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MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Dear Brothers,

In the messages of the previous months, we have reflected that we are the “anointed ones of God” (April), that “our mission is God’s mission” (March 2013) and that “the Society is the true pathway to God” (January). All these are possible only through a life in the Spirit. As we are about to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit during this month, we are called upon to deepen our devotion to the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our commitment to the movements of the Spirit.

These days the Holy Spirit has been the subject of the homilies of Pope Francis. The Holy Father underlines the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives by saying that without His presence, our Christian lives cannot be understood. He also says that our life, however, good it may be, will not have the vitality that Jesus expects from his disciples, without the Holy Spirit.

In other words, it is

the Holy Spirit that gives new dynamism to our life as religious and to our mission and ministries. We need an inner force, i.e., the Holy Spirit, to give a push from within, regarding the way we live and carry out our ministries. The Spirit also helps us to bear witness to Jesus in our relationship with others.

This is the time of transfers and appointments. Both those who are responsible for these exercises as well as those who receive transfers or appointments need the Holy Spirit. Those who make the appointments and transfers need to be guided and inspired to make the right choice for a particular place or for a specific responsibility. Those who receive the appointment or transfer need very much the Holy Spirit so that they are ever available to the needs of the Society and its ministries and are able to receive the new mission with joy.

Availability for any mission and the spirit of indifference to posts and positions are surely the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It has been a wonderful experience for me to witness the openness and availability of the members, at the time of transfers or

appointments. While one may not personally like a particular place or a specific responsibility, one is always ready to abide by the decision of those who are entrusted with this task. This is a beautiful tradition in our Province and an encouraging indicator of the presence of the Spirit.

Now that these appointments and transfers are practically over, may the Holy Spirit inspire and strengthen everyone to accept these assignments and move forward in our ministries, bearing witness to our Saviour. May the same Spirit also guide us throughout the forthcoming academic year, in our decision-making processes, in our relationship with our companions and our collaborators, in bearing witness before those whom we serve. Our life in the Spirit will definitely give joy and hope to all those who are working with us or are being served by us.

Fraternally,
Sebasti L. Raj, SJ
Provincial

Provincial's Programme:



MAY

- 01-02 Consult
- 04-10 CIC: General Chapter Guidance -- Madurai
- 11-17 FSPM: General Chapter Guidance -- Coimbatore
- 18 OSM: Final Vows -- Thogaimalai
- 19 Formation Meet – Shembaganur
- 29 Jubilarians' Day – Beschi Illam
- 31 Departure for Foreign Trip

JUNE

- 01-25 Visitation of Madurai men in UK, Brazil, Guyana and Rome
- 29 Consult
- 30 New Mission Superior assumes office and GBM:
Dalit Commission – Loyola College, Vettavalam

Colleges, who will be in charge of Shift Two. The following are the specific guidelines:

a) The Rector, the Secretary and the Principal of the respective College will form the Search Team to identify suitable lay persons for this post;

b) Once prospective candidates are identified, the Rector will take up this list at the House Consult;

c) After discussion and discernment in the House Consult, the Rector will appoint the Deputy Principal;

d) The Term of Service is for a period of one year initially, but renewable for a maximum period of three years or till the attainment of the age of 65, whichever is earlier.

GUIDELINE 4: In the light of the new financial management system, which has been introduced, the existing post of Bursar in our colleges has become unnecessary and hence this post will cease to exist from June 2013. The Campus Treasurer's Office will take care of the responsibilities which the Bursar has been doing so far.



Announcements

Alavanthankulam:

After two years of dialogue with the Diocese of Palayamkottai, it has been decided to hand over the Parish and the School in Alavanthankulam to the Diocese with effect from June 2013.

Palliagaram:

After running the Palliagaram Parish of Chengleput Diocese for several years, it has been decided to hand over that parish to the Diocese on 26 May 2013.

Left:

Novice A. Arockia Dass Susai left the Society on 30 April 2013.

POLICY GUIDELINES FOR COLLEGES:

Fr Provincial has promulgated two more Policy Guidelines for the Colleges with effect from June 1, 2013 (in addition to the two guidelines promulgated through the MNL of April 2013):

GUIDELINE 3: In the light of the evaluation of our Higher Education ministries and in order to promote greater lay participation and collaboration in our ministries, henceforth, as far as possible, lay persons will be appointed as Deputy Principals of

GBMs: Date and Venue

JUNE

30 S GBM: Dalit Commission – Loyola College, Vettavalam

JULY

01 M GBM: Social Action Commission – Beschi Illam, Dindigul

02 T GBM: Pastoral Commission – Beschi Illam

03 T GBM: Youth Commission – St Joseph's, Trichy

05 W TVET Commission -- LTI, Madurai

06 S GBM: Secondary School Commission – St Mary's, Madurai

07 S GBM: Finance Commission – Beschi Illam

09 T GBM: Communication Commission – Beschi Illam

13 S GBM: Higher Education Commission – Loyola College, Chennai

14 S GBM: Brothers Commission – Dhyana Ashram, Chennai

21 S GBM: Spirituality and Dialogue Commission – Dhyana Ashram, Chennai

28 S GBM: Formation Commission – Beschi Illam

Meetings in August and September '13

Fr. Provincial has scheduled these meetings in the months of August and September. Those who have to participate in these meetings are requested to ensure that they mark these dates and keep themselves free from other engagements:

August

10 Meeting: Principals and Secretaries – AAC, Karumathur

11 Meeting: Headmasters and Correspondents – St. Mary's, Madurai

16 Meeting: Commission Coordinators – Beschi Illam, Dindigul

17 Meeting: LS/TL and Coordinators -- Beschi Illam

18 Meeting: LS/TL – Beschi Illam

24 Meeting: House/Campus Treasurers – Beschi Illam

25 Meeting: Campus Ministers – Beschi Illam

September

06 Meeting: Directors of Social Centres – Beschi Illam

07-08 Meeting: Young Priests before Final Vows -- Shembaganur

APPOINTMENTS:

Fr. General has appointed **Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj L.** the new **Chennai Mission Superior**,
in the place of Fr. Victor Arulappan.

He will assume office on 30 June 2013 at Loyola College, Vettavalam.

With the approval of Fr. General, Fr. Provincial has appointed the following **Superiors**:

Fr. Antony Arockiam – Superior of Carmel School, Nagercoil

Fr. Arul P. Stanislaus -- Superior of Arulanandar School, Oriyur

Fr. Britto Peter – Superior of Arul Kadal, Chennai

Fr. James Thamburaj – Superior of Dhyana Ashram, Chennai

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

NAME	FROM	TO	STATUS/DESIGNATION
Fr. Elias Maria	IDEAS, Madurai	SHC, Shembaganur	Acting Superior
Fr. Francis Sales A.	Arulanandar, Oriyur	Thozhmai Illam	Team Leader
Fr. Gerlin Amaladoss	AHAL, Kilpennathur	AHAL, Kilpennathur	Team Leader and PP
Fr. Maria Joseph A.	Chennai Mission Office	Paathai, Vallam	Team Leader
Fr. Victor Arulappan	Chennai Mission	LIS, Ranipet	Team Leader
Fr. Arockia Raj Raphael	Thirumanur	St. Mary's, Madurai	SUPAM Director and PP
Br. Arockiasamy Sebastian	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi	LASS, Madurai	Minister and Treasurer
Fr. Ignacy Arockiasamy	LIS, Ranipet	LIS, Ranipet	Minister, Treasurer & Staff
Fr. Irudayaraj Maria Susai	SHC, Shembaganur	SJTI, Ooty	Minister and Treasurer
Fr. Leoline Arockia Dass A	Loyola, Kuppayanallur	Chennai Mission Office	Chennai
Fr. Maria Bastin Durai	St. Mary's, Dindigul	Carmel, Nagercoil	Treasurer and Staff
Br. Mariadoss Antonimuthu ES	Province Curia, Dindigul	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	Treasurer (Additional)
Fr. Mathew Cyril Antony M	Yangon, Myanmar	Thozhamai Illam	Administrator & Treasurer
Fr. Packiaraj Soosai	SUPAM	AHAL	Minister, Treasurer & Staff
Fr. Patrick Ravichandran T	SJIS, Ooty	SHC, Shembaganur	Minister
Fr. Rajarethinam R.	LTI, Madurai	LTI, Madurai	Treasurer and Director of Government Services Coaching Programmes
Fr. Xavier Alphonse	Loyola, Chennai	Loyola Chennai	Secretary, B.Ed College (Additional)

Transfer List III

NAME	FROM	TO	STATUS/DESIGNATION
Br. Aloysius Arulraj	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	St. Mary's, Madurai	Infirmarian
Br. Alphonse Benjamin D	St. Mary's, Madurai	SHC, Shembaganur	Kitchen in Charge
Fr. Britto Vincent	SXC, P'Kottai	Sabbatical	Mettupalayam
Br. Chinnappan Paul S	Carmel, Nagercoil	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	Rest
Fr. Cyril Antony Samy	Arulanandar, Oriyur	Ganzoville, Devakottai	Human Rights Project
Fr. Dorairaj S. Joseph	St. Mary's, Madurai	Tindivanam (Gonzaga Novitiate)	Chaplain
Br. Gnanadickam Mariadas	Carmel, Nagercoil	Loyola, Chennai	Guest Master
Fr. Gnanaraj Arul Francis	SUPAM	Kalanganarai, Nagapattinam	Treasurer, Director: Community College
Fr. Gunasekaran Rajaiah	Sendarapatti, Salem	Ranipet	Staff
Fr. Ignatius Britto N	De Britto, Devakottai	Mettupalayam	Spiritual Ministry
Br. Irudayam Antony	TT School, Kuppayanallur	Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur	Staff
Br. Jeganathan Ambrose S	Thozhamai Illam, KK	St. Mary's Press, DGL	Staff
Fr. Jerry Rosario	Dhyana Ashram	Dhyana Ashram	Dhanam Project
Fr. Jesuraja Paul C	Thozhamai Illam, KK	Myanmar	Missionary
Fr. John Bosco B	SJC, Trichy	Loyola, Chennai	Staff
Fr. John Peter Bellarmine	AHAL, Kilpennathur	Thirumanur	PP
Fr. Joseph Arockiam	SXC, P'Kottai	Sentharapatti	PP and Salem Project
Fr. Maria Augustine Sund. A	Loyola, Chennai	SXC, P'Kottai	Staff
Fr. Maria Joseph Mahalingam	Loyola, Chennai	AAC, Karumathur	Aided Post
Fr. Martin George J	De Britto, Devakottai	Carmel, Nagercoil	Staff and JMAADD
Fr. Masillamani S. Pauliah	St. Mary's, Madurai	Edayarpalayam, Pondy	Chaplain
Fr. Packiaraj Gnanarethinam	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	AAC, Karumathur	Staff
Fr. Paul Benedict S.	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi	St Mary's, Dindigul	Staff
Fr. Raj Irudaya	Arul Kadal	Maduralaya, Dindigul	PCF
Fr. Richard Lourdu Dass A	SUPAM	Ooty	Staff and Hostel Director
Fr. Sahayaraj Thangasamy	SXC, P'Kottai	SXC, P'Kottai	Aided Post
Fr. Savarimuthu S. Packiam	SXC, P'Kottai	St. Mary's, Madurai	Spiritual Ministry
Fr. Selvanayakam Diraviam	Loyola, Chennai	St. Xavier's, P'Kottai	On Leave
Br. Selvaraj Sebastian	SXC, P'Kottai	St Mary's, Madurai	Rest
Fr. Stanislaus Mariadoss	St. Mary's, Dindigul	Sabbatical	
Br. Simon Antony	St. Mary's, Madurai	Carmel, Nagercoil	Kitchen and Farm
Br. Victor Paul Sengolraj A	SJC, Trichy	AHAL	Director: Driving School, Hostel in Charge
Fr. Victor Roche G	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	St. Mary's, Madurai	Assistant PP
Fr. Xavier Kanickairaj	Bhuvneshwar	Dhyana Ashram, Chennai	Staff
Fr. Yesumarian Lourdunathan	Paathai, Vallam	Loyola Academy, Vadamelpakkam	Legal Practice

**We ask, 'What about him?',
but Jesus asks, 'What does it matter to you?'**

We spend countless hours making up our minds about others. An unceasing exchange of opinions about people close by or far away keeps us distracted and allows us to ignore the truth that we ourselves are the first ones who need a change of heart and probably the only ones whose hearts we indeed can change.

We always say again, 'What about him?' 'What about her?' What Jesus says to us is what he said to Peter, who wanted to know what would happen to John: 'What does it matter to you? You are to follow me' (John 21:21-22)

Imagine your having no need at all to judge anybody. Imagine your having no desire to decide whether someone is a good or bad person. Imagine your being completely free from



the feeling that you have to make up your mind about the morality of someone's behaviour. Imagine that you could say 'I am judging no one!' The Desert Fathers from the fourth century said, 'Judging others is a heavy burden.' I have had a few moments in my life during which I felt free from all judgements about others. It felt as if a heavy burden had been taken away from me. At those moments I experienced an immense love for everyone I met, heard about, or read about. A deep solidarity with all people and a deep desire to love them broke down all my inner walls and made my heart as wide

as the universe.

Can we free ourselves from the need to judge others? Yes... by claiming for ourselves the truth that we are the beloved daughters and sons of God. As long as we continue to live as if we are what we do, what we have, and what other people think about us, we will remain filled with judgements, opinions, evaluations, and condemnations. We will remain addicted to the need to put people and things in their 'right' place. To the degree that we embrace the truth that our identity is not rooted in our success, power, or popularity, but in God's infinite love, to that degree can we let go of our need to judge.

If we think of ourselves as the sum total of our successes, popularity, and power we become dependent on the ways we judge and are being judged and end up as victims manipulated by the world. And so we bring judgement on ourselves

Only when we claim the love of God, the love that transcends all judgements, can we overcome all fear of judgement. When we have become completely free from the need to judge others, we will also become completely free from the fear of being judged.

The experience of God's non-judgemental love cannot coexist with a need to judge others. That's what Jesus means when he says, 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged.' - **Henri J. Nouwen**

S.M. Irudayam, SJ

27.04.1926 – 16.04.2013

Br S. M. Irudayam



breathed his last due to a massive heart attack at about 05.00 a.m. on 16 April '13. At 4.15 a.m. he called up Br Minister and expressed his need to rush to the Doctor as he was feeling severe chest pain. Br Minister alerted the driver and rushed to his room. But Br Irudayam fell to the ground unable to remain steady. Br Minister and the driver lifted him up and made him sit on a chair. When we went in to see him, Br Irudayam had already gone to meet his Master. That was the time he normally left his room to go to the College Church every day.

A man fully dedicated to the service of the Lord, he began his day at 5.00 a.m., distributed Communion at all the Masses in the College Church, prepared the Domestic Chapel and the Side Altars for Masses, and would spend the day in spiritual reading. He exposed the Blessed Sacrament at 6.00 p.m. for the daily Adoration in the College Church. After supper he watched T.V. but would not watch anything but Bible-based programs before going to bed at 9.30 pm.

An exemplary Jesuit, Br Irudayam went wherever he was sent, doing whatever work was assigned to him with utmost sincerity and honesty. He was an effective healer as he used his infirmarian's training and earnest prayer to cure the sick. He was given the responsibility of maintaining the accounts in several Houses in Madurai Province and other provinces and De Nobili, Pune. He did that work faithfully. He lived his Jesuit life energetically to the full.

At the funeral Mass on 16 April, Fr Provincial spoke of Br Irudayam's love for the Society and his availability. Fr. A. Pappuraj extolled the virtues of Br Irudayam. Fr Diraviam, a nephew of Br Irudayam and Fr R. Irudayaraj, SJ performed the last rites at the cemetery.

- **Pappuraj, SJ**

Abide with the Lord

Mr Arulanandam, 87, father of Fr Maria Arul Raja on 27 April.
Mrs Theresammal, 86, sister of Fr G. Packiaraj on 23 April.





Experience



My Secrets for Well-being and Peace

I am an Easter-baby as I was born on the Easter Sunday of the year 1942. Since every baby born into the world brings a message, the message I must have brought when I was born is the message of the Risen Lord. "Fear not; Peace be with you; May your joy be complete". Inwardly this is what I wish for everyone I encounter in my life: 'Let Him easter in you!' (borrowing the words of the Jesuit poet, Hopkins).

I believe it is the Spiritual Exercises (SE) of St Ignatius which I made as a Jesuit novice and as a tertian under the guidance of the saintly directors, Frs M.D. John and Burck that has empowered me to wish this for everyone. As I have been involved in directing many of our young religious men and women in the SE, I wish sincerely that he should easter in every retreatant.

I realize that the ministry of directing the SE has brought about a lot of changes in me. Earlier I expected that those whom I relate to should respond to me as often as I communicated with them through letters, phone calls, or visits... but now God has enabled me to communicate with others just for the joy of doing so - wishing people for their birthdays, congratulating them on their successes, condoling them on their losses, etc. My regular prayer for everyone - near and dear ones as well as those who are distant - those who appreciate me and those who criticize me - is: 'Mary, our Mother, kindly place ---- close to your son, Jesus'. This prayer of St Ignatius has become my frequent prayer in my daily life.

I am able to sustain myself in the Risen Lord's gift of hope, in spite of the powers of the "Standard of Satan/World/Mammon" by nourishing myself in the inspirational writings of great men like Henry Nouwen, Tony de Mello, George Soares, Michael Amaladoss, Rex Pai, Aloysius Pieris, Joe Antony, Astrid Lobo Gajiwala, Joe Mannath, SDB, Jerry Rosario...

I feel grateful to my mother, the SJ, for all her love and trust, conveyed to me through my superiors and companions. May the Risen Lord help me to continue being an Easter-messenger, who brings the good news of hope and joy to everyone!
- Michael Alosanai, SJ

Memories

In such a way...

Pope Clement XIII suppressed the Society. But he suppressed it in such a way that the suppression could not have been done more gently and considerately. Contrary to what our adversaries were wishing, he laid upon us no charge. He branded us with no mark of ignominy. He presented no other reason than the peace and tranquility of the Church. That was a value that we ourselves had to aspire to, no matter the danger to us. He completely spared the honour and reputation of the Society. He was not unaware that some of us were from poor families and others were weakened by illness and old age. He had consideration for both groups and allowed the latter to continue to live together in some house of the Society and for the former he directed that a fair pension be given from the Society's property. In the end, he did indeed suppress the Society; but after it was done, he was almost mad and beside himself. He got no rest night or day. Gradually he wasted away with illness and grief.

(from the book, Promising Hope: Essays on the Suppression and Restoration of the English Province of the Society of Jesus, edited by Thomas M McCoog SJ. Cited in Smith, Suppression of the Society.)

Just for....



CATHOLIC HORSES

A punter was at the horse race trying hard to win some money. He noticed a Priest step out onto the track and bless the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race. Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race! Next race, as the horses lined up, the Priest stepped onto the track and blessed one of the horses. The punter rushed to the betting window and placed a small bet on the horse that the priest blessed. He couldn't believe it, but the horse won the race! He collected his winnings, and made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited for the Priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on ...

True to his pattern, the Priest stepped onto the track for the last race and blessed the forehead of an old horse that nobody would bet on. This time the priest blessed the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old horse. But the punter, who by now knew the amazing power of the Priest's blessing, bet all his money on the old horse. But this time he watched dumbfounded as the old horse came in last and collapsed. In a state of shock, he went to the track area where the Priest was. Confronting him, he demanded, 'Father! What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings!'

The Priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. 'Son,' he said, 'that's the problem with you, Protestants. You can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and last rites.'

*Courtesy: Internet
Sent by Maria Joe, SJ*



Jubilees

Madurai Jesuit Province

*May 9, along with the members of the Province Curia,
invite you to the Jubilee celebration
of our brother Jesuits at Beschi Illam on Wednesday, 29 May 2013.
Thanksgiving Eucharist at 9.30 a.m. will be followed by felicitations and dinner.*



70 years as a Jesuit

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60 years as a Jesuit



Fr Amaladoss Michael



Fr Chelladurai P. Thomas



Fr D'Silva Aelred



Fr Felix Joseph A.



Br Jesudas Raphael



Fr Jeyaraj Maria



Fr John Lourdu L.



Fr Maliyakal Joseph S.



50 years as a Jesuit

Fr Antoniraj Perinbam



Fr Antony Pappuraj



Fr Arulanandam Arockiam



Fr George C. Joseph



Br Jeyaraj Annaviar



Fr Joseph John Britto



Fr Joseph Michael



Fr Joseph Xavier V.



Fr Lourduraj Arokiasamy



Fr Rodrigo M. Stephen J.



Fr Victor Maria Joseph

50 years as a Jesuit Priest



Fr Mampira C. Xavier



Fr Maria Louis M.



Fr Thekkekara Andrews



Fr Louis Xavier



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