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### FROM THE PROVINCIAL

#### COMMUNITIES THAT CARE

During one of the many visits to our communities I wrote down in my diary 'Our communities can afford massive doses of love and care'!

I went back many times to that crisp and spontaneous jotting and asked whether it is an exaggerated observation. I don't think so. All our communities, in fact, can benefit from this question: Though we are indeed caring communities, how deftly do we communicate our care and love to one another? In times of a need, say sickness, an accident, we are there for sure. But on a day-to-day basis, how sensitive are we in communicating to one another the care and concern that we do hold in our hearts? The predominantly feminine quality of caring through simple gestures of leaving a note, giving a little extra care, preparing / buying something special and most importantly finding time to be fully present to one another are worth investing in.

Is it a presumption that we don't need such delicacies or is it shyness that keeps us from being visibly caring communities.

"Love is the sea with unseen shores-  
With no shores at all.  
The wary don't dive in..."

Rumi

Let us dare to dive in.  
Let us care.

*Fr. M.K. George, S.J.*

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

#### SEPTEMBER 2015

- 01-09 : All Programmes cancelled/Postponed
- 12-22 : Beijing, China Contact Programme
- 26 : Programme for CST Fathers
- 28-30 : Loyola, Aluva

#### RIP

**Fr Thomas Mulanjanani, S.J.** passed away on 20th August 2015 at 12.30 a.m. at Nirmala Hospital, Calicut. He was laid to rest in Christ Hall Cemetary on 21st August 2015. (See the obituary on the last Page)

**Br. Joseph Thekkekara, S.J.** passed away on 26th August 2015 at 3.10 a.m. at Nirmala Hospital, Calicut. He was laid to rest in Christ Hall Cemetary on 27th August 2015. (See the obituary on the last Page)

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**PEACE INSTITUTE/ EZHUTHU MAGAZINE :** *The first issue of the EZHUTHU Magazine will be launched on 1 November 2015. The brochure is released and a vigorous campaign is on for subscription. The subscription rates are*

**Rs. 350 for one year, Rs. 650 for two years, and Rs. 1500 for five years. We are targeting 5000 and more subscriptions by the end of October. May we request everyone in the Province to promote this novel mission by getting subscriptions from our friends, colleagues, members of the staff, alumni, families and well-wishers? Brochures and receipt books are entrusted with the Superiors and directors of work in the respective communities. If required, more of these will be reaching you at the earliest.**

*Provincial*

**Loyola school, Sreekariyam** adjudged 7th Best among the Boys only School in India by the EDUCATION WORLD.

**Fr Joe Pulickal** is in St. Alphonsus Rodriguez parish, Woodstock, Maryland, USA, for three months, at the invitation of the Jesuit parish priest who formerly worked in Jamshedpur. Joe will return to the province at the beginning of November.

**Fr Wilson Puthussery** is appointed as the Wayanad District Commissioner of Bharath Scouts & Guides by the Department.

**Fr Henry Pattarumadathil** directed retreat for the Kerala Catholic Bishops Conference on 04 - 08 August 2015. His guidance was highly appreciated by the bishops. He is asked by several bishops to direct retreat for their priests. Congrats Fr Henry!

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

Independence Day was celebrated in a fitting manner in St Joseph's Hr Sec. School. The school also conducted its youth festival which was inaugurated by **Mr. Sanjay**, a well-known script writer. We also organized a Karshaka Rally by our students to mark this year's *Karshakadinam*. Onam celebrations in the school were marked by the presence of eminent personalities. **Mr. Santhakumar**, an eminent dramatist, inaugurated the celebrations in the HSS. *Onasadya*, *pookalam* competitions, *onakkalikal* etc. brought enthusiasm and spirit in the minds of our students prior to Onam. The High School has launched a training program for the students of class X in

order to equip them with better study methods and motivation in life. The end of the month of August was more eventful due to the south Indian Alumni Congress that was held here.

In the Junior school the Independence Day celebrations were a joint effort of the Lions Club of Calicut, the staff and the students. **Mr. P R Nathan**, a noted novelist, was invited as the chief guest of the day to give spirit and dynamism to this year's Onam celebrations. All the staff members enjoyed the specially arranged *onasadya*. Variety of competitions and delicious *onappayasam* added colour to the celebrations. The term examinations were conducted before the Onam holidays began. Now hectic preparations are going on for state ICSE cultural competitions and for the youth festival.

The community joins our prayers and petitions for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Elsamma, sister of Fr **Kottukappally**, who passed away recently.

*Fr Ramlat Thomas*

### SARVODAYA, EACHOME XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

We began the month with the speech competition for the Independence Day. It was a time for the pre-novices to train their speaking skills

Deacon Deepak's visit to Xavier Training Centre at Pachilakad and pre-novices participating in his ordination and first Holy Mass at Edoor was a meaningful experience for all of them. They expressed their excitement and happiness of meeting many Jesuits and they were attracted by their simple and friendly way of interacting with them.

**Fr. Ephrem** was with the pre-novices for a couple of days to enhance their self-esteem. The community had its creative Onam Mass with our neighbours and sisters at Prasanthi. The main celebrant was **Fr. George Thenadikulam**. All who came to visit us appreciated the floral carpet prepared by the pre-novices. Onam games were well organized by the pre-novices. In the absence of our cook due to illness, the whole community was in the kitchen preparing the *Onasadhya*. The pre-novices enjoyed the free day outing to explore a few places in Wayanad.

The *changathikoottam* celebrated its first Onam in a grand manner. It was in fact inauguration cum onam celebration. **Sri Vaijyanthi**, the former Panchayath president and the present director of Kaniyampetta bank inaugurated our gathering and gave us Onam message. The sisters from Avila Bhavan distributed the prizes for the winners of Onam games.

**Fr. Saji** is now extending his mission of counselling to the neighbouring parishes and institutions. Along with his staff and **sch. Adhul** he conducted one-day camps and counselling sessions for the youth in Kaniyampetta and Kalpetta. It was well appreciated and the participants from these camps are now approaching Prasanthi for follow up.

**Fr. Rachans** had to go home for a few days as his father is seriously ill. He is still in the ICU and requests your prayers.

*Adhul Thomas*

#### **S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM**

Nirmala ITI, in collaboration with Pariyaram Grama Panchayat and guided by **Fr. Mathew Aerthayil**, Director, Samskriti, organized a one-day seminar on "The importance of Technical Education for the Integral Development of our Country" with an organizing Committee of local people. **T. Gangadharan** of Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishad, **Mrs. T.Vanaja**, Professor from Agricultural Research Centre, Pilikode, and **Mr C.K. Babu** made presentations on the topic. **Fr. Binoy Pichalakatt**, at the end, guided a discussion based on a summary presentation of the talk with suggestions for follow-up action. The seminar, attended by over 150 people including the students and the parents, was a great success, especially for establishing good relationship with the local people. The new academic year of the Institute was inaugurated on August 11, 2015 with a talk on 'Poly House Farming' by two outside experts. National Trade Certificates were given away to 73 trainees of last year. Twenty out of 38 students who passed out are already in job through campus recruitment.

**Fr. Antu Xavier** was warmly welcomed by the whole community on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015 with a good dinner. We celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius

on August 1, 2015, since the priests of Kannur diocese had their annual retreat at IRC till 31<sup>st</sup> July. **Fr. Raju** Conducted a prayer Service which was well appreciated. Over 120 Religious and Priests attended the function. Hundreds of religious priests and nuns gathered here in IRC to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life on August 15. The event was organized by the Kannur Diocese and **Mar Raphael Thattil**, Auxiliary Bishop of Thrissur, gave a session during the gathering.

IRC team has resumed its mission with great zeal arranging retreats for various groups such as youth, religious, family people etc. Of all these retreats **SOAR – 2015**, a retreat for the youth, organized on 22-25, August went off very well. **Fr Raju Augustine** conducted a one-day programme on "**Laudato Si**" for the sisters of Divine Mercy at Ernakulam on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

The last three months were time of spiritual renewal for St. Mary's Church, Pariyaram. **Fr. Jose Pulinthanath** gave a one-day orientation programme for the Parish Youth, due to which they seem to be very active in the Parish. Catechism children planted trees around the Church as part of the diocesan environmental campaign.

*Mathew Aerthayil*

#### **SAMSKRITI, PARIYARAM**

The much awaited inauguration of *Samskriti Sahajeevana Kendram* and anniversary of Tarumitra took place on August 24, 2015. The Centre was officially opened by the local M.L.A **Mr. T.V Rajesh** in the presence of **Mrs Rama**, the Panchayat President, **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil**, our Socius, and **Fr Mathew Thaikal**, the Parish Priest of Pattuvam. After the meeting there was cultural programme by Tarumitra members and local children lasting for over two hours. A crowd of about 500 attended the programme which has created a good rapport with the people from the neighbourhood.

**Fr. Rajesh Jose** gave three talks on 'Laudato Si' including one at Carmalagiri Seminary, Aluva. **Fr Antu Xavier** presented a paper on the same topic for a group of about thirty people representing various parishes of Kannur diocese. Kannur Vision, a local Channel, telecast a good presentation

on Samskriti Sahajeevana Kendram. We have started Yoga classes at the Centre guided by Fr Rajesh for a small group of local people spread over three months.

*Mathew Aertthayil*

### ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

Hiroshima '*Dinam*' was celebrated on August 6 at 6.30 p.m. in the school. Hundreds of students lined up in the school yard with lighted candles. The District Collector, **Sri. Balakiran**, delivered a touching message against war.

**Fr. Rajesh Punchathalal** addressed the students of U.P and High School to conscientize the children on ecology. During these months Rajesh had arranged class wise groups of students to visit Illam which is slowly developing into a centre of conscientization on ecology and yoga.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> August '*Ammayariyan*' programme was conducted in the school.

The visitation of **Fr. Provincial** took place on 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August. It was an occasion of blessing for St. Michael's. Besides meeting the members of the community, the Provincial met the staff, students and P. T. A. He met the staff of Higher Secondary, High School, U P, and pre-primary school separately. He also found time to meet the non-teaching staff and listened to them. The visitation was concluded with a con-celebrated Mass followed by dinner.

There was a seminar for catholic parents by **Fr. Jose Thachil** on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

Independence Day was celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There was a march past drill and salute of the National flag by the High School Students.

There was colourful celebrations of Onam in Higher Secondary School and Pre-primary School. Both Schools conducted competitions in various items and prizes were distributed to the winners. This made the children extremely happy. Payasam was distributed to all who were present. The staff had an Onam Dinner.

*K. J. Mathew.*

### LOYOLA, ALUVA

This year we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with the invited guests on 01 August, 2015.

**Fr. Shibu Malekunel** celebrated a solemn Syro-Malabar Liturgy for us. We had a number of invited guests, religious and others, to join us for the prayer service and lunch. Fr. Socius introduced the two new initiatives of the province, JECI and our new monthly "Ezhuthu" to the guests. We celebrated the Independence Day and the Assumption of our Lady in a fitting manner. One of our neighbors hoisted the flag. Novice Ivin Tomy delivered an inspiring patriotic speech. The following week the first year novices attended the *Gospel Sadhana* at Sameeksha. The programme expanded their understanding of the divine and opened their eyes to the reality of religious pluralism. The same week the second years had a three-day course on the evangelical counsels by **Fr. Joseph Xavier** (JAM), professor at the Gregorian University, Rome. It led them to an in-depth understanding of the three VOWS.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month, Sahrudaya Residence Association, of which we are a member, organized their Onam celebration in our campus. We too actively participated in the celebration. On 26<sup>th</sup> the novices had a beautiful day out to Ernakulam. On 29<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Onam with the Loyola Nivasis of the Colony in front of the novitiate. On the last day of the month we began a joyful voyage into the world of the Sermon on the Mount captained by Fr. Henry Pattarumadathil.

We also had a proud moment during the month when a scientific paper written by **Novice Rojas Thomas** during his M.Tech days ("Influence of Tip Jet Mass Flow and Blowing Rate on the Performance of an Axial Diffuser at Difference Inlet Total Pressure Profiles") was presented in an international conference (ASME Turbo Expo 2015: Turbine Technical Conference June 15-19, 2015, Montreal, Canada). Cudos Rojas...May your tribe increase!

*Christy J.P and Frangle Xavier.*

### SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

Onam is an occasion to revamp the relationship with our neighbourhood. Various groups in collaboration with Thanmaya Media Centre celebrated Onam at Santhinilayam. Samadarshana Vedi, Nehru Balasangam, and Janasree vikasana

mission made use of our campus for various cultural programmes and competitions followed by *Onasadya*.

Snehabhavan too celebrated Onam with variety of competitions and cultural programmes for the students, staff and well wishers. Around 200 neighbours and friends of Snehabhavan attended the celebration and took part in the *Onasadya*.

Thanmaya core team had a fruitful meeting with **Fr. Provincial** which helped the Centre to orient itself in right direction according to its vision and mission.

Thanmaya hosted 5 days of Children's Film Festival and workshop organized by Kerala State Chalachitra Academy. Fifty students from various districts actively participated and honorable minister Mr. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan distributed awards for the participants.

Snehabhavan team is busy organizing district level special school teachers' seminar to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> September as part of the celebration of Snehabhavan Silver Jubilee year. **Fr. Sebastian** finds it more comfortable with the arrival of a new OMNI car.

*Sony Thazhathel*

### AKJM /SAMANVAYA

August was a busy month in the school with a variety of activities. The staff and the students got themselves fully involved with much energy and enthusiasm. The first ever Musical Evening organized at the school was a great success. Our children showcased their talent in music and anchoring. Two local channels telecasted the entire programme. The visit by **Fr Robert Athickal** (PAT), the Tharumithra man, encouraged the staff and the students to maintain the sylvan surroundings of the school. He interacted with the students and motivated them to be the ardent supporters for the conservation and preservation of mother earth. This year AKJM School students made a maiden attempt to clean the surroundings of the school and the adjacent parts of the town on Independence Day. An anti tobacco rally also was organized on the occasion by the Scouts and Guides unit of our school. We had a grand Onam celebration in our school with *Onappokalam, Onakkalikal, Oonjal*

and so on. The unstinted support and cooperation of the parents and the teachers for the preparation of *Payasam* doubled our joy. There was a special *Onasadhya* for the staff. The *Nadaka Silpasala* organised by the Cine artist and our former student **Ms. Revathy** for the high school students enabled them to appreciate and evaluate art and culture. During the onam holidays the school was a busy hub of many activities. Coaching in sports and games, special classes for the weaker students, skill development programmes for selected students, urgent repair and maintenance work in the school etc. made our campus alive even during the holidays.

**Fr Varkeychan Macheril** left for Sri Lanka for his Tertianship on 26<sup>th</sup> August. The community had a get-together to wish him on his way to the school of love.

*Sharath*

### LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

High Laurels to Loyola School: 11 Students of Loyola School from the ISC stream qualified for a Union Government Scholarship of Rs 80,000/- per person for five years. Top one percentage of ISC 12 standard students of India is selected for this scholarship. Loyola School contributed 20% of the Top one percentage in the country. Educational Survey 2015 among the Boys only Schools in India has rated Loyola School at the 7<sup>th</sup> position up from 27<sup>th</sup> position in 2014 for the first time in the history of the school. **Fr Polson** attended a two day seminar on teaching methodology organised by X-Seed in Sri Lanka. He also attended a three-day seminar on Impact and Challenges of New Media on the School Students organised by AINACS in Bangalore. An inter-religious seminar on the Bhagavad Gita was organised in the college. **Fr S. Painadath** led the seminar. A full-fledged gym known as Loyola Health and Fitness Centre was blessed by **Fr Provincial** and inaugurated by **Vijayakumar IPS**.

*Saji Joseph*

### ST. XAVIER'S COMMUNITY, THUMBA

The month of August sailed by in a hurry with Onam as its final culmination. SXC community accorded a warm welcome to **Fr. Deepak**, our English bred

new priest, who was kind enough to travel to this sandy terrain to offer a holy mass for us. **Fr. Biju Vadakumcherry**, the budding retreat director of the province, preached an eight day retreat to the Canosian Sisters at Vettuthurai during the Onam vacation. He seemed to have revived the spiritual prospects of the retreatants, who included their provincial and curia team. **Fr. Pious** effectively animated a three- day orientation Programme for the first year students of Immanuel College Vazhchal. Incidentally, the former staff of SXC Dr. Iris Koileo is the new principal of Vazhachal College. Our extension activities got a boost and new direction as Fr. Pious got it formally registered as per Government norms as Xavier Extension Services (XES). Earlier in the month **Fr. Jose Puli** and **Fr. Pious Vacha** facilitated the starting of the famed lay theology course under the leadership of **Fr. Painadath** at AICUF Center.

*Dominic Palakeel*

#### VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

The month of August was an eventful month. We celebrated our nation's Independence Day, Assumption Day and Onam. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we participated in a special Mass in honour of our Mother Mary and we prayed for our nation. **Fr Biju Vadakumchery** was the Main Celebrant and also the Chief Guest at the Flag hoisting ceremony. **Sch. Sandeep** (KAR) was selected and he delivered a thought provoking Independence Day speech. Onam was celebrated in all its splendour. We participated in a special Malayalam Mass and prayed for the people of Kerala. **Fr K.J. Thomas** was the Main Celebrant. We made "Pookalam" and our cook provided us with a sumptuous and tasty "Onasadhya". We also spent several hours witnessing and enjoying the Onam pomp and pageantry in the city. Our 20 companions from the other southern States and our 2 companions from Dumka treasure this novel experience. Early in the month all of us experienced a wake-up call from **Fr Roy Thottathil**. The hidden artist in each one of us emerged. As we enjoyed his 3-day Art Appreciation Course, the climax came with our visit to the Sree Chitra Art Gallery.

*Amardeep Pittappillil*

#### AADI, ATTAPADY

As part of Onam celebration of study centres we had a two-day Leadership Training Camp at ADDI in which forty seven students participated. We also organised Onam celebrations in four different Ooru. We also had three Ooru Utsavams at Nakkupathy, Pattimalam and Choriannur Ooru last month.

St Antony's Church, Nellipathy, Attappady had its *Edavakadinam* and Parish feast celebrations in a fitting manner. This Parish was created by Jesuits at Attapady under the direction of Bishop Joseph Kalathiparampil and is now under Sultanpet Diocese. **Fr James Morais** is the Paris priest from its inception in 2010.

Eighteen school dropouts were brought back to school and they are followed up by AADI with the help of volunteers under the direction of **Fr P S Lenin Antony**. We did job placement for three people, one at Chavakkad and two at Bangalore.

Fr Lenin Antony gave a one-day training programme to Headmasters and Headmistresses of Mannarkad sub district at Mannarkad, three one-day programmes for women groups of Sultanpet Diocese and any number of Tamil Masses in Kozhinjampara area and in Mulli besides getting busy with his doctoral studies in Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore.

**Sch. Kamal** spends his weekends and holidays creatively at AADI. The chapel at AADI is complete and is appreciated by all. Now he is busy painting the office with Warali art and already has many admirers.

#### ST JUDES CHURCH, MUKKALI, ATTAPADY

**Fr Mani Manimala**, the Vicar of St Jude's Church, Mukkali and St Joseph's Church, Thenkara is in fully active with variety of activities. His climb to the thirty- feet high church roof using ladder to repair it just shows the will power he has to do things properly. He slowly brings order to the Parishes which was needed badly for some time. He braves the lack of facilities, including lack of food, with his will to do well. Kudos Fr Mani.

*James Morais*

**ASHA KIRAN, MANGALORE**

Last month we began with a retreat for all the degree students of St. Aloysius College. This was followed by the internal test. This year Asha Kiran community introduced village experiment for the college going scholastics. Some of our second years had opted for that. St. Ignatius feast was the culmination of the activities of the month. We had a solemn celebration of Eucharist in the college and in the evening all the Jesuits of Mangalore gathered at AIMIT college campus for a celebration. The Provincial of Karnataka province was present. Scholastics had a football match with the hostellers of Aloysius and we won that match.

The month of August was a colourful one. We witnessed a number of events during this month. Along with the nation's independence we celebrated the feast of the Assumption. It was a day of thanksgiving. We had a meaningful liturgical celebration, followed by the flag hoisting. **Sch. Jomon** delivered the Independence Day message, which was well appreciated. We had UTSAV interclass competition in the college. Scholastics won many prizes in the competitions. On 22<sup>nd</sup> August we attended a talk by **Fr. Freddy** on the new encyclical of Pope Francis, 'Laudato Si'. After the successful completion of first internals we are preparing ourselves for the second internals, which begins at 31<sup>st</sup> August.

*Sch. Jay Cruz*

**INIGOSADAN, BANGALORE**

August was a month of grace. **Fr. Provincial** was with us from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of this month for visitation. The days with him were a very enriching experience for each one of us.

**Sch. Jithin** was appointed beadle of the community. In the college, **Sebin** and **Nikhil** were elected class and academic representatives respectively.

**Sch. Nikhil** represented the college for an essay writing competition at Bangalore University and secured first prize.

We celebrated Onam in a simple and beautiful way. The community celebration was in the evening. We made an *athapookalam* and conducted a prayer centering on the theme of Onam. The presence of

**Fr P.S. Antony** gave life to our Onam celebration as he sang a beautiful Onam folk song which was appreciated by the community

*Sebin Joseph*

**ARRUPE NIVAS, BANGALORE**

The month of August was a busy one. Soon after the feast of St. Ignatius our mid-semester class tests began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August. All of us toiled day and night to prepare for the tests. All were seen glued to their own desks as per the remarks of our priests here. By God's grace we could do well!

On 9<sup>th</sup> we had community Faith Sharing. **Fr. Pradeep Sequiera** moderated it. The sharing really touched and helped us to grow in mutual love, concern and respect. The College inter-class cultural fest '**Pratibha 2015**' showcased the talents of the Josephites. On Independence Day after the ceremonial flag hoisting, as part of the AICUF Programme, we visited a nearby slum and celebrated the day there.

During the month, our Provincial made his visitation. It was a joyful occasion for us. On the next day we were invited to celebrate the birthday of Sch. Nikhil and Provincial's visit at Inigo Sadan.

We were also privileged to attend the funeral of much loved and admired Jesuit, **Fr. Ronnie Prabhu**, of Karnataka Province. Thousands of people flocked in to pay homage to this wonderful person who lived a beautiful life.

*Deslin Chelatt*

**HEYTHROP COLLEGE, LONDON**

"We experience a pretty disappointing summer with a lot of unsettled weather and only a few warm spells, especially through July and August. However, the low pressure that brought us periods of heavy rain did not stop the first year theologians from moving around the country with their different apostolates. Some of us were part of the Joint Apostolic Project that was organised in 22 different places in four Provinces (Britain, Flanders, Ireland, and The Netherlands). I was assigned to join a Mission Week Program at Corpus Christi Boscombe parish in Britain itself. It was a very rich experience of the Universal mission of the society as I could join the team of eight Jesuits from four

provinces. All the first year theologians attended an intensive Spirituality Accompaniment course in St. Beuno's Retreat Centre for two weeks. We all benefited a lot from this course and it was more practical oriented than mere theory classes. In the light of various proposals for the future of Heythrop College the governing body decided not to accept any fresh students for undergraduate courses this year except for BD. It admits only seminarians and Scholastics for BD program this year and will graduate in 2018 when the College will be closing as a part of the University of the London. I will be leaving for Liverpool and then to Manchester for my holidays along with other two Indian scholastics Appu and Sandeep".

*Roy Alex*

#### FROM JOHN FJ MANIPADAM

"Time is flying. Already I have completed over 2 happy months back in our Province! From Monday to Friday I am busy with teaching our 24 Juniors English (Reading, Speaking and Writing), Study Skills and Methods, and Scripture. There are also 3 hours of English a week for the Rosminian Candidates. I am in charge of our Juniors' ministries on Saturday and Sunday. Most of the times my Sunday MASS is in St Anne's Parish, Pettah, Trivandrum. If I am in Ernakulam, I celebrate Sunday MASS in Infant Jesus Parish.

Since I was a Regent(1968-1969) and much later the Rector(1983-1989) at Loyola, a large number of Old Boys are known to me – they seem to be everywhere I go! There was first of all the Annual Meeting of Loyola Old Boys' Association on the school premises. Then came the weekend celebration of the Loyola 1985 Batch's 30th Anniversary of Graduation in Quilon. (I missed the Loyola 1990 Batch's Silver Jubilee of Graduation reunion.) More recently a large number of Old Boys (my former boarders and students) and also many other friends gathered together for the younger generation Kadamapuzha Wedding in Kanjirapally. At the 1st Anniversary of two Tharakan brothers, there were Old Boys and many old friends.

Add to these I met a number of our present students after I had addressed the special assembly of

Loyola School on the eve of our Holy Father St Ignatius' Feast. That very evening I was thrilled to meet some of Syriac Panjikanan's students at the Prayer Service and Dinner at Loyola, Mukundara".

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> SOUTH ZONE JESUIT ALUMNI/AE CONGRESS

The fourteenth Jesuit Alumni/ae Congress was held at St. Joseph's Boys' Hr. Sec. School, Calicut, on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015. There were 145 participants from Tamil Nadu, 65 from Andhra 81 from Kerala and 5 from Karnataka; altogether 296 participants. They were housed in Navajyothis pastoral centre, Calicut, Kolping centre Calicut, Christ Hall and Hotel Span. The theme of the Congress was " *the Role of Jesuit Alumni in the Present Educational Scenario*"

**Bishop Varghese Chakkalakal**, himself an Alumnus of St. Aloysious College, Mangalore, presided over the inaugural function. The Keynote address was delivered by **Mr. N Prasanth I.A.S.**, District Collector of Calicut. He spoke at length about the Human and Spiritual formation that he received at Loyola School, Trivandrum. He affectionately remembered Fr. M M Thomas in his speech. **Dr. G Viswanathan**, Chancellor, Vellore Institute of Technology(VIT), **Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil**, Socius to the Provincial, **Dr. Michael Tharakan**, former Vice chancellor, Kannur University and **Mr. E Sentil Kumar**, Secretary South Zone, felicitated on the occasion.

Dr. Viswanathan and Dr. Michael Tharakan gave two input sessions on the various dimensions of the role of Jesuit Alumni/ae in the present educational scenario. The following day, on 30<sup>th</sup> August, there was reporting by the representatives from various provinces about their Alumni activities in their respective provinces. The province reporting was followed by Province-wise gathering in which four representatives were selected to the South zone council. **Mr. Sentil Kumar** from Tamil Nadu was elected as the South Zone Alumni/ae president and **Mr. Pradeepkumar** from LOBA, Trivandrum, as the Vice president. Mr. Stephen from Andhra was elected as the Secretary. The congress came to a conclusion with a valedictory function which was chaired by the New Zonal president Mr. Sentil Kumar. The gathering, during the valedictory

function, thanked the host province for the effective conduct of the 14th South Zone congress. The 15<sup>th</sup> Alumni congress will be held in Andhra in 2017.

*Jose Mathew*

**HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR MIGRANT WORKERS**

On 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday August 2015, 38 migrant workers gathered in Christ Hall for a meeting at 5 p.m. **Fr. Jose Thachil** welcomed them to SRC, Christ Hall. New people were introduced to the group and 22 of them registered their names for labour card, submitting their photos and Xerox copy of their I.D. cards. **Fr. Immanuel** talked to them emphasizing the need for a strong bond between the migrant workers themselves and also with Christ Hall. **Sr. Gracy** discussed with them about celebrating Onam and North Indian Pooja festival. They were quite serious about it and put their ideas together to have meaningful celebrations. Fr. Benny's presence made a difference in the group as they shared with him some of their legal problems.

The highlight of the day was the health awareness session conducted by **Sr. Haritha D.S.S.** The migrant workers themselves suggested having regular gathering on every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, in Christ Hall and the decision was unanimous. The meeting ended with tea and refreshments at 7.30 p.m.

*Immanuel Koyan*

**NEWS FROM JESA**

In the first week of June, the Jesuits and some core staff members of our social action centres came together at LES, Thiruvananthapuram, for a training programme on preparing action plans as per our vision and mission. Fr M.K. George, our Provincial and Fr Sannybhai, Secretary, Jesuits in Social Action, South Asian Assistency, accompanied us in our deliberations. Special thanks to Fr Joye James, Director, LES, for making arrangements for the programme free of charge.

At present, Kerala JESA has fulfilled all the requirements to be part of a national level project of JESA related to National Food Security Act (NFSA). We will have three units in Kerala, namely, Thiruvananthapuram, Attappady and Wayanad. As Coordinator of Social Action, Fr Benny is expected

to coordinate the implementation of the project in all the three units with the help of Frs Baby Chalil and James Morais. The project is likely to be initiated by November in this financial year itself.

Fr Benny is part of a team led by Fr Sabu Malayil to conduct a baseline survey of interstate migration in Kerala. The two-day 'Consultation on Work with Migrants in Kerala' conducted at Sameeksha in the first week of July, helped us to work towards a strategy to conduct a research involving as many stakeholders as possible, linking data collection for the study with supply of some package of information on entitlements and friends of migrants (FOMs) made available to the participants of the study. With the appointment of Fr Martin Puthussery at ISI-Bangalore to support work with migrants in South India, we are hopeful of scaling up our work, collaborating with many individuals and institutions working towards the well-being of migrants in Kerala. In the spirit of the request of some of our migrant participants in the consultation, we wish every community and institution of ours become migrants-friendly and be part of a larger network of friends of migrants. We are happy to see the progress made by SRC towards addressing some pressing needs of the migrants of the locality.

*Benny Chiramel*

**PASTORAL CORNER**

**JEPASA ANNUAL MEETING 2015**

The JEPASA'S annual meeting was held on 21 of August at Christ Hall, Calicut. The meeting began at 9.30 am with a prayer. After the prayer the present coordinator, **Fr. Anto**, welcomed all the JEPASA members. There were nine attendees in the meeting. All the participants shared their rich spiritual experiences and challenges in their pastoral ministry. **Fr. Provincial** addressed the meeting and extended his full support to the parish apostolate. He, too, expressed his concerns and limitations regarding the parish apostolate. The meeting concluded with a prayer. It was an enriching experience for all the members.

*Anto Dioneius*

**FORTHCOMING RETREAT**

Indian Contemplative Retreat based on the Letters of St. Paul and Initiation to Jesus-Prayer, guided by **Sebastian Painadath SJ**, Nov. 22 (morning) to 29 (evening) at NBCLC, Bangalore. Contact person: Miss Durga, Ph. 080-25472369, 25495674

**OURS IN MEDIA / SEMINARS**

A full page feature on **Fr. Adappur's** work on Arnos Pathiri in the Hindu Newspaper on 8 August.

**Fr. Binoy** presented a paper on "Beyond Binary Thinking: A Fuzzy Logical Paradigm for Philosophy of Science" in the one day seminar organized by Kalady Philosophy Forum at Sameeksha.

**Sch. Midhun** has a blog : <http://midhunf.blogspot.in/2015>


**GONE FOR THEIR REWARD**

**Fr Mattam Chacko** (MDU, 96/71) on 17 Aug 2015 in Dindigal

**Fr Ronald Prabhu** (KAR, 75/58) on 18 August 2015 in Bengaluru

**Fr Hilary Pereira** (KAR, 91/72) on 30 August Bengaluru

**Dr Jose Mechery** (83), brother-in-law of Fr John FJ Manipadam, 04 August 2015.

**Mrs Elsamma Arackal** (72), sister of Fr Joseph Kottukappally, on 01 September 2015

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY****SEPTEMBER**

- 14 Joy Cruz Abraham
- 15 *Biju Joy Ottakkunnel*
- 16 Vysakh Titus Purathur
- 19 Jacob Madukakuzhy
- 20 George Mutholil  
Augustine Peedikamalayil
- 21 Mathew Olnidian
- 22 Joseph Kallepallil
- 23 Midhun J F Kochukallan
- 28 Cyriac kulirany

**OCTOBER**

- 01 Babu Paul Kurisinkal  
Mathew Puthiedom
- 02 Rosan Roy Periakottil
- 03 John Molekunnel
- 04 Varghese Malpan
- 08 Joseph Chittooparambil  
Jenophine Joseph
- 09 Sony Thomas Thazhathel

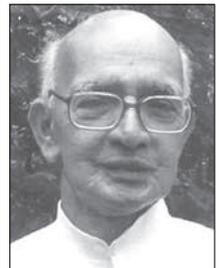
**IN CHRIST WITH GLORY**

- 05 (1995) Aloysius Del Zotto
- 07 (2002) Joseph Kannampuzha
- 13 (1986) Thomas Thundiyl  
(2011) Varghese Nedungatt
- 22 (1988) Bishop Aldo Patroni
- 25 (1992) Augustine Erattamakil

**OBITUARY****FR. THOMAS MULANJANANI, S.J. (1926-2015)**

Sitting in his office with children around him or standing anywhere on the school compound and talking to staff members or parishioners was a regular sight in the life of Fr. Thomas Mulanjanai. The table in the room had his cheque books and account books. He lived simple mathematical equations in all the spheres of his life. His simplicity, serenity, spiritual orientation and sustainable economy attracted the staff and students of the school, the parishioners and the neighbours to him.

Fr. Thomas was a person of simplicity and silence. He constantly struggled to achieve the goal set before him. He had a strong desire to work in the missions, but he was sent to A.K.J.M. School, Kanjirappally in 1963 after his tertianship. There the students found in him a spiritual guide, besides an excellent Maths teacher. He was a headmaster there for a short while. As procurator, he put up the boarding house for the students who came from faraway places. After 13 years of work in A.K.J.M.,



he got a greener pasture where he could work out his long cherished dream of being a pastor along with his work in Loyola School and in the Jesuit community as treasurer. His teaching and spiritual guidance were an enriching and elevating experience for the staff and students of Loyola School. Cheruvikal, a parish in the neighborhood of Loyola School, Trivandrum was awaiting a Jesuit parish priest. The desire of Fr. Thomas to work in a parish turned out to be a fulfilment of both the desires, of course, two birds in one shot. He was parish priest for 35 years in the same place. He gave a facelift to the parish. A new beautiful church was constructed near the old thatched one. A few families were helped to renew their houses. The advent of a hardworking parish priest opened a new horizon of hope and progress in their lives. Now they move along a path of growth and achievement. Their occasional visits to Fr. Thomas in Christ Hall to console him in his illness and to take part in his funeral is a proof of their love and attachment.

He stood the test of severe pain for around thirty years because of cancer and herpes. He proved himself victorious by conquering the suffering and continued to serve others both in the school and the parish. He persevered admirably in spite of challenges. He still lives in the minds and hearts of his students and parishioners.

After 37 years of silent service in Loyola, Trivandrum, Fr. Thomas was brought to Christ Hall, Calicut in September 2013. His health gradually deteriorated. He had to be admitted to hospital on and off. Finally on 19 August night he was rushed to the hospital. At 12.30 am he received viaticum and took off to his heavenly abode. May his soul rest in peace and intercede for us.

Fr. Thomas was born in 1926 at Teekoy in Kottayam District. His parents, Thomas and Mary, were farmers. His elementary education was in Teekoy and for secondary education he proceeded to Pavaratty and Mannanam. Then in Sacred Heart College, Thevara, he did intermediate. He joined the novitiate in 1948. His juniorate was in Christ Hall. After graduating in Maths at St. Joseph's College Tiruchirappalli, he had his philosophy and theology at Shembaganur and Pune respectively.

Fr. Thomas was ordained in 1960. Soon after his ordination he did B.Ed. at Mannanam and Tertianship at Kodaikanal.

Whatever be the work entrusted to him by superiors he had the tenacity and willpower to execute them in the most efficient manner. As a religious he was quite conscious of his commitment to Lord Jesus and he made no compromise with his religious observances. Let Fr. Thomas continue to inspire us to do our work with real devotion and great commitment.

*Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy S.J.*

**BR JOSEPH THEKKEKARA, S.J.  
(1918- 2015)**

On the day of the demise of Bro. Joseph Thekkekara Sch. Stevensen of Christ Hall put up a write up on the notice board of the house. He had defined Bro. Thekkekara's personality perfectly, I thought: "A Jesuit who transformed the minds with humour". Bro. Thekkekara was a person who was effulgent with humour.



Whenever Bro. Thekkekara dropped in to the evening recreations of Brothers community it always became a noisy affair. The, otherwise a quiet group, would burst into rings of laughter and shouts of joy. We, the novices of those days of community separation, spontaneously guessed that Bro. Thekkekara was there.

While preaching the funeral oration of Bro. Thekkekara, I depicted, as if in a dream, the heavenly community crowding around the new arrival, Bro. Joseph of short stature, bursting with laughter at his spontaneous jokes and impulsive humour. But, how he could escape the purgatory so easily, I wondered, though his naughty weaknesses were slight in nature. I clearly remembered some of them.

We were still novices. Fr. Edamaram, of happy memory, was the Provincial. A man of short temper, Fr. Edamaram asked Bro. Thekkekara, who was in Shembaganur, to come to Calicut immediately. Thekkekara started at once. But, he stopped at every Jesuit community on the way

and entertained them all generously. He arrived in Calicut after a week. One could imagine the mood of Fr. Edamaram. But the cheerful Thekkekara settled the matter with Fr. Edamaram in a short while and came out jubilant and all smiles! How did you manage? Asked the Brother secretary. "Ours is to travel from place to place", laughed Bro. Thekkekara, quoting from the Common Rules of the Society.

When he was at Mattul Boys' home for the second time he went to buy dry tapioca for the boys from a faraway place. While returning with it the Lorry met with an accident and turned upside down. Brother got a few good knocks here and there. Brother used to narrate this event as if he had gone to participate in a circus show. With such convincing humour and hearty laugh he vows that the failing eye sight of his left eye was fully restored by these knocks.

There are so many stories to add.... If so, how was he spared of, at least, a short span in purgatory? The answer was simple. If he were to be sent there he will loosen his bundle of fun and turn that place of pain into a heaven of joy!

It is his positive outlook and creative mentality that makes Thekkekara capable of converting a hell into heaven. This makes the personality of Bro. Thekkekara Divine and heavenly. The word gloominess is not in the Dictionary of Thekkekara. The very presence of this cheerful and heavenly person transforms sadness into joy. This is what St. Francis Assisi prayed for in his Prayer for peace: 'Where there is darkness let me bring light; where there is sadness joy'.

His humour and agility of mind helped him to achieve the impossible. Bringing electric connection to the remote, sandy village of Mattul, without even a road, was one of them. The population of Mattul was 80% muslim. Yet, the Boys' Home Electric

meter carries No.1. The village is 7 KM away from the Electricity office in Payyangadi. The connection had to be extended from there. All the posts and other materials had to be carried on shoulders. The Muslim brethren, under the leadership of Bro. Thekkekara, led the line of porters. The older among them still keep the memory of Bro. Thekkekara framed in the niche of their hearts.

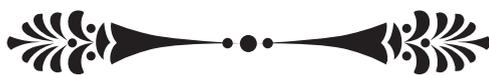
'A man dies as he lives'. This is so very true about Bro. Thekkekara. He lived celebrating life. Celebration is recognizing and proclaiming the blessings. He did just that with overflowing joy. A man like him could not choose a better time to die than the season of Onam, Kerala's state festival. This is a festival of thanksgiving. His burial took place on the first Onam. As he lived, so he died.

Bro. Thekkekara was born on 05 May 1915 in Thodupuzha. He joined the Society on 08 March 1947. He pronounced his Last Vows on 19 March 1957 and died on 26 August 2015. Bro. Thekkekara served in several mission stations and institutions in Kerala and in Mangalore during his 67 years of Jesuit life. Christ Hall, Calicut, SM Farm, Pariyaram, Sarvodaya High School, Eachome, Loyola Institutions, Trivandrum, Vimala Estate, Vellarikundu, St Mary's Estate, Mathamangalam, Ezhimala Estate, AKJM, Kanjirappally, St Joseph's, Calicut, St Michael's, Kannur are some of them.

Kerala has already a few Canonized saints and a few in the offing. The majority of them are suffering servants, rather 'gloomy' saints. But here is one who looked at his life and commitment with effulgent joy and celebrated it in every good way. He, surely, will be an asset even to heaven.

For us Jesuits and for those who lived with him and enjoyed his radiant service he will be a never failing source of inspiration.

*Fr. Raphael Thottan SJ*



**KINDLY PRAY FOR MANY GOOD VOCATIONS**

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