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MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL

RECONCILIATION AS A MISSION

Dear Brothers,

Father General, in his letter dated 12 Nov 2013, addressed to all the Major Superiors, has highlighted the importance of reconciliation as a central dimension of the mission of the Society of Jesus from its very foundation. He further states: "Reconciliation, and the work of peace, is an essential aspect of our apostolic task, especially when we are sent to the frontiers where conflicts, divisions and the suffering of our world are more evident". Further, GC 35 defines restoring relationships as a mission of the Society in order to "bridge the division of a fragmented world (d. 3, n. 17), through which the Society participates in a mission of reconciliation". Father General has invited all of us to reflect on this question of reconciliation in the community meetings, in apostolic bodies and in prayers and reflections.

At this time of Lent, it

is appropriate that each one of us reflects on the need for reconciliation and building good relationships at all levels. This has to start from within each person and it should be manifested in all our relationships with others. Before we can bring about reconciliation and healthy relationships among the people outside, we need to make these a reality in our own life, in our communities, in our governance system and in the places of our ministries.

Everyone likes to live his life peacefully and harmoniously. At the same time, each one also looks at the reality in his own way and builds up his desires and dreams. When things do not move as one wants, one is inclined to use different means, including aggressive ones, to achieve it. This applies to all of us. Only a deep spirituality based on true Ignatian discernment and the spirit of the magis will help the individual to liberate himself from these personal plans, dreams and desires, which often go against the common good.

This inner liberation will in turn bring about internal and external reconciliation and peace. Once this

is achieved at the personal level, the same message needs to be communicated to those for whom and with whom we work. Such an approach will enable us to realize the value of sharing the available resources with those who are in need and the importance of caring for them with true love and concern. This will enable us to remove the injustices of the past and to usher in a society which respects and promotes equality and justice.

We have a very powerful weapon, the Spiritual Exercises, and the ever-modern principles of St. Ignatius to guide us in our mission of reconciliation. Let us imbibe these in our own lives and make efforts to impart them to others. Definitely, the struggle for reconciliation and peace is a noble task, a spiritual mission, a truly Ignatian ministry, which we need to relish. We should also invite and inspire as many people as possible in all our ministries to join us in this mission.

Fraternally,
Sebasti L. Raj. SJ
Provincial

Provincial's Programme:

MARCH

03-05	Visitation: Berchmans Illam
06-16	Visitation: Myanmar
21	LUMEN Institute, Tindivanam
22-23	Meeting: LS/TL & Coordinators – Maduralaya
24-25	Consult
27-30	Visitation: Ooty, Mettupalayam, Makkampalayam

APRIL

01-02	South Zone Provincials' Meeting – Maduralaya
06-07	Guntur: Animation Programme for JMJ Sisters
09-10	Visitation: Salem, Dharmapuri
11	LUMEN Institute, Tindivanam
12-19	Personal Retreat
22-23	Consult
26-30	JCSA Meeting -- Bhuvaneshwar

Chennai Mission Superior's Programme

March

01	Seminar on Tribals at Loyola, Chennai
07	Recollection to Arulkadal Community
08	Consultation on Tribal Ministry
14	Chennai Mission Consult
16	Chennai Mission Pilgrimage to Karuveppampooni
22-23	Superiors Meet at Dindigul
24-25	Province Consult
27-30	Ooty, Mettupalayam & Makkampalayam

April

04-05	Pondy
12	Chennai Mission Consult
17-20	Easter Ministry
22-23	Province Consult

PCF's Programme

March

03-06	St Xavier's, Palayamkottai, Karisal
07-08	AAC, Karumathur
12-14	Vilangudi
22-23	Meeting of Superiors & Co-ordinators
25-27	Bangalore
29	Vocation Camp Orientation, Beschi

April

01-04	Classes, Kodaikanal
05	Vocation Camp, Madurai
08	Vocation Camp, Chennai
09-12	Arul Kadal
13-15	Beschi
21-23	Regents' Meet, Beschi
25	Vocation Camp, Dindigul
26-27	Shembaganur

Transfer List I: Scholastics

NAME	FROM	TO	SUBJECT
U.G. Studies			
Anto S. Antony	Manalur	Clives, Tiruchy	B.Sc. Botany
Berkmans Kasparaj	Ranipettai	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	B.E.
David Francis	Trivandrum	Clives, Tiruchy	B.A. Tamil
Ebenezer Amalraj	Trivandrum	Clives, Tiruchy	B.Sc. Chemistry
Jackson Joseph	Belgaum	Clives, Tiruchy	B.Sc Physics
Lazar John	Trivandrum	Clives, Tiruchy	B.A. Economics
Michael Suderson	Trivandrum	Berchnans Illam, Chennai	B.E.
Naveen Kumar	Trivandrum	Clives, Tiruchy	B.A.History
Vigash Lawrence	Trivandrum	Clives, Tiruchy	B.Com
Theophine Michael Raja P.	Belgaum	Loyola College, Vettavalam	B.B.A.
P.G. Studies / Special Studies			
Antony Anand S	PEAK	Loyola College, Chennai	M.A. Pol. Science
Arockia Selvam	KARISAL	SJC, Trichy	M.Sc. Botony
Jesu Raja Raju	Myanmaar	SXC, Palayamkottai	M.Sc. Maths
Maria Viyahappan Gladwin	Vadamelpakam	Loyola College, Chennai	M.A. Eng
Paulraj Arockiasamy S.	DNC Pune	SJC, Tiruchy	M.Sc. Phy
Vedha Stalin Joseph	Myanmar	SJC, Trichy	M.Sc. Maths
Vasthantha Kumar I	SJC, Trichy	SXC, P'Kottai	B.Ed
Velankanni Arockiasamy S	Nagapattinam	SXC, Palayamkottai	B.Ed.

NAME**FROM****TO****Philosophy**

Arul Gnanapragasam	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	SN, Chennai
Benitto Arulselvan	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune
Gopi Santhosham	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune
John Richard Y	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune
John Vimal Felix J	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	SN, Chennai
Maria Albin Raja A	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune
Sebastian Jerald A	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	SN, Chennai
William Charles	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	DNC, Pune

Regency I Year (New)

Deva Arockia Stephen	DNC, Pune	Vadamelpakkam
Doni Raja F	DNC, Pune	LASAC, Devakottai
Edward Lenin P	DNC, Pune	Kuppayanallur
George Raja A	DNC, Pune	LTI, Madurai
Jeyaraj Selvaraj	SN, Chennai	Kalangarai
Joe Livingston	DNC, Pune	Myanmar
John Paul G	SN, Chennai	Beschi
Joseph Arockiasamy	DNC, Pune	Perumalmalai
Manickam Periyanyagaraj	DNC, Pune	Ranipet
Maria Then Amirtharaj G	SN, Chennai	Ooty
Maria Valan	SN, Chennai	Afghanistan
Michael Panimaya Raj T	DNC, Pune	Afghanistan
Pon Ruban C	Perumalmalai	Oriyur
Vino Selukas	SN, Chennai	PEAK

Regency II Year (Continuing)

George Stephen Thayriam A	Vilangudi	Vilangudi
John Peter	St Mary's, Madurai	St. Mary's, Madurai
Lawrence Arockiasamy	Kuppayanallur	Kuppayanallur
Leo Pereira A	Myanmar	Myanmar
Mag Bay De Lawrence	JRS, Vettavalam	JRS, Vettavalam
Raphael Alexander G	PEAK	PEAK
Regis Antony Christopher S	Paathai	Paathai
Selvendhiran Antony	AHAL	AHAL

Theology - Arul kadal

Anton Robert	Loyola, Chennai	AK, Chennai
Baskar Yesumanickam	St.Xavier's, Palayamkottai	AK, Chennai
Francis Xavier A.	Kupayanallur	AK, Chennai
Parthasarathy Narayanasamy	LASAC, Devakottai	AK, Chennai
Robinson Antony	Oriyur	AK, Chennai
Sathyabalan Arockiasamy	Kohima	Paris, France
Swaminathan Krishnamurthy	Afghanistan	London, UK
Xavier Antony Selvam M	Afghanistan	Rome, Italy
Wenisch Rayappan	Loyola, Chennai	AK, Chennai

SUPAM - Diaconate Ministry

Antony Markus	VJ, Delhi	SUPAM
Berchmans Maria Joseph	VJ, Delhi	SUPAM
James Antonysamy	VJ, Delhi	SUPAM
John Paul K	VJ, Delhi	SUPAM
Philip Kumar G	VJ, Delhi	SUPAM
Sebastian Crossian	VJ, Delhi	SUPAM
Sebastin Thangadurai	VJ, Delhi	SUPAM
Viji Bose	VJ, Delhi	SUPAM

Announcements



Maduralaya made a Community:

Fr General has canonically established Maduralaya as an independent religious community through a decree dated 26 Feb '14. Fr Provincial has appointed Fr Joe Antony, Socius, the Acting Superior of Maduralaya and Fr Dominic Savio the Acting Minister.

Acting Provincial:

During the visit of Fr. Provincial to Myanmar from March 06 to 16, Fr. Joe Antony, Socius, will be the Acting Provincial.

Vocation camps:

The Vocation Promoters request all Jesuits to send capable and willing candidates to attend these camps:

Camp 1 for XII Std boys from Southern Tamil Nadu: Venue: St.Mary's, Madurai. Dates: 31 March to 12 April.

Camp 2 for XII Std boys from Northern Tamil Nadu: Venue: AICUF House, Loyola College, Chennai. Dates: 31 March to 12 April.

Camp 3 for X Std boys: Venue: St.Mary's, Dindigul. Dates: 23 to 30 April.

Guests welcome again:

Since the renovation of the Jesuit residence at LTI, Madurai is over (See p.5), the Superior and the community are ready to welcome Jesuit guests once again.

New e-mail id:

The e-mail id of IDEAS was hacked and so they have a new id: ideasmadurai@gmail.com

Roots and Wings:

Colloquium on Ignatian Spirituality – Revisioning the Ignatian Heritage for Tomorrow. Dates: 16 April to 18 May '14. Venue: Dhyana Ashram, Chennai. Fees: Rs 15,000. Co-ordinators: A.J. Thamburaj, SJ and Devadhas Muthiah, SJ. Last date for Registration: 31 March '14. Contact: 94875 80952. Email: sup_dashram@mdusj.org

Left:

David Raja M., first year novice, left the novitiate on 07 Feb '14. Ubahara Mano S. left the novitiate on 28 Feb '14.



Events



SERVING THE WAR-WEARY PEOPLE

Fr Peter Balleis, the International Director of JRS, was with us in **AFGHANISTAN** for a week. He helped us collectively evaluate our activities in the past one year and come up with systematic plans for the next five years. His words of appreciation and encouragement have given us the strength to work with renewed vigor for the war-weary people here. *On 25 Dec '13 we started a new mission in a huge slum in Kabul. The people here are refugees from four different provinces of Afghanistan. JRS has happily volunteered to serve about 130 children in the slum with proper care and education. *Since the girl students in Khairkhana Girls' High school are unable to go out to learn computer skills, JRS - with the support and collaboration of the Principal of the School - has installed a computer lab in the school with 20 computers.

Two of our visually challenged teachers are being trained now at St Xavier's College, Bombay. It is a two month intensive training program. They are happy there, showing a great improvement. *We conduct classes in Daikundi, Bamyán, Herat and Kabul. Along with many other international organizations JRS works for the welfare of the migrants from Ghor and Badghis provinces who have come to Sohadat. Two rooms in our Sohadat school campus have been set aside for an emergency health clinic for them. After a meticulous study of the IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons), JRS has planned to conduct health and hygiene programmes for them.

- M.A. Selvam

THEY COME WITH THEIR BIBLES

Around 650 students attended the Pongal festival on 25 Jan '14 at **AHAL, KILPENNATHUR** with competitions and prizes to winners. *On 09 Feb '14 we organized a seminar for about 60 panchayat sanitary workers and their animators with the aim of making them aware of the importance of the parliamentary elections in the summer and the voters' responsibility of identifying genuine candidates who will work for the people. Fr Marianathan Chinnasamy, DACA, was the resource person. *Bibles have been distributed to our parishioners and it is a pleasing sight to see them carrying their Bibles when they come to the church for Eucharistic celebrations. - Selvendhiran

NAAC'S HIGH MARKS FOR AAC

The NAAC peer team of UGC visited **AAC, KARUMATHUR** on 12-14 Feb '14 and praised the management and the staff for the commendable and qualitative service that the college extends to the rural poor. It was a moment of celebration when the staff and students learnt that their college has been awarded with 'A' Grade with a CGPA of 3.66 by the NAAC. This means in the third cycle of evaluation AAC ranks 4th in Tamil Nadu. *Earlier on 11 Jan '14 Jesuit Jubilee Indoor Stadium was dedicated for the rural youth by Union Minister of Shipping, Shri. G.K. Vasan along with Mr. Gnanadesigan and Mr. Haroon. Fr Provincial took time off in his busy schedule to bless the

stadium and participated in the hour-long cultural programme. *The department of Mathematics and Chemistry conducted a two-day national seminar on recent trends in their respective fields on 25-26 of Feb '14. - **Rufus**

CANDLE LIGHT PROCESSION

A 3-month course for 23 Sisters belonging to four religious congregations in preparation for their Final Profession started in CIS, **BESCHI ILLAM** on 22 Jan '14. They began their Long Retreat on 25 Feb. *On 01-02 Feb quite a few members of the Beschi community went to Tiruchi and Vettavalam to participate in the twin Jubilee commemorations. *The 2nd year novices had their 4-day ashram experience and the visit of their parents to the novitiate, while the 1st year novices attended a 2-day social analysis course given by Fr Bellarmine. Visitors to the novitiate in February included Fr Gratian Carlo, ADF, and Fr Jeyaraj Velusamy, Provincial (CCU). *On the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we had a candle light procession from the Sacred Heart Residence, through Maduralaya, Beschi portico and JRS to the Grotto where we had the feast day Mass. *After his 6-month sojourn here at Beschi, Fr. Maria Louis returned to LTI on February 21.

- **V. Karlin Viju**

SERIOUSLY INJURED

21 Feb began badly with a telephone call from the local Police Station announcing the death of Mr Stephen Anthony, the brother of Br. M. L. John Bosco in a road accident. As we were returning to **BESCHI** after the Funeral Mass at Panjampatti, there was more bad news. Fr Amaldass (DEL), community member of Beschi doing his MPhil at Gandhigram, was involved in a motorcycle-

jeep collision just outside of Dindigul when he was on his way to join a Mass. He had to be taken successively to the Government Hospital, Dindigul, (for emergency assistance and police formalities), JCB Hospital (for initial investigation and a scan) and Ganga Medical Centre & Hospitals, Coimbatore, which is said to be one of the best hospitals in India specializing in ortho-traumatology-reconstructive and vascular surgery. He was taken to Coimbatore in an ambulance by Br. Mariadoss, Frs Wilson and Louie and Sr Sahayam, our Infirmarian. In the wee hours of 22 Feb preliminary work on his right hand and right leg was done and he was moved from the Operation Theater to the ICU and kept on ventilator for three hours. The doctor's opinion is that although it was a major accident, his condition now is stable and he is conscious and talking. The recovery process will take its own time and the necessary arrangements to accompany Fr Amal through it are being made. Please keep Amal in your prayers.

- **M. Devadoss**

175 SAPLINGS TO MARK 175 YEARS

Fr A. Victor SJ gave a session on 'the art of counseling' to the teaching staff of **LOYOLA SCHOOL, KUPPAYANALLOOR** on 5 Feb of this month in order to train them to be student counselors. *To mark the Twin Jubilee Celebrations in our school, the school organized various competitions on 3-4 Feb in drawing, speaking, writing, singing, dancing, enacting the life of saints etc. Br. Idrudayam organized the entire event and the winners got their prizes from Fr Jebamalai Raja, the Chennai Mission Superior, who was the chief guest. *On 12 Feb ELT Mela was conducted in which the students exhibited their knowledge of English. The efficient organizers were Fr Paul Benedict SJ and the ELT coordinator, Mr. Anbu Selvam. *Our school

student, Pavithra, represented Kancheepuram District in state level competition in Javelin throw. *Sports day was organized for the students of evening study centres (Senthalir) on 23 Feb. About 200 students from nine study centres took part in the event. Br Bruno, Sch Lawrence and Mr Antony, the coordinator of Senthalir, organized the event successfully. *Br. Bruno has planted 175 coconut saplings in the campus to mark the 175 years of the New Madurai Mission. *Fr Antony Inigo has assumed charge as the acting Parish Priest of Ongur.

- **Lawrence**

RESIDENCE RENOVATED

The renovated Jesuit Residence at **LTI, MADURAI** was blessed and opened by Fr Provincial on 22 Feb 14 before



he began his visitation. It was a simple function at which the staff and students of the campus were present. Fr. Provincial congratulated the community for their efforts and hard work and honoured the engineer and his team. Frs Maria Louis and Lourduraj returned home after their comfortable and pleasant stay at Beschi Illam, Dindigul and St Mary's, Madurai respectively. *For the first time first year ITI students have written the Semester exams (All India Trade Test) on 25-26 Feb. So far this exam was only at the end of the second year.

- **Lawrence Gabriel**

EARLY COACHING CAMPS

On 7 Feb we had the IACM-Paathai Evening Study Centres animators meeting in which animators from 5 civil districts of northern part of Tamil Nadu actively participated and planned the strategies for the upcoming summer coaching programs at **PAATHAI CENTRE, VALLAM**. In view of the general elections, we have planned to start our summer coaching camps at the end of March itself and end by the first week of May. *On 16 Feb we conducted a special coaching camp for the 10th students at Sithanangur of Villupuram district in collaboration with the IACM. Around 30 students benefitted. *On 24 Feb Paathai Centre along with the IACM inaugurated two new Evening Study Centres in the village of Devimangalam in Tiruvannamalai District. There has been a good response from the students and parents.

- Regis

FULL OF GRACE

The GRACE 2014 at **ST JOSEPH'S, TRICHY** was an intense charismatic spiritual experience for about 1400 students from 70 Catholic colleges in Tamil Nadu and 500 people. Bishop Antony Devotta of Trichy celebrated the Mass and heard confessions. A dedicated team along with Fr Mount Joe efficiently organized the annual event, entirely sponsored by former students. *Fr Soosai Sebastian went as a NAAC Peer Team member to two Colleges of Education located in Haryana and Punjab in January and February respectively. *At a national seminar organised by Gnanamani College of Education at Rasipuram, Namakkal he delivered a key note address on "Finetuning of Student Behaviour". - Jesu Nesam

A CHAPTER IN CHENNAI

Hostel Day at **ST MARY'S, DINDIGUL** was celebrated on 26 Jan. A memorial stone was put up in honour of Mr. Shanmugam, an alumnus of our school, who sponsored a bore well of 1060 feet along with a motor to serve the hostel. Students from the last five batches were invited for an interaction with the present hostellers in the afternoon. The former students expressed their gratitude and motivated the present hostellers to make use of the opportunities provided in the hostel. *In a historic move, St. Mary's Alumni Association opened a chapter in Chennai on 9 Feb - the first of its kind among our schools. Nearly 200 of our alumni working or studying in Chennai attended the meet. Its highlight was the participation of an alumnus belonging to 1942 batch. Fr Stephen L. Pragasam turned every possible stone to make this meet successful. *On the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes a rosary car procession in the campus ended with a benediction. Fr Stephen Martin highlighted the significant revelations in the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. Biblical competitions were held on 30 and 31 Jan in view of the Catechism Annual Day, celebrated on 19 Feb. *AMUTHU organized a de-addiction programme for 40 alcoholics. - Paul

FIVE WELL-DECORATED ALTARS

Pongal festival was celebrated at **ST MARY'S, MADURAI** as a day of inter-religious dialogue. Representatives of Hindu and Muslim brothers took part in the celebration. and described the importance of Pongal from their perspective. All enjoyed the pongal prepared by the Anbiyam groups of the parish. *On the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes five well-decorated altars were arranged to welcome her at the end of the procession. Fr V. Thomas gave a meaningful homily. *St. Mary's primary school had their annual day with colorful dances and skits. All the educational officials and

the MLA of the locality praised the discipline and growth of the school. *The religion classes ended with a beautiful prayer service where the students spoke of their experiential meeting of Jesus and expressed their gratitude to Fr Felix Joseph, their spiritual director. - Felix Joseph

TO CELEBRATE THE LINK BETWEEN JESUITS AND SCIENCE

The 88th Graduation Day of **ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE, PALAYAMKOTTAI** was held on 8 Feb '14. Dr. A. Joseph Dorairaj, Vice-Chancellor of Gandhigram University delivered an effective graduation address. *The State-level Science and Technology Exhibition competition organized by the college to mark the commemoration of the Jesuit Jubilees was seen as celebration of the inseparable link between the Jesuits and Science. The objective was honing scientific talents in the younger generation. More than 40 Arts and Science and Engineering colleges participated in the exhibition. About 10,000 school children visited the exhibition. *XIBA organized a National Conference on Entrepreneurship and Socio-economic Development on 12, 13 Feb. It was inaugurated by Dr Karuthia Pandian, Director, Bharathidasan Institute of Management (BIM) and Dr Karunakaran, Collector of Tirunelveli presided over the valedictory function. Scholars from all over India presented papers on the role of entrepreneurs in the economy of India. The students of XIBA presented their research findings on small/medium level entrepreneurs in Tirunelveli district and these would be published as a book.

The students of SXCE had four days of Community

Camp on 30 Jan – 02 Feb in Gadambankulam village, 20 km away from Tirunelveli to have a village exposure. It was challenging but enriching for the students. The tears of the village people and their gifts to the students showed the impact of the students' immersion in the life of the villagers. *An International Seminar on the Impact of Globalization on Higher Education was jointly organized by JCRT and B.Ed. College on 27, 28 Jan. Some of the speakers were from South Africa and Italy.* On 11th February B.Ed. College organized an awareness programme for the people in the neighbourhood through a painting exhibition called 'The Lungs of the World.' It highlighted the importance of trees and the exhibition. The paintings creatively done by Mr. Tamilarasan, Director of Eeranilam, (Wet Earth) an NGO, were much appreciated by the local news papers and visitors.

Xpressio-2014 – an ELT mela was organized in our school in the presence of Frs Rector, Headmaster, Principal and ELT Co-ordinator, Fr Paul Benedict. *Vignesh Sankar of 11th standard represented Tamil Nadu in the Sub-Junior Volley ball category and won the National Championship. * As part of the twin jubilee celebrations, the community went on a pilgrimage to Sampalloor – a place near

Thrissur, Kerala where St Francis Xavier, St. John de Britto and Fr Beschi had lived. It was a deep spiritual experience. - **Baskar**

MASS IN THE CAVE

On the 24 Jan the Tamil Department of **LOYOLA, VETTAVALAM**, organized a seminar on 'Sanga Ilakkiyathil Manitha Neyam.' On 30



the English Department hosted an Inter-Collegiate competition called FANTICIYA, and on the 31, the Department of BBA & B.Com had a competition for all the neighbouring school students called 'Kathai Solla Vaarungal.' The departments of BCA, B.Sc Maths and Computer Science are seriously getting ready for the first ever State Level Seminar on IT and Ecology. On the Feast of St Arulananthar, our community celebrated Mass in the cave in Vettavalam where the saint stayed. As part of the spoken English training, the 3rd year students were exposed to famous speeches of great personalities and storytelling on 24 Feb. - **Alwin**

HE BROUGHT US MUCH JOY

On 4 Feb we, the Juniors at **VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM** joined the annual day celebration

of the Jesuit Loyola School in Mukundara. We were deeply impressed by two things we saw in this School. One is the spoken English skills of the students and the other is the wonderful talents of the children as seen in the various cultural programmes. *The visit of Fr Lisbert D'Souza, the General Assistant, brought us much joy. Through his sharing we came to know more about our Society as well as the importance of integrating prayer and studies.

- **Naveen Kumar**

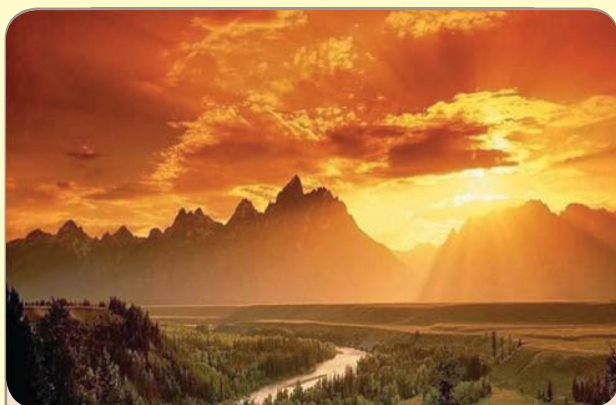
SOUND & LIGHT SHOW

The highlight of the school day celebration here at **XAVERIANA, THOOTHUKUDI** was a multi-stage sound-and-light presentation on our great men – Francis Xavier, John de Britto, de Nobili, Veeramamunivar and Caussanel – to celebrate 175 years of the New Madurai Mission, written and directed by Fr K.A. Augustine. The participation of teachers and students gave additional relevance to the presentation. The Head Master made his Annual Report innovative by making it speak for itself through photographs. * The Alumni Association held its annual meeting on 26 Jan. Our alumni who complete 25 years after their graduation from here held a get-together in a hotel along with their families. It was a moment of joy for their former headmaster, Fr Felix Joseph who joined them. - **Rajan**

Abide with the Lord

- Fr Michael Fohshow (CCU), 73/56, on 08 Feb '14 in Kolkata.
- Fr John Khanna (GUJ), 74/54, on 09 Feb '14 in Baroda.
- Fr Gerald A. Drinane, SJ (PAT), 82/64, in Patna on 20 Feb '14.
- Fr George Aikara, (KER), 87/69, on 02 March '14 in Calicut.
- Mr Ignatius Arockiaraj, 31, the nephew of Fr S.P. Savarimuthu on 1 Jan '14.
- Mrs Arulayee, 85, mother of Fr Xavier Raj Antony on 20 Feb '14.
- Mr Mudangan Lawrence, 93, father of Br John Bosco on 31 Jan '14.
- Mr Stephen Antony, 48, younger brother of Br John Bosco on 20 Feb '14.
- Mrs Sornammal, 90, grandmother of Br Benjamin on 13 Feb '14.





SECRETS FOR WELL-BEING AND PEACE

Colbert lists some facts which are well-established now: “The mind and body are linked. How you feel emotionally can determine how you feel physically. Certain emotions release hormones into the body that, in turn, can trigger the development of a host of diseases.” (Don Colbert, *Deadly Emotions*, Magna Publishing Co. Ltd. 2004)

He explains how dangerous emotions like anger, depression, guilt, shame, fear, worry, resentment and bitterness can become deadly and destroy our health. Why should our emotions affect our health? Because “no person experiences an emotion just in his ‘heart’ or in his ‘mind.’ Rather, a person experiences an emotion in the form of chemical reactions in the body and the brain.”

How can we protect ourselves from the dangerous impact of these deadly emotions? “Two of the most powerful antidotes I know for toxic emotions are these: Communicating with your own heart and learning to live in the love that flows from the heart. Giving the example of King David, Colbert suggests we talk to ourselves and God about what we feel. King David did both. “Why are you cast down, oh my soul?” “O my God, my soul is cast down within me” (Ps 42: 5,6). Praise and thank God for life’s blessings, surrender your negative emotions like frustrations or anger to God and ask Him to fill your heart with his presence and love, says Colbert.

An interesting point he makes has to do with the nature of our relationship with God. If we have just a ‘mind experience with doctrines’ and dogmas, we become judgemental and legalistic, cold and harsh. On the other hand, if we have a ‘heart relationship with God’ – just like a child’s relationship with its parent who lovingly holds and hugs her – then this love slowly washes away the toxic emotions. “When the heart is at peace or filled with love, it communicates harmony to the entire body.

- M.A.J.A.
In *Lead, Kindly Light*

Memories



SEMINARIES

All beginnings are hard. The Senior Seminary in Trichinopoly had a rather unsettled existence till 1892. It was then given up for the Papal Seminary at Kandy and also, from 1914 to 1921 for the Seminary at Mangalore. Since 1912 there is an Apostolic School or preparatory seminary at Madurai attached to St. Mary’s High School. Finally in 1921 Bishop Faisandier started at Trichinopoly St. Paul’s Senior Seminary and in 1931 St. Augustine’s Junior Seminary. St. Paul’s receives students from different dioceses and up to March 1936 has given 103 priests to the Missions of India and Ceylon.

- **Joseph C. Houpert, SJ**
-A South Indian Mission-
The Madura Catholic Mission



Congratulations

to To **Fr Xavier Vedam**, Principal, **K. Amal**, Superior, and all the Jesuits at Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, and the staff and students on having been awarded ‘A’ Grade with a CGPA of 3.66 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of the UGC. As per the 2013 new assessment guidelines of the third cycle of reaccreditation AAC has won the second place in Tamil Nadu, and among the colleges that went for the third reaccreditation (both old and new guidelines) in Tamil Nadu AAC has won the fourth place.

To **Fr Francis P. Xavier**, Director, **Fr John Pragasam**, Dean, **Dr Jose Swaminathan**, Principal of LICET, Loyola and their collaborators. Based on the recently published first semester results LICET is now at the 8th rank in the Anna University from among 550 Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu.

Just for....



A lady whose husband had just re-enlisted in the navy sent her parish priest a hurried note soon after communion at the Sunday Mass, with a request for prayer. The note said, “Thomas John, having gone to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety.”

The parish priest read the note hastily. Here is how he announced it: “Thomas John having gone to see his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety.”