



**JULY 2010**

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**PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME**

July

- 04-05 Pune: Visitation
- 06-07 Pune: POSA's Consult
- 12-13 Ooty, Mettupalyam : Visitation
- 17 ISI Bangalore: GBM
- 18 Dindigul : Consult
- 24 Chennai: Dhyana Ashram: IGFA 2010 Meeting
- 25 Chennai: Dhyana Ashram: Spirituality and Dialogue Commission GBM
- 30 Dindigul: St. Mary's: Gansoville GBM

August

- 01-02 Madurai: Visitation: IDEAS
- 03-04 Madurai: Visitation: St. Mary's
- 05 Madurai: Visitation: DACA
- 06 Alangulam: Visitation: Karisal Team
- 07 Dindigul: Beschi Illam : Superiors, Coordinators & Consultors Meeting
- 08 Dindigul : Province & Chennai Mission Consult

**NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ♣ **Fr. General** has appointed  
**Fr. Ranjit P. Toppo** (RAN) Consultor to the South Asia Assistancy and Ex-officio Chair, Central Zone  
**Fr. Anthony J. D'Souza** (BOM) Consultor to the South Asia Assistancy and Ex-officio Chair, West Zone
- ♣ Appointments / Transfers in the Assistancy Common Houses/Works For 2010-11  
**Fr. Jose Pulickal** (KER) Tertian Instructor, RAIA  
**Fr. Gratian Carlo** (KHM) Assistancy Delegate for Formation (To take charge on Aug 04)  
**Fr. Francis Gonsalves** (GUJ) Principal, Vidyajyoti College, Delhi

**Fr. Jose Thayil** (PAT) Acting Rector, Papal Seminary, Pune

**Br. Pravin Falcao** (GUJ) Administrator, Sadhana Institute, Lonavla

**Fr. G. Alex** (JAM) Manager, P.G Block, JDV, Pune (Additional responsibility)

**Fr. Francis Ezhakunnel** (JAM) Moderator, P.G Students, JDV, Pune (Additional Responsibility)

**Fr. V. M. Joseph** (DUM) Moderator, Philosophers, Papal Seminary, Pune

**Fr. Kuruvilla Pandikattu** (DUM) Rejoins JDV Faculty

**Fr. Marianus Kujur** (RAN) Rejoins ISI Delhi Faculty

**Fr. P.A. Chacko** (DUM) Afghanistan Mission

**Fr. M. Gnana Selvin Raj** (AND) National Adviser, AICUF

**Fr. T.V. George** (CCU) Administrator, Vidyajyoti, Delhi (Additional Responsibility)

**Fr. Anthony Ryan** (HAZ) Revisor, JCI

**Sch. Alex Yagu** (MDU) Afghanistan Mission

**Sch. David Raj** (HAZ) Afghanistan Mission

**Fr. Augustine Perumalil** (DEL) Arrupe College, Harare, Zimbabwe (not Hekkima) mentioned

**Fr. M. Anthony Dass** (KAR) Not missioned to Afghanistan

The South Asia Assistancy is grateful to those who have returned/will return to their Provinces after rendering valuable service in the Common Houses / Works/ Missions of the Assistancy: **Fr. Jose Changanacherry** (GUJ), **Fr. Pradeep Sequeira** (KAR), **Fr. Satyprakash Tigga** (MAP) and **Fr. K.C. Philip** (RAN)

♣ **Fr. Provincial** has appointed:

**Fr. Thamburaj James** Coordinator of Spirituality and Dialogue Commission

**Fr. Darwin S. Michael** Coordinator of Pastoral Commission

**Fr. Augustine John Peter V.** Coordinator of JAAT

**Fr. Mariadoss Siluvaimuthu** Asst Coordinator of JAAT

**Fr. Frederick Xavier Joseph** Minister of LATI, Madurai

**Fr. Puthiadam Ignatius**, Acting Team Leader, Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari

♣ **Transfers of Scholastics**

**Antony Anand S.** from SN, Chennai to PEAK, Shembaganur

**Cyril Suresh** from Brazil to Arul Kadal, Chennai

**John Magesh D.** from Kalangarai, Nagai to Oriyur

**Parthasarathi Narayanaswamy** from Oriyur to Kalangarai, Nagai

**Vasantha Kumar I.** from PEAK, Shembaganur to Uthagamandalamm

♣ **WELCOME TO THE NEW NOVICES**

This year God has blessed us with a good number of novices in the first year. Nineteen came from the Pre-novitiate and eight from the Clive's house. 27 novices in the first year will be too big a group for long retreat and direction. Hence we have decided to send 15 to Beschi Novitiate and 12 to other Provinces for doing the novitiate: **Amith Shajan, Anthoniyar and Arun Pandian** to Darjeeling, **Ananth, Arun Kumar, Felix Sahayaraj**, and **Vijin** to Kohima, and **Jesunathan, Michael Nirmal, Velanganni, Victor Prabu** and **Zenith** to Andhra.

♣ **Vatican Radio Tamil Section** is sending daily news via e-mail from November 5, 2009. We were sending them only to those who had requested us. However I am sending daily news from first July to all the Jesuits of our Province who have email ID. If in case you do not want to receive this news, let me know. L.X. Jerome

♣ If you love nature, here's a free Eco e-magazine for you. Download at [www.care4nature.org](http://www.care4nature.org).

♣ **Fr. A. Lourduraj's** email: [alourdurasj@gmail.com](mailto:alourdurasj@gmail.com)

**Fr. Mark Strphen's** email: [smlmarks@gmail.com](mailto:smlmarks@gmail.com)

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## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

### LOYOLA COLLEGE, VETTAVALAM

On 31<sup>st</sup> May an evaluation of the last year's academic performance of our College was conducted by **Fr. Xavier Alphonse**. He appreciated our performance in the very first year for emerging as a self-sustaining model institution.

**Fr. Michael Doss** secretary organized a five-day orientation programme from 1 to 5 of June for our staff so as to charge them with ignited mind and creative thoughts. The programme was well coordinated by **Fr. Peter Francis** at Loyola College, Chennai.

On 15 June our staff was also provided with another one-day orientation programme organized by the management. **Fr. Royce**, Vice-Principal coordinated the programme when preplanning for the new academic year was done.

On 16 June our first batch began their second year with an inaugural prayer service. **Fr. Ignatius Amalraj**, Superior inaugurated the function and addressed the students. The first years made their entry on 21 June and they were given a warm welcome by **Fr. M. Elias**, the Principal. In his address he asked the students to make use of all the facilities for their betterment.

We thank **Br. Mariadoss** for his committed and dedicated service for the growth of our College. We welcome **Fr. Devasagayam**, our new treasurer.

We are happy to start B. Sc. Mathematics and an additional section in B.A.English from this academic year. Now the six courses offered are B.A English, B.B.A, B.Com, B.C.A, B.Sc. Computer Science, and B.Sc. Mathematics.

Poondi Rajan

### ARUL KADAL, CHENNAI

On 28 June we had a grand inaugural function of the academic year 2010-11. The first year theology students were warmly welcomed by the Arul Kadal family. The keynote address on the theme "Alcoholism: Challenges and Opportunities" was delivered by **Fr. Francis Jayapathy**. As a modest venture of initiating some collaboration and network among the three Dioceses of Chengalpattu, Vellore, and Madras-Mylapore in ministering to the alcoholics and their battered families, representatives from the different Commissions of these Dioceses and the Jesuit representatives of these mission areas met together to work for this much needed ministry today. The **Most Rev. Soundararaju**, Bishop of Vellore graced the occasion with his felicitations and blessings. He further underscored the significance of this ministry to alcoholics for effective evangelization in our dioceses.

**Fr. Raj Irudaya** conducted a spiritual animation programme to the Extended Councils of the three Provinces of St. Anne of Chennai on the theme, "Binding with the Lord and Branching out to Mission People". He conducted a retreat for the scholastics of the Pre-Ordination Programme of the South Zone in Calicut. He was also invited to direct the Golden Jubilee Renewal Retreat for the Kerala Province. **Fr. Alangaram** was one of the guides for the scholastics' retreat in May at Shembaganur. On 15 June he preached recollection to the clergy of Madras-Mylapore Archdiocese.

**Fr. Maria Arul Raja** gave the Convocation Address on the theme "Subaltern Empowerment through Religions" in the Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur during its Annual Graduation Service. In the beginning of the new academic year, he was invited to be the animator for the annual collective soul-searching exercise of all the Faculty Members of the Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary (TTS) in the PILLAR House, Madurai. During the sessions of the National Convention, participated by about 500 AICUFers, he reflected with them on the theme "AICUF as a Civil Society". His vibrant theological presentation on "Priestly Commitment for Dalit Emancipation" evoked enthusiastic response from the participants (230 Priests and 6 Bishops) during the National Conference convened by the SC/ ST/ BC Commissions of CBCI in the Pastoral Centre, Chennai. His new book "திருச்சபையும் தலித் மக்களும்" (The Church and Dalits) published by St. Antony's Shrine of Palavakkam was released by Bishop Neethinathan. He preached a 3-day

discernment retreat for the delegates of the Province Chapter of the Gonzaga Sisters in Tindivanam. Through a series of Mission Preaching in the Shrines and the Churches of Little Mount, Palavakkam, Broadway, Madhavaram, Tiruchi Cathedral and Manaparai he could communicate his Mariological insights to not less than 10000 people.

Gnanaraj

### LOYOLA INSTITUTES, KUPPAYANALLUR

The academic year 2010-2011 brought great joy to all the inmates of the Loyola Institutes, we had 92% and 99% passes in the twelfth and tenth stds respectively. We heartily congratulate and acknowledge the year-long labour of our Headmaster, the teaching and non-teaching Staff and of course our students that achieved these results.

All the buildings, except the Jesuit residence and the LTTI, have a facelift as they were professionally whitewashed under the aegis of **Br. Bruno** during the summer. While thanking the Brother and his team for the job well done, we also express our indebtedness to the Chennai mission for their financial support.

The month of June witnessed yet another milestone in the annals of LTTI, since the first batch of teachers-to-be appeared for their annual exams in Kanchipuram from 14 to 21. They are now having their annual vacation.

**Fr. Joe Mike** took the roles of teacher and retreat preacher as he preached an annual retreat for 2 Gonzaga Sisters in the middle of June. It was quite demanding of his age to combine both teaching and retreat preaching. But he did justice to both.

On 25 evening, the communities of Kuppayanallur, Vallam, Kilpennathur and Ranipet came together for a fellowship dinner to welcome the newcomers. The presence of **Mr. Turgay** and **Mrs. Mary**, our benefactors from Germany added colour to the gathering.

We also would like to very specially thank **Fr. Bellarmine**, **Schs. Justin** and **Stephen** for all their selfless contribution and yeoman service rendered in the parish and in the school. We wish them every success in their new ministries and extend a cordial welcome to **Frs. Gunasekaran** and **Bastin, Schs. Thangadurai** and **Sahayaraj** to make a benchmark in all they do for our people here.

Sahayaraj

### ST. JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, UTHAGAMANDALAM

A facelift has been given to our ITI main block. **Fr. Maria Antony**, the former Provincial of Sri Lanka, gave an orientation to the Jesuit Community on 12, June. The I year students had their summer holidays from 23 June to 4 July. The final year students are preparing for their final examination. Carpentry students have their exams on 6 July and Fitter and Welding students start their examinations from 23 July. Admissions are going on. If you find deserving poor students kindly recommend them to come over here to acquire the skills.

Vasanth

### LOYOLA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, RANIPET

On 5th June, **Fr. Dominic** assumed office as the new team leader; the same evening, we had a High Mass

by **Fr. A. Victor**, the Mission Superior who profusely thanked **Fr. Gunasekaran** for his pioneering services and welcomed the new team leader.

Fr. Provincial made a surprise visit on 10 June. He witnessed the R/O filter and solar installations in our campus and appreciated this new venture. His timely visit brought showers of blessings and enthusiasm to the new team. Kudos to the German couple, **Mr. Turgay** and **Mrs. Mary** who sponsored this solar project.

On 14th, the students came back to the school after a two-month fruitful internship programme and they are seriously preparing for the SCVT examinations scheduled for 5 and 6 July.

Sathyabalan

### AHAL, KILPENNATHUR

We have a new Church in the substation Vedanatham which was blessed and opened on 14<sup>th</sup> May by **Fr. Arulappan** the Procurator of Vellore Diocese. The people shared their joy by a fellowship meal with their neighbours.

**Fr. Bellarmine** took charge as Parish Priest of Kilpennathur on 13 June in the presence of **Fr. Savarimuthu**, the VF. People were emotionally moved while thanking **Fr. R. Arockiaraj** for 11 years of his selfless service in Sahaya Matha Mission.

The animators of the evening study centres had an orientation programme on June 27. The AHAL team thanks **Fr. C. Marianathan**, for the excellent exposure of his ideas and pro-active guidance to our animators.

Wenish

### PRE-NOVITIATE, VILANGUDI

The arrival of twenty-five young and energetic candidates on 17 June awakened the slumber of VMI and now it is bubbling with joy. The academic rhythm has set in with the Mass of the Holy Spirit by **Fr. X. Savarimuthu** and the singing of the pre-novices trained by **Fr. Inigo**.

The community thanks **Fr. Louie Albert** and **Sch. Clement** for their yeoman service in shaping up the future pillars of the Society. We welcome **Frs. Inigo** and **Boniface** their successors. VMI is proud to have **Fr. Herman** from Indonesia and thus it has become an international study house. We thank St. Joseph's Community for providing us with a computer.

**Fr. Arockiaraj** was installed as the parish priest of Thirumanur and was given a rousing reception. A befitting farewell was given by the parishioners to **Fr. Baskar**.

Viji Bose

### JESUIT JUNIORATE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

On 23rd June we reached Vidyaniketan, Thiruvananthapuram and were given a warm welcome by the community members. From 24th to 26th, the 36 Juniors had an orientation and community building programme conducted by **Fr Thachil Jose**. On 28th 'Diagnostic Test' in English was conducted and then a few classes in basic Malayalam were given by the Kerala Juniors. It was a delightful darshan on 26th evening getting to know the important places in the city under the able guidance of **Fr. Wilson** the superior.

Leo Pereira

## DNC, PUNE

The annual retreat (28th May to 6<sup>th</sup> June) preached by **Fr. Kulandairaj** (AND) strengthened our spiritual foundation. From 7 June to 9 June an orientation on the theme "Rejuvenation" was given to the freshers by the old-timers. The academic year began with Eucharistic celebration presided over by the **Most Rev Thomas Dabre**, the Bishop of Pune on 10 June. **Sch Stalin** was elected literary coordinator of I BPh and **Sch James** was elected social coordinator of II BPh student council, JDV. **Fr. Robin Seelan** is undergoing treatment for his leg; so kindly keep him in your prayers.

*P. James Raja*

## BESCHI ILLAM, DINDIGUL

Fr. Provincial's visitation brought joy and grace to our Community to recommit and rejuvenate ourselves in the mission of the Lord with new spirit and vigour. At the end of his visitation we had concelebrated Mass in which Fr. Provincial asked us to be the light of the society and of the world. Beschi Community went for a picnic to Suruli Falls during the major holidays. On 11 June we celebrated the feast of the Sacred Heart Jesus along with the co-workers of St. Mary's Press. On 15 June, 15 novices joined the Beschi novitiate and some others joined the novitiates in Andhra, Darjeeling and Kohima. Seventeen II year novices made their vows retreat from 13 to 20 June under the direction of **Fr. Mathew Cyril**. On 21 June they pronounced their First Vows and left on 23 June for the Juniorate in Trivandrum. We warmly welcome **Frs. Marivalan, Dominic Savio** and **Br. Rayappan** who have joined our Community this year.

*A. Vino Selukas*

## ST. MARY'S, DINDIGUL

As part of ongoing formation and to help the students to spend their summer holidays usefully, St. Mary's organized three summer camps in the month of May. A ten-day camp for about 100 Dalit students who had completed their XII std was sponsored by Vaigarai as part of its Silver Jubilee celebrations at the initiative of its Director **Fr. Maria Singarayar**.

Amuthu organized a camp for 100 Arunthathiyar children from V to X stds. in collaboration with the Servite Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent in Dindigul. JRS conducted a camp for 60 refugee students of X to XII stds.

Our Community went on a pilgrimage to Oriyur on 26th of June. We came back imbued with the spirit and commitment of St. John de Britto. This was followed by our Community orientation on 27th. **Fr. Vinny**, our superior led us into the orientation and reflection process. He based his input on the mandate of GC 35 to make each Jesuit Community itself a mission. We collectively evaluated the strengths and areas for growth of our Community. We ended the orientation with the celebration of the Eucharist and an agape.

**Fr. Kennedy** joined the rally organized by various groups in Dindigul on 20th demanding justice to the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy.

*Kennedy*

## ST. MARY'S, MADURAI

With the arrival of **Fr.S.M Arockiam** and **Sch. Vargheesh** the Community had a one-day Orientation

Programme at Nilakkottai, under the able guidance of **Fr. Vinny**, the Superior, St. Mary's, Dindigul. With his record of long-standing experience in different fields, his role as a moderator was comprehensive and effective in touching upon our Jesuit life and mission. Thank you very much Fr. Vinny.

The Computer Centre is being shifted to the School and the students of the lower classes of our Hostel are shifted to the old Boarding. The Francis Xavier Apostolic Home which in the past nourished many vocations to priesthood and religious life, has **Fr. Arockiaraj** as its new Director. Let us wish him good luck.

The parish team with **Fr. PS. Arul** as the new parish priest and **Frs. Xavier** and **Bastian** as his energetic and enterprising assistants, has started moving around and making house visits, considered to be the need of the hour. Sch. Vargheesh, has already begun to show his dynamic spirit in cooperating with **Fr. Xavier** and the Sisters of St. Joseph's of Lyons, in arranging inaugural function of the Year of Youth, with flag hoisting and a Concelebrated Mass, after which the youth group of boys and girls, numbering more than a hundred, was invited for a meeting and high tea. We had a community gathering to celebrate the Birthday of our **Br. Arulanandam**, the administrator of our Farm at Rayapuram. **Fr. Masillamani** underwent laser treatment to better the eyesight of his left eye.

After **Br. Simon** has taken up the difficult task of feeding us, some have increased in weight. **Fr. S.M. Arockiam**, **Fr. Irudayaraj** and **Fr. Emmanuelraj** continue to do their spiritual ministries in and around our neighbourhood. **Fr. Jebamalairaja**, our Rector addressed the CRI unit of Chennai Archdiocese on "Information and its Wealth: Right to Information Act, 2005".

*Bastian*

## ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE, KARUMATHUR

The new Superior, **Fr. A. Joseph** took charge on May 31 in a Community Eucharistic celebration followed by dinner. By the first week of June the Community was full with fifteen members. This year we are blessed with two Twins and a Triplet: we have two Joseph's, two Jeyaraj's and three Xavier's in the house. We had Community Orientation on June 10. With personal sharing we reflected on the theme 'What the Laity Expects from their Priests'. The College Faculty Orientation Workshop was held on June 15. **Mr. D. Bojaraj**, the Executive Director of Top Kids, steered the session effectively on the well thought out theme, "Mentor Care". The College reopened on June 16 with an inaugural function for the senior students. The freshers joined the College on June 28. **Fr. Xavier Vedam**, the new Principal put them in the right direction towards indomitable courage and unflagging will for achieving excellence in the new academic year. With the new team of leadership AAC hopes to soar high to still greater heights.

*A. Kingsley*

## ST XAVIER'S INSTITUTES, PALAYAMKOTTAI

**Fr. John Joseph** the Tertian instructor from Shembaganur oriented the community on 12th and 13th of June to fulfill the expectation of the latest General Congregation. **Fr.G. Lawrence Amalraj** conducted a two-day programme on "Time Management and Stress

Management” for 130 staff members of St. Theresa’s College, Vijayawada on 2nd and 3rd of June. It was well appreciated by all.

SXCE celebrated its 60th College Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May in a simple and a meaningful manner. All the cultural events focused on saving the environment which grabbed the attention of the audience. **Dr. I. Ebenezer**, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, the Chief Guest of the day, invited the B.Ed. students to be models to their students by their teaching and living. On 19<sup>th</sup> May a one-day Workshop on Media Education was organized for our B.Ed students; **Fr. Stephen Martin**, guided the students and enlightened them to have a critical mentality while watching films. Our B.Ed College had its Graduation Day on 28<sup>th</sup> May, when **Dr. A.R. Veeramani**, Registrar, TNTEU, Chennai, distributed the diplomas and exhorted the graduates to become aware of their potential and offer them for the betterment of the Society, starting with their services at home towards their parents. A total of 143 graduates of B.Ed., M.Ed., and M Phil courses, received their diplomas. The same day in the afternoon Sangamam 2010, get-together of old students was held. On 25<sup>th</sup> May, the five-member committee, appointed by the Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University visited our College and evaluated the functioning of autonomy during the last four years. The committee expressed satisfaction over the functioning of autonomy and suggested a few measures for the growth of the institution. The second governing body meeting for this academic year was held on 28<sup>th</sup> June and it discussed the various activities of the College. **Fr. Britto Vincent**, Rector and Vice-Chairman presided over the meeting. Our students finished their semester exams on 29<sup>th</sup> June and the academic year came to an end after summer. Kudos to **Fr. Thomas Alex**, the Principal and his team for a highly successful academic year. Academic year 2010 – 11 will begin only after the government counseling.

SXC: UGC sponsored free coaching classes were held for UGC / CSIR – NET examinations for SC, ST, OBC (non-creamy layer) and minority students from 10th to 30th May. Around seventy-five students of our College attended the programme. Staff Orientation for 90 junior staff members (less than five years of service) was organized by **Dr. V. S. Joseph Albert**, Co-coordinator IQAC on 14 and 15 June. The College reopened for the seniors on 16th and the juniors on 17th of June. The bridge course was organized for the I year UG students from 17 to 19 June by the English department. The election to the students’ council was held on 22 June. One more representation (Joint Secretary) is given to women students to participate in the students’ council. The strength of the students’ council is five (Three boys and two girls). Admission is in full swing. The UG admissions are almost over. PG and M. Phil admissions are in progress.

*M.F. Kennedy*

## ST. JOSEPH’S, TIRUCHI

The Jesuit Community had its annual orientation programme on 12th and 13th June under the guidance of **Fr. Amalanathan**, Rector, Satya Nilayam. It was very useful as we were urged to rediscover our identity in Jesuit companionship in the light of GC 35. The concluding day of the **year of priests** was made memorable on 11th June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with concelebrated High Mass in the church.

The newly appointed staff in the last three years were given orientation from 10-12, June. To strengthen the bonds of unity with our lay collaborators, all the newly appointed staff were invited to the Jesuit community for high tea on 12 June. The entire College staff had a one-day orientation on 14th June with the help of **Prof. Mani Sundaram**, the first vice-chancellor of Bharathidasan University. The admissions to undergraduate courses are nearly over and 1500 students have been admitted to different courses and of them 400 are in different hostels. The classes began for the I UG on 28 June.

Sixty poor students belonging to the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes have been the beneficiaries of scholarships to the tune of Rs.50,000 in all. The parish priest **Fr. Arulanandam** deserves our appreciation as he has generated this fund from generous donors of the parish.

In a marathon in which fifteen Schools participated to mark the World Conference of Classical Tamil, our School bagged the first and second places. On 17 June the Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Catholic staff and students was celebrated by **Fr.P. Susai**, the Rector. On the 18 June, an interactive session was arranged for the teachers and parents of the VI std students. A similar session was conducted for the XII std on 22 June. A New flight of stairs has been added to the school and it was opened on 21st June. **Fr. Arul Ravi**, awaiting for Tertiarity in Sri Lanka is helping out in Mullaikudi Parish.

*Sebastian Anand*

## XAVERIANA, THOOTHUKUDI

We began the academic year with renewed dynamism in both St. Xavier’s and in St. Thomas Matriculation Hr Sec. School. We had the community orientation on 26 June at Irudhayakulam. We chose themes from the decrees of GC 35 especially on D 2 – Identity: A Fire That Kindles Other Fires. The elaborate sharing stimulated us to appropriate these decrees as lived experiences.

## IDEAS, MADURAI

We had one-day reflection on 30 May on Media Education conducted by **Fr. Stephen Martin** for nine trainers. The training on the Right to Information Act (RTI) was organized on 30 and 31 May for 35 Dalit women and the youths by the Devakottai-based Dalit Women’s NGO Vidiyal. Also we had two other important programmes the first was the course on Social Analysis organized from 6 to 12 June by **Fr. Michaelraj** for 11 Sisters from different Congregations and 11 Jesuit scholastics and the second was the consultation held on 25th by a 10-member group of school teachers and social activists, including **Fr. Aloysius**, interested in writing human rights education textbooks and imparting this education in the schools of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. For three weeks in June **Fr. Eugene** was in Loyola College, Vettavalam and in AHAL Centre, Keelpennathur to crosscheck the Puthirai Vannar Family Census questionnaires underway at the moment in Villupuram dist.

The three-day orientation of our Community members in Ideas, LAAS and KARISAL held in Nilakottai from 18 to 20 June was prayerful, and reflective. Following the first day’s personal review of

the past year on the second day we divided among ourselves to take up the responsibilities to implement the Participatory Strategic Plan from mid-2011 onwards; the last day was devoted to a preparatory reflection for the forthcoming Assistency Meet in Jamshedpur in October.

*Aloysius Irudayam*

### **SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SHEMBAGANUR**

On June 10 SHC community assembled for the exhortation reflecting on "Living as an Apostolic Religious Community" as the preparation for a meaningful celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

The following day we had our Community orientation when each one shared lights and shadows of his ministry and suggested ways and means for effective ministry in future. It was followed by an EHST meeting during which all the Jesuits shared on how to protect the mother earth and expressed concern for the displaced people on account of the ecological crisis. Tertiars and Scholastics joined the community in a Solemn concelebrated Mass presided over by **Fr. Gaspar Leonard** in the evening.

On June 15 PEAK team members had a two-day orientation programme. **Fr. Joe Xavier's** service was utilized in a session on the second day. On June 16 a one-day meeting for several eco-experts was arranged to discuss and explore ideas and plans to turn SHC into an eco-heritage centre.

It was a great joy for the students of Inigo Siruvar Illam to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Gaspar Leonard, Vidyajyoti, a great benefactor of PEAK in SHC. Children felt encouraged receiving gifts from the Jubilarian.

**Fr. Edward Jeganathan**, Asst. Director of Province Archives is grateful to **Fr Britto Peter**, PCF for sending 10 Scholastics from Arul Kadal to work in the archives as well as to gain knowledge of the marvelous works of our pioneers. He also gave a talk to Tertiars on the two martyrs: Ven. Anthony Criminali, the first martyr of our Society in Vedalai and St. John de Britto at Oriyur, before their pilgrimage to Oriyur.

Heartly Welcome to **Fr Gaspar Leonard**, treasurer and **Sch. Antony Anand**, Regent to SHC Community. On the 28<sup>th</sup> June, 21 tertiars began their Spiritual Exercises. Keep them in your prayers.

*Antony Anand*

### **THOZHAMAI ILLAM, KANYAKUMARI**

Thozhamai Illam has a new Director and Team Leader in the person of **Fr. Ignatius Puthiadam**. **Fr. G. Packiaraj** continues to be the Administrator and Treasurer. **Fr. Lawrence Gabriel** has now become a full-time pastoral minister and preacher. He is also the spiritual director of the local Dhyana centre run by lay people. **Fr. Maria Jeyaraj** is coming back to normalcy after a mild stroke and after an intensive hospital care for a week. We are happy to welcome **Fr. Fidelis Jeyabalan**, who earlier served as the Director of the Apostleship of Prayer in Dindigul.

Thozhamai Illam will soon have fourteen, self-contained rooms. The house will then have almost thirty self-contained rooms for the retreatants and participants of dialogue and seminar meetings. It is all due to the efforts of Fr. Ignatius Puthiadam. We are planning a one-

year seminar and retreat programme. We are also trying to establish good relationship with the CSI, the Orthodox theological institutions and with the local pastors, in order to fulfill our ecumenical task. We are also planning to go to various places in Kanyakumari District to make some personal propaganda for retreat, dialogue and ecumenical work.

*Maria Jeyaraj*

### **KALANGARAI, NAGAPATTINAM**

The Kalangarai Team organised a series of summer camps for different groups with specific focus and special objectives. Intensive study camp and leadership camps were conducted for five days for the school-going students mainly to help their overall growth. The response of the students and their involvement in the camps inspired the Kalangarai staff and a host of volunteers to give their best to the success of the event. Congrats to **Sch. Richard** and his team of scholastics for their tireless efforts and able execution of the programme.

We organised the second one-day international Widows' Day celebrations in three places namely, Vadaranyam, Tharangambadi and Sirkali. In each place, roughly three hundred widows participated in the rally raising powerful slogans demanding their rights and enlightening the onlookers. They also listened to the fiery and thought provoking speeches made by prominent feminist thinkers and activists namely **Mrs. Sheelu**, Women's Collective, Chennai, **Mrs. Subathra**, Tiruchi and **Mrs. Beulah**, ECOMWEL, Chennai. The participants demanded their rights from Tamil Nadu Government and a separate welfare board for them. Let these demands be realized in the near future.

**Fr.A. Irudayaraj** participated in a two-day seminar organised by People's Watch at Vellore on the Role of Human Rights Activists in safeguarding the rights of the victims of various atrocities unleashed by the police and anti-social elements. This seminar concluded with an agitation against false and bogus cases filed against human rights activists.

Kalangarai gratefully remembers **Fr. Loyola** for his one-year service in the Community College and Sch. Richard for his two years of service during his regency. We wish both of them all the best in their higher studies. We are very happy to welcome **Sch. Parthasarathi** our new regent.

*A. Irudayaraj*

### **ARIYAMANGALAM PARISH**

We have formed three prayer groups in the parish. A large number of widows, mostly young, came together to reflect on their life. They appreciated the unity that resulted from it.

A small saving scheme was started in our school. Nearly 147 students collected about Rs. 65,000 and **Fr. P. Susai**, Rector generously contributed a good amount of money to encourage the students. On the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus a large number of people turned up for Mass and offered themselves to the Sacred Heart.

*Felix Joseph*

### **VOCATION CAMPS - 2010**

A year-long travel, constant communication and meticulous planning by **Fr. Paulraj**, the Vocation

Promoter yielded fruit in the vocation camps. Forty-five and fifty-five young motivated students participated in the X<sup>th</sup> and the XII<sup>th</sup> std, camps respectively, from 14 dioceses of Tamil Nadu. We immensely thank our Schools namely St. Arulanandar H.S.S. Oriyur, Carmel H.S.S. Nagercoil, De Britto H.S.S. Devakottai and St Mary's H.S.S. Madurai for sending their XII Std students for the vocation camp held in Dindigul and St Mary's H.S.S. Dindigul & Maduari, Loyola H.S.S. Kuppayanallur, St Xavier's H.S.S. Thoothukudi and St Joseph's Tiruchi for sending their X Std students for the vocation camp held in Madurai. Heartfelt thanks to the vocation facilitators for promoting vocations in their respective Schools. We hope this good work will continue in all our schools in the future also.

The students were introduced to different ministries by Jesuits from different Commissions of the Province. A few lay persons, women religious and a diocesan priest shared with the students their expectation of a Jesuit and the contribution of Jesuits to the Church. **Fr. Provincial** talked to the students about the Chennai Mission.

The students exhibited their cultural talents and won the appreciation of the audience. In both the camps, the vibrant and the grace-filled retreat of **Fr X. Savarimuthu** marked the culmination. We owe special thanks to St. Mary's, Dindigul and Madurai Communities for their hospitality.

*Bose and Robin*

## SUMMER MEET -2010

This year the Summer Meet was christened இணையம் 2010. Scholastics generously came forward to serve in as many as 27 different places in Tamil Nadu to conduct camps for students/animators/religious/teachers etc. from 28 April to 15 May. In the Scholastics Meet at Shembaganur, we delved into the topic “வன்முறை போரുകളும்...வாழ்வரிமை வேர்களும்...” (Roots of violence and struggle for human rights) keeping the Sri Lankan Tamil's issue and the Maoists, fighting the Indian government as the backdrop. Experts from different walks of life enabled us to get engrossed with these problems and understand the psyche of the people ravaged by war. The meet was well organized and clinically professional under the proficient guidance of **Fr Britto Peter** and **Fr Joseph Xavier**. The annual retreat was preached by **Fr Michealraj** and guided by **Frs. Alangaram, Edward Jeganathan and Illango Xavier**. The points were gripping, thought-provoking and gave clarity of goal in one's life in the Society of Jesus.

*Lawrence Benedict*

## TERTIANSHIP, SHEMBAGANUR

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 21 tertians, came from 15 Provinces, on the 01<sup>st</sup> of June. **Frs. Michael Alosani** and **John Joseph**, the Tertian Instructors welcomed them warmly and initiated them in to the six-month spiritual ICU, the Jesuit tertianship. A historical overview of Kodaikanal combined with a darshan of the hills was rendered by **Frs Edward Jaganathan** and **S. Arockiam** the House superior who extended a joyous welcome with a grand dinner on the occasion of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Having imbibed the Ignatian spirit through reading of his Autobiography, Letters and Spiritual Journal 21

tertians along with their instructors went on a pilgrimage to Vedallai, the martyrdom site of Venerable Anthoni Criminali, St. John de Britto Shrine, Oriyur and the tomb of Rev Fr. Louie Leveil and returned truly grace-filled. The intensive journal retreat guided by **Fr. Korko Moses** led them deep into themselves, facilitating in them a holistic understanding. It was a worthy preparation to the Ignatian long retreat begun on 28 June. We solicit your earnest prayers that the tertians and their directors may be led by the Spirit of the Lord and he be propitious to them in their spiritual journey.

*Paul Pragash*

## CULTURE & COMMUNICATION, LOYOLA

### Artists Meet, once again!

The credit for reviving the Artists Meet, after a long gap of nearly three decades, goes to **Fr Britto Peter**, our PCF. He requested the Jesuit who took the initiative to organize the Jesuit Artists' Meets in the 1970's - **Fr M. Amaladoss** - to be the Co-ordinator. He endorsed my suggestion not to restrict the Meet just to Jesuit scholastics only but to invite also talented young artists from other religious Congregations. So 10 Jesuit scholastics and 10 Sisters from St Anne's Sisters, Madavaram, Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo and Daughters of Mary Immaculate attended the Artists Meet, held at Dhyana Ashram, Chennai from 1 to 6 June. While the musicians were coached by our 'Sangeetha Vidwan', **Fr Amal**, the painters were guided by our trained artist, **Fr J. Thamburaj** and the writers by me. Jesuit artists like **Frs. Jerry, Mark, Joe Arun** and **Yakkan**, a writer and publisher, shared their ideas and experiences with the young artists. The meet provided the participants time and inspiration to create in the fields they were talented in and helped them with feedback from experts and colleagues, so that they understood their strengths and drawbacks. On 6 June, the last day of the Meet, at a function presided over by **Fr Britto Peter**, the young artists displayed their talents and skills and impressed everyone. (Visit our website to look at the photographs) In their feedback the participants expressed their desire that the unique and very helpful Artists Meet become an annual event. They believe that this initiative would inspire, encourage and train young religious artists, who would use their talents in a professional manner and come up with creations of true artistic merit that would help them in their mission to serve God's people. Fr Britto Peter has promised to do whatever is required.

Latest Dawn Book is out! Haven't you become a member yet?

The fifth Dawn Book - the first to be sent this year to the subscribers of the Dawn Book Club - was dispatched early May. The book, called Once upon a Time, has been written by the well-known writer, **Fr. Hedwig Lewis**, of the Gujarat Province. It is a fine collection of 215 beautiful, inspiring stories, collected from various sources. So if you are looking for stories to use in your talks or homilies or simply to reflect on their message, subscribe for Dawn Books immediately. All you need to do is to drop a line to Dawn Books/ Culture & Communication/ Loyola College/ Chennai - along with a cheque or D.D. for the required amount, which is nominal.

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### Visit our site!

How can you call yourself a member of the Madurai Jesuit Province if you have never visited the official website of our Province ([www.madurajesuits.org](http://www.madurajesuits.org))? C&C has completely redesigned it and what you now have is a colourful, eye-catching site with all the information re-written. Are you looking for the Province catalogue and can't find it? Go to the website. Want to read the latest issue of MNL? Go to our website. Thinking of praying for a few minutes while at the computer? Want an idea for your homily at the morning Mass? Go to our website and click 'Iraiva' – the prayer link in Tamil. For an interesting video on a Jesuit institution or event, for photographs of recent Jesuit events in the Province visit our website. Look at the 'Highlights' section for a list of important events in the Province from the year 1952 to 2007 and if you think some important event is missing, write to us.

Have something for Jivan or want the Vatican Radio Newsletter?

C&C now houses the editorial office of Jivan – the magazine of the South Asian Jesuit Assistancy. So if you have a report of something important enough for Jivan, or an article or a poem or just a letter, send it to Jivan, c/o Culture & Communication... C&C is also the Vatican Radio India Office. So we publish every month Vatican Radio's Newsletter in English (Vatican Radio) and Tamil (Vathican Vanoli). If you want to receive a copy regularly, all you need to do is write to us.

M.A. Joe Antony

### G – 70

We, the Novitiate Companions, belonging to the 1970 batch at Beschi, have christened ourselves as G-70. Thanks to the continued interest and initiative of **Fr. Jerry** we make it a point to meet once in two years without fail.

The purpose of such an endeavour is: being together, feeling together, sharing our experiences and expressing our concerns regarding the recent happenings in general, and in particular, regarding our Province issues.

This time we met at Rayapuram in May, 2010. **Br. Arulanandam** had made arrangements for making our meeting comfortable. We had a relaxing, refreshing and enriching daylong session.

The heart-revealing sharing of each one of us confirmed our ministerial maturity and affirmed our apostolic solidarity. In fact, it was a source of strength to all the participants and we got geared to greater commitment and closer companionship.

Of course, certain concerns at the Province level emerged spontaneously during our discussions:

- The unhealthy and unfriendly climate that prevails in some of our major and institutionalized communities.
- The power-struggles and the group-pressures that are in some of our communities.
- The need for a Province-commission for ecological concerns

One unique and useful feature in our G-70 is the JB-MG Fund for the poor.

In the name of late **Frs. Joe Britto** and **M. Gnanapragasam** (who were our Novitiate Companions) we have instituted a fund, to which every one of us contributes. The deserving needy will be helped.

Marivalan

### FR.A. LOURDURAJ FROM TANZANIA

The last two months kept me busy with teaching and guiding three eight-day retreats. I was offering the novices here a course on Inter-religious Dialogue, a topic they had never heard of before. They enjoyed the classes. Two of the novices are now in Satya Nilayam doing Philosophy. Muslims are a minority in the eastern African countries. Though there are no major clashes between Christians and Muslims, yet they harbour a lot of prejudices.

Eight of our second year novices whom I was guiding through an 8-day retreat at Camaldolese monastery at Ngorongoro towards the end of June, will be pronouncing their First Vows on Friday, July 2. Preparations are in full swing for that day. There are more than ten novitiates of different Religious Congregations in Arusha. The formators organise jointly a number of seminars for the novices, on an average two per month, on various relevant topics. About a hundred novices will be participating in each of these seminars. We are expecting eleven first years to join us on July 10, from four different countries. As for the climate, it is winter here, as cold as Ooty in December. Best wishes to all.

### NEW RELEASES

இளமை இருக்கும்போதே...Fr. Jerry Rosario, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul; pp. 72, Rs. 15

### ABIDE WITH THE LORD

**Philip Xalxo** (DAR), 69/46, on 23 June

**Anthony (Tony) Fonseca** (BOM) 68/51 on 28 June

**Jacob** (85) father of Fr. Sahaya Wilfred on 11 June

**Kulandaisamy** (82) father of Fr.K. Jerome on 30 June