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THEOLOGY: VIDYA JYOTI, DELHI

Dominic Palakeel
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FURTHER STUDIES

Sheise Porunnakottu M.Sc. Vis. Com., Loyola, Chennai
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 Prince Panachithara St Xavier's College, Trivandrum
 Puthanpurackal Joseph Mathew Awaiting assignment
 Tinu Francis Pondichery LES, Trivandrum
 Tom Jose Bhagavathikunnel Snehabhavan, Kottayam

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DEGREE STUDIES

ST ALOYSIUS, MANGALORE

Adhul Thomas Ulloppillil
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BERCHMANS ILLAM, CHENNAI

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 Roji Nelson Karuthanvila
 Stevenson Paul Cheniyara

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

MARCH

7-13	JCSA Meeting, Calicut
15-18	Visitation, Christ Hall
19	Consult, Christ Hall
20	Blessing of the Hall of Sameeksha/ Seminar on Arnos Padiri, Thrissur
21	Budget Meeting, Christ Hall
22-23	Budget Meeting, LES, Trivandrum
24-28	Visitation, Novices, Andhra

HEARTY WELCOME TO FR LISBERT AND THE MEMBERS OF JCSA!

Kerala Province warmly welcomes Fr Lisbert D' Souza, the General Assistant, and all the members of the JCSA to Christ Hall, Calicut. The meeting begins on 7 March 2010 and concludes on 13 March. May they have a pleasant stay and fruitful deliberations!

FATHER GENERAL IN SRI LANKA AND PAKISTAN

Father General visited the Province of Sri Lanka from 5 to 8 February. Father Nicolás visited Colombo-Galle, Kandy, the eastern and the northern regions, in order to have a clearer picture of the work of the Society and the struggles of a country seeking ethnic and political harmony. While visiting the region of Colombo-Galle, Father Nicolás stressed several themes particularly dear to him: depth of commitment, creativity and life in the Spirit, and inserting these into the specific reality of Jesuits in Sri Lanka today. He noted that technology can be a powerful aid to serious intellectual work and to the strengthening of commitment but that it can be a temptation to superficiality. He called the Jesuits to a clear commitment to the intellectual apostolate as outlined by the 35th General Congregation. Meetings were arranged between Father General and special groups of Jesuits: the novices, men in formation, young priests, and those in Tertianship.

In Pakistan Father General visited Lahore from the 9 to 11 February. There are four Jesuits in Lahore, coming from various countries and working in the educational field. In order to have a deeper understanding of the work of the Jesuits, Father Nicolás spent his first day in conversation with the community and with three visiting professors, two

Jesuits, one lay person who are on a research trip. The next day he visited two schools for poor children, one for boys, and one for girls that the Society has sponsored for the past 25 years. Father Nicolás noted, "Both are in a very poor neighborhood, almost entirely Muslim. The students are Christian and Muslim and they seem to be creating a very good atmosphere of friendship and creative conviviality among all of them." He added, "The overall impression of this visit was excellent in terms of atmosphere, dedication of the lay professors, and vision and abilities of the two Jesuits who manage both schools."

SAMEEKSHAAS RESEARCH CENTRE

Sameeksha, Centre for Indian Spirituality, has been recognized by the M. G. University as a Research Centre, and Dr V. C. George and Dr Stephen Chundanthadathil have been approved as Research Guides. Hereafter Sameeksha can take research students for doctorate in the broad area of "Philosophy." This is a great opportunity to develop the Centre in terms of the "intellectual apostolate," to which the Society gives prime importance. Young Jesuits and others could apply for research projects. Sameeksha requests the members of the Province to make the Centre known to others holding an M.A. and to motivate them to do the doctorate.

ASSISTANCY STUDIES COMMISSION

The POSA has constituted a Commission "to suggest how we can update our programme of studies in Philosophy and Theology to meet the challenges of the globalizing and changing modern world to prepare Jesuits and other theologians for their mission in South Asia and the world in the years to come, by looking into the content of our courses, the methods, the PG Programmes, and the Staff." The members of the Commission are: Frs. Michael Amaladoss (MDU), (Convener), Joseph Christie (MDU), Job Kozhamathadam (DEL), Francis Minj (RAN) and George Pattery (CCU).

ASSISTANCY CONSULTATION 2010

The Assistancy Consultation 2010 is being convened for three days at XLRI, Jamshedpur on 25-27 October 2010. It was felt that the fruits of the Zonal assemblies should be in some way consolidated and brought to a satisfying culmination at the Assistancy Meet. It will reflect on three major thrust areas that were predominantly identified as

vitaly urgent and relevant in the contemporary context: Ecological Crisis and Response; Displacement and migration of peoples due to conflicts related to development / human rights; the Community Dimensions of our Life/Identity/ Mission.

The Assistancy Consultation Preparatory Committee includes Fr George Pattery (Convener), Fr Tony da Silva (GOA), Fr Keith Abranches (GUJ), and Fr Francis Serrao (KAR). They will co-opt other members as required and work out the dynamics of this important Consultation. Along with Fr Provincial, Frs M. K. George, Jose Mathew, Jose Thachil and John Francis will participate from our Province.

WORKSHOP ON SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Frs Joseph Pulickal and Jacob Madukakuzhy, their Novices conducted a workshop on Spiritual Exercises at Sameeksha on 5–6 February. Modules of retreat for different groups were presented and discussed. Both Joe Pulickal and Jacob Madukakuzhy gave their observations and reflections. It also offered us an opportunity to remember our Novitiate days, renew our spirit and thank the Lord for the gift of our Novice Masters.

Henry

COMMON PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED BY THE SCHOLASTICS

The following common programmes are organized by the Scholastics as part of the Summer Programme-2010. Kerala Jesuits are welcome to attend any of the listed programmes or recommend anyone whom they know for those programmes which are open to the public.

1. **Basic Computer Training** on 18 & 19 April at Loyola School, Sreekariyam (open to all Jesuits with prior intimation)
2. **Advanced Computer Training** from 20 to 25 April at Loyola School, Sreekariyam (open to all Jesuits with prior intimation)
3. **10 day SALT Camp** for high school students (open to all)
 - a) From 11 April morning to 20 April noon at Loyola School, Sreekariyam
 - b) From 26 April morning to 5 May evening at Prasanthi, Pachilakad
4. **10 Day Functional English Course** from 5 to 15 April at ICTA Kalamasserry (Open to all)

5. **Social Awareness Workshop** on 8 & 9 May at Christ Hall (open to all Jesuits)
6. **Cultural Analysis Workshop** from 10 to 12 May at Christ Hall (open to all Jesuits)
7. **Jesuit Heritage Seminar & Quiz** on 22 & 23 May at Christ Hall (open to all Jesuits)
8. **Holidays** from 13 to 20 May at Prashanthi, Pachilakad

For further details: contact Ranjit George, Scholastics' Forum Coordinator (Mob: 9539411030) and Dominic Palakeel, Summer Programme Coordinator (Mob: 9746321419).

HEALTH BULLETIN

The Regional Superior of Guyana, Fr Dermont Preston, has informed that Fr Kuruvila Cherian took ill towards the end of February and collapsed due to very high sugar levels. He is admitted in Mercy Hospital in Georgetown, Guyana. He seems to have suffered a minor stroke. The MRI scan confirmed the fact of stroke. Moreover, he is suffering from some lung infection and antibiotic treatment is administered. According to the latest email of Fr Preston, he is showing steady but slow improvement. The doctors are hopeful of his recovery. Kindly pray for his speedy recovery.

ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY

Arnos Padiri Academy organizes a seminar on 20 March 2010 on the occasion of the 278th death anniversary of Arnos Padiri. The seminar on 'The Role of Arnos Padiri in the Socio-Cultural Renaissance of Kerala' will be held at St Thomas College, Thrissur at 2 pm on 20 March. The Public meeting is at the Kerala Sahitya Academy, Thrissur at 5 p.m. followed by a musical dance drama based on 'Puthen Pana' of Arnos Padiri performed by Chethana Musical College, Thrissur.

Roy

REPORT ON PASTORAL MINISTRY

St George Church Puthenpally is a traditional Syrian Catholic parish established in 1788. The present Mangalapuzha Seminary had its beginning at Puthenapally in 1866. Puthenpally is also privileged to have had the grace-filled services of Bl. Chavara Kuriakose, Frs. Zacharias OCD and Auralian OCD.

Even though Puthenpally could boast of such great tradition I felt rather desolate when I first reached there. The Mass attendance on week days was not very encouraging even though the parish has around

1000 families. The spiritual organizations like KCYM, CLC, Altar Boys' Association, etc. were inactive. I started my ministry on a quiet note. I did not give long and fiery sermons, but listened to them, heard their confessions, consoled them and prayed for them. I trained the Altar Boys, supported CLC and arranged camps, picnics, and seminars for the youth. I computerized the church records making various church certificates easily available to the parishioners.

Now as I bade farewell to Puthenpally after 13 months of service there, I am happy to find more than 500 faithful for the week day Masses. Children and youth are ever ready to render any service to the parish. I deeply appreciate and cherish the support and encouragement of Fr Joseph Valavi, the Parish priest and the love and affection of the parishioners.

Biju Vadakkumchery

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

We had a grand birthday celebration of our senior most member of our Community, Br Joseph Thekkekara on 4 February. The celebration was made all the more memorable as Fr V. C. George and Br George Vattukulam who celebrated their birthdays joined the gathering. The presence of St Joseph's Community along with the Candidates made the celebration much more joyful. The Community of Christ Hall enjoyed an outing to Janakikad, a centre for ecotourism. Many senior members of the Community joined the picnic. Fr Mathew Moozhiyil who was hospitalized for some time is back in Christ Hall and he feels much better now. Fr Sebastian Painadath is enjoying the period of rest and relaxation. Fr V. C. George underwent hernia operation at Nirmala hospital and Fr K. J. Mathew was at Christ Hall for the cataract surgery at Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Calicut. Fr Philip Vattamala who was with us for more than a month bade farewell as he left for pastoral ministry at Naduvattom Parish. We gladly welcomed Fr Pious Vachaparambil who joined the Community in the beginning of March.

Shin

ADDI, ATTAPPADI

Fr P. S. Antony was warmly welcomed to AADI, Attappadi on 2 February. He has plunged into action immediately. He, along with "Thampu" (another

NGO), gave three day Leadership Camp for 15 young tribal leaders. He is busy visiting the settlement and getting familiarized with the tribal reality here. He also led a group of 14 MSW students in their exposure programme, which was an experience both for P. S. Antony and the students.

As usual our placement cell is active and this month we could place eight people for different jobs. While four trained electricians draw a salary of Rs.5000/- per month, the other four untrained people for site clearing job draw a salary of Rs.6000/- per month and accommodation.

Morais

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

We celebrated the School Day on 29 January. On that day the campus witnessed the most colourful gathering of the year. Fr Joseph Kallepallil, the chief guest, gave the inaugural address. Fr John Francis presided over the function. Br K. T. Jose in his report highlighted the major achievements of the year. Variety entertainments by our students added colour and beauty to the programme. In the State Youth Festival at the state level we got first place with A grade in the following items: Bharathanatyam, Folk dance, Guitar, Story writing (Eng) and Orchestra. Master Roshan R Prabhu with highest points stood first in the State Youth Festival. The Arts Club of St Michael's started publishing a monthly Inland Magazine titled 'Mozhi.' The release of the first edition was telecast by the local channels.

John Francis

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

Fr Provincial conducted the annual Visitation of St Joseph's in the third week of February. We are encouraged by his sharing and guidance. While addressing the staff he reiterated the importance of giving quality education to the students. The colorful School Day celebration of the Junior School was inaugurated by Mr S. Sreejith, IPS, the City Police Commissioner. During his Inaugural Address, Mr Sreejith, an alumnus of the Junior School, recollected his experiences as a kid in the school. Fr Provincial gave away the prizes to the meritorious students. The two hour cultural programmes in the packed premises of the Junior School by the little ones had stolen the heart of everyone gathered there. The School Day of the Senior School was inaugurated by Dr C. Ravindran, Principal, Medical College, Kozhikode. A documentary on the various

activities of the School, prepared by Sch. Sooraj, was released by Fr Provincial during the function. The non-stop cultural bonanza by the students marked the occasion. After having finished their model exams, the candidates are busy with preparation for the annual exams. Fr Anto went to Sneharam, Anjengo, to give a crash course in Maths to the SSLC students.

Sooraj

SARVODAYA, EACHOME

The Eco Club of Sarvodaya School presented a street play on environmental awareness at Panamaram bus stand. They prepared two thousand cloth bags made of cotton and distributed among the people conveying the message 'Say No to Plastic.' They also collected 88 wild plants which are considered rare and endangered and prepared name board for each plant. Our School Day celebration on 24 February went very well. Rev. Dr Baby Sebastian, Principal, Pazhasi Raja Collage, was the Chief Guest. Sarvodaya bade good bye to three of our staff including the present Headmaster, Mr P. C Velayudan, as they retire at the end of this academic year. One of our Scouts and Guides was awarded *Rashtrapathi Puraskar* this year and ten of the Scouts and Guides received *Rajyapuraskar*. As the SSLC examination is close at hand, the students of the boarding are trying to catch up in their final phase of preparation. Kindly remember them in your prayers. Fr Kuriakose is quite busy beautifying the chapel, the portico and the premises.

Raju Augustine

LOYOLA, ALUVA

February began with a spiritually enriching retreat by Fr Abraham Pallivathukal. Immediately after the retreat the new Loyola cabinet headed by Roy Peter assumed charge. During this month, too, we were privileged to have several guests. Prominent among them was Ms. Anneliese who came all the way from Germany to spend her holiday in India. She is a friend of Fr C J Joseph. We organized a special get-together in honour of Ms. Anneliese. On 12 February the Pre-Novices went for the Sivaratri celebrations in Aluva. The grand and pious ceremony with hundreds of small lighted lamps everywhere created a sense of awe and wonder and love for our ancient tradition and culture. We were also fortunate to attend the Episcopal Ordination of Mar Bosco Puthur, the first Curia Bishop of Syro- Malabar Church. Fr Biju

Vadakkumchery, having successfully completed his pastoral year at Puthenpally Parish, will be with us for a few days. He was given a touching send-off by the parishioners. Fr Salvin gave us a 3-day workshop on Drama & Dance. This workshop helped us to discover our hidden talents in these fields. Now we are busy with the preparations for the Pre-Novitiate day which is scheduled to be held on 7 March.

Nikhil (Pre-Novice)

SAMEEKSHA, KALADY

The third year theologians made their Diaconate retreat under the guidance of Fr Joseph Pulickal at Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum. Schs. Ranjit, Aneesh and Ramlat conducted a residential Seminar for the youth of Puthenpally parish organised by Fr Biju Vadakkumchery. Fr Tom Panikulam conducted a course on Discernment and Spiritual Accompaniment to the groups of priests and sisters doing a one-year program at NVSC, Pune. He also gave a course on the Spiritual Diary of St Ignatius to the Tertiaries at Pedro Arrupe Institute, Raia, Goa. Fr P. T. Mathew attended the Annual Plenary Meeting of the RTCs and affiliated institutions with the Theology Faculty of JDV, Pune. A two-day Seminar on 'Indian Theological Methods' also was held prior to the plenary. Fr Henry gave a series of talks on priesthood to the priests of Verapoly Archdiocese. He also presented a paper on 'Priestly Formation in a Fast Changing World' at a National Seminar for priests organised by CMI Prior General's Curia at Chavara Hills, Kakkanad. All of us in Sameeksha were inspired to meet many generations of Novices of Frs Pulickal and Madukakuzhy when they gathered here to honour their Novice Masters in their Golden Jubilee year.

Ramlat

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

The Community gratefully remembered and celebrated the birthdays of Fathers Terence Lobo and K. J Thomas. In the second week of February, we went for an outing to Thommankuthu and on the way we visited Fr K. P Mathew's house. On our way back, we halted at Divine Mercy Centre, a Marian shrine of the locality where we celebrated Mass and had fruitful discussions. The Junior School Day celebration was a memorable event. Mr Joseph Mathew, an alumnus and a parent of our student and also Headmaster of another school, was the Chief Guest of the day. The blooming buds won the hearts

of many by their spectacular performance. The fusion dance, in which seventy students harmoniously made their steps, was the chief attraction.

Nineteen of the Junior School students won the PCM scholarship and eight students of the UP section were awarded the DCL IQ Scholarship. Two students from the Fourth standard secured the second and fourth places in the state level Malayalam handwriting competition conducted by ASHIKA . By the end of second week all the co-curricular activities of the school ended so as to prepare for the final exam. These days all the students are trying to beat the exam fever!

Tomson Antony

LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

Loyola Residence has got a facelift with the completion of the light roof. The Minister, Fr Augustine Mekunnel, executed the plan very well with option for Rainwater Harvesting. The Community bade farewell to Fr Pious Vachaparambil, who guided the Community in good times and bad times as Rector and as Director of Loyola Extension Services. We wish him good in all his future endeavours.

LES has been granted approval for conducting the Second Phase of the training of counsellors and monitoring of counselling in schools all over Kerala.

The Sociology Department had a series of lectures by Fr E. J. Thomas and it is awaiting another series by Fr P. T Mathew. The Ladies' Hostel of the College is freed from the problem of water scarcity as KWA gave a water connection. The School is all set to close for summer holidays with the final lap of the academic year in progress. This year (and most probably only this year) we have students in Class X and Class XII of all three syllabi. The last batch who follows the State Syllabus is appearing for the SSLC examination and the last CBSE Class X batch (with a Public Exam) is also passing out.

Toby

ST XAVIER'S, TRIVANDRUM

Fr Mathew Nampiaparambil, representing XIM, attended a two day conclave of all the affiliated institutions, entered into a twinning programme with the Pondicherry Central University, held in Pondicherry. Fr Jose Thaiparambil took a much deserved break to reinvigorate his soul and body. He made his annual retreat at Sehiyon, Attappadi and

visited our men at AADI, Attappadi. Sch. Tejson made us all proud yet again by winning the best outgoing student award of Malayalam Department, instituted by the friends of Br Shaji, a Rosminian, who died in a bike accident while he was a student of this College last year.

As a fitting finale to the various curricular and co-curricular activities, the Annual Day celebrations were held both in St Xavier's and XIM. Prof. George Varghese, former Member PSC, was the Chief Guest at XIM and Fr Mathew Nampiaparambil inaugurated the College Day celebrations at St Xavier's. Meritorious students were given away prizes and scholarships. Students of St Xavier's and XIM are quietly preparing for their university examinations. With the 3rd years already on study leave their juniors too will soon follow the suit.

Dominic Palakeel

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

The month of January provided us opportunities to learn more and to integrate ourselves better into the life in the Society. The New Year and the Titular Feast of the Society were celebrated with enthusiasm. The next day the Triduum began under the guidance of Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy. It helped us to be spiritually focused. With renewed vigor we began the third term on 6 January. The Pongal festival was celebrated solemnly. "Balamela", the children's festival, was on 16 January, and the entire function was coordinated under the leadership of Sch. Roji Nelson. We had a Course on Psycho-sexual Integration by Fr Jossy Rodriguez, the Rector of St Aloysius College, Mangalore in the third week of January. The Academy Day on 13 February kept us quite busy. The cultural programme was well appreciated by the guests. On 17 February we set out for the Eco Course in Shembaganur. Fr John Britto, Director, Anglade Institute, was the resource person. Along with the classes we had exposure visits. The course gave us a detailed understanding of ecology. We witnessed a light and sound presentation in Madurai. We gratefully acknowledge the warm hospitality of the Madurai Jesuits.

Roji Nelson

BERCHMANS ILLAM

The month of February was memorable for us as we witnessed many happy events in our Community. The most important event was the Golden Jubilee celebration of Berchmans Illam which

was blessed by many eminent Jesuits from different Provinces. Fr Orobator, Provincial of Tanzania, presided over the Holy Eucharist. The cultural programme was inaugurated by Fr Devadoss, the Provincial of Madurai. The visit of Fr Lisbert D' Souza, the General Assistant from Rome, was a joyous occasion for us at Berchmans Illam. The sharing of Fr Lisbert made us proud of the great contribution of the Society to the world around. Fr Jose Mathew and Fr Baby Mulloparambil were also here to share our happiness. We were glad to welcome Fr Jose Jacob, the PCF, and it provided us an opportunity to gather at Satya Nilayam to deepen our fellowship.

Midhun

LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Fr Lisbert D' Sousa was here in the campus for a week in the beginning of February. He, on behalf of Fr General, extended appreciation and encouragement to the Community and the work they do. The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was celebrated in a grand manner. The candle light procession, participated by a large number of people, was an experience of devotion to Our Lady. The PCF's visit to Loyola was an occasion of grace and joy to us. We also were delighted to have Frs. Jose Mathew and Baby Mulloparambil with us for a few days. Fr Jose Mathew and Prince attended the "Meeting of Jesuits in Science Forum, South Asian Assistency" held in Loyola. Binu had a chance to attend a National Conference on "Business and Human Resource Management" in Madras School of Social Work.

Prince

NOVICES, ANDHRA

We had many enriching experiences in the month of February. Sch. Balakumar conducted a four-day workshop for us on self-awareness. The classes were short and sweet and it helped us to journey into our past. Fr S Antony's class on "Religious Life and Vows" had a great impact on all the first year novices. His classes were clear and were filled with humour. Fr Ambrose, our Novice Master, was away in Chennai, working on the publication of his thesis. Lijo went home for three days to be with his ailing grand mother. Thanks to his presence and God's grace she is keeping well now.

The Novices undertook a pilgrimage on 11 February to the Shrine of our Lady of Gunadala. Being with tens of thousands of pilgrims at the shrine

was indeed a blessing to all of us. Though we walked about thirty-five kilometres we were not tired, instead we gained strength and energy as we progressed in our pilgrimage.

We were happy to attend the Annual Day celebration of Loyola School at Nallapadu. The cultural programme with the theme, "Healing the World" was beautifully presented. If you happen to be with us for our Community recreations, then you are likely to get a taste of Latin! Fr Koyipuram, the senior member of our Community with his wit and humour often comes up with Latin words! The recreations do not get over without a Latin sentence!

Ajeesh

FROM TAIWAN

During the recent Winter Vacation, after we joined the Chinese in celebrating The Year of the Tiger, we had an enjoyable Get-together of a few Indian Priests, Religious and Lay Persons. Tasting genuine Indian dishes after a long time brought back memories of home-made dishes. Earlier today, 1 March, we began the Second Semester. During January-February, we lost 3 Companions—a 78-year old French Canadian, a 99-year old Spanish Basque and a 61-year old Japanese. The Chinese Province has only 194 Jesuits. Of these, 13 are over 90, 46 over 80, 36 over 70 and 25 over 60, which means, there are only 74 Jesuits below 60 in this Province. There is certainly an urgent need for new blood, young blood. You are welcome if you hear the Lord knocking at your door. China needs many more Jesuits.

John Manipadam

FROM LONDON

In spite of the freezing days of the winter, the Londoners enjoy the football league matches. The weekend reflection and discussions on the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus were organized for the Scholastics in London, at Emmaus Centre in Kent. Fr James Hanvey S.J., the theological adviser to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, led us into the Spirit of the Constitutions. We were given three sessions of input on the theological dimensions of the Constitutions followed by discussions in groups. Fr Jan Bentvelzen, the Dutch Provincial, visited and stayed in the Community for two days during the European Provincials meeting in London. It was a wonderful experience to spend four days during reading week in Glasgow with the

Jesuit Community and a group of Malayalee families. I was asked to give reflections on the Lenten season during the family prayer meeting.

Xavier Tharamel

COURSES AND SEMINARS

PRERANA, Mount St Joseph, Bangalore, offers a course on **RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP** by Frs Fred D'Silva, Dion Vaz, William Sequeira & Charles Lasrado. Dates: 11 Apr 2010 evening to 18 noon. Cost: Rs.2200/-(room, board & course)

Content: Community as context for Leadership, team building, Stages of & consultation in community, Ignatian paradigm of Leadership. Role & characteristics of religious leader, Principles of spiritual leadership, coping with stress & burn-out, decision-making, handling difficult people, leadership styles, power dynamics, triangulation, conflicts, addictions, assertive skills, reactive and proactive leaders, finance management.

Apply: Email preranaisc@gmail.com or write to: Prerana, Mount St Joseph, IIMB Post, Bangalore 560076.

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Sebastian Carri (76/56 DEL), on 9 February 2010 in Jaipur.

Paul Wenish (DEL 41/16), on 13 February 2010 in Delhi.

Fr Francis Bernard (BOM 86/50), on 17 February 2010 in Andheri

Mr Jose Mathew (73) brother of Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy on 4 February at Kanjirapally.

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

MARCH

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| 01 | (1990) Mathew Chilttilapilly |
| 03 | (1974) James Montanari |
| 05 | (1989) Chacko Marattukalam |
| 06 | (1958) F Baviera |
| 06 | (1989) Joseph Vergottini |
| 14 | (1999) Alexander Thannikanirappel |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

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| 12 | Saji Arithiyal Puraidam |
| 13 | Mathew Pampackal |
| 14 | Augustine Mekunnel |
| 17 | George Sebastian Vallocheril |
| 18 | Bony Moozhiyankal |
| | Jose Thaiparambil |
| | Thadeyoos S M |
| 21 | Adhul Thomas Ulloppillil |
| | Varghese Anikuzhy |
| 22 | Sebastian Valiamattam |
| 23 | Stevenson Maliekal Cheniyara |

APRIL

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| 01 | Dollichan Kollarath |
| 04 | Abraham Madathiparambil |
| | Gracious Stephen |
| 08 | Aneesh Joseph Manivelil |
| 10 | Antony Mechery |
| | Pious Vachaparambil |

