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## Provincial's Message

### Budget Preparation: A Sacred Exercise

We are busy preparing the annual budget for the next financial year. When the discussions and instructions on the approach to budget preparation were in progress, concerns were expressed by some members whether this exercise would be done objectively and seriously. In other words, some of us doubted whether those in charge of preparing the budget would be really objective and transparent enough in determining both the income and the expenditure, and whether all the income and expenditure would be indicated clearly. These fears are unfounded and such fears should not be entertained by any member. We are determined to transcend all these unhealthy possibilities and tendencies. All of us are aware that we need to be objective, transparent and professional in the manner in which we prepare the annual budget. We are also aware that the budgeting system is not a matter to be taken lightly by any member of the Society. It is a firm and serious instruction of the Society — a sacred exercise. Hence, the official guidebook for all financial administration, namely, *Instruction on the Administration of Goods* (IAG), states in number 82: **“All provinces, communities, apostolic works of the Society or those entrusted to it, are obliged to prepare an annual budget and submit it for approval by the provincial before the beginning of each fiscal year. In addition, they should abide by this budget during the financial/fiscal year it covers or for the duration of the project”.**

Moreover, we are also aware that **the preparation of the annual budget is not the role of just a handful of members of each community, but the responsibility of the entire community.** This is an exercise in which every member is to be involved whole-heartedly, so that all the members have a say in the manner in which each community or its ministries will carry out the financial administration and management. Therefore, I strongly urge every member of the province, to get involved in this exercise and contribute his thoughts, ideas and suggestions, so that the budget is comprehensive and objective.

In the recent circular to the Local Superiors/Team Leaders regarding the preparation of the annual budget, I have given the following instruction to the local superior/team leader: “Please ensure that yourself and the Directors of Works and the Treasurer are fully involved in this task, with the active participation of the consultors, finance committee members and the entire community”. I have also stated clearly in the same circular: “In order to ensure and encourage the entire community to be involved actively, please avoid using jargons and complicated technical words in the budget and use clear and simple words to describe different items of expense or income”. This attitude and approach will definitely make this exercise of budget preparation truly participatory and the budget itself will reach a commendable level of perfection. This, in turn, will boost the manner in which we will be carrying out our financial management in the forthcoming financial year.

It is up to each one of us to ensure that this exercise is done well and that our financial management system becomes more and more transparent and professional, so that we use the God-given resources in the best possible manner. This realization is very important as the *Statutes on Religious Poverty in the Society of Jesus* says: “The Society’s temporal goods are to be regarded as the property of our Lord Jesus Christ and as the patrimony of Christ’s poor...” (43). I earnestly invite every member to meditate over this point and make it his

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own personal conviction while dealing with any financial matter or temporal good. As we are aware, **none of us is the owner of the finances and properties of the Society. Instead, we are only trustees, who are bound in conscience to prove that we are truly trustworthy servants of the Lord.**

Faternally,

**Sebasti L. Raj, SJ**

**Provincial**

### **Announcement by the Provincial regarding Transfers:**

**Announcement I:** In case you would like to have a transfer or a change of responsibilities, you are requested to discern over this matter prayerfully and write to the Provincial stating your proposal clearly and also giving the reasons for your proposal. Even if you have already spoken about this to the Provincial, you are expected to communicate this to him again in writing. All such requests must reach the Provincial, preferably through email, by the end of February or at least by the first week of March, 2012. While this request will be considered, in consultation with your Local Superior/Team Leader, you are expected to be ready to abide by the final decision of the Provincial.

**Announcement II:** At this time of transfers and new assignments, I would like to remind the members to reflect prayerfully on the Ignatian principles of total availability and indifference and to be prepared to receive any new mission that may be assigned to you or go willingly to a new community to which you may be missioned.

### **Provincial's Programme**

#### **February**

01-10	Visitation: Loyola, Chennai
04	GBM: Communication Commission – Chennai
11	Visitation: Satya Nilayam, Chennai
12	GBM: Youth Commission — Dindigul
12-14	Visitation: Arul Anandar College
17-24	JCSA Meeting, XLRI, Jamshedpur
25-26	Consult
27-29	Visitation: Udhagamandalam and Mettupalayam

#### **March**

01	Estate Managers Meet
02	Visitation: Supamites (at the Province Curia)
03	GBM: ISI, Bangalore
04-08	Visitation: Vettavalam, Kilpennathur
10-11	Local Superiors & Team Leaders' Meeting — Chengleput
12-17	Visitation: St Xavier's, Palayamkottai
18-19	Visitation: Xaveriana, Tuticorin
19-21	Visitation: Carmel and Thozhamai Illam
22	Visitation: Karisal
25-26	Consult
27-30	Budgets: Interim Approval

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **▣ Pope Benedict XVI has appointed:**

**Cardinal Fr. Karl Becker**, former professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and for many years consultant of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith.

**Fr Antonio Spadaro** Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

#### **▣ Father General has appointed:**

**Fr Boniface Tigga** Regional Superior of Nepal Region.

**Fr Pierre André Ranaivoarson** Provincial of Madagascar.

▣ The Holy Father has nominated **Fr. Augustine Savarimuthu** as one of the Consultors to the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications.— *Hearty congratulations to you and prayerful good wishes*

▣ **Fr. Xavier Alphonse** has been appointed as a member of the National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education.— *Hearty congratulations to you and prayerful good wishes.*

▣ **Fr. Ignatius Gnanapragasam** who for 14 years was chaplain in the novitiate of Gonzaga sisters and for 4 years chaplain to their senior sisters has joined the Beschi community at Dindigul.

## BIRDS OF THE SAME FEATHER!



The former Provincials and the present one of the Madurai Province: (l-r) Frs. Aloysius Irudayam, Devadoss Mudiappasamy, Jeyaraj Michael, Pai Rex A., Varaprasadam Arul M., Sebasti L. Raj, Jeyaraj Donatus and Francis Xavier Perianayagam. (Photo taken on 27.12.2011 at Beschi Illam, Dindigul by Br Aloysius Arulraj). A rare reunion indeed that includes Fr. Vara from La Réunion!

### ▣ **Please note the change:**

**Br. Kulandairaj Antony:** 99434-81893

**Fr Robin Sahaya Seelan:** 8421861503

**Fr. Ignatius Viyagappa:** fr.ignatius.sj@live.com

**Fr. Maria Packiam,** St. Cecilly Church, R.C. Pettapalayam - 637 015, Namakkal Dt.

### ▣ **Colloquium on Ignatian Spirituality**

#### **ROOTS AND WINGS: Principles of Leadership in Ignatian Spirituality**

The Secretariat for Ignatian Spirituality [JIGSA] and The Centre for Ignatian Spirituality for South Asia is once again organizing the Colloquium on Ignatian Spirituality. ROOTS AND WINGS – 2012 aims at studying the founding documents of the Society, Ignatian Spirituality and GC documents from a particular theme. The focus this year is on Ignatian Spirituality and Leadership. Hence the theme of the Colloquium - 2012: *Leadership Principles in Ignatian spirituality*. From the experience of the past, GC 35 d.5 has established principles for the ministry of leadership and governance in the Society and the present Colloquium aims at deepening this awareness

in the participants through exercises, questionnaires, lectures, sharing, prayer and personal reading. It's going to be a fruitful month! Come and experience!

Dates: April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 26<sup>th</sup> (Both the dates are included).

Place: PG Block, JDV, Pune.

Total Fee: Rs.14,500/- [Registration: Rs 1000/- + Course fee: 6000/- + Board & Lodge, JDV PG Block: Rs 7500/-]

Apply to: Ambrose Jeyaraj, S.J., E mail: ambrosesjj@gmail.com

Phone: 08308787877.

## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

### PRE-NOVITIATE VILANGUDI

All the twenty pre-novices came back after their holidays and began the third and the final term with renewed vigour. 'Balamela-2012', the children's gathering held on 14th January helped 153 girls and boys of Thrivanur parish grow in leadership qualities such as interacting with others, organization and team work. **Fr. Arockiaraj**, our Parish priest, VMI formators, pre-novices, Canosian postulants and



parish volunteers beefed up their synergy to make the day memorable for the children. The children left with a gift in their hands and joy in their hearts. The Pongal was celebrated in the parish and all the substations on various days with thought-provoking sermons calling for a grateful attitude towards nature and the farmers. On 28th January Carmel Infant Jesus Church, Thanjavur, organized a daylong spiritual renewal and mutual interaction for the formees of religious Congregations and diocesan clergy. It was well attended by candidates and formators of nine Congregations.

*Prabu Francis*

## BESCHI ILLAM

In Beschi the following meetings were held in January: Finance Commission for various groups, Social Action GBM and JRS Evaluation.

Fr. Dhanaraj gave a Retreat to CTC Sisters in Puthanthurai.

Novices had the following courses in January to enrich them: 'First Aid' (**Nurse Nancy**) 'Social Awareness' (**Fr. Eugene Muthu**), 'Apostleship of Prayer' (**Fr. Marivalan**), 'Human Sexuality' (**Sr. Vasanthi**), and 'Basic Electrical Course' (**Fr. S. Amalraj**).

From 13th Jan night onwards, **Fr. Rex A. Pai** and **Fr. Joseph Raj** are directing a 'Long Retreat' for the Southern Diocesan Seminarians.

From 14 to 17 Jan, **Fr. Britto Peter** and **Fr. Dhanaraj** directed some Holy Cross Sisters in preparation for the Silver Jubilee of their vows.

On 16 Jan, 27 Sisters from six different Congregations started their Tertianship in CIS.

**Fr. Ignatius Gnanapragasam** left Pondicherry and has joined our Beschi community.

On 17 Jan, we had Pongal celebration in the farm and a cultural performance by Sisters staying in CIS.

On 26 Jan, we celebrated the 62nd Republic Day of our country: by hoisting the National Flag by the Benjamin of our community **Novice Vigash**, a parade organized by **Novice Joe Marsh Leo** and a speech by **Novice Augustian Daniel**.

*R. Joseph Alexander*

## ANANDA JYOTHI

We, Ananda Jyothi novices, had minor holidays for a week after Christmas. We spent the holidays in a useful way that helped us to grow in our Community life. On one of those days we gave a Christmas Programme in a home for the aged. We conducted a catechetical camp for three days for the children of our ministry places during the Pongal holidays. The 110 children who participated in this camp could get some knowledge about the Bible, the Sacraments and the faith of our Catholic Church. Zenith was the coordinator of this camp and he did it successfully with great zeal.

*Nirmal Jerry*

## SHILLONG

Christmas and New Year were celebrated with a spirit of receiving both the newborn Christ and the newborn year amidst us.

We began our study experiment on the 31 December 2011 which lasted for ten days and it gave the novices a taste for reading books.

Fr. Novice Master has appointed **Vijin** as beadle for the novices.

On 19 Jan we went on a begging experience to Maweit, about 145 kms away from our novitiate. All of us had a rich and unforgettable experience, as we begged for food and shelter in the freezing cold of winter. Soon we will be leaving for the *Mission Experiment* to the different mission stations of Jesuits in the north-east.

*Arun M.J.*

## KOHIMA REGION

After successfully completing two terms, we began our final term in our school on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. To help the weak students, we took extra classes. Teachers slog indeed for their improvement. Children's day was celebrated in a creative way. The children went for a picnic to a nearby place. They prepared a sumptuous meal and shared it with their teachers. There was plenty of fun and laughter. The final terminal examination was over on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec followed by winter holidays.

As the month of December is very cold here, people warm themselves by sitting near a fire. On 8<sup>th</sup> of December we had a triple celebration in our community: blessing of presbytery, installation of parish priest and the final vows of **Fr. Robert**, the superior of the community. Christmas was a great occasion for me to see people flocking to the church from far and near. In spite of the severe cold people came on foot for the vigil Mass. We had retreat for 250 parish children from 10 to 15 Jan.

As students are in holidays, I am quite free from my regular hectic schedule. But now I am taking some classes for class X students and mind their studies as they approach the board exam. Second year novices came on a pilgrimage near our place. Our Province novices were also there. After a long time, I had an opportunity to have a chat in Tamil. I continue to enjoy my regency in Kohima region.

*Y. Baskar*

## JESUIT JUNIORATE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Community Day was celebrated from 27 to 29 December. Christmas and New Year celebrations were quite unique. The Triduum given by **Fr. Jacob** helped us to recommit ourselves. Pongal celebrations brought out the talent of cooking in some of us. Madurians won the 'Pongal' Volleyball match. Balamela was celebrated with great gusto on 21 Jan.

A course on Journalism was given by **Fr. Vincent** and **Sch. Sajit**. Soon after that we paid a visit to

Malayalam Manorama Press. The late night work done by the print media was amazing. The Republic Day was commemorated with a fiery speech by **Sch. Paulraj**. Heartly congrats to **Sch. Doni Raja** who won the first prize in Jivan short story competition with the title 'Mother'. We are glad to have **Sch. Jayaraj** back in the community after a knee surgery and a month-long convalescence at Beschi, Dindigul.

Paulraj

## DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

During our Christmas holidays, the educational excursion to Aurangabad and Ajanta-Ellora was really an enchanting experience for the first year philosophers. We were indeed wonderstruck by the mighty works of the Buddhist monks. The second year philosophers had an ample opportunity to visit the historical places of Goa and cherish the great works of our forefathers.

On 14 Jan, we had Pongal celebration and the Holy Eucharist was presided over by **Fr. Maria Arul Raja**. The theme of his homily was *Flavour of Labour*. The cultural show on the previous day was highly applauded by the community members and the rich Tamil culture was brought out effectively by our Tamil brethren under the leadership of **Sch. Sathyabalan**, our co-ordinator. Really you all missed the splendid cultural show and the sumptuous meal prepared by us!

On 26 and 28 Jan the scholastics of DNC staged the play "*Even to the Indies*" written by the dynamic dramatist **Fr. Cyril Desbruslais** and directed by young and energetic **Schs. Francis** (BOM) and **Raul** (GOA) based on the life of **Fr. Robert De Nobili SJ**. Our men participated in the same and had a great share in the success of the play. **Fr. Cyril** highly appreciated the magnificent mission that we are carrying out among the poorest of the poor in our Province. On the same day, **Fr. Edward S. Mudavassery** the POSA launched the DNC blog: [www.dnctimes.blogspot.com](http://www.dnctimes.blogspot.com). Kudos to **Sch. Christuraj**, who received the first prize in the Logo competition conducted in JDV.

G. S. Thayriam

## ARUL KADAL

Scholastics made their Triduum under the inspiring guidance of **Fr. J. Arockia Dass** at the Novitiate of the Servite Fathers, Mamallapuram. This spiritual sojourn was enriched by his deep reflections and thoughts. Pongal was celebrated with its traditional Tamil flavour. This year Republic Day wore a new look in Arul Kadal. On that day, 130 children from our neighbourhood ministry places joined us in witnessing a colourful Balamela. All the children showcased their talents in various forms. No doubt, it was a performance of their verve and vitality. **Fr. Puthiadam Ignatius** has joined our community and he is busy writing as usual. To share our solidarity the community went to Vadamelpakkam Loyola Academy for their first School Annual Day. We were enthralled to see the growth of the children through their multi-faceted

cultural shows and to hear them talk freely in English.

Thangadurai

## DE BRITTO, DEVAKOTTAI

The school celebrated its Annual Day on 13 Jan. **Mr. Xavier Britto**, Chairman of INDEV, Chennai was the chief guest and chairman. **Fr. Xavier Alphonse** was one of the special invitees. The chief guest recalled with gratitude the services rendered by the Jesuits to him and the youths of this country and paid rich tributes to them.

Career Guidance programme for 12<sup>th</sup> std. students was organized on 21 Jan by the management in association with the alumni.

A one-day awareness programme was arranged for the 11<sup>th</sup> std. students on the disastrous and far-reaching consequences of Alcoholism. The team from Carmel, Nagercoil engaged the students in a meaningful way.

There was an exhibition on environment which was organized in association with the PWD of Devakottai.

The Catholic students, Jesuits and staff went on a pilgrimage to Oriyur on 28 Jan.

John Paul

## LOYOLA ACADEMY, VADAMELPAKKAM

We celebrated Pongal on 13th Jan. in a creative and participative manner. We started the day with a competition of classroom decoration in tune with the local culture. Each and every student was involved actively in this. Each class boiled new rice and prepared Pongal with things brought from their homes. Prizes were given for the best decoration and for the best Pongal.

We celebrated our first ever school annual day on 27th. **Fr. Jeyaraj Velusamy**, Provincial of Kolkata was the chief guest. The German sponsors of the project were also present. Our students enthralled the audience with a well prepared cultural programme. At the end all the student and the staff sang together our school anthem with lighted candles. The lyric for the anthem was written by **Fr. Joe Antony** and the music was by **Ms. Sterlin Nithya**.

Before and after the school day, we had two sittings with the German delegation about the short, mid and long term plans and the funding for LAV. They were all impressed with the progress of students, the development of the infrastructure and other facilities in the school within the short time available.

We are preparing intensely for the visit of the inspection committee of CBSE board.

John Kennedy

## LOYOLA INSTITUTES, KUPPAYANALLUR

In January our community was full of vim and vigour with various activities. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, "*Come and See*" programme was organized for the 9 to the 12 standard Catholic boys in order to promote vocations

with 73 boys from different schools participating in it. On the same day, all the old students had a meeting. They were happy to come together and share their experiences.

We hosted the staff and students of *Canisius College* from the USA for a week. A new ministry for treating Alcoholism has been formally inaugurated at its new centre on 14 Jan.

The *Senthalir* animators had their half-yearly evaluation of the evening study programme.

Our LASAC students along with their counterparts from two other neighbouring schools had a one-day interactive camp. The students of remedial section led the school assembly on the Martyrs' Day. The parents of these students had a meeting with the staff after the half-yearly exams to know the status of their children.

**Fr. Alphonse William** is back to normal after a cataract surgery in his right eye.

**Fr. R. Gunasekaran** is very busy celebrating the feasts of Saints, Sebastian and John Bosco, in Theetalam and Kuppayanallur.

*Joseph Arockiasamy*

## ST. ARULANANDAR, ORIYUR

On 27th Dec, the Chief Judicial Magistrate of Ramnad with her husband and daughter visited the Shrine. **Fr. Wilson** said Mass for them followed by lunch at our residence. On 30th Dec, Family Day was celebrated in the parish. Fr. Wilson presided over the function and **Mr. Mohan** our ward councillor was the chief guest. Prizes were distributed to the winners of sports competition and special gifts to each family. On 2nd Jan, Mr. Mohan our ward councillor gave away free cycles to the XI std students of our school. On 8 Jan, three from our community went to Coimbatore for the death anniversary of Fr. Wilson's father and prayed for the repose of his soul. On 13th Jan, we celebrated Pongal joyfully. **Mrs. Muniyammal Rajendran** presided over the function. We had a community outing on 16th Jan to Vailankanni where we celebrated Holy Mass and had our lunch with the Kalangarai community in Nagapatnam. It was a moment of grace to have Fr. Provincial and his team with us from Jan 17 to 19. He boosted our missionary zeal by his encouraging words and presence. On 24th Jan a team from the de-addiction centre, Nagercoil gave awareness on drug addiction to our XI std students and showed them some documentary films.

On Jan 26, Arulagam Hostel Day was celebrated in a grand manner. **Sr. Mary Angel**, HM of Wilhelm Middle School, Thondi, presided over the function. It was indeed a good occasion for our hostel students to bring out their cultural talents. On the same day Novena in honour of St. John De Britto began with flag hoisting by **Fr. M. Asirvatham**, the VF of Devakottai. On Jan 28, the Catholic students of De Britto Hostel along with some of their teaching staff and the Jesuits came on a pilgrimage to Oriyur. **Fr. Leo**

**Tagore** was the main celebrant and **Fr. Stanislaus** preached the homily.

*Amirtharaj*

## ST. MARY'S, MADURAI

Pongal was celebrated in the hostel, school and parish with colourful events. In the hostel, 'Vetriyin Varalaru', a handwritten magazine prepared by students, giving the dreams, action plans and values was released. Dressed like a farmer's family with their tools, the children offered Pongal and sugarcane to the Lord of harvest.

We had a two-day community tour visiting waterfalls in Kanniyakumari and Tirunelveli districts and the Jesuit residences which helped us to build the union of hearts and minds. The elderly priests of our community visited Idaikattur Shrine and the nearby parishes.

The team members of *God Loves Message* had a dinner with Fr. Provincial and shared their joy. The email programme is now used daily by more than 3000 people and has crossed its 200<sup>th</sup> day.

To honour Jesuits in the community, 'Family Day' was celebrated in our school; ELT mela inspired the students to learn very seriously the English language and a rally was organized to mark the National Voters' Day.

*Felix Joseph*

## XAVERIANA, THOOTHUKUDI

Two of our students, Sam Jonathan and Kannanraj, both of 12th std, have bagged bronze medals in the State Level squash doubles. On 20 Jan, the community members inaugurated the Loyola Study Centre at Xaveriana as part of our neighbourhood ministry. **Fr Albert Joseph**, our Superior, **Dr (Fr) Kumar Raja**, the Principal of St Thomas College of Education), **Mr Devaraj** (Dr Radhakrishnan Awardee, **Mr. Sankarayya** (D.I.) and **Fr Paul Bededict**, the ELT Coordinator, participated in "ELTravaganza" on 21 Jan. It was well attended by our neighbouring schools.

*Rajan*

## LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

**Fr. G. Joseph Antony Samy** presented a paper on: Impact of Economy on the Women of Tamil Nadu from A.D. 1600 to 1947 - A Missionary Perspective, in the Indian History Congress at Patiala, Punjab. His efforts to reach out to neighbourhood slums are remarkable. To inculcate in the minds of students the value of respecting and helping elders in their need, he and his Outreach team involved the students in the distribution of blankets to 1500 poor elders. Widows in the adopted slums have been helped to open bank accounts for each of their children so that they can develop the habit of saving and get bank loans for their higher education. Around one hundred +2 students of our adopted slums were welcomed in Loyola College for a day of workshop on "Preparing and Performing well in the Exams".



**Fr. Ignacimuthu's** 50<sup>th</sup> book was released recently. He conducted a one-day session for 100 Vincentian young priests to motivate them to become ambassadors of environmental protection. He was the chief guest of the Convocation of Vidyasagar College, Udumalpet and also of a national seminar on medicinal plants at Nesamony Christian College, Marthandam.

LIFE, LICET and UNESCO (Bangkok) jointly organized a two-day workshop on 'Teaching Bioethics in Arts, Science and Professional Colleges' (Jan 7th and 8th). The annual LIFE seminar was an international conference on "Frontiers in Materials Science for Energy and Environment" (Jan 11th to 13th). **Fr. Jeyaraj Boniface** was the convener. Twenty-four invited speakers from many countries were present and over 60 papers (along with 90 posters) were presented. LICET signed an MoU (Jan 24<sup>th</sup>) with Sri Sai Aerotech Innovations Pvt Ltd to enable LICET students to study airplanes as machines and get instruction in flying techniques.

### JHEASA 2012

The AICUF National Secretariat conducted a three-day (*inter*)national seminar on Jesuit Education on behalf of JHEASA (Jesuit Higher Education Association of South Asia) from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January. Ninety students from 15 Jesuit Colleges from all over India and Nepal were the participants. The resource persons **Frs. Susai Sebastian, Ignacimuthu, Xavier Alphonse, Joseph Xavier, Emmanuel Arockiam, Henry**, Dr. John (SJC, Tiruchi) and **Prof. Parimalam** (Loyola, Chennai) motivated students on the topic "Educate, Excel, Encounter", the theme of JHEASA 2012 with their excellent and professional presentations. Apart from the sessions on different topics, the special features of JHEASA 2012 included visit to 15 slums on the Pongal day organized by **Fr. Anto** with the help of the Outreach department of Loyola, a cultural evening with a variety of cultural items ranging from 'remix kolaveri' to traditional Nepal and Jamshedpur tribal dances. It was a helpful forum for the students of our Jesuit Colleges to share their views on Jesuit Education and take home the inspiration drawn from various Jesuits. **Fr. Albert Muthumalai**, the secretary of JHEASA was present for the evaluation, certificate distribution and the valedictory Mass at the Loyola College Church. **Frs. Selvin** and **Wenisch**, AICUF full-timers and 5 scholastics from Berchmans Illam were happy to see their hard work bearing fruit hundredfold.

*Emmanuel*

### LOYOLA COLLEGE, VETTAVALAM

LCV Campus reverberated with roars and thunderous ovations on the mega festive occasion, "LOYOFEST 2011" celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of January. Our students exhibited their talents by participating in different cultural events. **Mr. V. Sekar**, a reputed cine director, chaired and graced the Valedictory function. The Department of English won the Overall Champion trophy.

On 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January the community went for an outing to Bangalore. We made a visit to the Indian Social Institute and St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January the Fire Rescue Service of Vettavalam staged a demo for our students on fire rescue.

On 26<sup>th</sup> **Mr. Janarthanan** the Chairman of Vettavalm Panchayat hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day message.

On 27<sup>th</sup> **Mr. John Harinath**, chief executive of a company conducted a one-day Workshop on "Interview Skills" for the final year students of B.Com and BBA.

*Poondy Rajan*

### ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE TIRUCHI

**Fr. Sebastia L Raj**, the Provincial, stayed with us from 8th to 14th January for visitation. He also addressed the staff of the College and the School. Undoubtedly his stay with us was a source of great strength. The parish of Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated the Parish Day culminating in a common meal to all.

The college, school and hostels had Pongal celebrations. It was an occasion to enthuse students with Tamil cultural identity. As a token a farmer and his wife were invited and honoured on the stage during the Pongal celebration.

On 28th January the scholastics and student priests went to Vailankanni on a pilgrimage cum monthly recollection. **Fr. P Zacharias** has been admitted to St Joseph Hospital, Dindigul.

*Sebastian Anand*

### ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE, PALAYAMKOTTAI

As we were not able to have Christmas celebration with the Domestic employees in 2011 due to the sudden demise of Fr. Paul G we had a meaningful Pongal Celebration and get-together with them on 13th January, 2012. On 14th and 15th January our Community had an outing to Hogenekkal, Salem and Yercaud and experienced the joy of being together, admiring God's creation in nature's beauty and resourcefulness and enjoyed the hospitality offered by the Bishop and Clergy of Salem, Parish Priest and the Religious of Yercaud, etc. Our sincere thanks to Frs. Amaladoss Xavier and Joseph Kennedy for the detailed planning and organization of our entire outing.

SXHSS: ARASPUPU Association of our school conducted an awareness programme to our students and staff on 11th January. A special Pongal Patti Manram was organized in our school on 13th January on (Thiraipaadalkal Thamilaga panpaattai Valarkinrana! Alikinrana?) "திரைப்பாடல்கள் தமிழகப் பண்பாட்டை வளர்க்கின்றன? அழிக்கின்றன?" Alumuni association organized half a day seminar on "Media Education" for 9<sup>th</sup> std students, and "Sex Education" for 11<sup>th</sup> std students on 20 January. **Fr. Ignacy**, H.M and Correspondent, played a vital role as the treasurer of the organizing committee appointed by the School

Education Department of Tamil Nadu, in conducting efficiently the 54<sup>th</sup> State level Republic day sports competitions in various institutions within the Tirunelveli Corporation Limits on January 23, 24 and 25. Congratulations to Fr. Ignacy.

Kudos to **Mr. E. Xavier Roch**, our school Volleyball coach, who was honoured with Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's award for the best coach! The management, staff and students congratulated him on his commitment and tireless work.

SXC: Dept. of Tamil organized a National Seminar on 10,11 and 12 Jan on "Sangam Literature : sociological, anthropological, psychological and structural perspectives" Similarly the Dept. of Corporate Secretaryship conducted a one-day National Seminar on 20<sup>th</sup> January, on the topic "Innovations Success".

The entire month has been a very busy time as many departments conducted Inter-Collegiate academic competitions for about 2000 students from various colleges. On January 13, many departments of the college cooked Pongal as part of the College Pongal day celebrations. The common celebration was live broadcast by AIR, Tirunelveli. Inter-Departmental Kolam competition was also held on the same day.

SXCE: Semester examinations for first semester were held from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January. Grand Pongal celebration marked with fun games and competitions for both students and staff was on 18 January. UGC students were exposed in special schools to the blind, deaf, dumb and mentally challenged on 19<sup>th</sup> January. As part of the curriculum B. Ed students made an educational tour to Kolkotta from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January.

**Fr. Alphonse Manickam** was the chief guest of the Graduation Ceremony at Holy Cross Home Science College, Tuticorin, on 28<sup>th</sup> January, Frs. Alphonse Manickam, Arockiasamy and Thomas Alex participated in the Triennial Conference of AIA CHE at Mamallapuram from 29 to 31 January.

*P. A. Samy*

## AHAL, KILPENNATHUR

A prayer service along with vigil was conducted from 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011 in our parish in view of preparing people for Christmas Two lay preachers of Chengalpattu Diocese won the hearts of the people through their well-prepared service.

The people of Kilpennathur Parish have started a trade union for unorganized workers on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. **Fr. Santiago** and **Mr. D. Kumar** our parishioner are behind the success of the process.

There was an ecumenical gathering held on 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec in our parish campus, arranged by Elite Para Medical Institute to mark Christmas. **Fr. Bellarmine** gave a splendid speech on the word of God. A good number of CSI, ALC and R.C. leaders participated in the gathering.

Christmas cultural night (Dec 24) was a successful and joyful event which was just an hour before the vigil Mass. **Mr. Selvaraj**, a parishioner, gave away the prizes to the winners of Christmas quiz competition which was conducted to mark the year of Catechism.

'பொங்கல் விளையாட்டுத் திருவிழா 2012' on 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2012 was an unforgettable event in the history of AHAL 2012. The children who numbered 875 from 47 villages were tantalized by the great amount of preparations done by the AHAL Jesuit team, Arrupe Boys Home and the tuition teachers for decorations, food, fun games and other arrangements. **Fr. Louie Albert**, the JRS TN Director declared open the sports events. Children went home happily on this memorable day in their life.

*Wenish*

## DACA MADURAI

The DACA Day was celebrated with gusto by the children of DACA on January 21, 2012. Presiding over the celebration, Mr. Chandran, owner of Golden Parks INN, Kodaikanal, gave practical tips to the inmates of DACA on how to grow in our daily life. **Mr. Devadass**, Deputy Commissioner of Madurai Corporation, appreciated the work done by DACA for night shelter at Madurai. Many Jesuits, Religious Sisters and lay people participated and appreciated the enthralling programme given by the DACA kids. Kudos to the Children of DACA.

The DACA inmates had Pongal celebration. The old people at Night Shelter had the unique opportunity of celebrating Pongal for the first time. The local councillor thanked DACA for looking after the Shelter.

The teacher training students of DACA took out a rally to Perungudi to give awareness to the people of the area on HIV/AIDS.

During the Christmas vacation, AMUTHU organized a one-week study camp for the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> standard students at R.C. School, Oddenchatram. Forty-seven students from 15 villages in and around Oddenchatram took part in the study camp and profited by it. Qualified staff took classes in English and Mathematics.

*Rajarathinam*

## ICRDCE, CHENNAI

Appointment: **Fr. Xavier Alphonse** has been appointed as a member of the National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education (NMCME) by the MHRD, New Delhi with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.2011. He is one of the four Christian representatives in the Committee.

Fr. Xavier Alphonse was invited as a Resource Person to speak on the Challenges faced by the AIACHE in all the Regional Consultations held in different parts of the country as preparation for the Triennial Conference. He has also been invited as a Resource Person to speak on the National Agenda for



the XII Plan: Access, Equity and Quality in Higher Education in the Triennial Conference at Chennai on 30th January, 2012. He has also been nominated as a member of the Governing Body of Eight Autonomous Colleges in Tamil Nadu.

*Xavier Alphonse*

## IDEAS, MADURAI

Fr. Provincial's visitation on Jan. 26 was heart-warming, homely and hopeful. Besides appreciating and feeling happy about our overall apostolic performance, he encouraged us to explore the possibilities of giving new direction to IDEAS in tune with the times and the context. On Jan. 05, **Fr Sahayaraj** took class for 25 University students and staff from London, camping at AAC Karumathur on "The Institution of Marriage-An Anthropological Understanding". From 11 to 20, he directed an eight-day retreat for 32 Sisters of St. Joseph of Lyons at Bangalore. Organized by him in collaboration with **Fr. Vincent Sekar**, a group of 8 Madurai Province Jesuit Scholars met together at IDEAS on 21 Jan. to reflect on: how best to contribute more towards people's empowerment through research and how to renew the spirit of intellectual apostolate among younger Jesuits. In early January, JMPSA Coordinator **Fr. Michaelraj** accompanied JESA Secretary **Fr. J. Stanny** who visited DACA and AMUTHU; the latter also participated in the JMPSA GBM on Jan. 07 and 08 at Beschi Illam. From 23 to 29, **Fr Stephen Martin** together with **Fr. Eugene Muthu** and a team of lay persons as resource persons conducted a workshop on Developing Creative Communication Skills for 20 movement cadres and animators.

On Jan. 22, the 90-member strong General Body of the Arunthathiyar Viduthalai Iyakkam had their annual meeting at IDEAS campus. Six members from ISI-Bangalore and IDEAS had a consultation on Jan. 23 at IDEAS to explore the possibilities of future collaboration. On Jan. 30, reports Fr Michaelraj, 56 Jesuits representing 18 province communities/teams (incl. one from ISI-Bangalore) and 32 lay persons from 3 people's organizations networking with Jesuits responded to the call of JMPSA Commission to participate in the "Oppari Poraattam" at Koodangulam organized by the Movement Against Nuclear Power Plants (MANPP). After walking for two kms, more than 10 thousand women and men witnessed the burning of the effigy of the Nuclear Plant. Earlier Jesuit activists and leaders from various people's movements had extended their support with speeches and songs during the chain fast that is now on its 172<sup>nd</sup> day.

*Aloysius Irudayam*

## LATI, MADURAI

The TVET annual body meeting was well attended here at LATI, Madurai. Fr. Provincial gave a soul-stirring speech. **Frs. Gabriel Lawrence** and **Boniface Joseph** preached retreats in Periyakulam and Krishnagiri respectively.

*Boniface*

## PAATHAI CENTRE, VALLAM

**Fr. J. Arockia Dass**, guided a Triduum to Arul Kadal scholastics from Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> at the Servite Novitiate in Mahabalipuram. His talks, on the Kingdom meditation in the Spiritual Exercises, inspired the scholastics to reflect on their own vision and mission. On 10<sup>th</sup> January, **Fr. Yesumarian**, shared certain social concerns with the visiting Peter Canisius College students from the USA to Kuppayanallur. His analytical approach and thought-provoking sharing enkindled the visiting students.

On 21<sup>st</sup> January, Fr. Yesumarian and our field staff made a detailed survey of the "Thane" cyclone-affected areas of Cuddalore and Pondichery. The team found that the devastation caused by Thane, in terms of the livelihood of people, was worse than that of Tsunami. The team, in its report to the Province has strongly suggested a plan for viable and immediate relief to the victims, other than the government's relief measures.

A seminar was organized on 11<sup>th</sup> January on leadership for the animators of five districts: Kanchipuram, Thiruvannamalai, Thiuvalur, Cuddalore and Villupuram. **Fr. Arockia Dass** and **Sch. Robinson** animated them. We also discussed various issues on the development of the Evening Study Centres.

On 29<sup>th</sup> January, we conducted an intensive coaching camp for 10<sup>th</sup> std students at Paathai centre in Kanchipuram district. Around 40 students participated enthusiastically. **Mr. Subash B.E** and **Sr. Maria** were the resource persons.

We conducted a three days' camp from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15 January for our cultural team. Our cultural team which gave a spectacular performance at Sennirkuppam in Chengalpattu diocese on 16<sup>th</sup> January. Especially *paraiyattam* was very much appreciated by the audience.

*Robinson*

## SHC, SHEMBAGANUR

A three-day celebration from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> January was organized to celebrate the Silver Jubilee celebration of Grihini in SHC, Shembaganur. **Mr. Abel**, its founder and his family members were present; they shared the vision to work for the poor Dalits and Young tribal girls. Around 300 alumnae turned to witness its marvellous success. On the final day they witnessed the mega cultural show with graduation ceremony for the 1<sup>st</sup> batch of the community college students.

On 20<sup>th</sup> January the core coordination committee of Archives met the SHC members to get a feedback on the archives.

A one-day get-together for the Jesuits of Kodaikanal to celebrate the birthdays of **Frs. Vinny, Edward Jeganathan, Br. Mariadoss** and **Sch. Manickam** was arranged in Palamalai estate on 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Eucharistic celebration followed by dinner was organised by **Fr. M.S. Irudiyaraj** and **Br. M. Amalraj**.

It is highly commendable that the people of Kumbaraiyur, from the Lower hills of Kodai got money sanctioned by Government to construct new houses for which pattas had been already provided. The PEAK team was fully involved in the whole process and now has taken the responsibility to supervise the work also.

**Muthuraj** and **Ramesh** students of our hostels brought honour to us by getting the first prize for elocution and drawing competition respectively on the Republic Day. They were highly commended by the chairman of Kodai.

Peak team gave an exposure to the members of Nalavariam [unorganized labourers' trade union] in Para legal Training and Entrepreneurship.

*Manickam*

## SCHOLARS AND WRITERS MEET

**21 January 2012 at IDEAS, Madurai**

Participants: **Frs. Aloysius Irudayam, Eugene Muthu, Stephen Martin, Xavier Arockiasamy, Maria Arul Raja, Mark Stephen, Jebamalai Raja, T. Sahaya Raj and Vincent Sekhar**

The meeting started with a prayer by Fr. Eugene. Fr. Vincent Sekhar, the programme coordinator, briefed the participants on the origins of this Forum. Initiated by **Fr. Francis Jayapathy**, a few writers and others interested in research and publication used to come together periodically in different venues, discuss their research topics and findings and even publish their outcome. Seeing and experiencing how this Forum could be an inspiration and give a push to research scholars and writers in the Province, the present gathering was yet another occasion to pool together our rich, varied intellectual resources.

The first session was devoted to a reflection and sharing on a few passages on the Intellectual Apostolate taken from GC 35. There was a positive note on the thirst for putting down the ideas in print by individual interest and initiative, by and large with good support and encouragement from the Province and friends. There is a need for generating new ideas, countering false ideas, and influencing society, especially the secular media. But, unfortunately, there is hardly any sustained effort from the Jesuits in the Province, though at times we pat ourselves on our backs for our numerous other achievements. We need to interact with more vigour with the Indian masses and the intelligentsia at both the empirical and cognitive levels and be the voice of the voiceless. We need to identify, encourage, and draw young Jesuits to this discussion by initiating programmes based on contemporary, pressing issues and needs.

In the second session, there was personal sharing by the participants of their research experiences in the last 2 or 3 years and their plans for the future. It was amazing to note the different ways each one was engaged in study and research for talks and conferences, for writing novels and papers, for getting ready their doctoral thesis in print form, for undertaking mini study projects, for web-launching

their reflections on current issues, for advocacy-related engagements, especially human rights, for getting the lay research scholars and social activists in seminars on research methods, writing, and publishing papers, etc. The participants acknowledged that in all such and other activities, the rapport with various minds and disciplines was a cherished experience. There was a useful suggestion how unaided Jesuit research scholars and writers could combine together and through the aided staff in the University/College Departments promote research. This would also be a way out to meet the expenses.

The participants then sought to pinpoint certain areas for a combined/collective venture. Among the many suggestions, the following emerged for deeper understanding and discussion: 1. Diffusion of subaltern energy 2. Tamil identity 3. Corruption and 4. Pluralism. The group also felt that a Province Research Directory should be prepared and a Scholastics' Writers' Forum should be initiated for the scholastics to engage in fruitful study and discussion on current topics. A two-week *writing skills* workshop could be arranged for scholastics during summer holidays and interested scholastics (minimum 10) could join and benefit from it. Mentoring young minds is a serious need, the group felt.

*Vincent Sekhar*

## BOOK ON GANSOVILLE RELEASED

The Provincial **Fr. Sebasti L Raj** released the book titled Gansoville: the Story of an Indian NGO written by **Fr. Ignatius Jesudasan**, the Founder of Gansoville as part of the Annual Day Celebrations held at Sankarapathi Kadu on 16 Jan. The first copy was received by **Fr. Leo Tagore**.

*A. Stany*

## SOCIAL WATCH-TAMILNADU

"Caste Out of Development" is a two-year International Research Project, which Social Watch – Tamil Nadu initiated in late 2009, in collaboration with the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London and a few other organizations. As the culmination of the research, Social Watch – Tamil Nadu organized, in December 2011 at Chennai, a Research seminar where eminent Dalit intellectuals like Anand Teltumbde, Gopal Guru and Christodoss Gandhi participated. **Fr. Manu**, the Chief Organiser of the Seminar, also presented a paper on "Special Component Plan for Dalits in Tamil Nadu: A New Dalit Discourse in the Making?"

As part of its United Nations Women Project on Budgeting for Dalit Women in Tamil Nadu, Social Watch – Tamil Nadu has identified the research associates and field surveyors to make an in-depth study on 150-200 Dalit women, spread across 20 districts of Tamil Nadu.

**Fr. John Kumar**, the Director, has fully recovered after a major surgery and is scheduled to join duty by early February.

*Manuel Alphonse*

## JRS

The cyclone Thane caused a heavy damage in the refugee camps of Cuddalore, Villupuram and Pondicherry. The roofs of the shanty houses were blown off. JRS staff visited the people and distributed some relief materials. CRI of Dindigul diocese, educational institutes run by the religious congregations and Vaigarai Bookshop generously gave some study materials for the refugee students. The Arrupe study centres were razed to the ground. **Sch. Raja** and **Sr. Remo** were asked to make an assessment of the damage besides consoling and guiding children.

**Fr. Louie** paid a visit to the Thiruvannamalai zone: met the JRS teachers, counsellors and camp committee members and studied the situation. He also partook in the AHAL Pongal Sports DAY for Children at Kilpennathur on 15 Jan.

**Fr. Stan Fernandes SJ**, Regional Director of JRS/ South Asia was present for an annual evaluation and future direction. He was moved when he visited the camps and appreciated the children who delivered speeches on Arrupe in English. An exhibition was arranged to showcase the art works of life skill centres and the activities of four Zones.

Raja

## TAIWAN

**Fr. Michael Amaladoss** came to Taiwan to facilitate a discussion in a symposium on Basic Christian Communities and he was kind enough to come to our community and spend the night with us. He also gave a talk on inculturation, which gave a jerk to some of the senior Jesuits here. It was indeed rejuvenating to have him with us, even if it was only for a night.

I have already completed a year and a half of language studies and have started discerning about the next year of actual regency. After waiting for more than a year, I finally got opportunities to visit Taiwanese homes and dine with the family. On the Chinese New Year day I was invited to two homes to have supper and spend the evening with them. One was a Buddhist home (one of my students) and the other Catholic. It was an experience that I really cherish. The Chinese people, whose houses I visited prepared 'Curry' (it is prepared in the style of the Japanese or of Thailand with ready-made mix!) especially to make me happy.

During the Chinese New Year celebration, I sang a Chinese song with a Chinese scholastic, **Francis Xu**. Though it was not a very good performance, the audience very courteously encouraged me.

Skype, and internet in general, is such a blessing. I manage to stay in touch with our Madurai companions, not just in India, but also in Brazil, through Skype and Gtalk. And it was through email that I made my first contact with **Fr. Sebastia L Raj**, our Provincial. And he was very kind in promptly replying to my mail.

Santosh

## JESUITS AROUND THE WORLD

### JAPAN: Education of the Head, the Heart and the Hands

In a speech delivered at the 31st International Symposium (Sophia Symposium) on *Education with a Social Dimension: the Challenges of Globalization*, held at Sophia University in Tokyo on December 10, 2011. Fr Mark Raper SJ, President of the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific, argued for a view of education as "formation for decision and for action: education of the head, the heart and the hands." Advocating a pedagogy in which reflection is central, Fr Mark sees the role of education as leading students to love the world, to assume responsibility for it, and to acquire tools in order to renew it. As such, universities need to go beyond the core business of providing education in competence and critical thinking. "Too many schools and universities are busy themselves with covering the curriculum. But here at Sophia and in a Jesuit university, I like to think we concern ourselves with uncovering the curriculum. That is, pausing and digging deeper. Reflection is where meaning is allowed to surface from human experience. That makes the difference," said Fr Mark. "That kind of critical thinking should often have you testing the strength of public opinion - especially when it is inaccurate or deliberately deceitful. That kind of critical thinking should have you asking: What is behind the financial crisis, why are these banks collapsing? What are the root causes of misspending and corruption? Why am I so fortunate when others go without?" From reflection comes compassion, which gives a compass and leads to action. Fr Mark said education should show students where their heart is - to help them "become *large-hearted, whole-hearted*, and to *speak from the heart* in truth and with integrity" and "to discover happiness in supporting our brothers and sisters - especially those who are the least, the lost or the last". For more information: [www.sjapc.net](http://www.sjapc.net)

### MADAGASCAR: A New Saint for the Society

On December 19, 2011, the Holy Father signed the decree authorizing the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to declare "Saint" Blessed Jacques Berthieu of the Society of Jesus, a French missionary in Madagascar where he suffered martyrdom. The Postulator of the cause describes the miracle that led to this decision: Jean François Régis Randriamiadana, due to a poisoning during a wedding dinner in 1990, at the age of 54, suffered of xerostomia (salivary secretion arrest) with severe deterioration of general conditions. This disease developed rapidly and, having no adequate medical care or therapy, the prognosis was that the patient would soon die. In this grave situation the family began to invoke the intercession of Blessed Jacques Berthieu and at the same time gave the patient his "relics": the water of Jacques Berthieu from Mananara river with leaves of *angavodiana*, both taken from the spot where the body of the slain missionary, beatified by Paul VI in 1965, was seen for the last time. The recovery was sudden and radical: within a few days the patient was able to eat regularly



and resume his physical strength and his usual life.” The canonization ceremony will probably be held in October.

**NORTH AMERICA: Kateri Tekakwita, the First Native American Saint**

On December 19, 2011, the Holy Father signed the decree authorizing the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to declare Blessed Kateri (Catherine) Tekakwita “holy”. She will be the first native American to be elevated to the honor of the altars. She was born in 1656 in Ossernenon, present-day Auriesville, in United States and was the daughter of a Mohawk chief and of a Roman Catholic Algonquian. When she was four her parents died from an epidemic of smallpox and she was left with scars on her face. She was adopted by a relative of a neighboring tribe. The mission at that time was directed by French Jesuit missionaries and one of them, Fr. Cholenec, baptized her at the age of twenty and became her spiritual director. The members of her tribe did not understand her choice and marginalized her. Kateri went through many physical penances and mortifications, praying for the conversion of her relatives and her tribe. To escape persecution that threatened her life she fled and settled in a community of native Christians in Kahnawake, Quebec, where she devoted her life to prayer, penance and the care of the sick and the elderly. She died in 1680 when she was 24. The tradition says that the scars on her face disappeared miraculously after her death revealing a face of great beauty.

**NEW RELEASES**

**But I Say To You**, Fr. R. J. Raja, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 72, Rs. 50/-

**உம் வாக்கே என் வாழ்வு**, அருட் தந்தை. வி. மா. தாசன், Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 360, Rs.150/-

**ஆற்றங்கரையோர ஆலமரம்**, அருட் தந்தை மிக்கேல் ஜெயராஜ், முகில் பதிப்பகம், மதுரை, pp. 88, Rs. 30/-

**Religion As Metaphor For Ethno-Ethical Identity**, Fr. Ignatius Jesudasan, Marquette University Press, pp. 183

**Insect Pest Control**, Fr. S. Ignacimuthu, Narosa Publishing House, Chennai

**ஊடகச் சிந்தனைகள்**, Fr. A. Stephen Martin, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 108, Rs.25/-

**கூடங்குளம் அனுமின் நிலையம்**, Fr. A. Joseph Xavier, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 72, Rs. 20/-

**ABIDE WITH THE LORD**

**Br. Raphael Tiru** (RAN) 81/55, on 11 Jan.

**Fr. Francis Mathijs** (RAN) 87/68, on 19 Jan.

**Fr Lawrence Abello** (DAR) 80/56, on 22 Jan.

**Sr. Mary Christina** (87), sister of Fr. Nedungatt on 29 Dec.

**Mr. Muthian** (86) elder brother of Br. Paul Chinnappan, on 20 Jan.

**Mr. Arockiasamy** (83), uncle of Fr. P. Joseph Xavier on 25 Jan.

**Fr. Augustine Chinnappan, SJ**

(02-02-1917 to 04-01-2012)

Fr. Augustine went to Beschi Illam about five years ago after spending more than twenty years in St. Joseph’s College, Tiruchi. As a good teacher, teaching English grammar seems to have been his speciality. Many would consult him for clarification on the finer points of grammar.



During the years of retirement he spent his time writing on various subjects. As long as he was able to climb up and down the stairs he stayed on the third floor of the Jesuit Residence in Tiruchi. In 2007 at his request the Provincial shifted him to Beschi Illam, Dindigul. Once settled there he led a hidden life.

In December 2011 he seemed to have felt that the Lord was calling him to Himself and he reduced drastically the intake of food. He was not known to have suffered any ailment. On 4 January around 4.30 pm he breathed his last. During the funeral Mass presided over by the Provincial, **Fr. A. Joseph**, Rector of AAC, Karumathur eulogized the dear departed. He was buried in the cemetery in Beschi Ilam. RIP

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