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MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL

INNOVATIONS ARE INEVITABLE

In the fast-changing world, many traditional practices and methods are becoming irrelevant or ineffective. In a world of cut-throat competition, only those with innovative ideas and methods survive and succeed. This reality is applicable to religious life as well as to all our ministries, programmes and activities. In today's world, without innovation, our ministries are bound to become ineffective and our religious life is bound to become less attractive. Hence, the recent National CRI Convention took up the theme of "Innovation" for its deliberations.

Innovation refers to the use of a better or a novel idea or method. It is more than merely improving what we are already doing. It calls for a new way of doing what we want to do. The result of an innovation is greater effectiveness and a higher level of success. Innovations in religious life and in our ministries imply several things: willingness to assess all aspects of our life and ministries objectively; restructuring our administration at all levels

- local, community, province, and congregation; effective integration of our spiritual life with our ministries.

The Synod on consecrated life speaks of "the prophetic character of the consecrated life" and its "significance for the contemporary world. In order to play this prophetic role meaningfully and ensure that religious life plays a significant role in today, we have only one option – to be innovative in our life-style and in all our programmes and activities. In other words, consecrated life cannot make any significant contribution to the contemporary world unless it is ready to be innovative.

The whole province is engaged in the assessment of our ministries and formation and most of us are involved in this exercise with great enthusiasm and commitment. The outcome of this evaluation should spur us and inspire us to be highly innovative in our ministries and in our formation programmes. The blocks and obstacles should be removed from the root, so that we can march forward and make ourselves relevant to the challenges of today.

I earnestly urge every member of the province to be open-minded and bold to view our ministries and

formation in the present context of Tamilnadu, India and the world at large. Let us check whether we are going in the right direction. Let us be future-oriented and be bold and creative in offering time-bound action plans. Let us identify our specific strengths and weaknesses in each of our ministries and in the pattern of our formation programmes. Let us have the courage to make challenging observations and raise relevant questions for which we may not even have the answers.

I am confident, that after this assessment, the entire province will be sufficiently oriented and motivated to take innovative steps that will make our ministries and our formation programmes, effective and attractive. The province administration will make concerted efforts to implement the recommendations of this assessment and remove whatever obstacles there may be. The time has come to be forward-looking, courageous and innovative.

Fraternally,
Sebastien L. Raj, SJ
Provincial

Appointments



Pope Benedict XVI has appointed:

Mgr Pedro Ricardo Barreto Jimeno S.J., Archbishop of Huancayo, Peru

Fr General has appointed:

Fr Severin Leitner (ASR) Assistant for Central and Eastern Europe; Fr Ambrose Vedam (GUJ), Socius of the DIR's Delegate in Rome; Fr Marius Talos first Regional Superior of Romania; Fr Alejandro Tilve, Provincial of the Argentina-Uruguay Province; Fr Joseph Stuchlý, Provincial of the Bohemia Province; Fr Padre José Cecilio Magadia (PHI) General Counselor for Formation.

Provincial's Programme:



NOVEMBER

- 02-03: Visitation, DNC, Pune
- 04-09: Visitation: Loyola College/Alberto, Chennai
- 10-11: Visitation: Berchmans Illam
- 14-17: Visitation: AAC, Karumathur
- 19-20: Visitation: IDEAS
- 21-22: Visitation: LAAS
- 24 Consult
- 25-27: Visitation: SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram
- 28-30: Visitation: Carmel, Nagercoil

DECEMBER

- 01-02: Visitation: Thozhamai Illam
- 02 Carmel: Beatification Ceremony of Vedanayagam Pillai
- 03 Visitation: KARISAL
- 05-07: Visitation: St. Mary's, Dindigul
- 09 Thoothan Jubilee Celebration, Beschi Illam
- 10-12: Visitation: Arul Kadal
- 13-14: Visitation: Dhyana Ashram
- 15-16: LS/TL Meet – Dhyana Ashram, Chennai
- 16 Consult at Dhyana Ashram (in the afternoon)
- 27-29 Renewal Session: Seva Missionary Sisters – Manali, Chennai

Announcements



COMMITTEE FOR JUBILEES

Fr Provincial has appointed a Committee to plan the details of the two celebrations – 175 years of the New Madurai Mission in 2013 and 200 years of the Restoration of the Society of Jesus in 2014. The Committee members are: Frs. Alphonse Manickam (Convener), James Thamburaj, Stephen Martin, Innaci John V. and John Wilson J. As regards the Commemoration of the Restoration of the Society, the Committee will work in close collaboration with the Assistancy level Committee, which has two members of our Province. Fr Leonard N. Fernando is the head of this Committee and Fr Joseph Antony Samy G. (Anto) is a member.

REQUEST FOR DIACONATE

Schs S. Clement Jesudoss, Jayaseelan Saminathan, M. A. Leo Anand, Maria Felix Kennedy and Theresunathan Soosai have applied for the Sacred Orders of Deacon and Priesthood. If anyone has any relevant information, kindly contact Fr Provincial.

NEW IN AFGHANISTAN:

Fr Alexis Premkumar has been appointed the JRS Country Director of Afghanistan with effect from October 2012. His responsibility is to oversee all the three projects of Kabul, Herat and Bamiyan.

MADURAI ARCHDIOCESE INVITES

As part of its Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the Archdiocese of Madurai is organizing a get-together of priests, brothers and sisters, who hail from the Archdiocese of Madurai, on 28 Dec '12, at the Archbishop's House, K. Pudur, Madurai. Ours are cordially invited to this function. For more details contact: 09443386761 or 09884779936.

Fr Andrews Thekkekara will be in the Province from 6 Dec '12 - 8 Feb '13. Fr Mark Stephen: smlmarks@gmail.com. Fr Antonysamy Antony: antonysamy.fr@gmail.com.



Events



AFGHANISTAN

Fr Alexis Prem has become the JRS Country Director of Afghanistan and Fr Stephen has joined the Bamiyan team to offer educational services to the most deprived Hazara community. On 5 Oct there was a grand Teacher's day celebration in our schools, Herat Technical Institute and Herat University. Students organized various cultural programmes and honoured the teachers with words of appreciation and gifts. Through innovative ways I am able to convey the scientific concepts to the budding minds. Recently while I relished a sumptuous wedding banquet of one of my students, I was struck by the table fellowship that is unique among the Afghans, who, irrespective of their social status, share the same food from a common plate.

- Swaminathan

ARUL KADAL, CHENNAI

On 10 Oct the community hosted a farewell to Fr Sahayaraj, who is going to Austria for his doctoral studies. On 12 Oct first year and second year theologians preached an effective one-day retreat to the students of Loyola College, Vettavalam. Frs. Raj Irudaya and Alangaram attended the National Seminar of Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Studies in Delhi on the occasion of its Platinum Jubilee and also the Annual Seminar of Indian Theological Association in Jalandhar.

- Victor Desoza

ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE, KARUMATHUR

On 3 Oct ARISE and the Association for Rural Development organized a one day seminar on 'Global Warming and Environment Protection' followed by a student rally at which our students distributed pamphlets and raised slogans to create eco-awareness among the rural folk. The Tamil Literary Forum of our college conducted a seminar

on "Christian Contribution to Tamil Language" on 4 Oct at which Fr Anbu presented a well documented paper on Fr Suave's contribution to Tamil. The Centre of Women Studies conducted a two-day capacity building training programme for women panchayat presidents and ward members of Madurai and Virudhunagar districts on 9, 10 Oct.

The grand finale of the Bridge Course 2012, a one semester ELT programme, was on 10 Oct at which students who were mostly the first generation learners spoke, sang and acted in English. On 27 our community received the 22 Tertians and their Instructors with joy. Fr Leonard successfully organized the Annual Conference of the Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu held on 27 Oct. Fr Rufus was the chief speaker at the Lady Doak College on 4 Oct motivating 3500 women students on emotional intelligence. He was also one of the resource persons for the AIACHE-organized Leadership Programme in Kolkata on 11-13 Oct.

- Rufus

CARMEL SCHOOL, NAGERCOIL

October, in Carmel, has been a month of tournaments, laurels and jubilee celebration. Sch. Bhasker organized a day of orientation for all the ELT Staff on "effective class room management and phonetics". The result was a vastly improved performance in the ELT assembly held on 15 Oct. The students exhibited their skills of speaking and writing in English with great aplomb. In six sessions 29 teachers handling 6th std classes came to grips with the challenge of teaching the millennium teens on 22, 23 Oct under the guidance of Frs Jayapathy and Vincent Amalraj. Carmel Alumni Association, under the leadership of Bro Arockiadoss, organized the 2nd Machado Memorial Inter School Open Chess Tournament on 13, 14 Oct at the state level with 587 participants, with a large contingent from Carmel. Arrupe Basketball tournament was held on 26 and 28 Oct. Carmel NCC cadet Jebson participated in National Shooting competition held

at Delhi and won the third place. On 24 Oct the Carmel community, in a homely function, along with friends from Palayamkottai and Thoothukudi, celebrated 60 years of Fr Francis Vazhapilly and Bro Paul Chinnappan in the Society on 24 Oct. It was also delighted to host the current crop of Tertians for breakfast on 27. JMAADD, apart from its 59th treatment camp, conducted awareness programme in two schools and two colleges.

- Francis Jayapathy

DE BRITTO, DEVAKOTTAI

The 69th annual day was celebrated on 18 Oct. Our former student Mr V. Ronikka Raj, B.E., Assistant Engineer, TNEB, Sivaganga was the chief guest. He exhorted the students to grab the opportunities this school offers them. Our 7th standard student, Manikandan, spoke on the environment in Raj TV's *Agada Vigadam* programme and won cash awards and the guarantee of a free engineering seat as well as a scholarship at KIT Engineering College, when he would finish his higher secondary exam.

One day de-addiction awareness programme was given to students of 9-11th standards by the De-addiction programme team. Eco week, celebrated from 12 to 18 Oct, commenced with the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rt. Rev. Edward Francis, the former Bishop of Sivaganga. During the eco-week a number of programs like a rally, planting saplings and cleaning the campus took place.

- Martin

DHYANA ASHRAM, CHENNAI

Fr Xavier Irudayaraj preached an 8-day retreat to Brothers of Mother Teresa, Fr James Rodrigues to Salesian theologians, Fr Thamburaj to IMS Fathers at Varanasi and to priests of Mumbai archdiocese and Jerry to a mixed group at NBCLC.

Jerry also animated a mini Chapter Meet for Montfort Brothers. Fr Dasan travelled to Goa for a retreat to the Redemptorists held in the monastery of Pilar Fathers. Br Sadanandam is supervising the renovation of rooms and halls. - **Xavier Irudaya**

HIGHER EDUCATION

CO-ORDINATOR

Seven out of our 9 Principals, 3 out of 4 Directors and the Coordinator of Jesuit Higher Education Commission, participated in the Annual General Body Meeting of the JHEASA, held at Dhyana Ashram, Kolkata on 12-14 Oct. Ours was the largest group. The topic was "Ecology - International Jesuit Project," and so the resource persons explained the role of Jesuits and that of educators in protecting and promoting Ecology. As the Province Co-ordinator, I made a power point presentation on the activities in our province from 4 Oct '11 to March '12. For Academic Staff Exchange Programme Fr. C. Joe Arun, SJ (MDU) will be the Convener and Fr Cherian Padiyara, SJ (DAR) will be the Member. The theme for next General Body Meeting at Loyola College, Trivandrum on 24-26 Oct 2013 will be "Ratio Studiorum and Its Relevance To-day." It will be organized by Fr Oscar SJ. (KAR) who will be the Convener and Fr Fraser Mascrenas (BOM) and I will be Members. - **G. Pushparaj**

IDCR, CHENNAI

"Peace Rangers," IDCR's youth wing held a series of meetings in July-August for 25 students, selected from various colleges in Chennai on "Interreligious Awareness and Practice" (IRAP). Mr. Arun Fernandez, Coordinator of Peace Rangers, did an excellent job in organizing this package for 5 Saturdays and 3 Sundays. Inputs on religions and visits to the holy sites led students to fruitful discussions. Fr. Amaladoss and Fr. Vincent Sekhar were among those who gave inputs. The feedback shows that the programme has achieved its objectives. Ross Feehan, a

student from Stanford University, CA, USA, sponsored the entire programme and was involved in planning the curriculum. On the final day, 'Peace Rangers' certificates and IRAP mugs were given to all the participants, who organized a 'Human Chain' on 8 Sept between Santhome Cathedral and Luz Corner. Fr Vincent Sekhar trained the staff of Fatima College, Madurai, in view of enhancing their curriculum on Faith-Value Education. IDCR and LIBA jointly organized for the first time a seminar on "Insights from Religion for Ethics in Business." LIBA students learnt how their religious identity should play a key role in ethics in their business enterprises. - **Vincent Sekhar**

IDEAS, MADURAI

Sch Ray trained 35 staff of Deepam at Batlagundu on 26-27 Oct in leadership skills. Fr. Aloy conducted a consultation at Patna on 17-18 Oct for the staff of the Centre for Social Equity and Inclusion (CSEI), New Delhi. He also organized a workshop at New Delhi on 25-26 Oct for 40 Coalition Partners of the Campaign for Strengthening the Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989, focussing on lobbying to bring in amendments to this Act in Parliament in order to make it more effective. Fr Philominraj addressed around 200 women at Kangeyam on "The importance of women coming together to address social issues". Then on 26-27 he trained 20 staff members of the Holy Cross Social Action Centres on social mobilization of women. - **Aloysius Irudayam**

JUNIORATE, KOLKATA

Our first semester examinations ended on 20 Oct and then we had our Puja cum semester holidays. Durga Puja is one of the important festivals in West Bengal, which everyone celebrates, irrespective of their religion. Prof Dipankar Basu gave us a detailed explanation of Durga Puja and all the important ceremonies attached to it. From 20 Oct to 24 we stayed at the Jesuit-run St. Lawrence High school to witness the Puja festivities. After the holidays, we have enthusiastically started our second semester. - **Raja Jesu Raj**

KARISAL, ALANGULAM

Fr Michael Tirkey SJ (MAP), a Tertian from Shembaganur was here for his anawim experience and he made a vital contribution to sending the 31 victims of Sivakasi fire accident safely back to their homes in Madinapur District in West Bengal and in obtaining the compensation from Government to the family of a victim who died. A cultural troupe of Alboan put up programmes in 60 villages in Sivakasi and Sathur Taluks and later at Thiruvannamalai Arunthathiyar Kalai Iravu. A survey on prevailing untouchability and discrimination perpetrated on Arunthathiyars was done till 27 Oct with the help of Fr Aloy of IDEAS. A special education camp for the Muthan Illam students on 23-28 Oct was followed by a picnic to Palavakkal dam. Fr Kulandaisamy directed a retreat to Franciscan Sisters of Presentation of Mary at Pothanur and a workshop on Leadership Training to a women's Self Help Group in Usilampatti. - **Manuel**

LAAS, MADURAI

Training paralegal persons for the empowerment of women is the dream project of LAAS for this year. The first three-day training programme was organized for a group of paralegals at IDEAS from 6 to 8 Oct. This training would be continued for the next six months. On 26 Oct Fr Santhanam gave a session on the rights of prisoners to the Prison Ministry volunteers from the Madurai Archdiocese and its suffragan dioceses. Fr Michael Raj as a part of the campaign against untouchability in the taluks of Sattur, Sivakasi, Kodaikanal and Ottanchatram through a series of cultural programmes in October. He also attended the annual JESA meet in Goa on 24 - 26 Oct. and presented a report of the social action of the province. - **A. Santhanam**

LOYOLA, CHENNAI

LICET and LIFE jointly organized UNESCO Workshop on Bioethics and Biodiversity on

10-12 Oct in Hyderabad, attended by 20 foreign and 110 Indian delegates. The Jesuits at Pathai Centre, Vallam helped the First year students of LIBA in their rural exposure and social analysis program. This intense two-weekend program in Oct was organized by Dr Victor Louis Anthuvan and Fr Maria Augustine. Another batch of LIBA students participated in a Self-Discovery workshop conducted by Fr Emma. For the first time, on 19 Oct LIBA and IDCR collaboratively organized a one-day conference on 'Insights from Religions for Ethical Business.' In his special address Fr Amaladoss spoke about the ties between religious beliefs and ethical behavior. Dr Priya Rajeev from LIBA and Fr Sekhar from IDCR organized this unique seminar successfully. The Radius Club of LIBA organized a 'Joy of Giving' week during which many students paid visits to homes of the poor children and aged. As a culmination of the week-long involvement, more than 200 children from different homes had a celebration at LIBA.

Fr Francis P Xavier conducted orientation courses for the faculty and students of Idhaya Engineering College in Chinnasalem and a workshop on Time Management at Vidyaniketan in Trivandrum. He also directed an eight-day retreat for the administrators of St Anne's, Trichy, in Kumbakonam.

Fr Ignacimuthu received a Life Time Achievement Award from Dr K. Rosaiah, the Governor of Tamil Nadu. This award has been instituted by the Dr. Mu Va and Thiru Vi Ka Trust. - Emma

LOYOLA COLLEGE, VETTAVALAM

During his visitation Fr Provincial blessed the aesthetically-designed chapel of the Jesuit residence and named it 'Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes'. He inaugurated the newly-built auditorium which has been christened 'Arulalaya'. Earlier Fr Victor, the Chennai Mission Superior, invoked God's blessings. The students and staff of the college presented a cultural programme that

lasted for an hour and a half. Two days after the inauguration the laughter and chatter of nearly a thousand children from our neighbourhood blessed the auditorium again. It was the 'Bal Mela'



Inauguration of the auditorium at Loyola, Vettavalam



organized by Fr Ravi as part of the Outreach Programme of the college. Fr Igi is busy giving the final touches to the auditorium completing the façade, designing a park and garden in front of the auditorium, laying the pathways to auditorium and fixing the sound system etc. Fourteen Jesuit Scholastics from Arul Kadal under the leadership of Sch Antony Markus were invited by our campus minister, Fr Michaeldoss, for a one day orientation programme for our men students. - Eugene

LOYOLA INSTITUTES, KUPPAYANALLUR

Our budding JMAADD wing, headed by Fr Masillamani, is in full swing with 13-day intensive de-addiction camps, follow-ups for the following 13 Sundays, special sessions for the wives and children of the recovering alcoholics. The de-addiction programme has so far catered to 200 alcoholics and helped them lead a new life. A two-day workshop on group dynamics was arranged for our school staff under the guidance of Fr Victor Arulappan on 26, 27 Oct. Our School's senior and junior Basket Ball teams

have won the first place at the district level matches and bagged the overall championship in zonal level athletics. Around 50 LASAC students had a social analysis camp at Kamaalampundi village under the guidance of Fr Leolin, the local LASAC coordinator on 26 Oct. We ask for your prayers for the speedy recovery of Sch Francis Xavier's mother who underwent surgery for cancer on 22 Oct. - Magesh

LTI, MADURAI

The month of October was eventful and hectic for both Loyola Community College and Loyola Technical Institute. The long-awaited results of All India Trade Test were announced on 5 Oct and LTI had got an overall 82% - the highest in Madurai Region, making Br. Ignatius and his staff very happy. On 7 Oct LCC had its first Parent-Teacher meeting, which turned out to be a heartening experience for all. In the third week of October 80 LTI students, in two batches, participated in a three-day Environmental Awareness Programme at the Anglade Institute of Natural History in Shembaganur, Kodaikanal. They came back bubbling over with enthusiasm to keep the environment green and clean. The highlight of the Ayutha Pooja celebration was the blessing of the innumerable instruments and vehicles beautifully arranged and distribution of sweets. This was followed by a week-long Pooja holiday for both the Institutions. Fr Stephen J. Muthu is in Boys' Town, Pulluthu helping the De La Salle Brothers in their Renewal programme. Fr Lawrence Gabriel preached an eight day retreat to a group of CIC Sisters of Viraganur, Madurai. - J. L. Pragasam

PAATHAI CENTRE, VALLAM

As a collaborative venture of LIBA, Paathai Centre and Dalit Human Rights Centre, the MBA students from LIBA were with us for their village experience and exposure as part of their academic curriculum. 122 students in two batches were trained here in social

awareness and responsibility on 13,14, 20, 21 Oct. Fr Yesumarian and a team of IACM movement cadres addressed the students and shared their struggle for justice and dalit liberation. Students had a fruitful interaction with the dalit women of Siruthondamadhavi village of Cuddalore district. On 30 we had a meeting for all the animators of evening study centres to strengthen them and to explore establishing new centres. - **Alton**

SATHYA NILLYAM, CHENNAI

Fr Robin S. Seelan presented a paper on corporate social responsibility at an international conference on CSR in XIDAS, Jabalpur on 04, 05 Oct. He gave two one-day orientation programmes to teachers of Campion school, Raipur and Loyola Academy, Vedamelpakkam. Fr Ignatius has released two audio CDs – 23rd vol of *Andavar Oruvare* and 22nd vol of *Itho Un Thai*. - **Johnpaul**

ST ARULANANDAR COMMUNITY, ORIYUR

Our prayers were finally answered and our hearts were drenched on 21 Oct when torrential rains came as a blessing and filled up all the dried up ponds and lakes in a single day. Our football field looked like a lake. The inauguration of Arulagam and the Sports Day were presided over by Fr Jerome on 10 Oct. A successful Parents' Meet for the X and XII std students on 13 Oct saw various issues discussed. On 19 Oct Mr. K.C. Animuthu, the Ramnad Distric Councillor presided over a function to distribute free cycles. He gave away the shield to the champions in district athletics. - **Stephen Robert**

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, TIRUCHI

The 40th Governing Body Meeting of the College was held on 8 Oct. The office-bearers of the Students Council and the Class Representatives had a chance to air their grievances to the administrators at an Open Forum on

9 Oct. Fr Albert Muthumalai, Secretary, JHEASAA, organized a national meeting for the Heads of colleges in the Assistancy at St Xavier's College, Kolkota, on 11-13 Oct. Fr Mariadoss presented a paper on micro enterprises at an international conference held in Mexico City on 14, 15 Oct. On 17 and 18, he gave lectures to students in two universities in Puebla.

Fr Jeyapathy conducted a one-day programme on 'Alcoholic Awareness' for all the 9th std students of our school on 5 Oct. Parents' Meet of 10th std students was on 6 Oct and a motivational talk for 12th std students was on 7 and cultural competitions on 10, 11. Fr Joe Michael gave an orientation programme to all our teachers on 13 Oct. Our scholastics preached a one-day retreat to the school students on 26 Oct. The school staff went on a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine at Vellanganni. Fr. L. Francis Xavier, the Headmaster, was one of the main speakers on Vallalar on 7 Oct at a function held to celebrate Vallalar's centenary. - **Maria Packiam**

ST JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, OOTY

On 5 Oct we inaugurated the new academic year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit followed by an orientation programme to our staff and students. Fr Philomin Raj, SJ inspired all by explaining the importance of skilled labour in the context of globalization. On the same day, our teaching and non teaching staff had a picnic to Vadavelli, accompanied by Fr Amalraj. Our new mission in Makkampalayam wore a joyous look on 19 during a reception to the newly ordained priest, Fr Jesu Nesa Raju, SJ. The compliments of priests and nuns who attended the reception made us understand that Frs Arockia Samy and Jesu Nesa Raju, SJ have gained the goodwill of people through their dedicated service. - **Christu**

ST MARY'S, DINDIGUL

Our community went on a pilgrimage to St Thomas' Mount Church, Malayadipatti and had a meaningful liturgy. Four of our students have been selected by School Games Federation of India (SGFI) for a State level hockey tournament. Among them Selvan Daniel is representing Tamil

Nadu at the National Level Hockey Tournament. - **Jaya Prakash**

TERTIANSHIP, KODAIKANAL

The Ignatian experiment at different centers have helped us encounter the suffering Jesus in the lives of people. Frs Michael and Sivan encouraged us to sustain all we have learnt. Fr Leo enriched us with historical insights and Fr Emma, through his Enneagram course, has made us explore our inner self. During his visitation Fr Provincial celebrated the Eucharist with us and asked us to imbibe the spirit of Ignatius. We were deeply inspired by visiting the places where St Francis Xavier worked. We were touched by the hospitality and logistical arrangement of Jesuit communities of St Xavier's, AAC, Carmel, Tuticorin and Thozhamai illam which made our pilgrimage memorable. We visited also St Mary's estate, Manalur and interacted with Fr Royappan, the Estate Manager. - **Louie Albert**

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

We began our second term on 1 Oct. On 2 we had a lecture on Vatican II by Mr Robert Kaiser, the well-known religious reporter who covered Vatican-II for *Time*, the international news magazine. *Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection (VJTR)*, on its platinum jubilee, had a national seminar on "The Role of Critical Thinking in Religions" on 12, 13 Oct, under the leadership of Fr Leonard, the editor of *VJTR*. Fr Michael Amaladoss, Director, IDCR, Chennai, and a former editor of *VJTR*, gave a thought-provoking keynote address. We received our Fr Provincial with joy when he came for the annual visitation on 14, 15 Oct. The Madurai Jesuits working in Delhi Province - Fr Sebastian Anand, Principal, St Xavier's College, Jaipur and Fr Louis Adaikalam from Allahabad and Fr Joe Xavier, Director, ISI, Delhi, visited us on the occasion and doubled our joy. Fr Raj Irudaya, PCF, made his annual visit on 16, 17 Oct along with Fr Alan. - **Jayaseelan**

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

Sixteen staff members from six Juniorates along with Fr Gratian Carlo, ADF, attended the Assistency Juniorate staff meeting held at Vidyaniketan on 16 – 21 Sept. Fr Devadoss Mudiappasamy was the resource person and spoke on 'Formation for Global Mission - Challenges'. He also taught us how to use an e-dictionary. Fr Raj Irudaya, the PCF, visited us on 22 Sept and his visit has encouraged us to grow in all aspects of life. After the well-arranged cultural tour of central Kerala the second term has started. Sch Vijin has been appointed beadle and Sch Felix has become the province coordinator. A three-day course on Time Management was given by Fr. Francis P. Xavier.

- **Solomon**

VMI, VILANGUDI

The visit of Fr Provincial and Fr Socius brought us rare graces and loads of enthusiasm to plunge more vigorously into our mission of formation. During the first term holidays Fr. I. Arul preached a six day retreat to the sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary and then to Sisters of St Anne, Trichy and Fr John Innaci to the FMM sisters at Chennai. Fr Inigo gave a course on 'Psychology and Leadership' to the CIC sisters at Krishnagri. All the 22 pre-novices are back at VMI after their quarterly holidays.

A week long course on 'Personality Development'

by Fr I.M. Joseph helped the pre-novices to develop a high self-esteem. Fr John Innaci's meticulous planning and the hard work of other Jesuits and the pre-novices have yielded a plentiful harvest this year. - **Prabu F**

XAVERIANA, THOOTHUKUDI

Free bicycles and laptop computers were distributed on 5, 6 Oct by the State Minister of Labour, CT Chellapandian. Our students organized and participated in several science exhibitions. On 23 Oct 150 students from 5 schools attended the LASAC camp, inaugurated by our Headmaster. Excellence Awards ("Mudhalvan Virudhu") for the school toppers was given in an assembly by Mr. Ramakrishnan IAS, an alumnus.

Ourschooltabletennisteam has bagged the championship at the district level matches.

- **Rajan**

XTC JUNIORATE, BELGUAM

The visits of Fr Gratian Carlo, ADF, Fr Jeyaraj, Provincial of Kolkata and Fr Richard Lopez, the PCF of Gujarat – all in the month of October - gave us joy and inspiration. After our first term exams on 18-20 Oct, we had a cultural tour to Hasan of Karnataka visiting world famous places like Shravn Belagoda, Belur and Halebid which enabled us to appreciate the richness of Indian culture and its heritage.

- **Udaya**

The Grateful Life

How can we live a truly grateful life? When we look back at all that has happened to us, we easily divide our lives into good things to be grateful for and bad things to forget. But with a past thus divided, we cannot move freely into the future. True spiritual gratitude embraces all of our past, the good as well as the bad events, the joyful as well as the sorrowful moments. From the place where we stand, everything that took place brought us to this place, and we want to remember all of it as part of God's guidance. That doesnot mean that all that happened in the past was good, but it does mean that even the bad didn't happen outside the loving presence of God.

It is very hard to keep bringing all of our past under the light of gratitude. There are so many things about which we feel guilt and shame, so many things we simply wish had never happened. But each time we have the courage to look at 'the all of it' and to look at it as God looks at it, our guilt becomes a happy guilt and our shame a happy shame, because they have brought us to a deeper recognition of God's mercy, a stronger conviction of God's guidance, and a more radical commitment to a life in God's service.

Once all of our past is remembered in gratitude, we are free to be sent into the world to proclaim good news to others. Just as Peter's denials didn't paralyse him but, once forgiven, became a new source of his faithfulness, so can all our failures and betrayals be transformed into gratitude and enable us to become messengers of hope.

- **Henri J.M. Nouwen**

(from *Here and Now*)

Abide with the Lord

Fr Sirinus Topno (JAM) 50/27 on 10 October

Fr Walter Ekka (RAN) 58/38 on 10 October

Fr Oswald Summerton (HAZ) 86/66 on 22 October

Fr. Desiderio Pinto (PUN) 56/38 on 27 October





Experience



MY SECRETS FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

5 DON'T's:

1. Don't hold on to unforgiveness, hurts and regrets but let them go. 2. Don't judge, blame or condemn anyone, because only God knows their heart and their situation. 3. Don't be ashamed of yourself or put yourself down, for God is never ashamed of you. 4. Don't be afraid or worried - He is there with you and takes care of you. 5. Don't hold on to persons and things, but enjoy every moment and experience as it comes and goes.

5 DO's:

1. Believe in God's 100% love for you just as you are, and trust Him fully. 2. Look constantly at Jesus - to put on His mind and heart more and more. 3. Be grateful at all times, to God and to others, for big things and small. 4. Be a stepping stone, not a stumbling block, for others - and so, build up relationships and community at all levels. 5. Respect, reverence and love each person and thing, thus constructing a better, more fraternal and more just world.

- Rex A. Pai, SJ



Laugh

The foreign missionary's zeal and enthusiasm did not match his knowledge of English. But he never hesitated to make loud announcements in the church every now and then. One day he announced solemnly: "My dhear people, next Sundhay because of the feast we will have a very big crowd. We cannot have Mass in the church. So we will have open Mass in the air."

Memories

Fr. Pietro Licchetta SJ of the Mysore Mission was in Dharapuram when the Society was suppressed. He wrote a letter describing his anguish on 16 April 1780 to another Jesuit, Fr. Vallecossa. He said, "Fr Pavone and I were in this residence, when the awful news reached us. It was just after dinner on the 16 May 1774, the feast of St. John Nepomucene, during spiritual reading. I was overtaken by such anguish, that, leaving open the gate to tears, I shut the book, and from that time, I did not wish to read it or even to see it, in order not to renew the pain, which was so intense and piercing, that I never experienced, or shall ever experience in my life - I could not survive such sorrow. I did not eat nor sleep, except when tired out by sadness. The little sleep I had was often broken. And on awaking, the first thought, which pierced me like a stiletto, was this: The Society is extinct, and I am a Jesuit no more." (D. Ferroli, *The Jesuits in Malabar*, Vol 2, p.539)

- A. Arulanandam



Congratulations

To **Fr. Sebasti L. Raj**, the Provincial, who has been elected the National Vice-President of CRI Priests' Section.

To **Fr. Alexis Premkumar** who has been appointed the JRS Country Director of Afghanistan.

To **Fr Arockiasamy Xavier**, who has been invited by Fr. General to serve in a committee of Young Research Scholars.

To **Fr Francis P. Xavier and his colleagues** at LICET which has been chosen by IIT-B (Mumbai) as a nodal centre for training the faculty of Engineering Colleges.



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