



APRIL 2011

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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

April

- 05 Chennai: Loyola College
- 06 Chennai: Inauguration of Loyola Academy Vadamelpakkam
- 16 Dindigul: Consult
- 27 Madurai: CIC Centenary celebrations
- 28 Dindigul Alverna: School staff recruits' orientation

May

- 05 pm-13 Shembaganur: Province Retreat
- 17-18 Shembaganur: Formation Meet
- 28 am Dindigul: Beschi: Jubilarians' Day
- 28 pm-29 Dindigul: Beschi: Superiors, Coordinators and Consultors Meeting

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Regional Office of JRS** has been shifted from Bangalore to Delhi. Cell: 98682 40450.
- **Br. S. Selvaraj** of Palayamkottai is recuperating at St. Mary's, Madurai after undergoing a surgery at Apollo Hospital, Madurai for a tumor in his large intestine.
- **Fr. Dorairaj Joseph** (Zambia) who returned to the Province recently and was stationed at Vilangudi was found to have three blocks in his blood vessels. When surgery was done on 26 March, they discovered two more blocks. All the blocks were removed. He is now cared for by Loyola College community. We wish him speedy recovery.
- **Fr. David Kulandaisamy** is in Madurai for undergoing dialysis.
- **Fr. Jebamalai Raja** is confined to his room as he has a crack in the little finger on his left foot caused by a minor accident.
- **Fr. Joseph Xavier V** (Jothi) successfully underwent a liver transplant operation which began at 3 pm and ended around 11 pm on March 29, 2011 at Ramachandra hospital, Porur. At the time of this writing (12.45 pm April 1st) he is under close

observation in the ICU. The external support machines are removed and he is on his own showing a lot of improvement. But, the critical condition continues for a few more days till his system totally accepts the new liver.

Kindly keep them all in your prayers.

VOCATION CAMPS

XII Std Students: April 25 pm to May 8 am at St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, Dindigul

X Std Students: May 8 pm to May 14 am at St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, Dindigul

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- **The Society in Numbers.** The Statistics of the Society of Jesus worldwide have been just published. The total number of Jesuits is 17.906: 12.737 priests, 1.535 brothers, 2.850 scholastics and 784 novices, with a decrease of 341 members from 1st January 2010. The various tables show the actual situation of novices, scholastics, brothers, priests; comparison among Assistancies; changes happened last year, etc. This year the statistics have been enriched by many graphs that offer a more precise geography of the Society around the world. For more information you can consult the complete document in the "documents" section (for Jesuits only) of the Society's webpage (www.sjweb.info).

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Entomology Research Institute has received two more patents for its new findings.

Celebrations of the Loyola Hostel Day, College Graduation Day and the College Day were all held during the month of March. To cap their experiential knowledge gained in their Outreach Programme throughout the year, various departments held Outreach Day celebrations. Along with Outreach and other

STATUS OF THE SCHOLASTICS (2011)

Name	From	To
UG Studies		
S Arul Gnanapragasam S	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.A. Lit., BI, Chennai
S Benitto Arulselvan A	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.Sc. Phy., BI, Chennai
S Emmanuel Arokia Dass	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.E., BI, Chennai
S Gopi Santhosam	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.Sc. Chem., Chennai
S Jeyaseelan Saminathan	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.E., Chennai
S John Peter A	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	DME, Udhagamandalam
S John Richard Y	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.Sc. Phy., BI, Chennai
S John Vimal Felix J	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.Sc. Maths, BI, Chennai
S Maria Albin Raja A	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.Sc. Maths, BI, Chennai
S Sebastian Jerald A	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.Com., BI, Chennai
S Williams Charles	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.A. Tamil, BI, Chennai
PG / Special Studies		
S Antony Sebasthiraj A	DACA, Madurai	M.A. Socio., AHC, Chennai
S John Magesh D	Oriyur	B.Ed., SXCE, Palayamkottai
S Michael Pugazhendhi A	Kohima	M.Sc. Maths, SJC, Tiruchi
S Sahayaraj Vijayan	Kuppayanallur	M.Sc. Psy., St. Mary's, Dindigul
Philosophy		
S Antony Anand S	PEAK, Shembaganur	SN, Chennai
S Deva Arockia Stephen L	AAC, Karumathur	DNC, Pune
S George Stephen Thayriam A.	BI, Chennai	DNC, Pune
S Lawrence Arockiasamy	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	SN, Chennai
S Leo Pereira A	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	DNC, Pune
S Mag Bay De Lawrence A	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	DNC, Pune
S Parthasarathi Narayanaswamy	Kalanganarai, Nagapattinam	DNC, Pune
S Pon Ruban C	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	DNC, Pune
S Raphael Alexander G.	BI, Chennai	DNC, Pune
S Regis Antony Christopher S.	BI, Chennai	DNC, Pune
S Sathyabalan Arockiasamy	Ranipet	DNC, Pune
S Selvendhran Antony	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	SN, Chennai
S Xavier Antony Selvam M	Devakottai	DNC, Pune
REGENCY		
S Arul Henry William A	DNC, Pune	PEAK, Shembaganur
S Baskar Yesumanickam	DNC, Pune	Kohima
S George Raja A	LATI, Madurai	Ranipet
S James Raja P	DNC, Pune	LASAC
S Jaya Prakash P	SN, Chennai	DACA, Madurai
S John Michael V	JRS, Ranipet	Sri Lanka
S John Paul G	SXC, Palayamkottai	Devakottai
S Joseph Arockiasamy	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	Kuppayanallur
S Manickam Perianayagaraj S	SXC, Palayamkottai	PEAK, Shembaganur
S Maria Gohil Doss G	DNC, Pune	Guyana
S Maria Then Amirtharaj G.	BI, Chennai	Oriyur
S Prabu Francis	DNC, Pune	VMI, Vilangudi
S Raja Vedhamuthu	DNC, Pune	JRS, Ranipet
S Robinson Antony	DNC, Pune	Pathai, Vallam
S Thomas Antony Raj F	SN, Chennai	Kuppayanallur
Theology		
S Antony Markus	Pathai, Vallam	Arul Kadal, Chennai
S Berchmans Maria Joseph	LASAC	Arul Kadal, Chennai
S James Antonyswamy	AHC, Chennai	Arul Kadal, Chennai
S John Paul K	AHC, Chennai	Arul Kadal, Chennai
S Philip Kumar G	St. Mary's, Madurai	Arul Kadal, Chennai
S Sebastian Crossian	PEAK, Shembaganur	Arul Kadal, Chennai
S Sebastian Thangadurai A.	Kuppayanallur	Arul Kadal, Chennai
S Viji Bose V.	VMI, Vilangudi	Arul Kadal, Chennai

responsibilities, **Fr. Joseph Antonysamy** is now also Acting Campus Minister.

LICET staff members visited Loyola College (Vettavalam) on 5 March for interaction with the faculty members. On 18 March, LICET, in collaboration with LIFE, organized a national seminar on: E-Waste Management for Environmental Protection. **Fr. Ignacimuthu** was the chief guest for the Environment Seminar at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. He was also presented the "Best Educationalist Award" by an NGO.

M. A. Emmanuel

ARUL KADAL, CHENNAI

On 1 March, we attended a lecture by **Fr. Walter Fernandez, SJ** (KOH) on "Globalization and Evangelization in the context of North-East India". The Annual Satya Nilayam Research Institute Seminar was held in Arul Kadal on 10 March. **Fr. Maria Arul Raja's** paper on *Ayothi Thasar's Tamil Buddhism* was the significant contribution that day. **Fr. Raj Irudaya** conducted Bible contact seminars for the laity organised by the TN Laity Commission. On 23 March the Arul Kadal community had its Lenten outreach programme at the Adayar Cancer Institute. **Schs. Lawrence, Cyril** and **Clement** who go there on Wednesdays for neighbourhood ministry organised it and **Sch. Gnana Raj** coordinated a creative cultural programme which was well hosted in the children's ward of the Cancer Institute and it made the children happy. Mineral water, milk, buns and soaps were distributed to 300 patients. Scholastics are busy identifying suitable candidates from their weekend ministry parishes for the Alcoholics de-addiction and rehabilitation camp to be held soon. They are also involved in finding out deserving students to be admitted to the Loyola Academy, Vadamelappakkam.

Leo Anand

LOYOLA COLLEGE, VETTAVALAM

On 15 March the departments of BBA and B.Com conducted an intercollegiate Seminar on *Leadership and Motivation for Managerial success*.

The second College Day function was celebrated on 26 March. **Dr. S. Vincent**, Member Secretary of TNSCST, presided over the function. **Fr. Xavier Alphonse** was the special guest of the day. The College also organized a parent-teacher meeting on 28 and 29 of March.

Poondy Rajan

LOYOLA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, RANIPET

On 1 March, we celebrated the 8th School Annual Day on a grand scale with an enlightening theme "இளையோரே இமயம் தொடு". The month-long strenuous practices richly paid off. The audience was fascinated by the spectacular cultural feast lasting for about two and a half hours. The highlight of the event was the sound and light programme "திருவள் ஞாபர் பராக்...பராக்..." authored by **Fr. Anandanathan**, which earned a big round of applause. **Fr. A. Victor**, the Mission Superior, graced the occasion with his inspiring speech. Besides, the presence of **Mr. Turgay** and **Mrs. Mary**, our German volunteers added importance to the function and they distributed the prizes to the students.

A day-long picnic to Hogenakal Falls along with our German volunteers and the domestic staff was arranged on 6th March. The trip was refreshing and rejuvenating.

Mrs. Martine Lhuillier visited our campus on 8 March and motivated the students to make the best use of the opportunities for their growth and development. On 17 March, **Fr. Motchanathan**, Vellore Diocese, gave a special talk to our students on the significance of Lent.

As the academic year is coming to a close, our students are getting dispatched to different companies for two months of internship training and fulfilling of the academic requirements.

Vedanayagam

AHAL, KILPENNATHUR

The second phase of 'Mushroom Culture' was effective at Kilpennathur parish. People in the substations were very receptive and cooperative in taking up this initiative. Kudos to **Fr. Bellarmine**.

Women's Day celebration was held on 15 March. Women from four substations eagerly participated in the games and cultural events. **Fr. Elias** presided over the function.

Venish

LOYOLA INSTITUTES, KUPPAYANALLUR

Loyola Nagar buzzed with diverse activities in March. Hollow block plant was installed on 17 March thanks to the relentless efforts of **Br. Bruno** and **Fr. Maria Joseph**. This new business enterprise will make some of the local people employed on a regular basis. We had our community annual evaluation on 19 March and went on a pilgrimage to Konankuppam Shrine the same day to thank the Lord for His showers of blessings throughout this academic year. LASAC students had a three-day camp in Ongur. Those energetic boys and girls are ably groomed for future efficient leadership by **Fr. Maria Bastin**. He organized a day of picnic for the animators of Senthilir evening study centres. **Fr. Martin** and his teacher trainees are now busy with their practicals.

Thangadurai

JESUIT PRE-NOVITIATE, VILANGUDI

The scintillating and enthralling performance of the candidates brought much accolade from the dignitaries who witnessed the Maxi-academy of the pre-novitiate. Bishop Antonysamy presided over the function and appreciated the candidates and praised the Jesuits. **Fr. Britto Peter**, the PCF lauded the pre-novices and the formators. The presence of more than 170 guests including a good number of Jesuits made our spirits soar high.

We had a rejuvenating trip to Vailankanni and we enjoyed the hospitality of Kalangarai community. **Fr. Paul Mike** shared his rich experience of the people and the place. As the academic year comes to an end, the pre-novices are busy in preparing themselves for the final examination.

Viji Bose V.

JESUIT JUNIORATE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

It was a memorable experience to be with **Fr. Adolfo Nicolas** our Superior General at Christ Hall, Calicut on 8 and 9 March. Fr. General said the Kerala Province Golden Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass. The juniors were fortunate to take up the choir. Fr. General invited us to be prepared for any mission and at the same time excel in one particular field. In the evening we had the city darshan.

On 15th ADF Standardized Test was held. **Sch. S. Arul** and **A. Joseph** won the third place in ADF essay and short story competition, respectively. Kudos to them! It was a day out for us on 16th. On 18th we were privileged to enjoy the 48th College Day of Loyola, Sreekariyam. A three-day course on 'Introduction to Sacred Scripture' was given by Kerala PCF **Fr. Henry**. He helped us to read the Bible critically and grow more and more in Christian faith. From 21 to 24 a programme on 'Psycho Spiritual Integration' was guided by **Fr. Sunny Kunnappalli**. We cordially welcomed **Fr. Joseph Pulickal** who joined our community after a year of stay at Raia, Goa, as Tertian Instructor.

A. Joseph

BESCHI ILLAM, DINDIGUL

On 15 March I and II year novices returned to Beschi after their one-month experiment in Palamalai and in hospitals, respectively.

Fr. Arul Sivan preached a one-month retreat to the Sisters of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit before their final commitment.

M. Valan

JESUIT NOVITIATE SHILLONG, KOHIMA

On our arrival at Shillong Jesuit Novitiate in June 2010, we were cordially welcomed by our senior novices. We got acclimatized rather soon and were able to catch up with the Novitiate programmes quickly.

Last Dec, we had a 2-day workshop on *Eco-Spirituality and Ecological Balance*. **Fr. Robert Athickal** (PAT) was the resource person.

We had a grand Christmas celebration with Christmas vigil Mass which was celebrated by Bishop Jose Mukala.

We began our Long Retreat on 3 Feb. The retreat was a transforming experience to all of us. Our Novice Master **Fr. Richard Jarain** guided us in the retreat efficiently and fruitfully. While we were making our retreat, our senior novices went for mission experience and came back with full missionary zeal.

We are trying to learn the local language *Khasi* in order to be effective in our Sunday ministry.

Arun MJ

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

On 5 March, 8 of our scholastics were ordained Deacons by the Archbishop of Delhi. They were given a rousing welcome on 7 March. **Sch. Leolin** preached an inspiring homily. He also gave a well received two-hour session on 'A Spirituality for Teachers Today' in Sahodaya School.

On 13 March, the International Day of Women was commemorated at Morigate, a slum in which most of the people are Tamils. The two-hour long cultural programme and the screening of a documentary on Alcoholism brought awareness on women's rights and family welfare. Kudos to **Schs Leolin and Babu** for ably conducting the entire programme. **Fr. S. Arokiasamy** was of great moral support for the programme.

Congratulations to Sch. Manuel for the professional editing of *Tatvavivaka - 2011*, the Students' Journal of theological search. He is also the chief editor of the journal entitled *Prithvi (Earth)*. It was well appreciated and applauded at VJ College. Sch. Ignacy Arokiasamy did the Cover design, layout and video programme for introducing the Journal on 24 March. Eight out of 41 entries were contributions by Madureans. We had an informal celebration for the 40 years of priestly life of Fr. S. Arokiasamy on 28 March in the community.

James Suresh

DE BRITTO, DEVAKOTTAI

The management, teachers and students of our school felicitated seven of our retiring staff members. **Fr. Leo Tagore**, the Acting Superior felicitated the outgoing stalwarts and invoked God's blessings on them.

A special prayer service was conducted for all the XII Std students in the chapel. **Fr. Augustine** and **Sch. Selvam** took the XII and X Std boys of the hostel to a retreat centre. **Fr. Nedungatt** led them in prayer.

Congratulations to Sch. Selvam for securing Gold Medal in M.Sc Chemistry.

M. Selvam

ST. MARY'S, MADURAI

A three-day celebration on 4, 5 and 6 March marked the Golden Jubilee of the Parish Council in the Cathedral Parish, the significant feature being that this was begun in 1960, i.e., even before the recommendations of the Second Vatican Council, by the then Parish Priest, the late **Fr. Ignatius Hirudayam**.

On the First Day **Fr. Marivalan** emphasized during the Mass the cooperative role to be played by the faithful in the parish life. A portrait of Fr. Ignatius Irudayam was opened by **Fr. A. Ambrose** and floral tributes were paid by **Fr. Felix Joseph**. The parish priests, the assistant parish priests and the religious who responded to the call of the Lord from this parish were also honoured. **Fr. Lawrence Gabriel** responded on behalf of all of them.

On the second day **Bishop Susaimanickam** of Sivagangai highlighted the need for the active and cooperative role to be played by the parishioners in the life of the parish. The past and present leaders of the Parish Council were honoured.

On the third day the Golden Jubilee Souvenir was released by **Archbishop Peter** after the Eucharist.

A one-day seminar was conducted for our youths and others in the Parish on the Job-Potentials. Also in collaboration with the Damien Centre of Nilakottai and with the Sisters of St. Mary of Leuca, a free eye-camp,

which has been an annual charitable endeavour during the season of Lent, was conducted.

Bastian

XAVERIANA, THOOTHUKUDI

The new school building under construction has made good progress. **Fr. Ignacy**, assisted by **Fr. Joe Xavier**, is sparing no effort to make sure that the building is fully ready for use by the next academic year.

The Annual Alumni Day had a very special feature this year: drawing competition in addition to cultural items. About 125 students from the primary schools took part in it.

The community had a recollection preached by **Fr. Kumar Raja**, a diocesan priest. With a moving PPT, we were helped to have a better understanding of the seven deadly sins and examine our consciences and seek God's and neighbours' forgiveness. **Br. Arockiasamy** gave a simple yet delicious dinner.

Fr. Albert Joseph, of St Thomas Matriculation School, was congratulated for devising a "Way of the Cross" for students and teachers. Fifteen different teams with Jesus and helpers for each station found the audience transported to the Via Dolorosa as the crucifix and acolytes moved from one station to the next within the quadrangle. The reflections and prayers were read from a central stage.

Fr Sales organized a CRI meeting with a record number of participants. **Fr. Amalraj**, a former Salesian Provincial, drawing lessons from the parable of the Prodigal Son spoke on the family spirit in every community.

Fr. Rajan is getting new friends thanks to his appearance on TV for talks or live-broadcasts of Mass. The last one to join this group is his barber. The first thing he does on opening his shop is to tune in to the Mass in Pavalam TV Channel.

Joe Xavier

AAC KARUMATHUR

On 3 Feb we had the 32nd Graduation Day of our College. The following day we celebrated the feast of our Patron in a fitting manner. **Fr. A. Kingsley** organized the liturgy very effectively. **Fr. A. Joseph's** inspiring homily on de Britto was much appreciated. On Feb 8 we had a State level seminar on 'Information Security' organized by the department of IT. A State Level Seminar on 'Issues and Challenges of Working Women in the Present Scenario' was organized by our Centre for Women's Studies on Feb 11. The 41st College Annual Sports Meet was held on a grand scale. **Fr. Joe Arun**, gave a scholarly keynote address in the National Seminar on the theme, 'Ideological Conflicts in Society' organized by the Department of Philosophy on Feb 22. Indeed the keynote address stole the show. The campus wore a festive look with action packed science exhibits of our students. We had a three-day National Science Mela - 2011 on the theme, 'Youth for Science for Prosperity on Eco-water, Sanitation and Hygiene' from Feb 25 to 27. Children from many schools visited the exhibition. A good many college students from all over Tamil Nadu came to exhibit their models as well as to present papers. **Fr. A. Joseph** participated

in APQN, an International Conference on Quality Assurance in Higher Education. **Fr. Xavier Vedam** presented a paper in the same Conference on 'Issues of Quality and Access in Higher Education: The Experience of TN and Kerala'. We had a National Conference on Emerging Trends in Software Technologies organized by the Department of Computer Science. The RDS Department organized its first International Conference on Development Discourse. **Dr. Bineswar Patak**, the founder of *Sulabh International* inaugurated it. AAC is the first college in India to be adopted by him for night-soil-based Biogas Plant. The hostels had their annual days; on 19th for boys and on 20th for girls.

A. Kingsley

ST. XAVIER'S INSTITUTIONS, PALAYAMKOTTAI

Fr. G. Lawrence Amalraj conducted a one-day programme on Stress Management to the M.Ed students of SXCE and another one-hour programme on Transgenders at Rotary Club of Palayamkottai. He also conducted a two-day programme on Psycho-Social Integration to the priests of Palayamkottai Diocese on 16 and 17 of March.

On 19 March **Sch. John Paul** participated in the National Seminar and presented a paper on Nanotechnology for Green application at UIT Engineering College in Coimbatore.

On 5 March the Red Ribbon Club was inaugurated of SXCE with sharing by an HIV patient and a transgender.

International Women's Day was celebrated on 8 March with vibrant participation of women students.

On 26 March the PhD awardees, guides and the directors of research centre along with the present PhD scholars and staff members had a Conference of Xaverian Social Scientists. It was really a great achievement for a single faculty affiliated college to produce 57 scholars. **Fr. Louis Xavier** and **Dr. Madhava Somasundaram** of M.S University congratulated the College management and felicitated the guides and awardees.

Fr. Alphonse Manickam was the Chief Guest for the Holy Cross College Day at Nagercoil on 10 March. He also gave a seminar on *Feminism: Origin and Development* to the History Department of the same college.

Mother Teresa Birth Centenary Tournaments of volleyball and basketball were conducted from 11 to 13 and 14 to 16 March, respectively.

On 8 March the International Women's day was celebrated. On the 14 March Women's forum of SXC organized a National Seminar on *Women in the new Colonial Era*.

On the 11th valedictory functions for the Students' Council and Associations took place. The 88th College Day celebration took place on the 18th. Fr. Principal presented the Annual report. **Mr. Vijay Antony**, an Alumnus of our college, and Music Director was the guest of honour.

On 12 March students and staff of SXC organized a rally to make the public aware of their right to vote.

On the same day Parents' Meeting for both shifts took place.

Francis Xavier

ST JOSEPH'S, TIRUCHI

All the Catholics of the hostels came together for the celebration of Holy Mass on 5 March the Hostel Day. In the evening the students displayed their histrionic talents on the stage. Singing, dancing, skits and variety entertainment marked the day.

The International Women's Day was celebrated on 8 March with not only women but also with all the teachers and students. The Mayor of Tiruchi **Mrs. Sujatha** presided over the function and gave the Women's Day address. Since this year we celebrate the 100th year of International Women's Day, it was all the more significant.

Shepherd turns 25 this year. The Silver Jubilee march was flagged off on 17 March. The villagers from *Shepherd*-covered villages participated in the inaugural function. The genesis, gradual development and the relevance of extension service were some of the things that were highlighted. Our hearty congratulations to **Fr. Aruldoss** for his planning and execution of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

The 167th College Annual Day on 18 March was a resounding success. **Mr. V. K. Subburaj**, IAS an old student of our College presided over the function and nearly 500 students and staff were given prizes and medals for academic achievement, 25 years of dedicated service, obtaining doctorates, publishing books and securing 100% attendance. The students were enthralled by the captivating cultural performance of Fine Arts Team, thanks to the tireless efforts of **Fr. S. Mani Valan**. **Fr. Sebastian Anand** presented his maiden annual report. Congratulations to **Schs. Inigo** and **Rajasekaran** who won medals for academic excellence.

The feast of St. Joseph was celebrated with solemnity on 19 March. The staff of the School and College came together for breakfast and the Rector **Fr. John Britto** exhorted them to continue their unstinted and generous collaboration with the Jesuits. At noon all the religious and clergy of the neighbourhood shared our joy in the Agape. The VG was the guest of honour.

Fr. S. John Britto gave two invited talks on "A Sustainable Earth Nihil Ultra" in Global Earth Summit on 11 and 12 March at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. He also presented papers on Community Agro Biodiversity in M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Wayanad in February.

Sch. Inigo presented two research papers on Human Resource Management at two national conferences organized by Bargur College and SJC.

Congratulations to **Fr. S. Mani Valan** who has bagged a Major UGC Project on "The Social Contribution of Veda Nayaga Sastrigal through his Literary Works". At the behest of the Alumni Association, a special lecture was arranged on 16 March for the staff of St. Joseph's College on Micro Finance by **Dr. Malcom Harper**, a world-renowned specialist in Micro Finance. It also organized a one-day seminar on Micro Finance entrepreneurs on 17 March for two hundred delegates.

Under the auspices of *Shepherd*, a one-day awareness programme on biodiversity conservation was organized on 23 March as part of the National Environmental Awareness Campaign.

The TN Assembly Elections being round the corner, a seminar on "Election Awareness" for the college students was organized on 12 and 13 March. Forty-five students from different colleges across Tamil Nadu participated in the programme. **Mr. Arunan**, a writer, delivered the keynote address. Fr. Aruldoss and others were the resource persons for the seminar. The seminar made all the students realize their right and duty to vote.

On 11 March St. Joseph's College AICUF Unit celebrated AICUF DAY. The attractive event was the debate where AICUF students from SJC and Holy Cross College locked horns over "Who is responsible for Muddy Politics the Public or the Politicians?" **Fr. Albert Muthumalai** and **Fr. Sebastin Anand** delivered the Inaugural and Presidential Address respectively. **Fr. Selvin Raj**, the National Advisor, delivered the valedictory Address. Kavignar Nandalala delivered the special address on "The Poly-Tricks Today". Kudos to Dr. John, the Unit Advisor and the State Animator **Fr. Stephen**, who meticulously planned and executed the event.

St. Joseph's CHSS won the Championship in the ELT Mela conducted at St. Mary's, Dindigul.

The first year MBA students of JIM (120) with **Fr. Antony Pappuraj** and staff went to Chennai on an Industrial Visit as part of their curriculum. They visited some of the important companies among others to gain first-hand experience on Management Practice. On the last day, 20 Feb, the 'Management Rendezvous 2011' was organised at LIBA, Loyola College, Chennai, during which experts in management spoke on its various aspects.

Budget Analysis 2011 was organised on 7 March at JIM; tax specialists shared their analysis of the Central Budget for the year 2011-12.

In the afternoon the International Women's Day was celebrated with the usual gaiety. Women leaders spoke on the greatness of women. Men students entertained the women students, their classmates, with some good cultural performance.

On 23 March the outgoing 'Trendsetters' (II MBA students) were given a farewell with praises, prizes and a dinner by the 'Scintillators' (I MBA students).

Sebastian Anand

KALANGARAI, NAGAPATTINAM

An agitation was organized on 10 March by *the Movement for the Livelihood Rights of the Widows and Deserted Women* in Nagapattinam, with the participation of 550 women. The day-long event put forward meaningful demands such as legal protection, separate welfare-board, hike in the pension given to widows, owning responsibility for the educational expenses of widows' children, etc. They were duly sent to different political parties; both the ruling and opposition parties have incorporated the demands in their manifestos. Besides, the people's manifesto evolved by a group of NGOs too has incorporated 8

out of the 12 demands. On invitation from two different women's organizations i.e. T.N. Women's Front and T.N. Dalit Women's Front, the members of widows' movement took part in their State level conventions. **Sr. Flora** along with a leader from the movement took part in a consultation on the occasion of the visit of the Sri Lankan delegation which was looking for ways to render meaningful service to the war-widows of Sri Lanka.

Fr. Paul Mike took a half-day session on *Women Empowerment* for all the social activists of Bon Secours Congregation.

St. Joseph's Community College students have bagged three gold medals in TNOU exams of 2008-09 and 2009-10. Besides, sixteen of our students have secured ranks in four different subjects. Their parents were very happy to see their children receiving medals from the Governor of Tamil Nadu. We are proud of our students and the staff.

Sch. Sarathi took all the evening study centre teachers for a day's picnic to Ooty.

A. Irudayaraj

LATI NEWS

MCC main campus students completed their four-month internship and MCC Grihini-Shembaganur Campus students completed their one-month internship. The outcome is that about 60% of the students already have placement and the rest will get the placement by May.

In the TN Open University convocation there were six rank holders including two gold medalists from MCC for 2009 – 2010.

We conducted a State level seminar on "Science – Religion Dialogue". **Fr. Joe Arun** was the chief resource person and it was attended by about 200 students.

The Vice Chancellor of IGNOU has nominated **Fr. Stephen J. Muthu** as a member of Community College Academic Board.

Frs. M. S. Bastian and **Sahaya Wilfred** preached recollections to the LATI community. Frs. Antony Arockiam, Freddie and Wilfred helped the parishioners of Bastin Nagar spiritually during their pilgrimage to Idaikattur and Periyakottai.

Fr. Wilfred gave a talk on 'Where there is a mind, there is a way' to the students of St. Joseph's Blind School on the feast of St. Joseph. He also gave an orientation talk to the Servites.

Wilfred

LAAS ILLAM, MADURAI

Fr. Jeyaseelan after 45 days of sojourn in Myanmar has returned to LAAS with many fond memories. He had gone to teach Sacramental Law to the Salesian Deacons. The Salesian hospitality was overwhelming. Thanks to **Fr. Maurice Vallence**, the Provincial of Salesians in Myanmar who made it possible for this wonderful visit. Words cannot adequately express his feelings at Yangon and other villages where visiting many Tamil families and of the Servite Sisters' kindness and concern. He had an occasion to be with **Fr. C. Amal**, our missionary in Myanmar who has made a deep impression among the bishops and the clergy.

On the eve of Women's Day celebration organized by POWER an NGO run by the Holy Cross Sisters at Viralimalai, **Fr. Philomin Raj** addressed around 1000 women on the theme "அரசியலில் பெண்கள்". He also conducted workshops in Coimbatore and Devakottai on 17 and 18 of March for about 100 women on the theme "Marching towards Politics of Liberation". Rhythm Social Service Society functioning in Coimbatore was happy to publish the workshop material under the title "விடுதலை அரசியல் நோக்கி...". He conducted a two-day workshop on "Current Social Issues" for about 45 Sisters of St. Joseph's of Tarbes. As part of the youth ministry, he visited the villages in and around Avinashi and held meetings with different groups of youths.

Deepam Centre at Batlagundu organized a one-day election analysis and action programme for its 60 animators on 12 March. **Fr. Santhanam** enlightened them with an input on the current political scenario in Tamil Nadu and motivated them to organize village level election awareness programmes. Advocate Saravanan and team on behalf of LAAS taught the basics of law to the Grihini students of JRS at IDEAS on 26 March. Fr. Santhanam was one among the pilgrims to Katchatheevu. Extraordinarily a number of priests and women religious were also this time attracted towards this expedition. The coastal community in and around Rameswaram exhibited deep piety and hospitality during our journey and stay on the island.

A. Santhanam

JRS TAMIL NADU

A two-day training programme was organized for 45 JRS complementary education centre teachers of Thiruvannamalai zone on life skills and planning for 2011-12 at Kilpennathur. In spite of difficulties, the AHAL team generously accommodated us. Throughout the year, our teachers and staff cherished AHAL Jesuits' splendid hospitality.

Fr. Louis Prakash brought **Mrs. Martine Lhuillier** from Andorra to give her an idea about JRS-TN. She also had the joy of inaugurating a few community halls in Vellore district.

Fr. Prem Kumar and **Fr. Vedanayagam** inaugurated three community halls in the refugee camps. A week-long training programme was arranged for our refugee Grihini students from 22 to 27 March on *Integrated Personality and Leadership* by JRS and IDEAS in Madurai. JRS is grateful to **Frs. Stephen Martin** and **Eugene Muthu** for coordinating the programme.

Forty-two counsellors had training from 25-27 March on inner child healing, anger and fear therapy given by **Fr. Sahayaraj** OFM Cap at LIFE centre, Nochiodaipatti.

John Mike

ICRDCE, CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Open University conducted its 5th Convocation on 24 March. ICRDCE was delighted to note that there were 126 Ranks from 36 Community Colleges in the examinations conducted in 2009 and 2010. ICRDCE organised a function to congratulate all the rank holders.

Fr. Jacob was away for about six weeks in Taiwan to study the Community University model and also in PNG for an official review of the Community College movement and its present status. He visited 10 parallel stream community colleges and also 10 proposed sites for new community colleges. He was happy to see around 600 students in the very first year itself benefitting from this community college system and changing their mindset to become better skilled and employed. **Fr. Xavier Alphonse**, the Jesuits and the ICRDCE team were gratefully remembered by the Prime Minister and his cabinet and also the people of PNG, acknowledging that this system was the best solution to the problem of the dropouts and pushouts.

Jacob

HOLY FAMILY PARISH - MULLAIKUDI

During the season of Lent, the students carried the Crucifix to all the houses in the Parish and offered prayers for all the members of the family.

The 73rd School Annual Day was celebrated on a grand scale presided over by **Fr. A. Albert Muthumalai** and felicitated by **Dr. Godwin**, of Child Help Line and **Sr. Jonswa** of St. Anne's Community College. The achievements of the year were presented through power point. "*Kalakkal Kathambam*" was a happy mix of different dances combined with an acrobatic walk on a rope.

A. Felix Joseph

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONVENTION

"To regain the youthful energy of Jesus and to grow in His Spirituality" was the theme of the Youth Conference held at Tiruchi, AICUF House on 27 Feb. This was mainly arranged for the youths from Jesuit parishes. Around 60 of them from 9 Jesuit parishes and 26 from 3 other parishes took part enthusiastically and played a very active role in the conference. It is a joint venture by three Commissions of the Province viz., Youth, Pastoral and Communication. While the Youth Commission designed the programme, the Pastoral Commission untiringly gathered the youths from our parishes and the Communication Commission sponsored the conference. **Fr. Henry Jerome** explained to them the original thrust of the historical person of Jesus. A documentary film on '**Irom Sharmila**' a catholic young girl who is all alone fighting for the fundamental rights of the people of **Manipur** for the past 10 years through her uninterrupted hunger strike was very touching. In the afternoon, **Fr. Philip Sudhakar** of Dindigul Diocese gave an input on the current political scenario and the expected assembly elections in Tamil Nadu. This session ended with many fruitful heated arguments among the youth. Many gave their valuable suggestions on the Catholics' approach to this election in a concrete manner. They unanimously decided to generate eagerness in their respective parishes to make the parishioners actively take part in politics. In general the conference helped the youth to realize the mission of Jesus and the trend of today's Church in an appropriate manner. The cultural performance of *Kamagam Cultural Troupe* was of great help to keep the youths remarkably attentive the whole day throughout the conference.

Philomin Raj

ABIDE WITH THE LORD

Fr. Valentine Lobo (BOM) 95/74, 3rd April

Mr. A. Selvaraj, 54, father of novice S. Jeyaraj, 5 March.

Ms. Arul Selvi, 49, sister of Fr. S. M. John Kennedy, 30 March

FR. ARCHAMBEAUD GUY SJ

12.07.1925 - 03.04.2011

Life of Rev. Fr. Guy Achambeaud at the Sunset Days with the Little Sister of the Poor:

(A short narrative report by Rev. Mother Superior of the community- Harrington road- Chennai)

Rev. Fr. Guy Achambeaud entered the Home run by the Little Sisters of the Poor on the 18th April 2010. Though it took him some time to get used to the place, he was visibly happy to be with us and participated in all the activities of the Home. He had a gracious smile and was very welcoming to all who visited. He was grateful to the residents, helpers and Sisters who cared for him. He appreciated the visit of his community members of Loyola and many of them would stop to spend a few moments with him after Mass. Even when he was very feeble, he asked one of the residents to read out for him the Liturgy of the following day. After a few months when he enjoyed better health, he started to participate in the daily Eucharistic Celebration and on few occasions even concelebrated. He loved to pass long moments of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and faithfully participated in the Prayer of the Church with the community. He also rendered services of his priestly ministry by administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only to the residents but to all those in need. His presence in our Chapel was a consolation to those who sought his prayers and blessings. He nourished his spiritual life by solid spiritual readings. He was anxious by nature because of his deteriorating health but his prayer and spiritual life gave him strength and courage to face each new day with extraordinary serenity.

On 30 March his condition of generalized edema aggravated, he had to be hospitalized. In spite of the best care given by health care professionals, he suffered a cardiac arrest at 1.20 p.m. on 3 April. It was a shock for us, as Sisters had just returned home after visiting, giving him Holy Communion and spending almost an hour with him. He thanked all the hospital staff for the good care he received. He responded so well, even the duty doctor said that he would soon be shifted to the ward, when suddenly his heart took a bad turn and in a few moments he rendered his soul to God. He peacefully prepared himself to meet the Lord whom he served as a real missionary in India.