenin, Naveen Kumar, G.Packiaraj, Renold Amirtharaj, Richard H., Rufus, Thangadurai, Viji Bose, Viju, Williams Charles.*

## Abide with the Lord

Fr Emmanuel Raj Antonisamy, SJ, (MDU), 71/54, on 03 Feb in Madurai.

Mr John Bosco, 54, younger brother of Fr Xavier Alphonse, SJ, on 14 Jan in Chennai.





## Memories

### Handed over to Mylapore

Sacred edifices – many of them stately and commodious - are mostly built with alms from France or Europe, with some help also from Indian Catholics. The church of Kuthalur was built by a family of Maresilles, that of Idaikattur by an English lady, La Salette of Kodaikanal by the Countess d' Oultremont and the church of Pudukkottai by a French benefactress.

In 1893 by a papal decree, in execution of the concordat of 1886, all the stations of the Madura Mission in the Tanjore District, viz, 36 churches, 94 chapels and 21,200 Catholics, were handed over to the newly re-erected see of Mylapore. The latter also kept personal jurisdiction over 14 churches in various parts of the Trichinopoly diocese, while giving up in exchange the localities not on that list of 14.

In September 1894 three Brahmans, M.S. Balachandra Ayer, P.J. Doraiswami Ayer, V. Mahadeva Ayer and his wife and daughter were baptized by Fr Francis Billard, SJ. at St. Joseph's College, Trichy. These first-fruits of the Brahman apostolate proved their sincerity by heroic conduct under severe persecution, raised by the incredible pride and prejudice of the Hindu Brahman caste against Christianity. In 1932 there were 91 Catholic Tamil Brahmans in the diocese of Trichinopoly and some 80 in other parts of South India.

- **Joseph C.Houpert, SJ**  
In *A South Indian Mission*

## Just for...



A Jew went to the Vatican and insisted on seeing the Pope. He said it was something personal and he could share it only with the Pope. The Pope showed up and asked what he could do for him. The Jew said he was a cook, his father was a cook, his grandfather was a cook, his great grandfather was a cook. He said he comes from a family of cooks that goes back to 2,000 years. The Pope smiled and asked him again what he could do for him. The Jew said, "The bill for the Last Supper has not been paid yet."

## Secrets

### *for Well-being and Peace*



## Emotional health

Many religiously oriented persons and organizations, until very recently, gave little systematic attention to mental and emotional health. The focus was on growing spiritually. The result was that many religious and priests remained emotionally immature, with great cost to their spiritual development and inter-personal functioning.

A study by Lourdes, Patel and Paranjpe (1991) comparing the personality traits of 300 clergy (priests, sisters and seminarians) and 300 lay persons found that clergy on the whole were far less mature psychologically than lay persons. Of the 11 positive traits measured, lay persons scored more positively on nine. Of the eight negative traits, clergy fared worse on seven. "More clergy than lay persons were also characterized as having excessive nervousness, bad temper, exhibitionism, excessive conservatism and jealousy, and being easily led away." Studies show that human formation is a neglected aspect of the training of priests and religious.

- **Jose Parapully, SDB**  
In *Psychosexual Integration and Celibate Maturity*

## New Books



*Vilimbunilai Chollaadalgal*, **A. Irudayaraj, SJ**, Maatru Oodaga Maiyam, Chennai - 600 092. Pages: 96. Price: Rs 100.

*Computational Approach to Sustainable System Modelling* by **Maria Wenisch, SJ**, LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, Pages: 188, Price: \$ 68.