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WE HAVE A NEW PROVINCIAL: FR DANIS PONNIAH

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

I am happy to announce that Fr. General has appointed **Fr. Danis Ponniah**, the present Rector of St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, as the next **Provincial of Madurai Province**. He will assume office on June 18. **Accordingly, the earlier announcement of having the handing-over function on May 30 is postponed to June 18.**

Fr. Danis Ponniah was born on February 28, 1963 in Dindigul to Mr. Joseph Thangaiah and Mrs. Savariammal. He has 7 brothers and 5 sisters. He joined the Society on July 01, 1983 and took his first vows on June 29, 1985. He was ordained on November 19, 1994 in St. Mary's, Dindigul, by Most Rev. Gabriel Lawrence. He completed his Tertianship in Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur in 2004, under Fr. Donatus Jeyaraj. He took his final vows on July 15, 2005 at Berchmans Illam, Chennai.

He did his UG (B.Sc Physics) studies in St. Joseph's College, Trichy, from 1980 to 1983 and his PG studies (M.Sc Physics) in the same College from 1989 to 1991. He completed his M. Phil in Loyola College, Chennai, in 1997 and his doctoral studies, also in Loyola College, Chennai, in 2005.

He has worked as Deputy Director of the Hostel in Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, from 1995-96. He has served as the Minister and Treasurer of Berchmans Illam, Chennai from 1998 to 1999. He was Vice-Principal of St. Xavier's College, P'Kottai from 2007 to 2012 and was also Director of Xavier Hostel from 2007 to 2011. He became the Rector of St. Xavier's College, P'Kottai in 2013, which post he still holds. He has been serving as the Consultor of the Province from 2012 till date.

We congratulate **Fr. Danis Ponniah** on his appointment as our new Provincial and assure him of our full cooperation and support.

Fraternally,

Sebasti L. Raj, SJ
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