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FROM THE PROVINCIAL

THANK YOU FR. JACK!

Visitations continue to be times of grace. In Loyola, Aluva it was through a message of St. Ignatius to those sent on mission from the collections of Fr. Madukkakuzhy.

“Take care of your health, and take care that in attending to the needs of others you do not forget to take care of yourself. Take time for prayer, for examining your conscience, for the sacraments... When you cannot do everything, make sure that you first do the work you have been missioned to. Prioritize everything else. Prefer the spiritual to the corporal, the more urgent to the less urgent, the more universal to the particular, the lasting to the transient, if you cannot do both. See to it that the effects are lasting. Do what is needed and what you are good at doing. Be humble enough to start from the bottom and work your way up rather than trying to start at the top. Respect the Society and its head. Preserve its good name. Attract good men to carry on the work.

If ever there has been need for a Jesuit... to be countercultural it is now. No one can afford to succumb to the contemporary fear of silence, solitude and peace.” (EpistIgn 12:251-53)

M.K.George S J

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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY 2015

- 01 Lumen - PEACE Institute Meeting
 02-03 Santhinilayam and Edathua Visitation
 06 NGO meeting in Calicut
 07 Superiors' meeting
 08 Mariyapuram – Fr. Zucol Memorial Mass
 11 Seminar at St Theresa's College
 12 Samskrit G B at Calicut
 13 AADI Visitation
 17-19 Visitation, Bangalore
 21 Consult
 22-02 March JCSA Meeting in Mumbai

MARCH 2015

- 03-05 Pune Visitations
 06-08 Delhi Visitations

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

JUBILEE CELEBRATION & RECEPTION

The felicitation of our Jubilarians and reception to the new priests of this year will be held at **11.30 a.m. on 9th May 2015** during the interval of the Province Congregation. All the province members are invited to join our Jubilarians and new priests to wish them well.

SEMINAR ON SAMUEL RAYAN

A National Seminar on **Fr Samuel Rayan's** contribution to Indian Christian Theology was organized in SRC, Calicut, on 28 to 31 2014. **Fr Kurien Kunnumpuram** took the initiative to organize the seminar. Around thirty five theologians, philosophers and activists participated in the seminar. Nineteen papers were presented and discussed in the seminar which will soon be edited and published by Fr Kurien. The participants were quite happy with the ambience of Christ Hall premises to have this seminar. Fr Samuel Rayan sat through and attended all the sessions of the seminar. Hearty congratulations **Fr Kurien** for organizing such a wonderful seminar to honor our veteran theologian Fr Rayan!

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

PRASANTHI, PACHILAKAD

The new Pre-Novitiate-cum counselling centre at Pachilakad is taking shape fast and I do hope that it will be completed towards the beginning of April, if not earlier. The inauguration and Blessing is slated for **Saturday, 11 April, 2015**. This is an anticipatory invitation to all. Formal invitation will be sent to everyone as soon as it is ready. In this connection I wish to inform you that anyone is welcome to this new house, either for rest or for relaxation or for retreat and prayer. The cool climate and healthy atmosphere will rejuvenate tired minds and exhausted bodies! Welcome once again.

Joseph Kallepallil

S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM

Bishop Alex Vadakumthala of Kannur diocese lighted the torch brought from the tomb of **Fr. Zucol** and thus set in motion the year-long Silver Jubilee Celebrations of St. Mary's Parish, Pariyaram, headed by **Fr. Augustine Paruthipallil**. On the last day of the Parish Feast celebrations, there was a Bible drama 'Arthaban' staged by a troupe from Trivandrum in front of a huge crowd and blessed by the Bishop himself who sat through the whole play, and later exhorted other Parishes to stage the same for their feasts. The Parishioners in huge numbers attended the 'Abhishekagni' Bible Convention led by **Fr. Xavier Khan** from Attapady and organised by the Diocese of Kannur at Mary Matha High School ground, Pilathara. Three Jesuits from S.M. Farm and all the Parish Priests of the Diocese participated in the retreat which saw a record crowd of about 12,000 people from Kannur as well as neighbouring Syrian Parishes.

Students of two classes from St. Michael's School, Kannur had exposure programmes for one day each at Samskriti Tarumitra Centre for environmental classes as part of the collaboration between Samskriti and St. Michael's. **Fr. Rajesh Jose** regularly gives sessions for various classes in schools on the same topic. During the month few more schools sent their students to the Centre for one-day programmes. **Frs. Mathew Aerthayil**, **Rajesh Jose** together and a member of Samskriti staff participated in the JESA Annual General Body Meeting at Sameeksha, Kalady.

Mathew Aerthayil

AAADI, ATTAPPADY

Twenty seven students along with two staff from NGM College, Pollachi, were at AADI for a week for their rural and tribal camp. Miss Andriya and Taniya from Zomorano University were here for a week, thanks to Tarumitra, Patna, to take part in the activities of ERA (Eco Reserve Attappady).

The 4th Tarumithra Eco-Fest was celebrated with colourful programmes. **Fr Augustine Kallunkal**, Director of ERA gave the presidential address, Dr. C.R. Neelakandan inaugurated the fest and Mr. Showkathali (Green Community state secretary) was the guest of honour. More than 600 students participated from 40 institutions in the fest that included schools, ITI, polytechnic and colleges. The theme of the fest was 'RAIN'. Four schools from Tamilnadu were also present. It was indeed a day to celebrate mother earth.

AAADI is proud to be part of the organizing committee of Adivasi sangamam at Attapady for further planning towards the implementation of the promises given by the Chief Minister and the Govt. of Kerala. **Fr. James Morais** and the staff are actively involved in it. Fr James took part in the Adivasi parliament held at Aralam Farm, Kannur.

James Morais

LOYOLA, ALUVA

The month of January was filled with happy events and activities. On 31st December, we attended the ordination of **Dn. Vibin Padayadan**. It was a great spiritual experience for all of us. The same night we ushered in the New Year with a Holy Mass at midnight. Our interaction with **Fr. Francoise Boedec**, the former rector of ours in Paris, was like a New Year gift as we came to know about the church in France and the Society's mission there. With a solemn Holy Mass led by **Fr. Biju Vadakkumchery**, we celebrated the Titular feast of the Society. Frs. Anil De Almeida and Lancy Dias of Karnataka province spent a few days with us. They enriched us with their sharings and party songs.

Fr. Abraham Pallivathukal led us through our monthly recollection, with a special focus on the impending "Cassok Day". **Fr. Provincial's** annual visitation from 14 - 17 of the month was indeed a time of grace for the entire community. He enthused us with his energy and love for life and exhorted us to strive for the Magis ever more. Another peak

moment of the visitation was the conferring of the Lay ministries of Reader and Acolyte on our first year brothers during the solemn Eucharistic Celebration on the 17th. Prior to that, the first year novices prayerfully received their first cassocks from the Novice Master. The presence of our elder Jesuit companions doubled our joy as we had arranged it also as a zonal Gathering of ours in the Ernakulam Zone. A short cultural programme and an exhibition of the paintings of the novices were also arranged on the same day.

Fr. Tom Panikulam conducted a beautiful course for us on the Autobiography and the Spiritual Diary of our founder father Ignatius. Through the goodwill and generosity of **Fr. John Joseph** from Japan, we now have two statues – of Our Lady and St. Ignatius of Loyola – installed on either sides of the chapel. All of our new priests celebrated Holy Masses for us and we are grateful to each of them: **Frs. Augustine, Prince, Vibin, Sooraj and Binu**. Our prayerful greetings to you dear fathers for your priestly ministry!

Rijo & Dijin

SAMEEKSHA, KALADY

As usual, Sameeksha was full of events at the outset of the New Year. The theme of monthly inter-religious dialogue seminar (*Dharmasameeksha*) was 'the life values I encounter in Jewish Talmud', an engaging and thought provoking talk delivered by **Fr J. Naluparayil MCBS**. The two-day JESA General Body Meeting at Sameeksha reiterated the social commitment of the Jesuits and collaborators in the contemporary socio-political scenario. As part of their picnic, **Fr. Anil Kochumethikalam** and the Snehabhavan school family spent a day at Sameeksha. Mar Thomas Chakkiath gave an excellent message and **Fr. Babu Paul**, together with **Fr. Varghese Kalaparambath**, the college manager, lit the lamp of the AICUF Ernakulam Zone Navathi celebrations 'DINAM 2015' (Divine-Nature-Mankind) at Bharata Matha College, Trikkakara. The Zonal core team would lead the year-long 'DINAM 2015' to promote AICUF activities.

JEEVIKA

Fr. Prakash Louis had come over to Sameeksha to take part in the JESA GBM. The main purpose of his visit was to get to know the mission among the migrants in Kerala. **Fr. Sabu Malayil** accompanied him to different areas where the migrant workers

quietly live and work. In order to provide better service to the migrant workers in Kerala, Fr. Prakash and Sabu Malayil are seeking the possibility of connecting our mission with different Provinces in India.

ATMAMITRA

Fr. Toby, together with the Atmamitra team, led a three-day residential programme at Mount Tabor English School, Meppadi. Fr. Toby gave one-day programmes in various schools as well. The months of January and February are set apart for the ongoing training programme for the Atmamitra team. Some of them will attend one month counseling course at SRC. Fr. Toby is at Upasana in Jamshedpur attending NLP course. Through three sponsors, we could help a graduate girl to procure a laptop computer, a five year old girl to undergo her surgery and a Muslim girl at the time of her marriage.

Xavier Tharamel

RESOURCE TEAM

From among the laity that has completed the 2-year theology course in the last 13 years, Sameeksha has given a special training to 20 laymen/women to introduce the ecclesial vision of *Evangelii Gaudium* of Pope Francis in parishes, schools and youth groups. They are available to share this prophetic vision of the Pope in about an hour (or more). Jesuits and others are welcome to invite them for this service. You could contact them through the coordinator: Frolin, 9995907731.

S.Painadath

LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

Fr. Adappur is the newsmaker of the New Year. He has stepped into his 90th year with his birthday celebrated on 8th January. The community and the neighbourhood families of Lumen made the occasion momentous with their hearty expressions of love and gratitude to Fr. Adappur. *Deepika* daily gave a touching story on him describing his high thoughts and simple life. The community has declared a year-long celebration of the "Navati" and all are welcome to come to Lumen to be part of it.

Fr. Binoy Pichalakatt was given a loving welcome to the community. As part of initiating the activities of the Institute of Peace and International

Relations, the Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR), Delhi and Sree Sankaracharya University (SSU), Kalady are jointly organising a two-day seminar on "Multi-Culturalism" at Lumen/Jyothis on 12 and 13 February, 2015. Fr. Binoy welcomes all to join the conference.

The staff of Snehasena spent a day in ICTA, Kalamassery for team building initiated by **Fr. Vincent Pereppadan**. Mr. Shiju Achandy gave the keynote address to set the process moving. Fr. Wilson Mulackal and **Fr. Paul Vadakkal** were our caring hosts.

Fr. Abraham Pallivathukal was involved in spiritual animation ministry at various levels. He guided a retreat for nurses and gave one-day spiritual animation programmes for various youth groups. **Fr. M.J. Thomas** and **Fr. Vincent** attended an international workshop on 'Non-violent Communication' (NVC) at Kochi, based on the views of Marshall Rosenbergh, an American psychologist. **Fr. Mathew Nampiarambil** is initiating a process to construct a few additional rooms in Lumen where **Fr. Roy** plays the executive role with the support of the community.

Vincent Pereppadan

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

This year's school day was held in the Maha Jubilee Hall of the St Dominic Cathedral.

There was six hours of uninterrupted programme and all sections of the school had their programmes. The parents and the students cooperated well for the success of the event. Our teachers were guided through a one-day seminar by **Fr Sunny Jacob**, the national JEA secretary. Fr Sunny released the 'AKJM TIMES', the news bulletin of the school. The Run Kerala Run project was made eventful with the participation of our students too. A commemorative Eucharist was celebrated in our school chapel on the death anniversary of Mr Mathew Kollamkulam in whose memory the chapel was donated. **Fr Ramlat** attended a three-day Leadership Training Programme in Bangalore.

Fr Panikulam's birthday was celebrated with a community Mass followed by a sumptuous supper. This year we began the admissions a bit early and hope there will be a better turn up. The community members took keen interest in attending the ordinations of our men near and far. We, the

members of AKJM-Samanvaya community, pray for the recovery of **Fr John Vattanky**.

Ramlal

CIS, SAMANVAYA

Centre for Ignatian Spirituality, Samanvaya, Kanjirapally, conducted an evening programme for Lay people on 20th December 2014. **Fr. Varghese Malpan** led them through a power point presentation, the River, which was a programme prepared by the Salesian Fathers in Africa. After that **Fr. Tom** gave them a short message and conducted a fantasy Meditation. Welcoming them at the beginning of the Programme, he promised them regular programs in the future. Since it was the first programme of CIS and as we were in the threshold of Christmas, the programme began with the Superior cutting a X'mas cake and sharing it with **Fr. John Vattanky** and all the participants. Nearly 30 people – men & woman – attended the program.

Tom Panikulam

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

As part of the national games held in Kerala St. Michael's had the Run Kerala Run programme. Students and teachers including the Pre-Primary school participated. St. Michael's H.S.S celebrated its Annual School Day on 30th January. Dr. Alex Vadakumthala, Bishop of Kannur, was the chief guest. St. Michael's Pre-primary school also celebrated its anniversary on 31st. Rev.Fr. Robin Daniel OFM Cap, was the chief guest. The Indian Association of Dentists held their 47th Kerala State Assembly at St. Michael's campus on January 16th to 18th.

Gracious Stephen

LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

The Annual School Day celebration was a historic event. Dr Madhavan Nair, the former ISRO chairman, was the chief guest of the functions. His message inspired the students and the staff alike. The school organised a send off function to the Plus Two students. Bi-annual PTA meeting of Loyola College was conducted and new executive members were elected for the next two years. The College Arts day was celebrated and Ms Beena Paul, film editor, was the chief guest of the day. Department of MSc Counselling Psychology organised a one day workshop on 'Hypnotism

and Its Therapeutic Impact'. Alumni day of Loyola College was celebrated on 26th January and L.Radhakrishnan, IAS, advisor to the Chief Minister was elected as the new Alumni president. Prof. Magnus from Global College Sweden inaugurated 'Loyola Association of Sociological Imagination and Engagement' (LASIE) of Department of Sociology. Prof. Anna from Global College Sweden unveiled the activity chart. The same department also organised an international seminar on "Status of Indian women and women Outliers: Women Empowerment Perspective". The students of Sociology Department of Loyola, 33 students and three faculty members of Global College Sweden presented papers and interacted with Loyola College students in the international seminar. One-month Gerontological Training for the superintendents of Govt. old age homes and NGO old age homes was organised at LES by Profs. P.K.B. Nair and John Kattakayam. As part of the training they also organised a professional Drama "Sweet 70s" in Loyola College auditorium. **Fr Joye James** coordinated a three-week exposure and lives in experience of 33 students and three faculties from Global College Sweden at LES. These Swedish students were sent to six communities of LES to have real, one to one experience with the people. Department of Personnel Management celebrated its first anniversary of LAMPS (Loyola Association of Management Professionals and Students). Fr Joye James was invited to speak to the teachers of Trivandrum Archdiocese. **Fr Saji Joseph** attended a three day seminar on Jesuit Leadership at Prerana Bengaluru.

Saji Joseph

LOYOLA, POOVAR

The people of Poovar have treasured memories of **Rev. Fr. Antony Manipadam**, whom they fondly called Velladiachan/ Kuyilachan/ Churattachan/ Kashayakaranachan and Vellakkaranachan. Being a solitary and foot soldier he reached out to the poor with food, medicine and education. On 15 January, we commemorated his eighth death anniversary with a Eucharist. We paid tribute to the founder of Loyola, Poovar, whose work among the poor emerged as a catalyst for significant socio-economic change in and around Poovar.

Nine of us (eight lay staff and Fr. Thomas) attended JESA general body meeting at Sameeksha, Kalady. Our staff found the meeting a great opportunity

to know more about different social apostolate centres of the province and to have a wider and deeper understanding on the Jesuit perspectives on social action. With immense gratitude we remember **Fr. Benny**, Kerala JESA coordinator and **Fr. Xavier Tharamel, minister**, Sameeksha whose hospitality and warmth still linger with us.

It is heartening to see a renewed thrust on stabilizing our social action centres with financial support from established apostolic centres. Our experience of such back up from Loyola, Sreekariyam was highly encouraging and reassuring. I thank you **Fr. Joye James**, the Rector and the Loyola community for making us feel that we are part of your priorities.

K J Thomas

ALPHONSA COLLEGE, THIRUVAMPADY

The Calicut University has approved the present building where the classes are conducted as the Exam Centre for Alphonsa College Students. **Fr. K P Mathew** is appointed the Chief Superintendent for the Exams.

K.P. Mathew

SATYANILAYAM, CHENNAI

We, the Satya Nilayam Community, began the New Year with much vigour and renewed energy after the pilgrimage to Goa. There were a couple of seminars organized on the campus apart from the regular classes. The Seminar on Philosophy, Science and Technology conducted at Satya Nilayam Campus by the Research Institute (SNRI) was well appreciated. We were also fortunate to listen to Fr. Francis Clooney on philosophy of religion. **Fr E.P. Mathew** presented a paper in the International Conference organized at JDV, Poona on Science, Technology and Values. He also presented a paper in the National Conference on Climate Change held in Poona College.

One of the major highlights of the month was the celebration of Pongal. It was a grand event and a big thanks to all the scholastics and fathers from Tamil Nadu who made this day a special one.

The first internal exam of the even semester kept us busy. It was a time for all of us to keep aside our rest and focus only on study.

Abdul Thomas

ASHA KIRAN, MANGALURU

The New Year began with many new resolutions and a new zeal. This month kept us all busy with many activities in the college as well as in the community. Soon after the reopening of the college we had our 1st internal exams, which in fact forced us to recover fast from the festive mood. Indeed we were glad to receive **Fr. Vibin Padayadan**, the newly ordained priest of our province. Our joy was doubled when **Schs. Midhun, Emmanuel and Bastin** visited us after their Triduum in Mangaluru. On 12th the Aloysius Institutions celebrated their 135 years of existence (Foundation Day) with a Holy Eucharist. The Rector of Aloysius Institutions was the main celebrant and Fr. Louis Prakash, Director of ISI Bangalore, Inspired us with his meaningful homily. Fr. Jossie Lobo (KAR) guided us in recollection on 16th and 17th. We spent time in reflecting and sharing on our 'vision' and 'Mission' of Asha Kiran. The 'Vision' of each Ashakiranite is "Called to be integrated men in Christ's Mission". On 20th we had Annual Sports Day in which many of us (Scholastics) won prizes. We visited the shrine of St Lawrence at Karkal as a pilgrimage. **Sch Gijo** is busy with his 1st internals in Aloysius community.

Lijo Antony Pathickal

INIGO SADAN, BANGALORE

"I have finished my race"; the words of St. Paul came true in our community. **Fr. Joy Fernandes** departed from us on the 31st December 2014. He died of a massive stroke. He was indeed a man for all seasons and a living witness of Christ. People came in large numbers to bid him farewell for his next life in heaven. All of us really miss his laughter, joy and other qualities. Dear Father Joy, you did your best for each of us. May God grant you Eternal Rest!

The Archbishop of Bangalore Archdiocese, Most **Rev. Bernard Moras**, blessed our community with a special visitation on the 28th January. We felicitated him on his ten years as the Pastoral Leader of the Diocese. The Archbishop appreciated the works of Jesuits in Karnataka and assured his support for the future endeavours. He also asked us to pray for him and the Diocese. It was a wonderful time with the Archbishop. He was spontaneous and we experienced the simplicity of the Archbishop through his deeds and words.

On the 30th January, we had a special month's mind Eucharist for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Joy**. The Rector, **Fr. Anil D'Mello**, was the main celebrant. The staff of St. Joseph's school, boarders, hostellers and other well-wishers participated in the Eucharist. It gave us the opportunity to remember him again and pray for him. It was also a sign that people did not forget him, but loves him more.

St. Joseph's Community College in our campus had the Decennial celebration of the Institution. It was a wonderful event named as "Waves". Students from different Community Colleges took part in the competitions. Fathers and Regents had worked hard to make it a grand success. We saw their efforts and it was fruitful. Hats off to all the Fathers and the Regents!

Jesna Kandamkeril

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The DNC community welcomed the new-year with a three-day Triduum guided by **Fr. Cyril**. We were privileged to have the presence of many internationally renowned philosophers and scientists in our campus for the international seminar on science and religion. Two of our province men **Frs. E.P. Mathew and Binoy Pichalakkattu** presented their papers and were very well appreciated for the insights and reflections. The highlight of the month was the much awaited Diaconate of our third year theologians. **Sch. Manesh Jerald**, along with other twenty one third year theologians, received Diaconate from Bishop Francis Serrao of Shimoga diocese. **Sch. Tinu Francis** played an important role as the liturgy coordinator for the diaconate ceremony. Presence of **Fr. Rachans** doubled our joy. The annual visitation of POSA, **Fr. George Pattery** and ADF, **Fr. Irudaya Raj**, was a time of serious discussions and reflections on the formation of scholastics in our community. Both of them won our hearts with their new visions on the future of the Society and the formation of Scholastics. Life in DNC is becoming livelier as Balamelas and many seminars are around the corner.

Ajeesh A. Mathew Thoppil

HEYTHROP COLLEGE, LONDON

The mild winter weather is on its way out as the biting cold returned last week with snow and piercing wind for much of the UK. The Lent term

in Heythrop College commenced on the 5th of January and moves on to its first break beginning the second week of the February. Heythrop, the oldest constituent college of the federal University of London is going through a process that seriously considers a possible partnership with the St. Mary's University to develop and maintain the mission of Heythrop in the present challenging scenario. **Deepak and Thomson** are in retreat as preparation for their **Diaconate Ordination** which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 7th February at St. George's Cathedral in Southwark. His Grace, Peter Smith, Archbishop of Southwark will ordain them along with eight other Jesuit Scholastics from different parts of the world. Please keep them in your prayers.

Roy Alex Kuzhimannil

FROM FR JOSE THACHIL

Greetings and love from **Fr. Jose Thachil**. I want to thank **Fr. M.K. George**, our provincial, and each one of my dear friends in the province for the love and concern you showed at the moment of our pain at the death of my mother. Many of you came; some of you called; messaged and all of you prayed. Let me thank in a very special way the sameeksha, Aluva Loyola, Lumen and ICTA communities for their special presence. I felt really belonged; loved and supported. Thank you very much.

The last year was indeed a busy year for us here at National CRI, Delhi, conducting more than 24 national level training programmes for various groups like Major Superiors, Local Superiors, Formators and young religious etc. All programmes were over booked by 30 to 80 % and had to oblige because of great demand. I also had a number of retreats and other programmes other than the CRI programme.

We inaugurated the Consecrated Year at Ranchi with a three-day seminar having 280 participants and with a public meeting of the faithful of Ranchi Archdiocese in which 20,000 participants were present. We are busy scheduling programmes for the year of consecrated life. At present I am in Sitagarha, Hazaribag organizing five seminars for the religious and priests of the diocese.

Jose Thachil

FROM THE CHINESE PROVINCE

I was particularly happy to meet my good friend, **Fr Adolfo Nicolas**, our Father General, in Taipei and to receive his special Blessing & Wishes on January 15 before leaving on my new 4-month mission to Dili, EAST TIMOR. I also had the visit of a good Old Boy, Deepu John(LOYOLA 1986), who had come all the way from California for a 2-day Meeting. After spending over 10 years in the Chinese Province(5 in XIAMEN, Mainland China, and a little more than 5 in TAIPEI, Taiwan), I received a number of farewells, some quite touching. On the 19th morning, the Community and some other friends gathered at the door to say their final Good-bye. Our Rector and **Br Kuriakose**(Calcutta) accompanied me to the airport. All went well from start to finish: Taipei-HongKong-Bali-Dili. DEO GRATIAS!!! It is interesting to note the following: I arrived in XIAMEN on August 27, 2004, the Feast of St Monica; I arrived in TAIPEI on September 24, 2009, in the good old days the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom. I arrived on mission here in DILI on January 20, 2015, the 35th Anniversary of my FINAL VOWS in the presence of our then Father General, the Venerable Pedro Arrupe, in Vidyajyoti, Delhi! Nothing happens by accident; GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES! I am teaching our Novices & Candidates daily and separately in different places, also correcting their Compositions, from Monday to Friday. On weekends I have already participated in a Priestly Ordination MASS and in 3 Sunday MASSES, each on a different hill. There are invitations to the Final Profession of Sisters and to a Religious House Blessing. One old friend here is Br Noel Oliver (Pune/Cambodia); two other friends are Sisters (Malayali & Japanese) who were at SNEHANILAYAM Special School, Chembumukku, Ernakulam. A few other Indian Sisters are scattered in different Congregations. GREETINGS to one and all from Manresa Jesuit Novitiate, P.O.Box 209, Lahane, DILI, TIMOR LESTE, (670)332-2272.

John F J Manipadam

INSTITUTE OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, LUMEN, KOCHI

I am back in the province after completing my studies in Berkeley and already started the process of setting up our Province's proposed Institute of Peace and International Relations. The registered office of the Institute is almost set in Lumen. Kochi

is providing adequate ambience and resources for the meaningful materialization of the vision of the project. The Institute hopes to achieve its goals through strategic plans of research facilities, publications, conferring academic degrees and certificates, spiritual development programs, and popularization campaign. The launching of the peace venture is envisaged to be a timely response to ensure our prophetic and transformative presence in the contemporary context of Kerala/India. The vision and mission of the Peace Institute is rooted in our rich Jesuit tradition and the unique Jesuit legacy.

The immediate project of the Institute is the publication of a Literary- Cultural-Scientific Magazine in Malayalam. Although the Church has so many publications, we lack a publication with a secular thrust. This concept has already been hailed by many of our Jesuit brethren as well as the secular literary, scientific, cultural heads who are collaborating with us. Our focus is to engage the secular audience of Kerala along with the Christian faithful. Though its main focus is to instil Christian values and to propagate the authentic human and Christian ideals, it will not be limiting itself to a Christian agenda, but one open to the wider public. In this sense, it will be a significant contribution of our province to the larger Kerala public, by way of reaching out to the world outside.

As part of initiating other activities of the Institute, a national seminar on Mutli-culturalism will be held in Lumen in collaboration with the Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR) Delhi, and Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady on 12-13 February 2015. We are also planning to organize a few more conferences/seminars in our centres in Calicut and Pariyaram in the forthcoming months.

Dear all kindly continue to pray for this innovative mission of our Province.

Binoy Pichalakkatt

KERALA JESA ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Kerala JESA annual general body meeting 2014-2015 was conducted on 25th and 26th January at Sameeksha, Kalady. The meeting gave us ample opportunity to reflect on 'our faith that constantly prompts us to be just and do justice, not only in our personal life but also in our collective life

and invites us to be with the poorest of the poor, keeping Jesus as our model'.

The programme started with the orientation for the meeting by **Fr Aerthayil. Fr Provincial and Fr Sannybhai** put forward their expectations of this meeting in the inaugural function. Fr Provincial highlighted the need for reviving the capacity to dream, moving from charity-based social work to social action, being generous to do 'difficult but the most needed thing' and asking reflexively what more could be done to realize our collective dream. In his introductory talk, Fr Sannybhai noted, "Annual General Body Meeting is a unique feature of Kerala JESA". He showed how the current trend of governance is going against our fundamental rights and the constitutional values of secularism and socialism.

Dr Prakash Louis, Director, ISI Bangalore, challenged the Jesuits and their co-workers to reach deeper and wider into the socio-political intricacies around us. He also commented upon the commendable interventions of Kerala Jesuits in the past, in getting the rights of fisherfolk and Dalits recognized in the mainstream society. He also pointed out some of the achievements of Jesuits like working in the field of social action with option for the poor, evolving strategies to deal with social issues focusing on both local (micro) and global contexts in a participatory manner, enhancing capacities of the underprivileged, and protecting human rights. Our future course of action needs to focus on three areas: 1) research on social issues that affect our priority communities, 2) capacity enhancement of the priority communities, our social action teams and Jesuits, and 3) networking and advocacy.

Fr Sannybhai talked on Bhopal statement, rights-based social action and campaign for implementation of National Food Security Act (NFSA). He spoke about the present political condition of our country in which RSS is openly influencing BJP. In the context of increasing corruption, he shared about the need for collective action in connection with NFSA. Collective action on NFSA will create more opportunities for us to collaborate and network with Jesuit and other non-Jesuit organizations. Mrs Lilly Pallokkaran talked on gender justice and highlighted all women's rights and encouraged the participants to fight for their rights. During the evaluation of the

programme, specific comments were made on the good board and lodge arrangements. Participatory method and choice of topics were well appreciated by the participants. Special mention was made of the good sessions by Fr Prakash Louis, Sannybhai and Lilly Pallokkaran.

Based on the sharing during the sessions some suggestions emerged: 1) Once in two weeks there could be some communication from the social action centres, 2) A write-up of each centre in a few lines regarding its activities with a good profile photo is to be sent to the curia as soon as possible, 3) Vision and mission-based planning is required when annual plan of action is chalked out and budgeted, 4) JESA evaluation by a core team, 5) inclusion of items like report writing, NGO management, LFA and Project proposal in the training programme envisaged, and a common seminar to be organized by JESA (With Fr James Morais as the core team leader).

After a common lunch at the former Regional Theology premises, the participants had an outing to Athirapally Waterfalls. The annual general body meeting of Kerala JESA left behind some pleasant memories of togetherness and encouraged us to work together to make a difference wherever we are. Special thanks to all the resources persons and Fr Provincial for inspiring and challenging us to be just and do justice in our chosen field of activities.

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OURS IN PUBLICATION

Fr George Nedungatt: "The typology of Peter in the Symbolic Theology of Aphrahat", published in *Orientalia Christiana Periodica*; Vol. 80, 2014

COMMON RETREATS FOR YOUNG PRIESTS OF THE SOUTHERN PROVINCES BEFORE TERTIANSHIP

1. At Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur, Kodaikanal from April 29 (evening) to May 7 (Afternoon). Preacher: Fr. Joseph Pulickal (KER). Contact Person: Fr. Britto Vincent; e-mail: pcf@mdusj.org; Mobile: 94865 58265.

2. At Dhyanaashrama, Mount St. Joseph, Bangalore from May 12 (evening) to 20 (evening). Preacher: Fr. Julian Fernandes (KOH). Contact Person:

Fr. Francis Menezes (KAR) e-mail: msjrector@gmail.com. Mobile: 94486 27209.

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr. DiasChelston (GUJ, 68/50) on 27 Jan. 2015 in Ahmedabad.

Mr. Mathew Punnapadam (65), brother-in-law of Fr. Tom Panikulam, on 24 Dec. 2014 in Bangalore.

Mrs Thressiamma Mathew (86), sister of Fr M.J. Thomas on 15 Jan. 2015

Mrs Rose Theckel (91), sister of Fr Ephrem Manikompel on 15 Jan. 2015 at Peravoor.



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- 05 George Vattukulam
- 05 Joseph Thekkekara
- 08 Chandy Kumblankal
- 09 Dasappan Vattathil
- 10 Kaniganti Prabhudass
- 10 Shelton Robert
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- 05 Henry Pattarumadathil
- 09 Roy Mathew Thottathil

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- 07 (2006) Jose Murickan
- 09 (1958) Aloysius Spinelli
- 11 (2011) Cherian Curiyicad
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- 22 (1982) Philip Veliath
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