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Message from the Provincial



Our attitude matters a lot

Dear Brothers,

As part of our personal preparation for GC 36, which has taken up “our life and our mission” as one of its main themes, it will be useful for us to reflect seriously on the inner disposition which every one of us is expected to possess or develop, in order to make our life more meaningful and our ministries more effective. As we know, our inner disposition is the determining factor for all our decisions and actions. For someone with a positive attitude any event will mean one thing, while, on the other hand, the same event will mean something else for someone with a negative attitude.

In our life and in our ministries, we have opportunities, but we have to face also uncertainties, conflicts, misunderstandings, different views, etc. and we have to respond to these. Some of us can become pessimistic and negative, resulting in anger and frustration. However, some of us can face such a situation with a positive attitude and find meaning, lessons for the future and a silver lining, even amidst a tragic situation. We have a choice before us – to look at things positively or to look at things negatively. It depends upon each one of us to opt for the right attitude. As the great psychologist-philosopher, William James, says: “... people can alter their lives by altering their attitude of mind”. While I may not have any control over whatever happens outside of me, I can control how I should

look at an event and gain the best possible outcome. In other words, if I have the right attitude, or the right inner disposition, I can face any problem or an event and come out successful. We have a model in St. Ignatius, who evolved his spiritual exercises amidst the conflicting context of his time and found out ways to face the world successfully. He knew how we should handle the most difficult or even an evil situation or event, through right attitude or inner disposition.

Further, as religious, the very foundation of our life is spiritual and God-centred. When we have a spiritual perspective and make God the centre of our life, it is easier to look at any event or a situation positively, though this may not be easy always. Even when some things do not go as we like, the Lord who guides us surely knows how to help us out of this situation. Moreover, a negative or pessimistic attitude is alien to a true believer in the Lord of history. Thus, spiritual depth, a strong faith and a positive attitude – all these go hand in hand. Let us, therefore, strive to develop this positive attitude always and see things positively, which will surely make our life more joyful and the ministry more effective. Besides, a positive attitude will certainly make an incredible difference in the life of our Province and will bring about a positive ambience. Definitely, our attitude and our inner disposition matter a lot.

Fraternally,
Sebasti L. Raj, SJ
Provincial



Provincial's Programme:

OCTOBER

- 08-09 Visitation: LTI, Madurai
- 11 Consult
- 15-20 Visitation: Loyola College, Chennai
- 28-29 Visitation: Berchmans Illam, Chennai
- 31 Meeting: Young Priests -- Maduralaya

NOVEMBER

- 01 Meeting: Young Priests -- Maduralaya
- 03-09 Pune, Meeting for Electors of GC 36
- 11-13 Pune, JCSA
- 14-15 Pune, POSA Consult
- 03-15 Visitation: DNC, Pune (during free times)
- 22 Meeting: Principals and Secretaries, Maduralaya
- 23-24 Visitation: Xaveriana
- 25-27 Visitation: SICJ, Thiruvanandapuram
- 28-29 Visitation: Carmel, Nagercoil
- 30 Visitation: Thozhamai Illam

Chennai Mission Superior's Programme

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- 01-02 Ranipet
- 03 Paathai, Vallam
- 04-06 Kuppayanallur
- 10 Mission Consult
- 11 Province Consult
- 12-14 LCV, Vettavalam
- 15-20 Loyola, Chennai
- 21-23 Recollection for the Superiors/Team Leaders of CM
- 26-27 LAV, Vadamelpakkam

NOVEMBER

- 02-11 Meeting of Electors of GC 36, Pune
- 18 GBM of Loyola College, Chennai
- 24 Harur, Dharmapuri
- 25 LCM, Mettala
- 28 Mission Consult



Announcements

Joint Task Force for Sri Lanka:

The Provincials of Madurai and Sri Lanka have decided to constitute a Joint Task Force for Sri Lanka. This will consist of three members from Sri Lanka Province and three from Madurai Province. The members of this Joint Task Force from Madurai are: **Frs. Alexis Premkumar, Louie Albert and Dominic Savio**. Fr. Elil from Sri Lanka will be the Convener of this Task Force, which will evolve and implement concrete plans to serve the war-affected people of Sri Lanka.

Education of Sri Lankan students:

The Province is giving completely free UG education, including free hostel facilities, to some Sri Lankan students from the war-affected area. Every year, starting from the academic year 2014-15, 8 new students are admitted for the UG programme – two in each College of the Province. In addition, from 2015-16, the Provinces of Andhra, Karnataka and Kerala have come forward to sponsor every year 6 students from the Tea Gardens of Sri Lanka. While these children will also be admitted in the Colleges of Madurai Province, those three provinces will meet the cost of educating these students. Thus, a total of **14 students** are being admitted every year from Sri Lanka and they are offered totally free College education by the **four provinces of the South** – 8 by Madurai Province and 6 by the other three provinces.

Coordinator of Sri Lanka Education Project:

Fr. Provincial has appointed **Fr. Louie Albert** the Coordinator of the education project of Sri Lankan students

STATUS: Father Provincial has made the following appointments/transfers:

Fr. Marianathan Swamikannu	Parish Priest and Acting Superior -- Oriyur
Fr. Justin Prabhu	Member -- Oriyur Community
Fr. Ignatius Vedanayagam	Member -- SXC Community, Palayamkottai
Fr. Louis Xavier	Member -- Beschi Illam, Dindigul

in our Colleges. He will take care of the basic needs of these students and also serve as a link between them and the respective colleges and the Provincials of the South Zone.

Our men in Central African Republic:

Scholastics Michael Raj and Maria Valan, who are doing their regency among the Refugees in Bangui, Central African Republic, have been shifted temporarily to the Regional JRS Office in Cameroon, due to communal crisis in Bangui. They hope to return to Bangui, after the situation returns to normalcy. Let us keep them and the JRS mission in Bangui in our prayers.

Brothers' Retreat & Seminar:

Venue: Velankanni. Dates: 08 Dec eve – 16 Dec eve.

Director: Fr Kulandaisamy Antony, SJ

Seminar: Dates: 17-18 Dec '15.

Resource Person: Fr Jerry SJ.

Boarding and Lodging: Rs. 400 per day.

Contact: Br Arockiadoss (94435-38597)

New:

Fr Paul C. Jesuraja, who has returned to the province from Myanmar, has a new mobile number: 7598464765. Email: paulcsj56@gmail.com



Maaya Komaaligal

The annual visitation of Fr Provincial to AAC, Karumathur, was an occasion for us to look into our past with a view to moving forward onto the future with joyful hope. Arrupe Illam Jesuits participated at two pilgrimages to Vaadipatti, along with men and women hostellers and the other to Kadamalaikundu at the invitation of Fr Amalraj, Parish Priest, to the Car Festival, the first of its kind at the parish. They also had an outing to Soththuparai Falls.

Fr Basil Xavier, Principal, went to Orissa for a meeting with the officials of the Department of Science and Technology. Our students greeted and honoured the teaching community on the Teachers Day. The commerce department, headed by Fr A Pappuraj, and the Business Administration department conducted a National Seminar, the former on 'E-Commerce' and the latter on 'Entrepreneurship'. On 23 Sept the Tamil department, headed by Fr Anbu SJ, conducted an international Seminar on *Performing Arts in Indian Culture*. In the evening we had at AAC grounds the first

performance of a 90-minute-long Mr Murugaboopathy's Manalgudi Theatre Land's *Maya Komaligalin Jalakannadi*. For nearly three weeks, 12 theatre artists drawn from more than 10 districts of Tamil Nadu camped at our college premises to prepare for this drama, which sought to depict how citizens could become refugees in their own native land and lose their identity. The quality of the participation and the performance of the students staging their dramas at *Saral Vizha*, an annual feature at AAC, scaled new heights this year, as the students used several tips from the professional artists present at the college campus. At the monthly recollection Fr M.J. Mahalingam presented a quick review of the contents of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*. - A G Leonard

Joy to the villagers

The latest issue of the quarterly magazine, *Ilayor Ezhuchi*, published by AHAL, focused on environmental protection. A one-day training



in handicrafts was given to 23 Irular women on 5 Sep by Sr Sheela. JIM successfully organized a three-day youth animation programme on the theme 'Inaivom Iyakamahida' for 35 participants. The programme was inaugurated by Fr Britto Vincent, PCF in the presence of Frs Maria Joe, Manuel Alphonse, Marianathan, Thangadurai, Mrs Swornalatha and Mr Balaji from ASSET, Chennai. Irular youth from many villages had inspiring input sessions on the livelihood rights of Irulars. The PCF's visitation inspired us to commit ourselves to



magis. We hosted three programmes in September - village exposure programme for MSW students of Sacred Heart college, Thirupathur, JRS zonal level teachers' meeting and a leadership programme for AICUF students, conducted

by Schs Felix and Manoj. The village feast and the blessing of the houses built by the French students brought joy to the people of Vedanatham, our substation. The houses were blessed and opened by Fr Dominic Jeyakumar, Chennai Mission Treasurer, on 27 Sep.

- Manoj

Renewed vigour

After having been immersed with the urban and the rural poor, we, the **ARULKADAL**ites, have plunged back into our academic activities with renewed vigour. We guided a one-day retreat and a counselling programme for the students of Loyola College, Vettavalam on 11 Sept. Fr Maria Arul Raja presented a paper on *Indian Engagement with the Bible for Christian Social Ethics* in the National Conference organized by Serampore University in the United Theological College, Bangalore.

- Deva A. Stephen

To the shrine on foot

On 30 Aug the 1st year novices of **BESCHI** went on a pilgrimage to our Lady of Velankanni's Shrine Basilica on foot to ask Our Lady to place them with her son.

It was one of the preparations for their long retreat. On the way they were wonderfully guarded and guided by Our Lady through many dangerous situations. The people of Anumantharayankottai took care of their needs. They returned home safely on 06 Sept. On 31 Aug the 2nd year novices started their one week of house maintenance experiment, identifying themselves with our co-workers.

Fr Ilanko, our Master went to Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari for the South Asian Assistancy's annual Novice Master's meet (31 Aug- 5 Sept). He was the local organizer of the meet. The visit of the Novice Masters of Jharkhand, Ranchi, Andhra and Hazaribagh made us happy. They shared their experiences with us and celebrated Mass for us. On 16 Sept the 1st year novices underwent a course on psycho-spiritual integration given by Fr. Emma, Director, JESCCO. In the evening we had community exhortation given by Fr Rex. A. Pai on 'Mercy' in view of the Year of Mercy. On 17 Sept the novices attended the CRI meeting held in Maduralaya. Fr Joe Daniel, SDB gave a talk on the consecrated life.

A course on discernment of spirits, given by Fr Rex A. Pai on 17 - 20 Sept, was highly appreciated by the

participants – 12 Sisters and 4 Jesuits. On 30 Aug Fr Amaldass (DEL) underwent a surgery to set right his hand injured badly in an accident a year and a half ago. The healing is slow and the pain is intense. He needs all our prayers.

- Sam, N.S.J.

Karam festival in Trichy

Fr Paul Pragash, Superior, **CLIVE HOUSE**, presented a research paper on *Sollagar Thotti* in the International Conference on 'fourth world literatures' in Madurai on 29 Aug. He gave an inspiring talk on *Laudato Si* to the Sivagangai Diocesan Clergy on 31 Aug. Earlier he preached an Ignatian retreat to the members of MODELS movement in Dindigul. Schs. Anuj Toppo and Vijaya Raju secured prizes in the inter-collegiate competitions in held at Lady Doak College, Madurai on 12 Sep.

Celebrating *Adivasi Karam Festival* with colour, gaiety and joy on 20 Sep helped us grow in fraternal fellowship with northern Jesuits and learn about the culture of our Adivasis. Fr PCF's visit on 7-9 Aug kindled our spirit, inspiring us to shine in academics and religious life.

- David Francis

Welcomed in Indian style

Fr Darwin of **DHYANA**

ASHRAM, Chennai, was invited to Malaysia to preach to people in a few parishes. On his return he shared with the community his rich experiences. We welcomed Christu Bhaktas from Varanasi on their way to Velankanni. Christu Bhaktas do not receive baptism but are devotees of Christ, who follow his teachings. They were welcomed in the traditional Indian style. They mingled with us though we could not speak in Hindi. Fr Thamburaj spoke to students of Sacred Heart Seminary, Poonamallee on how to respond to the criticism and questions of Pentecostal sects. He guided a retreat in Bangalore for the Hospital Sisters.

Fr Xavier Irudayaraj was busy preparing a booklet on Dr. A.P.J Kalam for students and doing spiritual ministry in parishes. A team sent by Fr Provincial visited Dhyana Ashram to help us draw up a master plan in order to be able to cater to the needs of the retreatants. Fr Jagadish (AND) is doing his research very quietly and Fr Lawrence goes to colleges to give courses on time management, besides helping out in parishes with spiritual ministry. Br Arokiaraj is working hard to make our garden more beautiful. - **Xavier Irudayaraj**

To pay homage and to pray

IDCR celebrated the Ecumenical World Day of Prayer for the *Care of Creation*, called for by Pope Francis. Representatives

from different religious traditions spoke on the value of nurturing our environment, closing their talks with prayers. When there was a crane crash in the Grand Mosque of Saudi Arabia and the gelatin blast in MP state, students and staff gathered round the basket ball fields to pay homage to the victims and to pray for the bereaved families. 'Propel Global' joined hands with IDCR in launching *Love for Governance* campaign, an inclusive grass-root movement for good-governance. The Dewan Prince of Arcot, Mr. Mohammed Asif Ali took part. A senior researcher at IDCR, Mr Peter, presented his work on the *Impact of Displacement on Culture and Identity of Fisher Folk of Nagapattinam District* before research critics.

Fr Vincent Sekhar did a one-day workshop on *Learning & Living in Harmony with one another* at Loyola College of Education. Students shared their faith-life with one another, and presented group works on *Overcoming Prejudice* and building *Good Neighbourhoods*. He also spoke to the Scholastics of Berchmans Hall about the Jesuit Mission of Interreligious dialogue in South Asia. Fr Michael Amaladoss gave two talks to the Jesuits in and around Mangalore on "What it means to be Jesuit in India today". - **Vincent Sekhar**

Robust Curriculum

An interface meeting on 'Review, Evaluation and Action Plan' for UGC Community Colleges and B.Voc Centres for the State of Kerala was conducted by **ICRDCE**, Chennai on 15 Sep in collaboration with St Mary's College, Thrissur. Eminent people, including the Vice President of NASSCOM, interacted with 60 participants from 35 colleges, clarifying their doubts regarding UGC, NSDC and SSC's. A similar workshop was conducted for the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on 29 Sep in collaboration with Mount Carmel College, Bangalore. There were 45 participants from 20 UGC Community Colleges.

Society for Rural Education and Development (SRED) in Andavan Community College, Arakkonam, was inaugurated on 07 Sep by Fr M.S. Jacob, Director, ICRDCE, who gave an inspiring speech. ICRDCE has submitted 40 quality packs as per National Occupancy Standards (Curriculum) to NSDC for approval. Ms Jessi Dimple, Standards & QA, NSDC said that

it was a very robust curriculum, and that soon it would be approved by NSDC for national certification for the Community College students. - **M.S. Jacob**

Office renovated

While the renovation of the office and the counseling rooms are nearing its completion under the supervision of Sch. Mag Bay, **JESCO** (The Jesuit Center for Counseling) continues to offer its services for the psycho-spiritual development of the stakeholders of our various ministries. Fr Emma conducted a three-day program on 4-6 Sep at Sirumalai for the faculty of all the three technical

On 10 Sep, the World Suicide Prevention Day, Fr Emma addressed the students of Loyola College on prevalence of suicide in our country and the world, the reasons, and how to recognize the cues of suicidal proclivity, and how to help those who are suicidal. As part of the ongoing training for the counselors at Loyola College, Chennai, Fr Emma spent one day (14 Sep) to help them through Case Presentation and Group Supervision. On 15 Sep Fr Emma addressed the students of Don Bosco Theological Centre, Kavarapettai on 'the



institutes in our province, i.e., Madurai, Ooty and Ranipet. He conducted a one-day program on 16 Sep for our First Year Novices at Beschi.

Psychological Understanding of a Human Being as the Image of God'. He conducted a psycho-spiritual session on 20 Sep on Servant Leadership for the

Abide with the Lord

Fr Thomas Mulanjanani (KER), 89/67, on 20 Aug in Calicut.

Fr Hilary Pereira (KAR) 91/72, on 30 Aug in Bengaluru.

Fr Charles Van Besouw, SJ, (RAN/MAP), 86/68 on 16 Sep at Leuven, Belgium.

Fr. Moreta Louis SJ (GUJ) 87/ 69, on 27 Sep at Ankleshwar, Gujarat.

Ms Josephine Rajathi, 79, sister of Fr Xavier Rajan, in Malaysia on 12 Sep.

Mrs Shanti Joseph, 64, sister-in-law of Fr Lorduraj Arockiasamy, on 29 Sep at Trichy.



Catholic parents of Our Lady's Nursery, Chennai.

- Mag Bay

To live up to the values of JRS

Life Skill Education Centre, run by the **JRS** for the Sri Lankan Refugee girls as a six month course at Mullaikudi, successfully trained 17 students of 28th batch, so that they become more self-reliant and self-confident and employable. Fr Jesu Nesa Raju presided over the 28th valedictory function held on 23 Aug. On 25 Aug 29th batch began its training with 25 students. 6 JRS staff participated in CRS data analysis workshop, held in Chennai on 2, 3 Sep. Through this meeting they had the end-line analysis about their overall projects. 11 JRS senior counselors received their certificates from the SCARF Institute for attending training sessions to identify mentally retarded and mentally ill in the refugee camps and to help them. On 8-9 Sep training for new Counsellors was given by Sr Josephine, CIC and Fr Britto, OFM Cap, on 'Developmental Psychology' in Dindigul and Dharmapuri respectively. In September four zones had their Quarterly Teachers' Training for 171 CEC (Complementary Education Centre) teachers in Namakkal, Tirunelveli, Kilpennathur and Dindigul. It helped them deepen their

knowledge in different subjects. During this training Fr Prem Kumar, Assistant Regional Director, gave a workshop on Reconciliation for all the four zones. He created a thirst among them to live up to the values of JRS and to reconcile with one another. His personal sharing kept their hopes alive. - Anto

In love and respect

For his unstinted efforts on behalf of the fringe farmers and miners of our land Mr. P. Sainath, a distinguished Alumnus and Journalist, was honoured with **LOYOLA** Award 2014 on 15 Sep. He reminisced that he has always

deprived of.

T e a c h e r s ' D a y C e l e b r a t i o n s - c u m - I n a u g u r a t i o n o f O v a t i o n s 2015, the mega cultural event, was organized on 4 Sep. Mr. Joe Malluri, Actor and Writer and Prof SubaVeerapandian, insisted on the devotion the student community should show towards teachers and motivated the students to take the institution to greater heights with their research and academic accomplishments.

The department of LIVE (IICE) in collaboration with LSSS and RDCA organized



held Loyola College in love and respect for being a champion of justice and charity. In fact he attributed the sense of justice he has acquired to his Alma Mater. His acceptance speech was a lecture-demo on 'People's Archive of Rural India' (PARI). He invited the youth to contribute photos, videos and documents to PARI and do justice to the rural Indians by giving them the place and platform they have been

coaching classes for visually challenged students to enable them to do competitive examinations like other students. Springboard - a leadership programme - with the motto of 'Discovering a Leader in you' was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Loyola College on 26 Aug. 83rd Bertram Memorial Tournament took place between 25 Aug - 01

Sept. While the host, Loyola College, retained their Chess and Tennis titles, Panimalar Engineering College retained their honours in Volleyball. Jeppiar College won the Basketball trophy for the first time.

Fr Ignacimuthu represented the International Federation of Catholic Universities in the organising committee of the international meeting held at Sacred Heart University, Milan, Italy. He also presented a paper on Food Security.

LICET students won first prizes in paper presentation and circuit debugging in Sairam and SSN Engineering Colleges. 26 of LICET students, who took global certification examination EX2000, have been certified as Red Hat Certified System Administrators. During the Teachers' Day celebration the top ten teachers, assessed as the best based on their performance, were honoured with certificates and cash awards. Several film personalities attended the valedictory function of enGenia 2015, cultural event of LICET. Fr Francis P Xavier delivered the Shri Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy Memorial Lecture during the national conference on *Emerging Trends in Technical Education* at Loyola Polytechnic, Pulivendla, Andhra.

The staff of LCE had a two-day programme on Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP) on 10, 11 Sep. Fr M. Pavulraj, Gregorian University, Rome, was the resource person. He highlighted the salient features of Jesuit education and elucidated IPP with illustrations and examples.

A programme on socio-cultural analysis given by Fr Henry Jerome on 21, 22 Sep enabled the participants to analyse our society from the perspective of the marginalised. Fr Dominic Royce attended a two-day National Summit on Quality in Education organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Bangalore.

LIBA, in collaboration with Knowledge Exchange, conducted 'Design Thinking and Teaching' workshop on 4,5 Sep for school and college teachers. The resource person was Mr Lakshmanan, Vice President, SAP. The participants want to implement what they have learned by starting a Social Entrepreneur Cell in collaboration with C.K. Prahalad Centre. LIBA held the Annual Conference on Business Ethics and Corporate Governance on 11 Sep. The theme was *Business Ethics and Corporate Finance*. The conference was inaugurated by Mr Ponraj, Advisor to late Dr. Abdul Kalam. On 22 Sep Mr Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu, gave away the Mother Teresa Award to Azim Premji and Mahindra and Mahindra, Serum India and Akshaya Batra, chosen by a jury headed by Mr.

N. Vital, former CVC of India. The alumni of LIBA donated an RO Plant to Loyola School, Kuppaiyanallur in addition to their usual support to hundreds of students by paying their entire tuition fees.

- F. Jayapathy

Potable water for all

LOYOLA, KUPPAYANALLOR, is grateful to Fr Casimir Raj and Dr Vandana, the president of the Alumni Association, LIBA, for donating a new RO System for the entire campus. This would provide potable water to all the 1000 students and the staff. The Ongur Parish was buzzing with preparatory activities to celebrate the first Mass of Fr Poondi Rajan, the first Jesuit priest hailing from the then 'Chengai Mission'. The beautifully renovated RC primary School at Ongur was blessed by Fr Roch Ignatius, the Manager of Diocesan Schools and was opened by Fr Masillamani, Superior. Fr P.S. Arul, who undertook this renovation mission, thanked the donors - Nandri Organization, France, Diocese of Chengleput and the Chennai Mission. Fr Victor Roch efficiently evaluated the first term at RC Primary School and helped the staff plan for the future. Fr Masillamani, with his JMAADD staff, organized a one-day seminar for 25 youth from the neighboring villages.

Mr Savarinathan explained the reasons for alcoholic addiction. Fr Joy and Ms Lilly from 'Murasu Kazhaikulu' trained the JMAADD cultural troupe for its cultural programmes in the villages.

- G. Victor Roch

Loyo Fest at LCV

The newly ordained priest, Fr Poondirajan, celebrated a thanksgiving Mass on 03 Sep at **LOYOLA COLLEGE, VETTAVALAM** for

on 13. Mr Sujith Kumar, HR Manager of INFOSYS, delivered the graduation address and distributed certificates to the graduates. The LCV scholastics had their yearly meeting with Fr PCF on 11-13. LCV and Tamil Nadu AICUF jointly organized on 16 the first ever State level Cultural Competition in which 13 colleges participated and demonstrated their talents and skills.

Actor John Vijay was the Chief Guest at Loyo Fest, LCV's



the whole college. Our college and community bid farewell to Ms Pia, Austrian volunteer who taught LCV for one year, and gave a warm welcome to Mr. Sebastin Schulze, the German volunteer, on 04. On 11 the theologians from Arul Kadal preached a one-day retreat for all students, who felt spiritually enriched. The staff had a one-day training on capacity building on 12.

The students of 2011 batch received their degrees

cultural extravaganza, on 23-26. This year the Department of Computer Application won the overall championship. On 24 the community interacted with local parish priests in order to get their suggestions for the growth of the college.

LISoR has initiated, in collaboration with Social Watch, Tamil Nadu, a research study on entrepreneurial Dalit Women Panchayat Presidents in 5 districts of Northern Tamil Nadu.

- Alwin

Memorable

In the months of May and June, the MDU Scholastics here in **PARIS** were delighted to receive some of our men - Frs Jebamalai Raja, Thomas Amirtham, Maria Joe, Dominic Jayakumar and, the miracle-Jesuit to our eyes, Fr Premkumar, who came to Paris on various assignments. We profited immensely from their presence and sharing. The visitation of Fr Provincial on 12-14 June was highly memorable and deeply enriching. Fr Anasse Arsene added to the joy of the occasion as he joined us, travelling all the way from the south of France. We were delighted to celebrate the two Jubilarians.

Sch Vasanth, the fourth from our Province, landed on French soil at the end of June. Upon his arrival, he immediately plunged into the study of French, and spent a month in Paris and another in Montpellier, a city in the south. Sch Sathya took part in a summer camp, as one of the animators for a group of French students. The three-week long camp based on Ignatian pedagogy, in the beautiful Alps, introduced him to different methods of organisation and led him to new discoveries. Schs John Mike and Sahay did a fruitful Arrupe Month (Pre-Ordination Programme) near Toulouse. The month-long exercise guided them to

deepen their understanding of priesthood in general and in the Society.

All of us are now back in Paris, and we have begun the new academic year with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. We are Jesuits from 32 provinces from all over the world, at various studies of formation in the Jesuit faculty of Paris- Centre Sèvres (Sèvres is just the name of the street). From India, we are 17 from 8 provinces (7 for Philosophy, 7 for Theology, 3 priests for further studies). The challenge, for us, is to persevere with the French language as it requires a real test of patience; and the joy is a profound experience of the universal Society.

- Sathya Balan

To bless and to pray

We, the Scholastics at **SATYA NILAYAM**, had a chance to receive the blessings of our Blessed Mother last month, as we went to the Vailankanni Shrine in Besant Nagar every day during the novena for the annual feast on 08 Sept. It was a great experience for us to bless and pray for the pilgrims who flocked the shrine. On 18 Sept we celebrated the Adivasi Karam festival with our Chottanagpur brethren and shared in their joy. This event was a beautiful expression of their rich culture and tradition. We were happy to have Fr Britto Vincent, the PCF with

us on that day. He was here for his visitation on 18-21 Sept. On 25 Kolvenbach Library organized a discussion for 'Synergy' a forum for thinkers on education.

- Albinus M.

Bible exhibition

ST JOSEPH'S has received the salary for 19 Assistant Professors appointed in June 2013. The 172nd Annual Sports Meet was held on 4 Sept '15 in the college. An illustrious alumnus Mr S Gopinath, Manager, Indian Overseas Bank, Erode and Former International Basket Ball Player, presided over the function. It was a sad moment for St. Joseph's when it lost one of



its students, Jagadesh, I B.Com. He was drowned in Cauvery.

Fr. Xavier Alphonse was the resource person in the All India Educational Leaders Meeting attended by 50 principals. He spoke on Skills Development in India and its future. He delivered the keynote address at the National Conference on Indian Higher Education organized by St. Mary's College for Women, Shillong.

The Bible Exhibition in Our Lady of Lourdes parish, organised by the catechism teachers and students, depicted the life of Christ. It attracted the attention of all the parishioners. - V. Viji Bose, SJ

A bulletin for the parish

ST MARY'S Cathedral Parish has started a news bulletin in Tamil to be issued once in three months. The initiative has been successful in the parish because of the efforts of Fr James, Assistant Parish Priest. The Cathedral parish festival of Our Lady of Sorrows was celebrated with grandeur on 04-13 Sept. Many eminent persons came to lead the novena celebrations including the Bishop of Palayamkottai and the Vicar General of Madurai Archdiocese. The Keerathurai substation of our parish had a grand celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Fatima with special Masses and processions for three days from 24 Sept. Fr V. George, Warden and his assistants, efficiently organized the 106th Britto Hostel Day on 05 Sept. Fr Arockiasamy, Rector, presided over the function. Our 107th Annual School Day Celebrations took place on 28 Aug. Fr Albert Joseph, the Correspondent and Mr Antony Xavier Britto, the Headmaster organized the programme.

- G. Packiaraj

In appreciation

Community: The Jesuit community of **ST. XAVIER'S** hosted a dinner to express appreciation of the 'National Best Teacher Award' won by Fr Francis Xavier Lazar. Felicitating him Fr S. Arockiasamy

highlighted his administrative and oratorical skills.

College: In an informal meeting of the African students of our college held on 20 Sep they expressed their appreciation



for being well taken care of by the Jesuits and their desire to continue the monthly Mass celebrated in our domestic chapel. Three newly ordained Priests of our province, Fr Vincent Irudhayaraj, Fr Victor Desoza and Fr Francis Xavier Arockiadass, all proud alumni of our college touched the hearts of all through their inspiring homilies at three Masses held on the Teachers' Day on 4 Sep. INTER-DEpartmental COMPETITIONS, called INDECO, a week-long literary, art and cultural festival culminated in a two-day mega cultural events on 25, 26 Sep. Mr. Suha, film director and writer gave the inaugural address. All the judges observed that the performances were of high quality and had profound messages.

School: We had a special assembly on 07 Sep to felicitate Fr L. Francis Xavier on his award.

College of Education: Intensive English Training Programme for the B.Ed students of 2015-16 held in August has increased the students' confidence. But, regrettably, because of the

doubling of duration of the B.Ed. and M.Ed. programmes, there is a sharp decrease in the number of admissions this year. JCERT, in collaboration with St. Xavier's College of Education, conducted its first workshop for this academic year on ILT(Integrated Language Teaching) on 12 Sep. 25 professors and 10 B.Ed. students participated and Fr Kennedy was the resource person. The evaluation was highly positive. - **Jesuraja**

Affective maturity

Onam celebrations for us here at **VIDYANIKETAN**, Trivandrum, began with visiting floral designs in the college. A special Mass in Malayalam was celebrated by Fr K. J. Thomas, Director of Loyola College of Commerce. Onam pageantry was the grand finale in the city. Teachers' Day was celebrated with a concelebrated Mass by the staff and a cultural programme in the evening.

A three-day course on affective maturity and human

sexuality helped us in psycho-sexual integration. Fr Jossy Rodriguez, novice master of Karnataka, gave the course and also celebrated a Mass in Kannada on the feast of the Nativity of Mary. First term exams have come to a close and we had the eagerly awaited three-day cultural tour to central Kerala which turned out to be an enriching experience. - **David**

Wi-fi at VJ

Thanks to the strenuous efforts of Frs Micheal T. Raj, the Rector and Leonard, the Principal, **VIDYAJYOTI** College and Residence buildings are now blessed with wi-fi facilities with routers in each floor. On 03 Sep at Guntur Fr Leonard attended the meeting of the Historical Committee for the canonization of Dr. Sr. Mary Glowrey, JMJ, who has been already declared a Servant of God. He also took part in the conference of the eight pontifical faculties of the theology and philosophy in India on 12, 13 Sep at Satya Nilayam, Chennai.

Fr Provincial was with us on 28, 29 Sep. In fact we were blessed and energized by his presence. After successfully completing our first term exams, we had a three-day cultural trip to Rajasthan, the land of forts and palaces from 30 Sep to 3 Oct.

- **Vargheesh**

Congratulations



To Fr Francis Xavier Lazar, who got his 'Best Teacher' award from Shri Pranab Mukherjee, President of India, on Teachers Day.



Memories

Parishes in Madurai

The last foundation from the Madura convent is the Girls' High School opened in last June 1942 at Devakottah. It is only a beginning but what we know of the past allows us to foretell a bright future under the lead of two Sisters of St Joseph's and three Blue Nuns.

In Madura besides St Mary's there are two more parishes in town, Holy Rosary and the Sacred Heart Church with three chapels-in-aid where Sunday Mass is regularly said for the 7,525 Catholics living in Madura. Two of these chapels - Gomezpalayam in a colony built with the help of Fr Gomez' family and Karimedu - are in the suburbs attached to the cotton mills. They are now part of the Holy Rosary parish. Kosakulam on the borders of the municipal limits, along the Alagarkovil road, has a beautiful church and two convents of the Immaculate Conception Sisters, all due to the generosity of Fr Gomez's relatives. Though attached to St Mary's parish, Kosakulam is almost entirely left to the charge of a Father from the nearby new Bishop's House.

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Just for...



"Your husband is a consultant. Does he give you sound advice?"

"Yeah. 99 per cent sound and one per cent advice!"

Secrets

for Well-being and Peace



Resting in her presence

The rosary has a special appeal also for the people of other religious traditions. Keeping the beads in the hands and concentrating on them as we roll them gently, is an excellent means for stillness and contemplation.

The full rosary with its 15 decades contains 150 Hail Marys (the number is based on the 150 Psalms of the Bible). The whole point of the exercise is that in the quiet, rhythmic repetition we learn to rest in the name of Jesus, which is central to the prayer.

By means of the rosary, we daily call to mind the great events in Our Lord's life. We think about them and draw lessons from them for our daily life. The "Our Father" that is prayed several times in the rosary is strictly a biblical prayer, the prayer taught by Jesus himself. And the Hail Mary or Rejoice, so highly favoured – a greeting by the angel to Mary, is a singular salutation evocative of all the messianic promises. "Holy Mary, Mother of God..." a prayer by the Church, a response of faith to a scriptural theme, dates from 1493.

The Rosary is a prayer, not a formula; and as does all prayer, it demands reverence and recollection. The rosary is a meditation and demands attentiveness. If it is to teach us, we must listen; if it is to help us, we must be willing; if it is to console us, we must be open to receive. All we have to do is to rest in his presence and in the presence of Mary, and allow ourselves to be renewed.

- From *'Behold the Woman'*