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## FROM THE PROVINCIAL

### STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP OF THE PROVINCE

We have a call from Fr. General. A call that was made first in 2012, repeated in 2014 and 2015. It is a call to dream and to strategize. Fr. General wrote:

***“As the issue is our service to mission, we must ensure that we go through a spiritual process that is truly discernment and not an exercise in logistics. Hence, we need to clearly define what counts as mission and guard against the temptation to equate mission with existing activities and institutions. We must ask what the real needs are and if we are addressing them. The Society’s apostolic preferences and the needs of the Conference and the universal Society must be seen as intrinsic to mission. I regret that this wider sense of mission was not the horizon of reflection in the province.”***

We are grateful to my predecessor for initiating the process by creating Vision statements. Now is the time to move to more discernment and strategic planning. With this urgent task on our hand, I have constituted a **Strategic Planning Group with Fr. Binoy Pichalakatt as chairman. Their task is to prepare a tool for discernment which can be used in all our communities so that each community/each institution will go through a process of discernment answering the**

question, whether we are responding to the real needs in tune with the apostolic preferences and needs of the Conference (South Asia) and the universal Society.

**Please support the process and pray for its success.**

*M.K.George SJ*

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### JULY, 2015

- 04 : Governing Body of SERFAC, Chennai
- 07 : Kodencherry
- 11-12 : JEA meeting in LES Trivandrum
- 13-16 : Visitation, Loyola Institutions
- 17-18 : Lay Leaders' training in LES, Trivandrum

## R.I.P

**Sch. Jesno Kandamkeril** passed away on 08 June 2015 in Bangalore. He was buried in Christ Hall Cemetery, Calicut, on 10 June 2015. (See the Obituary on the last page)

**Fr. Paul Palatty** breathed his last on 30 June at 8.05 p.m. at the Nirmala Hospital in the presence of his sister, Sr. Navya, Fr. Vibin, and sisters of Nirmala Hospital. He was buried in Christ Hall Cemetery on 01 July 2015. (Obituary will be given in the next Tidings)

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**BR. K.T. JOSE** is the Brother Nominee from the Province to participate in the JCSA meeting to elect a Brother elector for GC 36. (Apologies for the delayed announcement)

**WELCOME TO THE NOVITIATE!**

The following five young men have joined the novitiate on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June.

1. Amal Babu Pattasseril  
Elanji, Pala Diocese; Ernakulam Dt.
2. Frangle Xavier  
Changa (Aryanad), Neyyattinkara Diocese;  
Trivandrum Dt.
3. Rejoy Johny Chiriyankandath  
Kandanad (Udayamperoor), Ernakulam-  
Angamaly Archdiocese; Ernakulam Dt.
4. Savy George Thazhathuveettil  
Thodupuzha, Kothamangalam Diocese;  
Idukki Dt.
5. Sinesh Karuppallyil,  
Punnakkunnu, Thalassery Archdiocese;  
Kasaragod Dt.

Wish you God's abundant blessings as you begin your life in the Society! Our prayerful accompaniment will always be with you.

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

All the regular activities of both the Boys' school and the Junior school are going on well. Jesuit Alumni Association of Kerala (JAAK) had its executive meeting in which the brochure and the registration forms of the forthcoming zonal Alumni Congress were released by the provincial **Fr M K George**.

Both the schools arranged special seminars and assemblies to mark the Environmental day and Antinarcotics day. The new basket ball court built at the entrance façade of the junior school was inaugurated by Fr Provincial in the presence of specially invited dignitaries. A basketball match was organized between Providence Girls' HSS and St. Michael's Girls' HSS to add colour to the

inaugural function. A training program was organized for the teachers of the Junior school to provide them with knowledge in using digital class rooms.

**Fr Anto Muringathery** conducted a seminar on 'faith formation at home' for the parents of catechism students in the Chevayur Syrian Catholic church.

*Ramlet Thomas*

**ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR**

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the *Pravesanolsavam* to the first standard, a grand programme organized by the PTA and teachers to receive the new kids, was held with pomp and splendour. It began with a colourful gathering and concluded with the distribution of *ladu*. The new academic year had a prayerful beginning with the blessing of all the class rooms.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> a wild life photography exhibition was held in the school and it created awareness among the students about the need to preserve wild life. On June 6<sup>th</sup> a seminar on ecological issues was conducted in the auditorium. A ceremony to honour the distinction holders of SSLC and Plus Two examination was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> June with Rev Sr Vinaya, the Ursuline Provincial, as the chief guest. An interactive programme with the VC of Kannur University, Dr Khader Mangad, was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> June in connection with the Jubilee Celebration of the school. The plus two and high school students participated in the programme. A unit of the DCL was inaugurated by Fr Roy Kannamchira in the same month.

**Rev Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ**, the socius, inaugurated **St Michael's Play-School** in the presence of a large crowd consisting of parents and well wishers on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Fr Sunny was welcomed by a spellbinding *Chenda melam* performance by a UKG student. The dream of starting a Play School was materialized by the meticulous planning and hard work of **Rev Fr Dominic Madathaniyil**, the superior. There was heavy rush for admissions from the day it was announced. Congrats Fr Dominic, you have done well!

*Fr KJ Mathew*

### PRASANTHI, PACHILAKAD

Due to heavy rain and wind, Wayanad experienced widespread damage to crops and properties this month. We were also affected with the power supply disrupted for a few days in Prasanthi. Currently, the weather is quite pleasant though. The first batch of Xavier Training Centre arrived by the end of June. Kudos to Fr. Toby, the vocation promoter, for his hard work that we have thirteen pre novices now from the dioceses of Kanjirapally, Trivandrum, Kothamangalam, Palakad, Ernakulam, Telichery, Vishakapatanam, Kannur, Thrissur and one more will be joining us soon. It was a graceful occasion when **Fr. V.T. Jose**, the superior inaugurated the academic year in the presence of Jesuits from all the three houses in Wayanad. A big thanks to **Sch. Midhun** for helping us out in arranging the house and orienting the newcomers to the Pre-novitiate. We have just started the regular classes. **Fr. Kuriakose** is fully involved in matters of farm in spite of the bad weather. He is also busy cleaning up Prasanthi. **Fr. V. C. George** is away at Hassan, Karnataka, giving a course in English to aspiring nurses. He will be joining the faculty of pre novitiate in a week. While **Fr. Saji** is busy publicizing the family counseling centre, he has a handful of clients to attend to. We were extremely happy to have Fr. Joseph Kallepally for a couple of days with us. As was planned, the construction of a grotto in front of the house is in progress.

*Abdul Thomas*

### S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM

Nirmala Private ITI is organizing a one day Seminar on the “**Role of Technical Education for the Integral Development of our Country**” in August, 2015. The preliminary preparations are on by an Organising Committee consisting of the People of the locality: Mrs. Savithri, the Grama Panchayat President, as its Patron, Mr. Babu.C.K, member of the Kerala ‘*Suchitwa*’ Mission, as the chief advisor and Fr. Mathew Aerthayil as its Chairperson. The Institute conducted a 10-day Intensive Yoga course coinciding with the international Yoga Day, for the people of the locality under the guidance of Yogachariya Fr. Rajesh Punchathalal. There

was enthusiastic response with over 25 people, both men and women attending. Admission has started slowly with 21 students each for four trades—Electrician, Mechanics of Radio and TV, Repair and Maintenance of Light Vehicles, and Architectural Assistant Course. The ITI has hostel facilities for over 20 students.

*Mathew Aerthayil*

### SAMSKRITI, PARIYARAM

The ‘Environment Day’ was celebrated by *Samskriti Sahajeevana Kendram* at Pattuvam by planting hundred saplings with the help of the local unit of **Tarumitra** members and by distributing them to the students of Muthukuda L.P School, who spent a day at the Centre. The unit members accompanied by the Coordinator went from house to house as part of ‘Plant a Tree’ campaign and distributed saplings to 100 families. One unit of KAIROS, the Social work organization of the diocese, at Pilathara, spent one day at the Centre under the guidance of **Fr. Rajesh Jose**. He also gave one day Orientation classes on environment to classes 7 to 12 of Pariyaram Ursuline High School. Samskriti Career Guidance Centre at Pilathara was visited by many more students this year than last year after the + 2 result was out in June, to seek guidance and information about courses and institutions of higher education, thanks to the publicity for the Centre received through the leadership camp and through the Parishes.

*Mathew Aerthayil*

### LOYOLA, ALUVA

June is, arguably, the most significant month in the novitiate. Three very important events took place during this hallowed month, dedicated to the Sacred Heart. First, five energetic and generous young men – **Amal, Frangle, Rejoy, Savy and Sinesh** - reached Loyola on 18<sup>th</sup> to join the novitiate. They began their First Probation on the following day under the able and experienced guidance of **Fr. Jacob Madukakuzy**. Second, perhaps the most beautiful event of the year as far Loyola is concerned, the First Vows of **Amardeep Pittappillil** and **Nibin Manuel Vadakkonaparambil**, took place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup>. Though the customary date of the First Vows



is 21<sup>st</sup> June (feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga), this year we anticipated the feast by one day, and held the functions on 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a sacred, inspiring occasion for all of us. **Fr. Provincial** was the main celebrant at the Eucharistic Celebration. To our immense joy, several of our Jesuit companions, including venerable seniors like Frs. Samuel Rayan, Paul Vadakel and Thomas Anthraper, joined us to thank the Lord and rejoice with the Vowents. Both the young Vowents radiated grace and joy. Hearty and sincere congratulations to you, **Amardeep and Nibin!** May you always find joy, meaning and fulfilment in your life as Jesuits!

The new Juniors left for Vidyaniketan, the Juniorate on 24<sup>th</sup>. They were given an affectionate send off by the Community. (And this is the third most important event of the month)

There were other significant events, too. All of us novices had our annual retreat at Sameeksha in the first week of June. **Fr. Jacob Kumminiyil** graciously led us through this spiritual journey. We are deeply grateful to Fr. Kumminiyil for his ready availability and gentle and effective guidance. After the retreat we returned to Loyola with renewed zeal and vigour, and immediately started serious work to prepare the House for the Vows Day and to welcome the new first years. We, the new second years started our parish ministries on 14<sup>th</sup> with much excitement and enthusiasm. On 15<sup>th</sup> we had our long-awaited community picnic. We visited Ezhattumukham, Sampaloor, Cherai Beach and St. Thomas Church, Kottakkav, Paravoor.

Meanwhile Loyola house and campus underwent the second phase of repairs and maintenance under the efficient direction of **Fr Sanil**. A sizable part of the compound wall was rebuilt; some urgent repair works in the new block, too, were completed. Fr. Sanil has now become a construction expert and it looks he will soon find himself a member of the elite Construction Committee of the Province!

*Nithin & Vysakh*

### **SAMEEKSHA, KALADY**

**Sebastian Painadath** conducted three seminars for inter-religious groups on Harmony of Religions, Meister Eckhart and the Upanishads. On the invitation of the Mission Secretariat of

the German Bishops' Conference he presented a paper on "The Reception of Vatican II in Indian Church" at the National Seminar at Wuerzburg. He also gave an initiation to Contemplative Prayer for the first year theologians of the Mary Matha Seminary, Trichur. **Antu Xavier** helped the Tollins International School, Malayattoor, to get started with the vision of the integral growth of the students. As a token of gratitude for his valuable headship, the Tollins International School organized a grant farewell meeting for Antu. Thirty six elected AICUF members, from nine different colleges of the Ernakulam Zone, took part in the two-day long zonal election camp at Sameeksha. **Fr. George** Nedungatt was invited to take part in the diocesan closing ceremony of the beatification process of Msgr. Joseph C. Panjikaran, the founder of MSJ Congregation. Fr. Nedungatt presented the report of the procedure at the Cathedral church in Kothamangalam. **Fr. Joseph Pulickal** joined the Sameeksha community and Dollychan is with us, working in the library to consolidate the gathered data for his research studies.

**Fr. Toby** and the entire Atmamitra team extended their services to St. Vincent's Colony Institutions interacting with the students, teachers and parents. They also had similar programmes in Bethany Ashram High School, Cherukulanji near Ranni and in Koodalappad parish. Fr. Toby also reached out to the Minor Seminarians of Ernakulam Arch Diocese. He gave orientation programmes for students and parents at St. Mary's School, Pulpally and at De Paul School, Kalpetta. Our team held a Book Exhibition-cum-sale at Loyola School Trivandrum, which was a big success. Atmamitra team gratefully acknowledges the Loyola community and very specially our school men under the guidance of **Fr. Polson** for all their assistance.

A hectic preparation, headed by **Fr. Sabu Malayil**, is on to convene a two-day state level consultation on work with Migrants at Sameeksha.

*Xavier Tharamel*

### **A.K.J.M./SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPPALLY**

This year A.K.J.M. school reopened with a new surge of energy and enthusiasm. The Society

has infused young blood at the helm of affairs of the school. **Fr. Salvin** is working strenuously to salvage the lost glory of the school. He has already managed to get the unstinted support of all the members of the staff and the parents so as to elevate the school to its pristine glory. **Fr. Sooraj** has managed to create a rapport with all the H.S.S. students. Sch. Sharath coordinates the various extracurricular activities and tries to improve the standard of English in the School.

Since the fee was hiked last December to meet the additional expenses incurred on the school, a sizable number of students have sought admission elsewhere in the aided schools. The Plus One admission is not as encouraging as we would have liked. With concerted effort and tactical moves, we are hopeful of getting sufficient number of students.

A colorful *Pravesana Utsavam* was organized to welcome the students in the new academic year. The Environmental Day was conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> June with various activities. The Award Day was organized to felicitate the full A+ holders and the class toppers. The chief guest of the day, **Dr N. Jayaraj**, the local M.L.A. congratulated the students and the teachers and encouraged them to strive for excellence. The great services of the former Headmaster **Mr. P.M.Mathew** and the former Principal **Fr Ramlat S.J.** were acknowledged and appreciated during this programme. This year the school parliament election was conducted through electronic voting device. The first PTA meeting of this year was conducted with half day seminar on "Effective Parenting". The parents' support to the new initiatives of the school is an encouraging experience to both the management and the teachers. A week long *Vayanavaaram* was organized with many activities and a special talk by poet Prof. M.G.Chandrasekharan. Rev. Fr Mathew M. Chalil, Managing Editor of *Deepika* inaugurated a book fair in association with the *Vayanavaaram*. Mr. P. I. Shameer, the President of Kanjirappally Panchayat inaugurated the activities of various clubs. The International Yoga day was also celebrated in the school with a special demonstration of Yoga. The construction of the new building is steadily progressing under the

supervision of **Fr Augustine Mekkunnel**.

Fr P.T. Mathew made his retreat at Samanvaya and opined that the Jesuit house has a charm of its own. **Fr K.C. Thomas** attended the priests' Conference at Sehion Retreat Centre, Attappady.

*Sharath Babu George*

## LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

Loyola School campus hosted **LA Fest**, one of the largest inter-school arts and cultural festivals in the city. Right from the design and execution of the website of La Fest 2014 to arranging the light and sound systems, the higher secondary school students of Loyola ran the show. Participants from 19 schools in the city were drawn to the festival. **Fr Toby** conducted orientation programmes for the teaching staff, high school and higher secondary students of Loyola. "Prefect System" was introduced for the first time in the School. **Fr Kalleppallil**, the new member of the community, took charge as the treasurer of the school and in-charge of the construction of the new school building. Loyola College celebrated the World Environment day and **Fr Rajesh Punchathalakkal**, S.J. delivered the message and recited a poem of his own for the Earth day. Fr M.K. George, Provincial, flagged off the campaign initiated by the students of the college for the awareness on the protection of environment and handing over a sapling to the shop keepers of Sreekariyam. Kerala Child Rights Observatory of LES initiated the campaign against child labour by putting up a huge sand sculpture at Sanghumugam beach and Loyola college students and Childline workers **pledged "No to child labour and Yes to quality Education"**. It was inaugurated by honourable Sobha Koshy, chairperson of the Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and **Fr Joye James** delivered the keynote address. 'Vayomithram', a project for the care of the elderly initiated by the Kerala Social Security Mission (KSSM) organised the WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY on June 15 at Loyola College. The department of Sociology organised a three day international seminar on organic farming at Loyola College. Fr Toby conducted one day training for the students of Loyola College. **Fr P.S. Antony**

taught folk songs for the students of the college and interacted with them. For the first time Rohith a student of Loyola school joined the Pre-Novitiate. He is the son of Dr Saji, HOD of Sociology in the college. Two-day training on strategic planning was organised at LES by the Kerala JESA. The national JESA secretary **Fr Sanny Bhai** and Fr Provincial were present for the training. Fr Joye James guided the training. A State Level two-day orientation programme was organised by Kerala Child Rights Observatory of LES for various partner organisations in the State.

*Saji Joseph*

### **ST. XAVIER'S, TRIVANDRUM**

St. Xavier's reverberates in a new found vitality and youthfulness with the arrival of a much awaited new Team with **Fr. Pious Vachaparambil** as Rector and Manger, **Fr. Jose Pulinthanath**, Director of Xavier Institute of Management and **Fr. Biju Vadakumchery**, Bursar and Minister. The new comers took over their respective responsibilities from **Fr. Benny Chiramel** and **Fr. V. T. Jose**. Notwithstanding his busy schedule at Anjengo and many other active involvements with JESA, Fr. Benny generously took upon himself the cause of St. Xavier's for more than one and half years with élan and vivacity. The highlight of his tenure was the bold and spirited leadership that he gave to the Golden jubilee celebrations of SXC, making it a mega event. His pep talks made us dream big and venture into unknown terrains. Likewise, Fr. V.T. Jose, as has been his proven nature, well exemplified on many occasions, guarded the Finance Department of SXC with alacrity, while never dropping a single drop of water from his age old frugality. His impeccable book keeping and almost immaculate attention to the minute needs of the community, as our minister, will be long cherished and, to be fair, even badly missed. As they both leave for taking up their new mission, St. Xavier's Community feels deeply indebted to both of them for what they have been for the community. Thank you very much dear fathers.

With a view to cement the ties and know each other better as companions on the same mission, we had a very fruitful community animation on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June under the dynamic and experienced

leadership of **Fr. Joseph Pulickal**. This was a wonderful occasion to clarify and reaffirm our mission and to set our objectives prioritized for the next year in particular.

The new team along with the old timers has already swung into action and the changes in the campus render a testimony to their imagination and toil. Both SXC and XIM have a colourful look as they have been painted and necessary repairs are attended to. Our campus has a face lift with the construction of the new imposing gate which is a gift from Kerala Cricket Association at the western side overlooking the Arabian Sea.

Fr. Rector is effectively managing the rush for the Management quota admissions with his quintessential pleasantries. He ensures that no one goes away dejected and depressed even though he is unable to accommodate their needs. The community is making an all-out attempt to solve some of our pressing problems like the regularization of the courses. Apart from our efforts, to this cause, we had a nine day novena to Mother Mary and we earnestly solicit your valuable prayers too.

St. Xavier's was much relieved to receive a favourable court verdict in an ongoing case against the college PTA. Almost a decade long case took a new momentum when **Fr. Dasappan**, at the behest of the community, shouldered the responsibility single handedly and roped in none other than Dr. Sebastian Paul to fight our case out in the court. We are happy that the position of the college stands vindicated though it came after a tedious legal procedure.

Kudos to Fr. Dasappan our new litigation man.

*Dominic Palakeel*

### **VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM**

During my one month stay and work in VIETNAM, a special feature was my visits to the families of some Scholastics -- all wholesome and happy Catholic families! After a couple of farewell parties, on JUNE 19, after full-morning classes, I left in the afternoon, spent three hours at the home of friends in SINGAPORE and finally arrived in COCHIN a little after midnight. Loyola Old Boy, **Jimmy Antony** (Batch 1969, of my Regency



days), who is well known to a number of Kerala Jesuits, welcomed me and dropped me at our Novitiate where **Fr Jose Jacob** warmly welcomed me. I was happy to meet our **Provincial** and a good many others who had come for the FIRST VOWS of **Amardeep** and **Nibin**. The next morning, after MASS in Infant Jesus Parish, I met many old friends. Then a group of Loyola Old Boys came together for lunch at Jimmy's home. Jimmy brought me all the way to TRIVANDRUM in his car. We met some more "old" Old Boys and I arrived here in VIDYANIKETAN. I was particularly happy to meet old friend **Archbishop Soosa Pakiam** at a function in MARIANAD. Here we are 24 Juniors (including 2 from DUMKA), **Br George Vattukulam** and I of KERALA, and 4 Fathers from the other Southern Provinces. All were in by the 24th. The new academic year began on the 25th, my 75th Birthday. **Fr Toby** conducted a very lively and fruitful Orientation Programme with Group Dynamics. **Amardeep's** 21st Birthday was celebrated in style on the 28th. That evening, after celebrating MASS in St Anne's Parish, PETTAH, I met many old friends, including a classmate in St Joseph's, TIRUCHI. St Xavier's campus is looking beautiful and its Cricket stadium marvellous! During the day we can hear the calls of the peacocks. During the night we listen to and enjoy the music of the waves!

*John FJ Manipadam*

### **AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM**

AICUF is in the process of selecting a new state team for the academic year and the elections at the unit and zonal level are getting over. **Fr. Babu Paul** has been visiting the colleges meeting principals and animators. He participated in the Two day seminar held at POC Ernakulam on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> on Migrant laborers and our response to their issues. He was present for the election camps of Trichur and Ernakulam zone held on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> respectively. Fr. Babu Paul gave half day seminar for the parents of St. Mary's school on 20<sup>th</sup> at the center. **Fr. George Sebastian** has addressed the resource leaders of All Kerala Malankara Orthodox Church at Kottayam on Christian response to Media Culture. He organized a movie video production workshop for a group of

NRI people at Chenganassery. Fr. George has conducted a seminar on Meaning of Education in a Media culture for the teachers of Kannur diocese and a seminar for the parents at Trikaripur.

*Babu Paul*

### **ASHA KIRAN, MANGALORE**

With lots of joy and hope we came back to Asha Kiran along with Scholastics Joy and Libin, new members our community. We had our community orientation with Fr. Prashanth Sequeira (KAR). He thrilled us with many games and some reflective inputs. Then came the much awaited Mangalore darshan which we thoroughly enjoyed. We bade farewell to our outgoing superior, Fr. Joseph D'Souza with a lot of sadness. But our sadness did not last long as our new superior, Fr. Ivan Mendonca is also very affectionate and kind towards us. In the last week of June we had a 2-day retreat conducted for the catholic students of our college for which we were volunteers. Now all of us are comfortably settled into studies and the various activities both in the college and in the community.

*Jomon C.M.*

### **ARRUPE NIVAS, BENGALURU**

As per TV news Kerala almost drowned in the monsoon rains, when schools reopened at the beginning of June. We, however, had dry cool weather in Bengaluru. Classes for the first year undergraduates commenced on 8th June. We were almost frozen stiff when we heard of the demise of Sch Jesno, on the same day (8th June). We are still coming to grips with our loss, even as we believe Jesno is smiling at us from above.

At Arrupe Nivas, Bengaluru there are 9 priests and 6 scholastics including a SVD priest. It is the first time that scholastics from Kerala have come to reside in Arrupe Nivas for undergraduate studies. Fr Brian Pereira is our Rector and Fr Clarence D'souza accompanies us in our formation, as minister of the scholastics.

On 21st June we went to Mount St Joseph to witness the first vows of 10 scholastics of Karnataka province. Fr C J Joseph and Sch Athul visited us at the end of their pre- novitiate directors' meeting at ISI, Bengaluru. Hectic days of intense

study, reference work and seminars lie ahead. In case you dream of us, pray a Hail Mary in silence for all of us. Wish you plentiful rains!

*Anja Thomas*

### SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

Satya Nilayam began yet another Academic Year on 15 June with the Mass of the Holy Spirit presided over by Most Rev. Francis Serrao, SJ, Bishop of the diocese of Shimoga, north Karnataka. Being the year of the Consecrated Life in the Church, Bishop Frankie, as he is affectionately called, gave an inspiring address on the "Graces and Challenges of Consecrated Life Today."

Prior to the formal commencement, we had two days of orientation mainly aimed at introducing the 37 newcomers to the life of the community. With 44 second years the scholastic are a total of 81 in number. An orientation to the philosophical studies was organized for the first years by Frs. Vinod and Robin. The Province group was happy to welcome Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikattu along with a Staff member from the Pius X ITI, Edathua. They stayed with us as they came to participate in the training programme organized by CTI, Chennai.

*Rosan Roy*

### SATYA NILAYAM STAFF COLLOQUIUM AT PACHILAKAD

The Staff members of Satya Nilayam, Chennai, are grateful to the Kerala Province and specially the Jesuits at Pachilakad for warmly welcoming us and providing a wonderful ambience to conduct our annual Staff Colloquium which took place from June 5-9. It is customary for us, Staff of Satya Nilayam, to gather for a few days to plan for the year before we begin the Academic Year. The wonderful facility at Pachilakad was quite suitable to us. Earlier we stopped over at Christ Hall for half day before we proceeded to Waynad. All the Staff Members are grateful specially to **Fr Rachans**, **Fr Saji** and **Fr Kuriakose** for looking into every detail so that we had a pleasant stay. Our visit to Tudi and the Jesuit Community was made memorable by the programme organized by the students of the newly inaugurated Tribal Hostel and we joined them for a fellowship meal. We express

our gratitude to all the Jesuits at Sarvodaya School, Eachome.

*E.P.Mathew*

### OURS IN PUBLICATION

#### Fr. K.T. Chandy:

1. "Household Economy of a Farmer in India" in *Agriculture World*, May, 2015.
2. "Paradoxes Most Puzzling" in *Indian Currents*, June 1-7, 2015
3. "Drawing Poverty Line" in *Indian Currents*, June 22-28, 2015

#### Sebastian Painadath:

'Flexible Communities of Spiritual Seekers', (what we can learn from Buddhism and Hinduism for renewing the forms of consecrated life today) in *Jeevadhara*, May 2015, pp. 57-74

#### Fr. Malpan's:

First book in Malayalam, "*Sravikkunna Hrudayam*", is re-edited at the request of his Cousin Brother (priest) of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese. Please contact Fr. Malpan for copies.



**Fr. Rienhold Kiess**\_(GOA ) 76/56, on 24 June 2015 at Xavier Training College, Desur, Belgaum.

**Fr Prasad Gonsalves** (GUJ) 62/46 on 24 June 2015

**Captain Jose Parakal** (72), brother-in-law of Fr John FJ Manipadam, on 29 June 2015



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

### JULY

- 16 Sunny Padinjarevarikattu
- 21 Sharat Nellinilkumthadathil
- 23 Antony P. S
- 23 Samuel Rayan
- 24 Shibu Malekunel
- 24 Jose Pittappillil



25 Albin Paul Namattathil  
 25 Mathew Aerthayil  
 26 Francis Paracka  
 27 Ivin Tomy Thottappallil  
 28 Salvin Kachirayil  
 28 Stephen Chundanthadam

## AUGUST

01 Mathew Kaniyamparambil  
 03 Joseph Jose Kadankavil  
 03 Joseph Thakadiyel  
 07 Saji Kandassankunnel  
 08 George R Kandathil  
 08 Sabu George Malayil  
 09 Rephin Kamal

## IN CHRIST WITH GLORY



## JULY

03 (2007) Joseph Mekat  
 08 (1982) Antony Ponvelil  
 14 (1971) William Lonardi  
 14 (1996) John Paliathil  
 16 (2008) Stephen Chethipuzha  
 26 (1984) Joseph Pallithanam  
 26 (2005) Lazarus Edattel  
 27 (2011) Philip Panjikaran  
 28 (1978) Paul Kunnunkal

## OBITUARY

### SCH. JESNO KANDAMKERIL (1992-2015)

When I think of the short life of Sch. Jesno I am immediately reminded of the verse from the Poem 'The Noble Nature' by Ben Jonson:

"A lily of a day  
 Is fairer far in May,  
 Although it fall and die that night—  
 It was the plant and flower of light.  
 In small proportions we just beauties see;  
 And in short measures life may perfect be."



It is not the long or short life that matters but how one has lived his life that matters most. Like the lily which has a day's span and yet spreads its beauty and delight in a short period, so was the life of Jesno filled with beauty and delight. It was a noble life in all its measures.

I do not know whether Jesno was conscious that his end was very close. But certainly his spirit knew. Before he came back to Bangalore from Kerala after his summer holidays, he visited all the houses of his batch mates. When he met his companion Jithin's parents he seems to have said, "Who knows whether I will be able to visit you next! That's why I made it this time." Just on the previous day of his death, he spent time in the night with his companions Jithin and Nikhil in their rooms talking to them before he went to bed. He would not go away in spite of their gentle reminders until it was midnight. Companions recalled later that it was quite unusual of them to stay awake that long and they did it only because Jesno insisted. Jesno relaxed and enjoyed a lot by watching movies and movie trailers. Believe it or not Jesno did watch a movie in a theatre on the last day of his life since it was a holiday for the college. As Jesno came back from the movie he met Sch. Joel who was going to the market and Jesno expressed his desire to accompany him, which again was quite unusual. In the market Jesno seems to have told Joel that he was feeling very tired and wanted some Juice to drink. Jesno's wish was granted and he had his last glass of sweet juice to quench his heart's desire. That was not all. In the evening he went to his companions' rooms and insisted that they came for the game that day. Before the game began Jesno seems to have spoken about the soles of his new shoes that were not good and desired to change the sole. It was perhaps unusual that day to see most of the scholastics and Fr. Rector being present for the basketball game.

It was not even ten minutes since the game began we saw Jesno collapsing. We hardly had any clue to what was happening to him. We saw him trying to sit down in the middle of the basketball court and then immediately moving outside. Before he was fully outside the court, Jesno was on the ground. Jesno had gone unconscious. All of us flung into action to revive Jesno. As there was no sign of revival, we rushed him immediately to the nearby

Mallya Hospital. The doctors after examining him declared that he had a massive cardiac arrest and had died immediately after few minutes of his fall. The doctor added that persons with cardiac arrests cannot survive beyond three minutes. It was a shockwave to know that Jesno was no more. More difficult was to come to terms with the loss of Jesno as he was such a young Scholastic. Perhaps still more difficult was the task to communicate the tragedy to his near and dear ones. Yet we had to accept what had happened and submit ourselves to the design of God.

Jesno lived a short life and yet it was a life lived in fullness. There were some beautiful qualities which made his life outstanding.

1. **Jesno was a happy person:** Introducing and welcoming Jesno two years back when he came to Inigo Sadan Community I still remember the words I spoke about him, "Jesno is a happy soul." This was my experience within few days of his arrival to the community and now after two years of his stay at Inigo Sadan I am very much confirmed that he was a happy person. Not only me, I heard many, in fact all in the community had these as their first words to describe Jesno. Indeed he was happy and delightful. He was more delighted in the little things he saw or did.
2. **Jesno was a gentle person:** Gentleness was another hallmark of his life. His gentleness won him much praise. Whether I was relaxed or stressed, busy or free Jesno would not mind, but approach me gently and start his conversation. I saw him relating in this way not only to me but with all the community members as well. Jesno would go out of his way to make a new community member feel at home in the community. To a new scholastic he would put his hands on his shoulder and make him feel loved and cared for. Jesno touched the lives of many with his gentle touch.
3. **Jesno was a free person:** Though Jesno had lost his father when he was very young and his mother had a second marriage he never showed that he lacked love and affection. Perhaps his grandma must have made up for everything

since she took care of him until he joined the Society of Jesus. Jesno had more to give than to receive in terms love and affection. Jesno was a free person in relating to people. He had no inhibition in approaching people. Even about his future he was hardly ever anxious. He was a relaxed person. Sometimes I wished that I could relax like him sitting in front of the computer and just browsing the net, without being attached to anything in particular.

4. **Jesno was a kind person:** Kindness was another beautiful quality radiating from Jesno. He would reach out to those who were in need. I was greatly touched to hear when Sch. Wilson, regent in the community, recalled that though Jesno did not know him, when he was recuperating after his knee surgery in the neighboring Jesuit community he visited him and spent a long time with him empathizing with him. Often I have heard Jesno speaking kind and positive words about others.
5. **Jesno was a good Jesuit:** Jesno had all the qualities of a good Jesuit. In his simplicity, gentleness and kindness he radiated his Jesuit character. He was profound in his thoughts. He committed himself to studies and extensive reading. He had a kind heart for the poor. His was a resilient life and could withstand lot of difficulties. Jesno showed great devotion and eagerness in prayer and daily Eucharist.

After some days of Jesno's death when we met together as a community, all shared the loss of Jesno in the Community, especially, the shock and grief by the suddenness of it all. Even in the midst of the sadness what stood out was the positive imprint left by Jesno on everyone through his simplicity, gentleness, kindness and a happy life. Truly it is our loss and heaven's gain. We could only console ourselves that we have a powerful intercessor in heaven in the person of Jesno. A short life and yet so beautiful and noble.

Jesno, we miss you, a man of heart. May your soul rest in peace.

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