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FROM THE PROVINCIAL

PREPARING FOR THE PROVINCE ASSEMBLY

As we prepare ourselves for the Province Assembly in May, 2016, it is good to remind ourselves of what is special about this meeting. Unlike many other meetings, we want this to be a collective effort at discernment. We want to discern what God's will is for the Province in terms of its mission and ministries. We want to light the fire in us which will enkindle other fires. Ultimately we want to achieve greater apostolic effectiveness and personal fulfilment.

The insights of SAP programme at the Assistancy level are very relevant in this context. What we are on to is a deeply spiritual process. We want to recover the foundational fire, manifested by our founding fathers. The interior disposition that guides us is an intense desire for Inner freedom, Ignatian Indifference. We move at the level of affectivity, discerning through our consolations and desolations.

It is my fervent plea that everyone in the Province will find some extra time to go through the APT Report circulated, pray over the matter and ask ourselves what is the Lord asking of us at this moment of history.

Friends, it is a kairos moment for the Province. Let

us pray intensely for a spiritual transformation in the Province, resulting in greater personal enthusiasm and collective energy for Mission.

M.K George S J

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS BY FR. PROVINCIAL

Fr. Antu Xavier Kalamparambil	- Sarvodaya, Eachome
Fr. Augustine Kallunkal	- St. Xavier's, Trivandrum
Fr. Biju Vadakumchery	- JDV, Pune
Fr. Jose Choorapoikayil	- S. M. Farm, Pariyaram
Fr. Reji Kunnatheth	- Director of Candidacy
Fr. C.J. Joseph	- Assistant Director, Candidacy
Fr. Shibu Joseph Malekunnel	- St. Xavier's, Trivandrum
Fr. Sooraj Kochuparambil	- Loyola, Mukundara
Fr. O.P. Mathew	- S. M. Farm

STATUS OF SCHOLASTICS:

College Studies:

Sch. Amardeep Pittappillil	- Mangalore
Sch. Nibin Vadakkonaparambil	- Mangalore
Sch. Stevenson Maliekal	- Chennai

Philosophy:

Sch. Jithin Puthuparambil - Satya Nilayam,
Chennai

Sch. Nikhil Paruvananickal - JDV, Pune

Regency:

Sch. Jenophine Joseph - Christ Hall, Calicut

Sch. Rosan Roy Periakottil - Pre-novitiate,
Pachilakad

Theology:

Sch. Adhul Ulloppillil - Paris

Sch. Gijo Kochuparambil - Theology

Sch. Jose Pittappillil - Theology

Sch. SharathNellinilkumthadathil - Paris

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME**MAY**

03	:	Mysore
04	:	Aluva
15	:	Consult
16-17	:	Pachilakad
22-25	:	Kottayam
26-28	:	LES, Trivandrum

FOR YOUR INFORMATION**DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 10	:	Jubilee Celebration
May 11-12	:	Province Assembly
May 13-14	:	Superiors & DOW Seminar
May 13-19	:	Province Common Holidays
June 11-12	:	Finance Management Training
Aug. 12-14	:	SAP in Christ Hall
Sept.30-Oct.02	:	SAP in Christ Hall
Oct. 07-09	:	SAP in Christ Hall

PUBLIC DEFENCE

Fr Antony Mechery is defending his doctoral thesis at the Faculty of Church History of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, on 07 June 2016 at 4.00 p.m. Best wishes and prayers, Antony!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOLMEN
SSLC RESULT**

Name of Institution	App- eared	Passed	A+	%
AKJM, Kanjirapally	94	94	12	100
St Michael's, Kannur	167	167	25	100
St. Joseph's, Calicut	288	286	37	99.3
Sarvodaya, Eachome	127	121	5	95.3

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS**ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT**

The HSS arranged a fitting farewell to three of its teachers who served the school for many years. In the last SSLC examinations 37 of our boys secured full A plus and 29 of them secured A plus for nine subjects. Teachers' Training Programmes are arranged in the HSS by the Education Department as part of the ongoing subject training programme. The alumni association executives of the school went on a picnic to Anakkampoil and revamped their togetherness. Our schools closed for summer vacation.

Summer vacation camps for football and basketball are going on in the ICSE school campus. The school has appointed many new teachers for the next academic year.

Fr Xavier underwent a treatment for varicose veins and he is improving at home. Our candidates went for an annual retreat to Kulathuvayal Retreat Centre before they went home for annual holidays.

Ramlal Thomas

SAMSKRITI, PARIYARAM

As in the previous four years Samskriti organized a 5-day Social Awareness and Leadership Training

(Salt Camp) on 18-22 April 2016. Fifty students from 9th, 10th and 11th classes from 18 Parishes of Chirakal mission attended the camp. Practically all of them rated the camp very high with the demand to increase the days of the camp and to give them one more chance if conducted again. All of them were enabled to speak in front of a group. Some Parishes have already made the participants to speak their camp experience in the church during the Sunday Mass. The success of the camp is mainly due to our scholastics **Amardeep, Libin and Nibin led by Rosan and Kamal**. Congratulations to all of them! After having completed one research and given the matter for publication, Samskriti has started a new research study connected with Dalit Christians. A research assistant is helping **Fr. Mathew Aerthayil** for the same. During the vacation time Samskriti Sahajeevana Kendram is having plenty of activities. A one-month '*Samagra Vikasana Sibiram*' a day programme with training in various skills including 'Kalari' and yoga is going on. About thirty-five students from 1st to 9th standards from the neighboring places are attending this programme. There were two three-day residential camps for students of St. Michael's School together with some students from Wayanad, Kanjangad and Payyannur.

Fr. C.T. Jose has joined the community on April 16 and he was given a warm welcome with a community prayer followed by a sumptuous dinner.

Mathew Aerthayil

LOYOLA, ALUVA

Loyola was in silent mode for the first three weeks of the month since the novices were away for their Mission and Hospital experiments. Novices were able to feel the tender love of **Fr. Master** while he visited them at their mission places. **Sanil achan** was involved in two training programs for MCBS seminarians and the Pre-camp for our Scholastics. Jack achan guided a long retreat at Calicut for a group of Sisters. We were happy to have **Sch. Stevenson** here as he was convalescing from an infection on his left foot. We also hosted some guests like **Fr. Tom Venad (HAZ)**, some of our priests and a few scholastics on their way to

different summer involvements.

On 14 April **P.T. Mathew Achan** rejoined our community after his commendable and dedicated service at Vidyajyoti, Delhi. He was officially welcomed on 27 April. All the novices were back by 23 and 24 April after gracefully completing their mission and hospital experiments. Back home the novices shared their rich experiences and on 29 April we had a fruitful recollection guided by our dear **Abraham Pallivathukal achan**. We also celebrated the birthdays of **Amal** and **Dijin** on 25 April though their birthdays were on 17. Now novitiate house is in active mode and the novices are back to the rhythm of the novitiate.

Dijin and Vysakh

SAMEEKSHA, ATMAMITRA AND JEEVIKA

The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Dialogue with other Religions, Rome, picked out Sameeksha as the only Dialogue-Centre for a documentary film on the dialogue initiatives in the universal Church in the wake of *Nostra Aetate*. The Vatican team, headed by Msgr. Santiago, spent a day at Sameeksha interviewing the staff and filming the precincts. Sameeksha campus has been fully booked on all days of April by various summer camps for school children. They kept the house fully alive and **Fr Samuel Rayan**, who enjoys the company of the youth, spent several hours in the hall taking part in the camp programmes. **Fr Sebastian Painadath** presented a paper on the *Dialogue Initiatives of NBCLC* at the Jubilee seminar of NBCLC, Bangalore. He also attended the Theological Forum of Jesuits in South Asia presenting a paper on *Christification as the dynamic core of Indian Christology*. **Frs. Sunny Kokkaravalayil, T.V. John** and the Atmamitra staff & volunteers were present at the birthday celebration of **Fr. Toby Joseph**.

Toby

SANTIGRAM

SANTIGRAM, I am afraid, sounds very unfamiliar to many. The Province usually refers to this place as ICTA; but ICTA is just the registered society whose office is situated in the Santigram premises.

The centre is called SANTIGRAM and so I request the province to refer to us as Jesuits in Santigram, and not at ICTA. After **Fr. Paul Vadakel** left last summer, **Fr. Wilson** and I have been manning this place. The Jesuits here are entrusted with the care of two properties, both close to each other – Santigram where we stay and the Peace Cottage. The Peace Cottage was in a dilapidated condition and from last August on we have been at work renovating the building and levelling the land, using partly our meager resources and partly a loan from the Province. The work is practically finished. Kudos to Wilson who planned and supervised the work even as he was busy preparing for his MA in Personal Counselling from IGNOU. In between he has also been helping with counselling at the marriage preparation courses at the Renewal Centre and even taking class on Family Counselling at POC. Many people have been coming to us for counselling help and I am happy to say that most of them return home with renewed hearts. An AC hall is getting ready at Santigram, with ICTA taking the initiative. We expect the hall to be ready by mid-May. The National Conference on TA, organized by ICTA, is scheduled to be held from May 25 to 29 at Ashir Bhavan, Ernakulam. Welcome to anyone who is interested.

Ephrem Thomas

SANTHINILAYAM

We are blessed with a few showers in this hot summer season. Two batch- gatherings of Jesuits were held at Santhinilayam. **Fr. Philip Thayil's** novitiate companions from different provinces and **Fr. Sony's** theology companions had their fruitful moments at Santhinilayam. Various programmes are going on smoothly both in Thanmaya and Snehabhavan.

THANMAYA MEDIA CENTRE

Thanmaya Media Centre was fully occupied during the month of April with various programmes. Five-days Film Festival for the children was the major programme. It was inaugurated by Film and Sports Minister **Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan**. Many dignitaries from Film and Drama field had their discourses and demonstrations for the

seventy participants. Five days of cultural evenings for the public were well appreciated.

Thanmaya produced yet another video documentary called 'Beacon Light' based on Cancer and Aids Shelter Centre directed by **Fr. Sony**. Thanmaya is going to launch an e-magazine, named 'Thanmaya, a review of Society and Culture', during the Province Assembly. The pilot version is available on your net. Kindly visit www.thanmayaonline.com

Fr. Sony Thazhathel

SNEHABHAVAN

First batch of Data Entry Training in Computer for Snehabhavan Students is progressing well during summer holidays. Students who are of the age of sixteen and above and having the IQ between 20 and 65 (severe & moderate mental retardation) are specially chosen for this training programme. Once they complete the course they will be working and earning under the supervision of Snehabhavan. An NGO in Bangalore, AMBA for Life, is organizing this whole programme at the national level by bringing together 600 special schools across the country. In early March AMBA was accredited and affiliated to the United Nations under the Civil Society Participation-Department of Public Information. Recently the founding director of AMBA Mrs. Suganda Sukrutaraj is especially invited to UN to make a presentation on this training programme.

Fr. Anil Kochumethikalam

LOYOLA, SREEKARIYAM

Novice Savy George successfully completed his mission experiment in the Cheruvikal parish. He won praises for his quiet but systematic leadership imparted to the youth and kids of the Parish. The youth in the parish has constituted a band set and are undergoing regular practice. LES has been hosting orientation programmes for the students of LBS Engineering College. Online fee payment system has been introduced in Loyola School. This fulfils a long standing request of the parents.

Sunil Padannamackal

AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM

The month began with fun and game of a group of students who came for the *Kaliveedu* Programme organized by the Centre. The programme was for five days aimed at introducing good holidays and forming a junior group for our various activities at the Centre. The forty five students who stayed here had fruitful days with cartoonists, poets, intellectuals and theatre artists and other artists from various fields. The days were rich with entertainment and enlightenment for them. We had our usual *jnanasameeksha* and the resource person was none other than **Fr. Sebastian Painadath**, who initiated the whole programme. The group was given a very good introduction to the person of Jesus. **Fr. George Sebastian** is away giving retreats and classes. **Fr. Babu Paul** was in Barananganam for a week and a half giving a retreat to the sisters of Daughters of St. Thomas. On 9 April we had the release of the 6th issue of *Ezhuthu* which was done by Dr. George Onakur, famous writer and media man, who presented a critical review of all the previous issues including the sixth one. He gave the issue to Dr. T. K. Santhosh, another well known media man. The presence of famous novelist and cine man Mr. Babu Kuzhimattam was a special grace for the occasion. The *Ezhuthu* team, Dr. V. G. Thambi and **Fr. Binoy** were present at the event. The purpose of the function was to make our *Ezhuthu* known to the world outside and to increase its circulation.

Babu Paul

LOYOLA, POOVAR

Children from the locality made Loyola campus hilarious and boisterous in the month of April. About 200 of them (from class 2nd to 9) attended a month long Summer Camp, *AKSHARAVELICHAM-2016*, (from April 4 to 29) organized by Loyola, Poovar under the aegis of the Jesuit Collaborators Initiative (JECI). Fifteen volunteer teachers from the locality, three MSW students from BCM College, Kottayam, and four M.Sc. Counselling Psychology students from Loyola College, Sreekaryam handled different subjects. Our Novices, **Frangle Xavier and Sinesh** did a laudable job and strained every nerve to

make the camp a great success. JECI members of Loyola, Poovar under the leadership of Mr. Stephen Morais and Ms. Sunitha Yesudas coordinated the programme. I thank them all for their excellent team work and great commitment. As part of the Camp we organized a Consciousness-Raising-Rally against the rampant abuse of Drugs and Alcohol on 29 April (Friday). The rally was flagged off by **Fr. Syriac Panjikanan** at 4.30 p.m. from Loyola. There was an overwhelming response to the rally. Officials of different departments including Police, Excise, and KSRTC joined the venture. Hundreds of children marched along carrying placards and raising slogans against alcoholism and drug abuse. We are greatly indebted to Fr. Syriac Panjikanan for his great gesture of solidarity and deploying a contingent of Mukundara Loyola School Band troop to lead the Rally with a spectacular show. **Fr. Babu Paul** was the chief guest of the public meeting held thereafter and gave a stirring speech against the malaise of drugs and alcohol. Our parish priest Rev Fr. Joseph Pereira presided over the function and several persons including officials from the Police and Excise department spoke at the function. Children put up a street play depicting the harmful consequence of drugs. We also conducted a one month training programme (Students Transition and English Programme-STEP) for our first year B.Com students. Dr. Johnson Jament coordinated the programme and trainers from different fields and academicians interacted with the students.

K.J. Thomas

SIXTY YEARS IN THE SOCIETY

"Five of us **Fr. Christu Raj(Andra)**, **Frs. Jesu Raja C. Paul and Edward Jaganadan(Madurai)**, **Frs. Philip Thayil and Mathew Pullattu(Kerala)**, Novices of 1956 in Beschi College at Dindigul had a get-together at Santhinilayam, Kottayam, on 05-07 April 2016. Two other companions **Frs. Susai Pragasam and Susai Manickam** (Madurai) were unable to join us due to ill health. We spent a lot of time in sharing past experiences and remembering gratefully all our guides, superiors, directors and companions. We went for a pilgrimage to

Kudamaloor, the birth place of St. Alphonsa and Bharanganam where she is buried. We visited Mannanam where St Chavara Kuriakose is laid to rest. We had an occasion to go to Kumaragam and to enjoy a boat journey across the lake. We visited Snehabhavan and some families of our friends. **Fr. Sony Thazhathel**, Superior and the Community at Kottayam, made all arrangements for our stay, food and travel. This was a celebration of 60 years of life in the Society”.

Mathew Pullattu

FROM FR JOHN MANIPADAM

“Early on April 22, armed with the Blessing of Our Lady, Queen and Mother of the Society of Jesus, and the Wishes of **Frs Richard, Williams and Prabhudas** (who dropped me at Kazhakuttam Railway Station), I left for Ernakulam. There I got my Passport with the Philippines Visa and my air-ticket. Loyola Old Boy, Jimmy Antony (Batch 1969 of my Regency days) drove me to the Airport and there I rested in fellow Montfort Old Boy’s “Earth Lounge”. The Silkair flight from Cochin to Singapore and the Singapore Airlines flight from Singapore to Manila were very comfortable and on time. I was warmly welcomed by Bishop Leopoldo Tumalak of the Philippines Armed Forces. As a young Priest, he was my Retreatant in this country in May 1977. His Residence is attached to the National Shrine of St Therese of the Child Jesus, walking distance from the Airport. I celebrated Mass for the people on both Saturday and Sunday evening. On Monday morning I was dropped at Arrupe International House where I met many friends, old and young. After supper I was brought here, Arvisu House (of the Candidates), next door to the Provincial’s curia and residence, where the Mainland Chinese Candidates had arrived earlier that day. The very next day we began classes -- morning and afternoon -- and they lasted till Saturday noon. I counted it a special Blessing from our Mother when my good friend, Fr Asandas Balchand, asked me to celebrate the 1st May morning Mass at Santa Maria della Strada Parish. Later I visited a number of my former Chinese, Vietnamese and

Indonesian students (Sisters) at ICLA (Institute for Consecrated Life in Asia) and at Cenacle. Manila has been hottest this summer; so, at every MASS, the congregation prays for rain. We received a very heavy shower on the Feast of St Catherine of Siena. Deo Gratias!”

THANMAYA - A REVIEW OF CULTURE AND SOCIETY

Thanmaya Media Centre, Kottayam, has started an E – Magazine titled Thanmaya - A Review of Culture and Society. The main objective of the magazine is to review and analyze the contemporary culture and society from an Ignatian - Indian perspective. It will be published every month with a chosen theme and carries articles and reviews of Jesuits and non- Jesuits. **Fr Sony Thazhathel** is its Managing Director and **Fr Sooraj Dominic** is its Editor- in-Chief. **Frs. Roy Thottathil, Vincent Pereppadan, Binoy Pichalakkattu, Xavier Tharamel and Mr Somu Mathew** are in its Editorial board. The first issue of the magazine is already out with the theme “Mercy” and it has been well received in India and abroad. In the first week itself the web page has been visited by 800 people. The E-magazine can be visited and read through the site:www.thanmayaonline.com

Sooraj Dominic

PASTORAL CORNER

PAROC RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MARY MATHA MAJOR SEMINARY, TRICHUR

Pastoral Animation, Research and Outreach Centre (PAROC) is the brainchild of the Archdiocese of Trichur and **Fr. E .J. Thomas SJ**, its current Executive Director. Congrats to its beloved midwife: Fr. E.J. Thomas S.J.!

He along with a team of priests, Tony Neelankavil, Alan Tony Ooken and local parish priests have initiated a revolutionary change in pastoral practice in the archdiocese. With the avowed aims of “doing inter-disciplinary research in general and socio-pastoral and theological research in particular in the context of Kerala society”, the Centre strives

to bring a paradigm shift in pastoral practice. The major methodology is scientific studies centred on the parish, publishing the results, educating the parish and the diocese around the data generated and finally participatively involving in the overall revival of the faith life of the Parish. The centre also organizes seminars, workshops and other educational and advocacy efforts.

For those of us who know Fr. E J closely, the methodology is a refinement of what he did in Trivandrum Archdiocese decades ago, particularly in the Valiyaveli Parish. From the deep devotion of the youth of Veli, now middle –aged, and the commitment still found in those men and women, we can guarantee that Fr. E J will work the same miracle, nay at a much larger scale in Trichur Archdiocese.

Well done dear Fr. E .J. keep going. You do us, Kerala Jesuits, proud.

Our Pastors, please take note, he will definitely be available for consultation and guidance.

(Fr. M. K. George, after a visit to the Centre on 22 April, 2016)

FROM JCSA WEBMASTER

“Of late, a lot is happening within our Assistancy which we should know and be proud of. The official website of JCSA www.jcsaweb.org gives you information about our Assistancy, its activities and programmes, various secretariats and also about other Assistancies. JCSA Directory, POSA Circular Letters, Province Newsletters and SJ Documents are posted in the submenu **Jesuits Only** under the main menu **Publications & Documents**. To get access to the **Jesuits Only** section, you need to register yourself as a Jesuit. Click on the button **Register** on the top of the **Home** page, fill out the form and submit. This website is Mobile friendly.

Your suggestions to improve on the website will be appreciated.”

Gabriel Tirkey, SJ

Webmaster, www.jcsaweb.org

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr Rachans Lukose: ‘We need to fill the gap’ in JIVAN, April 2016

Fr M.K. George: ‘*Karunayum Neethiyum*’ in Malabar Vision, April 2016; ‘*Oru puthiya sabha Francis Papayude kazhchapadil*’ Sathyadeepam April 14-20, 2016

Fr George Sebastian: ‘Lost in Glitz and Glamour: Marketing value connections in a media age’, Dee Publishers Kochi, 2016

Fr Chandy’s articles published in April:

1. “The Hidden Motives of Upper Castes”, Indian Currents, March 28-April 10
2. “The Ambedkarian Blunder”, Indian Currents, April 11-17
3. “Dangerous and Killing Love”, Indian Currents, April 18-24
4. “Housing Gods without Housing the Houseless”, Indian Currents, April 25-May1
5. “Variations in Soil Features”, Agriculture World, April issue
6. “Regenerating Water Sources”, Agriculture World, April issue.

Fr Vincent Pereppadan won second prize for story competition in JIVAN



GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr. Theotonijs de Sales (PUN), 88 / 56, on 9 April 2016 in Pune

Br. Miguel Fernandez (GUJ), 83/62 on 09 March 2016, in Vadodara.

Fr Thomas Visuvasam (MDU), 59/37,
on 22 April, 2016.

Fr. Anthony Fernando (SRI), 72/55,
on 23 April 2016

Bishop Alphonse D'Souza, SJ (CCU) 77/59,
on 30 April 2016

Mr Thomas Chacko (79), father of
Fr Sunny Kokkaravalayil on 16 April 2016
at Vakathanam, Kottayam.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

- 09 Joseph Chiraparambil
- 10 James Robert Morais
- 14 Syriac Panjickaran
- 16 Joseph Thayil
- 17 Sunny Kokkaravalayil
- 18 Jomon Chappanthadathil
- 19 Rubil Martin Mampuzhackal
- 20 Binu Kaduthalakunnel
- 20 Nithin Thattil Mandy
- 22 Sebastian Thengumpallil
- 25 Reji Kunnatheth
- 26 Jacob Karthanam

- 29 Rachans Lukose
- 30 Devasia Kuzhuppil

JUNE

- 01 Deslin Paulson Chelatt
- 03 Sabu Palathanadil
- 06 Mathew Nampiaparambil
- 07 Thomas Kappiarumalayil



IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

MAY

- 03 (2001) Lawrence Puthenpurackal
- 04 (2005) Dominic Puthenpurackal
- 09 (1990) John Kurichiaparambil
- 12 (2011) Mathew Pallikizhakethil
- 14 (1974) Kuncheria Ettuparayil
- 16 (1987) George Perumpra
- 17 (2013) Abraham Madathiparambil
- 19 (1981) Abraham Manayanikal
- 21 (1988) Joseph Taffarel
- 22 (1982) Luke Uralil
- 26 (1966) Peter Caironi
- 28 (2009) Joseph Kizhakedom
- 29 (1992) Joseph Elanjipuram



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