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**Commemoration of August 7, 1814:
*Sollicitudo omnium ecclesiarum***

2012/01

TO ALL MAJOR SUPERIORS

Dear Father,

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and the Giving of the Name of Jesus -whose name we bear as His companions- I write to wish you the joy and peace of this blessed season: May you continue to receive the gift of joy in the service of the Lord and His people every day of this New Year!

Each important date on the calendar is an opportunity for reflection and learning. We can be thankful for what we have received, remember how much we have discovered, improve our ways of being servants of the Lord's mission, and repent if necessary for falling short of the mark. Learning from the past is one way to recognize our place in salvation history as Companions of Jesus, who redeems all human history.

On the occasion of beginning a New Year I invite you to start reflecting on an important date we will celebrate two years from now, the commemoration of the day August 7, 1814 on which Pius VII issued *Sollicitudo omnium ecclesiarum*, the papal bull by which he restored the Society throughout the world. I am bringing this event to your attention now because I am convinced that commemorating it can help us enter more deeply into the continuing renewal of the Society that takes place in each generation.

To help the Society grow in deeper appreciation of our history and its relationship with our current mission, I have formed a committee of Jesuits who work in Rome (Michael Paul Gallagher, James E. Grummer, Brian Mac Cuarta, Nuno da Silva Gonçalves, and Antonio Spadaro) to accomplish three goals:

- 1) to make more widely available the knowledge we already have of the Society's history between 1760 and 1820;
- 2) to broaden our understanding of this period by encouraging more study and research; and
- 3) to promote prayer and reflection with respect to our past so that we can serve more effectively in the future.

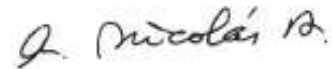
As many of you already know, during meetings with the Presidents of the Conferences and the Major Superiors in all the Assistancies I have asked that new studies be undertaken, especially in the regions where the Society was active at the time of the Suppression. We all need to know more about the main apostolates of the Society in the last half of the 18th century; the impact of the Suppression on Jesuits and their contemporaries as they experienced the event; what happened in the late 18th and early 19th century to the institutions and ministries that Jesuits had to leave; when and how Jesuits returned to places where the Society had previously served; and what new initiatives the Restored Society undertook, especially in the many places where it began to serve for the first time.

The initiatives I have taken are meant to support and encourage your efforts as Major Superiors and members of Conferences as you promote personal, communal, local, and regional consideration of the Restoration. Prayerful reflection based on the historical knowledge that is or will become available can enable us to learn from the lights and shadows of our past so that we might see more clearly and embrace more generously what the Lord calls us to do in our own times. Avoiding any tendency to judge the past on the basis of our contemporary perspectives, we can be led to greater service and companionship by deeper reflection of questions such as these:

- What factors, inside as well as outside the Society, led to the Suppression; what lessons can we learn for the Society today by knowing these factors?
- What factors resulted in the Society's Restoration, and how does knowledge of those circumstances assist us?
- What are the points of similarity and discontinuity between the Society of Jesus in the generations before 1760, the Society in the 19th century, and the Society of Jesus we know today?
- What successes and failures, what weaknesses and strengths, do we observe in the Restored Society that suggest ways to be faithful and creative in responding to the signs of our own times?
- What can we learn from Jesuits like St. Joseph Pignatelli, who were living "bridges" between the Old and the Restored Society?

As we celebrate the titular feast of the Society of Jesus, we thank the Lord for the gift of being able to serve Him and His Church as members of this least Society. I pray that the two-year period of study, reflection, and prayer that I have initiated with this letter may bear abundant fruit in our lives and in our service. May deeper knowledge and understanding of our history and heritage lead us to a deeper appropriation of our Jesuit vocation and charism so that we may labor with increased zeal and creativity for the greater honor and glory of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Adolfo Nicolás, S.I.

Superior General

Rome, 1 January 2012

Provincial's Message

Dear Brothers,

Let me first of all wish every member of the Province peace, joy and blessings of the Lord throughout this New Year. As we begin this New Year, we have many things to look forward to. We have just concluded our Province Congregation and have elected our Procurator and the substitute. On the occasion of the Province Congregation, we have also taken stock of the state of the Province. On the basis of the data gathered during the past seven months, through my contact visits, through the age-group meetings and the zonal meetings and in the survey conducted during the age-group meetings, we have been able to identify our specific strengths and shortcomings.

Now that we have completed this process, we are ready, during this New Year, to initiate concrete steps to strengthen our strengths and eliminate or at least minimize our shortcomings. We have also identified some areas for new focus and new initiatives in our ministries and in our life. During this year, we will take the necessary steps in these areas as well. I am confident that the entire Province will rise to the occasion, with great enthusiasm, confidence and hope and make all possible efforts to move ahead. As part of my message for the first month of 2012, I would like to reproduce below, what I said in the introductory and concluding parts of the State of the Province Report.

We, the present generations of Jesuits, from the youngest to the oldest, are the "worthy inheritors of an illustrious past", by way of resources, achievements, credibility, successes, etc. The high regards and expectations which the people of all walks of life have towards us or from us are due mainly to the remarkable services and achievements of our revered and beloved forefathers. Thanks to their magnanimity, generosity and hard work, they lifted us high above others. We are privileged to belong to this historically well-placed province. It is indeed a moment of pride and joy to each one of us that we have been called to be the companions of such great men

of the past. It is also the apt moment to become conscious of the tremendous challenge to live up to the status to which we have been called. Thus, we are at the crossroads of history – a glorious past smiling at us and a challenging future beckoning us to prove our worth.

Our past inheritance is indeed a double-edged sword — a great sense of joy and at the same time a deep realization of our heavy responsibility. We need to keep both these dimensions in mind, in all aspects of our life and our ministries and initiatives. We need to cut both ways, i.e., we have to safeguard the past glory achieved by our forefathers and, at the same time, we have to march forward and build on this past glory and take it still higher. Only then will we be true and loyal sons of St. Ignatius. Only then will we become “worthy inheritors of our illustrious forefathers”. Only then will we be able to fulfill and satisfy the expectations and hopes of the people and the leadership of the Church.

When we look at the state of the country and the various opportunities that are in front of us immediately and in the new future, we realize that the possibility of responding positively to the various opportunities that offer themselves and realizing the various scopes and prospects, should give us a lot of hope and optimism about our life and our varied ministries. This situation should also inspire us and encourage us to take up these as real challenges to each one of us and to the province as a whole. These should also inspire us to build up enough courage and confidence to work hard, to struggle relentlessly, to make all the necessary efforts with determination and inner urge to live up to our past glory and fulfill the aspirations and expectations of our people and the leadership of the Church. We need the gift of that fire which engulfed St. Francis Xavier, so that we are enabled to kindle other fires, as desired by GC 35.

All of us have a lot of good will and generosity but we need to put this into practice in our daily life — in deepening our personal spiritual life, in living our community life, in carrying out our ministries and other responsibilities. We have a lot of ministries but we need to make them more effective. We have taken up several innovative ministries, but we need to become more professional in carrying out these. We have a lot of men and material resources, but we need to concentrate on quality performance and quality products. The scope is vast, the hope is high, the opportunities are plenty and the future is beckoning us. Let us march forward with a great sense of gratitude, in true humility, trusting in the God of history who is always marching with us. Let us move forward with hope and joy and with a firm determination to face all hardships and achieve our goals. Let us become filled with the spirit of excellence, which always aspires for the *magis*, all for the greater glory of God.

Fraternally,

Sebasti L. Raj, SJ

Provincial

Provincial's Programme

January

03	Budget Training Session (Colleges) – Beschi
05	Budget Training Session (Schools) — Beschi
06	Budget Training Session (Others) — Beschi
07-08	GBM: Social Action Commission – Beschi
09-14	Visitation: St. Joseph's, Trichy
15-17	Visitation: De Britto, Devakottai
17-20	Visitation: Oriyur
21	GBM: TVET Commission — Madurai
22	Meeting of the Coordinators of Commissions — Madurai
22-25	Visitation: St Mary's, Madurai
26	Visitation: IDEAS, Madurai
27-30	TNPCRI – Trichy
31	Consult

February

01-10	Visitation: Loyola College, Chennai Mission Office, Alberto Hurtado
04	GBM: Communications, Loyola, Chennai

05	LIBA: Governing Body Meeting
11	Visitation: Satya Nilayam
12	GBM: Youth Commission, Dindigul
12-14	Visitation: Arul Anandar College, Karumathur
17-25	JCSA Meeting, XLRI, Jamshedpur
26	Consult
27-29	Visitation: Mettupalayam and Ooty

◆ **Father General has appointed:**

Fr. George Cela Carvajal President of the Conference of Latin America Provincials.

Fr. Vernon D'Cunha Provincial of the Bombay Province.

Fr. Kinley Tshering Provincial of the Darjeeling Province.

Fr. Severin Leitner General Consultor and Regional Assistant for Central-Eastern Europe to replace Fr Adam Zak.

◆ **Appointments by Provincial**

Br Selvaraj goes back to St. Xavier' College Community, after his treatment and recuperation at Beschi Illam

Br Mariadoss Antonimuthu E.S. joins the Province Curia as Assistant Treasurer

Fr. Arul Oli is temporarily appointed to Royapuram to assist the Parish Priest

Fr. Gerlin Amaladoss is assigned to Vailankanni Basilica to assist in the spiritual ministry there till the end of May, 2012

Fr. M.J. Victor, who has returned to the Province after his ministry in Kazakhstan, is missioned to Thozhamai Illam for pastoral/spiritual ministry

Fr Puthiadam Ignatius joins Arul Kadal, Chennai

◆ **Election of the Procurator and his Substitute**

The Province Congregation held from December 27 to 30, 2011, has elected **Fr. Jayapathy Francis AM as the Procurator** and **Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj L. as the Substitute**, for the forthcoming 70th Procurators' Congregation, which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from July 9, 2012, for approximately 5 days.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ It will be the 25th death anniversary of Tony de Mello on 2nd June, 2012. **Sadhana Institute will be celebrating SPIRIT OF TONY during June 2nd - 4th, 2012.** Since it so long ago that Tony passed away and people have either joined him or most have moved to different communities since then, the staff at Sadhana Institute requests all those who attended a Midi, Mini or Maxi Sadhana with Tony de Mello to contact isfjeyaraj@gmail.com so that we can send you an invitation to the 3-day celebrations. We also request all Jesuits who know of any other Jesuit, religious or layperson who attended any of the Sadhana courses with Tony to please remind those persons about this occasion. — Thankfully, The Staff at Sadhana Institute.
- ◆ The First Year Theologians of Arul Kadal are planning for the **Summer Camp, 2012**. If you are in need of scholastic/s, please contact them by 15th of January (email id: summermeet2012@gmail.com)
- ◆ **Br. Aaron:** aaron.jesus58@yahoo.com
Fr Albert Joseph: albijosesj@gmail.com
Fr Amaladoss Michael: michamal@gmail.com
Fr Victor Maria Joseph: 94458-44028

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

PRE-NOVITIATE, VILANGUDI

A four-day course and personal guidance on personality development by **Fr. I.M. Joseph** made the pre-novices discover their own selves. The ten-day community celebrations '**Vee Magis - XI**' ended on the feast of St. Francis Xavier.

Candidates from seven different Congregations, both men and women took part enthusiastically in inter-Congregational seminar held at Claret Illam,

Kumbakonam and thought together on 'Sacrificial Love'. Interaction with others helped our men to strengthen their vocation.

The pre-novices left for their Christmas holidays on 23rd after completing their half yearly exams.

Prabu Francis

BESCHI ILLAM

In Beschi the following meetings were held: Finance Commission GBM on 1 and 2, Formation Commission GBM on 10 and 11 and Province Congregation from 27 to 30 Dec.

Novices were oriented towards LASAC by **Sch. James** on 5 Dec. and on 15 Dec. **Fr. Louie Albert** enlightened them about Arrupe's Vision of JRS and its services especially in TN.

A 5-day course on 'Enneagram' was conducted in CIS by **Fr. Britto Peter** from December 14 to 18.

On 7 Dec novices participated in the Ordination Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dindigul.

On 21 Dec St. Mary's and Beschi Communities had a recollection and **Fr. Stephen** gave points for it. The obsequies of **Fr. Paul de La Gueriviere** took place in Beschi on 22 Dec.

On 23 Dec the Community had the Christmas tree celebration along with the co-workers. **Fr. D. Jeyaraj** gave the Christmas message and the novices performed some cultural items; they gave a programme in St. Joseph Hospital on 26 Dec.

Fr. Varaprasadam paid a visit to Beschi and shared with the novices his experience of La Reunion. **Fr. Chacko Valiaveetil** died on 29 Dec and the funeral was on the following day.

Anto Arputha Raja

ANANDA JYOTHI

We the first and second year novices went on a pilgrimage to prepare ourselves for retreat and hospice experiment. The month of November was a blessing for all of us and helped us to be integrated with the Lord in the mission of love. The second year novices returned on 5th December with experiences with the inmates of three different hospices. The time of Christmas brought us happiness and we began our preparations in full swing in the middle of December. We prepared the children of our ministry places for a semi Christmas programme. The celebrations in three villages brought cheer to the children who exhibited their talents through a cultural show. We also celebrated Christmas in our Community in a meaningful way. **Fr. Pothi Anthony**, the Provincial of Andhra, visited our Community before Christmas. It was a time of grace for all of us.

Zenith

SHILLONG (KOHIMA REGION)

Our regent **Sch. Baskar** had a day of recollection on 1st October in our house.

Madurai Novices **Arun** and **Vijin** attended the vocation camp along with some other novices.

Our administrator **Fr. Yan's** Birthday was celebrated on 21st Oct. On 26th Oct 17 Sisters of the Holy Spirit completed their one-month retreat in our house before their final profession and had breakfast with us before their departure.

From 1st to 30th Nov 2011, we successfully completed our maiden hospital experiment with MC Sisters in different places viz., Guwahati, Shillong and Nongpoh. In the history of our novitiate this is the first time we had Hospital experiment. Both the First and the Second years were privileged to serve the poorest of the poor. We stayed with a variety of patients such as lepers, HIV patients, mentally and physically challenged people, TB patients and others. We felt ourselves real Missionaries of Charity when we were near the deathbed of some. We brought patients from streets to our home and also we visited prisoners. It was an enriching experience for all of us

During our absence the Novitiate house was full with deacons, making retreat guided by **Fr. Albert**, our Socius.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2012.

A. Ananth

VIDYANIKETAN JUNIORATE – TRIVANDRUM

A two-day course on Current Science by **Fr. Jerome Manyahi** was quite informative and inspiring. The Eucharist on the feast of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated with solemnity. Vidyaniketan was invited to conduct the prayer service on that day in St. Xavier's College.

For the course on Social Analysis by **Fr. Francis Guntipilly** we were sent to nearby villages to make a survey and analyse the problems. Later some issues were taken up for an in-depth study. Documentaries were shown to expose the unpleasant realities of India. The second term came to a close with exams from 16 to 23 December.

Christmas was celebrated with great fervour and joy in our minds and hearts. We prayed for our friends and exchanged gifts. The celebration of Community Days brought us closer to one another. Towards the end of December we thanked God with *Te Deum* and awaited eagerly the dawn of the new year. We wish you all a joyous 2012.

M. Albinus

ARUL KADAL

Fr. Raj Irudaya participated in the All India Seminary Rectors' Meeting held in Mysore and contributed to the seminar on "Psycho-sexual Integration in Priestly Formation". The fact-finding document on the present situation of Tamils in Sri Lanka entitled "*Mullivaykalin Emathu Satchiyam*", co-authored by **Fr. Raj Irudaya** with **Mr. Ganakurinji**, a PUCL activist was released in T. Nagar in the

presence of **Mr. Vaiko** and **Mr. Pazha Nedumaran** on 10, Nov.

Kudos to **Schs. Kennedy and Philip** for presenting a paper on "Culture of Corruption: An Ethico-theologico Exploration" in the Chennai Inter-Theologate Seminar (CITS) conducted at Madras University. **Fr. Provincial** was with us for his annual visitation and it was a grace-filled moment for all of us to look deep into ourselves.

Around 150 people hailing from different religious backgrounds witnessed a meaningful celebration of inter-religious festival of love held in Arul Kadal on 13th December, 2011. Instead of hatred and in the name of religion, it was a gathering which stressed inter-religious harmony and fellowship. Eminent persons graced the occasion. **His Highness Nawab Mohammed Abdulali**, Prince of Arcot was the chief guest and Fr. Provincial was the president of the function. At the outset, prayers were said by representatives of all the religions. Fr. Raj Irudaya spoke about the significance of the inter-religious festival of love, followed by felicitations offered by **Mr. Ravi Prakash Khemka**, Chairman, NEPC Group of Companies, **Mr. R. Gandhi**, Senior Advocate, Madras High Court and **Mr. Bhupinder Singh Dhingra**, Chief Manager, Punjab and Sind Bank.

The first semester integration papers prepared meticulously and presented effectively by the scholastics theologized from the multiple perspectives of the poor and the marginalized like the platform dwellers, street children, stone quarry workers, Dalits, transgenders, the differently-abled, cancer patients persons given, death-sentence, alcoholics, etc. It was an enriching community experience of theologizing. We had a string of meaningful X'mas celebrations with our neighbourhood ministry collaborators like MCDS and SIRAGUGAL. Everywhere the air was thick with the aroma of love and sharing.

Thangadurai

LOYOLA INSTITUTES, KUPPAYANALLUR

It was a proud moment for Loyola Hr. Sec School when four of our students were selected for the district senior basketball team. Loyola Teacher Training Institute (LTTI) made a great impact on Uthiramerur by organizing an AIDS awareness rally.

A session on "Alcoholism as a Disease" by **Fr. A. Masillamani** and his team was well received by the trainees of LTTI. A one-day session on "Facts of Healthy and Hygienic Life" by **Sr. Conrad** for the wives of 46 Recovering Alcoholics from the villages has paved the way towards a harmonious and serene life in their dysfunctional families.

The 30 Recovering Alcoholics and their wives as well in Papanallur had also the privilege of attending a session in their village itself. Twelve Representatives of Recovering Alcoholics from 6 villages felt very happy over the interaction they had with Fr. Provincial, during his visitation.

A. Joseph

LOYOLA ACADEMY, VADAMELPAKKAM

Regarding our online application for affiliation to CBSE, Delhi, we got a letter from them informing us about some deficiencies in our application. Our Jesuit team worked round the clock to prepare documents to rectify the deficiencies. **Fr. Kennedy** went to Delhi on 12th and submitted all the needed documents to CBSE office in Delhi.

We had our first school SMC (School Managing Committee) meeting on 16th, with elected representatives from the parents. We had a free and frank discussion and consultation on the improvement of the School and arrived at some concrete proposals and agreements. **Mrs. K. Ganga Devi** and **Dr. C. Baskaran** have been elected as President and Vice President respectively.

We had Christmas celebration on the 17th evening with our staff members and their families. **Fr. Soosai Sebastian**, was the chief guest. He brought out effectively the qualities needed for teachers working in Jesuit institutions in his well-prepared Christmas message.

We are already doing a lot of spade work to select potential Catholic Dalit students from Chengalpattu diocese to be admitted to our school in the VI standard. **Frs. Mark** and **Kennedy** spoke to our Arul Kadal theologians who are involved in weekend ministries in these parishes and solicited their cooperation. Fr. Mark spoke to all the parish priests and religious working in Chengalpattu vicariate during the Vicariate Christmas gathering on 17th regarding our school and the need to select prospective Catholic Dalit students to be admitted into our school with free board and lodging and 50% concession in the school fees.

John Kennedy

ST. MARY'S, MADURAI

Four carol groups under the guidance of **Fr. Wilfred** visited all the 1200 families of the Parish for 12 days as part of the evangelical ministry along with eight Sisters, singing and dancing accompanied by Santa Claus and Baby Jesus. **Fr. P. Arokiaaraj** organized prayer services for 10 days in preparation for the feast of St. Francis Xavier, the Patron of the Apostolic School. The students were invited to a special dinner in the Father's residence where their multifarious talents were exhibited.

The Christmas celebration was held in Britto Hostel where **Fr. Irudayaraj** gave a message. The School as well as the Community had their celebrations with the coworkers of the campus. The newborn Baby 'White Christmas' – was the theme of the charming attractive crib which drew thousands of different faiths during the Christmas week. Thanks to **Fr. P.S. Arul**, the Church has a new look with attractive pictures of Mother Mary used in different countries.

'Dynamic Creativity' was the theme which attracted 175 boys and girls from St. Mary's Parish for a one-day youth orientation programme, jointly

organized by the Parish team and IDEAS. The participants resolved to serve the parish with total dedication. Parish identity card was given to all the participants. **Fr. Jebamalai Raja** was invited to give a talk on 'Human Rights from the Subaltern Perspective' at a Human Rights Seminar held at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.

The 13th State level basketball tournament was conducted in our Campus in which 16 teams participated and St. Mary's won the trophy.

Felix Joseph

ST. JOHN DE BRITTO SHRINE, ORIYUR

On Nov 13 and 14 Fr. Darwin, the parish priest, inaugurated basic communities in two substations. On Dec 2, **Frs. Cyril** and **Moolal** gave orientation to the Sisters of St. Anne who are running schools for mentally retarded children. On Dec 3, the non-teaching staff of Loyola College visited our Shrine. On Dec 4, on the invitation of **Mr. Arockiasamy**, a teacher and a pious devotee of St. Arulanandar, Frs. Superior, Xavier, George and Cyril went to his house at Ramnad where he had gathered his relatives. We conducted a prayer service followed by dinner and then they made a contribution to the Shrine. On the same day, the DRO, Thasildar, RI, and VAO came to inspect 10 acres of land in our use with a view to issue a *patta* for the same. We hope to get it soon. On Dec 6, **Fr. J. Nedungatt** preached a recollection to the Sisters of the Holy Cross from Kalladithidal. On Dec 17, **Frs. Wilson and Darwin** conducted the election of new leaders of Oriyur. It began at 9.00 pm and ended at 3.30 am.

The festive season of Christmas began with the celebration in our school on Dec 12. On Dec 18, **Fr. Rex Pai** gave points for recollection to the Jesuits of De Britto and Oriyur Shrine. From Dec 19 to 23 the carol singers visited the families of the parish. On Dec 15 the Jesuit community of Oriyur celebrated Christmas with the domestic employees of our campus and distributed gifts to them.

M. T. Amirtharaj

ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE, KARUMATHUR

The annual retreat was held for all Catholic boys and girls on December 6 under the meticulous planning and leadership of **Fr. Kingsley**. The Members of the Autonomy Review Committee who were in the campus on December 8th and 9th were so spellbound by the different activities, the academic standard and ventures that they unanimously considered our institution as "Excellent". This honour has revitalized us to put our heads together to make the forthcoming UGC NAAC visit a grand success.

The national seminars on Soft Skills and Communication were organized by the departments of Computer Science and Commerce on December 9 and 13 respectively. "The Parents and Teachers Meeting" on December 10 was this time conducted in a different atmosphere when the parents not only went with smiles but also with gifts on the occasion of the

Christmas season. On the same day a short documentary on the college was also screened for the public for the first time.

On December 19 the Centre for Women Empowerment conducted a one day seminar for the senior women students of the four neighbouring rural colleges on Soft Skills and Communication Techniques. The Christmas celebrations in the campus culminated on December 22 when the College organized the Celebration of honouring the local leaders, installation of the Reverse Osmosis Water Purifying station, Crèche and Sports Gym and the Christmas Tree function.

Fr. Vincent Sekar gave two talks on “Character Building” and “Value Assurance and Sustenance” to the faculty and students of Maris Stella College, Vijayawada. He also addressed the student communities from different colleges on Action and Skills for Peace-Building at Asian Centre for Cross-Cultural Studies, Chennai.

Godwin Rufus

LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Loyola Women’s Hostel had its first Christmas celebration on Dec. 18th. After **Fr. Joe Antony** delivered the Christmas message, the hostel residents studying at LIBA, LICET and Loyola College participated in the cultural programme that highlighted the spirit of Christmas.

LICET students got prizes in IIT-M organized national programme Saastra: One team got the first prize and another team was placed the fourth. **Fr. Francis P. Xavier** conducted a workshop on ‘Time Management’ for the Jesuit Juniors at Trivandrum.

During the past few months, IDCR has conducted many programmes: a week-long exchange programme for a group of students and faculty member from Canisius College, Buffalo, USA focusing on Indian religions, cultures and businesses; a national consultation on *The Role of Caste in Politics*. Prof Kancha Illiah, noted political scientist, inaugurated the consultation with his incisive analysis of caste system and its role in structuring politics today. There were eleven papers presented on many aspects of the main theme. The papers will be edited and published as a volume; and on December 12th, 13th and 14th, a national consultation was held on Conflict Resolution in which many case studies were presented the first day, and experts presented their analyses the next day; the third day was spent on coming up with strategic plans for action. **Fr. Emmanuel** and **Fr. Cedric Prakash** from Gujarat Province were two of the resource persons from the psychological perspective and the social perspective, respectively. On each of these three days, the organizers **Fr. M. Amaladoss**, **Fr. Joe Arun** and **Fr. Joe Antony** gave keynote addresses connected with this topic.

Fr. Joe Arun has been appointed a member of Institutional Ethics Committee by the Indian Council of Medical Research, Ministry of Health Family and

Welfare, Government of India, for a period of three years. His role, as a social scientist, is to review research projects periodically and recommend them for funding.

Emmanuel

LOYOLA COLLEGE, VETTAVALAM

On 11 Dec we had a gathering of Jesuits from Ranipet, Vallam, Kuppayanallur and Kilpennathur communities. We had a reflection on the birth of Christ and its relevance to the present.

On 16 the Brothers of our Province visited the cave of St. John de Britto in Vettavalam and joined with us for the Eucharistic celebration.

On 20 we had the blessing of the additional classrooms by **Fr. Michael Doss**. On 23rd we had Christmas celebration with the staff and students.

Poondy Rajan

ST JOSEPH’S, TIRUCHI

Fr. Emmanuel Arockiam exhorted us on 2nd Dec preparing us for Christmas.

It was a homecoming for 1600 former students as they gathered here on 13th December to receive their degrees **Fr. Roche** with his band added solemnity to the College Graduation Day. On the same day, the new MBA graduates after receiving their degrees, gathered at JIM to share their work experiences with the faculty and it was elevating to the Management that most of them were well placed in life. **Dr. Udayakumar**, the Leader of the People’s Movement, against the Koodankulam Nuclear Energy Project, gave an enlightening lecture to our staff and students on the prevailing situation in Koodankulam. On 17th Dec. II MBA students along with the faculty went on a pilgrimage walking to the Poondi Shrine Basilica to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mother for obtaining the best placements after completing their course of study in May 2012. The I MBA students had their 3-day SHEPHERD camp from 17th to 19th Dec. On the 19th Dec., the Placement Brochure 2012 was released. A crib competition, for the first time, was organized and the first 3 best cribs were awarded cash prizes on 22nd Dec. On the following day the Management Institute celebrated Christmas 2011, with the children from New Life Organization, Tiruchi, in a meaningful way. Placement interviews have begun to recruit our young managers.

The students organized a mega cultural fest from 14th to 16th December, when they were able to showcase their talents in singing, dancing, speaking, etc to mention only a few. A noted novelist **Mr Ponneelan** and **Mr James Vasanthan**, a reputed music director graced the inauguration and valediction respectively. **Fr. Arockiasamy Xavier**, the Vice-Principal put his heart and soul to see that the function was a resounding success.

The 18th December saw a large number of luminaries in the arena of sports and games troop into the campus. **Prof. Kasi**, Physical Education Director

was thanked for his three decades of dedicated service by the sportsmen of earlier years. Notable among them was **Mr. Napoleon**, Union Minister.

The academic community and the Jesuit community fondly remembered **Fr Susai**, on his first death anniversary.

The staff and students had Christmas celebrations on 23rd December. The different units of the hostels also had their own Christmas celebrations on different occasions.

Sch. Michael Pugazhendi bagged the I prize in English Elocution during INDEP 2011. **Sch. Rajasekaran** covered himself with glory by releasing a devotional hymn in a CD. He has also done us proud by publishing a research article in RETELL, a research journal of the College. **Sch. Antony Inico** attended a one-day workshop at Loyola College, Chennai on "Writing and Publishing Articles in National and International Journals".

The AICUFers, despite several constraints by the Government, conscientised the students on the evil effects of Koodankulam Nuclear Project through street plays.

Our College won the inter-collegiate athletic championship in Bharathidasan University.

The School had the Christmas celebrations on 10th December. **Fr. V. Thomas** delivered the Christmas message.

Fr. M. Arulanandam, the parish priest arranged a three-day charismatic convention from 2 to 4 December with the help of preachers from the Divine Centre, Kerala. An awareness programme on Mullai Periyar Dam was given to the parishioners.

The Camboulives College Band spread the joy of Christmas through carol service in different places and in the Jesuit Community of the College.

Sebastian Anand

ST XAVIER'S INSTITUTES, PALAYAMKOTTAI

The Jesuit community lost one of its gems, **Fr. Paul de La Gueriviere**, when he left for his heavenly abode on 21 Dec. He, with his angelic face, was indeed a grace to us. Though he has left us quite suddenly, we believe that he continues to guide us with his blessings and prayers from above.

Br. Selvaraj joined the community on 21 after his short stay in Beschi, Dindigul. He was formally welcomed by the community members on 25 Dec during the Christmas get-together.

On 3 Dec we had the inauguration of the much-awaited MBA Block and Indoor Stadium in the College campus.

Two National Seminars were held in our College last month. The first one was organized by the IQAC on the topic "Innovations in Curriculum under Choice-Based Credit System," on 7th, and the second one was organized by the Dept. of Foundation Courses on the

theme "Human Rights – Issues and Challenges" on 9th and 10th. In both these seminars, a good number of participants from other colleges took part **Frs. John Kumar, Jebamalai Raja** and **Santhanam** also attended the seminar as panellists in the final panel discussion on 10 Dec.

On 7 Dec all our College students underwent a free medical check-up. On 14 Dec members from Vijay TV were here to choose the best debaters for their weekly programme "பெரிதினும் பெரிது கேள்."

Fr. Stephen Martin from IDEAS and **Mr. Parimalam** were here to conduct a two-day 'Creativity Workshop' to the students of Vis.com Dept.

On 15 Dec the inter-collegiate Christmas Carol Service was held with the usual cheer. Eight colleges participated in this annual affair. On 22 Dec eighteen departments of our College surprised us with their very innovative cribs to mark the annual crib competition. The unparalleled creativity of our students was once again made obvious in their presentations.

On 23 Dec we had a very meaningful *inter-religious Christmas celebration* in the College.

On 2 Dec "தோழமை நாள்" was held in the school, to raise funds for the Alumni Association. The members of the Alumni Association deserve our appreciation for making the day memorable for our students with their fun-filled games and activities.

We are happy that a student and a staff from our School brought laurels to the school by their remarkable achievements in the field of sports. While **Selvan Madhavan** of XII std bagged the first prize of Rs. 10,000 in the National Triathlon Competition in Bangalore, **Mr. C. Savarimuthu** was honoured with "[PtN[hjp tpUJ]" for his contribution to the Physical Education Department.

Our School teams were winners in two district level football competitions.

A special awareness programme on the 'Ill Effects of Tobacco' was conducted for B. Ed. students on 12 Dec. There was also a special lecture on 'Consumer's Rights and Protection' on 21 Dec for them.

The Students' Council of the College of Education was inaugurated.

Mother Teresa evening tuition centre of our College celebrated Christmas in an innovative way with the children and parents of Indira Nagar. They felt very happy about the way the programme was arranged in their honour.

Fr. Britto Vincent presided a book release function at Carmel Hr. Sec. School, Nagercoil on 11 Dec. After releasing nine books published by 'தமிழ்நாடு-புதுவை நெய்தல் படைப்பாளிகள் சங்கம்', he introduced a book titled 'அணியம்', written by **Dr. Vareediah Constantin**.

In a week-long refresher course organized by the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan for the music teachers of Govt. schools of Tamil Nadu, Fr. Britto

Vincent gave a special address cum demonstration on the topic 'Folk Musical Instruments', on 16th at PSN College of Engineering, Tharuvai.

Sahayaraj Vijayan

IDEAS, MADURAI

In December we had: consultation of 10 women movement cadres on the 3rd; the 28th *Thedal Arangam* social documentary screening organized on 10th by **Fr. Stephen Martin** for a group of Sisters, students and lawyers; the *Social Awareness Training* on 11th for 78 male and 95 female youths from St Mary's Cathedral Parish; the *Human Rights Training* conducted by **Fr. Sahayaraj** from 15th to 19th for 19 women from movements and NGOs who at the end felt nourished and empowered legally to attend to the needs of their people; the meeting of the 10-member Jesuit Social Action Collective (Ideas, Karisal, Peak, Laas & Amuthu) organized by SA Coordinator **Fr. Michael Raj** on 19th to plan for the launching the *Untouchability Eradication Project* from Jan. 2012; and the SAPI consultation of 17 Dalit Movement Leaders and Cadres on 23rd to chalk out an action plan related to the Koodankulam issue.

On 14 Dec., **Fr. Aloysius** attended the Regional Symposium at Kathmandu organized by the Nepal office of UN-OHCHR (Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) on the occasion of the launch of their report *Opening the Door to Equality: Access to Justice for Dalits*. As one of the two Coordinators, he led the preliminary discussion regarding an advocacy research tentatively titled *The Status of Caste Discrimination in South and East Asia*. The study, based on the UN-OHCHR's draft document *Principles and Guidelines for the Eradication of Caste Discrimination*, will be undertaken by researchers in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Japan. **Fr. Sahayaraj** preached a recollection on 20th for St. Mary's Jesuit community on the theme of *Finding Christ*, delivered a Christmas message for 100 prisoners in the Madurai Central Jail on the theme of *Hope and Joy of Christmas* and gave another Christmas message on 22nd to the Shift 1 and Shift 2 students and staff of Arul Ananandar College, Karumathur.

Aloysius Irudayam

PAATHAI CENTRE, VALLAM

On 2 December, an ongoing orientation for the evening study centre animators of five northern districts was conducted. **Sch. Robin** the planned and animated the same.

On 3 Dec the feast of St. Francis Xavier was celebrated when the bishop of Chengalpattu graced the occasion.

On 4 Dec our Cultural Team's biannual meet was held.

On 10th December, **Fr. J. Arockia Dass**, delivered a Christmas message to Kuppayanallur Loyola Hr. Sec. School students.

On 11 Dec the monthly coaching camps for 10th standard students were conducted in their respective districts.

On 19 Dec **Fr. Yesumarian** delivered a Christmas message to Loyola Hostel students in Chennai. He greatly emphasized that the real joy of Christmas is in the liberation of the poor, the sick and the marginalized.

Robinson

SHC, SHEMBAGANUR

On Dr. Ambedkar Day PEAK organized a quiz contest to the evening study centre students on the 3rd and 4th Dec. Around 70 students participated in it. **Br. Mariadoss** honoured the winners with medals and prizes.

On 11 Dec. NALLAVARIAM GBM was well organized by Peak. Around 300 members participated. At the end of the meeting they came to know the do's dont's and of Nallavariam.

The 21st Dec. was a grace-filled day for all the clergy, the religious and lay-people in Kodaikanal. **Mr. Chandran** one of our benefactors, cordially invited them for a meaningful Christmas celebration. **Fr. Vinny Joseph** gave a vibrant Christmas message.

The Jesuits in Kodaikanal had their Christmas celebrations on the 22 Dec. It was a recollection day for the community of SHC. In the evening, **Fr. M. Devadoss** gave the Christmas message.

Manickam

THOZHAMAI ILLAM, KANYAKUMARI

Thozhamai Illam is graced by the presence of retreatants. **Fr. Francis Vazhapilly** has provided us with a well-furnished parlour; he has illuminated our garden; the retreatants use this *Brindhavan* for their stroll after supper. He is at peace after completing all repair works: sanitation facilities and a tank for harvesting water. Now he has started to plant flower plants and fruit trees. We had a simple Christmas celebration with the Carmel Community; we shared our gifts with the inmates of the home for the aged to make our Christmas meaningful. **Fr. Arul Sivan** gave a recollection talk to the clergy of the Kottar Diocese.

Josephraj

ICRDCE, CHENNAI

ICRDCE organized nine workshops and reviews of Community Colleges in the States of Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. More than 120 Community Colleges made their power point presentations on the evolution and progress of their institutions. In all the workshops the essential features and quality parameters of Community Colleges were well defined and explained to the participating Community Colleges. The aim of these workshops was to introspect and standardize the Community College system.

The system has been discussed in the 12th Five Year Plan document and it has been sent to the Ministry of Human Resources Development. From 9

Central Prisons in Tamil Nadu 630 Prisoners will be appearing for Tamil Nadu Open University diploma exams in February, 2012 under the banner of Mahatma Gandhi Community College.

Xavier Alphonse

KALANGARAI, NAGAPATTINAM

On invitation from the director of U.G.C. academic Staff College, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, a delegation headed by **Fr. Paul Mike** conducted a daylong programme to the participants of the Refresher Course, on the reality of widows and their children. Having been constructively challenged, the participants assured us to do their might in the intellectual arena, by being instruments in the process of unearthing the root cause of the deep-rooted evil of our society.

St. Joseph's Community College organized its annual parent-teacher-students meeting. Almost all the parents responded to the invitation and attended the meeting with great enthusiasm. They were enlightened about the real challenges of training the present-day unmotivated youth. The encouraging words of industrial partners on the employment opportunities and the success stories of old students were touching. It also made the parents and the present batch of students reflect on the importance of hard work and discipline in acquiring both work skills and life skills.

Sch. Jaya Prakash organized a children's day programme in two places: Poombhugar and Tharangambdi. Roughly around 400 children participated enthusiastically. Awareness sessions, group competitions, games and cultural programmes rejuvenated the spirit of the children and the feeling of oneness.

Fr. A. Irudayaraj made a power point presentation on the "Frontier of Depth" and "Heroic Leadership" to a group of 200 engineering students at the DMI Engineering College, Thanjavur.

A.Irudayaraj

LOYOLA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL RANIPET

For the first time in the history of our school, the Director **Fr. Dominic** and the Principal **Fr. Loyola** organized an Educational tour to Kodaikannal for all our students and the staff with their family members for five days (27th Nov to 1st Dec). Our boys had an exposure at Angald Ecology of nature Institute at Shembaganur for three days (27th – 30th Nov). They also visited Minakshi amman temple and Mahal in Madurai.

The Chennai Mission rural Jesuits had a get-together at Vettavalam on 11th December. Our community members participated in the above get-together. The arrangement made by Vettavalam Jesuit community was excellent. We all felt proud that we belong to this great society.

Much work was done in cleaning the campus in view of the visitation of Fr. Provincial on 18 and 19 December. Fr. Provincial shared with us his opinion on both the positive areas and the areas of concern

for the good of the institution. The memoriale he sent us immediately after the visitation has given us an objective picture of this institute and the immediate task of setting right some of the areas of concern. Before he left Ranipet he blessed the Statue of St. Ignatius of Loyola installed above our School Stage.

On 21st December, we invited the local religious for a Christmas get-together in our campus with a meaningful celebration of Holy Mass. It was followed by dinner in our house. On 22nd December our boys had Christmas celebration in our auditorium and left home for the Christmas holidays.

Vedanayagam

SOUTH-EAST ASIAN MEETING OF AP/EYM

"Apostleship of Prayer" is a ministry which dates back to 1844. It started in a Jesuit Scholasticate in France in view of actuating the ardent missionary zeal of the young scholastics. As it gained momentum and developed into an apostolic movement the Church recognized it as its spiritual powerhouse.

The Church Authorities entrusted the same to the care of the Society of Jesus. The General of the Society is the ex-officio Director General of the Apostleship of Prayer which includes the Eucharistic Crusade (also known as the Eucharistic Youth Movement) and devotion to the Sacred Heart. With simple and daily practice of MORNING OFFERING this has proved to be very effective among the people of all ages and stages. It is in vogue in almost 87 countries. Fr. General appoints his Delegate in order to co-ordinate AP/EYM ministry throughout the world. Now **Fr. Claudio Barriga, S.J.**, hailing from Chile, is serving as the Delegate.

Periodical Meetings are organized at zonal level under his chairmanship. The IX Meeting of South-East Asian National Secretaries and their Jesuit and lay collaborators was held for the first time in India at Dindigul (Bishop's House), Tamil Nadu between 13th and 19th October 2011. **Fr. Sebasti L. Raj**, the Provincial welcomed the participants and delivered the inaugural address. Fr. Claudio Barriga was the main resource person.

Fr. Marivalan, the National Secretary, along with his team, organized it.

There were 33 participants: 11 were from abroad. We had with us laity and religious Sisters and Brothers from other Religious Congregations with Sacred Heart Spirituality and representatives of Basic Christian Communities.

Fr. Claudio spoke at length about the present status of AP/EYM in different countries. He also shared his grave concern over the future of this apostolate. There were a few input sessions, especially on the Spirituality of the Sacred Heart and its prevailing impact on our life in the modern world. The participants, especially those from abroad were exposed to Indian and Tamil culture. The visit to Christian pilgrimage centres like Oriyur, Idaikattur and Hindu Madurai Meenakshi Temple threw light on the popular piety of our people.

This conference elicited enormous interest and enthusiasm from the participants for the promotion of AP/EYM and devotion to the Sacred Heart. The foreign participants were all in praise of Indian / Tamil culture and the spirituality and hospitality of the Indians.

This conference has given us more clarity and new awakening for greater and deeper commitment in the real spirit of the Ignatian Magis. Fr. General is keen on making this apostolate an effective and relevant one. He has constituted a committee to find out ways and means of *re-creating* AP/EYM in order to address the present needs of the Church and the society at large.

Though simple, it is a basic need; though entrusted to the Society of Jesus, it is the ministry of the whole Church; though assigned to a few, it is the mission of everyone.

R. Marivalan

SUPAM PARISH: THOTTIAM

By the side of Tiruchi-Namakal highways near Thottiam lies buried a zealous Portuguese Jesuit missionary named Antony de Proenza alias Paramananda Swami. He was a leading missionary of the Old Madurai Mission. He sowed the seeds of the Gospel in this vicinity. He suffered infirmities while he tirelessly laboured amidst downtrodden people. He emerged as a great friend of the poor and died on 14 December, 1666.

The Christian Community around Thottiam and the Diocese of Kumbakonam hold him in great reverence till today. Many visit his cemetery and pay respects to this holy man. On the 11th December, **Fr. T. Devadoss**, the PP of Thottiam and **Fr. Leolin**, doing Supam, concelebrated the Eucharist on Swami's 345th death anniversary. May the pioneering spirit of PARMANANDA SWAMI continue to push us into new frontiers of the mission.

A. Leolin

FROM THE HOLY LAND

This is my 2nd year in this holy place. I could feel already there is so much improvement in my mission as administrator. I am able to drive now in Jerusalem when our driver is absent. I am able to keep my accounts in the right track with proper budget. I am able to maintain neatness and orderliness in the house. Hence it is needless to say that I am happy and cheerful as usual. Above all my superior and I meet daily and talk about the work. I am learning Hebrew.

Every morning I go for my walk; once I had a chance to help a lady who had fallen down and had a severe pain in her knee and was crying for help. She was walking on the steep, main road from the Holy Sepulchre. She was an Arab tourist and could communicate in English. I called for an ambulance. As she was getting into the ambulance I could see her face brighten up with much gratitude. I felt it was really a help to her and I could feel very much God's presence.

Around Jerusalem there are problems and tensions. Inside Jerusalem there is nothing notable so far. The tension is not because of beliefs but because of ownership of land. I will be in Bethlehem on Christmas night; surely I will think of our Province men, particularly the sick people in Beschi Illam. Above all I will pray for the success of our Province Congregation. A Happy and Blessed Christmas and a fruitful new year 2012 to all.

Tony

FROM MAWEIT – SCH. BASKAR

Five months have passed since I landed in Kohima Region. From that time till now I am fully busy. I am in a remote village called Maweit in Meghalaya State. The nearest town takes four hours to reach. Everywhere it is green. I am blessed to see and stay in a thick jungle. For the people around here, forest is their shelter and economic source. I am working with two young and energetic priests; one of them is the parish priest and the other is the Principal of St. Mary's High school.

I am teaching maths and science for VI to X stds. Besides, I am the assistant director of a hostel. I enjoy my stay here. Novitiate is seven hour journey from Maweit. I go there for my spiritual strength. After coming here I had my annual retreat and two recollections. I went to Manipur for the regent's meet. Listening to each others' sharing enriched us. There are totally ten regents in Kohima Region. On the way back to my place I had the privilege of meeting **Fr. Jeyaraj Elankeshwaran**. He was very happy to see me. Last month October 15th we organized a concert in our school. It was very well appreciated by the village people.

Here people speak different languages namely Lyngam, Nongtra, Khasi and Maram. The rule of language for the students is English in the School. Continue to remember me in your prayers. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2012.

Y. Baskar

NEW RELEASES

Christian Themes in Indian Art: Anand Amaladoss and G. Lowner, Manohar Publishers, 2012, pp. 428, Rs.4,000.

TRADITIONAL MEDICINAL PLANTS OF THENI, VIRUDHUNAGAR & TIRUNELVELI DISTRICTS by S. Ignacimuthu S.J. *et al* Division of Ethno pharmacology, Entomology Research Institute, Loyola College, Chennai, pp. 61.

ABIDE WITH THE LORD

Fr. Jose Luis Lopetegui (GUJ), 84/64, on 4 Dec. at Baroda

Fr. Joseph Lombart (MAP) 83/65, on 04 Dec.

Br. Oscar Rodericks (JAM), 80/55, on 8 Dec.

Br. Hilarius Toppo (RAN) 84/61, on 10 Dec. at Ranchi

Fr. Mathew Kochupura (Guj), 57/35, on 11 Dec. in Mandali

Br. Joseph Alvares (KAR), 85/66, on 12 Dec. in Mangalore

Fr. George Keerankeri (KER), 67/49, on 16 Dec. at Delhi

Fr. Ignatius Ddungdung (RAN) 70/59, on 18 Dec. in ATC Namkum

Bishop Francis Braganza (GUJ) 89/73, on 21 Dec. at Ahmedabad

Br. Thomas Daniel (PUN), 81/45, on 2 Jan.

Fr. Anuranjan Kerketta (MAP), 56/36 on 05 at Ambikapur

Mr. Joseph (47), father of novice **Jeron Francis**, on 12 Dec.

Fr. De La Gueriviere Paul. S.J.

(30.08.1920—21.12.2011)

Having spent nearly 34 years in the Indian Social Institutes in various capacities, **Fr. Paul G.**, joined St. Xavier's College Community, Palayamkottai in 2010.



The ever quiet Paul G. was a one-man army of Social Justice. During his active years he had inspired scores of AICUF students and had showed them that there was another world in India other than what the media projected as 'shining India'.

Along with his work of documentation he served the Community at ISI intermittently as superior or director.

His self-effacing nature was evident to all who met him.

Last November he showed signs of ill health and the doctors realized he had blood cancer. For better nursing care he was brought to St. Joseph Hospital, Dindigul on 6 December.

On 21 Dec. he developed high fever. In spite of some treatment he bade farewell to the world at 8.30 pm.

The following day the funeral was held thanking God for all he had done to the people of India through Fr. Paul G.

Fr. Provincial spoke about him; **Fr. Britto Vincent**, Rector of St. Xavier's College spoke of the gift of Fr. Paul G. to his Community.

He was truly A MAN FOR OTHERS. [JIVAN will carry a eulogy of Fr. Paul G. in due course].

A. Arulanandam

Fr. Chacko Valiaveetil, S.J.

(22.02.1930—29.12.2011)

Fr. Chacko Valiaveetil passed away at 1.30 pm on 29 Dec 2011 at Beschi Illam. He was 81 years old.

After his normal course of Jesuit studies he was ordained a priest in 1963 at Kurseong.

After tertianship he was sent to St. Paul's Seminary, Tiruchi to teach philosophy for two years. Then he joined the Benaras Hindu University for his doctorate in Indian philosophy. Since then he was in Karumathur, in Morning Star College, Loyola University USA, Allahabad and Thozhamai Illam. And finally he went to Beschi Illam for rest in 2010.



Here on Nov 18, 2011 he suffered a stroke and was found lying on the floor of his room. His left side was paralyzed and so he was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital Dindigul. He became better and could move about but his mind was unsteady. Till the end he never got back his former vitality and sanity and passed away on Dec 29.

The Funeral Mass at 3.00 pm Dec 30 was presided by Fr. Provincial flanked by Fr. Arul Sivan and Fr. Britto Peter and concelebrated by about 40 priests. Fr. Provincial in his introductory remark said that most of his life Fr. Chacko was in seminaries engaged in the formation of priests. **Fr. Maria Jeyaraj** said that Fr. Chacko was in the Arul Vazhvu Retreat Centre in Kanyakumari helping the lay people who came there for retreat.

After Mass **Fr. Xavier Vedam**, Principal of AAC Karumathur blessed the body before it was taken to the cemetery where the grave was blessed by **Fr. Manuvel** of Tiruchi diocese, a former student of Fr. Chacko.

Mampra

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Fr. Augustine Chinnappan (94/72)
passed away at 4.30 pm.
on 4 Jan. 2012 in Beschi Illam, Dindigul.
R.I.P.