'Oh, another meeting? Let us finish it fast. I am getting tired of meetings'.
Anyone living in a Jesuit community must be very familiar with this sentiment.
However, a whole new approach to our meetings, in the true traditions of the Society of Jesus, is emerging. Dating back to the days of our first fathers, while they waited in Venice seeking God in poverty and companionship, the method of seeking God's will through spiritual conversations, common discernment and deliberations is a cherished heritage of the Society of Jesus. The ultimate goal is to make common discernment our way of proceeding. G C 36 re-affirmed the value of this. JCSA meetings have increasingly been using this approach with salutary effects.

It all begins with the articulation of the objective and the grace that we seek. An input on the matter is provided. Personal prayer and group sharing follow. In the first round, spiritual movements of each one are shared. In the second round, the group members respond to the promptings of the Spirit in the words of the other members. In the final round deliberations are made leading to insights and consensus. Spiritual conversations are marked by active listening and intentional speaking. Discernment involves, as we all know, attending to the movements of the Spirit. The deliberations are done with deep respect to one another and with the objective in mind.

The just concluded JCSA in Ahmedabad was yet another instance of a very fruitful use of this methodology. Every one of us experienced the power of the Spirit in the deliberations leading to a peaceful and effective dealing with issues. It is indeed a challenge for all of us to make our meetings spaces for spiritual conversation, discernment and Spirit-led deliberations.

M.K. George, S.J

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**PROVINCIAL’S PROGRAMME**

**NOVEMBER, 2017**

02 : Back in Calicut
03 : Christ Hall
04 : Academic Staff College, Trivandrum
05 : Vembally
06-07 : Religious’ get together – Kakkadampoil
08-09 : Christ Hall
10 : Consultation on Arunachal Mission
11 : Ordination
12-13 : Christ Hall
14-18 : Visits with Fr. Jean - Yves SJ
19 : Consult
20-23 : Visitation, Eachome
25-27 : Visitation, SICJ
28-29 : Fireflies, Bangalore
30 : Christ Hall
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Welcome to the Province!
Fr Jean Yves, SJ, former French Provincial, will be in the Province, November 14-22, 2017.

SPECIAL PRAYERS REQUESTED
Our nine first year novices will begin their month-long spiritual sadhana on Sunday, November 12 at Loyola, Aluva. Please keep them and the retreat Director in your prayers.

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER
November 10 : Wider Consultation on Arunachal Mission, Christ Hall, Calicut
November 11 : Ordination of Dn Roy Alex Kuzhimannil at Adakkadhodu (9 am)
May 18 & 19 : Province Assembly, Honouring Jubilarians, New Priests

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT
Fr Raphael Thottan took charge as the new Minister on October 18. Fr Jose Thaiparambil continues as Prefect of Health. We celebrated the birthdays of Br John Molekunnel, Frs John Mialil, Joseph Chitoooparambil and Varghese Malpan in a fitting manner. The brother’s day celebration on the Feast day of St Alphonsus Rodriguez was special for Christ Hall since two of the five remaining brothers belong to this community. We had a solemn community celebration of the Eucharist in the evening. Christuraja parish had the finale of the rosary month with a rosary procession to Christ Hall Grotto on October 30. The community members joined in, and Sch Vysakh gave an inspiring Marian message.
Fr John Mialil continues to be in Nirmala Hospital. Fr George Kandathil was admitted to the hospital for few days for various ailments, and is back now. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

TUDI – EACHOME
TUDI, in collaboration with Sarvodaya HSS, has been running Arivuda boarding house for tribal girl students. This academic year there are fifty inmates coming from different parts of Wayanad. The academic year of the boarding was inaugurated by Dayabai, the well known human rights activist. Tudi has rejuvenated its Tudikoottam padasala programme with the support of Adhi Sarga Society for Education, Research & Training, Thrissur. Over 150 tribal students from twelve tribal settlements participate in it.
Tudi Kalakendram stood first in the arivaarang competition in Wayanad, and was selected for the State-level Competition. Twelve Paniya folk songs were used for the competition, and we are in the process of documenting these songs in an audio-video format. Lok Manch activities have entered the third year of intervention in Wayanad. This platform has contributed significantly to bring about change in tribal communities in terms of leadership and entitlements.

SASKRITI, PARIYARAM
The visit of Fr Charles SJ, the Assistant Procurator General, to Samskriti Sahajeevanam (SSJ) was encouraging. He expressed great appreciation for our activities and mission. During the last one month about 760 students from 10 schools came to SSJ for a day-long exposure programme. Teachers of Modern School had a one-day seminar in our Centre. To accommodate over 150 students from S.H. School, Thalassery for a day in the centre was a great challenge, and Fr Rajesh managed it well with the support of the Jesuit Community. He also
conducted one-day seminars for the students and their parents of Holy Family College, Thalassery. Besides, he visited 69 schools in Kannur, Wayand, Kasargod and Kozhikode districts to promote the message of Tarumitra. On a regular basis he takes classes in 14 schools every week, and gives yoga training in three schools including St Michael’s Kannur. The community of St Michael’s is very supportive of the mission of Sahajeevanam.

Mathew Aerthayil

ST. MICHAEL’S, KANNUR

Smt. P. K. Sreemathi, the honourable M.P., inaugurated two smart class rooms for the plus-two section. A group of plus-two students went on an educational tour to Hyderabad accompanied by Fr John Francis and some teachers. Fr Joye James was the resource person for a session on child rights for our teaching staff. The NSS volunteers organized a cleaning drive at our school as part of Gandhi jayanthi celebrations. A book exhibition was held in our school for promoting reading habit among students. On October 30 the Education Minister honoured fourteen students of our school who got LSS and USS scholarships. St Michael’s won the overall championship at the district level in Judo and wrestling. Master Gokul of standard X has been selected to the State cricket team. Fr Tomson participated in the Annual JEA meeting held at XUB, Bhuvaneswar.

K.J. Mathew

LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

Newman Association under the guidance of Fr Adappur conducted a relevant and important seminar on “The Slowdown of Indian Economy: Facts and Fears.” Mr M.B. Rajeshkumar M.P. and Dr R Mohan, young parliamentarian and well known economist, presented their views exposing the hidden dangers that the Indian economy is currently facing. Dr Babu Joseph moderated the seminar. Fr Adappur gave a video interview on Sr Rani Maria in connection with her beatification. Fr Pallivathukal addressed a meeting of the directors of Campus Ministry organized by the Syro-Malabar hierarchy and chaired by Cardinal Mar Alencherry at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad. As a founding figure of Jesus Youth, Fr Palli spoke on “Practice of faith in campus life.” Fr Roy Thottam conducted a workshop on art appreciation for the Jesuit Juniors of SICJ, Thiruvananthapuram. Ezhuthu magazine enters its third year of publication in November. Fr Anil Kochumethikkalam is fully on his mission to promote Ezhuthu through colleges, schools and families in the districts of Kottayam, Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta. Fr Binoy attended the Annual Meeting of the Kerala Theological Association held at POC, Kochi.

Vincent Pereppadan

VIDYANIKETAN (SICJ), TRIVANDRUM

Fr Jose Magadia, the General Counsellor for Formation, visited us and we had good interactions with him. He was accompanied by Fr Jose Jacob, our novice master. Jesuits of the Trivandrum zone also joined us for the fellowship meal with Fr Magadia. Soon after we had another prominent guest in the person of Fr Peter Balaeise SJ, International Director of JWL (Jesuit Worldwide Learning). He gave us an inspiring message about our Jesuit mission. Fr Salvin, our PCF, also made his official visit this month. Thank you Salvin acha..! Other eminent guests were Fr Prakash, the PCF of Dumka-Raiganj, and Fr Joseph D’souza, the PCF of Karnataka. Fr Roy Thottathil came to take a course on ‘Art Appreciation’. He helped us to bring out our hidden artistic talents and guided us to view the world in different colours. He also took us to the Art Gallery in Trivandrum. Thank you Roy acha..!

The Hindi group celebrated Diwali with much excitement, and it was a good time for us to learn more about other cultures. We got an opportunity to take part in the procession to welcome the
statue of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Dominic church. **Fr CJ Joseph** is back with us after giving a one-month course in Latin at Satyanilayam, Chennai. He continues his work as spiritual director and study guide. **Br George Vattukulam** inspires us with his dedicated life and his lively shuttlecock game.

**Sinesh George**

**PRASANTHI, PACHILAKAD**

News about the death of Jeason’s father left us all deeply sad. **Fr Rachans** accompanied Jeason to Bengaluru where the funeral was held. We had a colourful Rosary Service for 10 days at Prasanthi. Some sisters and fathers from neighbouring communities joined us on the last day, and **Fr Dijin (Cap)** gave a thought provoking message. XTC organized a seminar on “The effects of alcohol in our body” led by Mr P. M. George. **Fr Irudaya Raj**, the ADF, paid us a short visit and talked to us on “the significance of our vocation.” The PCFs of Madurai and Nepal also spent some time with us.

Prasanthi Family Counselling Centre conducted a two-day workshop for counsellors on NLP. **Fr Saji** has been selected as a resource person for “Our Responsibility to Children” (ORC) at the state level. ORC is an integrated child protection scheme initiated by various govt. departments in collaboration with the civil society. It is a good opening to take the services of Prasanthi to different schools in Kerala. Mrs Liji, with much experience in counselling in India and abroad, has taken charge of student counselling at the centre.

**Saji Kandassamkunnel & Pre-Novices**

**ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY, VELOUR**

Construction of the new building was begun in the beginning of October and it is progressing well. **Samadarsana Vedi** is celebrating its second anniversary on November 26 at Arnos Padiri Academy. The celebration includes inauguration of Balavedi, release of a book, and variety entertainments by Vedi members. The public function will bring together Novelist T.D Ramakishnan, C.R.Das and Dr Sr Sherin Maria as speakers.

**Fr George Thenadikutlam** was away in Calcutta, directing a retreat, and **Fr Sunny Jose** was engaged in initiating Jesuit Novices in Loyola Aluva into Jesuit history and traditions. **Paul Kari** keeps himself busy with spiritual ministry in and around Velur.

**George Thenadikutlam**

**PIUS X ITC EDATHUA**

The Province has decided to re-commit itself fully to the ITI Ministry at Edathua after a series of consultations, discussions and discernment. **Fr Provincial** clarifies that the spirit behind this re-commitment comes from GC 36 with its accent on networking and lay collaboration, and it calls for fresh thinking and daring initiatives. As a first step we have appointed Mr Prasannakumar B Tech as Principal, and he joined the ITI on August 18. He was formerly Principal of the Technical High Schools at Ulloor & Kurichi, and was HOD of Poly Technical Institutes at Nattakom, Vennikulam and Adoor. **Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikattu**, the former Principal, took over as Manager, while **Fr K. P. Mathew** continues as teacher, and **Fr Pullattu** as Coordinator. Job descriptions for the new arrangement have been worked out with the approval of Fr Provincial. The new arrangement seems to be working smoothly. This year we have admitted a total of 66 students in five trades.

**Mathew Pullattu**

**SNEHABHAVAN, KOTTAYAM**

In line with the Jesuit emphasis on lay participation in administration, Dr Lizy James took over as the Hon. Director of Snehabhavan with the approval of the General Body of Snehaabhavan Charitable Society. Mr Joseph Mathai Puthupparambil is in charge of the Snehabhavan Vocational Training Centre at Aymanam, and Mr Joji Mathew continues as Executive Officer looking after the Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) programme. All the three work under the inspiring guidance of **Frs Sebastian Thengumpallil** and **Philip Thayil** who had been managing Snehabhavan for the past twenty years.

A Leadership Training Programme was conducted for the CBR Core Committee members during Onam holidays. The new team, using SWOT Analysis, has prepared an Action Plan for Snehabhavan which envisages survey in two more Panchayaths, Aymanam and Arpookara, to identify persons with physical and mental disability to be included in our CBR programme. Three students got prizes...
in the Young Athletic Meet conducted for the Mentally Challenged students of Special Schools in Kottayam District. We are waiting for a new school bus that has been approved by the CSR programme of Cochin Shipyard, thanks to the efforts of Fr Anil Kochumethikalam. Snehabhavan students, along with their parents and teachers, participated in a rally in Kottayam town to declare and protect the rights of intellectually disabled persons organized by the Association for the Intellectually Disabled.

Sebastian Thengumpallil

LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA

The high school students got a wonderful opportunity to visit VSSC, Thumba for the first time. They witnessed the rocket-launching with its thrilling beauty. They also went for the Science Exhibition at the Lourde Matha Engineering College, Vazhichal. One batch went on an excursion to Ernakulam which included their maiden journey by Kochin Metro and a boat trip at the Marine Drive. They were excited by the panoramic view of the Arabian sea dotted by small ships and large containers. We sincerely thank the ICTA community, especially Frs. Wilson Mulackal and MJ Thomas, for warmly welcoming us and for making our students and teachers feel at home.

Fr Raphael Thottan was given send off by the school community as he was leaving for Calicut.

Fr K.J. Thomas and Tinu joined us for the farewell dinner in honour of Fr Thottan. We are grateful to Fr Thottan for his pastoral service to the people of Neyyattinkara and for his care of the community. He left on Oct 13 for his new mission in Calicut. We had a community dinner on Oct 28; Frs Paulson, Sabu and Saji Mariyanadu joined us to celebrate our Jesuit companionship.

Manesh

AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM

Kerala AICUF conducted its three-day Social Service Camp at Snehaigiri, a rehabilitation centre for mentally challenged persons run by CMI fathers at Mala. 62 students from 15 colleges participated. The AICUF team of Trivandrum organized a three-day residential camp for the High school and Higher Secondary students of Kochuvely. 54 students participated in it. Fr Babu Paul and team conducted three-day camps for Dalit Christian

Youth Leaders under the auspices of KCBC at KAIROS Center Kannur. Fr S. Painadath took classes for the Jnanasammeksha group for three days on the cultural and religious context of Jesus Christ. The former students of Jnanasammeksha had a follow-up session on Faith and Reason by Fr Zachariyas OCD. Fr George Sebastian is back home after his pastoral ministries and classes abroad.

Babu Paul

LOYOLA POOVAR

Loyola conducted an Eye Check-up Camp in collaboration with Chaithanya Eye Hospital Thiruvananthapuram. About 100 senior citizens in and around Poovar benefitted from it. The JWL team led by Fr Peter Balaeise, its Executive President, visited Loyola in furtherance of starting JWL courses at Loyola. In spite of the confusion prevailing over the future of Private Registration under Kerala University, we have admitted fifty students in the first year which is our maximum capacity. A new uniform was introduced to the first years; with the change of attire, the students look smarter.

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The semester exams came to a happy end in the second week of October. Soon after the exams came our cultural tour: The first year Philosophers took off for the rock-temples of Ajanta and Ellora; the second years headed for Goa, and visited many historical sites like Bom Gesu in Old Goa and Rachol Seminary, besides finding time to bask in the sun on the beaches of Goa. On return we celebrated Diwali, the festival of lights, by illuminating the house with diyas on the eve. Schs Nikhil and Jose made their annual retreat during the holidays at Panchgani.

Fr Thomas Karimundackal was away during the holidays to direct a retreat at IRC Pariyaram. Fr Kurien Kunnumpuram visited us as he came to direct a retreat for the MCBS brothers. The JESA Convention and other programmes brought us many visitors from the Province: Frs P. S. Antony, Benny Chiramel, Joe Mathew, C.T. Jose, and Sunny Padinjareverikkatu. The Second Semester is slated to begin on October 30.

Ivin Tomy
SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI
The Kerala Fraternity in SN missed the deadline for two months to send news to Tidings. So this is a collated report of three months! The second year class went and stayed in Pondicherry as part of their course in Contemporary Indian Philosophy. Besides having classes on Sri Aurobindo by experts, they also got a chance to observe the lived traditions of Sri Aurobindo and the settings of Aroville. Satyanilayam came first in the inter-collegiate philosophy fest in honour of Dr S. Radhakrishnan organized by the Dept. of Philosophy, MCC, Tambaram. The community studied the recent document of JCSA on countering Hindutva and reflected on it in zonal groups. We were very happy to have Fr C. J. Joseph with us for a month, and he initiated the first year students into Latin which culminated in a solemn Latin Liturgy with wonderful singing.

On Sept 8 Fr Prince Clarence celebrated the Feast Day Mass in Malayalam at the shrine of Our Lady, and Fr Vibin Padayadan gave a fitting homily. The community celebrated Karam, the harvest festival that is sacred to the tribal people of Chotanagpur; accompanied by long hours of dancing together: Satyanilayam team became champions in the inter-departmental basketball tournament in Loyola College. The much awaited Monsoon in Chennai has announced its arrival, and we expect good rains this year.

CLIVE HOUSE, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI
We celebrated Deepavali, the festival of light, brilliantly in our community. The celebration was concluded with a solemn Eucharistic celebration and a sumptuous dinner. Our end-semester exams as well as the semester exams just got over; and we have begun our semester holidays. The arrival of Sch. Joy Cruz added extra joy to our holidays.

FROM RISHIKESH
Fr Stephen Chundanthadathil writes: I am on a sabbatical in Rishikesh, spending time in solitude, silence and meditation. I am staying in a Kutir close to the CMI Regional Theologate. My cell number given in our catalogue is still active, and the following is my present address:

Stephen Chundamthadam, Samanvaya Vidya Dham, Tapovan Sarai P. O.; Sivananda Nagar, Rishikesh, Uttarakhand 249192.

JESA-LOK MANCH
Lok Manch has completed two years of its work culminating in a two-day reflection programme
in every unit, namely Attappadi, Wayanad and Thiruvananthapuram. The major issues that came up for discussion were: denial of Pattaya, self esteem of Dalits/Fisherpeople, rights of Dalit Christians, Alcoholism, atrocities against women and children, Lack of safe drinking water, Lack of participation in Gramasabha and so on. All organizations expressed their desire to continue to work together for making Lok Manch sustainable.

The twentieth National JESA Convention was held in Pune from Nov 11 to 15 2017. It was inaugurated by Fr George Pattery, the POSA, and the keynote address was given by Fr Xavier Jeyaraj, Director, SJES, Rome. The Zonal Coordinators made presentations on the status of social action in each zone. Discernment exercise guided by the POSA before and during planning sessions, formulation of JESA Statement 2017, interactions with human rights activists like Mr Amitabh Behr and Mr Harsh Mander, presentation on distress migration by Fr Martin Puthussery, and the screening of Anand Patwardhan's films were some of the highlights. The sessions pointed to the need for proper discernment of the current scenario, and the need to collaborate and network for harmony.

JWL KERALA

The Kerala Core Team of JWL (Jesuit Worldwide Learning) was very happy to welcome JWL Global Team led by Fr Peter Balaeise SJ, its Director. JWL is a Jesuit initiative to offer global standard education to the most deserving categories of students from the margins. At a meeting with the global team on October 14 at St Xavier’s Thumba, an MoU has been drawn up between JWL and the Kerala Jesuit Society. The MoU was signed by Fr Pious Vachaparambil, Rector, Fr Peter Balaeise, Director of JWL, and Fr K J Thomas, the Kerala Coordinator of JWL.

As per the MoU three Jesuits centres are expected to start GEL (Global English Learning) classes by January 1, 2018. The centres and the persons in charge are: XIM Thumba (Fr Dominic Joseph), Snehamaran Anjengo (Fr Varkeychan M) and Loyola Poovar (Fr K J Thomas). Each centre will work out a comprehensive plan to implement the project. JWL has given guidelines to the centres to maintain an office with data on the faculty and the students. JWL Kerala Coordinator will function as nodal officer to ensure accountability and performance. The motto of JWL is “Learning Together to Transform the World”. In pursuance of this dream JWL highly encourages us to subscribe to other diploma courses too. But an expansion will take place only after a review on the completion of the first year of GEL.

K J Thomas

POPE’S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK (PWPN)

Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network is the new name of Apostleship of Prayer given by our Pope Francis. Recently PWPN has got two major shifts in the functioning of the administrative system. Now the Pope directly appoints the International Director nominated by the Jesuit Superior General. Secondly all the National Directors of various countries, nominated by the International Director, are appointed by the Bishops’ Conferences of the respective countries. The CBCI thus has approved the appointment of Fr Jagdish Parmar SJ as the National Director of PWPN. Fr Parmar made a 3-day visit to Kerala and met some Bishops in order to promote PWPN, and requested them to appoint a diocesan coordinator for PWPN. He also assured our constant support to them through the Province Coordinator. He also had a day-long discussion with a group, Eucharistia Mission, which desires to get affiliated to the Eucharistic Youth Movement, the youth wing of PWPN. Fr Parmar was accompanied by Fr Shin Kallungal, the new Province Coordinator of PWPN. We thank the Lumen Community for its wonderful hospitality. We express our gratitude to Fr Vincent Pereppaden who served as Coordinator of the Apostleship of Prayer for the past few years.

Shin

Fr Tom Panikulam informs that in October he conducted two programmes in Orissa for about 80 sisters. In November he will be giving a course on the Spiritual Diary of St. Ignatius to the Tertiaries in Goa.
Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER
06 Thomas Anthraper
09 Joseph Puthenpurackal
13 Raphael Thottan
16 Philip Vattamala
17 Jose Valuventickal
19 Sebastian Painadath
19 Rajesh Punchathalackal
21 Jose Jacob Maruthukunnel
22 Emmanuel Puthuvalveettill
24 Thomas Njaralamkulath
28 Raju Vattaparambil
29 Baby Chalil
29 Sunil J Padannamakkel
29 Xavier Tharamel

DECEMBER
03 Linto Kanichai
03 Amal Sebastian Karithadathil
04 Joseph Jose Kadankavil
05 Xavier Veliyakam

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Henry Amirtharaj, MDU (75/58), on 6.10.2017.
Fr Ken McNamara, HAZ (92/69), on 11.10.2017 in Australia.
Fr Pradeep Ignatius Shail, HAZ (60/37), on 19.10.2017.
Fr Cornelius Ekka, MAP (48/27), on 19.10.2017 in Delhi.
Fr Chrisan Mignon, CCU (93/75), on 20.10.2017.
Mr Michael Kaduthalakunnel (68), father of Fr Binu Michael, on 26.10.2017
Mr Cherian Thomas (Kuttappan) Manakkalathil (72), nephew of Fr Abraham Pallivathukal, died of cardiac arrest on Oct 31 in Bethlehem. He was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

NOVEMBER
02 (1998) Mathew Pulickal
07 (2011) George Kandathil
09 (1970) John Kizhakethayil
22 (2008) Cheruvallil Varkey
23 (2016) Malayil Sabu George
25 (1997) Ignatius Chackalakal
30 (1991) Antony Palakunnel
30 (1993) Sebastian Kappen

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