



# NOVEMBER 2010

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## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### November

17-18	Dindigul: Beschi: Pastoral Commission: GBM
18 pm	Madurai: DACA
20 Sat	Dindigul: Consult
24	Kanyakumari: Visitation: Thozhamai Illam
25-26	Thiruvananthapuram: Visitation & Southern Provincials' Meet: SICJ
27	Nagercoil: Visitation: Carmel
28-30	Palayamkottai: Visitation: St. Xavier's Institutions

### December

01-03	Palayamkottai: Visitation (cont.) & Alavanthankulam
04-05	Chennai: Dhyana Ashram : Finance Commission: GBM
05-07	Chennai: TNPCRI Meeting
08-09	Thoothukudi: Visitation: Xaveriana
10	Palayamkottai: Consult
11-12	Palayamkottai: St. Xavier's College: Higher Education Commission: GBM

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⊙ **Father General has appointed**  
**Fr. Colin Tan Chin Hock**, Superior of the Malaysia-Singapore Region.  
**Fr. Joseph Pham Thanh Liem**, Provincial of the Vietnam Province.  
**Fr. Bogdan Lesniak**, of the Province of Upper Poland, is from September 23 the secretary for the Assistancy of Central-East Europe, east section.  
**Fr. Michael Lewis**, of the Region of South Africa, as President of JESAM (Jesuit Superiors of Africa and Madagascar).  
**Fr. Varkey Perekatt**, Provincial of Delhi Province, India.

- ⊙ **Fr. V. Stephen Lourdu Pragasam** will be the Acting Secondary Education Coordinator in the place of **Fr. S.M. John Kennedy** who will be working for the rest of the academic year at Loyola School, Bhubaneswar.
- ⊙ **Fr. Xavier Rajan** is back in the Province and is assigned to Xaveriana, Thoothukudi, to provide assistance to the Diocese's media apostolate, particularly, Pavalam TV. His mobile number is: 9790924226.
- ⊙ **Commission for Practica Quaedam.** *Practica Quaedam* is the manual of instructions on the way to handle the correspondence with Father General. The last edition was in 1997. In conformity with what the last General Congregation indicated in number 15 in the Decree on Governance, some months ago the Secretary of the Society asked the Provincials and their Socii to send suggestions in order to update the manual. Father General has constituted an international working group in order to carry out this task.
- ⊙ **Fr. Anand Amaladass** email: amaladass24@gmail.com

## NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

### LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Loyola Hostel celebrated Enviro Fest on Oct. 2. Under the leadership of **Fr. M. J. Mahalingam**, Loyola College observed September 9 as the Black Flag Day to draw the attention of the Union Government to the persistent demand of Dalit Christians and Muslims for the last 63 years to give them Scheduled Caste status. The staff and the students wore black badges throughout the day and took active part in the signature campaign and slogan shouting. During the public meeting held inside the campus the speakers enlightened the audience about their legitimate demand. As the director of LISSTAR, Fr. Mahalingam organized a one-day workshop on Writing and Publishing Articles in National and International Journals. Seventy-six

teachers from different Universities from South India participated.

**Fr. K. Amal** delivered the convocation address on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> to the new graduates of Loyola - Puduva College of Education run by the socially committed Alumni of Loyola College. He expatiated on the budding teachers' need to develop enough self-confidence to be willing to 'learn from the students' while being determined to build up students' self-esteem.

### LICET, CHENNAI

The formal inauguration of Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET) was held on Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. The Chief Minister **Mr. Karunanidhi** presided over the function and formally inaugurated it. The Union Minister **Dayanidhi Maran**, Education Ministers **Ponmudi** and **Thangam Thennarasu**, VC of Anna University, **Fr Vincent Chinnadurai**, MPs including **T.R. Balu** and **Kanimozhi**, a large number of Jesuits and MLAs, alumni, Government and university officials and parents of the students participated in the function. From ICAM, France **Fr Olivier Barraeau** and **Jacques Enjalbert** and **Mr Marc Genuyt** (Director, ICAM Indian Project) were present.

The Chief Minister said that when he entered Loyola Campus he felt as if entering the presence of the Pope. He appreciated the service done to the students especially the poor and the socially marginalized Dalits. Mr. Dayananidhi Maran was very proud of the only engineering college in his constituency. The VC of Anna University and Mr. Ponmudi recommended university status to Loyola. The Mission Superior enumerated the Jesuit policy of education and acknowledged the support given by the Tamil Nadu Govt. Mr. Marc Genuyt elaborated on the common vision of ICAM for LICET. In his welcome speech, **Fr. Francis P. Xavier**, indicated the origin and milestones of LICET and thanked the Tamil Nadu Government for their encouragement and support to start recently four educational institutions in the Chennai Mission (Loyola College at Vettavalam, Loyola Teacher Training Institute at Kuppayanallur, Loyola College of Education and LICET in Loyola Campus). **Dr Jose**, the Principal, proposed the vote of thanks. **Fr Joe Arun** was the effective MC with his energetic organization of the programme.

The cultural performance of the students was very much appreciated. It was an effective teamwork of staff members, student volunteers and LICET officials. The families of the staff members, along with special invitees, had dinner at the Jesuit Residence.

*Francis P. Xavier*

### LOYOLA COLEEGE, VETTAVALAM

On 11<sup>th</sup> **Fr.M. Elias** organized an environmental visit as part of the curriculum when students were taken for a field trip to the nearest forest area to study the ecological balance. On 30<sup>th</sup> was organized a one-day special orientation programme for select students to develop leadership quality in them. The programme was conducted by **Schs. Sathyabalan** and **John Michael** from Ranipet.

*Poondy Rajan*

### ARUL KADAL, CHENNAI

Arul Kadal hosted a consultation of the National Alliance of People's Movements on 14 September to discuss the scourge of alcoholism, removal of TASMACHOP shops located near hospitals, educational institutions, places of worship, village centres and also the issue of total prohibition. *Arul Vazhvu*, an AA group meets every Sunday at Arul Kadal.

The second year inauguration of the 100 Hours Theology for Laity was held on 5th Sept. Mother General Leema Rose and **Mr. Vedanayagam** felicitated the lay students while **Mrs. Dhanaseeli** gave the keynote address on *Youth and the Responsibility of Laity*.

Scholastics from Arul Kadal gave a one-day retreat cum orientation programme to the students of Loyola College, Vettavalam, on 24<sup>th</sup> September. An Alcoholism recovery camp is being held at CRDS, Chengalpattu.

As a part of the curriculum, we went for rural and urban immersion for three weeks.

**Fr. Maria Arul Raja** and the ADF **Fr. Gratian Carlo** (KOH) were invited by **Fr. Torres**, the General Counsellor for Formation, for a consultation on the quality accompaniment with our young men. The invitees gathered in Hong Kong and evolved the formation programme for the formators engaged in the post-novitiate phase of Jesuit formation up to regency. **Fr. Raja** had sessions for three days for 25 religious of various Congregations on *Peace-making Traditions of the Church amidst Conflicts* in Sri Lanka. He presented a paper on *Convergence between Worlds of Dalits and Bible* during a National Seminar organized by ISPCK Publishing House. The TN government has ordered 1000 copies of *Asia Makkalin Esukristhu* of **Fr. Alanagaram** for its libraries.

*Clement*

### LOYOLA INSTITUTES, KUPPAYANALLUR

The highlight of the month was the ELT assembly, managed by the eleventh standard students. This was the first time that a set of non-ELT students came up with a programme completely

in English. This we hope to be a launching pad for the other students too.

**Sr. Clare ICM** was again with us and this time for giving an orientation to our XII std. girls. Through her trademark games and activities, she let the girls realize their innate potentials and fight hard to utilize them for a bright future.

All our students were spiritually rejuvenated through a daylong retreat preached by our theologians from Arul Kadal. **Fr. Bastin** organized the event.

Fr. Bastin preached an eight-day retreat to a group of Gonzaga Sisters at Arokia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti. He also quite successfully organized an over-night LASAC camp in Ongur parish. A three-day Scout Camp was conducted for the teacher trainees from 18 to 20 Oct, under the able guidance of Scout Master **Mr. Ebenezer** from Madurai. The second year trainees went on an excursion to Tiruchi, Madurai and Kodaikanal with their Principal **Fr. Martin**.

A good number of HMs came to share their experiences and expectations with the first and second year trainees before they ventured into teaching practice. Fr. Martin, the Sub-Dir of CFCA took 148 students to participate in the first CFCA Sports Meet in Nehru Park, Chennai on 16 October. Our students stole the show and got the overall championship shield.

*Sahayaraj Vijayan*

### **DHYANA ASHRAM CHENNAI**

**Fr. Jerry** addressed the General Chapter of the Holy Cross Sisters (of Ingenbohl) at the beginning of October at Bangalore on Consecrated Life. He gave a special retreat to Bishops at Nav Sadhana, Varanasi from 5 to 10 October. Earlier Fr. Jerry preached a Mission Retreat at NBCLC at Bangalore. To the academic community of Pallotine's theologate at Mysore, Fr. Jerry gave a three-day seminar on The Mission in the Globalised World of Today. Hearty congratulations to Jerry.

On Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, **Fr. M.A.Emmanuel** conducted workshop at Dhyana Ashram on Spiritual Intelligence and Emotional Intelligence for both religious and laity.

**Fr. Thamburaj** addressed 2000 students, staff, non-teaching staff and Sisters in the J. A. College at Periakulam. The main theme of the three-day retreat-cum seminar was how to establish the values of the Kingdom in the Campus, in the families and in the personal life of the students. The musical talent of **Mr. Vincent** sustained the spirit of the retreat.

*S. Selvaraj*

### **JESUIT PRE-NOVITIATE, VILANGUDI**

The academic work in the second term of the pre-novitiate, started on 4<sup>th</sup> October. There is art in all our movements if we do them systematically. Indeed, it was the realization by the pre-novices after undergoing a workshop on folk dance by **Ms. Juliyes**, .

**Fr. Inigo** gave a recollection talk to diocesan clergy of Pullambadi Vicariate. Thirumanur is becoming a hub in the field of social and pastoral care under the guidance of **Fr. Arockiaraj**. There are two Jesuit novices already here for their pastoral experience and the students of MSW from Loyola College are planning to come to have their field study.

*Viji Bose*

### **BESCHI ILLAM, DINDIGUL**

The CIS formator-trainees went to Nagapattinam for an exposure. They stayed in three villages, Poompuhar, Kodikarai and Tharangampadi. They met widows and women abandoned by their husbands and learned of their plight. They learnt of the courage and hope with which they faced life in spite of all insecurity. Earlier a handful of Sisters from different Congregations attended courses on Eco-spirituality, Enneagram and Interpersonal Relationship. They also went to Kulithalai for Ashram experience.

The director of CIS, **Fr Dhanaraj** was away in Sept-Oct for a long retreat to the seminarians at Cuddalore. On Oct. 15 and 16 the director preached a recollection for the candidates of Dindigul diocese. On Oct. 24, he attended a sharing session to prepare a book on inculturated moral theology at St Paul's Seminary, Tiruchi. He also gave an endowment lecture at MVM College for women on Christianity in Tamil Literature. The staff want to start an inter-religious dialogue group for the students in their campus.

Currently he is busy arranging the Centenary Celebration of Ecumenism to be held at T.T.S. Arasaradi, Madurai on November 6. The three R.C. dioceses of Madurai, Sivagangai and Dindigul will be engaged in it. All are welcome!

*Dhanaraj*

### **JESUIT JUNIORATE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

After the first term exams, we commenced a three-day cultural tour in the central part of Kerala from 29 Sep - 1 Oct. Through our avid exploration, we got to know the Kerala brimming with diverse cultures and lifestyles. This was followed by a community and academic evaluation to appreciate the programmes in the first term and learn lessons for the future.

On 4 Oct, we started the second term with verve and vigour. **Fr. Roy** of Kerala Province unfolded our artistic talents through a four-day course on Art Appreciation from 4-7 Oct. We visited art galleries in Thiruvananthapuram that widened our knowledge of the world of art.

On 12, a three-day course on Time Management was set off by **Fr. Francis P. Xavier** who helped us to *invent the 25th hour* in the coming days. *Failing to plan is planning to fail; don't miss the forest for the trees* and the like, exquisitely instilled the value of time in us. Every junior fervently felt a wonderful sense of inspiration and self-confidence to redesign his time schedule to realize his dreams in the future mission.

S. Gopi

### VIDYA JYOTHI, DELHI

Congratulations to **Schs Manuel** and **Roch** for conducting a beautiful liturgy on the Feast Day of Mother Mary at R. K. Puram Tamil Parish. For the first time the Car Procession of Our Lady of Health was taken out of the Sahoday School campus.

**Fr. Arokiasamy** participated in a National Seminar on 'the Mission of the Church Tomorrow' organized by the Third Millennium Journal from 6 to 10 September in Rajkot, Gujarat. He also went for a consultation to Bangkok, from 14 to 19 October. It was organized by the FABC. He presented a paper on *Living Eucharist in Asia*.

Kudos to **Sch. James Suresh** for presenting a paper on 'Inter-relatedness of Biodiversity with Dalits' in VJ College as one of the panelists on 8th September.

**Fr. Leonard** shared with a German delegation on the state of Christianity and the economic and social conditions in India. He went to Patna RTC to take classes for the students on Patristics. He gave lectures to the Tertians on Jesuit History at Shembaganur. He took part in a mission conference, on the theme, 'Emerging challenges to mission in today's context 2010 and beyond' organized by ISPCK. On 16 October on the occasion of the National Ecumenical Conference on the theme, *Towards Integral Mission and Grass Root Ecumenism* organized by the National Council of Churches in India. NCCI invited leaders of different faith communities, members from different political parties, human right activists and journalists. **Sch. Victor Roch**, one of the three student representatives from Vidyajyoti, attended the North India Theology students' Conference (NITSC) at Ujjain, MP. The theme of the five-day conference was *Christian witness through Dialogue in a multi-religious context*.

James Suresh

### DE BRITTO, DEVAKOTTAI

The valedictory function of cultural competitions was held on 26 Oct. The chief guest's speech about the talents and skills of our students was very much encouraging and motivating. We have renovated one of our two basketball courts. At the inaugural function **Mr. A Velusamy** said the students would do well to give equal importance to games and sports as for studies.

M. Selvam

### CARMEL, NAGERCOIL

'One student, one tree' was the slogan in the celebration of Ecological Awareness Day. **Mr. Suresh Rajan**, Minister for Tourism, distributed on 25 Oct. to each student a sapling with the counsel to tend it with care and responsibility. He also distributed cycles provided by the State Government.

The Arrupe Inter-School State Level Football tournament was successfully completed on 24<sup>th</sup> October; eighteen teams participated. The Alumni swung behind the organization of the tournament and found the funds for covering the expenses. **Br. Arockiadoss** coordinated the entire event.

On 31<sup>st</sup> October, a month-long preparation saw the successful launch of the Chennai Chapter of Carmel Alumni when 104 alumni turned up for the event which was held in LIBA auditorium, Loyola College. Carmel Jesuits thank the Rector, **Frs. Christie** and **Maria Augustine** for permitting us to host the event in their premises and their generous support for the organization of the Alumni Meet.

F. Jayapathy

### JMAADD

JMAADD repeated its September feat by running three counselling camps of 21 days each at three places: one in Carmel itself with 29 participants, another in Tiruchi in collaboration with Udayam Social Service Centre for 15 patients, and the third one in Rameswaram for 26 patients.

JMAADD is making its first foray into Vellore Diocese on 10<sup>th</sup> November. A camp is being organized at Kattupatti, in collaboration with the Salesians. **Frs. Dominic Royce** and **Ignatius Amalraj** were extremely helpful in locating and setting up the arrangements for the camp.

Again joining hands with the Salesians of Tiruchi Province, JMAADD is conducting awareness programme and mobilization for a camp scheduled to start on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. at Carmel.

F. Jayapathy

### ST. MARY'S, DINDIGUL

Emphasizing the significance of *Pancha Buthas*, Eco-Week was celebrated from 11-14 in the school. Lively competitions and cultural items and

professional strategies in protecting the environment enlivened the days' happenings. As the culmination of these events, the School Day function was celebrated with much gusto. **Mr. Balachandran**, Secretary of Space Research Centre an illustrious alumnus of our school was the chief guest.

The School hosted an inter-school one-day seminar for teachers, parents and students on "Child and Family" in which five schools in the town participated. The chief guest **Dr. Vijayarangan** insisted upon the role of teachers and parents in the multifaceted growth of the child.

*Gerlin*

### ST. MARY'S, MADURAI

The Neighbourhood Ministry of our community had a significant day when more than 150 poor and less privileged school-going children who are undergoing tuitions in our study centres in different parts of the parish gathered together in our campus for a quiz programme, conducted by the parish youth. Thanks to the efforts of **Sch. Vargheesh**, our Campus Minister and **Fr. Xavier Raj** our energetic Assistant Pastor. Earlier the parishioners participated in the annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Arulanandar in Oriyur.

The long-awaited allotment of house sites for the 142 families of Rayapuram was realized on 9 Oct in the presence of **Fr. Jebamalai Raja**, **Br. Arulanandam**, **Fr. Masillamani**, some of our community members and village leaders. The choosing of house sites was done systematically by casting lots as against the caste based division of streets which was the wish of the villagers.

St. Mary's School organized State level football and basketball tournaments from 14 to 16 Oct. St. Mary's celebrated its 102<sup>nd</sup> School Day on 22 Oct. The colourful cultural programmes were very much appreciated. **Dr. Abdul Kalam's** *Second Vision of India*, a short English play and *mattu kommbattam* were the special highlights.

The community had a deep faith sharing session before the Blessed Sacrament on the recent happenings in Tiruchi. The construction of a new refectory for the hostel boys is being supervised by **Fr. Royappan**. ECFoHR organized a well attended seminar on 'the Present Situation of Tamils in Sri Lanka' on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. **Dr. Paul Newman** from Bangalore University, was the main speaker.

*Bastian*

### XAVERIANA, THOOTHUKUDI

The toppers of our school are benefiting by the courses on Yoga and Time Management by Fr. Francis Sales and his team. To create awareness among the students a series of classes on de-addiction was conducted by a local Salesian group.

An alumni-sponsored seminar on study skills for X and XII std. students was inaugurated by **Fr. Ignacy**. Our school has bagged the overall championship cup in the District sports.

Kanal Young Writers of our school enthused the active young minds with their sharing on social commitment of students. The student writers reiterated that the students, the committed soldiers should be the watchdogs of social justice.

The LASAC team guided by **Sch. Berchmans** spoke to the students of St. Thomas Mat. Hr. Sec. School on *Leadership for a better world*. **Fr. Albert Joseph** insisted on SOCIAL CONCERN which the students need to have in all walks of life. We are glad indeed to welcome **Fr. Xavier Rajan** to our community.

*Joe Xavier*

### AAC KARUMATHUR

Madurai Kamaraj University has recognized **Fr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier** as a research guide in History. The College NSS unit conducted a Blood donation camp in Madurai division on 1 October. The Tamil Department and the Fine Arts Group organized Muthamizh Sangamam-2010, the annual cultural competition and festival on 7-8 October. Our MCA Students, forty of them were given a four-day Placement Training Program by **Fr. A. Kingsley**, **Ms. Christina** and **Mr. Vinay Shankar**. We arranged for a Campus Interview for III year Chemistry students. We had a three-day Refresher program for our Staff members on relevant topics and recent trends in the respective academia from 25 -27 October.

*A. Kingsley*

### ST XAVIER'S INSTITUTES, PALAYAMKOTTAI

At SXC on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September the Birth Centenary of Blessed Mother Teresa and the Teachers' Day were celebrated meaningfully. **Mr. Chokkalingam**, Secretary, VOC College gave an inspiring message on the occasion.

From 4 to 7 Sept the Centre for Ambedkar Studies organized a workshop for Tamil Nadu Progressive Writers-Artists Association on *Ambedkar's Thought: Relevance in Modern India*. **Fr. Antonyraj** inaugurated the workshop and **Mr. Christudas Gandhi** IAS gave the valedictory address.

Inter-Departmental Competitions (INDECO) were organized very successfully on 24 and 25 Sept. On 16<sup>th</sup> the alumni association of SXC observed Charity Day. The members visited the Mother Teresa Orphanage and **Fr. Britto Vincent** presented gifts to them.

On 22 Oct, the staff and students of the Social Work Department under the direction of **Fr. G.**

**Lawrence Amalraj** conducted a public programme in the town on child-related issues like child abuse, child labour, child education, etc. in which NGO's, Government officials and politicians participated.

At the initiative of **Dr. Justin**, librarian of SXCE a one-day State level seminar on "Research process through library resources" was organized with 84 participants.

It was a privilege given to SXCE to organize the Principals' meet of Colleges of Education from the southern districts of TN. More than 200 Principals and Secretaries and Delegates of managements gathered in our campus to interact with the Registrar and Controller of exams of TN Teachers' Education University.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> October the students' council of SXCE was inaugurated by **Fr. Danis Ponniah**. In his address he inspired the audience on the role of the teachers as models and leaders of society.

It was a joyous celebration day both for the Jesuit community and the SXHSS as **Fr. Y. S. Yagoo**, the Headmaster received the Dr. Radhakrishnan Award from the Tamil Nadu Govt. on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

From 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October the School with the help of former hockey players and fans organized Fr. Arrupe Centenary State Level Hockey Tournament for the 4<sup>th</sup> successive year. More than 16 schools participated in it. Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Thanjavur won the championship. On 23<sup>rd</sup> the School organized a retreat for all Catholic students.

Fr. G. Lawrence Amalraj conducted a programme on "Religious Commitment" to 180 Sisters of St. Anne's of Tiruchi on 25<sup>th</sup> September at Tirunelveli.

**Fr. A. Arockiasamy** conducted a one-day seminar on *The Role Models for Youth in the Holy Bible* on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September for the youth of the diocese in commemoration of the year of the youth.

On 12<sup>th</sup> of October **Fr. I. Jesudoss** formally received his doctoral degree from the Governor of Tamil Nadu in the Graduation ceremony organized by the M. S. University.

*M. Francis Xavier*

## ST JOSEPH'S, TIRUCHI

On 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. **Jaggi Vasudev**, Isha founder, addressed over 20,000 people in our School grounds. It was to create awareness and bliss among people. The occasion was also used for a greening campaign in Tiruchi by planting and supplying saplings. **Fr. Susai** offered felicitations to the organizers.

Eco-Human Solidarity week was observed from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. Special message on environmental

awareness over the public address system, green rally, exhibition, green consumer day, tree planting and inter-departmental poetry competitions were the highlights of this awareness week.

The long-awaited women's hostel for the girls studying in St. Joseph's College named Blessed Theresa's Women's Hostel had the foundation stone laid on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct by Fr. Rector.

On 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10 Jesuit deacons were ordained priests by the **Most Rev. F. Antony**, Bishop Kumbakonam. The 'Kalari', cultural development centre, from Nagercoil gave a performance on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. titled *Aynthinai*, highlighting the nature and culture of Tamil People.

**Fr. Rex A. Pai** is actually on a retreat giving spree. He hops from one retreat to another. Close on the heels of a one-month retreat to a group of Sisters in Mysore he is out again to give another one-month retreat to the Tertian Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Bangalore.

The School had several functions to mark the Jesuit Eco-Solidarity week in Oct. **Fr. John Britto**, EHST convener, fittingly inaugurated the week. He urged the younger generation to preserve and protect the environment. Highly informative inputs were given to the students on harmful effects of polythene bags, pollution of soil, water, air and global warming. The Eco week concluded on 8<sup>th</sup> October with **Fr. Charles** dwelling on St Francis of Assisi's love for nature.

The Bishop of Tiruchi the **Most Rev. Devotta** came to the School for Annual Catechism Inspection on 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. He appreciated the selfless service of the staff and offered his blessings.

Three students from our School took part in the concluding function of the Commonwealth Games and displayed their martial arts (*Silambattam*); the students were feted in the School on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.

*Sebastian Anand*

## ICRDCE, CHENNAI

The ICRDCE team took part in the tenth year celebration of St. Patrick's Community College, Tindivanam which is serving children of cobblers, dhobis and disadvantaged sections of the society.

The Director also participated in the inauguration of Vasantham Community College managed by the Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW) at Usilampatti on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Oct.

*Xavier Alphonse*

## IDEAS, MADURAI

For **Fr Anbarasan Savariraj**, Director of KARISAL Team, the Feast of Our Lady of Rosary on 7 Oct. would forever be etched in his memory as the most momentous occasion of gifting himself to

God in the Society of Jesus through his Final Vows at IDEAS, received by **Fr Stephen Martin**, Superior of IDEAS-LAAS-KARISAL community. Shorn of any gaiety and glamour, what made the occasion look so simple yet so solemn was his charming personality with humble gait and infectious smile. His mother's presence with a small band of relatives and a modest gathering of his novice mates, friends, well-wishers and admirers made the occasion homely. Another happy occasion for us in October was that **Fr Michaelraj** came out of Moonrumaavadi Hospital with a bright beaming face after having undergone, and recuperated from a successful surgery for appendicitis. On 20-21 Oct., **Fr Aloysius Irudayam** participated in a workshop in New Delhi that evolved concrete programmes and methods for bishops and church administrators, pastors, institutional heads and other office-bearers, women, youth and children to address the issue of caste discrimination and violence in the Church - to start with, from the Lenten Season of 2011 onwards. This workshop was in preparation for the "National Ecumenical Conference on Justice for Dalits 2010: Church's Response to Caste Based Discriminations", organized in New Delhi on 22-25 Oct. by the Commission on Dalits of the National Christian Council of India (NCCI).

On 7 Oct. a group of 20 women and men leaders and advocates belonging to 13 Arunthathiyar movements came to IDEAS for a consultation on the issue of reservation. A big contingent of 49 women students from the Grihini School at Shembaganur utilized the campus from 14-17 Oct. for their training on "Integrated Personality Development". Then came 32 widows from KALANGARAI for training on "Women's Rights" from 20-22 Oct.

*Aloysius Irudayam*

### **LATI, MADURAI**

**Fr. Corroya** preached to the community an inspiring recollection. **Ms. Balasaraswathi** conducted a Seminar on *Personality Development* to the Community College students. **Fr. Wilfred** shared with the community the proceedings of the campus ministers' conference in Dhyana Ashram. 'Silambam' a martial art is introduced to our students by **Br. Ignacy** and the staff. Along with the staff and students, we plant more trees in the new ground to save the earth at the micro level. Our students were sent to watch the train exhibition on Rabindhranath Tagore. **Fr. Freddie's** commitment is remarkable in the area of *human rights* for the needy. Fr. Wilfred delivered speeches on *youth and constructive energy* to the students of J. A. College and Holy Family.

*Wilfred*

### **ARIAMANGALAM**

"Whatever you see, see green" seems to be the message to the staff and students of our School. The best *green child* and the *green class* were honoured. Such imaginative competitions are from the originality of the Correspondent. Taking out rallies on behalf of Mother Nature is part of the curriculum in the R.C. Middle School.

*A. Felix Joseph*

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

After a month-long compassionate communion with the suffering humanity in various hospices, the tertians have returned home. While **Frs Michael Alosanai** and **John Joseph** directed one-month retreats to groups of Jubilarians, **Frs Anbu** and **Paul Pragash** directed the annual retreat for Sisters of St. Anne and of Holy Cross, respectively. The sessions by **Fr Thomas Amirtham** on 20th Oct enlightened them on the subtleties of temporal administration.

The Tertians went on a pilgrimage between 28th and 30th of Oct to Thoothukudi, Manappad, Kottar and some other Xaverian mission stations along the Pearl Fishery Coast, imbibing the indefatigable missionary zeal of St Francis Xavier - a perennial source of inspiration for all missionaries, particularly Jesuits, as friends in the Lord, to move together to the frontiers of the mission.

*Paul Pragash*

### **LAAS ILLAM, MADURAI**

LAAS organized a two-day workshop on RTI and RTE with reference to Minority Rights on 9 and 10 October for the Religious of Tamil Nadu at IDEAS. Sixty-three Religious participated in the workshop. **Fr. Santhanam** with the accompaniment of advocates **Tamil Nidhi, Saravanan, Saran, Sarathi Kalaimathi** helped the students of Grihini Community College, Shembaganur to gain legal knowledge on 14 and 15 Oct. Fr. Santhanam and advocate Tamil Nidhi trained the field animators in legal rights in a workshop organized by the Tamil Nadu NGO collective on 26 October at De Nobili Pastoral Centre, Madurai.

**Fr. Philomin Raj** led 17 Servites in social action into a 7 day in-depth spiritual journey. In a 2 day interaction with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes he helped them have a better understanding of Social Apostolate. Also he helped the school heads of the PBVM of Coimbatore to face the emerging new challenges in the educational apostolate. On 11 Oct. Fr. Philomin along with advocate **Kavitha** addressed a group of 130 women from in and around Andipatty on *Rights and Remedies*. In the human rights convention held at SOCO, Madurai, he

addressed a gathering of 140 college youths on the theme “Casteism and Racism are one and the same in demoralizing the whole humanity”.

*A.Santhanam*

### **KALANGARAI, NAGAPATTINAM**

Four workshops each for five days were organized on productive skills for 110 people in collaboration with BWDA – Bullock cart workers’ Association based in Villupuram.

One three-day workshop was conducted for the school-going children of widows and deserted women paving the way to help them to come out of their psychological blocks, to understand and feel with their widowed mothers and join hands with their mothers in their fight for the rights of widows and deserted women. Listening to the experiences of such marginalized children is itself an experience of spiritual nature.

Another such workshop on the “Impact of Globalization on Women” was organized for the staff of Kalangarai. **Frs. Anbarasan, A. Irudayaraj** and **Sr. Flora** took sessions on the various aspects of Globalization with a special focus on women living at the bottom of the society.

With the intention of evolving a cultural troupe of our own which would carry forward the cause of Widows’ and deserted women to the general public, two training workshops were organized for a group of 15 members. **Mr. Vincent** from Chennai is involved in the process.

More than 140 widows and deserted women actively participated in a two-day convention and public meeting organized in Nagapattinam by the Tamil Nadu Dalit Women’s Front. The convention condemned the atrocities inflicted on Dalit women across the country. Kalangarai staff extended their support in all possible ways.

Fr. A. Irudayaraj made a Power Point presentation on “Quality Management” to the MBA students of DMI Engineering College, Thanjavur.

**Sch. Parthasarathi** is busy organizing children’s day programme in different zones. Our evening study centre children participate with lots of enthusiasm.

*A.Irudayaraj*

### **FR. VINCENT SEK HAR FROM NEW YORK**

The Jesuit Villa, half-hour drive from Fordham is a good house for relaxation, with a warm-cool pool. Bath, barbecue, and homely conversation – they take the day along and I don’t want to miss it. Last month I met **Fr. David Ciancimino**, the New York Provincial, and this month I had a good chat with **Fr. John Cecero**, the Rector. My conversation with John followed a week after a Community meeting-Mass-cum-dinner, the manner and mode of which led me to feel like a ‘global’ Jesuit. Fr. General’s talk during his trip to Central America to the Conference of Higher Education was discussed. Fordham has its unique way known to itself, its tradition, grappling with problems of availability of Jesuits to teach at Fordham, diversity, etc.

My students took pains and interest in visiting a Ganesh temple. I have a meditation (yoga) class for them. I noticed that motivation and a little pushing is the same everywhere.

My parish is dynamic with ever newer programmes like the gathering of the differently-abled for Mass and dinner, ecumenical/interreligious fellowship, Altar Group training, and Religious Education. The parish is perceptive to the needs and celebration of life of diverse groups, like the one we had recently with the Filipinos on the occasion of a popular feast, Our Lady of Barangay. I often feel good that I am blessed to be in a parish set-up. I have already said (read!) Masses in Spanish!

### **NEW RELEASES**

“வற்றாத ஊற்றுகள்” Fr. Xavier Irudayaraj, (a retranslation of *Wellsprings* of Tony de Mello), Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 176, Rs. 50/-

“**Equal and Free**” Fr. Peter Arockiadoss, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp.140, Rs. 50/-

“தெற்கைச் சுரண்டும் வடக்கு” Fr. M.A. Xavier, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 164, Rs. 50/-

### **ABIDE WITH THE LORD**

**A.P. Varkey**, 87, brother of Fr. C. Valiaveetil on 6 October

