



**JUNE 2010**

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**PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME**

June

- 6-8 Dindigul: *Beschi Illam*: Visitation
- 9-10 Chennai, Vellore
- 15 Dindigul: GBM: Institute of the Heart of Jesus
- 20 Dindigul: Consult
- 21 Dindigul: *Beschi Illam*: First Vows
- 26 Mandapam: Visitation
- 27-28 Oriyur: Visitation: Britto Shrine
- 29-30 Devakottai: Visitation: De Britto Hr. Sec. School

July

- 04-05 Pune: Visitation
- 06-07 Pune: POSA's Consult

**NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ♣ **Pope Benedict XVI** has appointed: **Fr. James McCann** (Chicago) Rector of the Pontifical Oriental Institute.
- ♣ **Fr. General** has appointed:  
**Fr. Guillermo Rodriguez-Izquierdo Gavala**, Provincial of Betica, Spain.  
**Fr. Jean-Marc Biron**, Provincial of French Canada.  
**Fr. José Alberto Mesa** (Colombia), Secretary for Secondary Education.
- ♣ **Fr. General** has confirmed the appointment of:  
**Fr. Sunny Thomas Kokkaravalayil** Superior of the Jesuit Community at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome

the following **Jesuits as Dialogue Advisors** for:

- 1) Ecumenical dialogue with other Christian communities:
  - Oriental: **Milan Zust** (Slovenia)
  - Protestants: **Thomas Rausch** (California)

2) Inter-religious Dialogue:

- Judaism: **Jean-Pierre Sonnet** (South Belgium)
- Islam: **Christian Troll** (Germany)
- Buddhism: **Aloysius Pieris** (Sri Lanka)
- Hinduism: **Noel Sheth** (Bombay)
- Indigenous religions in the Americas: **Xavier Albó** (Bolivia)
- Indigenous religions in Africa: **Kemboly Mpay** (Central Africa)

These advisors will constitute the Secretariat for Ecumenical & Inter-religious Dialogue for the Society, replacing a single Secretary in the Curia. The Secretariat will be a consultative group conversant with the ongoing dialogues among diverse faith communities. Each advisor will remain in his present work and location rather than moving to Rome. All the advisors will gather in Rome once a year to meet together with Father General for discussions on developments in ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue and the Society's involvement in them. Each advisor is appointed for a term of three years.

- ♣ **Fr. Louis Adaikalaraj** is assigned to St. Joseph's Seminary Allahabad.
- ♣ **Fr. Marivalan** has the additional charge of Editor of *Thoothan*
- ♣ **Fr. Paulraj Packiam** has the additional charge of Regional Director of Apostleship of Prayer (Tamil Nadu).
- ♣ **Novice Jeeva Xavier** (II yr) left the novitiate on 22.05.2010

We have the tradition of not publishing the school results in the MNL for many decades. However we would like to congratulate all the Jesuits and their collaborators in the schools for their hard work and for the results obtained. - Editor

**REMINDERS:** All superiors are asked to organize an orientation programme for their communities before the end of June. A report on it may be kindly sent to the Provincial by 30th June. Schools and Colleges are reminded to send **two copies** of their calendar.

Please send the **Status Domus** by the third week of June, to speed up the work on the catalogue. You need not wait to complete the student strength particulars. You can send them later. "For each member of the community, only his **principal** occupations should be listed and the work he is entrusted with (such as consultor, admonitor, etc.,) [PQ 257].

All publishers / writers of books are reminded to send three copies of their products to the Provincial.

The writers of House History are requested to send a copy of the same for 2009 to the Socius.

### **National Seminar for Priests**

Priestly Commitment towards the Empowerment of Dalits and Building Inclusive Communities

**Dates:** 28, 29 June 2010

**Organized by:** SC, ST and BC Commission, CBCI

**Place:** Pastoral Centre, Santhome, Chennai - 600 004

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## **NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES**

### **LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI**

Loyola College of Education: we had our 3rd College Day celebration on the first of May with our former students, the parents and spouses of present students. Our small auditorium was full. We had our 2nd graduation day on 11 May. On the same day we had our alumni get-together.

Canberra University, Australia has honoured **Fr.S. Ignacimuthu** by including him as a Distinguished Honorary Adjunct Professor.

A. G. Leonard

### **LOYOLA COLLEGE, VETTAVALAM**

**Fr. Royce** and **Sch. Poondi Rajan** organized a summer camp in our College from 5 to 16 May for 105 students who had completed the XII standard. Our thanks to **Schs. Thomas, Jeya Prakash** and **Thayriam** who assisted us during the camp.

Poondi Rajan

### **ST. MARY'S, MADURAI**

Like in the previous year our school has bagged a State rank this year also (III against the II of the last year). The family members of **Fr. Michael Alosanai** have instituted an Endowment for Rs. 2,00,000/- for education of poor students residing in the Hostel of St. Mary's, Madurai. A beautiful gesture of Golden Jubilee thanksgiving!

Bastian

### **ST. ARULANANDAR, ORIYUR**

Following **Fr. Cyril Antony Samy's** recent visit to Portugal, the Jesuit Community of Soutelo has decided to offer to the Shrine a wooden image of Saint John de Britto, about two metres high that was carved in Braga.

### **ST JOSEPH'S, TIRUCHI**

In the 1977 floods one of the buildings that suffered most was the Jesuit residence. A kind of wall cancer defied any kind of conventional repairs undertaken over the years. **Br. S. Kulandairaj**, the procurator has given a new kind of technical facelift to the Jesuit residence and now it looks spick and span.

A Summer Orientation Camp for the Dalit Catholic Students 2010 was held here for 20 days. Ninety students were trained in Spoken English, Leadership, Personality Development, and Career Guidance. The parents who attended the valedictory function went home with full satisfaction after seeing their children performing skits in English, singing in English and delivering speeches in English. The students as well as their parents unanimously expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Jesuits for their commitment to the welfare of the students. Congratulations to **Fr. Aruldoss** who organized the camp effectively.

On behalf of the Dalit Commission a two-day training programme was conducted on the topic "How to Face an Interview" on 1st and 2nd May. Sixteen Dalit candidates who appeared for the interview at Jesuit Colleges participated in the programme and got benefited. **Fr. Pappuraj, Dr. J. John** and **Dr. Rajendren** were the resource persons. Other staff members volunteered to conduct mock interviews. UGC NET /SLET coaching classes were conducted from 3 May to 28 May for the Christian and Hindu SC students. Nearly 35 students underwent the coaching programme, sponsored under UGC Scheme.

The GBM of the Alumni Association of the College was held on 8th May. Around 100 alumni/ae attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the chief guest released the commemorative volume of the XII South Zone Congress held in the campus in December 2009.

Sebastian Anand

### **IDEAS, MADURAI**

Beating the summer heat with the relatively cool sylvan setting of IDEAS was what the 24 women and 65 men trainees who had come to IDEAS in April and May did with indomitable strength! Benefiting from the training specially organized for them on 27 and 28 April were 35 lay staff, including two women, working in our schools. Braving the tough demands of work and time that **Fr. Stephen** expected from his trainees,

7 women and 11 men cadres from different movements as well as social activists attended the special training on media education from 23-30 May.

There were 10 important Dalit movement leaders, including one woman, who participated in one of the two major events in May which have opened up two new directions for IDEAS' future mission thrust on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee. Organized by **Fr. Jebamalai Raja** on 9th May, the first event was the consultation held with the leaders to introduce a new package of trainings in advocacy-campaign-lobbying skills for their cadres from 2010 onwards. This would be in addition to the current trainings on social analysis, human rights and legal knowledge, leadership skills, media education, etc. Getting an overwhelming positive response from the leaders, **Fr. Michaelraj** is getting ready to launch this training package this year in the new direction.

The second event was the Phase II training on the action-research project conceived and conducted by **Frs. Aloysius** and **Eugine** for 13 women and 12 men cadres of the Thurumbar/Puthirai Vannar Movement from 11-16 May. As a follow-up to the Phase I Motivational Training held in April, this Phase II training focused on methods to collect census data from about 5000 families and sample survey data from 300 households in Villupuram, Thiruvannamalai and Cuddalore districts on various themes ranging from population, education, traditional occupations, livelihood concerns, discrimination, violence, etc. As Director of IDEAS, Fr. Stephen represented the institute at the data collection inaugural function organized by the Thurumbar Liberation Movement for the public on 21st May at Tindivanam.

Apart from the questionnaire field study in Gingee on 29th April, Fr. Aloysius edited in April-May two new human rights education textbooks for VI & VII std school students for use in Tamil Nadu & Karnataka in 2011. He also participated in three consultations in April-May on the preliminary findings of the research projects he had helped on behalf of the Justice & Peace Commission in The Netherlands, in Hyderabad, New Delhi and in Milan.

*Aloysius Irudayam*

## LAAS ILLAM, MADURAI

For a fortnight in May **Fr. Jeyaseelan** was busy attending and moderating three Province Chapters of the CIC Sisters. Eight Novitiate companions gathered at Royapuram to celebrate the 40th year of their entrance into the Society of Jesus.

Fr. Philomin Raj filed a Public Interest Litigation on behalf of 40 Tribal families attached to Kodai Hills seeking social security including permanent shelters and other basic amenities including drinking water, electricity, health care and ration shop. The High Court has given notice to the concerned government authorities. In another rare case dealt by **Fr. Philomin Raj** and **Mr. Rathinam** on behalf of the father of a 13 year old rape victim the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court ordered the accused to undergo a second DNA test at Hyderabad. **Fr. Santhanam** and Advocate Tamil Nidhi, fought a case for Carmel school and got the appeal made by the DEO on an earlier High Court order dismissed and the High Court has directed the

DEO to approve the posts of two non-teaching staff of the school, appointed in the year 2006.

As part of the Youth Commission work a two-day programme was organized for the first time for the Tribal youth and women belonging to Kolli Hills of Namakal district. A five-day Intensive Integral Training was organized for 35 selected unorganized youths from different parts of Tamil Nadu with a view to make them get involved in organizing youth units in their respective places. The remoteness of the training centre in Batlagundu and the participative method adopted in the training enthused them and made them fully concentrate in the training.

Fr. Philomin Raj addressed the members of the Provincial chapter of the SJL Sisters and helped them move from service based approach to rights based approach in their ministries. He also helped the MSFS theologians at Nagamangalam understand the society in today's context through a two-day Social Analysis course. **Fr. Santhanam** preached a three-day Chapter retreat to the Gonzaga Sisters of Madurai Province. LAAS team had a one-day session on 21 May with **Fr. Stany Jebamalai** of Gujarat Jesuit Province, a veteran lawyer in paralegal training. The session was a learning exercise for the team on the paradigm, methodology, skills and realism of paralegal training.

*A. Santhanam*

## SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SHEMBAGANUR

It was a grace and an encouragement to all the members of the community when **Fr. Devadoss**, the Provincial made his annual visitation to our Community on 21 and 22 of May. His presence, words of appreciation and exhortation boosted us to take a step forward in our activities. **Fr. Stanislaus** was very busy in the peak season exposing the rare collections of our ancestors to the visitors in the museum. The community bade adieu to **Fr. Xavier Raj**, the Procurator and **Sch. Vargheesh**, the PEAK regent remembering their contribution to the target people and the community. The community also is very glad to welcome **Fr. A.G. Leonard**, the new Procurator.

The community was very happy to host the Province retreat and scholastics meet cum retreat. The presence of the Jesuits made the house alive and vibrant. It is praiseworthy to note here that the number of individual Jesuits who come here for the retreat and rest is on the rise this year. The community truly enjoyed their companionship and solidarity.

Sacred Heart Brothers and the Guanellian Brothers had the privilege to make their retreats in prayerful atmosphere and enjoy the hospitality of **Fr. Irudayaraj**, our minister.

The PEAK team organized the birthday celebrations of Dr. Ambedkar in selected villages in a grand manner. **Mr. K. Jakkayan**, the founder of Arunthamillar movement and **Fr. Philominraj** were the speakers of the day who kindled the young minds to rise against the cruel practices of untouchability and other injustices with the aid of legal knowledge. A new cultural troupe has been formed with the interested Dalit youths and is set ready to exhibit the social problems in different art forms to create awareness among the target people. The Summer camp 2010 was very remarkable which motivated 134 government

school-going students and instilled a great desire for learning. This camp mainly focused on the students to make them agents of social change. The Ambedkar's youth cadre award was the culmination of this camp. **Dr. S. Mani**, the Registrar of Mother Theresa Women's University was the chief guest. He felicitated the attendees of the camp and gave the awards to the winners of different competitions. **Fr. Alangaram**, in his presidential address encouraged the students to pursue their higher studies to realize their goals. The awareness song that he had composed was much applauded by the children.

*C. Sebastian*

## ARIYAMANGALAM PARISH

Ariyamangalam R.C. Middle School celebrated its Annual Day at the end of April. **Fr. P. Susai**, Rector and **Sr. Siriya Pushpam** SCC presided over the function. The power point presentation of the annual report was a new feature in a rural middle school which was applauded by the vast gathering. "Kalakal", a mixture of 20 eastern and western dances thrilled the audience.

The chapel in Gandhipuram, a substation of the parish, has been rebuilt with the hearty cooperation of the entire village.

*Felix Joseph*

## THE PROVINCE ANNUAL RETREAT

The Province annual retreat was held at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur from 6 to 13 May. **Fr. Errol Fernandes. S.J** of Bombay Province was the preacher. He is familiar to us as he is currently giving the Sunday Reflections in the *New Leader*. He is known among his audiences as Father of Choices, because he insists on having different choices. If you have only one choice and when you are unable to get it you get frustrated. During the course of the retreat he insisted that we are called to be contemplatives even in action. Prayer is not something appended to a day's activities and something to be finished off. It should pervade the whole day. He assigned the first day to questioning of the mind and set it at rest. He wanted the retreatants to be solely engaged in this inner search so that he himself took care of the preparation and celebration of the liturgy. His idea was that there should not be any distraction whatsoever. I was very much impressed by his invitation to read the gospel texts with refreshingly new insights thanks to his deep scholarship of the Bible. His approach to community life is worth mentioning here. Accept everyone as a Jesuit companion, no matter where he comes from, what his caste is. We must accept a person as a Jesuit. This is where our Province is lagging behind in spite of being in the forefront in the Indian Assistanacy on many other counts. This is a serious malaise which needs to be attended to. I personally felt that if a larger group had attended the retreat, it would have been far more beneficial. There were 20 Jesuits from our Province and about six from Andhra and Bombay.

As a member of the Community feel free to give your suggestions as forcefully as you can and your role ends there. Accepting the suggestion is left to the discretion of the Superior. Once the decision is taken we must always work together. Sometimes on hindsight we notice that the decision was wrong. Even then we

must push together. God can always write straight with crooked lines. The preacher also spoke about carefrontation. If you have anything to say to anyone you can call him and say to him- carefrontation - privately. If you do not feel comfortable to say to him, do not say it to any one else.

Sometimes we may feel that our work is not appreciated and we feel that people are not grateful. In such a situation Errol would like us to consider that our action itself is a reward. Our reward does not lie in the gratefulness of the people whom we serve. It goes in line with the teachings of Lord Krishna in Bhagavad Gita namely "Nishkama karma".

Some of the words ringing in my ears are": Jesuit identity is in companionship". Fr. Errol was able to make a happy blend of the Scriptures, Spiritual Exercises and GC 35 documents.

The retreat was very useful to rediscover our obedience, the hallmark of the Society. It is only through sufferings that we rise to a new life. If we do not have sufferings, may be we should ask whether we are really doing God's will.

The preacher was full of life. His whole body was speaking. His versatile experience and Biblical scholarship stood him in good stead. My only regret is that many of you missed the retreat.

*Sebastian Anand*

## SECONDARY EDUCATION COMMISSION (SEC)

Eight different programmes were organized and conducted by SEC during the summer months of April and May for teachers and students of our schools.

**1. Preparation of ELT Workbook:** As part of the ELT - Future Perfect Project and to fulfill the long-pending demand and need of the ELT project teachers, we had prepared ELT workbooks last year and had given them to all our schools. Based on the evaluation and comments of the teachers, we revised that workbook this year. A team of ELT experts, numbering 13 from all our schools got together and planned this revision and were working at it since January 2010. The ELT workbooks have already been sent to all our schools to be distributed to the students at the beginning of the academic year. One significant element of this workbook is that we have incorporated the visits to the LRC (Language Resource Centre) as part of the workbook.

**2. ELT Training for the Project Teachers:** The ELT core group conducted the training in different batches to the VI, VII and VIII std English teachers of our schools from 9th to 14th May. Each batch was given training for two days. This training was completely based on the workbook that we had already prepared. We have already prepared DVDs for each standard which will be made available to all our schools. Those English teachers who could not make it for the training would be given a special two-day training in the second week of June in the same place by the same team.

**3. New Teachers Training Programme:** Twenty-eight newly recruited teachers of our schools were given training in VMI, Vilangudi from 23rd April to 14th May. The aim of the training was to enhance the capacity of the new teachers in English and soft skills. Every day we had motivational talks by experienced

teachers for one hour in the evening. The programme started every day with yoga and guided meditation and ended with either a cultural show or screening of a relevant film. The fruits of the training were clearly brought out during the valedictory function on the last day through a well-prepared and performed cultural show.

**4. Counselling Training Programme:** All the counsellors from our schools attended a two-day training programme in Beschi College, Dindigul on 7th and 8th of April. **Frs. A. Victor, Britto Peter and Arul Sivan** were the resource persons. Each school has one or two full-time counsellors. We reviewed the counselling programme in our schools, explored and planned collectively ways and means to strengthen counselling in our schools.

**5. Office Staff Training:** As a novel venture this year, we had a training programme in IDEAS, Madurai on 27th and 28th of April 2010 for our office staff from all our schools. **Mr. Rengasamy**, an experienced person in office matters and management with the help of two more experts conducted this training. The training focused on efficient management of the office, some important GOs, maintenance of the various registers, etc. We were greatly enthused by the spirit of gratitude shown by our office staff at the end of the training and they further requested us to conduct such training every year.

**6. Preparation of a Curriculum on Self-Esteem:** Last year at the end our GBM, we decided to evolve a curriculum for enhancing the self-esteem of our students which will be implemented as a pilot project for the VIII standard students of our schools during the forthcoming academic year. Accordingly, after having several meetings and discussions, a team consisting of **Frs. Kennedy, Stephen** (convenor), **Joe Xavier, Jerome** and **Joseph Kennedy** has prepared this curriculum. We fine-tuned this venture by working together in the last week of April. The whole work was based on one of the findings of **Mr. Dryden** and **Ms. Vos**, as expressed in their book 'Learning Revolution', that enhancement of the self-esteem of the students will definitely result in better learning. Soon we will be releasing the DVD containing this curriculum so that it can be used by other schools besides our schools.

**7. KANAL Writers' Workshop:** The SEC and Vaigarai Pathippagam jointly organized the KANAL Writers' Camp at Britto Hostel, Madurai from 24th to 29th April. Forty-five VIII standard students (5 students each from our schools) participated in it. Vaigarai Pathippagam sponsored the entire programme as part of their Silver Jubilee celebrations. Twelve noted journalists in and around Madurai were the resource persons. The sessions and sharings motivated the students to write with social consciousness and responsibility. Students were given practical training in writing skills. Talent night was conducted every night. Students brought out their multifarious talents informally and interestingly. **Fr. Joe Xavier** from St. Francis Xavier's, Tuticorin conducted the programme efficiently. We thank **Fr. Singarayar**, Director of Vaigarai Pathippagam for sponsoring this training for the budding writers of our schools.

**8. LASAC Maxi Camp - 2010:** The activities of the LASAC team for the year 2010 had its culmination in "LASAC MAXI CAMP 2010" at St. Mary's Hr. Sec.

School, Madurai from 30th April to 5th May. A total of 225 vibrant, enthusiastic and socially conscious students from 31 schools all over Tamil Nadu actively participated in the programme. The meticulous planning of the LASAC team consisting of **Fr. Joseph Kennedy**, Director, **Sch. Berchmans**, North Zone Coordinator and **Mr. Jude**, South Zone Coordinator, resulted in the excellent execution of the entire programme. Leadership skills, social awareness, media analysis, legal education, environmental awareness, personality development and time management were some of the main themes covered during the training. The resource persons were **Frs. Alphonse William, Albert Joseph, Xavier Antony, John Kennedy, Philomen, Santhanam** and **Francis Sales**. Sacrificing their holidays, 35 staff including 7 volunteers and 3 Sisters helped us by their presence, participation and animation. Knowing oneself and serving the society as socially committed and conscious leaders is the motto of LASAC. We were able to motivate and mould the students towards this goal through this camp. Certificates were distributed to the participants on the final day during the valedictory function.

S.M. John Kennedy  
Coordinator - SEC

## JRS REPORT

**Fr. Prem Kumar**, the Director of JRS inaugurated four Community halls, built by JRS-CRS project in the refugee camps of Cuddalore, Salem, Madurai and Nellai Districts. These halls will be used for various productive and educative purposes of our people in the camps.

During the JRS staff monthly meeting, **Sch. John Mike** and **Sr. Arul Selvi**, SMSM gave training to JRS staff on how to conduct an orientation programme in the summer camps.

From 9 to 11th April, a training programme was organized by **Fr. Eugene** and his team at IDEAS. Four of our coordinators and Sch. John Mike took part and learnt the play-way methods of teaching, games, creative workshop, art of publishing handwritten magazines, awareness songs, etc. The beneficiaries were 1014 students from 110 refugee camps. The summer camps infused in them a taste to pursue their higher studies without a break, taught them to schedule their time properly and made them learn the methods of reading, learning and writing.

John Mike

## JUBILARIANS' DAY 2010

Beschi Illam wore a festive look on May 30. Nearly 250 of our men, both young and old, filled the house with their cheerful mutual greetings and outbursts of laughter. Our 12 jubilant Jubilarians were moving around the house, with tranquillity in their hearts and smiles on their faces.

The Jubilarians were described in the Power Point Presentation as follows: **Frs. Michael Alosanai** (The chosen flute of the Master Flautist!), **Dhanaraj Raphael** (Jack of all trades -spiritual too- master in some!), **Ephrem Appadorai** (Serenity personified!) and **Brs. Gnanadickam Mariadas** (Silence is Golden!), **Savarimuthu Michael** (A Cheerful Giver!).

All these have finished 50 years in the Society **Frs. Miranda Alphonso** (Quiet discretion!), **Mampra C. Xavier** (Tamil Anban) and **Br. Santiago Arul Maria** (Born again to Love!) All these have finished 60 years in the Society **Fr. Miranda Apolline** (Has a song in his heart!) who has finished 70 years in the Society: and **Frs. Diaz Vitalis** (Living with the muses!) and **George Rathnasamy** (Assignment at 84!) who have lived 50 years in the Priesthood and **Fr. Thottungal George** (No limits to variegated ministries!) who has lived 60 years in the Priesthood.

The vested Jubilarians with roses on their breasts and sandal paste on their foreheads lined up at the right corridor of the chapel at 10.00 am and the procession began for the Holy Eucharist. The Jubilarians were given the traditional **Kumba Aarathi** in the sanctuary. Fr. Provincial was the main celebrant and about 30 Jesuits joined the Jubilarians for the concelebration. Fr. Provincial gave an apt introduction at the beginning of the Mass. Brs. Savarimuthu Michael and Santiago Arul Maria read the first two readings. The homily by Fr. Michael Alosanai inspired us all and carried us with him as he expressed his gratitude to God and Mother Mary for this memorable day. The novices led us in singing; **Br. Irudayam** accompanied them on the violin.

After the Mass the felicitation function was held in the dining hall turned into an auditorium. **Fr. Godwin Rufus** welcomed the gathering as he cheerfully played the role of M.C. **Fr. Leo Tagore** remembered the Priest Jubilarians one by one in his felicitation speech and highlighted their unique and voluminous services in their ministries. In his felicitation speech, **Br. John Bosco** focused on the remarkable contribution of each Brother Jubilarian and their advice to the young Jesuits. Then the Jubilarians were honoured each with a shawl. Fr. Provincial, in his short and inspiring speech, remembered the unique and the outstanding performance of the Jubilarians in their respective ministries and congratulated them.

The novices cheered both the Jubilarians and the audience with their fascinating felicitation song and a folk dance. On behalf of the Jubilarians, Fr. George Rathnasamy and Br. Savarimuthu gave the acceptance speeches and thanked all who had arranged this celebration. The celebration came to an end with the singing of the Society's anthem, "Mother Dear" by the entire congregation.

Our thanks and appreciation to **Sch. M.J. Berchmans** and **Sch. Clement** who skilfully gave a multimedia touch to the celebration through the Power Point presentation. Hats off to the novices who cheerfully and generously put in hard work in arranging the hall and the garden for the celebration.

Thanks for the sumptuous dinner that followed the function prepared by **Br. Irudayasamy** and his co-workers. Our special thanks to **Frs. Sivan** and **Ambrose** for their foresight and planning and sincere efforts that made the Jubilarians' Day a memorable one.

Mathew Cyril

## NEW RELEASES

இப்படிஃம் Fr. Mark Stephen, Kalagam Publications, Chennai, pp. 192; Rs. 100/-

**20 Years SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, REPORT CARD**, Aloysius Irudayam and Jayshree P. Mangubhai, 2010, pp.60, Rs.100.

## ABIDE WITH THE LORD

**Gerald Leclaire, SJ** (DAR) 81/62 on 23 May

**Francois**, 98 brother of Fr. Ceyrac

**Alangaram M. Arockiam**, 61, Ex-Jesuit Brother on 26 May

**Amaladoss**, 75, father of Fr. Gerlin on 5 June

## Cardinal Newman on the LAITY

"A laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men [and women] who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity – I wish [...] to enlarge [their] knowledge, to cultivate [their] reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are.