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FROM THE PROVINCIAL

A LEARNED APPROACH TO JESUIT MINISTRIES

The just concluded JCSA meeting in Hyderabad discussed at length the importance of a learned approach in all Jesuit Ministries. The deliberations highlighted the fact that GC 34 and the letters of Fr. Adolfo Nicolás have exploded the myth that intellectual apostolate is reserved to some select people. Whatever be the field of a Jesuit, his should be a 'learned ministry'. A large number of suggestions emerged. We need to sustain our intellectuals, make them visible and create a forum for sharing their experiences. Conscious efforts should be made to build an intellectual temper in the scholastics through 'nurseries' (workshops) as done in the Kohima Region. The Intellectuals in India face a very hostile environment and we need to take daring steps to create an environment of intellectual growth through reading, reflection, writing and involvement with people.

All through the discussions the face of **Fr. George Nedungatt** kept coming up in my mind. Already in his eighties and physically weak (he walks with two sticks), he is on the first floor of the Sameeksha library, reading, reflecting and writing every morning after breakfast till late evening, day in and day out, tired or fresh, in rain or sun. He is an amazing model of the intellectual temper, rigour and commitment we want to build in the Province.

Let us regain and strengthen our intellectual temper and contribute to the humanisation of the Knowledge Society in which we live.

M.K.George SJ

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

March 2016

- 06 Superiors' & Consultors' meeting
- 07 Consult
- 08-10 Visitation of Christ Hall
- 11-13 Budget Meeting
- 16 ICTA, Kalamassery
- 19 Loyola, Aluva
- 20 Thrissur : Arnos Padiri Academy
- 21 Pre-Novitiate, Pachilakad
- 22-30 Personal Retreat (in Kalpetta)

April 2016

- 01 Curia Meeting
- 02 Finance Committee Meeting

TRANSFERS & ASSIGNMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Augustine Kallunkal: St Xavier's., Trivandrum

Fr Sooraj Dominic: St Joseph's, Calicut

Fr Manesh Jerald: St Peter's Church, Anjengo

Sch. Adhul Thomas: Theology

Sch. Gijo John: Theology
Sch. Jose Pittappillil: Theology
Sch. Sharath Babu George: Theology
Sch. Stevenson Paul: M.Sc. (Maths)
Sch. Jenophine Joseph: Regency
Sch. Rosan Roy: Regency
Sch. Amal Karithadathil: Philosophy
Sch. Anil Pathikkal: Philosophy
Sch. Jithin Puthuparambil: Philosophy
Sch. Nikhil Paruvananickal: Philosophy
Sch. Amardeep Pittappillil: College studies
Sch. Nibin Vadakkonaparambil: College studies

PROVINCE COMMON HOLIDAYS

We have the Province Common Holidays from 13 to 19 May 2016. All of ours are welcome to come and relax at Pachilakad.

ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Schs. Rubil Martin Mampuzhackal and **Sheise Thomas Porunnakottu**, along with 36 Jesuit scholastics from various parts of India, were ordained deacons, on 20 February 2016 in Delhi, by Archbishop **Most Rev. Anil J.T. Couto** of Delhi Archdiocese. Congratulations Deacons!

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

Christ Hall community witnessed a flurry of activity last month. Christuraja A.L.P. School had its 73rd Annual Day Celebration on 5 February. A variety of entertainment programmes put up by students were well appreciated by all. Hats off to **Fr. Reji Kunnatheth** for the meticulous planning and execution of the event! On 6 February parish council members of our Christ the King Church were invited for a get-together in Christ Hall. They expressed their appreciation for the invaluable services our fathers are rendering to the parish. Christ Hall community had its picnic to Pachilakad and Eachome on 8. The first death anniversary of **Br. Michael Thannivelil** was attended by his family members and Jesuits on 9 February. **Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil** presided over the

memorial Mass and **Fr. Anto Muringathery** gave a touching homily. A meeting of the superiors of north region was held on 13 February, attended by five superiors of this region. On the following day all the JECI co-ordinators of the Province gathered here for a meeting. Christuraja A.L.P.School, in collaboration with Moozhickal Residence Association, conducted a Corner PTA Meeting. Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil was the main resource person. He gave a highly appreciated talk on parenting. On 18 February **Fr. Jacob Karthanam** and **Fr Paul Vadakel** joined our community.

Stevenson Paul

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

Boys' School: The HSS is getting ready with preparations for annual public examinations of SSLC, Plus One and Plus Two. The staff of the school went on a picnic to Nilambur to celebrate their togetherness. Preparations are on to start the work of the new school building.

ICSE School: In the ICSE School, this year's Annual School Day celebrations were organised in an impressive manner under the title '*navarasa*'. Dr. M. N. Karassery, a renowned author and critique of our times, was the main speaker on the occasion. **Fr Anto Muringathery**, the manager of the school, was the chief guest of the day. Another great event in the school was the visit of the coaches and members of the Brazilian football club who played in the Nagjee tournament at Calicut. They paid a friendly visit to our school and interacted with our budding football players while all the media rushed in to give a big coverage of this rarest event. Our outgoing students were given a grand send off party at the end of their model examinations and remedial coaching. The function was enriched by the presence of **Fr Provincial** who blessed all of them individually before they begin the exams on 29th of February. As a culmination of all our club activities, a spectacular exhibition was conducted under the auspices of the SUPW (Socially Useful And Productive Work) and the various clubs. We are happy to welcome **Fr Sooraj Kochuparambil** who joined our community on 24 February.

Ramlet Thomas

ST. MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

St. Michael's Pre-primary School had the Annual Day Celebration on Thursday, 4 February

2016 in the School Auditorium. Rev. Sr. Vinaya UMI, Provincial Superior, Ursuline convent, Payyambalam was the chief guest.

K.J Mathew

SAMSKRITI, PARIYARAM

Sanskriti Career Guidance Centre at Pilathara has taken the new step of making Aptitude Test available in our Centre for students of secondary school. Aptitude Test prepared in Malayalam by **Fr. Mathew Aerthayil**, first in Malabar and probably in Kerala (English version is available in some places) was inaugurated on 26 February 2016 by the Cheruthazham Panchayat President in a meeting chaired by Monsignor Clarence Paliath, Principal of St. Joseph's College, Pilathara. The test can help students scientifically identify their learning aptitudes, and thus specify their areas of study and courses for higher education and Career Guidance can be given more effectively. There was also a combined meeting of JECI representatives and the Advisory Council of Sanskriti soon after the function.

About 600 students visited Sanskriti Sahajeevana Kendram (SSK) at Pattuvam for the one-day exposure programme during the month of February. Students of 8th to 12th classes of Government H.S.S. Malom, Kasargod, had a camp of three days at the Centre. Syro-Malabar priests of Taliparamba Forane spent one evening for their monthly recollection, and the staff of Kairos, the Social work agency of Kannur diocese, had a one-day planning meeting at the Centre. Green Vein Community, an environmental group had a meeting at the Centre to explore the possibility of their collaboration with SSKM. Tarumitra local group had a 'Clean Pattuvam Drive' in collaboration with local people. **Fr. Rajesh Jose** has initiated a new batch of people for yoga and has given an interview to 'Snehasena' regarding SSK. The visit of eminent Jesuits including **Frs. Joe Thayil, Joseph Chittoopambil, Brs. K.T. Jose** and **Sebastian Valiyamattam** was really encouraging for us.

S.M. FARM

Fr. Jacob Karthanam left for Christ Hall after spending 11 years at S.M. Farm. We wish him good health and a comfortable stay at Christ Hall.

Fr. Joe Mathew had an angioplasty all of a sudden in Nirmala Hospital, Calicut, in the beginning of February, after he experienced slight chest pain on the previous day. He is now back and fully active. He organized a strategic planning meeting at ITI to plan for the next one year and for five years down the line. The meeting was well represented by Jesuits from the community, JECI members, Alumni, teachers and students representatives. Nirmala ITI has started a tie up with Honda two-wheeler Company for campus interviews for those who passed out and for job training for the students in their dealer shop at Thaliparamba.

Mathew Aerthayil

LOYOLA, ALUVA

On 2 February we had a special zonal gathering of ours to celebrate the 75th birthday and the golden jubilee of the Jesuit life of **Fr. E.J. Thomas**. We had a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. E.J., followed by a typical Jesuit dinner. A man of Fr. E.J.'s stature certainly deserved a much more grand celebration, but E.J Achan insisted that the celebrations be kept simple. All the Jesuits of the Zone made it a point to attend the function, and E.J Achan was duly honoured. May E.J. Achan continue to be a blessing to all of us! A beautiful and creative painting of the *La Storta Experince* by our revered artist **Fr. Roy Thottam** was formally unveiled by the Jubilarian and installed in our refectory. Thank you very much, dear Roychan!

Fr. Binu Michael, an attached member of our community, successfully completed his year-long pastoral involvement in Asokapuram parish, and left for St. Xavier's Trivandrum on 4 February to take up his new assignment there. We wish Fr. Binu all the best in his future ministries! **Fr. Sunny Padinjarevarikatt**, who was with us for two months following a bike accident, returned to his community at Edathua on 20 February. Thank you very much, Sunny Achan, for your lively company and for the generous supply of sweets & fruits (provided by the relatives, friends & well-wishers who kept on visiting the patient)!

Taking inspiration, perhaps, from Fr. Sunny, **Fr. Sanil**, our beloved Socius, too has decided to confine himself to his room for a few weeks! He got his left foot fractured during a basketball game. Sanil Achan continues to be active even in

his confinement, and runs the House as efficiently, well almost, as he always does.

We, the novices, were privileged to have a week-long intensive *Interactive Course in English* by **Jeevan Prabhu** of the Karnataka Province. The course has enabled us to make a quantum leap in our command over the English language. We are deeply grateful to Fr. Jeevan.

Fr Jacob Madukazkuzhy was away in Wayanad for a week, guiding the pre-novices through their discernment retreat. Now he is taking a special course on *Religious Vows* for the 2nd Years. **Fr Santhosh** is back in the community after attending a meeting of Vocation Promoters and Pre-novitiate Directors in Secunderabad. Right now he is very busy with vocation promotion work.

Christy J.P & Savy George

SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY

Dr. Preethi Santhosh, the former H.O.D. of Fine Arts at the University of Sanskrit, gave an excellent talk on "Towards an Indian Music Spirituality" at Sameeksha as part of the Dharmasameeksha. **Fr. Kurien Kunnumpuram** gave sessions on Ecclesiology and Sacraments for the *Jnansameeksha* students. The second of *Dhyanasameeksha* (Ignatian Guided Retreat for the laity) series guided by **Fr. M.J. Thomas** was much appreciated by the participants. Mr. Bernard Kilroy, Mrs. Linda Maud Matley and Miss. Jennifer O' Brien from England stayed with us at Sameeksha. *Malayala Aikyavedi*, the Ernakulam Zone AICUF and the Jesus Youth TASK team organized their events at Sameeksha.

Fr. Toby was featured in *Sathyadeepam* through an invited article for students on preparation for examinations. Atmamitra team gave two Basic NLP programmes of five days each at Sameeksha and another one at Sacred Heart Generalate, Kottayam. They conducted also a Youth Animators' Training Programme at Sameeksha, Kalady. All the programmes had a participation of about 35 people and the programmes at Sameeksha saw a good blend of trainers, counsellors and teachers from all major communities. The groups appreciated the programmes and clearly lived the interreligious

spirit of Sameeksha. The programmes helped us with a book sale of about Rs. one lakh and a few more subscriptions of Ezhuthu magazine.

Toby Kozhuppakalm

LUMEN/JYOTHIS, KOCHI

Fr. Adappur organized the Newman Association monthly discussion on 'Astrology and Astronomy: Are they convergent or divergent?' Jaykrishnan Variar exposed the views on astrology stating that there is scientific foundation for astrology while the predictions are ill-affected due to lack of scientific knowledge of the practitioners. Papputy Master, retired HOD of Physics from Govt. Madappally College, Kozhikode, systematically explained the scientific foundations of Indian astronomy throwing lights on its historical development. He also showed clearly how astrologers have made it a means for their livelihood. The discussion was lively while some participants narrated their stories of astrological predictions worked in personal situations. **Fr. Binoy Pichalakatt** efficiently moderated the session giving a focus and orientation to the session.

Fr. M.J. Thomas guided the Province Chapter of the Benedictines at Makkiyad, Wayanad. He was invited for a second time as he was found very effective. **Fr. Roy Thottam** delivered the keynote address in "SRISHTTI 2016," the creative day workshop for Capuchins held at St. Antony's Friary, Tillery, Kollam. His talk on "The Role of Art in Religious Life" was highly appreciated. **Fr. Mathew Nampiarambil** was a special guest invited to St. Aloysius College, Edathua on the occasion of the Annual Day and the retirement of some staff members who were associates with him during his term of principalship. **Fr. Shin** was one of the most admired priests at Pallikkunnu during the feast there. He gave the Lenten recollection talk to the priests of Palarivattom Forane under Verapoly Archdiocese. **Fr. Vincent Pereppadan** addressed various school assemblies. He conducted orientation programmes for students and was the guest speaker in the Annual Day programmes of two schools. **Fr. Abraham Pallivathukal** was

hospitalized for three days because of urinary blocks. He may have to undergo a surgery for prostrate on a later date. He is back home after medical examinations.

When the academic year comes to a close, Sneha Sena has fared with an average circulation of 1,24,000 copies while Tik-Tik Life had an annual average circulation of 14,000 copies. The highest were 1,29,000 and 17,000 copies respectively.

As a follow-up to the core group meeting, a consultative meeting was held in the Peace Institute in view of planning and launching its various activities in the near future which includes setting up of peace clubs in our schools and colleges, certificate/diploma programmes in peace studies and international relations, seminars and symposiums in peace related themes.

Fr. Augustine Peedikamalayil has joined the Peace Institute for a month for promoting peace ventures especially *Ezhuthu*. The members of the editorial board will appreciate your sending remarks and suggestions regarding the magazine as "letter to the editor" for publishing in the forthcoming issues.

Vincent Perepadan

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

There was a zonal Jesuit gathering in the beginning of February. Jesuits from Kanjirapally and Edathua came to Santhinilayam and had a short sharing on various missions and activities of each location. '*Adithattile Pavizhangal*' - a Silver Jubilee Souvenir documentary on Snehabhavan prepared by **Fr. Sony** and team under the banner of Thanmaya Media Centre captured the attention of the Jesuits present. All enjoyed the delicious dinner too.

Fr. Augustine Peedikamalayil successfully completed his B.Ed examinations and moved to his new mission place, A.K.J.M, Kanjirapally. He was given a warm send-off during the zonal gathering. Santhinilayam Jesuit community fondly remembers the valuable services of Fr. Augustine and his hardworking nature.

Fr. Philip Thayil had an eye check-up in the Medical College Hospital, Kottayam and **Fr. Sebastian Thengumpallil** is improving slowly and steadily.

Snehabhavan students won three Gold, twelve Silver and eight Bronze Medals in the Special Olympics Bharat – State Athletic Meet-2016 at LNCPE Stadium, Trivandrum. 21 Students and 10 staff participated in this mega event. Special thanks to LES and St. Xavier's College for providing them with accommodation.

'Thanmaya Yatra Club' was inaugurated on 20 February 2016 by the honourable minister **Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan**, in the presence of many dignitaries and a large number of people. Thanmaya award for the best travelogue was also presented during the function. Our new JECI initiatives such as Legal Aid Centre and Family Counselling Centre started functioning well with the help of specialized lay collaborators in these fields.

Anil Kochumethikalalam

AKJM / SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPALLY

The Award Day was the highlight of the month. We were lucky to have **Mar Joseph Pulickal**, the newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Kanjirapally - whose Episcopal Ordination was just on the previous day - as the chief guest of this function. Mr George Joseph IAS, (Rtd), a former student of AKJM was the guest of honour. The TUDI team performed a '*Nattarangu*' programme and it was a new experience for the people of Kanjirapally to enjoy the tribal dance which received very good media coverage, thanks to **Fr Baby Chalil** and the TUDI team! The campus is in a serious academic mood as the exams are round the corner with revision programmes, special coaching, and study group discussions etc. There was a 'Blessing Day' for the SSLC students with special prayer service, blessing by the teachers, and a pilgrimage to Akkarapally. The construction of the Alumni - sponsored new gate is in full swing. There was a fitting farewell programme, both in the school and in the community, for **Fr. Sooraj** after his services in AKJM. The community is grateful to Fr. Sooraj for his contributions in the school and in the community. **Fr. Tom Panikulam** has an internal bleeding in his eyes and he is under medication and is proceeding with further checkups.

Sharath

LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

Annual exams have started in the school and the practical exams are over. School staff had a one-day outing to Varkala where they spent the day in a resort-cum-park like place. A psychodrama workshop was conducted for 4 days in the college in two groups given by Mr. Ben Rivers from Australia. **Frs. Saji** and **Sunil** also participated in the workshop. MSW seniors went for a study tour to North India accompanied by Fr. Saji, and many of them enjoyed for the first time in their life a flight. A career guidance workshop was also conducted in the college. **Fr. Ranjith** went to TISS, Mumbai to write entrance exam for his doctoral studies. The College is busy this month with Arts Day, Sports Day, Ladies Hostel Day, Woman's Day, Annual Day and Annual Evaluation Day.

Thirty students and three teachers from Sweden have gone back after three weeks of fruitful exposure programmes. Presently LES is doing a government project of surveying orphanages in four districts and **Fr. Joye James** is coordinating the work with the help of our former students. Fr. Joye James went for Higher Education Coordinators' Meeting at Ahmedabad.

Sunil Padannamackal

AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM

Fr. George Sebastian was away in Bangalore giving courses on media and communication at Christ University for the graduate and post graduate students. He gave a series of Lenten Reflections for various Catholic groups in Bangalore. The organic theatre students had their first session of training for half a day at the AICUF Centre. The *Jnanasameeksha* group in Trivandrum had a few wonderful days with **Fr. Tom Panikulam** reflecting on Vatican II documents. A group of twenty of them had another five days of classes on the same theme with **Fr. Kurien Kunnumpuram**. A big thanks to both of them! The Aicuf members visited and interacted the *Akasaparavakal* at Malayattoor for a day which gave them an opportunity to realise the hardships of human life. We had our state level seminar at Christ College, Irinjalakuda, on 'values and morality in campus today'. There were five papers from five colleges. There was a memorial gathering of

Fr. Paul Valiakandathil on 28 February at the Aicuf Centre. More than hundred persons including his friends and members of various organizations who were connected to his life and ministry participated in the programme. The gathering decided to begin a memorial for him and a committee was formed to do the follow up.

Babu Paul

LOYOLA, POOVAR

Homecoming of two of our former Directors, **Frs. P. T. Augustine** and **K. J. Jose** evoked much excitement. Even though they came in connection with a marriage, we made it an alumni gathering, making it an occasion to honour them. Many shared nostalgic memories of their growing up together at Loyola and about the affection and care they received from their foster fathers! We thank you, dear fathers P. T. Augustine and K.J. Jose, for igniting the young minds and for facilitating the growth of a few generation in and around Poovar.

Jesuits and others who visit Loyola, Poovar, are happy to see a spacious office, a simple but elegant chapel, a library with books on various topics, a functional computer lab with a sufficient number of computers, class rooms with better aeration, clean toilets and a small garden around a rough and rocky terrain. I thank the province administration and Loyola Sreekariyam for making this possible. It is heartening to see the new policy of the province requiring established institutions to support at least one Social Apostolate Centres financially, reaping rich harvest. I particularly thank **Fr. Joye James**, LES staff and Mr. Sony Jose, HOD, MSW Dept. of Loyola College, and **Fr. Saji** for taking this support far beyond to areas such as personal training, cross cultural interaction and faculty improvement. I am also grateful to **Fr. Babu Paul**, Director AICUF Centre for his support and presence during various events held here.

K J Thomas

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

Satya Nilayam was richly blessed with the visit of **Adolfo Nicolás**, our beloved Father General. As he was on a visit to Madurai Province after the

JCSA in Hyderabad, Fr General came here on Saturday 27 February, took part in the Community photo session, and addressed the Community. In his brief address he exhorted us to be aware of the dangers of the globalization of superficiality. He also advised us to develop good reading habits and raise appropriate philosophical questions and find answers fitting to the needs of our time. He went out of his way to greet each scholastic personally, a gesture that made us experience the fellowship and the universality of the Jesuit family.

In the first week of February, **Fr Anto Muringathery**, the PCF, visited us. It was a time of in-depth sharing and the celebration of our fellowship.

We had a Seminar organized by Chennai Inter-Philosophy Society held in our campus on 20th February. Students from other centres of Philosophy, along with representations from other city colleges came in large numbers and presented papers based on the theme of Justice. **Sch. Rosan** gave us a paper on "The Marxian commitment to Human Rights and Social Justice." Dr. William Sweet from Francis Xavier University, Canada, presented a special lecture on 'The Forgotten Philosophies and Intercultural Philosophy.' It was organized by SNRI as part of the ICPR Lecture Series.

Rosan Roy

ASHA KIRAN, MANGALORE

The month of February witnessed diverse events in the College. Various departments organized seminars and fests. Cultural fest for the PG students '*Sangam*' was held on 17 February. All the PG scholastics were actively involved in organizing as well as participating in the fest.

Ashakiran is also blessed with the visitation of many provincials and PCFs this month. Ashakiran scholastics conducted the way of the cross in Fathima retreat house on 19 February, which was well appreciated by the lay people.

Sch. Jijo won first prize in product launch competition in a national level Eco-Fest organized by St. Philomina College, Puthur, on 5 February 2016. He also presented a paper on 'Impact of migration on Kerala economy' in a seminar organized by the

Sociology Association of Mangalore University, on 12 February. He did a spectacular performance in the *Best Manager competition in 'ECHELON 16'*, a national level management fest organized by Sree Devi Institute of Technology on 23 and 24 February. He reached up to fifth round of the competition which had a total of seven rounds. There were participants from 22 colleges and he was the only participant from the Economics stream. All others were from Management stream. He is also chosen for the best creative outgoing PG student award. He will receive the award on 10 March during the Annual College Day Celebrations.

Jomon C.M.

FROM PRINCE CLARENCE

"I had the fortune to listen to **Rev. Fr. General**, when he made his visit to Madurai Province and met the Jesuits at Loyola, Chennai, at the end of February. He spoke in terms of the universal Society. He sounded the expectations of the Pope of Jesuits: According to the Pope, Jesuits are good at apostolate. But he wants us to be masters of prayer; he wants us to go to the peripheries, especially today at the service of refugees. According to Fr. General, the areas of improvement for Jesuits are of our vulnerability to the trends and upcoming cultures. Jesuits have to be more creative, original and discerning - in fact these should be our strong points".

PASTORAL CORNER

FROM OUR LADY OF DOLOURS CHURCH, MUNDKAYAM

The Major Episcopal Assembly of Syro-Malabr Church gave the Diocese of Kanjirapally an auxiliary bishop in the person of **Fr. Joseph Pulickal**, who has been functioning as the Vicar General, especially in charge of the parishes for over an year. The election of Mar Joseph Pulickal was not a surprise at all. **Mar Mathew Arackal**, the bishop of Kanjirapally did make the Consecration ceremony at the Cathedral church on 4 February a grand function, inviting Bishops from all Christian denominations, the other rites of the Catholic Church as well as the Bishops from Diocese of Germany, about sixty of them in all. Bishop Mar

Jose Pulickal visited A.K.J.M school on the very next day and addressed the students there. He will be the dignitary at Mundkayam Forane Church on Maundy Thursday.

St Antony's Auditorium, which was under repair and maintenance for nearly two years was solemnly blessed by Mar Mathew Arackal on 28th February. This has the distinction of being the first air-conditioned hall in the Diocese.

On February 10 Fr. Varghese Njallimackal took charge as the Assistant Vicar in the place of Fr. Sebastian Ullat. Fr. Varghese is one of the two young priests ordained this year for the Diocese of Kanjirapally.

T.M. Joseph

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr. K. T. Chandy Presented a paper on "Ecological Imperative for a Sustainable Ecosystem" in International Conference, organized by St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, on 26 & 27 February 2016.

Fr. K. T. Chandy published the following articles:

1. "Alive to Social but Blind to Economic", Indian Currents, 01 - 07 February 2016
2. "Environmental Fever for Money", Indian Currents, 08 - 14 February 2016
3. "Diabolic Rural Development Programme", Indian Currents, Feb 15-21
4. "The Least and the Last Forgotten", Indian Currents, Feb 22-28, 2016
5. "Facing Issues - A challenge to NGOs", Indian Currents, 29 Feb - 6th March 2016

Sch. Midhun Francis: "Interior Experience of God", in the monthly, "Inter-faith harmony"

Sebastian Painadath: *Erkenne deine göttliche Natur (Realize your divine nature) 55 Meditations, Vier-Türme Verlag, Münsterschwarzach, 2016, pp. 160.*

FROM GSP

"On 1 March 2016, we are releasing a book called 'DEAR POPE FRANCIS'. The book contains letters

and pictures drawn by children. Pope himself has answered 30 letters to children from 26 countries from all over the world. The cost of this book is Rupees 125 I want this book to go to every Catholic child in South Asia. So I have kept the price very low. If you want more copies of this book, please send 1600 Rupees to the bank account (below) and inform us with your transaction number. You will get 15 copies of this book, which will cover the price of the book, postage and packing. At the moment we have printed 5000 copies. As soon as these copies get over, I will print a small version of this book 24 x 17 cm. and the printed price will be 100 only. I am attaching an image of the book"

Name of the Bank: ICICI Bank,

Address of the Bank: Flavours, Nr Bhaikaka Statue, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat 388120; A/C Name: GUJARAT SAHITYA PRAKASH SOCIETY; Account Number : 008501008925; I F S CODE: ICIC0000085

PROGRAMMES IN NAVJIVAN, DELHI

1. **EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP (Workshop for Religious in Leadership** e.g. Superiors, Directors, Principals, Parish Priests, etc.) by Abe Puthumana SJ (April 1-8)
2. **JOURNEY TOWARDS WHOLENESS (Retreat for Religious)** by Tony Andrade SJ (April 16-24)
3. **COLLOQUIUM ON IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & RETREAT (for Jesuits & Sisters of Ignatian Charism)** by R. C. Chacko SJ (Jun 5-20)
1. **INTEGRAL TRAINING OF EARLY FORMATORS** (for Religious in charge of *Aspirants, Candidates, Postulants & Pre-Novices*) by Joe Thadavanal SJ, George Peter SJ, George Mlakuzhyil SJ, Vimal Kishore SJ, Joy Pulikunnel SJ & Sr. Veronica BS (Oct 9 - Nov 13).

N.B. For details of the above Programmes and Registration,

please visit the **NRC Website:** www.nrcdelhi.in or **contact** the Director (George Mlakuzhyil SJ, Email: directornc@gmail.com; Mob: 09968289942).



GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Sebastian Fernandes (KAR) 67/50, in Bengaluru on 10 February 2016

Fr Denis Coelho (KAR) 90/70 in Bengaluru on 11 February 2016

Fr. Anthony Scerri (DUM) 89/70 in Sahibganj on 13th February 2016

Fr. Roman Lewicki (PAT) 82/63 in Patna on 25 February 2016

Sr Juliana (93), sister of Fr Thomas Antraper at Chalakudy on 26 February 2016

Fr Jacob Veliyakam (69), brother of Fr Xavier Veliyakam at Aleppey on 01 March 2016



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

- 09 Roy Mathew Thottathil
- 10 Paul Karinganampally
- 12 Saji Arithiyal Puraidam
- 13 Mathew Pampackal
- 14 Augustine Mekunnel
- 14 Frangle Xavier B R
- 17 George 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 Cheniyara

APRIL

- 01 Dolichan Kollarath
- 04 Gracious Stephen

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

Fr. Paul Valiakandathil SJ
(23.05.1938 – 14.02.2016)

Fr. Paul Valiakandathil went for his heavenly reward in the early hours of 14 February, 2016 at the Nirmala Hospital, Kozhikode. Almost seventy eight years of life, rich in blessings and intense in sufferings.



Fr. Paul's demise makes me ask the following questions: Is the loss of memory a curse or blessing? (Fr. Paul had lost almost all his memory for the last few years). Is death a curse or blessing? To me these questions and their answers, however tentative, give a lot of hope for our life.

We, sometimes, become romantic about forgetfulness. We make remarks like, 'if you cannot forget, you cannot live', 'the ability to forget is a sweet experience', etc. Nietzsche is said to have remarked that 'forgetfulness makes us enjoy good things many times'. Kahlil Gibran said, 'forgetfulness is another dimension of freedom'.

But for Fr. Paul his loss of memory was a real punishment. For a man who loved books, for whom reading, reflection and writing made the core of his living, the loss of memory of words, of language, meant the loss of the riches of a life time of search. Through his life as a lecturer

at St. Xavier's College, Thumba, the State chaplain of the AICUF, the Founder Director of the Fides Centre, Consultor of the Provincial of Kerala Jesuits, Province Coordinator for Formation, and Superior and Training- in- Charge of the Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, he made a rich contribution to humanity. Perhaps the most notable and challenging contribution from him was during the 1980s, in the thick of the fisher people's struggle. He was in the forefront of the agitation, going for a week or more of fasting in front of the Government Secretariat demanding justice for the fisher people. As the editor of '*Theera Sabdam*', a journal of the fishing community, he contributed substantially to the development of critical thinking and awakening among the most marginalized. As Msgr. James Culas shared at the funeral service, Fr. Paul's service to the Archdiocese of Trivandrum, in its efforts for renewal, is remembered gratefully by the diocese. However, all these great achievements were all forgotten by Fr. Paul, and in the last few years of his life he lived a life of 'no memory', even of his own name! As he stood in front of the body of his deceased mother with no idea of who it was, or as he stared in non-comprehension at his beloved brother-in-law Mr. Johny Nelloor and other relatives who visited him, or as he ran away from the group of friends from the Fides Centre who travelled all the way to Kozhikode to spend time with him, the loss of memory of Fr. Paul was indeed seemingly a real punishment for a man who never deserved such a treat from life.

The next question: Was Fr. Paul's death a blessing or a curse? It definitely was a blessing. An end to a world of suffering and an entry into a world of joy and peace. Fr. Paul now lives in the eternal glory that was promised to him from eternity. As Kahlil

Gibran said, 'what is it to die but to stand naked in the wind and to melt into the sun? And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered?'

The death of Paulachan, as all his friends called him, leaves many- a- friend and relative sad. But the memory of him brings us hope of what a simple, dedicated and learned man can do to better the humanity. His memory will remain with so many of us, as a true friend, a mentor, a fellow seeker and most importantly a man who dreamt for a society of peace and justice.

The memory of Paulachan should challenge us to one dimension of life: identifying with the most marginalized people, sacrificing your life itself for them and contributing to their sustained empowerment through reading, reflection and writing, reminding us Jesuits of the meaning of a '*learned approach*' to all activities. Paulachan spent much of his active life in the process of conscientization of the fisherpeople, especially the youth through non-formal education. He honestly believed in the motto of AICUF: 'We are born into an unjust society and we are determined not to leave it as we have found it'.

"Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?" (I Cor. 15:55).

Our beloved Paulachan continues to live in our memory and in our lives, as an inspiration, as a model, and most significantly as a loving presence. May his soul rest in peace, and may our souls become restless to live out the dreams of Paulachan.

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