



Message from the Provincial



Discernment: Call of the Moment

Dear Brothers,

Wishing every one of you a grace-filled New Year, I invite all the members of our province to enter into the important spiritual exercise of discernment. All of us are aware that discernment is one of the most important aspects of Ignatian spirituality. GC 36 has reaffirmed its importance and invited everyone to engage in serious discernment regarding our way of life, ministry and governance system.

This becomes all the more relevant for Madurai Province, as we are initiating the process of discerning the status of the province and entering into a process to identify the new Provincial, who will respond to this situation according to God's will. We are also discerning the future administrative structure of the Province on the basis of Fr General's response to the postulate requesting Fr General to elevate the Chennai Mission to a Region. Fr General, in his response, has directed and invited the entire Province to give its response after a process of serious discernment.

Discernment is the call of the moment to our province, primarily because of these two requirements. So we need to understand its importance, usefulness, and the need for a proper disposition that is required for a genuine discernment. Our way of life - our way of proceeding is one of deep spiritual search, in which everyone is engaged with inner freedom, objective search, openness to the will of the Lord, readiness to accept whatever the Lord is communicating to us. We are also aware that any other approach is

unsuitable for our way of life.

During the sharing sessions on GC 36, we listened carefully to what our Delegates shared about the process of *murmuratio* for the election of the new Superior General. They talked about the wonderful way in which the Lord helped the Delegates to choose the right person as our Superior General. This is indeed one of the unique characteristics of the Society through which our Superior Generals have been elected from the beginning of the Society. In this exercise the Delegates have been able to transcend all human considerations, while looking for the most suitable person to hold this high office. They were free from linguistic, cultural, ethnic, social or political biases while making their choice.

During the recent sharing sessions in the province on GC 36, some members expressed the desire that such a method should be adopted in the province while making major decisions. Here is an opportune moment for every one of us to practice true discernment in a prayerful atmosphere, avoiding any propaganda, pressurizing, canvassing, indulging in character assassination, etc. Let everyone discern before the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer and inner freedom, what the Lord wants. When we take this approach, the Lord will surely show us the right direction and lead us to the right decision, which all of us should be ready and willing to accept wholeheartedly.

Faternally,
Sebastien L. Raj, SJ
Provincial

Provincial's Programme



JANUARY 2017

- 03 Consult
- 04-07 Visitation: St. Joseph's, Trichy
- 10-12 Visitation: SICJ, Trivandrum
- 14-15 Visitation: Clive House, Trichy
- 17-19 Visitation: St. Mary's, Madurai
- 21-22 Visitation: Satya Nilayam
- 23 Visitation: Ranipettai
- 24 Visitation: PAATHAI, Vallam
- 25 Visitation: LAV, Vadamelpakkam
- 26-27 Visitation: DNC, Pune
- 28-29 Visitation: Loyola, Kuppayanallur
- 31 Meeting for the Local Superiors & Team Leaders -- Maduralaya

FEBRUARY 2017

- 01-02 Visitation: Loyola College, Mettala
- 02-03 Visitation: Arulagam, Harur
- 04-05 Consult
- 07-10 Visitation: St Xavier's, P'Kottai
- 12-13 Visitation: Oriyur
- 14-15 Visitation: De Britto, Devakottai
- 18-28 JCSA Meeting, Jabalpur

Chennai Mission Superior's Programme

JANUARY 2017

- 03 Province Consult
- 05 LAV, Vadamelpakkam
- 06-07 LCM, Mettala & Harur
- 20 Mission Consult
- 25-26 PAATHAI, Vallam
- 26-27 Loyola, Kuppayanallur
- 30 LCV, Vettavalam
- 31 Superiors' Meeting at Maduralaya

FEBRUARY 2017

- 01 Meeting with Fr Charles, SJ, Asst. Treasurer, Rome
- 03 Feast Mass at Oriyur
- 04-05 Province Consult
- 10 Mission Consult (Morning)
- 10-11 JESIM, Tindivanam & AHAL, Kilpennathur
- 15-16 Makkampalayam
- 16-17 Mettupalayam
- 17-18 Ooty
- 25-26 Clive's Companions Meeting, Bengaluru



Announcements

Transfers/New Status: The Local Superiors/Team Leaders are invited to propose possible transfers, and express personnel needs of their communities in the format that has been sent to them by email. These proposals should reach the Provincial before the end of January or at least by the first week of February. Individual Jesuits are welcome to make their proposals for a possible change in their status, with an adequate explanation. Your proposals should reach the Provincial by the end of January, latest by the first week of February. Even those who have already spoken about this to the Provincial earlier are requested to write to him once again.

Opinionnaire on the Next Provincial: All the Jesuits of the Province, including those who are applied to MDU, are invited to propose names of those who could succeed the present Provincial, by using the format sent to everyone by post or email.

Special Retreat on GC 36: There will be a Special Retreat for the local superiors/team leaders of the south zone provinces – from 03 to 11 May at SHC, Shembaganur and from 22-29 May at Prerana, Bengaluru. All the local superiors/team leaders are encouraged to participate one of these two retreats either in Shembaganur or in Bengaluru. You may book your seats directly by writing to the Administrator/Minister of the respective house.

Jubilarians' Day: The Jubilarians' Day of the Province has been shifted to 31 May '17, in view of the Retreat in Bangalore for the Local Superiors of South Zone.

Roots & Wings 2017: Colloquium on Ignatian Spirituality: *Venue:* Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, Kodaikanal. *Dates:* From April 2 evening to May 8 evening (both days inclusive) 2017. *Total Course Fee:* Rs 20,000/- (including Board & Lodge). *Contact Person:* Fr M. Devadhas SJ. *Email:* devadhasm@gmail.com. *Mobile:* +91 94875 80952. *Last date to register:* 15 Feb '17.

SAP for Scholastics: SAP for Scholastics (Berchmans Illam, Loyola, Arul Kadal and other Scholastics in Chennai Mission) will be held at Loyola college, Chennai on 10 Feb eve to 12 Feb eve. It is open also to other Jesuits who have not yet attended a SAP so far. Animator: Raj Irudaya. Contact: PCF at pcf@mdusj.org.

Magnet for Religious: The Newsletter of the National CRI has taken a new, gorgeous avatar as a full-fledged, well-edited English monthly called *Magnet*. Individuals and communities are encouraged to subscribe. Email: crimagnet@gmail.com. Website: www.crimagnet.com.



Response of Fr General to the Postulate regarding the Status of Chennai Mission

Fr. General has responded to the Postulate sent to him by our Province Congregation, requesting him to raise the Chennai Mission to the status of a Region.

All are encouraged to read this letter carefully and prayerfully. This is a document that needs careful study and discernment.

This letter does NOT convey any decision as such by Fr. General but an invitation and direction by him for discernment, dialogue and search, which will help Fr General make a decision. As Fr General himself has mentioned in his letter, this is a long process, which we need to go through before Fr General can take the final decision. Hence, without jumping to conclusions, let us consider all that Fr General says prayerfully in the true spirit of St. Ignatius.

The Provincial is calling a meeting of the Local Superiors and Team Leaders on 31 January 2017 at Maduralaya to take up this matter for prayerful reflection and discernment.



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MDU 2016/16
19 December 2016

Dear Father Sebasti Raj,

Peace and joy in the Lord!

Through his letter (MDU 2016/01) dated 19 January 2016, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás had acknowledged receiving the postulate submitted to the Superior General by the recent Madurai Province Congregation which read:

We request Fr. General to initiate the process of raising the status of Chennai Mission to that of a Region.

In his letter, Fr. Nicolás had postponed a fuller response until after his visit to MDU, which was planned for later in the year. However, for various reasons Fr. Nicolás was unable to follow up as he hoped he could.

During GC36 I was able to converse with you and others about this postulate. What I say below is offered as a first step in a dialogical process I wish to begin which will, I hope, result in a good discernment and an early decision about the future of the Chennai Mission.

1. I am, in principle, open to the creation of a new Chennai Region if this is the best way to respond to the needs of the people of that region, especially the marginalised groups such as Dalits and tribals.
2. I wish, however, to emphasize that my interest is more in apostolic structures that effectively promote the mission than in geographical divisions that may, unnecessarily, increase bureaucracy.
3. I invite you, therefore, in consultation with those involved in the development of the Chennai Mission, to study and propose an apostolic structure that will enhance the growth and quality of our service to the people in the Chennai Mission area. Such a structure may well include a Major Superior as overall in charge, in addition to the Provincial. You may like to inform yourself of initiatives taken in Spain and in Latin America to see whether what is being attempted there has lessons for what would best help the Chennai Mission.
4. Let me clarify that I am not opposed to the creation of a new Chennai Region, which would be dependent on the MDU Province. However, the geographical dimension should be a consequence of proposed apostolic structures, not the starting point.



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5. Should it seem advisable to establish a new dependent Chennai Region, your consultation should discuss responses to the points raised in the Document *“The Renewal of Province Structures in the Service of Universal Mission”* of Rome, 27 September 2011. The document identifies criteria such as Demographic Resources, Personnel/Community Resources, Apostolic Resources, **Capacity for Working with Others and Capacity for Ongoing Apostolic Planning and Discernment** which must be taken into serious account in establishing a new juridical entity.
6. However, as the document itself notes that, “Although no Province (whether existing or in discernment to be formed) may fully meet all the criteria listed above, honest discernment can make an informed judgment about their balance to determine the probable viability of the Province.”
7. Further, what is at issue here is the creation of a dependent Region, not a Province. Nevertheless, it is as well already at the start to see how things are and how they are eventually meant to be for, as the document also says,

“The step from an area/district to a Region is a significant one. Generally speaking, the discernment to consider such a development should not be undertaken unless the proposed and feasible outcome is a new Province. If realistic apostolic planning and careful apostolic discernment for the future of the area/district cannot envision the criteria for a Province as proposed in Section One being met within a reasonable time, the development of a separate juridical entity—a Region or mission—should not be undertaken.”

8. We would also need to develop clear Statutes to articulate the relationship between the dependent Region and the mother Province. These, unfortunately, do not exist in the South Asian Assistancy so they will have to be composed, keeping in mind local realities, models that exist, and Society norms and regulations.

As I said, dear Father Sebastia Raj, this letter initiates a process that will lead to a decision in the best interests of mission. There is a lot of work to be done ‘but well begun is well done’, so please use the best available resources to undertake this important discernment process. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. The sooner we take it, the sooner we arrive at our destination.

With cordial good wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a bright New Year,

Yours sincerely in the Lord,


Arturo Sosa, S.J.
Superior General



They met, they celebrated...

Celebrations, Functions, Courses...

We, the Juniors of **Vidyaniketan**, Trivandrum, celebrated the feast of St Xavier together with the St Xavier's College community on 03 Dec. As part of the Art Appreciation Course given by Fr Roy Thottam, we visited several art galleries. After our second term exams we celebrated Christmas in our community and in our ministry parishes with joy. The stunning performance of Juniors during the Community Day celebrations enthralled the audience. Fr Devadoss, our Superior, was the resource person at the Zonal sharing on GC 36 here on 12 Dec. Eminent guests who visited us this month included Fr Anto, PCF of Kerala, Fr Arul Soosaimanikam, Regional Superior of Kohima, and Fr Suman, PCF of Ranchi.

The family day at **Veerama Munivar Illam**, Vilangudi gave the parents of Pre-novices a holistic view of Jesuit formation and mission. Another beautiful event was the installation of the statues, Beschi and Mary of Refuge, at the entrance of Veeramamunivar Illam, Villangudi. The great towering statues with open arms welcome all.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy was concluded at **St Mary's Cathedral, Madurai** with the thanksgiving Eucharist presided over by Archbishop Antony Pappusamy of Madurai.

On 03 Dec, **St Mary's, Dindigul** organized a felicitation programme for the students who are going for state level sports competitions. The chief guest was Mr. Srinivasan, State Minister for Forests. On 17, the Alumni Association organized a family gathering at which the chief guest was Fr. M.A. Joe Antony, Superior, Maduralaya. His talk on 'Happy, Healthy Families' was very much appreciated by the gathering. On 21, the school celebrated Christmas with its staff and Bishop Thomas Paulsamy of Dindigul was the chief guest. On 21 and 22, Fr Provincial came for the annual visitation. On 24, Amuthu organized a one-day camp for the students at Porulur in which prizes were distributed for the top scorers in 10th





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and 12 the public examinations. It organized a one week camp for the students in Ottanchatthiram.

All the staff of **St Joseph's** College H.S. School, Trichy and their families enjoyed the Christmas family get-together that ended with a delicious dinner. On the annual Alumni Day new officials were elected.

Fr Anto, St Joseph's, who is now in a London parish on a sabbatical, writes: "I am so grateful to the Society for this year freedom from routine higher education mission for the past 22 years. I serve as an assistant in Southall Jesuit Parish, London, where more than 90% of parishioners are from India. I am spending my time learning Ignatian spirituality, counselling the youth, helping couples in marriage preparation, hearing confessions, visiting care homes to celebrate Mass, visiting the sick, blessing houses... I meet our two Scholastics who are doing their theology here - Swaminathan and Thayriam - once a month and it is a joyful occasion. Recently we had a Tamil Mass to pray for all our province men and their mission."

At **Sitagarh, Hazaribag**, on 12 Nov we, the **Juniors**, staged a Hindi play, *Jeevan Ki Kasauti*, which was well appreciated. After a week's preparation, we celebrated our patron saint's feast on 26 Nov with a friendly basket ball match with the Novices. Fr POSA, who stayed with us for a couple of days in the first week of December, shared with us his experiences of GC 36. On 13th December Fr Vincent Sekhar (MDU) gave us a talk on interreligious dialogue. On 14 we bade farewell to our Tertiaries and on 17 we had the Christmas get together.

We, all the **Regents**, made a triduum at Arrupe Illam, Mettupalayam on 27-29 Dec, guided by Fr Victor Roch, Loyola, Chennai. There was a fruitful sharing on the life and challenges of regents. The Arrupe Illam community did everything to make our stay comfortable.

Students of **Loyola School, Kuppayanalloor**, won the first prize in Thom Fest. A discussion on Fr. Mark's recent novel, *Meelveli* was organized on 18 Dec. Writers like Ms. Bhama and Dr. Chelan were present. The children at Good Samaritan presented cultural performances at the Christmas celebration for our domestic workers. Jesuits of Chennai Mission gathered at Kuppayanallur for the Christmas celebration on 20

Dec at which the Jubilarians, Frs James Rodriguez and Irudhayaraj, were honoured.

On the 22,23 Dec **Loyola College, Vettavalam** had 'Loyo Fest 2016', an interdepartmental cultural festival with active and lively participation of a large number of students. The two day event showcased the hidden talents of our students.

More than 250 young scientists and 40 senior scientists participated and 51 of them presented papers at the 'Young Scientists' Conference on Faunal Diversity', organized by the School of Entomology and Centre for Natural Resources Management and P.G. & Research Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology, **Loyola College, Chennai** on 05 Dec. Its aim was to create awareness among young scientists for protection of faunal diversity. The Christmas celebration for the students was held on 19 December and Fr Alan, Superior, Berchmans Illam delivered the Christmas message. The Christmas get-together for the academic and the administrative staff was held on 19 Dec. All the faculties from LIBA, LICET, LCE, and IDCR were part of the celebration. A conference on 'Media in Tamil Civil Society' was organised by Visual Communication Department on 20 Dec. Mr. Thirumavalavan, Leader, VCK and Mr Jawarihilla, Leader, Manithaneya Makkal Katchi highlighted the role of media in constructing civil society.

Fr Irudayaraj, **LENS**, and his team conducted Media Education workshops for YSM students in 6 towns, and students of Presentation Convent school, Kodaikanal. They gave a 3-day workshop on 'Effective Communication through Arts' for the Novices, Beschi Illam, training the Novices to write articles and draw cartoons. LENS organised a screening-cum-discussion of *Court*, a Marathi movie. Many lawyers and professors and research students participated. In collaboration with 'Marupakkam', a secular media group, LENS organised a two-day documentary film festival for students interested in documentary film making. On 24 Dec in a function jointly organized by LENS and Aathithamailar Katchi a documentary film on the miserable life of manual scavengers was





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We, the two **Juniors** here at **Belgaum**, along with others went to help out at Bom Jesu Basilica, Old Goa, during the novena of St Xavier and on 03 Dec, the feast day. Those were indeed grace-filled days. On 24 Dec night before the Midnight Mass, we put up a one-act play titled, *Look Again* at Fatima Cathedral, Belgaum. Many appreciated the message and our acting. We organized the Community Days on 26-28 Dec at XTC for both novices and juniors. On 29 Dec Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas, (GOA), Vice Secretary of the Society shared with us all that happened at GC 36.

JIM, St Joseph's, Trichy, organised a public debate on Demonetisation in which experts in finance and stock exchange and political commentators discussed the merits and demerits of the burning issue. The debate attracted 2,000 people.

IDCR, Chennai celebrated the Festival of Lights on 08 Dec, combining the festivals of various religious traditions in the season. Fr M. Amaladoss, Director, who celebrated his 80th birthday, was honoured. Fr Felix Wilfred, Director, Asian Cross Cultural Studies, released Fr Amal's book *Experiencing God in India* and the Prince of Arcot released *Lead Me On*, Fr Amal's autobiography. Ms. Sri Ranjini, film actress, distributed prizes to physically challenged children who won in competitions organized earlier.

Ms. Katherine Allen, the Grants Officer for Access Program, U.S. State Department, Washington DC,

visited **ICRDCE** and all its three Access Centres on 19 Dec. She was highly satisfied with the program. On 17 Dec Fr M. S. Jacob, Director, was the chief guest at the valedictory function of Geriatric Nursing section of Advantage Community College, Bangalore. Along with Mr. Johnson, he attended the South Asian Regional Access administrators' conference in Goa at the invitation of the U. S. Embassy, New Delhi on 20-23 Dec. ICRDCE Access was hailed as an excellent model for the Access India.

At **Beschi Illam** Fr Provincial shared about GC 36 with the Novices on 02 Dec and with the our senior Jesuits on 08 Dec. On 13 Dec parents of our first year novices came to Beschi for the Parents' Meet. After the sessions the Novices gave a cultural program and shared about their life and experiences here. The main celebrant at the Mass was Fr Tagore, who enthused the parents and the novices to commit themselves to the distinct tasks assigned to them by God. On 15 Dec we gave a send off to Sr. Manjula PDDM, one of the two Infirmarians, with a special Mass in which quite a few Jesuits shared about her good qualities and contribution.

On 24 Nov Fr Maria Arul Raja, **Arul Kadal**, gave a talk on 'Theo-Response to the National Dalit Unrest' at JDV, Pune. At a national seminar on 03 Dec in the Hindustan Bible Institute, Chennai, he spoke on Indian Subaltern Aesthetics.

The CAMPFEST 2016 at **AAC**, Karumathur, saw the enthusiastic participation of the students in various cultural activities on 16, 17 Dec '16. Ms. Thamizhachi Thangapandian and Mr. R Jayachandran were the chief guests. The department of Economics organized a seminar on demonetization on 14 Dec at which Mr S. Peter Alphonse, a former M.P and M.L.A, helped the students understand the consequences of the measure.



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They have done it!

Something new, something good...

On 28 Dec at **St Xavier's**, Palayamkottai, the S.S.L.C. (formerly 11 standard) students, including Fr M. Charles of 1966 – 67 batch of St. Xavier's High School, Palayamkottai, celebrated the 50th year of their Schooling in the School premises, in the presence of Frs Rector, Correspondent and Headmaster on 28 Dec. Over 70 former students with their children and grand children joined the Golden Jubilee. 7 of their teachers and 3 non-teaching staff were honoured on this occasion. The participants resolved to meet annually and to create an Endowment to educate 1 or 2 poor students with financial assistance. Showing their resolve the group generously donated a little over Rs 20,000/- on the spot and promised to enhance this endowment in the days to come.

As a new Christmas initiative, the two Parish Priests of **St Mary's, Madurai**, and their teams visited more than 1,200 houses of parishioners, singing carols. They visited the houses of our Catechism teachers with gifts, in gratitude for their selfless service throughout the year. There was another ecumenical Christmas celebration attended by both the Catholic Archbishop of Madurai and the CSI Archbishop of Madurai-Ramnad and representatives from the various Christian Churches. Our altar boys went to St. Joseph's School for the Blind, Paravai to share the Christmas joy with the inmates, singing carols and sharing snacks.

Loyola College, Chennai won the A L Mudaliar Athletics Meet trophy for the 15th consecutive year, with 8 Gold, 10 Silver and 6 Bronze medals. It was Loyola's 37th victory in the 49 year old Athletics Meet. A Loyola student, Thangavasanth, created a new record in pole vault and Loyola 4 X 400 Mts Relay team created a new record.

On 03 Dec **LISoR**, Vettavalam and **LIBA**,





Chennai, together organized a day-long consultation on “Nurturing an Ecosystem of Entrepreneurship among the socially marginalized.” Three business proposals around a ‘Digital Centre’, ‘Waste Management’ and ‘Organic Farming’, proposed by the LCV Entrepreneurship team and a study on “Mapping of entrepreneurial resources in the refugee camps” proposed by JRS-TN were discussed in detail, with the help of experts brought in by LIBA. LISoR and LIBA have promised to take these proposals forward in the coming months.



JIM, St Joseph’s, Trichy, conducted a workshop on employability skills for 78 unemployed rural youth of Trichy diocese. In the next phase they will go for the placement process. JIM is ranked at the 8th place in the category of promising B schools in India. Fr Joe Arun, Director, has been listed as one of the top ten Directors of leading Business Schools by the magazine, *Competition Success Review*.



On 03 Dec six of our novices, **Beschi Illam**, gave a one day retreat to the students of St. Joseph’s Matriculation Girls’ Hr Sec School, Dindigul. On 20 Dec some Jesuits of Beschi Illam along with some senior Fathers and novices, celebrated Christmas with the visually challenged and the aged in the home run by Cluny Sisters in Kurusady. Study materials were presented to the children of the visually challenged people of the Blind Colony nearby.



On 01 Dec **Arul Kadal** organized the Chennai Inter-Theologate Seminar on ‘Transformation in Contemporary India – A Christian Response.’ Schs. George and James presented a paper on ‘Transformational Leadership’. At a national seminar at Madras University on 14, 15 Dec Sch Deva Arockia Stephen presented a paper titled ‘Towards Environmental Responsibility.’

Abide with the Lord

Fr Mathew Jayanth, SJ (CCU), 62/40, on 03 Dec ‘16 at Kolkata.

Fr Leo Bara, SJ (RAN), 94/74, on 10 Dec ‘16 in Ranchi.

Fr Timothy Kiro, SJ (JAM), 57/35, on 19 Dec ‘16 in Jamshedpur.

Fr Paul Hembrom, SJ (JAM), 60/37, on 27 Dec ‘16 in Jamshedpur.



Memories

Blessed are the meek...

Here is what an orthodox Hindu, Mr. Surendranath Mallick, a Bengali gentleman, Member of the India Council, said of Catholic Education in an address made before St. Francis Xavier's Union at London in 1927: "As for the appreciation of Christianity by the Hindu, it is not a matter of opinion, but of fact that the Hindu mind, from the very beginning of the Christian missions in India, greatly appreciated the Bible and the most wonderful lovable personality of Jesus Christ. His teachings and sermons fully supported many of the Hindu doctrines, including chiefly the Three Paths to Salvation – Knowledge, Love, and Service.

"I should not omit to say that the Christian Missionaries – particularly the Roman Catholics – command so much of our esteem in India very largely owing to their meekness in life that gives them a sweetness which the Hindu mind so deeply appreciates.

"I must mention in particular, the excellent work carried on by the Jesuit Fathers in my country, and in my own town of Calcutta. The St. Xavier's College has been imparting high education to the successive generations of India's rising citizens, irrespective of caste, and creed, for over half a century, and the college itself is one of the best in the East.

Turning to South India, which contains the largest number of Catholics, Mr. Mallick spoke in high terms of St. Joseph's College, Trichinopoly, where many hundreds "are being given education and character, the largest number of whom are Hindu."

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

New Books



My Evening Reflections, **Arul Maria Varaprasadam, SJ**, A. Stephen (arputha_steve@yahoo.com)

Experiencing God in India, **Michael Amaladoss, SJ**, Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, Anand, Gujarat.

Lead Me On, An Autobiography, **Michael Amaladoss, SJ**, Blink Foundation, Chennai - 600 034. Price: Rs 100.

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Julian of Norwich, the fourteenth-century Christian mystic, said most simply but most radically that we are not just made by God, we are made of God.

What does it mean that we are made of God rather than simply by God? In part it means that the wisdom of God is deep within us - the creativity of God is deep within us. As Julian says, the love-longings of God are at the heart of our being. We and all things have come forth from the One. Deep within us are holy, natural longings for oneness - primal sacred drives for union. We may live in tragic exile from these longings, or we may have spent a whole lifetime not knowing how to truly satisfy them, but they are there at the heart of our being, waiting to be born afresh. The Rebirthing of God is precisely this.

- **John Philip Newell**
in *The Rebirthing of God*

Just for..



Donald Trump wanted to have the White House painted. A Chinese quoted \$ 3 million. A Frenchman quoted \$ 7 million. An Indian quoted \$ 11 million. He called all the three and asked them for an explanation. The Chinese said, "1 million for the paint, 1 million for the labour and 1 million is my profit." The Frenchman said, "3 million for the paint, 2 million for labour and 2 million will be my profit." The Indian said, "Sir, I want to meet you alone." When Trump took him in, the Indian said, "Sir, it is very simple. 4 million for you, 4 million for me. But nothing to worry, sir. The job will be done. I will ask the Chinese guy to do the job for 3 million."