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The Curia Team wish you all A Merry X'mas and a Grace - filled New Year

### The 'Lung spaces' of the Province

While on visitation to Sameeksha, I said to myself, 'Thank God, this place is a lung space of the province'. What makes it so? It is definitely the greenery, the river that flows quietly, the birds that chirp, the silence that pervades every corner of the campus, the invitation to silence that the ambience of the campus extends, the presence of wisdom figures in the campus and so many other factors. In a world that desecrates nature every moment, Sameeksha and similar places stand as havens of peace and joy.

I look around the province. We are blessed with many other spaces like Sameeksha. Our mother house, Christ Hall, the Novitiate House at Aluva, the newly built up AADI, Prashanti Pachilakad and Samanvaya and I R C / S M Farm.

What is our dream? Every Jesuit house in Kerala should become lung spaces. Can we create spaces where there is more greenery, no aggressive farming practices or beautification, no solid waste scattered around, wisdom figures walking around spreading a sense of peace and prayerfulness, and silence even amidst activity? As contemplatives in action, we are faced with this challenge: create spaces of peace and serenity right in the midst of action.

M.K. George S J

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

#### DECEMBER 2014

- 01 - 24 Rome & London
- 26 - Consult: Christ Hall, Calicut
- 27 - Ordination: Dn Binu Michael
- 29 - Ordination: Dn Prince Clarence
- 30 - Jubilee Celebration: St Xavier's, Thumba
- 31 - Ordination: Dn Vibin Padayadan

#### JANUARY 2015

- 03 - Ordination: Dn Sooraj Dominic

## ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS : 2014 - 2015



Binu Kaduthalakunnel	27 December 2014	Sophia Church, Chathangottunada, Kuttiady
Prince Clarence Panachithara	29 December 2014	Vimalagiri Cathedral, Kottayam
Vibin Padayadan	31 December 2014	St Thomas Church, Malayattoor
Sooraj Dominic Kochuparambil	03 January 2015	Holy Family Church, Ponkunnam

### NEWS FROM ROME

“We are 15 new provincials/regional superiors attending the English speaking Provincials’ colloquium in Rome from 1-13 December. Four of us are from South Asian Assistency. Two from the US, both re-organized provinces and the rest from the African and European assistancies. We have begun with sharing on the provinces. Fr. General is attending every session so far, and his presence is indeed a real inspiration. His remark to me was interesting: ‘Huh, finally I am meeting men whom I have appointed’. He looks healthy, in spite of his indisposition in recent times. The weather is cool, with occasional drizzle which makes us sit in the room, than go out. Our men in Rome are doing well. My prayerful greetings to all in the province.”

### TRANSFERS BY FR PROVINCIAL

**Fr George Kandathil** – Christ hall, Calicut

**Br Sebastian Valiamattam** – Christ Hall, Calicut

### FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

#### CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

**Fr. Immanuel**, our minister, is away in Delhi for the LLB exams and **Fr Jose Pulinthanath** is the

Acting Minister until Immanuel returns after his exams. The Christ the King church celebrated her Titular Feast on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There was confirmation ceremony as part of the parish feast for which Dr. Varghese Chakkalal, the bishop of Calicut, was the main celebrant. **Fr. M.K. George** has left for Europe to take part in the new provincials’ meeting in Rome after which he will be visiting our men in Rome and London. The members of the parish council were invited for an agape in Christ Hall as the part of the Titular Feast of the house. Br. Sebastian Valiamattam joined the community on the 30<sup>th</sup>. **Fr. Stanislaus D’ Souza**, the provincial of Karnataka, is with us making his annual retreat in Christ Hall. Apart from his regular teaching in the Pre-Novitiate, **Fr. C.J Joseph** gave a one-month intense weekend - course in Grammar and spoken English to the postulants and candidates of DSS Congregation at Peruvayal.

*Midhun*

#### ST MICHAEL’S, KANNUR

St Michael’s AIHS School, Kannur, is celebrating the sesquicentenary of its inception this year and various programmes have been organized for the students. As part of the celebrations we have conducted inter- school painting and elocution competitions for the students of various streams.

The competitions were restricted for the students from Kannur, Kasargod and Kozhikode districts and the Jesuits schools of Kerala Province. Nearly 125 students participated in the programmes. The staff of St Michael's worked with one mind and heart to make it a grand success.

Our PTA president, **Mr Dhananjayan**, who has done praise worthy service to the school passed away on November 21. The school was given a holiday in honour of Mr Dhananjayan. He was a sincere and generous soul and worked hard for the construction of the new auditorium.

There was a presentation on *India Army* for HS and HSS students by the cantonment officials. The programme was well appreciated by the students.

St Michael's Junior School celebrated Children's Day on November 14 in a grand manner under the leadership of **Fr Dominic Madathaniyil** and the staff. Prior to this there was a three-day Sports and Arts festival in which winners were given attractive prizes and certificates.

*KJ Mathew*

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

The month of November was a time of annual celebrations in all the ten family units of St. Mary's Parish, Pariyaram, under the stewardship of **Fr. P.T. Augustine**. The celebration was an occasion to manifest the unity and strength of the units, each of which has on an average 20 families. The programme consisted of the Eucharist followed by meeting with leaders from other units, cultural programmes and community meal. Priests from the local communities or parishes were invited as main celebrant for the Mass. This was also a time to pray for the departed from the families of the unit. The participation in each unit was almost total, and the preparation was fitting to the occasion. Thus the celebrations gave a chance to boost the enthusiasm of the families for the upcoming Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Parish, which will commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2015. The Parish is planning an year-long celebration to make it a memorable event. Br Sebastian from IRC left for Christ Hall on November 30<sup>th</sup> accompanied by **Frs. Sunil and Raphael Thottan**.

*Mathew Aertthayil*

### **LOYOLA, ALUVA**

As this report is being typed out, our **12 First Years** (and two MSJ Sisters) are in the final phase of their month-long special encounter with the Lord. They are scheduled to touch down any time after 7.00 pm (IST) on 1<sup>st</sup> December. During the whole of November Loyola was filled with a sacred aroma thanks to these holy retreatants. Judging from the external signs we feel assured that all the *sadhanites* are deeply in the presence of the Lord. We are very grateful to all of you for your precious prayers for our younger brothers. Meanwhile, the two second years – **Amardeep and Nibin** – had our Work Experiment in Attappady, under the experienced guidance of **Fr. James Morais**. It was a novel and challenging experience for us. We would like to place on record our grateful thanks to Frs. James, Augustine and P.S. Antony for their guidance & support.

**Fr. Jacob** was away at Christ Hall, Kozhikode for almost a fortnight to make his Annual Retreat and for a medical check- up. Rejuvenated spiritually and physically, Jack Achan is again quite busy with his retreat ministry. **Fr. Jose Jacob**, our Novice master, has been fully engrossed with accompanying the 14 retreatants. And **Fr. Sanil**, our Socius, was diligent in taking care of all the material needs of the retreatants & the House, ably assisted by one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Years. Towards the end of the month he went to Pune to attend an International seminar on Jesuit Contribution in India. During his absence **Deacon Prince Clarence** graciously spent five days with us, helping us in the running of the House. Thank you, Deacon, for your timely and thoughtful *diakonia*. **Mr. Kunjumon**, our cook, was diagnosed with acute diabetes and had to be hospitalized for a few days. He is a young man of thirty five, and therefore understandably upset with this sudden discovery. Kindly keep him in your prayers.

*Amardeep*

### **SAMEEKSHA / ATMAMITRA, KALADY**

The monthly dialogue seminar (*Dharmasameeksha*) has initiated a new project: believer of one religion exposes the Holy Book of another religion with respect. A Hindu Swami presented the *Dhammapada* of Buddhism in September;



in October, **S. Painadath** described the spiritual integration process of the Bhagavad Gita; **Prof. C.M. Neelakandan** reflected on the ethical teachings of the Koran in November; a Muslim Imam will speak on the Sermon of the Mount in December. This program is received well with great openness. The contemplative retreat with John's Gospel was attended by the *Jnanasameeksha* lay group and the Jesuit novices. Hundreds turned up for Onam celebration at Sameeksha. The annual Rosary devotion attracted the Catholics of the local family units. Two of them gave very inspiring reflections. The fresh batch of *Jnanasameeksha* (lay theology program) has 30 lay students. Sameeksha campus attracts various groups, including secular organizations. The young priests of the Province, seminarians of Always seminary and several youth groups conducted their retreats at Sameeksha. The Kerala *Ashram Aikya* had their annual meeting at Sameeksha in November. Fr. Provincial's Visitation was a time of grace for the entire community. He inspired and encourages us to explore new dimensions of our ministries.

**Sebastian Painadath** gave a course on the theology of inter-religious dialogue at EAPI, Manila. He gave a seminar on John's Gospel and a week-long Indian Contemplative Retreat at NBCLC, Bangalore. Fr. Painadath took part in the Jesuit Theologians' Colloquium in Delhi and the Indian Theological Association Meeting at Chennai.

Xavier Tharamel returned to Sameeksha on 14<sup>th</sup> November following a two-month-long research programme at the University of Birmingham in the UK. As part of his Ph.D. studies, Xavier presented a research paper on Raimon Panikkar's religious pluralism and took part in various research seminars at Birmingham.

Atmamitra programmes are on the rise on Sameeksha campus and across the state. Students of Sahrudaya Engineering College, Kodakara were here for two retreats and a Muslim agency running a Civil Service Training programme brought their students here for a two-day live-in training programme. They will be here again at least thrice every year. Atmamitra Team extended its services to Macfast College, Tiruvalla, KRLCC Youth Wing, Msgr. Raymond Memorial School, Chempanoda, AKJM HSS Kanjirappally, St. Sebastian's School,

Thanki, PM SAMS High School, Chemmankadavu, St. Gemma's School, Malappuram, Little Flower School, Katpadi, Canossian Hospital, Cherukunnu, Akavoor High School, Sanjo School, Vengoor and MES College, Paravoor while maintaining the services to usual client schools.

**Jeevika:** Frs Chacko and Martin returned to their respective Provinces and **Fr Sabu Malayil** has taken over the Jeevika mission. The dead bodies of Debashis Dos and Shamily Dos from Sundarben, West Bengal, who died after falling from the train, were sent to their home-town by flight. Similarly, Aurobindo Baxin's (25) dead body, who died in a quarry, was also sent to Orissa. Having negotiated with the quarry owner, Sabu managed to channelize a compensation of two Lakh Rupees to the family of the deceased. The efforts to get reparation for the families of the four Orissa labourers continue and Sabu encounters opposition from the plywood company owners. Another young man (20) from Orissa died after falling from 200 ft height. The family members accompanied his dead body on a flight and the legal process is on to get compensation for the dependents of the deceased. There has been a drastic increase in number of people contacting Jeevika for support in connection with accident cases, exploitation by the employers, false police cases etc. Sabu Malayil regularly visits the labour camps in and around Ernakulam and continues to build up a good rapport with them. Efforts are made to create awareness among migrant labourers to organize themselves to defend their human rights. More than forty migrant labourers took part in the meeting held at Sameeksha on 7<sup>th</sup> November and Stayendra Dos, a social activist from Jalpaiguri, delivered an inspiring talk which called for an association or an independent trade union for the migrant labourers. The Sunday Hindi Mass is celebrated for the migrant Catholics by Fr. Sabu in a parish near Kizhakambalam. It is amazing to see an average of 400 to 500 migrant workers at every Sunday service. Sabu organized an excursion for the migrants covering, Bharanaganam, Mannanam, Alleppey, Cochin and Ernakulam and fifty two of them thoroughly enjoyed the tri.

*Xavier Tharamel*

**LUMEN/SNEHASENA**

Fr. Provincial's visitation was a time of joy and encouragement. We felt energized by his dreams and challenges. **Fr. Ephrem's** sessions on Community-building were very much appreciated. Under the dedicated leadership of **Fr. Adappur** the Newman Association conducted a seminar on 'Envisioning a Counter Culture through a new Educational Perspective'. The main speaker was Hon. Alexander Thomas, the chief justice of Kerala High Court. With determination and great dedication **Fr. Nampiarambil** completed the computerization of our library. Nambi says the system is very good, and that it is available for free installation. **Fr. Roy Thottam** was in Bangalore for over a week completing his painting commitment to I.S.I. **Fr. Vincent** is busy preparing for his exam for Master's degree in counselling. **Fr. Abraham Pallivathukal** was very much busy animating the service team of the Jesus Youth at state level.

*M.J. Thomas*

**AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY**

The management and teachers have planned to take steps to improve the quality and status of the school. As a part of the steps towards excellence, the new strategic plans have been discussed in the presence of Fr Provincial and a fees hike was proposed in the General Body meetings. The Annual Sports Day was a day of celebration and entertainment for our students; **Fr Joseph Edassery**, the new director, inaugurated the competitions. One of our Higher Secondary students won medal in the All Kerala Roller Skating competitions. This year's Children's day celebrations brought great enthusiasm in the minds of our younger ones. Fr Toby and the Atmamithra team set a better direction and force through a two-day seminar for our higher secondary students. The president and the executive members of the PTA were present at the inaugural function of the seminar. The High School students celebrated their togetherness when they went on a tour to Mysore. Our students secured 'A' grades and prizes in the sub district youth festival competitions. By the initiatives of our teachers, a two-day *sahithya silpasala* was conducted for selected students in order to enhance their literary and art skills; the workshop was lead

by eminent personalities from various fields. Fr Edassery participated in the International seminar on Restoration of the Society held in JDV, Pune. Dns. Vibin, Sooraj and Binu visited the community and sought prayers for their ordination. We were happy to have **Fr. Raphael Thottan** who made his annual retreat in Samanvaya.

*Ramlal*

**LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM**

Loyola School celebrated Sports Day on November 15 which was inaugurated by **Shri K.E. Baiju**, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Trivandrum. Olympian Bobby Aloysius distributed the prizes for the winners and delivered a thought provoking message for the sports day. **Fr Devassy Paul** attended the AGM of ASISC, ICSE at New Delhi. LES has been recognised as the state training and resource centre (STRC), of National AIDS Control Organisation in Kerala, the official agency managing the Kerala State AIDS Control Society (KSACS). STRC has conducted four training sessions at LES for various groups working for AIDS Control in the State. **Fr Joye James** gave a one-day training on 'extension services' for all the Jesuit College teachers of Karnataka province at Bangalore. As part of the third cycle of NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) peer team visit, Loyola College has been engaged in concerted effort to put things in order (organized and systematic). A year-long preparation came to its completion with the visit of the NAAC peer team on 27-29, November. Prof. R.R. Singh, the chairman, Dr. Mewa Singh and **Dr P.P. Joseph** were the members who conducted the peer team visit. The entire college community worked day and night under the leadership of Dr Antony Palackal, the coordinator of NAAC visit, and Fr Joye James the Rector made it a one time, historic and epoch making experience. Kudos to **Frs Ranjit and Aneesh** for spearheading the entire event.

*Saji Joseph*

**ST XAVIER'S, TRIVANDRUM**

College Union election was very peaceful and well conducted. It was meticulously planned and executed under the dynamic leadership of **Fr. Dasappan** as the Returning Officer. **Fr. Benny** gave a series of Spoken English classes

to the Teachers of Marian Engineering College, Trivandrum, which was highly appreciated. He was away at Pune attending JESA meeting from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November. **Fr. Dominic** is much sought after and is in high demands in the neighbouring, as well as far away parishes for his sermons and Masses. He gave a talk on 'Transformative Leadership' in International Prayer Meeting organised by the YMCA. The community had an evening outing to Sneharam, Anjengo and had the dinner there. The Provincials of the Southern Provinces joined us for a high tea when they paid their annual visit to Vidyaniketan. We also had a few visitors like Dn. Binu, Dn. Vipin, Dn. Prince and two scholastics from Chennai. The Valedictory function of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations will be on 30<sup>th</sup> December. The honourable Chief Minister of Kerala has consented to be the chief guest. The St. Xavier's Jesuit Community, the staff and the students request you to consider this as a personal invitation and please do join us in our celebrations of historical importance.

*Biju Joy*

### VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

The month of November brought in many graces to the Vidyaniketan community. We started the month with the prayers for the deceased Jesuits at the cemetery here. On the very first week, **Fr. George Sebastian**, through his film appreciation course, helped us to critically analyse films. It really changed the perspectives we had on films. Now we are more enlightened to see God in films too! Thank You George Acha !.

**Fr. Britto**, the PCF of Madurai visited us. After his departure, we can see our Madurai Juniors in much vigour and zeal in their activities. We too are preparing for the visit of our dear PCF, Antochan on 6-7 December.

In preparation for the feast of our patron, St. John Berchmans, we had a prayerful novena. The creativity with which it was conducted was appreciated by all.

Then came the most important event of our house. Our beloved Provincials made their visitation. We would like to call those days our '*tempus gratiae*'.

The feast of St. John Berchmans was celebrated with much alacrity. Our Provincial was the main celebrant. Fr. Stany D' Souza, Provincial of

Karnataka, gave the homily. His clarion call for us to become saints really motivated us. Fr. Amalraj, Provincial of Andhra, and Fr. Sebastia Raj, Provincial of Madurai, concelebrated during the festal Mass. In the evening, we showcased our talents before our Provincials and the staff with a cultural programme, the highlight of which was an operetta-"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". We ended the month with a recollection in preparation for the advent. Maranatha!

*Deslin Chelatt*

### INIGO SADAN, BANGALORE

Looking back at a month that started off with lots of colourful events is always a joyful experience. The community of Inigo Sadan would feel the same now. Scholastics were half way through their semester holidays when the month began. We had the Magis program from 1-4, a national youth gathering organized by the Karnataka Jesuits and coordinated by **Fr. Brian Pereira** and the AICUF at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. It was an enriching experience and assisted the youth in developing social, ecological and spiritual awareness. Our major program during the holidays was the visit to our mission stations in North Karnataka. It was an encouraging and inspiring experience for all of us. We had a long session of sharing on the mission experiences recently. We spent the final days of the holidays in Triduum led by **Fr. Joy Fernandez**, an inspirational image for all of us in the community. We also attended the ordinations and First Masses of **Frs. Edwin and Balraj** of Karnataka Province, who later came to our community, celebrated Eucharist with us, and were felicitated during the grand celebration that followed the Mass. There was also a flavorsome dinner that day. Our community was also blessed by a number of special visits. Our Provincial **Fr. M.K. George** made a flying visit one night during recreation just to cheer us up with his presence. Besides that, we also had a surprise visit by **Fr. Royachan** who was here for the Inter Religious Commission meeting. Thank you both for your thoughtfulness. We also had a visit from the curia by **Fr. Frederico Fornos**, in charge of the ministry of the Apostleship of Prayer, accompanied by **Frs. Mariyavalen** (MDU) and **Richie** (KAR). They briefed all the scholastics of Bangalore of the significance of this ministry and its great



achievements over the past several centuries. As part of the ongoing formation talk we have once every month, we had Dr. V.K. Srinivasan, an eminent cardiologist at the Mallya Hospital, here, talking to us on taking care of the heart and thus achieving a healthy living. The talk was highly impressive that all our community members are very cautious now in our choice of the food. Our institution here is booming with life these days with lots of cultural and sports fests in the Middle school, High school, PU College and Community College. With the beginning of the new semester we had the portfolio changes in the community. **Sch. Jenophine** is our new beadle. Congrats Jenophine! Our classes are well under way right now. And preparations are on for the advent and Christmas already!

*George Nikhil*

### ASHAKIRAN, MANGALORE

The month of November was chock-a-block with various activities. The odd semester examination came and disappeared like a gentle breeze. And all seem to be happy with their performance. **Sch. Lijo** won the applause of the community and his fellow students for securing 93.4% in the exam.

We had a week long skills development programme during the initial days of the vacation like driving, writing, music, computer and even cooking. And all of us actively took part in it. We were privileged to extend our hands to help in the mission of the province in North Karnataka. We were in Mungod for our work experiment for eight days. We cleaned the entire school campus and helped the students in their studies in both the school and the hostel. Meanwhile Sch. Lijo left for Hyderabad for his study tour.

**Fr. Joe Pulickal** led us into deep prayer and reflection during our triduum. After the silence and solitude of the retreat we had our cultural tour to North Karnataka for four days. The places gave us a glimpse of the rich cultural and religious traditions of Karnataka.

The memorable moments of this month were the 'community days'. During these days we had a fabulous time to take part in different activities and to know each other personally.

On 17<sup>th</sup> the college reopened and we began our

new semester with verve and vigour. **Sch. Jijo** successfully completed his first semester exam and had gone for a village exposure from the college to Hangal, Hubli. He is eagerly waiting for the exam results now.

The season of Advent commenced with the visit of **Fr. PCF**. Indeed the two days of his visit were grace filling moments for all of us.

*Amal Sebastian*

### FROM THE CHINESE PROVINCE

Greetings from the Chinese Province!!! With a view to promoting Vocations to the Society of Jesus, we had a 1-day "Come-and-See" programme and among the 100 participants there were more girls than boys! Jesuits of different nationalities were introduced to them. There were games and other activities. There was a Prayer Session. ... The Mayoral Elections in several cities have shown that the people wanted a change. The Kuomintang Party (KMT) was severely defeated by the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP). President MA (of the KMT) has been accused of being pro-China and of even playing into the hands of China. The protracted Pro-Democracy Students' Protest in HongKong, now in its 10th week, has confirmed the DPP in its skepticism regarding the "One Country, Two Systems" policy of China. The DPP does not consider Taiwan as a part of China. It must be said that though most countries verbally subscribe to the "one-China Policy" and, therefore, do not have an Ambassador and Embassy in Taiwan, still all of them have a Trade & Culture Office, which performs the work of an Embassy! In practice there are still 2 Chinas. ... Since there is a strong American influence, Thanksgiving Dinners are held in Taiwan. We, priests who celebrate MASS in English in our Holy Family Parish, were invited by a Lay Person to a Thanksgiving Dinner for 15 persons at which the Vatican Nuncio and the German Trade & Culture Secretary were present. I wish each and every one a Holy & Fruitful Season of Advent. Maranatha!

*John FJ Manipadam*

### ALPHONSA COLLEGE, THIRUVAMBADY

The Model Examinations of the First Semester got over on 29th November. The students are at ease

after the Exam. The Arts and Sports Festivals are scheduled in the coming weeks. We expect the first Semester Exams in the First week of January.

*K.P. Mathew*

### EXCERPTS FROM FR GEORGE SEBASTIAN'S E-MAIL TO FR PROVINCIAL

“As I wrote to you in my previous little note I arrived in the city of Lome on the 12th of this month at the invitation of the Provincial superior of the Society of the Divine Word ( SVD) in Togo and Benin, which together is their local province. I am having a wonderful time of Missionary Experience with the SVD fathers of these countries. The fathers are extremely good and kind to me. I have already spent a couple of days in Lome city in Togo and now I am in Djougou town in Benin. Next week I will be going to Acara, Ghana where the SVD fathers will be celebrating their 75th year of work and missionary presence in Ghana. It is going to be a big affair I am told. Their Superior General and all their major superiors and most of the Bishops of the various dioceses will be present for the celebration it seems... From Accra I will be going to Tamale, Ghana where I will be assisting the Arch diocese of Tamale to train some people in social communications with the view of reviving their department of social communications and at the same time serve as a spiritual director in their provincial major seminary and giving retreats and other courses in the arch diocesan Pastoral Centre... Being in Africa is a new and totally different experience for me. Life and weather and food and ministry are all different here. People are simple, loving and unsophisticated. The Church is young and vibrant and very missionary in nature. The parish where I am staying in north Benin, where my friend Kallanchira from Milwaukee days is the pastor, for example, has something around 200 adult catechumens, and they seem to baptize anywhere around 50 adults every Easter. Yesterday, I concelebrated at the Mass, and I could feel the youthful energy of the assembly singing and praying etc. I also got the opportunity to join the Mass where the local Bishop celebrated in his cathedral church on Saturday, anafternoon, in a typical Bush Mission Station some 80 km from where I stay these days... There is a pristine beauty and glamour and grace about everything I see and hear and experience

here. And I certainly love and relish it, and I thank God for this grace!”

### JCSA BI ANNUAL MEETING IN NAGALAND

The days of JCSA under the wide blue sky at the foothills of Phesama, Kohima, and under the leadership of the New POSA, George Pattery, were inspiring, fraternal and homely. The hospitality of the Kohima Jesuits was unbeatable. (Many of their younger men greet their class mates like Jose Pulinthanath, Saji Kandasankunnel, Baby Mullo). The overall ambience was one of discussion, discernment and deep prayer. The mission visits integrated into the schedule exposed us to the extreme hardship Kohima Jesuits suffer, but with no complaint whatsoever, manifesting the joy of a real Jesuit missionary.

Some significant issues were discussed and discerned during these days. The mandates are to re-structure the Society of Jesus in South Asia for greater apostolic effectiveness, to search for new frontier ministries and to find newer ways of collaboration among provinces, conferences and with the Universal Society, all in the context of the forthcoming GC36. Called to a new level of MAGIS where ‘mediocrity has no place, letting go of even successful models and structures, attachments which block us from searching for the MAGIS, we are called to search for new models and new structures, all at the service of our mission’.

The concrete decisions arrived at will be communicated soon to the whole Assistency for study, prayer and follow up action.

*M.K. George*

### JEA ANNUAL MEET 2014

**Jesuit Education Association (JEA)** of South Asia had 3 days of meeting at Nav Jeevan Renewal Centre, Delhi. The meeting began on the evening on 22<sup>nd</sup> October with Holy Eucharist. This Annual meeting of 2014 was significant in many ways. First, **Fr. Norbert Menezes (PAT)**, the veteran educationist, stepped down from the office after a decade long, selfless, dedicated, dynamic and visionary leadership to JEA. Second, **Fr. Sunny Jacob (JAM)** took the leadership from Norbert in a solemn Eucharist presided over by the Provincial of South Asia (POSA), **Fr. George Pattery**. Thirdly,



the meeting brainstormed on the issues affecting the educational scenario in general and Jesuit education in particular.

The well planned programme saw all the province co-ordinators placing their respective reports on the province's present educational apostolate. The statistics of each province, followed by the initiatives and concerns elaborated through the SWOT analysis brought out the clear picture of Jesuit educational apostolate in the provinces. The report also helped each of the participants to know the strengths, weakness, opportunities and challenges of educational endeavors of each province. The reports were very comprehensive and realistic. It also expressed the future vision and the need for rootedness in our charism and tradition.

The new POSA, **Fr. George Pattery**, in his observation appreciated the JEA for their contribution to the South Asian Assistancy and urged them to be one unified body in their approach. He encouraged the educationists to keep up the dimension of learnedness in their work. He invited the members to have openness, critical thinking, collaboration at all levels, accountability, innovative approach in pedagogy and practice, and significantly to work keeping in mind education as a mission. Working for Zonal centers with full time co-coordinators with long term goals is the need of the hour.

**Fr. Norbert** explained the thrust of the JEA during the last ten years. **Fr. Sunny** placed before the PCEs the challenges and opportunities of Jesuit education today, and made everyone to think, reflect and to come out with suitable solutions to the challenges, and invited us to consider every challenge as an opportunity for us to better ourselves as educational leaders.

*Thadeyoos S.M.*

### SEMINAR ON FR SAMUEL RAYAN

Fr Kurien Kunnumpuram is organizing a National Seminar on Fr Samuel Rayan to be held in Christ Hall, Calicut, on 28 to 31 December 2014. The purpose of the seminar is to highlight Rayan's contribution to Indian Christian Theology. The papers presented at the seminar will soon be published as a book.

### OURS IN PUBLICATION

**Fr Biju George Kunnappillil:** Featured in Sathyadeepam –November 2014

**Fr Salvin Augustine:** Featured in JIVAN – November 2014

**Fr. Biju Joy** along with three others has brought out a Latin Text Book for the Plus One students in collaboration with the SCERT. The book is in circulation in schools from this academic year onwards.

**S.Painadath**, "Jesuits and their Secular Spirituality", *Ignis*, 2-3, 2014, 58-60

**S.Painadath**, "Inter-religious Relations in Civil Society." *Jeevadhara*, July 2014, 55-67

**S.Painadath**, "In his Light we see Light", *New Leader*, 16. October, 2014, 10-13

**S.Painadath**, "Die Mystik öffnet den Horizont", in: Klaus Bäuerle, (ed), *Gott einzig und vielfältig*, Echter Verlag, Würzburg, 2014, 261-270

**S.Painadath**, „Meditationen zum päpstlichen Schreiben, Evangelii Gaudium“, *Christ in der Gegenwart*, February-March 2014 (7 articles)



### GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

**Fr. Anil Mitra** ( CCU), 79/57 ) expired on 28 September 2014

**Br. Eneriz Manuel** (GUJ) 88/67, on 12 Nov 2014 at Baroda.

**Fr. Chandan Gupta** ( CCU), 67/44 on 11 Nov 2014

**Fr. Andre Bruylants**,( CCU),88/68 on 21 Nov 2014

**Fr. Santiago Velanganny**, (PAT) 72/44 on 30 November 2014 in XTTI

**Elsy Raju** (58), neice of Abraham Pallivathukal on 20 November 2014

**Mr. Joseph Erupakattu** (87), maternal uncle of Fr. Jacob Madukakuzhy at Elamgulam on 24 November 2014



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER 2014

- 03 Linto Kanichai  
Amal Sebastian Karithadathil
- 05 Xavier Veliyakam
- 09 Sanil Mayilkunnel
- 11 Abraham Pallivathukal
- 16 Immanuel Koyan  
Mathew Kannadan
- 21 George Nedungatt
- 22 Philip Thayil
- 24 Jose Thachil
- 25 Kuriakose Puthanapra

### JANUARY 2015

- 01 John Elamkunnappuzha  
Ramlat Mekkulathil

- 02 Peter Mulluparambil
- 03 Tomson Vadakkeputhenpura
- 04 Varkeychan Mecheril
- 06 Biju George Kunnappillil  
Joseph Pulickal

## IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

### DECEMBER 2014

- 01 (1958) Aloysius Silva
- 02 (1991) George Murickan
- 04 (2007) Mathew Parackal
- 16 (2011) George Keerankeri
- 17 (1954) Milbank F Barboza
- 17 (2012) Joseph Maliekal
- 18 (2000) Joseph Vattakunnel
- 19 (1991) Varkey Pullan
- 29 (1988) Joseph Puthenkalam
- 31 (2010) Thomas Thayil



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