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### MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL

#### DOUBLE-EDGED VOCATION

Dear Brothers,

A religious is inspired to imitate Christ as his/her model, which implies a double role. By his/her vocation, a religious is a leader, as Christ himself was, though the kind of leadership role itself varies from person to person. As a leader, one is expected to show the way, guide the people, and be a model to others. The second role is that of sacrificing, serving and suffering, as Christ himself did. In this role, one is expected to suffer -- including injustice, humiliation, calumny, false accusations, etc. One is also expected to sacrifice one's comfort, position and prestige. Further, one is expected to be a servant and not the master.

In other words, religious vocation is like a double-edged sword. A religious is a leader as well as a sacrificial lamb, a leader who carries the cross of the people, a person who is

ready to forego comforts, pleasure, position and power for the sake of the Kingdom and the good of the people. Though the leadership role gives a lot of satisfaction and joy, all of us can easily understand and realize that this is only a passing phenomenon and not a lasting one. This may even bring bitter memories later in life. However, in the second aspect we experience a tremendous sense of joy and fulfillment when we actually practice any of these, and this is a lasting one. Moreover, the joy and the satisfaction derived through such practices, returns forcefully and more intensely whenever we recall such events, even long years after a particular event had taken place. In other words, the real and lasting joy is derived through sacrifice, service and suffering for the sake of Christ and His people and not by enjoying positions and powers.

In fact, we did not join religious life to enjoy privileges, powers and comforts. On the contrary, through our vocation, we are called upon to become the suffering servant of the Lord, as Christ himself was. As he came down to this earth to serve

others and not to be served unto, we are invited to become servants of the people. Even the leadership role which we may be called upon to shoulder should be service-oriented. Moreover, we should be ready to give up such positions and powers any time, without any hesitation. The examples of our Superior Generals, Pope Benedict XVI and the manner in which Pope Francis is carrying out his leadership ministry are clear indicators of how we should look at our call to religious life, what we are expected to do in exercising our leadership roles, and with what inner disposition we should live our life and carry out the various responsibilities entrusted to us. Our double-edged vocation demands that we become leaders, who carry the cross, suffer and sacrifice for the sake of others, give up personal agenda, and offer ourselves as sacrificial lambs, ever ready for any mission, anywhere at any time.

Fraternally,  
*Sebasti L. Raj. SJ*  
Provincial

## Provincial's Programme:

### SEPTEMBER

- 01 Visitation:  
Manalur, Aiyampalayam
- 04 South Zone Provincials' Meeting,  
Maduralaya
- 06-07 Batch-Meet (1972-79):  
Maduralaya
- 07-08 Visitation:  
LTI, Madurai
- 10-11 Visitation:  
St. Mary's, Dindigul
- 13-14 Batch-Meet (1980-88):  
Maduralaya
- 15-18 Visitation:  
AAC, Karumathur
- 20-21 Batch-Meet (1989-2003):  
Maduralaya
- 21 Vocation Promotion Team Meet  
(afternoon)
- 24 Consult
- 25-27 Visitation:  
Loyola College, Vettavalam
- 28-29 Visitation:  
AHAL, Kilpennathur

### OCTOBER

- 02-04 Visitation:  
DNC, Pune
- 05-08 Visitation:  
Delhi (MDU men in the North)
- 09-10 Visitation:  
Loyola Academy,  
Vadmelpakkam
- 10-11 Visitation:  
Paathai, Vallam
- 12-15 Visitation:  
Loyola Institutions,  
Kuppayanallur
- 18 Consult
- 19 TNPCRI Executive Meeting,  
Tindivanam
- 21-22 Visitation:  
IDEAS-LAAS
- 23 Visitation:  
DACA
- 25-31 JCSA Meeting –  
Phesama, Nagaland

### SEPTEMBER

- 04-05 Dharmapuri & Salem
- 07 Mission Consult
- 10 Vadapalani Meeting  
at CMO
- 11-12 Mettuppalayam,  
Ooty
- 13-14 Batch Meet
- 17 LISSTAR Seminar
- 19 Vadamelpakkam
- 24 Province Consult
- 26 Salem
- 27 -04 Retreat

### Chennai Mission Superior's Programme

### OCTOBER

- 08 Mission Consult
- 09-10 Vadamelpakkam
- 10-11 Vallam
- 12-15 Kuppayanallur,  
Ongur
- 18 Province Consult

## Announcements

### JESA Convention - 2014:

Theme: **40 years of GC 32 D 4: Challenges and Responses, Achievements and Failures, Hopes and Opportunities.** Dates: 09 Oct '14 eve to 12 Oct eve. Venue: AICUF Ashram, Bhopal. All are invited, especially our younger men. Contact: jesadelhi@gmail.com.  
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# ORDINATIONS - 2014



**D**eacons Antony Markus, Berchmans M. Joseph, James Antonysamy, John Paul K., Philip Kumar, Sebastian Crossian, SebastinThangadurai, and Viji Bose of our Province and Jeyakumar and Antonysamy of Calcutta and Patna Provinces respectively were ordained priests by the Most Rev. George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, in a solemn Eucharist concelebrated by more than 250 priests including Frs. Provincial, ADF and representatives from the Provinces of Calcutta and Patna

George began his homily, a rain bow appeared on the sky to assure us that everything will be alright. In his well-prepared homily Archbishop George appealed to the Ordinandi to be with Jesus, to be prepared to be sent by Jesus and to become a victim like Jesus. With the question "Can anyone in formation for priesthood boldly say 'I am preparing myself to become a victim?'" he challenged all priests and would-be-priests. The ten Ordinandi who wanted to live as 'Good News' ('narcheithiyaaha') in their priestly life, fittingly made an oath of commitment after Communion

Parish Priest, Assistant Parish Priest and all the members SJC community and their collaborators, made the entire ceremony grand and grace-filled. Fr Arul Oli, PP, organized efficiently all components of the ceremony and Fr Jesu Nesa Raju, APP, with the help of Sch Arockia Selvam, meticulously worked out all the details of the liturgy and saw to it that both the Ordinandi and the PCF were thorough with all the ceremonies by giving them several rehearsals. Scholastics of Arul Kadal assumed several



at 5.30 p.m. on 30 Aug '14 at Inigo Square, St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli.

A slight drizzle at the beginning made us a little anxious, but when Archbishop

and declared their willingness to donate their organs to a spontaneous applause from the audience.

The generosity, hospitality and hard work of the Rector, Minister, Campus Treasurer, Mess Managers,



responsibilities and several Scholastics of Clive House were part of the choir. The felicitation function was compered well by Fr Michael John.

- Britto Vincent, PCF



## Events



### SHOWERS ON THE WRONG DAY

To prepare for the feast of St Ignatius here at **AAC, Karumathur**, our youthful trio - Frs Basil Xavier, Rufus and Anbu communicated to the students some relevant information on Jesuit matters. Fr R Joe, Parish Priest of Rayapuram, gave an enlightening exhortation on 29 July to the community. After the Mass on the feast day at the grotto, Fr Benjamin Franklin, OCD, the new Provincial, gave away the prizes to the winners at various competitions held during the novena. Fr K Amal, SJ welcomed all to the breakfast with the Jesuit community. In the evening we had a prayer service and dinner with priests and Religious close by.

Fr Basil brought Dr Senroya Perumal to share the joys and the sufferings of the Arunthathiars. At a workshop for Religious formators on 08 Aug, Basil spoke on intellectual formation. Fr Mani Valan organized a well-attended conference on Christian Tamil Literature at Jeyaraj Annapackiam College, Periakulam. The much-awaited showers came down on the parched lands of Karumathur but on the wrong day. So the sports day had to be postponed to 26 Aug. The mass drill and the aerobic skills displayed by 300 women students, fun games for the professors, the march past

of 14 departments along with a variety of track and field events in the presence of Dr Chandramohan, the Physical Education Director, Madurai Kamaraj University, Mr Palrangan, DGP, Crime Branch as Chief guests made the 45th Annual Sports Day special.

The Theatre Fest 2014, an inter-departmental English Drama Competition was held on 28 Aug. The Departments of Philosophy, English Literature and Rural Development Science won the first, second and third places respectively. We are making use of the expertise of our 'diviners' - Frs Arockiaraj, S. Marianathan, and Arulanandam Michael - to identify water sources in the campus.

- **A.G. Leonard and Rufus**

### NEW DEACON IN BRAZIL

For the first time in their history, Jesuits in **Brazil** held their national assembly on 12, 13 Aug.



More than 300 Jesuits participated in the two day- assembly during which seven Jesuits were ordained deacons. I was privileged to be

one of them. It was a kairós experience for us. Fr General is visiting Brazil to declare the one unified Jesuit Brazil Province (BRA), on 16 Nov. In November I will complete my theology and get back to my mother MDU Province which I feel proud of and grateful for.

- **Cyril Suresh**

### 804 STUDENTS ON THE STAGE

Fr Stany, the Head Master of **Arulanandar School, Oriyur**, succeeded in getting 804 students onto the stage during the Annual Day programme. The 39 class teachers found as many creative ways in presenting a message through mime, dances, playlets, etc designed to 'edutain' the audience. In the Shrine, the novena to the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady started with flag-hoisting by Fr I. Arul SJ on 29 Aug. Fr Mathew Moollel, after many years of service and guidance here in Oriyur, has moved to St. Mary's, Madurai for better medical care.

- **Pon Ruban**

### WALKING ALL THE WAY

On 22 July we commenced the novena of St Ignatius here at **Beschi Illam**. The novices conducted the novena in a meaningful way. On 24 July we had a common recollection for all the Jesuits of Dindigul preached by Fr Rex Pai. He dwelt at length on the life,

spirituality and missionary activities of St Peter Faber who was close to God and loved by St Ignatius. On 29 July we had the annual pilgrimage to Anumantharayankottai. The novices and some Fathers walked all the way. At the concelebrated Mass Fr Elias gave the homily. We enjoyed the hospitality of the CIC sisters and parish priests. On the feast of St Ignatius we had Mass in Beschi chapel when Fr. Provincial presided over the Mass and Fr Selvaraj gave a fiery homily. In the evening, we had a well-attended get-together of the priests and Religious at St. Mary's elementary school. The highlight this year was the play, "Passion and Glory" enacted skillfully by the novices and ably directed by Frs John and Robin from VMI, Vilangudi. We commemorated the 200th anniversary of the restoration of the Society with a special Mass on 07 Aug. Our eldest brother, Annan Fr Ignaci presided over the Mass and Fr Ilango preached an appropriate homily. In the evening we had an outing to Vaadipatti. The novices had classes on personality development and group dynamics led by Fr. I. M. Joseph. He also initiated a personal healing process. Fr Ilango gave a one-month retreat to a tertian DIHM sister. On the Independence Day, Fr Francis Xavier celebrated the Mass and Fr Dhanaraj preached the homily. After the Mass John Albert, a second year novice, gave the Independence Day message and Bro Santiago

hoisted the national flag. On 18 Aug at its Annual Conference held at Jeeva Jothi Communication Centre, Coimbatore the local branch of Signis, the International Catholic Media Association, conferred on Fr P. T. Chelladurai the title தமிழிசை அறவோன். - **Mano Einstein**

### HAPPY CHAPLAINS

In order to celebrate the first visit of a Jesuit Provincial on 04 Aug the staff of Immaculate Novitiate, M.N. Kuppam, near Villupuram, where I serve as the **Chaplain**, welcomed our Provincial, Fr Sebastia L.Raj, with a bouquet of flowers and a shawl. At lunch the novices sang for him to welcome him. After the lunch he spoke to the novices on three salient features of St Ignatius - humane, holy and happy. After he met me, they gave him a warm send off. Apart from my service here to the novices, I have been visiting the families in the neighbourhood and have had regular contacts with the two tuition centres. I have also participated in religious functions of other religions to promote inter-religious dialogue. - **Felix Joseph**

Fr Ignatius Amalraj, Superior, Loyola, Vettavalam and the community invited us, the three **Chaplains** working in the area - Fr Felix Joseph, Fr Durai Raj and me - to join them for the celebration of St. Ignatius' feast on 28 July. We three chaplains felt the warmth and kindness of the entire community. On 29 July, I could finally do what I had longed to do for a long time - visit AHAL in Kizhpennathur. Touched by the hospitality of LCV community, I made my personal annual retreat there.

- **S. P. Masillamani**

### CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH

The presence of Bishop Susaimanickam of Sivagangai, along with priests and Religious, was a blessing to us Jesuits at **De Britto** on the feast of St Ignatius. The highlight of the morning was the valedictory function of Fr Albert Machado State-level



Football Tournament presided over by Mr S.P.Muthuraman, an alumnus and well-known film director. Of the 24 teams that participated Chidambaram Rani Seethai Achi Hr.Sec. School, won the trophy. Mr Charles Borromeo and Dr Jeyaraja participated in 71st Sports Day on 07 Aug. They promised to construct Basket Ball and Beach Volley Ball courts. Fr Felix Raj, Principal of St Xavier's, Calcutta was the Chief Guest for the School Day function. He laid the foundation stone of a grand main gate he has volunteered to construct. - **Yagoo**

### TO CLARIFY DOUBTS

ICRDCE conducted three Workshops on sensitization and functioning of B.Voc and UGC Community Colleges for the State of Tamil Nadu on 01, 02 Aug in collaboration with Madras Christian College, on 18, 19 Aug for Kerala in collaboration with Marian College Kuttikanam

and for Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in collaboration Mount Carmel College, Bangalore. So far 132 participants from 57 Colleges and Universities have attended these workshops that helped them clarify a lot of doubts and develop curriculum templates. Fr Xavier Alphonse has been helping Lady Doak College and American College, Madurai to prepare for the UGC Community College Programme.

- **Xavier Alphonse**

### **SENSITIZING VILLAGES ON SANITATION**

**Paathai Centre, Vallam,** along with the IACM, conducted monthly coaching camps for the 10th std students in Kanchipuram, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore and Villupuram districts. About 150 students benefitted from the camp. In collaboration with the IACM and DHRC we organised a 3 day Social Analysis cum Village Exposure program for 20 LIBA students in two batches in August. IACM cadres guided the LIBA students in the villages around Kalpakkam area. At a medical camp in Thandalam and Pappanallur the LIBA students sensitized the villagers about the importance of sanitation and health care. Women from Siruthondamadevi of Cuddalore District who were victims



of repeated exploitation and discrimination came here to share their struggles. We also organised the immersion experience for the theology students of Arul Kadal.

- **Regis**

### **CLEANING UP**

**School:** The Annual Day of our **Loyola School, Kuppayanallur** was celebrated in a grand scale on 02 Aug. Fr Anto, Principal, Loyola College, Chennai was the chief guest and gave away the prizes to our students. Fr George Joseph has been appointed the Episcopal Vicar for Religious in Chengalpattu Diocese. Junior and Senior boys football teams have qualified for district level matches. As part of the 'clean-up project' on 15 Aug LASAC students cleaned the campus in the morning and at noon discussed what needs to be cleaned up in our society, government and the educational system.

**Parish:** 20 youth from Ongur parish took part in the Youth Animation held at the vicariate level. - **Lawrence Arockiasamy**

### **STAFF AND STUDENTS JOIN THE JESUITS TO...**

Loyolant-14, the annual Cultural Fest of **Loyola Academy, Vadamelpakkam,** was celebrated on 31 July and the function was presided over by Mr Claudius, the Managing Director of Woory Automotive Pvt. Ltd, Maraimalainagar. On 07 Aug the Catholic staff and students joined the Jesuits for a special Eucharist to celebrate the bicentenary of the Restoration. Frs Ignatius Britto and Gnanaraj were the celebrants. The second Annual Sports Day of our school was on 14 Aug. Mr Nedunchelian, Supt. of Customs and Central Excise, Chennai presided over the function and Dr. L Rajaji, Principal of ARM College of Engg. & Tech., Maraimalainagar felicitated the school.

- **Deva A. Stephen**

### **300 STUDENTS SIGN UP**

**LICET:** Tech-Mahindra, which has recognized LICET, **Loyola, Chennai** as a 'Premium Partner', has recruited, through campus interviews, 39 LICET students whom it will train all through this academic year. Anna University has recognized LICET as a Zonal Coordinator of Sports. At the Blood Donation Camp jointly organized by Rotaract Club, Chennai and LICET's NSS and Eco-Club, a large number of students donated blood.

**LIBA:** On 05 Aug LIBA organized the annual BEACON seminar on "Ethical Challenges in Marketing: Power-Responsibility Equilibrium".

### **Abide with the Lord**

Fr Piergiorgio Mennini, SJ, (RAN), 75/ 53, on 16 Aug 2014 in Ranchi.  
Fr Boris D'Santos, SJ (CCU), 80/49, on 13 Aug '14 in Kolkata.  
Br Stephen Soreng (MAP) 70/ 49, on 19 Aug in Ambikapur.



On 11 Aug LIBA hosted a function at which a book titled, CK Prahalad – the Mind of the Futurist by Benedict Paramand was released. The presence of Prahalad’s wife and daughter made the function poignant.

Loyola: On 21 Aug Loyola joined the International Justice Mission (IJM) in launching a campaign against bonded labour. Prior to the launch, the IJM addressed all the second year undergraduates and 300 students had signed up to be part of the campaign. The Governor of Tamil Nadu was the chief guest. The next day, Bertram Hall was the venue for showcasing the talents - artistic and occupational - of the Sri Lankan refugees to the corporates. In a programme organised by ADRA, representatives from 82 corporates were present and some have already offered to provide jobs to the refugees. On 21 Aug Fr Jerome Manyahi defended his doctoral thesis on quantum theory. After scaling the giddy heights of quantum physics, the community needed a Mass and a dinner to recover. Fr Stan Fernandes, the Regional Director of JRS, addressed the Jesuits

## Tertian Directors Meet in Rome

Jesuits gathered at the Chapel of St Martha Guest House, Vatican on 07 Aug morning when our dear Pope Francis concelebrated the Eucharist of thanksgiving for the 200 years of restoration of our dear least Society.

what we had to say about the status of the Society, our concerns and challenges. He prepared us for the commemoration of the Restoration of the Society with his inspiring points for the Recollection on the eve, 06 Aug. He celebrated the



This was a quiet, homely affair, without much publicity. Our General Fr Adolfo Nicolas and 26 Tertian Instructors from all the continents along with the organizer, Fr Jose Magadia, the Councillor for Formation - had the joy of concelebrating the Thanksgiving Mass with our Pope. Pope Francis invited us to join him in thanking the Triune God for all the blessings during the past 200 years. After the Mass, each one of us - including Sivan and I - was presented to the Pope by our General and we greeted him individually. At the end the Pope joined us for a group photograph.

This event was a fitting conclusion of the Meeting of the Tertian Directors, called by the General Councillor for Formation. The Meet began on 03 Aug and was over on 09 Aug. These 26 directors had come from 17 centres, 6 of us from four centres of our Assistancy. Directors from seven other centres could not make it.

Fr General was present for all the general sessions and inspired us all with his keen listening to

Eucharist on 07 Aug at the ‘Chapel of the Nobles’ at Gesu Church. It was in this chapel that Pope Pius VII presented the Bull of Restoration to the Jesuits present there on 07 Aug 1814. It was a moving moment for all of us. Having been energized by the sharings of directors and



having been assured of the trust the Society has placed in each one of us, we left Rome with great joy and hope and dreams for our centres of formation. - Michael Alosanai

of Loyola and Satya Nilayam on JRS work in Afghanistan and explained the complicated situation in Afghanistan where Alexis Premkumar was abducted on 02 June.

- Jayapathy

### BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES

In preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius, Fr Michael Alosanai gave an inspiring exhortation to us at **SHC, Shembaganur** on “going beyond the boundary.” On 31 July we had a concelebrated Mass followed by a fellowship dinner with priests and religious of Kodai hills. The Tertians who organized the celebration did a wonderful job. On 15 Aug our Inigo Hostel students celebrated the Independence Day with gusto. Hoisting the national flag Fr. Michaelraj, director, PEAK, gave a thought-provoking talk to the students who then went for an outing. On 16 Aug the community celebrated the golden jubilees of Frs Francis Vazhapilly and R. Stanislaus, applauding their service as Jesuits.

- A. Vino Selukas

### PASSION AND GLORY

We at **St Mary's, Dindigul**, celebrated the feast of St Ignatius with a month-long preparation calling it 'Intha Matham Inigo Matham' ("This month is Inigo's month"), the annual pilgrimage to Anandarayankottai, cultural competitions on the life of St Ignatius conducted by our retired staff, a special school assembly on the eve of the feast

when Fr John Wilson shared his inspiring reflections. In the evening we had a well-attended get-together for priests and Religious at St Mary's Primary School. The highlight was the play “Passion and Glory” on the Suppression and Restoration of the Society enacted by our novices. It moved many to tears. The function, organized by the three Jesuit communities in Dindigul, ended with a tasty dinner.

school building and 1 lakh for the alumni association. Mr A Rahamadulla strengthened his endowments for the champions on the Sports Day. Mr S. Seetharaman, contributed Rs one lakh for the school activities. A play “Yaar Ivargal?” (Who are these people?), depicting the history of the Society and the contributions of the Jesuits to Dindigul, revealed to the audience that it was Jesuits who



Our School celebrated its Sports Day and Annual Day on 13 and 14 Aug respectively. Our alumni Mr R. Dheenachandran, chairman of Devi group of companies, and Mr A. Rahamadulla were the chief guests for the Sports Day. Mr Seetharaman, Chairman of Board of Madurai College and Mr C. Subhasingh, Director, Bell Group of Companies were the chief guests for the Annual Day. They fondly remembered their student days here and spoke highly of the ways Jesuits touched their personal lives. Mr R. Dheenachandran donated Rs 15 lakhs for the new

introduced cultivation of grapes and flower plantations and initiated women's education in the area. Frs S. Marianathan and M. Devadoss presented various historical details and Fr. K.A. Augustine suggested the idea for the play.

Our senior team has won the G.S. Football Trophy for the 13th year. On 9 Aug our 10th and 12th std students had their annual retreat, guided by our second year novices and Frs John Wilson, Lawrence Benedict, Br P. Arockiasamy and Sch Joseph. On 24 Aug we

hosted a grand golden Jubilee celebration for Br S. Kulandairaj and other jubilarians, Frs Antony Arockiam and Lawrence Gabriel, who have served here earlier at St Mary's.

- Paul Benedict

### WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE

Indian Cultural Academy conferred an award titled 'Gem of Tamil Nadu' to Fr Ignacy Arockia of LIS, Ranipet, for integrating media and social work. The award ceremony was held at Russian Cultural Centre Chennai on 29 July. Fr Victor is training 4 professors from LICET in counseling. 15 of our students participated in a two day workshop on "Real Life Youth Experience" organised by Vellore Diocese.

- Manick

### SPORTS DAY

St Joseph's College, Trichy celebrated its 171<sup>st</sup> Sports day on 23 Aug. Mr. J. Natarajan, a former international volleyball player and the Manager of IOB, Chennai, was the Chief Guest. Fr Soosai Sebastian conducted a one-day orientation programme for the Staff on 28 July and for the B. Ed. students of Poondi Pudhumai Madha College, Samayapuram on 05 Aug.

- Jesu Nesam

### TO NURTURE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Social Research Institute (SRI), Vettavalam, has launched a research project, titled, "Creating Entrepreneurship-nurturing

Ecosystem among Dalits and Tribals in Thiruvannamalai

and Villupuram districts". The Institute organized a consultation on 19 Aug at Loyola College, Vettavalam at which men from Social Centres in the area participated. Welcoming the project, they expressed their willingness to be associated with it. Soon exploratory pilot researches will be undertaken in Kandamangalm block in Villupuram and Kilpennathur block in Thiruvannamalai districts on "Entrepreneurship culture and capabilities among dalits".

- Manu Alphonse

### TRAINING IN COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS

On 01 July, Fr Jabamalai Raja, the CMS, celebrated the Holy



to St Ignatius on 30 July. The staff had training programmes in communicative skills on 13 and 22 Aug. On 15 Aug the LCV and AHAL Jesuits visited Bishop Soundararaju of Vellore and introduced the new members of the two communities. Fr Alphonse, Principal, inaugurated the History Association and spoke on the "Meaning & Relevance of



Spirit Mass here at Loyola College, Vettavalam. The inauguration of all the Departments and the service units was held in the second and third week of July. Fr Secretary and Fr Principal visited all the Departments to elicit effective collaboration. On 28 July, the diocesan priests of the neighbourhood were invited for a gathering to build up rapport and support. Fr Ignacy Arockiasamy was the chief guest for the homage

Studying History" at Auxilium College, Katpadi. He spoke on "Social Media for Higher Education," at Fatima College, Madurai.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Day for the students of the 2010 batch took place on 24 Aug. Mrs. Vimala Britto, Director, INDEV Group of Companies, was the chief guest at the well-organized graduation ceremony.

- Alwin

### NEW ARCHBISHOP'S MASS

The Jesuits working in and around the city gathered at **St Mary's, Madurai** on 25 July for an exhortation cum fellowship. On 8 Aug we had our Sports Day. On 15 Aug Sr Anto, SHS hoisted the national flag and enthused the students with her much-appreciated speech. On the same day the Hostel Day was celebrated with a talent expo. On 25 Aug the new Archbishop of Madurai, Most Rev Antony Pappusamy celebrated Mass in our Cathedral. Fr G.Packiaraj preached a one-month retreat in Bangalore to the tertian Sisters of the Palottine congregation. On 27 Aug the School celebrated its Annual day with Mr V. Irai Anbu IAS as the chief guest. - **Leo Anand**

### INSPIRING MESSAGE

On 15 Aug, the 68th Independence Day was celebrated with a solemn Mass, flag-hoisting and an inspiring message by Raja, a hostel student at **St Joseph's Industrial School, Ooty**. Later games and sports added joy to the celebration. Guided by the new Superior and Minister, we are making some improvements in our building and constructing additional guest rooms. - **Amirtharaj**

### RICH PASTORAL IMAGINATION

We, the eight deacons, doing our **Supam** came together on 18 August at

Ariyamangalam, Mullaikudi parish to share our joys, concerns and pastoral challenges that we faced during our two months of diaconate ministry. Fr. Arockiaraj, director, Supam, Fr. Britto Vincent, PCF, Fr. Alan and Fr. Arul Raja offered us valuable insights. Our sharings on our stay in

7 dioceses prepared our minds and hearts to approach our priesthood in a holistic manner. 'Gift me with a rich pastoral imagination' was the grace e asked for in the meaningful Mass celebrated by Fr Arul Raja. We will get back to our parishes as priests to explore what we can do as pastors to bring the gospel into the lives of our people. We are grateful to Fr. Arockiam Kulandai, parish priest for hosting our get-together.

- **Sebastin Thangadurai**

### CELEBRATED TOGETHER

Fr Francis Sales hoisted the flag on the first day of the parish festival of Our Lady of Snows at Thenthamaraiikulam on 27 July and preached an inspiring sermon. Jesuits from Carmel Higher Secondary School, Nagercoil and **Thozhamai Illam**, Kanyakumari, jointly celebrated the Feast of St Ignatius with the management, staff and students of Loyola College of Engineering at Thovazhai. Fr Antony Arockiam, the Jubilarian from Carmel, was the main celebrant and Fr G. Arockiaraj gave the homily. Fr G. Arockiaraj gave a special message on St Ignatius to the students and staff of Carmel. Jesuits of the two communities

celebrated the feast of their Founder on 31 July, inviting the diocesan clergy and the Religious. The Eucharist in the morning was presided over by Fr Antony Arockiam, the Superior and Fr M. Charles preached an inspiring homily. After the Mass there was a simple breakfast for all.

On 2 Aug Fr Sales gave a course on Time Management to class X students of Amala Girls Higher Secondary School. Fr Josephraj is busy directing a thirty-day retreat for the Servite Sisters at Dindigul.

- **G. Arockiaraj, SJ**

### TWO SIDES OF INDIA

The feast day of St Ignatius saw the clergy and the Religious of the diocese gather at **St Xavier's** for a solemn Benediction by Bishop Jude Paulraj followed by a fellowship meal in the residence.

College: The department of Botany organized a two-day workshop on Biodiversity and Conversion sponsored by the Indian National Science Academy. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized a workshop on 21 Aug for the teaching faculty appointed after June 2004. It focused on teaching skills and class room management.

XIBA began the academic year with its third batch on 20 Aug. Fr Rector, Principal and other officials of the college welcomed the wards and shared their expectations. Fr

Danis Ponniah released the first copy of XIBA Business Review (XBR), a professional journal with an ISSN number.

**B.Ed. College:** The students of management quota had their intensive English training programme for three weeks from 01 to 21 Aug. The training, given by a team led by Sch Vasanth, was co-ordinated by Fr Thomas Alexander. The academic year for 2014-15 began on 25 Aug.

**School:** On the eve of the feast of St. Ignatius Fr Louis Xavier was the Chief Guest at a function at which the STARR association distributed uniforms to 70 poor students. On 14 Aug there was a rosary-procession in honour of Our Lady. On 15 Aug more than a thousand students came to the school to celebrate the Independence Day. Lt. Col. Krishnan Nair, officer commanding NCC, Palayamkottai hoisted our national flag and delivered the message. On 22 Aug we had our Sports Day when the students presented a programme called, 'TwosidesofIndia'. It enthralled the spectators and won a wide coverage in the media.

- **William**

### **MANAGING OURSELVES TO MANAGE TIME**

We at **Vidyaniketan**, Thiruvananthapuram, celebrated the feast day Mass of St Ignatius along with St Xavier's college community.

Priests and religious from the neighbouring communities were invited for a detailed power point presentation on the suppression and the restoration of the Society. This was followed by lunch. On the next day there was a friendly basketball match at Loyola School, Sreekariyam.

The Restoration was gratefully remembered on 07 August. St Xavier's college community joined us for a grand dinner. The programme that followed showcased the culture of our different regions. The course on time management by Fr Francis P. Xavier taught us how to manage ourselves in order to manage time meaningfully. Fr Deva gave a much-appreciated seminar on education to the staff of the Jesuit school in Calicut. We celebrated the feast of Assumption and the Independence Day with a Mass, prayers and an impressive flag-hoisting ceremony. - **Amalan**

### **MAGNIFICENT ARCH**

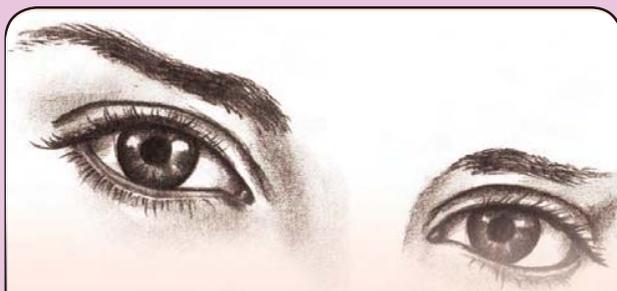
Our staff here at **Xaveriana** underwent a renewal programme at which Fr Joe Arun enthused the teachers to be competent, conscious and compassionate educators. The western entrance of the school now has a magnificent arch bearing the name of Fr Albert Machado. The arch was blessed by Fr K A Augustine in the presence of Fr Vincent Amalraj, the former Headmaster, Fr Yagoo, the relatives of Fr Machado and the alumni.

A large number of clergy and religious joined us on our Founder's feast. Bishop Yuvon

presided over the Benediction. The School Day was celebrated on 22 Aug with the usual gaiety. The chief guests, Mr Sivagami S. Arumugam and Dr S. Bakthavachalam, motivated the students to bear witness to the values promoted by the School. Earlier this month Frs S Ignatius and Xavier Rajan offered pastoral services round the clock at Our Lady of Snows Basilica during the novena to the annual feast. Fr Joe Xavier gave a seminar for about 250 Catholic youth in Veerapandian Pattanam. - **Joe Xavier**

### **MASS IN THE EVENING**

On 29 July Fr Drago gave a recollection talk to the Juniors here at **XTC, Belgaum** in preparation for the feast of St Ignatius. Fr Francis Parmar, the Provincial of Gujarat, presided over the Mass and accepted the First Vows of four Gujarat Brothers. Fr Oscar, Dean of Xavier Training College, taught the Juniors and Novices here the history of the suppression and the restoration of the Society. This enriched our knowledge and inspired us to rejoice in our sufferings for Christ. On the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and Independence Day we had flag hoisting in the morning and a Mass in the evening presided over by Fr Rosario Rocha, Provincial of Goa. Fr Benito, the former minister of XTC, pronounced his Final Vows in the Society. - **A. Prasanth**



## SECRETS FOR WELL-BEING AND PEACE

This is how John Powell begins his book, *The Christian Vision – The Truth That Sets Us Free* (Argus Communications, 1984). His starting point is this: What you see – what you perceive determines all your emotions and actions. Just like our physical vision – what our eyes see – there is the mental vision – what our minds see.

The way we see things shapes the kinds of experiences we have. Ultimately all of our lives are shaped by our perceptions.

Why do perceptions differ from person to person? Because our attitudes are different. Attitudes are like “lenses of the mind through which we perceive reality.” If our attitudes are right and healthy, then we will be happy. If, on the other hand, our attitudes are distorted and crippling, our thinking will be illogical, our emotions will be negative and so our behavior will be cranky. The good news is we can change our attitudes. If we try, we can give up unhealthy attitudes that distort the way we see and gain new healthy attitudes.

In order to be able to enjoy our legacy from Jesus – the fullness of life and peace, a full and meaningful life, we must have the right attitudes that flow from Jesus’ master vision. Jesus came to the world so that we might have the fullness of life, so that his joy might be in us and our joy might be complete. If we believe in him and his message, then how do we carry within us attitudes that contradict what he taught? - **M.A.J.A.**  
in *Lead, Kindly Light*

## Just for....



The elderly priest was known for his fiery sermons on sin, hell fire and the Devil. That Sunday, in the middle of his spirited sermon, he looked at the parishioners and said loudly: “If there is anyone who likes sin, let him stand up!” James, who was dozing from the time the priest started his sermon, jumped to his feet. While others laughed, the priest was thoroughly confused. He roared: “Do you like sin?” James mumbled: “I’m sorry, Father. I thought you said ‘gin’.”

## Memories



### ALL INDIANS WERE HIS CHILDREN

There have been great administrators in the Mission - Bishops and superiors. The Lives of Bishop Canoz, and of the Fathers Louis Saint-Cyr, Leo Barbier and Louis Verdier have been written in full. Blessed John de Britto has had several biographers; the Indian apostolate of St Francis Xavier forms only one chapter of the wonderful career of the Apostle of the East. Moreover in two volumes Fr Saint-Cyr has published notices about the first pioneers of the modern Mission, Fathers Garnier, du Ranquet, Martin and others. Of late Fathers Caussanel and Honore have also had their biographers.

Fr Denis Guichen has recorded his own experiences in two volumes of letters brimful of interest (50 Ans au Madure, Trichinopoly 1887). From them we learn of the long battles fought and the dire vexations undergone by Fr Guichen less at the hands of Hindus than of Protestants. The Anglican aggression by paid, unscrupulous underlings, but with the knowledge of the English Mission staff, in those days went to a length almost incredible. Fr Guichen’s life-work was the foundation of the vast Sathaankulam parish subdivided into others which contain some 15,000 Catholics. He labored on till his death in 1895 at the age of 77.

Fr Stephen Laporte, a straightforward and enthusiastic soul, for a long time in sole charge of both the largest and the least consoling circle, the region stretching over 90 miles from Rameswaram westward to the Ghats, visited twice yearly his 40 chapels, carrying life and hope everywhere. All Indians were his children, every village was an Eden or oasis. In his dealings he was simple like a child, ardent like youth, patient like the old. With his catechumens, he daily had what he called his apostolic talk up to 11 or 12 at night. Naturally very strong, he hardly minded his health, and “had no time to be sick”, until he died in 1898 aged 61. His chief work was the foundation of Irudayakovil, a small Paraguay Reduction. The large church was paid in part by a generous Englishman, Mr W.R.Phillips. During the famine years Fr Laporte baptized around Kamuti several thousands.

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