



APRIL 2010

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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

April

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| 11 | Dindigul: EMS (English Medium Sections) Evaluation |
| 21 | Madurai: DACA |
| 23 | Dindigul: Beschi Illam: Coordinators' and Consultors' Meeting |
| 24-25 | Superiors', Coordinators' and Consultors' Meeting |
| 26 | Consult |

May

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| 2-4 | Dindigul: Visitation: Beschi Illam |
| 5-13 | Shembaganur: Province Retreat |
| 14-17 | Shembaganur |

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▣ **Fr General has appointed:**
- Fr Jan Adamik** provincial of Bohemia.
- Fr Stephan Kiechle** provincial of Germany.
- Fr Vadakekara Kurien Francis** provincial of Hazaribag.
- Fr Vicente D. Garrigues** provincial of Aragón.
- ▣ **Fr General** has approved the new name of the Assistancy of East Asia and Oceania as the **Assistancy of Asia Pacific (ASP)**.
- ▣ **Fr. Albert Joseph's** email : aljosesj@gmail.com,
- Fr. Paul C. Jesuraja's** email: paulc13@ymail.com
- Fr. V. Thomas'** cell: 80983-83637

The **Province retreat** begins May 5th evening and gets over 13th evening; at SHC, Shembaganur. Preacher: **Fr. Errol Fernandes**. Contact **Fr. Britto Peter**, Cell: (0) 94426-26581

Arul Kadal is organizing for the Province members a context-oriented and enlightening Seminar on "**Priesthood in 21st Century: Challenges & Responses**" in Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur on 3 and 4, May. Kindly contact **Fr. Raj Irudaya**. Those who plan to attend the Province Retreat could come for this Seminar also.

VOCATION CAMPS

XII Std Students: April 17 pm to May 2 am at St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, Dindigul

X Std Students: May 5 pm to May 12 am at St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School, Madurai

Contact: Vocation Promoter, Beschi College, Post Box: 90, Dindigul – 624001, 0451-2433727
Cell:9751812727; Email: sjmaduraivp@yahoo.com

- ▣ **The 37th Summer School of Carnatic Music** will be held at Satya Nilayam, Chennai from May 1 to 28. For details, contact: **Fr. P.T. Chelladurai**.

Br. Selvaraj Uthiriam (81/55) expired at 1.30 pm (7 Apr. 2010) in Dindigul. Please remember him in your prayers. RIP

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Fr.S Ignacimuthu is one among the 1400 scientists selected by the Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi on behalf of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India to

STATUS OF SCHOLASTICS

Name	From	To
UG STUDIES		
Amalraj Mariasingam	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.Sc. Chem., Berchmans Illam, Chennai
John Kamilas T.	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.Sc. Phy., Berchmans Illam, Chennai
Manojkumar Tharmam	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	B.A. Lit., Berchmans Illam, Chennai
PHILOSOPHY		
Antony Anand S.	AAC, Karumathur	SN, Chennai
Arockia Alton S.	De Britto, Devakottai	DNC, Pune
Arockia Selvam, M.	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	DNC, Pune
Berkmans Kasparaj	LATI, Madurai	DNC, Pune
Christu Raja M.	Loyola, Ranipet	DNC, Pune
Francis Xavier A.	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune
Jesu Raja Raju	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	DNC, Pune
Maria Viyahappan Gladwin A.	Cilve's, Tiruchi	DNC, Pune
Stephen Robert	Loyola, Kuppayanallur	SN, Chennai
Vedha Stalin Joseph	SXC, Palayamkottai	DNC, Pune
Velankanni Arockiasamy S.	SXC, Palayamkottai	DNC, Pune
Swaminathan Krishnamurti	SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram	SN, Chennai
PG / SPECIAL STUDIES		
Antony Inigo I.	LATI, Madurai	M.Com., SJC, Tiruchi
Francis Xavier Arockiadass	Kohima	M.Sc. Maths, SXC, Palayamkottai
Justin Gnana Diraviam A.	Loyola, Kuppayanallur	B.Ed., SXCE, Palayamkottai
Maria Annaraj	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	M.Sc. Phy., SJC, Tiruchi
Michael Panimaya Raj T	AAC, Karumathur	M.Sc. Phy., Berchmans Illam, Chennai
Rajasekaran Arockia Irudayaraj	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	M.Sc. Chem., SJC, Tiruchi
Rayappan Innasi	AHAL, Kilpennathur	M.S.W., LC, Chennai
Richard Hiruthayaraj	Kalangarai, Nagapattinam	M.Sc. Psych., Bangalore
Vargheesh Antony M.	PEAK, Shembaganur	B.L., St. Mary's, Madurai
Victor Desoza A.	SA, Oriyur	M.Sc. Maths, LC, Chennai
Vincent Irudhayaraj M.	KARISAL, Alangulam	M.A. Folklore, SXC, Palayamkottai
REGENCY		
Benedict Santosh V.	DNC, Pune	China
Cyril Suresh	SN, Chennai	Brazil
Kilbert Savarimuthu	SN, Chennai	Sri Lanka
Alex Yagu	DNC, Pune	Afghanistan
Anton Robert	SN, Chennai	KARISAL, Alangulam
John Magesh D.	DNC, Pune	Kalangarai, Nagapattinam
Parthasarathi Narayanaswamy	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	SA, Oriyur
Ravikumar Sacariyas	LC, Chennai	St. Mary's, Madurai
Sahayaraj Vijayan	DNC, Pune	Loyola, Kuppayanallur
Sathyabalan Arockiasamy	Clive's, Tiruchi	Loyola, Ranipet
Sebastian Thangadurai A.	DNC, Pune	Loyola, Kuppayanallur
Vasantha Kumar I.	DNC, Pune	PEAK, Shembaganur
Velankanni Arockiam R.	DNC, Pune	SJIS, Udhagamandalam
Wenishraj Rayappan	DNC, Pune	AHAL, Kilpennathur
Xavier Antony Selvam M.	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	De Britto, Devakottai
THEOLOGY		
Andrew Michael	LC, Thiruvananthapuram	Arul Kadal
Clement Jesudoss S.	VMI, Vilangudi	Arul Kadal
Jayaseelan Saminathan	LC, Chennai	Arul Kadal
Leo Anand M.A.	Afghanistan	Arul Kadal
Maria Felix Kennedy M.	SXCE, Palayamkottai	Arul Kadal
Stephen Danielnathan	SXCE, Palayamkottai	Arul Kadal
Theresunathan Soosai	SJIS, Udhagamandalam	Arul Kadal

motivate young students under the INSA INSPIRE programme, for a science career.

At the Graduation ceremony at Loyola College held on 6 March twelve visually challenged persons received their degree certificates.

Students' Union of Loyola College organised an inter-collegiate dance competition 'Ignite 2010' on 12 March when teams from nine colleges participated.

A group of Bio-Technology students warned people in Chennai slums how addiction to marijuana or alcohol could be disastrous.

Fr Francis P. Xavier presented a paper on 'Nuclear Energy: Features and Fear' on March 5th at a national conference on 'Renewable Energy Sources' organized, by LIFE in collaboration with Yadava College, Madurai. He was invited to conduct a session at Arul Kadal on 'Science and Religion' for the laity on Feb 27th. He also conducted a workshop on 'Time Management' for the MEd students at St Xavier's College of Education.

A G Leonard

LOYOLA COLLEGE, VETTAVALAM

The International Women's Day was celebrated on 8th March in a grand manner. **Mrs. Pachaiammal**, was the chief guest. There was a debate by our students.

On 13th March, 50 philosophers from Satya Nilayam visited our College. **Fr. Elias** the Principal presented the origin, history and development of our College using power point.

On 18th March the management, teaching and non teaching staff had penitential service at the St. Joseph's Hill chapel, Vettavalam.

Poondi Rajan

LOYOLA INSTITUTES, KUPPAYANALLUR

Ms Bama, an esteemed writer, motivated the students of LTTI in a one-day seminar on the importance of women's role in the current society. **Fr Soosai Sebastian** gave a one-day motivational session to the teacher trainees of LTTI.

Justin Diraviam

ARUL KADAL, CHENNAI

Fr. Raj Irudaya conducted a two-day leadership seminar for the Provincial team and Superiors of the Holy Cross Congregation at Tiruchi. He also conducted a two-week course in Karnataka RTC on "Deuteronomistic History" and addressed the Dalit Commission members of the Archdiocese during their Lenten retreat. **Fr. Maria Arul Raja** offered a series of seminar sessions to AICUF students, youths from France and some Karnataka Jesuits on issues related to the annihilation of the caste system. His guidance to the Brothers of the Missionaries of Charity on Anger Management in Religious Life in Noorpur (Kolkota) was much appreciated. The Madras-Mylapore Archdiocesan Way of the Cross conducted by him in the Little Mount- Saidapet dwelt upon the theme of faith that does justice. It was attended by more than 5000 people. **Fr. Alangaram** preached recollection

to all the lay staff of the Archdiocese of Madras Mylapore on 13 March. **Fr. Sahayaraj** gave a week-long course on Emotional Integration to the second year novices of the Congregation of the Immaculate Conception in Madurai. Fr. Maria Arul Raja introduced the one-volume Dalit Bible Commentary-New Testament when it was released on 25 February thanks to the creative editorial efforts by him and **Fr. Raj Irudaya** in the production of this monumental and ecumenical volume.

From 8th to 27th of Feb a maiden attempt at organizing a camp for alcoholics of weekend ministry area by JMAADD and Chengalpattu CRDS teams was made. About 15 patients and their families benefitted from this camp and the alcoholics have turned a new leaf in their lives. Simultaneously we had enriching field-based courses in the Dalit Resource Centre and other places. The scholastics conducted a well appreciated eco-spirituality-based Way of the Cross in Fatima Annai Parish, Tambaram. The Staff and **Sch. Manuel** participated in the Plenary Academic Council meeting at VJ, Delhi. **Schs. Robin, Basker, Packiaraj, Roch** and **Gnanan** gave the students of St. Amala Annai High School, Mambakkam, a course on 'How to Study' and 'Exam Hall Management'.

On 5th March the Christian fraternity gathered in the State capital, Chennai demanding the rights for the SC and ST Christians. The whole community of ours was present in the public meeting in support of the team which had taken a padayatra from Kanyakumari to Chennai. Fr. Maria Arul Raja's eloquent articulation on the historical process of the struggles of Dalit Christians won a thundering applause from the mammoth gathering. On 19 March we had a short trip to Bangaluru for a community outing. On 22 March the communities of Dhyana Ashram and Arul Kadal met in AK for a Fellowship Get-together in which we had a faith-sharing on our dreams and experiences of priesthood. The first batch of the 100 hours Laity Theology course came to a close on 28 March with a valedictory function. The Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence Pius distributed the certificates to the participants who highly appreciated this wonderful and much needed service of Arul Kadal to them.

Gnanaraj

UDHAGAMANDALAM

On the 26th of February, a Life Orientation Course was conducted by **Fr. Philomin Raj**. He gave a special talk to the students about their future career.

On March, our ITI boys and Coonoor ITI boys joined together in rendering service to the flood affected victims of November 2009. The parish priest of St. Antony's Church, Coonoor provided all the materials to put up 20 temporary sheds for the flood victims.

Our ITI trainees volunteered for the noble work with full enthusiasm and energy. In one day itself they put up 20 sheds. The team was led by **Fr. Amalraj** and **Sch. Theresunathan**.

Theresunathan

JESUIT PRE-NOVITIATE, VILANGUDI

The Maxi Academy 2010, the D-day dawned on 18 March, 2010 with gusto. **Fr. A. Victor**, Chennai Mission Superior presided over the function and gave an inspiring speech on justice and fraternity. Fr. Britto Peter, the PCF released 'Sprouts'- the students' magazine and 'English for Enrichment' a computer based interactive English Guide (DVD) and gave a thought-provoking message. The enormous amount of preparation that the pre-novices had done and the meticulous planning and execution of the staff were commendable.

Kudos to **Fr. Louie Albert**, the director and the man behind all these scintillating endeavours. **Schs. Viji Bose** and **Clement** left no stone unturned in launching out the DVD in a record break time. The technical advice of **Fr. Arulanandam** in the production of DVD was commendable and timely. This is a milestone in the annals of the pre-novitiate. We wish to see many more productions from V.M.I.

The next two days we made a pilgrimage to the shrines of Our Lady of Refuge, Elakurichy and of Our Lady of Health, Vailankanni where we had a concelebrated Mass by **Frs. Darwin Michael, Baskar Antony** and **Louie Albert**. We then spent some time at the beach of Karaikal and left for home. We owe a special thanks to the ever vibrant and active Kalangari team for their hospitality. **Fr. Paul Mike's** sharing on the pioneering spirit of Jesuits from the time of tsunami in Nagai region, inspired the pre-novices.

After the days of cultural festooning, the pre-novices are preparing for their final exams. Despite the floods and pests our veteran **Fr. Ignatius** managed to get a fair yield from our fields.

Clement

JESUIT JUNIORATE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

As part of the preparation for Holy week celebrations we prayed and reflected on the Stations of the Cross; the juniors underlined the unconditional love of Jesus and the need for sacrifice in service. On 12 March, we attended the College Day of Loyola, Sreekariyam in Thiruvananthapuram. We were glad that Sch. Andrew won the academic award and we also enjoyed the cultural events. Congrats to **Sch. Swaminathan** who won the first prize in ADF short story competition for all the Juniorates in India and secured a distinction in ADF test. The course on Psycho-Spiritual Integration was helpful to make the journey into self and find greater integration at personal depth.

Kamilas

DNC, PUNE

Mr. Edwin the elder brother of **Sch. Wenish Raj** passed away owing to a sudden cardiac arrest on 24 February and so we, the DNC community, supported him and his family with our fervent prayers. We gave farewell on 21st of February to the outgoing 2nd year philosophers and the priests who did PG studies staying in DNC. Hats off to **Schs Vasanth, Santosh** and **Thangadurai** who got distinction in the

comprehensive exam. After the exam, the 2nd year philosophers went on a tour to Mumbai. The 1 year scholastics went to Kilpennathur to learn driving.

P. James Raja

BESCHI ILLAM, DINDIGUL

The I and II year novices came back to Beschi on 15 March after their work and hospital experiments. The I years had their work experiment in Mooliyar, Kodaikanal and the II years had their hospital experiment in different hospitals. On 19 March the Beschi Community celebrated the feast of St. Joseph with a Solemn Mass. **Fr. Arul Sivan** gave a one-month retreat to a group Sisters from Pune and Chennai. **Br. Aloysius Arulraj**, Beschi Infirmarian, is recovering from a quadruple heart by-pass operation that he underwent at MMM Hospital, Chennai.

A. Leo Pereira

ST. MARY'S, DINDIGUL

The 160th Sports and School Day was celebrated in St. Mary's Primary School on 16th of this month. **Fr. Britto Peter** was the chief guest for the School Day. All the cultural exhibits focused entirely on the theme of ecology and ecological preservation and conservation and kept the audience spellbound. At the end, a handout was given to all stressing the urgency and need to preserve our environment. Kudos to **Fr. Vinny Joseph**, the man behind the entire show.

Manitha Neya Makkal Peravai (Human Solidarity Peoples' Front), a conglomeration of 16 different NGOs and Peoples' movements, organised a rally on 23 March to commemorate the 100th World Women's Day. About 3000 people, mainly women, participated in the rally which, after passing through the main roads of Dindigul, culminated with a short meeting in front of the Dindigul Municipality. The Diocese of Dindigul and the local CRI unit played an active role in bringing together all the different organizations. **Frs. Ignatius Britto** and **John Kennedy** took care of the nitty-gritty of the rally and the meeting. Earlier the same front organised a big rally for the cause of the Sri Lankan Tamils, suffering in the camps behind barbed wires.

S.M. John Kennedy

LATI, MADURAI

Loyola ITI in collaboration with Skills for Progress (SKIP), Bangalore organized a two-day seminar on "Teaching and Training Methods for Vocational Training" for instructors of ITIs.

Fr. Basil presented two research papers titled 'The construction of Arunthathiyar Identity' on 2 March, in DRS seminar hall and 'The Construction of the Subaltern Identity' on 11 March at Guru Nanak research Forum in M.K.U., Madurai. He also gave a talk on 'The Identity Politics in Tamil Nadu' on 14 March in the Directorate of Art and Culture, Tirunelveli. He presented a paper titled 'Religion from the perspective of Dr. Ambedkar' in a national seminar organized by the "School of Religions, Philosophy and Humanist Thought" in M.K.U. on 30 March.

On 25 March, **Fr. X. Savarimuhtu** preached a one-day retreat to the boys of Loyola ITI in preparation for Lent.

I. Inigo

ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE, KARUMATHUR

On 10th and 11th we had the National Science Mela: Science and Philosophy of Biodiversity. The Dept. of Computer Science conducted a one-day State level technical workshop on "Software Testing".

On 17th the Dept. of Commerce organized a one-day State level seminar on "Emerging Trends in Business and Commerce".

A one-day Refresher Programme for the teaching staff on "Multimedia Learning Materials" was held on 13 March.

On 14th **Fr. Michael Jeyaraj** conducted a workshop on "Mentor Care" for 65 staff members of the J.J Engineering College near Tiruchi. On 15 and 16 he also enabled 25 Tertian Sisters of St. Anne, Tiruchi to reflect on "Vazhviyal Aanmigam".

Fr. Vincent Sekhar presented a paper on "Question Setting and Selection of Examiners" in the UGC -Sponsored State seminar at Jamal Muhamad College, Tiruchi.

Fr.J.L. Ganarethinam Browsing Centre was recently opened in our campus.

S. Antony Anand

CARMEL, NAGERCOIL

A consultant on Career Guidance was invited to our school to meet the parents of our students and help them make a choice for the future.

To make the public aware of the evils of plastics, an anti-plastic campaign was organized.

Fr. L. Francis Xavier, gave a talk on the All India Radio on the 19th March, on "Coping with the Stresses and Strains of Examinations". He also gave another talk on "The Future of India lies within the Four Walls of the Class Rooms".

On the 22 March, a seminar was organized in our school, on "Water is Life".

An Orientation Programme for high achievers in the 10th standard was held on 17 March, with an eye on District and State level distinctions.

S.M. Arockiam

ST JOSEPH'S, TIRUCHI

The sprawling campus of St. Joseph's College was thrown open to one lakh aspiring youngsters in seeking jobs in the mega job fair from 26-28 Feb. The International Women's Day on 8 March was fittingly remembered with all the women students and teachers on campus coming together for inputs on "Ecology and Women". Under the aegis of the Shepherd Department, about 500 women folk from neighbourhood villages were brought to the campus on 7 March to highlight women empowerment. Our hearty congratulations to **Fr. Wellington Fernando** who defended his doctoral thesis in physics titled,

"Preparations and Characterisations of Co₃O₄ and Doped Co₃O₄ Thin Films".

The Jesuit community was remembered with gratitude for all the services rendered to the academic community and **Fr.P. Susai** the Rector, was felicitated in the Community Day celebrations on 18 March both in the School and College. The College Day on 18 March was a memorable occasion to recall the spectacular events of the year. Justice **F.M. Ibrahim Kalifulla**, our alumnus, was the Chief Guest and declared that he owes it to St. Joseph's whatever he is today. He exhorted the students to be fearless crusaders of love and hard work. Congratulations to **Fr. Rajarathinam**, the Principal, on his power point savvy presentation of the annual report with Jesuits and other collaborators.

'The parish had a spiritual renewal for three days from 25th March in which **Fr. Christuraj** SVD animated the parishioners in a charismatic convention. Over 1000 people attended the preaching every day. On 2 March there was a special recollection for the parish priests and Jesuit Community under his guidance. All the hostels had their annual day on 6th March. It was a moment of togetherness and camaraderie for the inmates. A large number of parents attended these to see their wards perform on stage.

On 5 March CCR celebrated its first anniversary in a meaningful way. **Fr. S. Mani Valan** recalled the activities of the past year. VGP Santhosham was honoured and a book on Fr. James Thomas de Rossi, ('Chinna Saveriyar') authored by **Prof. Samimuthu** was released.

Fr. S. Mariadoss presented a paper titled "Performance of Bank Linkage Programme of NABARD in Priority States of India" in a conference at Puducherry and it was published.

Fr. John Britto presented a paper in the National Conference on "Seed Propagation Techniques of Medicinal Plants" at the Indian Agriculture Research Institute, New Delhi.

Scholastics along with their animator, **Fr. Devasagayam**, had an enjoyable trip to Puducherry on 19 March and on the way back, they paid a visit to Loyola College, Vettavalam. Congratulations to **Sch. S. Innacimuthu** who secured two medals for his academic excellence on the College Day. His excellent annual project on "The Application of Fuzzy Cognitive Map to the Symptoms of Diabetes" got him a cash prize of Rs.6,000/- from the Tamil Nadu Council for Science and Technology.

Sebastian Anand

ICRDCE, CHENNAI

ICRDCE put up a stall in an exhibition at Tarbes Community College, Bangalore, to introduce the Indian Community College system all over India.

The Director attended a Conference in the USA and presented the Indian Community College System.

The Director also spoke to the Provincials of India on the Issues of Higher Education and the Community

College System during the JCSA meeting in March at Kozhikode.

The ICRDCE conducted a two-day workshop in March on the Operational Mechanism and Functioning of the IGNOU Associate Degree Community Colleges, in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Xavier Alphonse

IDEAS, MADURAI

After his successful cardiac surgery and convalescence, **Eugine** returned to IDEAS with a beaming face on 6th March bringing cheers to all of us, both Jesuits and lay staff. **Fr. Aloysius Irudayam's** trip on 20 and 21 March to Gingee area was meant to acquaint himself with the Thurumbar Viduthalai Iyakkam which had requested IDEAS to do a survey on the socio-economic and political situations of the Thurumbar/Puthirai Vannars in the three districts of Cuddalore, Thiruvannamalai and Villupuram.

Two innovative trainings specially gladdened the hearts of both the trainees and the Jesuits at IDEAS. The first one "*Intervention Strategies in Social Action: Advocacy, Campaign and Lobbying*" was organized on 27 & 28 Feb. for the benefit of 26 women religious in social action from different parts of Tamil Nadu. The specialty of this training lies in its becoming a forerunner for similar ones at IDEAS in future for the cadres of different Dalit movements. The second one "*Motivational Training for the Survey of Thurumbar/Puthirai Vannars*", conducted on 25 & 31 March, was meant to animate 18 men and 10 women cadres-cum-field investigators of the Thurumbar Viduthalai Iyakkam with a view to launch the survey at end of May. For the trainees, and for IDEAS, too, this was a historic occasion because for the first time such a large number of people from this community underwent the training here as a homogenous group and this training has the long term aim of chalking out a strategic plan to help the people to access their basic needs and rights.

Apart from the above two, there were three other trainings benefitting 49 women and 29 men. JEPASA & the Youth Commission jointly organized the programme *Learning the Liberative News in the Bible* on 6 & 7 March for 21 young women and men from the Jesuit parishes. The *Arunthamizhan Viduthalai Iyakkam* brought 14 executive committee members on 13th March for a day's business meeting. Then on 15 & 20 March there appeared in the campus a strong contingent of 43 young women from the two JRS run Grihini Centres of Dharapuram and Mullaikudi to undergo a course on *Integrated Personality Development and Social Analysis*.

Aloysius Irudayam

DACA, MADURAI

Women workers of Madurai City Conservancy had a six-month tailoring course. They also have a group loan facility to install a small tailoring unit in their own village. The inauguration of this course was held on 10 February at Anupanadi.

From 18 to 20 of March, our computer and tailoring students attended a course on "*The Urgency of Saving the Environment*" conducted by Anglade Institute at Shembag. As the concrete outcome of the course a "Pasumai Padai" has been formed which engages itself in protecting the environment of the DACA campus.

"A career guidance camp" for the benefit of 85 rural Dalit XII std students from six southern districts was held on 27th March. The students expressed that the camp provided them the right orientation to select their future career. The resource persons were Fr. Xavier Arockiasamy and others.

A. Sebasthiraj

LAAS ILLAM, MADURAI

Celebrating the International Women's Day, the Immaculate Heart Multipurpose Society at T.R. Patinam, organised a three-day programme for women entitled 'Knowledge and Empowerment through Law' from 8 to 10 March. **Fr. Jeyaseelan** helped them with legal input sessions. On 13 March Fr. Jeyaseelan and advocates M/s. Sonaisamy, Tamilnidhi and Anjaneya Sekar provided legal assistance to the people of Anna Nagar near Palani in the Legal Aid Camp, organised by Poorna Social Service Centre run by Holy Cross Sisters. It was a legal eye-opener as some of the women opined. **Frs. Philomin Raj and Santhanam** succeeded in obtaining Rs. 4 lakhs as compensation for an affected woman and her 2 children in a domestic violence case. Fr. Santhanam attended the workshop on RTI Act organised by the TNBC-Legal Cell on 17 and 18 March. He conducted a one-day seminar on "Women and Law" for the CIC Tertians at Madurai on 21 March.

A two-day meeting was organised for the youths belonging to Jesuit parishes by the Youth Commission in collaboration with IDEAS. **Fr. Marivalan**, the Pastoral Coordinator gave the inaugural address touching upon the core values of Jesuits involved in youth ministries. Around 26 youths from 5 parishes took part in it though the number of Jesuit parishes is many more. **Frs. Stephen Martin, Xavier Arockiasamy, Philip Sudhakar and Paulraj** as Jesuit resource persons enlightened the youths by their well prepared talks in a constructive manner. Youth Commission in its joint venture with Salesian Fathers, Presentation and Holy Cross Sisters observed the Women's Day in Sayalgudi, Coimbatore and Palani on different dates in a meaningful way. It was well planned and after giving a collective thought the theme taken for the day was 'பெண்கள் இயக்கமாகுவோம்'. The resource persons in all the 3 places inspired the women numbering about 2500 by narrating the remarkable history of Women's Day. The cultural performance on the selected theme by the affected women belonging to 'நம்பிக்கை மகளிர் இல்லம்' galvanized the attention of the crowd in 2 places. On 21 March, a meeting was held for the youths from Avinashi taluk in Bishop Ambrose Technical Institute run by St. Michael Brothers. In a joint venture with KARISAL and NILAM trust at Pudukkottai, Fr. Philomin Raj addressed the villagers belonging to Kummangulam and Solaisery

and motivated them to become aware of the issues affecting them.

A. Santhanam

CLIVE'S HOUSE, TIRUCHI

The month of February was very unique for all the Clivites when they exhibited their potentials in the Community-Day competitions and made strenuous preparations for the final day.

The visitation of Fr. Provincial on 14th February enthused us and brought blessings upon us.

On 13th March, Clive's Community Day was celebrated on a grand scale with an enlightening theme, 'Sailing beyond the Sunset'. The nearly three-hour cultural fête by the pre-novices and a few items by the Clive's hostellers were well received with a thunderous applause by the excited audience numbering around 300. The highlight of the day was the thirty-minute sound and light programme: 'The tragic history of Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe. Kudos to **Fr. Paul Pragash** who modified and adapted the sixteenth century play with its fullest literary richness. **Fr.P Susai**, the Rector, presided over the function and Fr. Rajarathinam, released the annual magazine, 'MUSINGS-2010', a literary and artistic venture of the Clivites.

The College Day held on 18th March was a memorable occasion for the Clivites who proved their mettle in academics by winning 23 prizes overall. Hats off to **Sch. Gladwin** who was at the top by securing nine first prizes for his meritorious performance in academics and bagging the best fine arts student award for this academic year.

Sathyabalan

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SHEMBAGANUR

Drawing inspiration from GC35, our community organized a cultural contest cum seminar on the theme, "To Embrace Nature to Enhance the Future" to spread eco-consciousness among the school students of Kodai hills. **Dr. S. Mani**, the registrar of Mother Theresa Women's University, Kodaikanal, presided over the function and delivered the key-note address in which she called upon the students to wake up soon to protect nature in order to nurture our life. The overwhelming response from the different schools made the programme eventful and meaningful. The organizing committee, consisting of **Frs. Edward Jeganathan, Xavier Raj** and **Sch. Vargheesh** deserves much appreciation for their meticulous planning and neat execution.

Shembag and Kodaikanal have become crowded with tourists who come mostly for a day or two and invariably they discover the cynosure of the Kodai Hills is the Museum.

Fr. Xavier Raj preached an inspiring recollection to the teachers of St. Francis H.S.S, C.K. Mangalam. Fr. Edward Jeganathan is giving the Spiritual Exercises to a Sister from Pondicherry for one month. Twenty-four seminarians from Poonamallee have come for their one-month retreat guided by **Fr. John Joseph**.

Children from Kodai came in large numbers on the day of Balamela-2010. The display during the games and their scintillating cultural events made the guests and the audience spellbound. PEAK team organized a series of seminars for the women at Gundupatti. The seminars brought back the nostalgic memories of their involvement in different struggles to obtain their basic rights and chalk out plans for the well-being of their future. Kodaihills Ambedkar Unorganized and Construction Labour Union convened its annual governing body meeting to devise new strategies in its function and to elect the executive members of the union.

James Antonyswamy

AICUF

On February 10 the AICUFERS made a human chain at Marina Beach to express their support for the success of the "Long March" for the equal rights of Dalits from Kanyakumari to Chennai. They expressed their solidarity with the people at Madurai, Tiruchi and Chennai. In Chennai when the students heard that the **Most Rev. Neethinathan**, Bishop of Chengalpattu and the **Most Rev. Chinnappa** Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore were arrested they went to the streets demanding the release the bishops immediately and also demanded the State Government to recommend to the Central Government the inclusion of Dalit Christians in the SC list. It was much appreciated by the TNBC SC/ST/BC commission.

The TN AICUF students had a session by **Fr. Arul Ravi** focusing on the human body which was inspiring and thought-provoking. He gave a brief introduction on human sexuality which was a great revelation to many of the students. Students understood that it is a gift of God and learnt to respect their own sexuality.

Ravi

KARISAL KADUTHASI

Fr. Britto Peter visited our team and boosted our mission on February 18. Our Muthan Illam & Evening Study Centre students had their days out respectively on Feb 6 and 20. Jesuits at Palayamkottai and Karumathur played host to us.

M. Vincent

ARIYAMANGALAM PARISH

During Lent the Cluny Sisters visited all the houses in the parish with a crucifix in hand praying and singing along with the children for forgiveness and reconciliation. The students conducted the Way of the Cross in groups during the evening prayer in the church.

Felix Joseph

FR. C. AMALRAJ FROM CAMBODIA

Required to be out, every three months for visa sojourn, I chose to go to Cambodia during the holy week. Cambodia has had a scary past with the Hitler of the east Pol Pot committing horrendous crimes against humanity. **Fr Ceyrac** is well known for his work in the Cambodian refugee camps in Thai border.

Decades ago, in 1991, when I stood in the Site 2 camp, with Jub and Pierre Ceyrac, I never thought there would be another peaceful Cambodia in the near future. Coming to Cambodia, was to me in many ways, very meaningful in the Holy season of Lent.

Standing in the Holocaust Museum in S 2 on the first day, with those searing photos of those men and women, 'those eyes, pleading, mourning, imploring and condemning' one felt deeply depressed, as if one stands on Golgotha, - the skull mountain, seeing a people crucified as if on a permanent Good Friday.

Highly traumatizing one could see some of the visitors crying silently... scary moments of human existence.

Hopeless..... Sartre's existential Nausea

Till I came back to Banteay Preap Vocational Centre. run by Jesuit Service : .. the victims of land mines, some of them teenage girls, wood carving the statutes of Mary and Buddha.. the various works showing humanity's refusal to submit to the arrogance of evil.

Travelling to Battambang, going to Arrupe centre, the amputees, most of them teenage boys and girls, preparing to go home and a dance party ! in wheel chairs and crutches!! As noisy as any other group.

Visiting Sisophon, Siam Reap : the wonderful Jesuit outreach works, the serene Siem Reap centre with so much of symbolism of hope. The amputees working as field coordinators, enthusiastically explaining how some of the livelihood programs are bearing fruit. One forgets the Holocaust Museum. One forgets the inhumanity of man to his brothers and sisters.

Cambodia has moved away from Good Friday, it is still not Easter, but surely this is Holy Saturday, a nation and people, whose resurrection to peace and freedom is increasingly assured.

And friends from Jesuit Service have contributed their mite to this dream of resurrection was an extra ordinary message to me in the Holy Season.

MEETING OF JESUITS IN SCIENCE FORUM, SOUTH ASIAN ASSISTANCY

A meeting of Jesuits in Science Forum, South Asian Assistancy was held at Loyola College, Chennai on 27th and 28th February 2010. About 30 from all over India, Nepal, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka participated in the meeting. The theme of the meeting was Environment, Biodiversity and our mission. Dr. S. Vincent, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology inaugurated the meeting with a talk on green technology. He suggested that all Jesuit houses should try to use solar power and promote green campuses.

The participants shared their own experiences and contributions in the field of biodiversity and environment based on the directives of the 35th General

Congregation. All of them were unanimous in agreeing that our environment is in peril and each one of us should protect it through community and institutional structures. The following suggestions were given.

* Promote organic farming and eat organically grown food. * Reduce the use of synthetic chemicals and bottled drinks. * Conserve energy. * Use LED lamps. * Reduce the use of fossil fuels. * Recycle and reuse. * Avoid plastics. * Promote vermicompost and biocompost. * Save water. * Plant more trees. * Protect biodiversity. * Promote research in the areas of environmental protection and biodiversity conservation. * Reduce the use of AC; where necessary use split AC with sensor. * Promote herbal garden. * Encourage young scholastics to study science subjects. * Take up environmental audit in every community and institution.

Albert William and S. Ignacimuthu

NEW RELEASES

எம்மதமும் எம் மதமே, Fr. N. Ignatius Britto, SJ and Mr. G. Chandran

பொதுநிலையினரின் வானுயர் வழிகாட்டி, புனித இலையோலா இஞ்ஞாசியார், Fr. R.S. Amalraj, S.J. Nanchil Pathippagam, Nagercoil, pp. 124; Rs. 45/-

A Concise English Grammar, Fr. M.S. Savariraj, S.J. pp. 436; Vcan Publication, Madurai.

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களை எடுக்க, Fr. V. M. Dasan, SJ, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 164; Rs. 60/-

செபம் பல வீதம், Fr. Xavier Irudayaraj, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 112; Rs. 15/-

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ABIDE WITH THE LORD

Nalpathamkalam Kuruvila Cherian (KER) 69/52 on 6 March

Joseph Saldanha (BOM) 69/52 on 12 March

Paul Kehres (PAT) 91/73 on 26 March

Siluvaimuthu, 94, father of Fr. S. Mani Valan, on 27 Feb.

Arockiasamy 60, brother of Fr. K.A. Augustine on 6 March

Mary Devasahayam 70, aunt of Fr. Ilanko Xavier on 31 March