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### FROM THE PROVINCIAL

#### Creative Fidelity

Why is it that we are strong on fidelity, but weak on creativity?

These thoughts from Gabriel Marcel may help us. According to him 'fidelity ... is the attitude of trust [loyalty] extended through time ... to be truly faithful, one must be creative'. He warns that loyalty to what a person used to be is not creative fidelity. Loyalty to one's ideal image of the other is not creative fidelity. Not even loyalty to one's own first commitment of loyalty is creative fidelity. On the other hand, **creative fidelity is the willingness to trust, be attentive to, and suffer with the other even as the other changes.** It is a living process.

For us Jesuits, the willingness to trust in Jesus who has called us to be his companions, the skill and patience to be attentive to self, the other and the universe and most importantly the willingness to suffer with others, especially with our community members and the poor, are some of the primary requisites to develop and sustain creative fidelity.

We have proposed that every Jesuit community undertakes an animation programme before September, 2014. Through the proposed animation programmes in communities, let us search for a new fire, a creative fidelity, which will make our personal lives more fulfilling and the mission more effective.

M.K.George S J

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION



#### ORDINATION

Dn Joseph Mathew Puthenpurackal will be ordained a priest in St Mary's Church, Vakayar, near Konni, at 7.30 am on 15 August 2014.

Conveyance will be available from Santhinilayam, Kottayam. Please inform Fr Sony Thazhathel if you need accommodation at Santhi and conveyance to Vakayar.

#### PAINTING EXHIBITION

Arnos Padiri academy organizes an exhibition of paintings of Roy Thottam from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August in Durbar Hall Art Gallery Ernakulam. Poet and actor Sri Balachandran Chullikadu will inaugurate the exhibition on 10<sup>th</sup> evening. On the occasion Fr. Abraham Adapur will be releasing a book 'Bible Kathakal' by Dr. Rosy Thampy for which Roy has done the illustration paintings. All are welcome for the exhibition.

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

#### AUGUST -2014

- 09 JEA Meeting, Christ Hall, Calicut
- 11-14 Visitation - St Xavier's, Trivandrum
- 15 Ordination – Sch. Joseph Mathew
- 17 Consult – Christ Hall, Calicut
- 21-24 Visitation – Loyola, Trivandrum
- 25 Khandmal Day, Christ Hall, Calicut

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

Fr. Sebastian Thengumpallil was brought to Christ Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> July and taken to Nirmala Hospital for treatment. He is recuperating slowly and steadily. Christ Hall received all our Superiors, consultants and CCA members for their meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of July. **Fr. Paul Palatty** is in Christ Hall in connection with his health concerns. He was taken to Amrita Hospital in Ernakulam for further check-up and now he is undergoing medication. After nine days of prayerful reflections on the suppression and restoration of the Society of Jesus through Novena of St. Ignatius we, the Christ Hall community, celebrated the feast of our founder Father Ignatius. **Bishop Varghese Chakalackal, Bishop Maxwell and Rev. Sr. Sinclair, Superior General of FCC** sisters were present among the 200 guests for the Feast Day special prayer service and Dinner.

*Emmanuel*

### SARVODAYA, EACHOME

The feast of St Ignatius was a memorable event for the community. We celebrated it quite meaningfully on 31 July with all our friends and collaborators at different levels. The celebration began with a solemn High Mass presided over by **Fr Baby Chalil**, the manager and **Fr Wilson Puthusery**, the HM in charge preached the homily. Fr Wilson, in his homily, highlighted from the life of Ignatius a few spiritual sparks relevant to our life in today's consumerist Society. After the Mass, the staff and students felicitated the Jesuits with colourful programmes and gifts. **Fr Biju** thanked everyone on our behalf. It was followed by a sumptuous meal along with our staff of both the School and the TUDI. The parents of all our Jesuits from the locality also joined us for the celebration. The highlight of the day was the get-together in the evening with priests and religious of our locality. **Mar Jose Porunnedom**, the bishop of Manathavady was the guest of honour. The celebration began with a moving prayer service led by Fr Baby Chalil and the candidates. **Fr Joseph Kallepallil** gave a short and sweet exhortation on Suppression and Restoration of the Society which was very informative and interesting. Mar Jose Porunnedom highlighted the contributions of Jesuits throughout the world and shared with us

how he has been inspired by his Jesuit professors. He thanked the Jesuits of Wayand for the services they render in his diocese. Another mile stone of our school is that we got sanction for an additional commerce batch in our Higher Secondary Section. Our classes are on in full swing except for some rain holidays that provide a welcome break! Fr Baby is back home after his Germany – France visits. His visit to Lourdes was immensely inspiring for him. The construction of TUDI boarding house is going on well in spite of the heavy rains these days.

*Salvin*

### SAMEEKSHA / ATMAMITRA, KALADY

The 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Samuel Rayan** was celebrated in a homely way. Samuel gives an authentic witness to how a Jesuit can gracefully live in the advanced age of one's life. In July, Sameeksha hosted two seminars of SCM and AICUF with a large number of college students attending them. On 31<sup>st</sup> July, the community invited the priests, religious and collaborators of the locality for a fraternal meal-fellowship. **Sabu Malayil** presented to them a description of the Jesuit involvement in the issues related to migrant workers. **Sebastian Painadath** gave retreats to two multi-religious groups. The spiritual process of meditating on universal prayers taken from different religions has been a refreshing and uniting experience for them. He also presented a research paper on the spirituality of *ashram* heritage at the Fr. Zacharias Memorial Seminar at Carmelgiri Seminary, Alwaye. Three out of the four research papers presented there were given by Jesuits. Fr. Jacob Parappally MSFS in a paper highlighted the contributions of Samuel Rayan and Raimundo Panicker in developing Indian theology in a multi-religious context. Fr Painadath took part in the theological colloquium of Bishops and Theologians at NBCLC, Bangalore.

The Good Samaritan work of ours, *Jeevika* (Ministry among migrant labourers) made a breakthrough intervention through the person of **Sabu Malayil**, whose intervention solely was instrumental in the sending of the dead bodies of the Bengali Couple, who died falling out of the train, to Kolkata by flight. His involvement in the matter also helped to get some sponsorship for the children of the deceased.

**Xavier** attended a three day workshop on Inter-religious Dialogue at Dharmaram, Bangalore.

**Toby** was away in four schools in Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Andhra giving programmes for teachers and students. The *Atmamitra* Team also gave a Youth Animators Training Programme at SRC attended by 21 persons from various agencies and congregations.

*Toby*

### LOYOLA, ALUVA

The First Year Novices, after completing their first probation under the guidance of **Fr. Jacob Madukakuzhy**, formally joined the Community on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. They were accorded a solemn welcome by the II Years. Now they seem to be perfectly at home with the novitiate environment, and are going about with much zeal and vigour. From the first Sunday of July the II Years have begun their much-longed for Sunday ministries in three different parishes.

We celebrated the feast of our Holy father Ignatius and the 'Restoration Day' with much enthusiasm. First, we tried to familiarize ourselves with the life-story of St. Ignatius; then there were the novenas; then a very fruitful Recollection under the inspiring guidance of **Fr. Abraham Pallivathukkal**; and on the festal eve we had an hour of Community adoration. Then there was the "physical" preparation – mainly sprucing up the House and the surroundings. On the feast day itself, there was a solemn Eucharistic celebration in the morning. At noon we had a prayer service followed by dinner in the presence of our close friends and religious neighbours. We are very grateful to **Deacon Prince Clarence** who conducted a creative and meaningful prayer service.

Henok, a II year novice, was in hospital for a week following a minor surgery. Fr. Paul Palatty and Bro. Michael were here with us for a few days in connection with the former's treatment. Deacon Santhosh, too, spent a week with us to make his ordination retreat. And Jack Achan is away directing a thirty-day retreat at Pariyaram, Chalakudy.

*Henok*

### LUMEN/SNEHASENA, KOCHI

Lumen Jesuit Community celebrated the feast of St Ignatius with its neighbours, collaborators and religious and priests from the vicinity commemorating the bicentenary of the restoration of the Society, we celebrated Mass with the

people. In a meaningful prayer service conducted by **Frs M.J. Thomas and Raju Vattaparambil** for the specially invited guests, we shared the spirit and life in the Society. It was followed by a lunch.

**Fr Adappur** informs that the Newman Association would take up the theme of 'Suppression and Restoration of the Society' for its monthly discussion in August. Fr Adappur gave an introductory outline on the Society of Jesus during the July session of the meeting. **Fr Nambiaparambil** is back to the community after his successful surgery of his knee at a hospital in Thodupuzha. He was suffering severe pain for years and surgery was the last resort. He is walking steadily as a sign of steady improvement. **Fr Pallivathukkal** was busy with various programmes of Jesus Youth (JY) such as training for Full Timers, Junior Evangelizers, Professionals and Nurses. There was a conference of senior JY Ladies participated by over 250 members from Kerala and outside as well. Fr. Pallivathukal gave recollection to the Novices in Loyola, Aluva in preparation for the Feast of St Ignatius.

**Fr M.J. Thomas** has been engaged in spiritual animation of various groups of Religious Sisters. An article featuring him that appeared in the *Sunday Shalom* has made him highly popular among many Catholics and he receives regular phone calls seeking personal spiritual direction and prayers. He gave a talk for 'Radio Maria', an internet spiritual channel.

**Fr Vincent** is busy with his school visits, programmes in schools for students, teachers and parents along with the editing, publishing and circulation of two magazines. Sneha Sena has crossed 1,35,000 copies in circulation while Tik-Tik Life has reached 12,000 copies. Special thanks to Jesuit schools who wholeheartedly support the mission.

*Vincent Pereppadan*

### SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

The senior most member of the community **Fr. Joseph Podimattam** was the main celebrant of the Eucharistic Celebration of the Feast of St Ignatius in the morning and inspired us all with his thought provoking sermon. We celebrated the Ignatian Feast with the nearby parish priests, religious, and neighbours. Sch. Jijimon conducted a short and devotional prayer service followed by a sumptuous lunch.



**Fr. Sebastian** is slowly and steadily recuperating his health in Nirmala Hospital, Calicut. Even though he is bedridden he is quite alert in directing Snehabhavan activities. Snehabhavan students, parents and staff are earnestly praying for the speedy recovery of Fr. Sebastian.

**Fr. Joseph Podimattam** was in Samanvaya Jesuit Community for a month engaging in the ministry of hearing confessions in the absence of **Fr. Kuriakose**.

Our help is often sought in nearby Latin and Syrian parishes. Thanmaya Media Centre is organizing a Film Appreciation and Analysis Programme on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 3 pm.

Anil Kochumethikalam

### AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

With the beginning of the commerce batch in the Higher Secondary section, seats are all filled and classes are going on in full swing. **Fr Vincent Pereppadan** and the Snehasena team conducted a training and orientation program for the Hr. Secondary and High school students. Deacon Prince was also in the school to organize a training session for another batch of students. Our HSS students participated in seminars and quiz completions conducted in various institutions around. The school students were taken to KUSAT, Kochi, to attend a training session in science related activities. We were happy to have **Fr Provincial** with us when he made his maiden visit to the community after taking charge as provincial. As part of the plan to study the situation of the school, **Fr Ephrem** also spent two days in the campus. The feast of St Ignatius and the commemoration of the Restoration of the Society were held in an imposing manner by inviting priests, religious and distinguished guests. We had concelebrated Eucharistic celebration in both houses for our neighbors and friends. **Fr K C Thomas** led the special invitees through a meaningful prayer session in the evening. On the 30<sup>th</sup> a special assembly was held in the school to uphold the importance of this years' feast in which Fr Tom Panikulam gave an inspiring message to our students. Later, the community also arranged an agape in the evening for the staff and co-workers of the school. We are extremely grateful to **Fr. Joseph Podimattam** for having spent his valuable time for the community. His presence was

a great help for us in hearing confessions and for ministries in various places.

Ramlet Thomas

### ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

The Bicentenary of the Restoration of the Society of Jesus was celebrated in St Michael's school on 31<sup>st</sup> July with much gaiety. **Rev Dr Alex Vadakumthala**, Bishop of Kannur was the Chief Guest of the programme. **Mar Remigiose Inchananiyil**, Bishop of Thamarassey also participated in the celebrations. **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** gave a talk on the historical background of the Suppression and Restoration of the Society and the growth and development of her missions all over the world through the centuries. Through the picturesque description of the historical events, Fr Sunny held the audience spell bound. Thank you Fr Sunny for enlightening the participants! Nearly 150 people including the teachers, priests and religious took part in the programme. The sumptuous dinner prepared under the leadership of **Fr Dominic Madathaniyil** excited the taste buds of the participants and gave a special flavour to the celebrations. The whole community came together to make the programme a grand success.

A new kitchen was inaugurated for the noon meal programme in the school and in connection with that *payasam* was served to all the students of the school.

*John Francis*

### S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM

IRC was honoured by the visit of **Cardinal Telesfore P.Topo** of Ranchi together with **Rev. Dr. Alex Vadakumthala**, Bishop of Kannur on 5<sup>th</sup> July, who inaugurated a workshop on 'Celibacy and Sexuality' organised for the clergy and religious by the Kannur diocese and attended by about 180 participants. IRC has grown more eco-friendly. The refreshing rain water from the harvesting tanks runs through our pipes from this monsoon onwards. We had gone for Solar Energy for heating and lighting early this year. **Br. Sebastian Valiyamattam** has shifted his abode from the Jesuit House to IRC where he has better facilities for serious study and prayer. He made his annual retreat at Mother Home retreat house, Pariyaram. **Fr. Mathew Kannadan** replaced Fr. Georgekutty at Nilambur parish for 11 days. As customary for the feast of St. Ignatius, our neighboring priests and religious numbering about 120 gathered at

IRC for a talk on 'Restoration of the Society' by **Fr. Joseph Edassery**, followed by a sumptuous lunch. The staff of SM Farm was given a feast-day lunch with the Community on the previous day.

*Mathew Aerthayil*

### LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

**Fr Polson** pronounced his final vows on July 05. The event was spiritually moving and brought together many Jesuit collaborators. **Fr Joye James** attended the Kerala- Tamilnadu Childline Directors' meeting in Chennai on July 07. He also conducted a training programme for the Superiors of MSJ congregation of Ernakulam Province at Chunangumveli on July 12-13. Frs Saji, Ranjit and Joye James attended a workshop on *Jesuits' Training in Higher Education* in Dhyana Ashram, Chennai on July 25-27. On 30<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola with the college and school staff. On 31<sup>st</sup>, our immediate neighbours and religious were invited for the dinner. **Fr Antu Xavier** attended the funeral of his cousin, Fr Kalamparambil CMI on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Br John was admitted in Holy Cross Hospital, Kottiyam due to physical ailments for four days.

*Linto Kanichai*

### LOYOLA, POOVAR

Our beloved **Fr Rabin** has been doing a laudable service, managing the B. Com. Programme, Crèche, Tailoring centre, Computer lab, and other Socio-religious activities of the Centre here for the last five and a half years. In addition to these he got our Centre approved a 'learning Centre' of Kerala University and an Extension Centre of Neyyattinkara Polytechnic for job training for women - under a Central Govt. Scheme. A few days ago officials from the Kerala University and Neyyattinkara Polytechnic visited our Centre for a spot inspection. Rabin was also actively involved in the pastoral ministry in the neighborhood. For some time he was the coordinator for the Forane Education Council. His friendly, accommodating and gentle demeanor has won the hearts of both the students and the staff. **Much applause is due to Rabin for all these.** We wish him abundant graces as he leaves for Tertianship at Raia, Goa.

*K J Thomas*

### LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA.

The Loyola day was celebrated with enthusiasm, great jubilation, pomp and glory with a number of memorable events. It was a wonderful holiday and all the students were present in the school. The students and teachers started preparations a week ahead with over fifty questions on our Holy Father Ignatius for the quizzing Game, memorable quotes from the sayings and writings of St. Ignatius and a number of one act plays based on the various significant events in the life and work of our Father Ignatius. The teachers who animate the four houses and the student leaders manifested remarkable planning and imaginative powers in the preparation of the script and performance on the stage. A number of interesting Mono acts, based on the life of St. Ignatius were also staged by way of competitions between the Houses. There was also The Loyola Family Song – Noble Knight – competition in which Junior and Senior groups of the Houses participated. A 20 minutes long video was screened in the mini Auditorium for the benefit of the students who watched it class wise, along with their respective teachers. As a result every teacher and each student of our school is familiar with the life and teachings of our Founder and with our Province. **Fr. C. T. Jose** played a significant role in the celebrations of the day, screening the video of St. Ignatius' life and arranging the sound system of the different stages.

Earlier on the eve of the feast Fr. CT had organized a wonderful celebration in Loyola Sadan, Jesuit residence, in which a number of priests and religious sisters participated. It was a great ecumenical and fraternal gathering where Pastors of the neighbouring CSI churches, a number of Syro-Malabar priests and Rev. Sisters of the surrounding Syrian parishes, the Malankara Fathers and Rev. Sisters and the priests of Kattakada Forane were present. The singing of song Our Lady of the Way in Spanish, Take and receive, Noble Knight and This is my prayer composed by the great Jesuit Alumnus Tagore were sung by the students of Loyola and the video of the life of St. Ignatius made the Prayer Service a great spiritual experience.

The 24<sup>th</sup> of June, THE PROVINCIAL'S DAY was a day of great solemnity which was marked by the visit of **Fr. M. K. George**, the Provincial. The students organized a wonderful welcome programme.

Fr. Provincial also addressed the staff of the school which was highly inspiring and encouraging. We are busy preparing the documents necessary for the construction of the new school building which is urgently needed. The prayers and support of ours are requested.

*Syriac Panjikanan*

### VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

The month of July gave us the taste of our Jesuit formation as we plunged into serious academic activities. We have commenced "Grama Pravesam", an activity and ministry of the Common Juniorate. We had a city darshan trip one afternoon.

On July 5<sup>th</sup> we attended the final profession of Fr. Polson in Loyola. It was a spiritually renewing experience.

We celebrated the diamond jubilee of the religious life of our staff member **Fr Richard Sequeira** of Karnataka Province on 12<sup>th</sup> July with a solemn Eucharistic celebration and dinner. Guests from the nearby Jesuit communities doubled our joy.

**Fr K J Thomas**, the former minister of SICJ, paid us a short visit on his way to Poovar. We wish him all the best in his new mission.

**Fr Jojo**, a professor in Ateneo de Manila and a friend of our new AICUF animator Fr Babu Paul, Fr Sanil Mayilkunnel, the new Socius to our much-missed novice master, and Deacons Santhosh, Augustine and Prince were the visitors who brought us joy during the month.

We had a course on time management by **Fr Francis Xavier**, director of the Loyola Institute of Technology, Chennai.

We had a meaningful and quite innovative novena programme as preparation for the feast of St Ignatius. We celebrated the feast and the bi-centenary of the Restoration of the Society with our neighbours.

*Anja*

### ALPHONSA COLLEGE, THIRUVAMBADY

Alphonsa College, Thiruvambady (ACT) starts four Degree Courses- B.com Finance, B com Computer, B Sc Psychology and B A English this academic year. Admissions to the various courses are over. We plan to inaugurate the academic year on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

*K.P. Mathew*

### INIGO SADAN, BANGALORE

Unlike other months July brought in a lot of colorful gatherings and celebrations to our community, Inigo Sadan. It all began with the birthday of our Rector **Fr. Anil D'Mello**. The community prepared everything well to make it a memorable one for him and us.

The biggest celebration was the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola. In preparation for this, we had Novena, in honor of St. Ignatius conducted by the Scholastics. The priests of our community and from the Provincial House gave us points each day of the Novena for our reflections. Indeed all of these helped us to examine ourselves more devotedly and equip ourselves with the Ignatian charism. It was also an occasion to refresh ourselves once again what we learnt from the Novitiate.

On the feast day we had Eucharistic Celebration with the Boarding and Community College Hostel students. The Provincial of Karnataka, **Fr. Stany D'Souza** was the main celebrant. It was pleasant to see so many priests on the altar for this biggest feast of our Order. In the afternoon we had a Quiz competition for our community conducted by **Fr. Freddy D'Silva**, the Socius to the Provincial, at Loyola Mandir, following which we had a sumptuous dinner.

At present we are busy preparing for our Mid-Semester Exams scheduled from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of August.

*Sch. Jema*

### SATYANILAYAM, CHENNAI

A walking pilgrimage to St Thomas Mount on 3<sup>rd</sup> July is an annual feature in Satya Nilayam and this year too we made it with much fervor. A training session in achieving excellence and innovation was conducted on 4<sup>th</sup> July by **G.M. James**, former Professor of English, Loyola College, Chennai. Faith sharing in living groups marked the major event of the month. On 12<sup>th</sup> July, all the Scholastics spent the whole day in different parishes in the City engaged in faith sharing. **Fr Dasappan** delivered the Loy Memorial Lecture on the theme, "Send my Roots Rain!" Conflicts and Originality in Gerard Manley Hopkins on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014. Sch. Loy Fernandes, a former student of Satya Nilayam, on whose name the lecture is organized got drowned in the Sea in 2006. The Lecture was well-received.

*Rosan Roy*



**VIDYAJYOTHI, DELHI**

The academic year 2014-2015 began with the inaugural Eucharist presided over by **Archbishop Vincent Concessao**, the theme being 'Doing Theology for Discerning God's Optic'. Archbishop Concessao explored the theme in a manner that left the entire staff and student body deeply touched and moved because he substantiated all that he had to say with examples from his own life. The occasion also led us to the memory of the restoration of the Society of Jesus which happened 200 years ago. The inaugural lecture was delivered by the well known social thinker, **Mr Harsh Mander**. He is noted for his courageous secular stand that made him renounce his position as an IAS officer in protest against the Gujarat riots. The theme of the lecture was 'Changing Political and Economic Scenario: Challenges and Hopes'.

This year we have 260 students enrolled in the College – 173 at the NTC and 88 in the 4 RTCs affiliated to VJ. We are blessed with two new teaching staff members, both former VJ students, namely **Fr Victor Edwin** and **Fr Edwin Rodrigues**. Fr Victor Edwin had his doctorate at Jamia Miia Islamia, New Delhi. Fr Edwin Rodrigues has joined the staff this year after doing his M.Th studies in Biblical Theology at Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune.

The Novena prayers conducted by the Staff and students followed by a day specially dedicated for the sacrament of reconciliation. They helped each one of us to make the Ignatius feast day celebrations a memorable one. The Vidyajyothi College celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration for all the staff and the students of the college. **Fr. Edward**, our POSA and Vice Chancellor, was the chief celebrant. He gave an inspiring homily on this occasion inviting the staff and the students to nourish a deep love for our Institute and its inner life.

*Rubil Martin*

**FROM THE CHINESE PROVINCE**

HAPPY FEAST of our HOLY FOUNDER and FATHER ST IGNATIUS to one and all!!! May each and every one of us catch a bit of the "fire" that was in Ignatius, Francis Xavier, Peter Faber and Companions so that we may "ignite" the persons we deal with! At this morning's Mass, I was the Main Celebrant, after which there was an outpouring of Greetings! This evening I will join our Companions

in Loyola House for a special Jesuit celebration (Mass and dinner). Last Sunday the large Indoor Stadium was packed with a large number of Jesuits, some Sisters and very many Lay People for a grand celebration of the FEAST of ST IGNATIUS and of the BICENTENNIAL of THE RESTORATION OF THE SOCIETY in the Ateneo de Manila University Campus. The Philippines Provincial presided; also present were the President of the Assistancy, the Provincials of Vietnam, Indonesia, South Korea and the Regional Superior of Cambodia.

After leaving VIETNAM, I have already completed one month here at ICLA (Institute for Consecrated Life in Asia), PHILIPPINES. My 77 students are: 27 Vietnamese, 16 Mainland Chinese (including 2 Laywomen), 13 Myanmarese (including a Layman), 5 Bangladeshis, 4 Indonesians, 4 Filipinos (including 1 Laywoman), 3 Koreans, 3 Thais and 2 Pakistanis. Some other students bring me their Written Assignments for other Professors for correction. I enjoy the daily invigorating PingPong games! My dear brothers, stay fit, stay well and stay happy!

*John FJ Manipadam*

**FROM CANADA**

"As you may or may not know it is more than one year and three months since I started my 'sabbatical'. Ever since I have been busy conducting programs, teaching courses, giving retreats, doing pastoral ministries and attending refresher courses etc. I have been attending a four- phase Ignatian Training Program in Spiritual Direction and Retreat Ministry in Canada which included making a Long Retreat, a practicum in Spiritual Direction, a Spiritual Director's Workshop and a few short courses and seminars developing themes in Spiritual Direction and associated areas. In that connection and in my capacity as a retreat director I have also done a number of presentations in these programs. After finishing the first phase of the program in October –December, 2013, I returned to India and was engaged in teaching a number of media courses, workshops, seminars and in directing retreats for various groups of people in the North Eastern states of India. Now I am back in Canada once again attending the third phase of the Ignatian Training program. I hope to be back in India in early October and will be engaged once again in directing some clergy retreats in Darjeeling and in the North East, and in teaching some courses in Ranchi, Hazaribag,

Calcutta, and Silguri etc. All things considered, I must say that this 'Working Sabbatical' was indeed a beautiful experience for me, especially serving the people of North East. I have been able to help out more than forty institutions in seven states in the North East conducting more than eighty five different programs for a variety of groups and it was indeed a grace filled experience for me so far."

*George Sebastian*

#### FROM CURIA, ROME



**CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF SAINT IGNATIUS WITH POPE FRANCIS**

On Saint Ignatius' feast day, the community at the General Curia had the pleasure of having Pope Francis join them for dinner. It was only at the last moment that he told Father General that this was his wish. The visit was wholly private, and quite simple. The Pope joined the community for the meal in the refectory, then in the recreation room for coffee, for friendly conversation, and to greet each one personally.

The seven siblings - the brothers and sisters - of **Fr. Paolo Dall'Oglio**, were also guests at the meal. Fr. Dall'Oglio was abducted in Syria one year ago. The Pope consoled them with words of comfort. Present, too, was a group of EJIF (European Jesuits in Formation) scholastics. They are holding their annual gathering at the General Curia these weeks.

(From the digital information services, Curia, Rome)

### GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr. Shailendra (RAN, 61/42) on 07 July 2014 in Ranchi

Fr. Stany Vas (KAR, 90/69) on 07 July 2014 in Mangalore

Br. Mariasusai Sebastian (MDU, 96/76) on 13 July 2014 in Dindigul

Br John Alphonso (PUN, 101/78) on 19 July 2014



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### AUGUST

- 13 Ephrem Manikompel
- 15 Tinu Francis Pondichery
- 16 Thomas Karimundackal
- 18 Nikhil George Paruvananickal
- 19 Abraham Mannamkary  
Devassy Ponthempilly
- 23 Joseph Inchackal
- 27 Mani Manimala

#### SEPTEMBER

- 06 Sunny Kunnappallil



### IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

#### AUGUST

- 01 (2013) Varkey Chalissary
- 07 (1983) Thomas Nadar
- 08 (1962) John Sequeira
- 09 (2005) Sebastian Inchody
- 15 (2006) Francis Kannikal
- 29 (2011) Mathew Moozhiiyl

**KINDLY PRAY FOR MANY GOOD VOCATIONS**

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