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## FROM THE PROVINCIAL

### STATUS REPORT AND A CORRECTION

One of the things that I had bemoaned in the Status Report presented at the Province Congregation was the number of our men carrying hurts and how it burdens our province, killing our creativity.

Imagine, the very P C turned out to be a real answer to my moaning. We had more than once real time sharing of our hurts, how some of our men are handling them and how in spite of all the hurts our men remain deeply faithful to their call and struggle to achieve a balance between the untreated baggage and the call of their dream. I am surprised and grateful.

The positive energy that we exuded by the time we evaluated the PC and sang the *Te Deum* was indeed amazing. The phrases that flew around were: 'I felt at peace'; 'Felt the touch of deep humaneness in us'; 'utter honesty and maturity guided our business'; 'a very well organized event'; 'I experienced the beauty of flexibility'; 'I heard the challenge to transcend the individual identities that cause much of our problems'; 'the way we treated the rejected postulates was touching'.

The P C was indeed a time of grace and blessing. We have such inner resources in the Province. May we have the courage to be faithful to our dream!

Congratulations to our representative for G.C.36 Fr. **Jose Jacob Maruthukunnel** and the substitutes, **Frs. Mathew Pampackal and Benny Chiramel.**

*M.K.George SJ*

### PROVINCE WEBSITE UPDATED

Kindly enter the site, point out corrections if any and encourage others to use the same: [www.keralajesuits.org](http://www.keralajesuits.org)

Thanks much, dear Fr. Raju for the effort.

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

#### JUNE, 2015

- 01 : Calicut Diocesan Pastoral Council meeting
- 05 : JESA Meeting
- 08-09 : KCMS meeting, Kochi
- 12-19 : Annual Retreat
- 20 : Vows at Aluva
- 27 : Consult

### APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr Kuriakose Puthanapra** – Minister-in-charge, Prasanthi, Pachilakad

**Fr Augustine Mekunnel** – Coordinator, Samanvaya, Kanjirappally

### SUPERIORS, CONSULTORS AND CCA MEETING

Meeting of the Superiors, Consultors and CCA will be held in Christ Hall, Calicut, on 7-9 August 2015. Concerned people are requested to mark these dates in your diary.



## FIRST VOWS

Our two 2<sup>nd</sup> year novices, **Amardeep Pittappillil** and **Nibin Manuel Vadakkonparambil**, will pronounce their First Vows in the Society on Saturday, **20<sup>th</sup> June, at Loyola, Aluva**. The Eucharistic Celebration will begin at 11.00 am. Kindly keep these young men in your prayers. All the members of the Province are cordially invited to participate in this sacred event.

We thank Fr Pullattu for his valuable contributions, unassuming presence and leadership to the campus as Manager and Superior for the past six years. The community also welcomed **Fr Ramlet** as our new minister of the house. We warmly welcome **Fr Varghese Anikuzhy** as the new Manager of the Boys' school and Fr Anto as the new Manager of the Junior school. **Fr Toby** and **Sch. Midhun** are here as part of the training camp arranged for the new candidates.

*Ramlet Thomas*

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

April and May were months of valuation, personal reflection, relaxation and beautification. **Fr Devasia** was busy engaged in the embellishment of the Boy's School building and its campus. **Fr Philip** gave leadership and ably directed the admission work of the Boys' School. After the creditable results in the SSLC, the Plus Two students also kept the prestige of the school high through their achievements. **Fr Vincent Pereppadan** conducted a staff empowerment seminar for the teachers of the school and revived their minds to welcome the new academic year. The school bade farewell to four retiring staff and a few new ones have been inducted to the school.

Along with the ongoing admission process, **Fr Xavier** had hectic days in beautifying the Junior school (ICSE) campus. The Junior School has a new basket ball court at its facade ornamented with a majestic gate affixed on pillars of stately architecture. The first batch of our Class X boys (ICSE) did excellently well. Out of 29 who appeared for the exam, all the 29 secured first class and 16 of them secured distinction. Kudos to Fr Xavier and his team! **Fr V. C. George** conducted a 10-day English Training Camp for the staff of the Junior school. The school also hosted a seminar on new teaching methodology organized for the staff members of St Mary's school (ICSE), Chevarambalam, and St Joseph's Junior school. The community organized a fitting farewell to our outgoing superior **Fr Mathew Pullattu** and **Fr Anto Mringathery** was installed as the new superior.

### S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM

**Fr. Joe Mathew** joined the community and took charge of the ITI, Pariyaram, as Principal on 25<sup>th</sup> May from Fr. Sunil Padannamackal who has gone to Goa for the SKIP Annual Meeting. **Fr. Raju Vattaparambil** guided an eight-day retreat at IRC for 10 Theology students of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese. **Fr. Thottan** preached three special feast day sermons in three different parishes around Pariyaram.

Notable programmes of the diocese of Kannur in IRC were a training programme for catechism teachers and a camp for KCYM leaders of Pilathara Forane for 3 days each. Vaisakh Titus, our Novice from Aluva, on his pastoral experiment was really busy in St. Mary's parish, Pariyaram, preparing children for first communion and with a house to house survey for the Parish Directory under the pastoral guidance of **Fr. P.T. Augustine**. The students of the parish had a 3-day retreat at Mother Home, retreat centre, Pariyaram. During the Parish Day celebration for which **Fr. Rachans Lukose** was the main celebrant for the Mass, Mr. Mathew, the sacristan for 25 years was given a warm send off. On the annual day of the Sunday School the student who got A+ for all subjects in SSLC exam was felicitated, and for the cultural programme a 'Talk Show' was arranged. A dozen elders shared their moving experiences of their last 25 years. **Fr. Mathew Kaniyaparambil** was the main celebrant for the First Communion liturgical services. The blessing of the houses in the Parish was completed and the May devotion of Our Lady had a fitting finale.

*Mathew Aertthayil*

### SAMKRITI, PARIYARAM

In the month of May there were many programmes at *Sanskriti Sahajeevana Kendram*, Pattuvam. *Sahajeevana Kendram* organized a 4-day camp for 16 High School students, two 4-day yoga meditation programmes for two groups of teachers numbering around 22 each, five one-day exposure programmes for students from Thrissur, Ernakulam and Wayanad and two one-day orientation programmes for teachers of two schools. Besides, **Fr. Rajesh Jose** gave one day orientation for teachers of St. Paul's School, Thaliparamba and Ursuline school, Pariyaram.

*Mathew Aertthayil*

### TUDI, EACHOME

The twin celebrations of the blessing of the tribal learning centre- **Arivuda**, and the 19<sup>th</sup> Adivasi Gramotsavam were held on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May respectively at TUDI Centre, Eachome. While the '**Arivuda**' is a new venture for the holistic development of the Adivasi students, the **Adivasi Gramotsavam** is an ongoing event for the past 19 years. '**Arivuda**', the newly built hostel aims to accommodate a select group of tribal students focussing on their integral development. Mar Jose Porunnedam, Bishop of Mananthavady, blessed the Tribal Learning Centre. The blessing was witnessed by Jesuits from Pachilakad and Calicut along with students, friends and well wishers.

**19<sup>th</sup> Adivasi Gramotsavam:** On 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 3 pm the religious celebration was initiated by *Palan Moopan* (Tribal chieftain). Drums and pipes rolled while chants of prayer rose to heaven along with the flames and fumes. After the invocation, the ceremonial flag was hoisted by the Moopan, as **Fr. Baby** and **Mr. Jaison** stood alongside.

The formal gathering witnessed four significant events. **Fr. M.K. George**, Kerala Jesuit Provincial, formally inaugurated the tribal learning centre '**Arivuda**', and Ms. Chandrika inaugurated 'Keni research Library'. The **painting of Mr. Rajeesh Anchilan**, a student of TUDI, was opened for public view. Mr. K.K Surendran Master inaugurated the same. A **news letter** containing the activities and memoirs of senior students was released at the

function by Ms. Nisha and the first copy was given to Mr. Eachome Gopi. At the conclusion of the formal inauguration, witnessing of the paintings and a sumptuous dinner followed. The night then awoke to a medley of music, and rhythms. There were variety of dance performances by the students of TUDI followed by the '**Gadhika**' performance by P.K Karian and group and '**Kolkali**' by Damodaran ashan and group. One of the most awaited items of the day was a music treat by the idea star singer celebrity Ms. Merin Gregory. Meanwhile the crowd kept swelling, and it was a record turnout of people. Finally, the TUDI folk art group "**nattarangu**" entertained the audience with their orchestra. The night-long cultural fest by TUDI kept up its legacy in all its gusto for the 19<sup>th</sup> year.

*Baby Chalil*

### SAMEEKSHA, JEEVIKA AND ATMAMITRA, KALADY

The Quarterly Seminar of the Kalady Philosophy Forum, a project of the Sameeksha Research Centre, was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May on Indian Epistemologies. **Xavier Tharamel** was invited to the International Symposium on Raimon Panikkar to present a research paper titled "Centrelessness and Relationality in emerging Pluralism: Appropriating Raimon Panikkar's approach in the Theology of Religions" at the University of Girona in Spain. Following the symposium in Girona, the research scholars gathered for a two-day long conference in Rosas, the costal border of Spain and France.

### From the Migrant Ministry: A success story

On 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2014, Bhanjan Patamagi, a 24 year old migrant labourer from Orissa, died in Tabor after falling into a quarry. Patamagi was a graduate in social science and had passed a diploma course in computer operation. He is survived by his 20 year old wife Sasmitha and 10 months old son. They were living at Mambra near Angamaly. On hearing the news, **Fr Sabu Malayil** helped them for post mortem and embalming of the body. Because of Fr. Sabu's intervention the quarry owner agreed to take the body to Patamagi's native place in Orissa

by flight. He provided them with flight tickets for Patamagi's wife and her child and also for a family from the same village who worked in the quarry. Besides the air ticket, an amount of

Rs.86, 000/- ( as ambulance charges and an interim support to the family of the deceased ) was promised by the owner. Before the body was taken to the airport, Fr Sabu had another round of talks with the Quarry Owners' Association leaders and they agreed to pay a minimum of Rs. 5, 00,000/- as compensation to the family of the deceased. The body was taken to the home village and buried on the third day after the death. After seven months of follow up and further negotiations, the agreed amount was given to Sasmitha and Sibana Patamagi, father of Bhanjan Patamagi.

The family received altogether an amount of Rs. 8, 60,000. If Fr Sabu was not following up the case, they would not have received the above mentioned compensation. It means that Jeevika's involvement has become quite crucial and effective in the struggle for justice.

A new independent **Labor Union** was formed for migrant workers on 24<sup>th</sup> May followed by a public meeting in Perumbavoor. **Fr Sabu Malayil** addressed the meeting highlighting the significance of an Independent Labor Union to claim the rights of migrant workers.

**Fr. Toby and Atmamitra team** were busy with a series of programmes at the centre as well as at St. Gemma's Hr Sec. School, Malappuram and St. Joseph's School, Meppadi. Three of ours participated in the Collaborators in Mission Training at Kozhikode. Atmamitra team had a wonderful outing in Wayanad and visiting ours at Pachilakkad and Eachome. Sr. Judit, CPS, after a two and half years tenure at Atmamitra, has joined as a staff of Jeevalaya, the diocesan family counseling centre at Kalady.

We have recruited 12 candidates and 15 pre-novices for our Province this year. Thanks to our men, **Frs. Joe Mathew, Rachans Luckose, Sony Thazhathel, Sabu Malayil and James Morais**, who did the parish and home visits and many others who gave us references!

*Sabu Malayil*

## LUMEN, KOCHI

Lumen community was jubilant when its latest and youngest member, **Fr. Shin Kallungal** joined us on 20<sup>th</sup> May. He was accompanied by the assistant parish priest of Pallikkunnu church, A.J. Paul. The community gave him a warm welcome followed by a community meeting and dinner. Sneha Sena family welcomed and installed him to his seat in a warm and simple function followed by a high tea. Fr. Nampiaparmabil, our Superior, Fr. Adappur, Fr. Pallivathukkal, Fr. Binoy and Fr. Roy Thottam wished him God's blessings while Fr. Vincent gave him a bouquet of flowers.

Newman Association attracted the attention of the intellectuals of the city when it organised its monthly meeting of May on a topic of extreme relevance, namely, *Islamic State and Terror Sequences*. Hameed Chendamangalloor was the main speaker and M.V. Benny was the respondent. **Fr. Binoy Pichalakkat** took the reins of moderating the meeting. **Fr. Adappur** took the back seat as the organiser and observer.

**Fr. Pallivathukal** gave a session on Charismatic Renewal and Social Concerns to a group of Jesus Youth members at Renewal Centre, Kochi. He also directed an Eight-day Ignatian retreat to UMI sisters at Ooty. **Fr. M.J. Thomas**, apart from his various spiritual ministries, has published articles in English and Malayalam in Catholic journals. He also preached and directed a retreat to the theologians of Mangalapuzha Seminary. **Fr. Roy Thottam** conducted a five-day art camp at Thanmaya, Kumaranalloor, for selected participants.

**Sneha Sena** has come out in new format with better paper and print. The price has been slightly hiked to Rupees Four per copy. **Tik-Tik Life** has also geared up to step into the third year of its launching. Our Jesuit principals and teams have shown enthusiastic welcome to these apostolates. That encourages other schools to follow the Jesuit model. Thank you dear school men! **Fr. Vincent** has been giving various orientation programmes to teachers in Ernakulam, Kozhikode and Kannur. The Peace Institute hosted a couple of panel discussions and interviews in the month of May in view of publishing them in the forthcoming

literary-cultural-scientific magazine. The first panel discussion was on "The Aesthetic Impact of Cochin-Mussiris Binale" on 5 May in Lumen. Riyas Komu (the Co-founder of Cochin-Mussiris Binale), Kavitha Balakrishnan (Fine Arts College, Trissur), Sudeesh Kottappuram (Renowned artist and writer), and Prof. V.G. Thampy (Chief Editor of the forthcoming magazine) were the panelists. The second panel discussion on "Development and the Cry of the Poor" was held in two phases. Devoted social activists Mr. Geethanandan and Fr. Vattoli were the panelists. The interviews included eminent poet and actor Prof. Balachandran Chullikkadu and the well-known writer and social critic Mr. Civic Chandran. The members of the editorial board met twice this month.

#### **Please Note:**

Lumen Jesuit house is full with its members now. All the eight rooms are occupied. We have a small facility in Sneha Sena for one guest. At the same time, rooms for our guests and visitors are being constructed on a fast track. We expect the construction to be over in three months. Kindly put up with the temporary inconvenience.

*Vincent Pereppadan*

#### **SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM**

Our community had a pleasant trip to Loyola Mukunthara. Thanks to **Fr. Syriac Panjikaran** and the community for the royal treatment we received both at Loyola sadan and Loyola School.

Thanmaya Media Centre had a rather busy schedule during summer vacation. Rogationist Deacons made their long retreat under the guidance of **Fr. Varghese Malpan** in Thanmaya Centre. Art workshop guided by **Fr. Roy Thottam** was well attended and well appreciated. At the valedictory function the renowned artist **Mr. Kanai Kunjiraman** distributed the awards for the 45 participants. Thanmaya Film Club prepared few short films and screened them for the public. **Mr. Joshy Mathew**, cine director, delivered a lecture during the function.

After the inauguration of the Railway flyover, Kumaranalloor has become one of the major junctions in Kottayam.

**Fr Provincial** was magnanimous in finding time to meet the Governing body of Snehabhavan as per our request. After listening to the Board members he shared with us his views on the future running of Snehabhavan. **Fr. Sanil Mayilkunnel** gave a one-day orientation training to the Snehabhavan staff and our scholastics guided a three-day summer camp for the Snehabhavan students.

*Sony Thazhathel*

#### **AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY**

This year the performance of our students in the public examination was much better than the previous years because of the Strategic Planning spearheaded by Fr Provincial and the concerted effort put in by our teachers. We hope to get more admissions this year for the Plus One course. **Fr Kuriakose**, our Superior for the last five years, left AKJM on 29<sup>th</sup> May, after giving charge to **Fr Joseph Edassery**. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, during a concelebrated Mass, Fr Edassery has started his second innings as Superior and Manager of AKJM School. The school extension work is progressing steadily under the able supervision of **Fr Augustine**. With this year's Pentecost, AKJM has a renewed face: **Fr Salvin**, as Principal, **Fr Sooraj**, as Vice Principal and **Sch. Sharath** to assist in the school administration.

*Fr Joseph Edassery*

#### **LOYOLA, SREEKARIYAM**

**Dr Jose Boban**, Principal Loyola College, and **Fr Ranji Irattil** attended a training programme organised by Xavier Board at Bangalore. Fr Saji Joseph participated in a four-day "Jesuit Leadership Programme" at LIBA, Chennai. Kerala Child Rights Observatory (KeCRO) a UNICEF supported project has been extended for one more year in LES. Frs Joye James, Polson, Aneesh Joseph, and Ranjit attended the province congregation. **Fr Linto** was invited to talk on "Joy and happiness of religious life" to three hundred religious and priests by the CRI of Ernakulam. **Fr Joseph Kallepallil**, the new member, officially joined the community. **Fr Aneesh Joseph** gave a week-long Spoken English Training for a group of sisters in Chullimanoor. The School, College and the community had a day of orientation and planning for

the new academic year. **Fr Joye James** was invited to talk on childrights by the Worldvision. **Fr Sabu Palathanadil** has submitted his Ph.D. thesis and left for Tertianship at Shembaganur, Kodaikanal. Six members from Loyola institutions took part in the "Lay collaborators' Training Programme" at Christ Hall. There were two five-day summer camps in LES for the less-privileged students of Ability Aids India International organised by the first year MSW students of Loyola College. Kudos to the Jesuit team of Loyola School for achieving the wonderful results!.

*Saji Joseph*

### LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA

With immeasurable joy and gratitude to the Lord we announce the result of our students. Out of the 12 who appeared, six got distinction and the rest scored first classes. The topper has joined Loyola, Sreekariyam for Plus One. Six of our teachers took part in the leadership training programme held in Christ Hall Hall. They unanimously rate the programme as excellent. The three-day camp conducted for the children of the locality and those of our school by the Scholastics **Ajeesh, Jomon, Jesno** and **Nikhil** was much appreciated. Six of the budding artists and a teacher artist took part in the Art Workshop held at Thanmaya, Kottayam. We are grateful to Sonichan and our artist Roy. The visit of ours from Santhinilayam was the most unforgettable experience. Fr. Babu Paul visited us accompanied by his niece, a student of the college of Architecture who is designing a small shrine in our campus. The *Schola Brevis* was marked by the visit of **Sheise** who went all around clicking at the critical moments

*Syriac Panjikaran*

### AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM

The AICUF Centre has widened its wings by the presence of **Fr. George Sebastian** who has been involving himself giving various programmes in and around Kerala. He has directed an eight-day retreat at Sirumali, Dindigul for the JMJ Sisters. He gave a session on media culture in the AICUF National Camp held here. He gave the Academic Orientation Programme for the staff of Carmelgiri Major Seminary, Alwaye. **Fr. Babu Paul** gave eight

days of Psycho-spiritual Workshop for the DST sisters in the beginning of the month. The friends of Fr Tom Kochery and the AICUF organized a seminar and a memorial Mass at the Centre to remember Fr. Tom Kochery. On 2<sup>nd</sup> we had a public meeting in the town in which reputed social activist Ms Medha Patkar was the Chief Guest. Yashwantrao Chavan School of Social Work - Satara, Maharashtra has accepted the Centre as their resource centre to train their wards on soft skills and personality development. Twenty two students with one faculty member were here for ten days to get their training. **Fr. Sabu Malayil** was here to give them some sessions in Hindi. AICUF National Camp was held here from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May and there were 65 participants from six states. These were days of serious reflection, companionship and commitment. The title of the camp was "**Protection of Secularism and environment through student leadership**". **Fr. Antony P.S.** gave them a wonderful exposure to the tribal reality and the group really enjoyed his presence. Thanks Antony!. **Fr. Joye James** was our chief guest for the valedictory function and he gave a beautiful message to the participants narrating his AICUF experience. A Big thanks to Joye achan!. The National team and the Kerala team together organized the camp. We had an eye opening exposure to the real life of the people at the sea shore during the camp. The camp ended with a lot of enthusiasm and vibrancy to make the world better.

*Babu Paul*

### ALPHONSACOLLEGE, THIRUVAMBADY

The new academic year began on the 1st of June with the Third Semester Classes. The Second Semester Exams are expected to be by the end of June. The admissions to the new batches are in progress. Their classes will begin by mid-July.

*K.P. Mathew*

### ASHOKAPURAM, ERNAKULAM

"Things are going on well in Ashokapuram. Since you always appreciate our efforts and the updates about our work in our given mission area let me share with you some of my initiatives and efforts in Ashokapuram.

I have succeeded in some of my initiatives in making the people active in their participation in the liturgy. I managed to collect an amount of Rs 40,000 by way of coupon for the works and activities of the C.L.C and the Holy Childhood in the parish. I gave leadership in the beautification work of the Church premises by arranging 32 flower pots at the main entrance of the Church. A new notice board is installed and a permanent badge for the members of the KCYM and the CLC are new initiatives. The membership campaign to these organizations were successful.

Two projects are introduced with the intention of making the Church premises and the cemetery clean and green. This is maintained with the help of pious organizations such as Women's Welfare Group, KCYM and Holy Childhood. A formation programme was organized for a group of altar boys which was quite effective".

*Binu Kaduthalakunnel*

#### **FROM THE CHINESE PROVINCE**

FINAL GREETINGS FROM THE CHINESE PROVINCE!!! -- After living and teaching for 4 months in DILI, EAST TIMOR, I was given a number of farewells. The Provincial of the CHINESE PROVINCE requested me for the 4th year in succession to come and teach our Juniors here in our large scholasticate (Juniorate, Philosophate and Theologate) in HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM. June is the English Month for the whole Community. Our 16 Juniors took their FIRST VOWS during the 6 a.m. MASS in our next-door Parish on MAY 30. Their families were well represented and there were about 1,200 persons for Breakfast! This year we are celebrating 400 years of Jesuit Presence in VIETNAM. The Jesuits of yesterday did make a difference; Vietnamese Jesuits today are making a significant difference here and in many other places in the world! These past 2 Sundays I celebrated MASS in the famous and historic SAIGON CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. It was consecrated in 1880 and you can look it up online. After the MASS, the Priest comes to the entrance and greets the people as they come out. I have met persons coming from many different countries. Twice I met an old Tamil

Couple from Chennai; so I greeted them in Tamil and spoke of my student days in Yercaud(Salem Dt), Tiruchi, Dindigul, Shembaganur and Chennai. When they realised that I am from KERALA, the lady said that her husband spoke Malayalam. Then both realised that I not only speak Tamil with difficulty, but also Malayalam with difficulty! Our Seniors will remember the VIETNAM WAR. I visited the GU CHI tunnels that were the hiding place of the Communist Viet Cong guerrillas in their fight against the Americans in SOUTH VIETNAM. It was a penance for me to bend low while walking, and sometimes even to crawl, through a part of a tunnel. A most pleasant visit was to the family of a scholastic. Both Parents are Choir Members and active in their Parish. Since I am leaving the Chinese Province after 11 years(5 in XIAMEN and 6 in TAIPEI) and returning to Kerala Province, I am looking forward to meeting a number of you on the day of my return -- the FIRST VOWS DAY, June 20.

*John FJ Manipadam*

#### **FROM AUSTRALIA**

"Last month, I received the news from home about the death of my cousin priest, **Fr. Aji Theonse** (34), died at KIMS hospital due to multiple organ failure. He was laid to rest at Chinnathurai, his home parish. Our first Spiritual Exercises direction at Whyalla parish got over on 10<sup>th</sup> May. It was my first experience of giving Spiritual Exercises in daily life to lay people. The experience was enriching and I realize the importance of this ministry. Twenty seven participants, including the parish priest and two religious sisters, very seriously went through the spiritual exercises. We are back again in our Tertianship house and busy with the routine classes and discussions. Last week we had evaluation of our spiritual exercises ministry. Michael Hans and his team were present for the evaluation. Evaluation process was helpful to gain more clarity about what Ignatius meant in giving it to people in their daily life. We will be discussing and reflecting on consecrated life and vowed life in the coming weeks. We will be having classes on Constitutions before going for the next exposure programme. The weather here is a bit cold and evenings are cloudy".

*Thadepoor*

**FROM FR JAMES PULLOKARAN**

"It so happened that I got an opportunity to make a pilgrimage to some hallowed places in continental Europe, in the month of April after Easter, through the generosity of a friend of mine. My pilgrimage is a group covered the Vatican, Rome, the tomb of St Padre Pio in his village church, Orthona, Medugorje of Our Lady in Bosnia, Assisi, Padua, St Mark's Cathedral, Venice, Titlis Peak of Alps in Switzerland, St John Maria Vianni's tomb in Ars, one day sightseeing in Paris (Nortre Dame Cathedral, Effel tower etc.), Lisieux of St Theresa, Lourdes and its candle light procession, the Basilica of St Ignatius Loyola and its museum and St James Cathedral, the shrine of St Theresa of Avila in Spain, a sightseeing trip in Madrid, rosary procession of Fatima in Portugal etc.

In all we travelled more than 8000 miles, by air-conditioned bus, 120 miles per hour in eight countries of Europe. Europe is marvellously and totally clean from mountain top to vallies and hills, planes and plateaus, corn-fields and vineyards, meadows and boughs, even to tiny toilets in home steads. Roads are super fine, avenues astounding, food wastage shocking. During one full day's criss-crossing of Paris city I happened to see only one beggar at the base of Effel tower, another at Lisieux in St Little Flower's Basilica's gate, a third one in St Peter's Square, Rome, a fourth one in Bilbao, Fr Pedro Arrupe's native place, a fifth one in Medugorje Village in Bosnia. In spite of global economic depression, Europe, comparatively, is an affluent continent. They have their colonial stock – piles.

Christianity is more personalized and less ritualized, still Christian values are very much alive and vibrant and taking new forms and patterns. Discomfiture between Christians and Muslims is discernible to the eagle-eyed. There is wide-spread uninhibited public smoking even among the teenage girls. Women seem to be "full-back and center forward" everywhere. My pilgrimage was worth the while. I consider it a rare grace, a boon from the blue. Praise the Lord!"

**MY BLOG ADDRESS**

[www.amdgmagis.blogspot.com](http://www.amdgmagis.blogspot.com)

Over the last five years, I have published more than two thousand posts almost on a daily basis. After hitting 2000 mark, I am on an interval period, and not so regular now regarding the posting. I am in the process of planning something new. Hope something fruitful will come out.

*Varghese Malpan*

**OURS IN PUBLICATION**

**Fr T.M. Joseph:** "*Sanyasam neridunna velluvilikal*", in Satyadeepam, 88 (May 14, 2015)

**LEFT THE NOVITIATE**

Novice Anto Jose Pallikunnath left the novitiate on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

**GONE FOR THEIR REWARD**

**Fr George D'Campo** (CCU,85/61) on 29.05 2015 at St Xavier's, Kolkata

**Fr Gerard Van Wallegem** (DAR, 88/71) on 01.06.2015 at North Point

**Mr V.V. Joseph Vadakumchery** (85), father of our Fr Biju Vadakumchery on 02.05.2015 at Manjapra

**Mr M.K. Jose Mutholil** (67), brother of Fr M.K. George on 04.05.2015 at Vembally

**Mr Anthrayose Mecheril** (85), father of Fr Varkeychen Mecheril on 05.05.2015 at Chempanthotty

**Mr Alfred (58)**, brother-in-law of Fr Shelton on 30 .05.2015 at Sreekariyam

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY****JUNE**

- 11 Joye James Karimathil
- 14 Dominic Madathaniyil  
Joseph Kottukapally  
Mathew Kuzhickattumyalil
- 15 Jesno Francis Kandamkeril

- 16 Anjo Alappat Palathingal  
 18 Wilson Puthussery  
 19 Mathew Elanjipuram  
 22 Anil Thomas Pathikkal  
 24 Vibin Padayadan  
 25 John Manipadam  
 26 *Ranjit George Irattil*  
 27 George Thenadikulam  
 28 Amardeep Pittappillil  
 30 Christy J.P. Arasarkadavil  
 Paul Vadakel

**JULY**

- 03 John Vattanky  
 04 Manesh Thottathuvilakom  
 07 Sunny Jose Puthenpurayil

- 08 Kurien Kunnumpuram  
 09 Thomas Vattakunnel

**IN CHRIST WITH GLORY****JUNE**

- 01 (1998) Vigilio Magagnotti  
 01 (1961) George Ayathaparambil  
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