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FROM THE PROVINCIAL

TOWARDS A VISION DRIVEN, REFLECTIVE LIVING

Recently, while visiting some houses of the Karnataka province, I noticed that they have displayed their vision statements prominently. This is something new. While educational institutions, especially colleges, have been displaying their vision statements, probably due to compulsions of accreditation, the practice of displaying vision statements in the Jesuit houses looked new and inviting: to a vision-driven life, a reflective life. While the display boards may be novel, there is nothing new about this quality of a vision-driven, reflective life for the Jesuits. May be we have lost some of this quality and the displays are a gentle reminder to ourselves that Jesuit life is primarily characterized by a desire to 'find God in all things' which cannot happen except with a reflective and meditative posture in life.

The principle of 'discerning love' of St. Ignatius and the challenge to search for the will of God in our lives, demand of us a high level of reflection and search.

The big challenge then: Can we pull out our vision statements, display them prominently and more importantly make it the centre of our living. We need to reflect more, personally and in community.

M.K. George S J

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS BY FR PROVINCIAL

- Fr. Baby Chalil** – PDD
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- Br. Jose Kuzhuppil** - Prefect of health of the Province, Christ Hall, Calicut
- Fr. Jose Thachil** - Director, SRC, Calicut
- Fr. Jose Valuvettickal** - Superior, Sarvodaya, Eachome
- Fr. Joseph Edassery** - Superior and Manager, AKJM School, Kanjirappally
- Fr. Joseph Kallepallil** - Loyola School, Trivandrum
- Fr. Joseph Pulickal** - Sabbatical/Pachilakad
- Fr. Kuriakose Puthanapra** – Prasanthi, Pachilakad
- Fr. Mathew Olnidian** - Pastoral ministry, Payyoli

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Fr. Sooraj Kochuparambil - AKJM School, Kanjirappally
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Sch. Bastin Vattanky – Theology, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
Sch. Emmanuel Puthuvalveetil – Theology, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
Sch. Midhun Kochukallan – Theology, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
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Sch. Sharath Nellinilkumthadathil – Regency, Loyola School, Trivandrum
Sch. Stevenson Maliekal Cheniyara – Regency, Christ Hall, Calicut
Sch. Lijo Pathickal – Philosophy, DNC, Pune
Sch. Anjo Alappat Palathingal - Graduation, Bangalore
Sch. Deslin Chelatt- Graduation, Bangalore
Sch. Joy Cruz Abraham – Graduation, Mangalore
Sch. Libin Puthukadath – Graduation, Mangalore
Sch. Sebin Vellamaruthumkal – Graduation, Mangalore

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BR MICHAEL THANNIVELIL

Br Michael Thannivelil expired at 02.30 a.m. on 09 Feb. 2015 in Nirmala hospital, Marikunnu, Calicut. He was laid to rest in Christ Hall Cemetery, Calicut on 10 Feb. 2015. (See the Obituary at the end)

VOCATION PROMOTION

Vocation Promoter reminds all the members of the province to pass on to him details (name and phone number) of any boy in their contact wishing to become a priest or a brother. Please contact Fr. Toby (Mob: 08281676741, 08547597883, E-Mail: tobsysj@gmail.com). For the information of the entire province, the Vocation Camp will be held at **Sameeksha** from **30th April evening to 3rd May evening**.

PROVINCIAL’S PROGRAMME

MARCH 2015

02-04 : Visitation, Pune

06-08 : Visitation, Delhi

09-11 : Visitation, Chennai

13-15 : Budget Meeting – Christ Hall, Calicut

16-19 : Visitation, Christ Hall, Calicut

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

ST. JOSEPH’S, CALICUT

The month of February was marked with various events. As part of the community picnic we visited the houses of Frs. Mathew Pullattu, Joseph Kottukapally and Sch. Bastin. It was a wonderful experience for us to spend time with the family members. The newly ordained priest, Fr. Sooraj visited the community and celebrated Mass for the community. **Fr. Thadeyoos** has begun the long retreat as part of the Tertianship in Australia. The candidates are seriously preparing for their board exams. There are four teaching and non-teaching staff retiring from St. Joseph’s Boys H.S.S. The school gave them a grand send off. The school Annual Day “Sanjo Nite” was held on 30th January. Dr. Kauser Edappagath graced the occasion as the chief guest.

St. Joseph’s junior school celebrated the School Annual Day on 29th January. **Fr. Provincial** was the chief guest and **Mr. Aboobacker** (Rtd. Residential Editor of Manorama) delivered the keynote address. The cultural event named “Rhythm” by the students was much appreciated by the

audience. The first batch of 10th standard students was given a memorable send off. Fr. Provincial came and blessed all the 10th standard students as they write their board exam. They have begun the board exam on 27th February. The staff members of the school had an enjoyable tour to Goa.

Bastin Jose

S.M. FARM, PARIYARAM

IRC, Pariyaram, among many other programmes, was the venue for a three-day Life Skill Training for 110 tribal students of Aralam Government Tribal School. The programme was organized with great interest by the Deputy Collector of Kannur herself who is directly in charge of them. The participants were so charmed with IRC that some of them were in tears while leaving the place. Samskriti Tarumitra at Pattuvam had many programmes during the last one month. Six groups from different schools including three from St. Michael's School had exposure programme of one day each at the Centre. Eight office bearers of KCYM, Kannur diocese, had an overnight stay at the Centre for their recollection with a talk on eco-spirituality by **Fr. Rajesh Jose**. They found the experience elevating and energising. Fr. Rajesh also was the guest of honour for the school day celebration of St. Paul's High School, Taliparamba.

Mathew Aertthayil

LOYOLA, ALUVA

The month of February was filled with many activities that enhanced our integral growth. It also marked the commencing of the Lenten season. Solemnly we embarked upon the Lenten journey on 18th February with a meaningful Ash- Wednesday service.

Fr. Socius has been initiating us into the world of scripture. We had a number of outings last month. We enjoyed pleasant company and a sumptuous meal at the joyful gathering hosted by Santhigram community, Kalamassery, thanks to **Frs. Paul Vadakel** and **Wilson Mulackal**. We also visited the *Aluva Sivarathri Manappuram* and it enriched our consciousness of religious diversity. All the novices along with Fr. Master went on a pilgrimage to St. Thomas Shrine, Malayattoor. It helped us to imbibe the true spirit of Lenten Season. As per the

invitation of **Fr. Adappur**, we attended a seminar on "Alternative Political Movements in our country" at Lumen Jyothis, Kaloor, organised by the Newman association. Eminent personalities from different walks of life were present at the seminar.

We were honored to have a number of guests last month. Visits of the families of Rojas, Christy J P, Dijin and Anto on different days were enjoyable experiences for all of us. Apart from them, many of our elder brothers from the province visited us. **Fr. Francis Xavier** from Loyola Academy, Secunderabad, was here for a short while. Mrs. Lynda and Ms Jennifer from UK (friends of Fr. Xavier Tharamel) paid us a visit. We had a pleasant interaction with them.

Fr. Jose Jacob attended the superiors' meeting at Christ Hall. **Fr. Sanil** attended the funeral of Br. Michael. Fr. Jacob was away at Christ Hall to direct the discernment retreat of our young brothers. Kunjumon Chettan, our dear cook, was not here for some days because of the ill health of his wife and son.

On 27th Saturday we had our monthly recollection guided by Fr. Socius. Way of the Cross and other pious activities are helping us to delve deep into the paschal mysteries of our Lord.

Nithin and Francis

SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY

The JESA National meeting brought Jesuits from all over India, Nepal and Sri Lanka to the serene ambience of Sameeksha. Fr. Francis Marottikkaparambil, Professor at Carmelgiri Seminary, led the three day sessions for the Jnana-Sameeksha group on Church History. We were also blessed by the joyful presence of our vibrant novices, a handful of guests from Europe, the AICUFers from Bharath Matha College and Sacred Heart College, Thevara and the Neethi Vedhi group as well. The Navathi celebrations of AICUF entitled as 'Dinam 2015' at Morning Star College, Angamaly, focusing on the theme "Women and Media" was inaugurated by Shri P.C. Cyriac, IAS, and former Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu. **Fr. Xavier Tharamel** attended a Seminar on Raimundo Panicker at Varanasi.

Fr Toby, while returning after the NLP courses at Jamshedpur met with a small road accident and has suffered a ligament injury. He walks with the 'easy cast' and gives the impression of an astronaut just returning from his mission. He gave workshops for students at Mount Tabore School, Meppadi, for Parents at St. Anne's School, Vellamunda and for Principals and Managers of the Charity Corporate Management at Sellere, Kozhikode. Atmamitra in collaboration with our scholastics are organizing seven summer SALT camps (all at Kalady) this year. If any of ours would like to recommend the same to their relatives, friends and other contacts, please do it.

Sabu Malayil

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

The month of February began with the visitation of the Provincial. It was a grace-filled occasion for Santhinilayam and Snehabhavan. All the community members, both the young and the old are active in their ministries.

Thanmaya is conducting a course on 'Short Film and Documentary Making'. About ten young men are attending and profiting from this course. 10 students and 2 Staff from Loyola School, Mukundara are staying with us for a month to write their ICSE Examination.

Snehabhavan Vocational Students succeeded in vegetable cultivation, stitching skirts, doing embroidery works on Sarees, ornamental works, and so on besides making candles, agarbathis, soap powder, phenoil, pril, etc. If you are interested place order with us! We arranged separate school picnics for junior and senior students and the staff. They enjoyed the picnics very much. In the CBR level the Federation organized a picnic for the Core Committee members to Sameeksha, Kalady. The different Core Committees organized 'Sneha-Sangamam' in their respective project area.

Fr. Augustine Peedikamalayil, our B.Ed. Student, seems to be a studious student and busy with his classes, assignments, ministries and vegetable cultivation.

Anil Joseph

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

The school schedule was kept busy with model examinations, revision tests, remedial coaching etc. as part of the new strategic planning proposed for the overall development of the school. In the Higher Secondary Section also special academic packages have been executed and the PTA executive members evaluated the programs. Our teachers enjoyed a one-day outing programme to Kochi and Lulu Mall where they celebrated their union of hearts and minds. The SSLC students were given send off at the end of years of their life in the campus. A combined PTA executive meeting of Higher Secondary, High School and Junior School was convened to evaluate the implementation of the strategic plans.

Jesuits were busy with ministry in parishes helping out in feasts and confessions. We arranged send off to our parish priests and our neighbouring parish priests who were transferred to other places. The community visited Br Michael's family members and expressed our solidarity and gratitude with saying "office" at home for the repose of his soul. **Fr K. C. Thomas** underwent a cataract operation and he is improving steadily.

Ramlal

LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

A pending dispute over the Air Conditioner has been settled by the intervention of the court. The school received compensation from the concerned person. A controversial tree has been cut in the adjacent property of Loyola School and CTCRI (Central Tuber Crops Research Institute). The construction of the new school building has just started. A send-off function was organized for two retiring staff of the school. Dr. Nisha Nelson, a new faculty was appointed in the department of Sociology in Loyola College. **Fr Ranjit George** led the senior students of MAHRM (MA in Human Resource Management) to Mumbai and Goa for a study tour. **Fr Joye James** was invited to speak to the principals of Engineering colleges at Chaitram Hotel. He also conducted a two-day training sessions on counselling for the teachers of Higher Secondary Schools at LES. A two-day review meeting of ICDS (Integrated Child Development

Scheme) district programme officers was held at LES. Kerala Child Rights Observatory (KECRO) organised a one-day workshop on Dissemination of Kerala Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Rules, 2014 at LES. Four three-day training sessions were held at LES by KSACS (Kerala State Aids Control Society).

Saji Joseph

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

On Januray 29 the foggy and the chilly weather of Shembaganur welcomed us to Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur. There the course on ecology guided by Fr. Britto helped us to have union with God, with nature and with one another. All of us returned with a rich experience.

The long awaited Balamela, the one-day Sports and Arts Meet of the children of the places where we go for our weekly *gramapravesham*, was on February 14. About 170 children participated. We and the children enjoyed the day thoroughly.

Now we are busy with preparations for our Academic Day Celebration which is scheduled to be in the evening of 7th March. We are putting up a play on the Suppression and Restoration of the Society – all of you are welcome.

Selin

AADI, ATTAPPADI

Since Lalit Kalashektra shifted its campus from Coimbatore city to a big campus at Kempennur, 11 kilometers away from the city, Sch. Rephin Kamal moved his residence from AADI to CMI Provincial House at Maruthamali. He says he has plenty of time for his works and he is less tired in spite of morning Sapra, Syro-malabar Mass and long evening prayer. He will be with us at AADI every weekend to relish Jesuit Company. Thanks to Fr. Wilson, CMI provincial, and the community for their generosity and concern!

Fr. P. S. Antony is the most wanted man in Sultanpett Diocese. He is invited by different parishes and schools for his inspiring liturgy and classes. He is now very busy organizing people for a big agitation on March 16 at Kozhinjampara area. The drought hit area demands the completion of the Right Bank Canal project started 15 years ago to solve the water problem.

Pastoral demands are on the increase as there are invitations from Mannarkad parish on every Tuesday and demands from Mulli and Nellipathy parishes and to hear confessions at Sehion. **Fr. Augustine Kallunkal**, along with his hard work in ERA, is helping at St. James Church, Mannarkad.

Four BSW students from LISA College, Puthuppadi is doing one-month block placement at AADI. 34 member bike rally of JCI, Ernakulam, spent a night with us as part of their campaign for eye donation. We coordinated their activities at Attappady. They showed great interest to collaborate with our works among adivasis. We are in dialogue with Forest Department to obtain citizen conservator status for ERA. We are also in dialogue with Rotary club, Palakkad, for their support in running our study centers. Our Kalasangam performed *atta-pattam* (Adivasi dance) in Edu-camp at Cherpulassery.

Fr James Morais attended 27th AIKF National Karate tournament at Jaipur as a referee along with 57 participants and 11 officials. 29 teams from all over India including Delhi Police, Assam Rifles and BSF took part in the tournament and the total number of participants were about 1200. The Kerala team scored six gold, five silver and eleven bronze medals.

James Morais

SNEHARAM, ANJENGO

Sneharam was specially blessed this year by the presence of Jesus Youth volunteers who helped its weekend scholarship programme. Having gone through various projects with the Jesus Youth volunteers, an evaluation cum visioning programme is planned for them on 8th March, 2015. The Parish priest of St Peter's Church, Anchuthengu, will conduct a few sessions along with **Fr Benny** and Jesus Youth Leaders.

Though this year's Community-Based Anti-Harassment Campaign (CBAHC) was affected negatively due to unavailability of the Director and lack of a regent, as soon as the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of St Xavier's College was over, work was in progress to resume the work for CBAHC. On 21st February 2015, the much-awaited leadership training programme for CBAHC was conducted at Sneharam. The unique feature of this one-day

programme was the interface between some of the victims of domestic violence and the present and would-be leaders of CBAHC. Some cases that came in the legal aid centre at Sneharam were taken for study and role play during the sessions. Awareness songs regarding gender justice were specially selected and taught and the participants smoothly entered into serious sharing and discussions responding to the insights and challenges expressed in the songs. Mr Subhash Kumar, Sub-Inspector of Police, Anchuthengu Police Station, inaugurated the programme. Advocates Lijja, Sujana and Fr Benny conducted the sessions and Rev. Fr Robinson, Vicar Forane, Anchuthengu Forane, concluded the sessions with his speech. Looking forward to further training and action towards rights-based social action focusing on gender justice, Sneharam is planning its future CBAHC. Some local volunteers have come with the idea of a weekend residential scholarship programme for a select group of girls and boys. A higher education institution in Sneharam premises is also suggested by the governing board members and other well-wishers of Sneharam.

Benny Chiramel

AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM

We began the month of February with a seminar on **Youth Reality in the Campus** called *AEUTUS*, organized by the State Team of AICUF. The Seminar was held in St. Thomas College, Trichur. There were five well prepared papers by five units on different topics concerning the life in the campus. After the presentation the group had a very good interaction. Another significant programme that the Kerala AICUF organized was one-day **Women's Meet** held at Nirmalagiri College, Koothuparamaba on 17th February. Around 90 participants from various units were present for the day, and we had a very fruitful discussion on cyber world and women issues. The AICUF Centre was the venue for a three-day Leadership Training Programme for the children from the fisher folk organized by the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum. Jesus youth of Trivandrum zone had three days of prayer sessions at the Centre under the leadership of **Fr Joe Mathew**. **Fr Babu Paul** gave two days of life orientation sessions for the first year non-catholic

students in Mar Ephrem Engineering college, Marthandam, run by Malankara Archdiocese, Trivandrum.

Babu Paul

ASHAKIRAN, MANGALORE

The cultural extravaganza by the PG students of St Aloysius College '**Sangam 2015**' was held on 13th February. Students from 17 PG departments exhibited their different talents by performing variety of programmes. **Sch. Jijo** coordinated the 20- minute cultural program by the Department of Economics based on a social theme '**Root for the Break**' and he was the Master of the ceremony for the programme. Sch. Jomon presented a paper in the Canara College on "**Gender and Society**". The paper presentation was highly appreciated by all. We successfully completed our second internal and looking ahead for the semester exam.

Anil Pathikkal

INIGOSADAN, BANGALORE

February was a month of grace. **Fr. M.K George** came here for the Annual Visitation. He celebrated Ash Wednesday's Mass for us. To mark the year of consecrated life Fr. M.K George gave us an inspiring talk on consecrated life. Everyone appreciated him for his sincere personal sharing and reflection. The talk generated a lot of reflections and discussions. Fr. Provincial encouraged us to dream big and asked us to use the opportunities that come our way to the fullest. We, the Inigosadan community, along with both Provincials of Karnataka and Kerala went for a picnic in 'Urban Valley Resort'. It was indeed a wonderful, enjoyable and fun filled time.

Some of us actively participated in the science fest called '*Singularitas*'. It was an invigorating learning experience. **Fr. Sabu Malayil** gave a surprise visit to our community. He made our community joyful by singing the song '*ayiram kannumayi*' along with **Fr. Rossie Rego**. Shortly we will have study holidays and practical exams.

Jithin

SATYANILAYAM, CHENNAI

In the Month of February we had several outings. As part of the Popular Religiosity Course, the first

year scholastics visited the Shrine of 'Mazhai Malai Matha' at Acharapakkam, around 90 Km away from Chennai. The Second year scholastics had a two-day seminar at Arul Anandar College, Karimathur, and Madurai. As part of the course on the Philosophy of Liberation, we had an exposure to one of the Gypsy Settlements in Pallavaram, Chennai. We also got a chance to visit the Krishnamurthy Foundation, Chennai. Satya Nilayam hosted a dinner for the Pre-Novitiate Directors and Vocation Promoters from the South Asian Assistency. They were in Dhyana Ashram, Chennai, for their annual meeting. On this occasion we met **Frs. C.J. Joseph and Biju George**, representatives of Kerala Province. **Frs. Raju and Joy James** visited Satya Nilayam recently.

Jose Pittapillil

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

DNC community witnessed a flurry of events in the last month. JDV hosted an international seminar on "Science, technology and values" and some of our Scholastics presented their papers based on the theme. Hats off to Sch. Ajeesh, who was in the organizing committee, for his meticulous planning and execution of the prestigious event! We are overjoyed as **Fr. Edward Mudvassery** is appointed the new Rector of DNC and **Fr. Keith Abranches**, the present Rector, being appointed the Socius to the POSA. We are greatly indebted to the services of Fr. Keith to our community for the past five years. The second year philosophers were given a heartwarming farewell by the DNC family. We were also privileged to have **Fr. Rachans** and his companions from Sadhana Institute, Lonavla, in our community. The second year philosophers are glued to their desks as they are preparing intensely for their Comprehensive exams.

Steevensen

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

In this academic year the students, as part of their class project, performed three theological-cultural-presentations based on the themes SOCIALIST, SECULAR and DEMOCRATIC taken from the preamble of the Indian Constitution. The transition from winter to summer with fluctuating weather

conditions has affected the health of many in the Theologate. Yet VJ community is active and alive. The new POSA, **Fr. George Pattery** made his maiden visitation to our community. Vidyajyoti Staff and students took active part in a peace protest against the attacks on Churches and Christian religious institutions in New Delhi. The

international media coverage on the police action put lot of pressure on the Prime Minister forcing him to make public statements and to increase the security to the Churches. We also collectively reflected on our experiences of taking part in civil disobedience protests. The students also extended their support to the Farmers' Protest against the Land Acquisition Bill.

In the context of the rise of Narendra Modi and the thumping victory of Aam Admi Party (AAP) in Delhi, Vidyajyoti College of Theology organised a two-day national seminar on "**Witnessing to the Gospel: A Gift and a Task in the Present Day India**". In the Seminar held during 16-17 February 2015, the eminent scholars Dr Rudolf C. Heredia, Dr Mukul Kesavan, Dr Ambrose Pinto and Dr Jacob Parapally presented papers.

Rubil Martin

FROM THE CHINESE PROVINCE

GREETINGS from DILI, EAST TIMOR!!! Our Fr Premkumar's release by the Taliban brought us all and many others great joy! Deo Gratias! I concelebrated in two Masses which are unforgettable. The first Mass was in the very large Parish of ST JOHN de BRITO in Liquica, on the Feastday of their Patron. After Holy Communion in the open-air Mass, the Parish Priest requested me to say a few words. I shared with all some important facts regarding the person, *Arulanandar*, his ministry as a *Pandarawami* in the Madurai Mission and his martyrdom in Oriyur. The second was a Sunday Mass in Dili Prison for Men. When a fellow-Jesuit invited me, I was particularly interested because I was praying for them: *That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.* (Apostleship of Prayer, February Intention) Since all are Catholics, different groups of 120 prisoners take turns on different Sundays and the Chapel is packed. I was very impressed by the group's

silence and spirit of recollection. The Lector was clear and distinct. They sang all the hymns by heart and almost all of them received Holy Communion. The four devout altar servers were young adults. I wondered how such nice people could be in jail. At the end of the Mass, the Jail Superintendent, himself a pious man, invited the two of us, as well as the Holy Spirit Sisters who teach them hymns, to a very good breakfast during which time he was taking many photos. Since East Timorese take to music, even polyphony, like fish to water, in both places I taught them to sing the refrain "Jaya Yesu! Jaya Naam!" of the Hindi Bhajan which I sang. They sang marvellously!

John FJ Manipadam

HEYTHROP COLLEGE, LONDON

The much awaited Diaconate Ordination of our ten Jesuit brothers went off very well on 7th February. It was simple but of course a grace-filled occasion with the presence of **His Grace Peter Smith**, Archbishop of Southwark and Jesuits from all around the world. Our two Deacons' (**Deepak and Tomson**) relatives and friends attended the ordination and the gatherings in their respective communities. Jesuits in formation in British Province had their monthly gathering in Wimbledon Community.

Roy Alex

JESA MEETING

Twenty five Jesuits from various provinces gathered together at Sameeksha under the leadership of national JESA Coordinator Fr Sannybhai to reflect on the social action issues to be highlighted in the upcoming GC 36 and the preparatory work to be done for running a national level project related to National Food Security Act (NFSA). It was great to be together and recognize the common threats that Jesuits in India face, to articulate our response and initiate possible course of action to counter the forces behind such threats like communalism, fundamentalism, and exploitation of people in the name of development. Some draft postulates were prepared to be used in the upcoming province congregations for further reflections to be sent as final postulates for General Congregation 36.

A project related to NFSA has been on the anvil for a few months now. Many Jesuits were involved along with civil society groups and many responsible citizens to get the Act passed. Now is the time for implementation. Given the change in the Central Government, there is apprehension that such a beautiful pro-poor bill may not be implemented properly due to ideological reasons. It is in response to such a scenario that social action Jesuits of Indian Assistency decided to launch this project to collaborate at the national level to capacitate leaders of people, especially our priority groups to avail the entitlements related to NFSA. This will give us a common platform to collaborate with other like-minded groups and organizations and eventually turn out to be a network with a clear movement orientation. AADI, TUDI, LES and Sneharam hope to be part of the network once the project is launched.

Special thanks to Frs Sannybhai and Joe Xavier for having led us through two days of fruitful discussions and prayerful reflections. JESA participants are grateful to Frs Xavier Tharamel and Sabu George for their HOSPITALITY and 'tender care'. The short trip to the sea in Sagara Rani, a special vessel of KINCO, after the final session, was a refreshing experience for all. Kerala JESA is grateful to all the Jesuits who came to Kerala and accepted our humble hospitality. Despite inhospitable mosquitoes and limited facilities at Sameeksha due to the presence of other guests and programme participants, all found the place conducive to serious reflections and study. We are grateful to Sameeksha community including the co-workers for keeping the place still inspiring.

Benny Chiramel

AN ADVANCED ENGLISH COURSE FOR GRADUATES

This is to invite ours to recommend one or two or more Graduates for a specially advanced English course, to be conducted in Santhigram, Kalamassery, from April 7 (evening) to 18 (noon), 2015. Please send only those who really FEEL the need of improving their English and thus of enhancing their career. The method employed in this residential program is recreational, creative,

easy to use, and is based on the principle of self-discovery. Graduates (in any subject) who have to handle English or to teach English or to teach in English or to become trainers themselves or to work as executives or to face interviews or to go abroad will find this course extremely useful and timely. If you have any graduates to recommend for this new way of learning and teaching English, please contact either Fr. Wilson Mulackal, the organizer (94 47 85 67 55), or Fr. V C George, the course director (94 95 60 41 73), latest by the end of March.

V C George

OURS IN PUBLICATION

Fr. K. T. Chandy's articles published:

1. "Laws of Nature for Sustainable Environment and Agriculture", published in January 2015 issue of "Agriculture World" published by Krishijagan, Green Park, New Delhi
2. "Vistas in Genetic Engineering and Modifications", Feb. 2015 issue of "Agriculture World", published by Krishijagan, Green Park, New Delhi.
3. "2015- The International Year of Soils", Indian Currents, Feb 2-8, 2015 New Delhi

REQUEST

The Rector of Velankanni Shrine is requesting for the services of a priest for a year from 2015 June. Anyone interested please contact Fr Provincial.

LEFT THE NOVITIATE

Novice **Rijo Johny Manikkath** left the novitiate on 24 February 2015.



GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Br. Geo Pulickal (DEL, 63/42) on 04 Feb. 2015

Sch Johna Karaiba (KHM, 25/06) on 09 Feb. 2015

Emeritus Bishop Thomas Bhalerao of Nashik (PUN, 82/62) on 13 Feb. 2015

Mrs Aliyamma (98), grandmother of Fr Ramlat Mekulathil on 26 Feb. 2015



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

- 02 Thomas Madathiparambil
- 03 Devadoss Mudiappasamy
- 03 Libin Mathew Puthukadath
- 05 Henry Pattarumadathil
- 09 Roy Mathew Thottathil
- 10 Paul Karinganampally
- 12 Saji Arithiyal Puraidam
- 13 Mathew Pampackal
- 14 Augustine Mekunnel
- 17 George Sebastian Vallocheril
- 17 Nibin Vadakkonaparambil
- 18 Bony Moozhiyankal
- 18 Jose Thaiparambil
- 18 Thadeyoos S M
- 21 Adhul Thomas Ulloppillil
- 21 Varghese Anikuzhy
- 22 Sebastian Valiamattam
- 23 Stevenson Maliekal Cheniyara

APRIL

- 01 Dolichan Kollarath
- 04 Gracious Stephen
- 04 Jithin Joseph Puthuparambil
- 08 Aneesh Joseph Manivelil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY



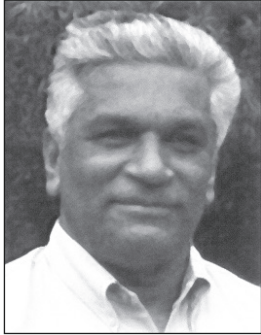
MARCH

- 01 (1990) Mathew Chittilapilly
- 02 (2014) George Aikara
- 03 (1974) James Montanari
- 05 (1989) Chacko Marattukalam
- 06 (1989) Joseph Vergottini
- 06 (2010) Kuruvila Nalpathamkalam
- 14 (1999) Alexander Thannikanirappel
- 24 (2013) Jose Vallanattu

OBITUARY

BR MICHAEL THANNIVELIL, S.J.

(18-06-1947 - 09-02-2015)



During the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr M K George and the funeral rites conducted by His Excellency Varghese Chakkalakal, Bishop of Calicut, many Jesuits were found sobbing and there was a feeling of loss on the faces of many who gathered on the occasion. Br Michael

Thannivelil, the beloved of all in the Province passed away due to liver cancer. Departing from the customary ways of a funeral homily by a single person, there were four shared homilies wherein each one recalled the greatness of Michael. They highlighted his qualities of heart.

Michael was born on 18 June 1947. He entered the Society in 1968. After his Novitiate in Christ Hall, Calicut from 1968 - 70, he did his Juniorate in X T T I, Patna. He took his last Vows in Fr General's Curia in Rome on 2-2-1981 received by Fr Peter Arrupe. He was the secretary at the Regional Assistant's Office in Rome from 1979 to 1984. After a few months of computer training in USA he came back to Kerala and was appointed secretary to the Provincial. He was minister at St Xavier's College and also Christ Hall, Calicut.

"Michaelachan" as he was affectionately called by some Jesuits, took over as the infirmarian of Christ Hall in 2003 and for 11 years he did the job splendidly to the satisfaction of all. In the year 2006 he was diagnosed for multiple myeloma and after chemotherapy and bone marrow replant he appeared good and everyone thought that he was out of danger. Yet the virus remained dormant in him. It made its second appearance affecting his liver and finally succumbed to his death on Monday 9 February at 2.15 a.m. in Nirmala Hospital Marykunnu. In spite of bone cancer eating up his body he devoted his time and energy in taking

care of the sick and old in Christ Hall. Many who needed medical consultation in Nirmala Hospital or MIMS, or Baby Memorial or elsewhere used to approach him and he used to help them. He saw to it that they were all attended to; he saw to it that all those who required medicine were provided with it at the proper time. He used to spend endless hours by the side of the sick Jesuit in hospitals. He had tremendous patience and he did even repulsive jobs like dressing the wounds, removing the excreta, cleaning the bed. Michael was a gem of a person. Sick and old Jesuits felt that there was someone for them and now they will feel the vacuum. He was a soothing, comforting agent and a person of unalloyed compassion. He was a winsome person who gave love and received love.

While I was the Provincial, I had the opportunity to interact with him on many occasions while he was at the wheels. He enjoyed driving especially long driving. Driving was a passion for him. He used to wait for me at the Railway Station or bus stand or Airport to receive me even during odd hours. He was ever willing to oblige. He was a self-sacrificing Jesuit who went about doing good. He had a soft mind and a kind heart. He wanted his helpers to be as devoted as himself while taking care of the sick and old. He knew the angularities and peculiarities of each sick Jesuit under him but he knew how to handle them. His cancer brought him nearer to God and nearer to people. He performed his job with total commitment and extreme devotion.

What matters is not the number of years that one lived but how he lived. In the case of Br Michel they were years of grace for the Province. He left behind a track record of ennobling service and he went about spreading the fragrance all around him. There will be sweet fragrance on the hands of those who handle rose flowers and Br Michael was such a person who passed on rose flowers throughout his life. He was an angel of love. What a glorious life! There is no doubt that he will be received by St Michael at the heavenly portal. Death is not a window that closes, but a door that opens to the light, The Eternal Light. May his soul Rest in Peace.

Joseph Kallepallil

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