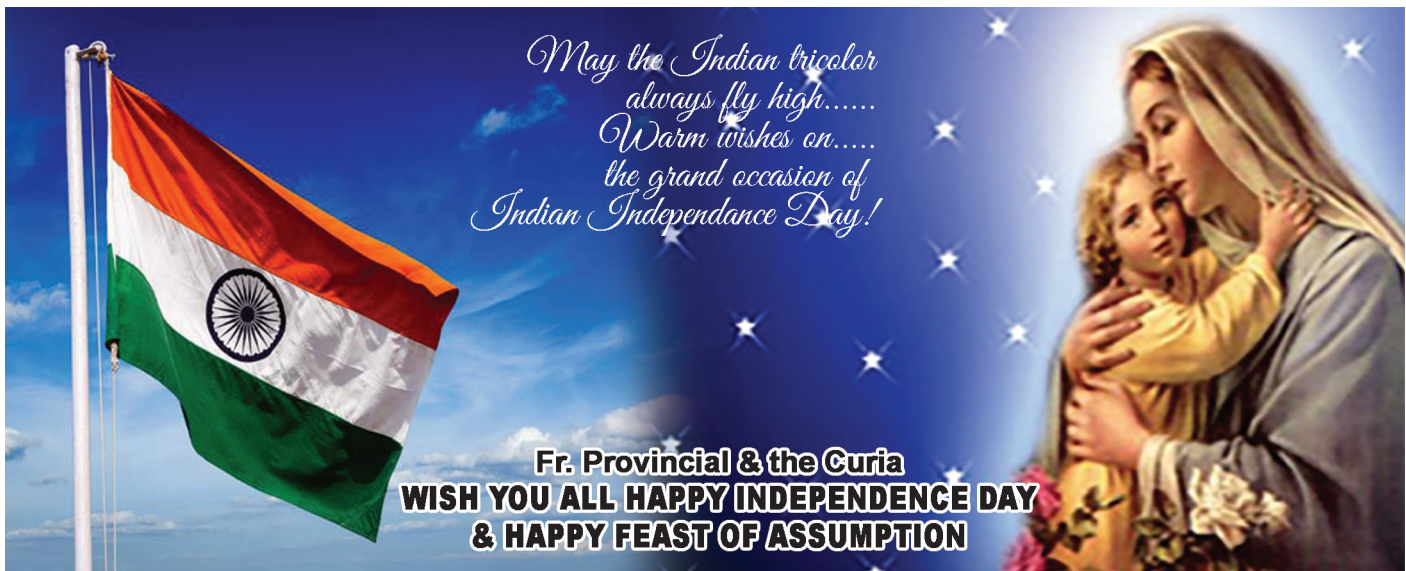




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*May the Indian tricolor
always fly high.....
Warm wishes on.....
the grand occasion of
Indian Independence Day!*

**Fr. Provincial & the Curia
WISH YOU ALL HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY
& HAPPY FEAST OF ASSUMPTION**

FROM THE PROVINCIAL

E-MAILING, DOCUMENTING AND ARCHIVING

Two disparate events prompted this reflection. One is a case against a retired government official in Kerala, who, when he retired, left an empty official e-mail account. On enquiry it was found that all his official communications were in his personal email id. The new officer had no way of finding old urgent messages of an official character. The second event was a question from one of the teachers in our school. He queried, 'you claim to be an institution which is a century old. But how come, you do not have even one photo which is more than 20 years old?'

An awareness of the importance of documenting and archiving and a commitment to strict procedures of both are key factors in administration. The world of business recognizes this and has developed strict systems and controls. In the world of religious administration, too, archiving is vitally important for information management as it can give a greater control over the information processes. The neglect of proper communication, documentation and archiving will affect our ministry badly. In fact, the Jesuit way of proceeding has detailed and specific directions on all these matters.

The meticulous management and monitoring of data is essential for an effective ministry.

M.K. George SJ

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

AUGUST 2016

- 01-04 : Southern Provincials' gathering in Colombo
- 06 : Superiors, CCA and Consutors' meeting
- 14 : Sameeksha, Kalady
- 15 : AADI, Attappadi
- 17-19 : Visitation, Sarvodaya, Eachome
- 25-27 : Visitation, Lumen , Kochi
- 27-28 : Consult at Eachome
- 29-31 : Visitation, Sameeksha, Kalady

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BR AMBROSE PARAPPURAM, S.J. passed away on 31 July 2016 in Christ Hall, Calicut. He was laid to rest in Christ Hall Cemetery on 01 August 2016. (See the obituary on the last page)

DEATH ANNIVERSARY of **Fr Thomas Mulanjanani** and **Br Joseph Thekkekara** will be held on 20 and 26 August respectively. Memorial Mass will be at 11.30 a.m., followed by Office of the Dead at the cemetery.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Fr Sabu Malayil is being treated in an Ayurvedic Clinic in Cherai for his chronic Hepatitis B. All the province members are requested to pray earnestly for his recovery.

SPIRITUAL ANIMATION PROGRAMME (SAP)

The first SAP in Kerala Province will be held in Christ Hall on 12–14 August 2016. Fr R.C. Chacko (HAZ) is the resource person. The programme begins at 6 p.m. on the 12th and ends at 4 p.m. on the 14th.

RECTOR, LOYOLA

Fr Joye James Karimathil continues as Rector of Loyola Institutions, Sreekariyam, with due appointment from Rome since January 2016.

FINAL VOWS

Frs Toby Kozhuppakalam, P.S. Antony and Anto Dionicius will pronounce their last vows in Kalady, Attappadi and Calicut respectively. Fr Toby's last vows will be held in Sameeksha, Kalady, at 11 a.m. on 14 August 2016. Fr Antony P.S. will pronounce his last vows at 10.30 a.m. on 15 August 2016 at St Antony's Church, Nellipathy, Attapady. Fr Anto Dionicius will be pronouncing last vows at 11 a.m. on 08 September 2016 in Christ Hall, Calicut. Fr Provincial will preside over the ceremonies and all of ours are invited to join our brothers to share our joy as they are fully incorporated in the Society of Jesus.

DIACONATE MINISTRY

Deacons **Sheise Porunnakottu** and **Rubil Martin Mampuzhackal** are doing their diaconate ministry in St Mary's Forane Church, Thanky (Kochi Diocese) and Infant Jesus Church, Cherpunkal (Pala Diocese) respectively.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

The month of July was blessed with many celebrations in Christ Hall. We had grand birthday celebrations of the stalwarts in the community like **Frs. John Vattanky, Kurien Kunnumpuram, Thomas Vattakunnel and Sunny Jose**. The community had the privilege of having a number of guests, both Jesuits and non-Jesuits. His **Excellency Mar Jacob Barnabas, Syro-Malankara Bishop** from Delhi, was one of them. At the beginning of the month we had the first death anniversary Mass of **Br. Abraham Mannamkary** in which his family members and a few Jesuits of the province attended the Eucharistic celebration and the meal. There were meetings of JEPASA, JEA and JESA in Christ Hall. Special ongoing training programme for the selected teachers of our schools was organized in SRC. The members of one of the BCC units of Christuraja parish visited Christ

Hall community and interacted with the community members on 24 July. The community was extremely happy to receive them, to spend time with them and to enjoy the delicious *appam* and chicken curry prepared by the BCC members. **Fr. Kurien** underwent an operation for his hernia and prostrate complaints and he is recovering fast from his ailments. **Fr. Kottukapally** had a fall in the refectory and his stay in Nirmala Hospital helped him to recover fast. **Fr K.P Mathew** is back to normal after his operation for the cataract followed by a minor fracture of his toe. The spiritual preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius was well planned and executed under the leadership of **Fr. Reji**. The community organized a grand feast day celebration with our neighbours and our domestic workers. There were around two hundred guests who joined us for a short prayer service and a fellowship meal on 31 July. The month of July ended with a sad note with the demise of **Br. Ambrose Parappuram..**

Jenaphine Joseph

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

Classes for the Plus One boys began in the first week of July. The High School section organized a science fair in order to stimulate interest among the students in scientific knowledge. A *kaviyarangu* was organized to create interest in literature. The school also organized a book exhibition on the campus. The staff and the students of the school celebrated the feast of St Ignatius honouring the Jesuits of the community. **Fr Baby Mulloparambil** was the chief guest on the occasion.

The combined celebration of the feast of St Ignatius and the Jubilee of **Fr Xavier Veliyakam** was well planned and organized by the staff and students of the ICSE school. **Fr Reji Kunnatheth** gave a fitting message on the occasion. The transport minister, **Mr A K Sasindran**, came to our school to release a documentary film on traffic safety for students. We conducted an award day to honour the meritorious students who secured above 90% marks in the ICSE board examination. **Mrs Meera Dakshak**, the deputy mayor of Calicut, was the chief guest on the occasion.

We thank Fr Provincial who made his visitation of the community. Many of us joined **Fr Xavier Veliyakam** in his home parish to attend the Golden Jubilee Celebration organized by his family members. A seminar was organized for the JECI members of Calicut and **Fr Jose Thachil** was the resource person on the occasion.

Ramlal Thomas

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

Xavier Training Centre was happy to welcome **Eby** from Kothamangalam. The number of the pre-novices has now risen to fifteen. The month of July set off with the gracious presence of **Fr. Ephrem** who was here to offer a three-day course on 'Self Esteem' to the Pre- novices. The course had a tremendous impact on our young buds. We were also privileged to have the company of **Fr. Tom Panikulam** who came here to make his annual retreat. The novena in honour of St. Ignatius began on 22 July. The Pre- novices have prepared the prayers meticulously and offered it in our founder's honour. '*Changathikkoottam*', our reach-out programme for the children in and around Pachilakad started with fun and frolic. More than forty students have responded positively and turned up for the programme. 31 July marked the BIG day of the month. The feast of St Ignatius was celebrated in the presence of more than 150 guests from Wayanad. The lay and religious fraternity in Wayand and the Jesuits' family members from Wayand were the invitees. The celebration began with a welcome address by **Fr. V. T Jose**, our superior, followed by a half an hour prayer session organised by the Pre- novices. They also presented a flash mob to cheer up our guests. The programme was well appreciated.

Rohan Roy

S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM

The Inspection by the Quality Council of India for two new courses in Nirmala ITI (Pvt), Pariyaram, got over successfully on 27 July. The teachers and students of the ITI under the leadership of **Frs. Joe Mathew and C.T. Jose** were working day and night for the

last several months to get ready for this inspection. They thank the Jesuit community for their full support. We hope the ITI will get the final approval for these courses by the middle of August. The All India Trade Test for twenty electricians and nine light vehicle mechanics of the ITI is over, and they are ready to be recruited immediately by some big companies.

SAMSKRITI, PARIYARAM

The Book Release function of the book, '*Malabarile Dalit Prasthananga*' (Dalit Movements in Malabar) by **Fr. Mathew Aerthayil** was organized in a grand way at St. Michael's School Hall, Kannur, on 24 July 2016. **Mr Kadannappally Ramachandran**, Minister for Port, released the book in the presence of the Bishop of Kannur and our Provincial. A good gathering of people was a surprise to all. They came mainly from two organizations of Dalit Christians and of Kerala Latin Catholic Association. Major newspapers and local channels covered the event well. Fr. Aerthayil sincerely thanks St. Michael's community for all their help including a well equipped hall free of charge, and S.M. Farm community for their full support for the programme. An art camp conducted at Samskriti Sahajeevanakendram (SSJK) during the summer vacation under the leadership of **Fr. Roy Thottathil** was well appreciated by the children. SSJK was enriched by the two-day stay of Scholastics **Kamal, Bastin and Fr. Vipin**. They contributed a lot with their wood carvings and decorations. Birthday of **Fr. Vipin** was celebrated at the Centre. The ethos of SSJK was boosted by **Fr Provincial** and the Province Consultors when they had their consult meeting here. There were three camps organized for different groups. We have extended Tarumitra programmes to four new schools around Iritty, thanks to **Fr. Mathew Kuzhimala** of Kannur diocese.

IRC, PARIYARAM

IRC was fully busy with retreat programmes in the month of July. Seven people made their one-month Ignatian directed retreat under the guidance of **Fr Raju**. He also guided another group in an eight-day Ignatian retreat and a four-day Inner Healing Retreat

to a group of lay people.. **Fr Henry Pattarumadathil** was here to give a retreat to the priests of Kannur Diocese. **Fr Matthew Kannadan** is busy with his ministry of reconciliation in the Shrine of Mahe and the nearby retreat Centre. IRC has prepared its programme calendar that makes the Director available throughout the year for consultations and programmes. The Director's presence and availability generates new life on the campus and in this 25 year-old battered building. We thank **Fr Provincial** and his team for their constant support.

Mathew Aerthayil

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

In June the Higher Secondary boys had an orientation programme by **Fr. Toby Kozhuppakalam**. It was an enriching experience for the participants. The most important event in July was the visitation of the Provincial. It was an occasion of renewal and rejuvenation in the community. A team of doctors from the military hospital, Kannur, gave a presentation about dental care which was very useful to the children. In July Mr. Thaha Madai gave the Id-UI-Fitar message to the students. This year the 'Vayana Varam' was celebrated by the school in a grand manner. The teachers organised various programmes for the children to motivate them. The school general election was held on the 15 July in a parliamentary model. It was a new and successful venture in the history of St. Michael's School.

The Pre-primary school celebrated the Id-UI-Fitar in a new way. It was by sharing the food they brought from home. It was a wonderful occasion for the children to express and experience the loving relationship among them. St. Michael's community erected a new and beautiful gate in front of the pre-primary school. The 1991 SSLC batch of St. Michael's School celebrated their silver Jubilee on 30 July. All of them cherished and experienced once more the time they spent in St. Michael's School learning life's values and academic theories. Their Head master **Fr. Xavier Veliyakam** was the chief guest.

K. J. Mathew

LOYOLA, ALUVA

On July 3, the feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, the **First Years**, having completed their First Probation, became full-fledged members of the Community. They were received by the **Second Years** with much enthusiasm and creative fun. With all the regular activities of the novitiate, the first years have already got into the rhythm of novitiate life. On 22 we began the immediate preparation for the feast St. Ignatius, our Holy Father, with novenas, special readings etc. We also had a day of Recollection, under the inspiring guidance of **Fr. Xavier Tharamel**. Thank you, Fr. Xavier! With all these preparations, finally we had a meaningful celebration of the feast.

July had its own share of 'hospital experiments', too. Two of the attached members of our community, **Frs. P.T. Mathew and Tomson Antony**, are now with us, slowly recuperating from fever and related ailments. Fr. Tomson was suffering from dengue fever, but fortunately it was diagnosed & arrested in the early stages. First year novices **Michael** and **Mineesh**, ostensibly in imitation of Inigo, got themselves injured, both on their legs – the former during an adventurous ride on the bike (before he came to the novitiate) and the latter during an encounter in the basketball court. By God's grace both the injuries were not as serious as those of their hero, but serious enough for medical care & rest.

Jack Achan is away in Kothamangalam, directing a Long Retreat for a group of Dharmagiri Sisters. Fr. Master had a short trip to Bangalore to attend a meeting of GC Delegates. **Santhosh Achan** looks well-settled in his new roles as Socius, Minister etc. **Fr. Vibin Padayadan** was here in the last week of the month to make his annual retreat.

Sinesh & Tomy

SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY

Dr. K.G. Poulouse, the veteran professor of Sanskrit, lectured on "Sree Vivekananda: Synthesizer of Spirituality and Universal Humanism" at the Dharmasameeksha Seminar (Dialogue Series).

Sebastian Painadath was one of the three-member committee formed by the KCBC to prepare

a theological statement on Yoga and Christian spirituality. He gave a two-day session on Bhagavad Gita and Ignatian Spirituality at IDCR, Loyola, Chennai. Sebastian conducted a workshop on Upanishads and Meister Eckhart for a Hindu-Christian group in Malaysia, and a seminar on *Evangelii Gaudium* at the Jesuit parish in Kuala Lumpur. He also initiated the first year theologians of Mary Matha Seminary to contemplative prayer. The feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated with a talk delivered by Toby Joseph on "Conflicts in Teenage and their Solutions" followed by a prayer session and a sumptuous vegetarian dinner.

A group of eighteen Malayalee students, most of them from the Middle East, the US and the UK, attended a five day SALT camp at Atmamitra.

Atmamitra undertook the first of its saving missions when a girl who quit her Chennai home without informing her parents was saved and brought to Atmamitra. With the help of our good will ambassadors who got into the same train and guarded the girl till she was picked up by Atmamitra team from Angamali.

A welcome new ambience was created in St. Joseph's School, Thrikkakara, by the Atmamitra team with five days of classes and counselling for the students and the parents of the School. Bharath Matha College, Thrikkakara, Chris Chapel College, N. Paravur, Vimala Central School, Chathannur, Naipunya School, Thrikkakara, Loyola School, Trivandrum, Little Flower School, Karuvarukundu, and Al Ameen Public School, Sreemoolanagaram, were some of our client institutions last month. Most of them were new for us.

St. Joseph's College, Alappuzha, and St. Joseph's Girls HSS, Thrissur used our expertise to orient their staff members through one-day programmes.

Xavier Tharamel

LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

The publishing ministries of Snehasena, Tik Tik life and Ezhuthu are doing well. Snehasena and Tik Tik life had a promotion campaign in Ooty this month. Snehasena observes 31 July as the recommitment day. **Fr. Superior** blessed the institution and they

hosted a grand lunch and high tea for all on the campus and its immediate associates. **Fr. Shin** coordinated the activities effectively. Ezhuthu has a new sub-editor from July and it is getting a new Marketing Manager from August. The 10th issue is already out.

Fr. Adappur is ably handling the Newman Association activities. The latest activity was a presentation and discussion on the Kerala State budget.

Fr. Vincent's father expired a little unexpectedly. The whole community visited the family and some of us joined him for the 7th day requiem Mass too. Our community was also represented at the funerals of the fathers of **Frs. Linto** and **Augustine**.

Fr. Nampiaparambil experienced some difficulties with his prostate gland and is currently undergoing some testing and diagnostic procedures. We did our best to stand by and support **Fr. Sabu Malayil** who was admitted in the PVS Hospital for over a week.

Fr. Pallivathukal had written to the provincial regarding communities taking up special acts of mercy. In response to that an exhortation from Fr. Provincial was sent to all our communities. Our community, after prolonged discussion and discernment, decided to take up a HOUSING PROJECT in connection with the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. Two of our co-workers are residing in very poor habitats and members from our community visited the place and were convinced that they are indeed in need of assistance in this regard. Therefore we decided to take up a project that would be animated by us and carried out by the "extended Lumen Family". We launched it on our Founder's day, cutting down celebrations to the minimum with only a prayer session and a high tea in the evening. We have received overwhelmingly encouraging accolades and support. We have a bank account for the same jointly held by **Frs. Mathew Nampiaparambil** and **Abraham Pallivathukal**. The latter is spearheading the mission. We hope to complete both the houses within the Year of Mercy. Towards this goal generous support from all of ours in the province are cordially solicited.

Samil Mayilkunnel

LOYOLA, SREEKARIYAM, TRIVANDRUM

Second Year College students are busy with their exams and dissertation paper work. Loyola School had **Fr. Dasappan Vattathil** as Chief Guest for the Loyola feast day celebrations in the School and he addressed the School Assembly. JEA arranged a two-day workshop for the new teachers of our institutions in LES and most of the community members contributed to the various sessions during the workshop. College canteen has more facilities now with the construction of extra washbasins and other amenities. The kitchen of Loyola Jesuit Residence has a renovated floor with ceramic tiles now. We had feast celebration with the staff on 29th, Friday and with the neighbours and well-wishers on 31st, Sunday.

Sunil Joseph

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

Our life in Chennai became more pleasant as we were blessed with occasional showers. **Fr. C. J Joseph** and Jithin made a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our lady of Health, Vailankanni, during a convenient week-end. They were amazed at the large gathering of the pilgrims though it is not the festival season. Fr C.J. Joseph concelebrated in the Tamil and Malayalam Masses. Many people clustered around him for blessings. It was a very devotional experience for both of them and came to Satya Nilayam spiritually nourished. **Fr. E.P Mathew** was away for a review meeting of the Faculty Audit Commission held in Vinayalaya, Mumbai. The Ignatian Novena in view of the Feast of our founder was very enriching and conducted in a creative manner with a devotional touch. Though July 31 was a Sunday, our normal ministerial activities were kept up and in the evening there was solemn Eucharist presided over by the Rector and preached by **Fr C. Amal** who currently works in Myanmar. Everyone was in high appreciation for the wonderful choir who sang very well. Jithin led the Cassio for Händel Messiah Chorus with a professional touch and finesse. Nearly 200 guests gathered for the Mass and the dinner that followed. It was also the day on which fifty years ago

Fr C.J. Joseph was ordained. As part of the course on Latin, he led the community in a Liturgy in Latin language in which the first year students actively participated in singing traditional tunes. We are heading for the first internal assessment which will be held on 16th of this month.

Jithin

FROM FR JOHN FJ MANIPADAM

"I was at my *Alma Mater*, Montfort School, Yercaud, Salem District, for a 3-day affair, the beginning of its Centenary Celebrations. Incidentally, this year marks the 3rd Centenary of St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort's passing away. He was a student at the Jesuit School in Rennes, not far from Paris. As many as 1,300 Old Boys registered their names. A good many others came and did not register, because "there was no place in the inn" in the small Yercaud Town. Only one visiting Old Boy was my senior. He belonged to my elder brother Mathew's 1953 Batch. I was the only one of the 1955 Batch. Some of the 1956 Batch were present. The vast majority were middle-aged and young. Even though there was a late-night party on Saturday, as the Main Celebrant I was happy at the very good turnout of Old Boys who participated in the 7.00 a.m. OLD BOYS' MASS on Sunday. I missed the Anglo-Indian presence. During my years in Montfort (1949-1955), Anglo-Indians formed a large majority. Now they are in Australia, in the U.K., in Canada and elsewhere.

Here in SICJ, the classes have been in full swing. One Sunday found the Juniors enjoying Trivandrum City Darshan in a comfortable Loyola School bus. The Novena to St Ignatius of Loyola was well prepared and executed by our Juniors. Fr P. Francis Xavier gave a much appreciated Course on Time Management. We Keralites participated in the Loyola School-Mukundara Community celebration and we Staff Members participated in the Loyola-Sreekariyam Community celebration of the Feast of our Holy Father and Founder, St Ignatius of Loyola"

NEWS FROM MAGIS 2016

Magis 2016 in Poland was a deep experience of

faith and of the energy of the youth from all over the world. We thirty three delegates from India reached Lodze, Poland, the land of St. Foustina on 14 July and there were two thousand delegates from all over the world accompanied by Jesuits. After two days of introduction and orientation the group was divided into groups of twenty and sent for the Ignatian experiment to various parts of Poland and the neighbouring countries. The experiment organized was on Leadership and was a wonderful experience. After five days of experiment the whole group gathered in a place called Chechokowa, a famous pilgrim centre of Our lady in Poland, for two days of conclusion. The Magis Circle which took place every day in the evening where the group members share their faith experience was very touching and faith deepening. We could really feel the real power of the youth and their faith. After the magis programme the whole group left for Krakow for the world youth day which was an ocean of youth with lots of energy and enthusiasm. We all got accommodation in different flats that enabled the group to experience the real love and trust of the Polish people. The welcome ceremony of **Pope Francis** and Mass with him was an experience of our solidarity and faith. The group had a vigil with the pope which was yet another deep experience for all of us. The Indian delegates enjoyed both the magis and World Youth Day celebration that enabled all of us to have an enriching experience of faith and love of God.

Babu Paul

JESA MEETING AT CHRIST HALL

JESUITS in social action came together for two days' study, reflection and planning on 28 and 29 July, 2016 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode. Though General Body Meeting was slated to take place at AADI, Attappadi, we changed the venue and the dynamics of the meeting to give priority to a serious study of our context and to plan strategically to attain our goals. The annual meeting with our co-workers is postponed to October 20 and 21, after the proposed visit of National JESA Coordinator, **Fr Sannybhai**. After a detailed sharing on what keeps each Jesuit

going in the field of social action, we took up various themes related to an evaluation report of National JESA published in 1999. It was enlightening to see how the basic insights of social action still challenge us and inspire us to be available to a process of transformation of ourselves, our co-workers and the world around us.

'Meaning and Perspectives of Social Action', 'Socio-economic, political and cultural analysis of Kerala Society with specific reference to our priority groups', 'The impact of Jesuit Social Apostolate on the priority groups/communities', 'The relationship with the Jesuits and co-workers and the latter's role in the apostolate', 'The state of networking and collaboration of the Jesuits among themselves and with others', 'Attitudes and commitment of Jesuits in the Social Apostolate and in other Apostolates', were the main topics culled from *JESA Evaluation Report 1999*.] It took us about one-and-half days to discuss and clarify the implications of our study to today's context. Fr Provincial, **M.K. George**, shared how an 'Environmental scan of today's Kerala' is essential to respond to the challenges we face and to evolve proper strategies to deal with them. A Vision-based evaluation of JESA action plans both at the collective and individual centre levels was done and suggestions were sought for fine-tuning and finalizing the same. **Fr Sabu Malayil** could not attend the meeting since he was hospitalized. We express our deep-felt appreciation for his dedicated accompaniment of the inter-state migrants and pray for his speedy recovery.

Conscious of our limitations, Jesuits in social action seek the support of other Jesuits and non-Jesuits to collaborate willingly in a spirit of partnership with all who share our concern for a new and more just society.

Benny Chiramel

JEPASA MEET AT CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

The Jesuit Pastors in South Asia (JEPASA), Kerala, assembled at Christ Hall on 5 July 2016 at 10.30 am. **Fr Anto Dioneceus**, the coordinator, rendered the welcome note and briefed the modalities of the day's

programme. Ten Jesuit pastors had a deep sharing of their pastoral experiences in the presence of **Fr Provincial**. The post-noon session was directed by **Fr. Jose Thachil** on the theme "What is it to be a Jesuit Pastor in the modern world." Later, Fr. M.K. George, our Provincial, initiated the group into a strategic planning session. After detailed discussions, a three-member committee was formed to revisit the objectives, strategic planning and vision of JEPASA. The committee included Frs. M.K. George, Anto Dioneceus and Jose Kadankavil. Fr. Provincial invited the pastors to look into one common area in which they can concentrate for the next three years in their pastoral mission. The discussion highlighted four areas, namely a) Family enrichment, b) Ignatian Spirituality, with special focus on *Spiritual Exercises*, c) Collaboration with other religions to promote dialogue and common action and d) Environmental Protection in the spirit of *Laudato Si*. The group agreed that family enrichment can be a focus area for the year 2016-'17. Various programmes were suggested to reap the best results. Fr Provincial also stressed three areas in the pastoral apostolate: 1) the linkage with other ministries, 2) effective use of Jesuit brochure of other ministries and 3) posting pastoral updates through Province news letter. The house agreed to gather for next JEPASA meet on 10 January 2017 at Nemom. Fr P.T. Augustine rendered the vote of thanks. The meeting concluded at 4.45 pm.

Anto Dioneceus

OURS IN MEDIA

- **Fr Mathew Aerthayil:** '*Malabarile Dalit Prasthanangal*' (Dalit Movements in Malabar), book published by D.C. Books, Kottayam .2016
- **Fr Mathew Aerthayil:** '*Neethi Nishethikapetta Dalit Christavar*' (Dalit Christians who are denied Justice), article in 'Kannum Kannadiyum', Diocesan Bulletin, Kannur diocese, July 2016, Vol.3, No.7.
- **Fr Stephen C. Chundanthadam:** 'Christianity and Yoga' in Smart Companion, July 2016.
- **Fr Antony Mechery:** 'Catholics and Orthodox:

The Indian Experience' in *Christianity East and West: Jesuit Reflections*. Proceedings of the 21st International Congress of Jesuit Ecumenists, Bucharest, Romania, 18-24 July 2011. Edited by Robert J. Daly, S.J., 141-166. Boston College: Institute of Advanced Jesuit Studies, 2016.

- **Fr Antony Mechery:** *Francis Ros S.J., and the Method of Accommodation among the Christians of St. Thomas in Malabar (1584-1624)*, Roma: Pontificia Università Gregoriana, 2016.
- **Fr M.K. George:** '*Oliyatta kristuvum vettithil-angunna kristumathavum: Kristu keralathinte pothuchathvarathil*', Jeevadhara, Vol: XLVI, 2016
- **Fr M.K. George:** Vachanamrutham in All India Radio on 24, 28 and 31 July 2016

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD



- **Br. Joe Karakattu (PUN)** on July 13
- **Br. Jesudas Raphael (MDU 82/63)** on July 16.
- **Fr. Henry Nunn (DAR 86/65)** on July 31.
- **Mr Anto Kanichai (67)**, father of Fr Linto Knichai on 27 July 2016
- **Mr P.T. Thomas (87)**, father of Fr Augustine Peedikamalayil on 27 July 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



AUGUST

- 01 Mathew Kaniyamparambil
- 03 Joseph Jose Kadankavil
- 03 Joseph Thakadiyel
- 06 Savy George Thazhathuveettill
- 07 Saji Kandassankunnel
- 08 George R Kandathil
- 08 Sabu George Malayil
- 09 Rephin Kamal
- 13 Ephrem Manikompel
- 15 Tinu Francis Pondichery
- 16 Thomas Karimundackal
- 18 Nikhil George Paruvananickal
- 19 Devassy Paul Ponthempilly

- 23 Joseph Inchackal
- 26 Sooraj Sebastian Kuzhimullil
- 27 Mani Manimala

SEPTEMBER

- 06 Sunny Kunnappallil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY



AUGUST

- 01 (2013) Varkey Chalissary
- 07 (1983) Thomas Nadar
- 08 (1962) John Sequeira
- 09 (2005) Sebastian Inchody
- 15 (2006) Francis Kannikal
- 20 (2015) Thomas Mulanjanani
- 26 (2015) Joseph Thekkekara
- 29 (2011) Mathew Moozhyyil

OBITUARY



BR. AMBROSE PARAPPURAM S J (1933- 2016)

Death is an amazing teacher. It opens your eyes. Most of us are sleep walkers. We do not see what



is in front of us. As Jesus said, though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. (Mt 13, 13). In the Gospel we see the opening of the eyes as a miracle. (John 9, 10). The blind man who was healed by Jesus was asked to go and wash his eyes in the pool of Seloam.

The Word challenges us to open our eyes. The death of Br. Ambrose is an invitation to open our eyes.

We open our eyes to Br. Ambrose himself. A man, who relentlessly gave love, received love and longed to love more. His family testifies to this. His friends remember this. Even his detractors agree that he was a loving and lovable man. In the letter of Fr. General to Br. Ambrose at the occasion of his

Golden Jubilee, Fr. Adolfo wrote, 'you loved and cared for the co-workers wherever you had responsibility for them. You personally attended to their difficulties and problems and tried your bit to resolve them within your capacity'. When he was disabled and not able to work anymore, during afternoons you could see him walking up to the land telephone with an old pocket diary and calling his dear ones to enquire after them. A simple of gesture of love, which is remembered by many of his dear ones.

Br. Ambrose was a man of intense emotions. He felt them, expressed them and handled them in a very rustic way. But deep down, he would not keep grudges, though he did complain of some things all through. Amazingly, towards the end of his life, he stopped even that. Maybe the call of death was opening his own eyes. He showed an amazing level of resilience, too, as he recovered from the partial paralysis and started walking around, though it did confine him to his room and made him miss serious work.

Farming and love of nature filled almost three decades of his career. Ranging from large estates to small kitchen gardens, he cultivated, produced, shared and felt fulfilled. Many of us Jesuits will testify to the taste of the bananas he produced for almost three decades. Rest of his working life, he cared for orphans, the Jesuit communities and found joy.

Prayer had become a passion for him, especially saying rosaries. He said on an average six to seven rosaries a day, offering each one for specific intentions, especially of the Society of Jesus. May be he was responding to Fr. General's request in 2012. 'Please remember me and the needs of the Society in your own prayers and sacrifices'.

Did Br. Ambrose foresee his death? I feel he did. Even on the last day, he kept saying, I am going to die, though for us bystanders, he looked quite normal. Except for some mild disturbance in the night and complaint of sleeplessness, he had a peaceful death, as though the Lord called him gently on the very day he had entered the Society, the auspicious day of July 31, 54 years ago.

Brother Ambrose's smooth passing away to heaven opens our eyes to love intensely, to give generously, to find God in nature, to deepen ourselves in prayer and most importantly, as G C 36 challenges us to 'Row into the Deep'.

Life asked death, "why do people love me, but hate you"?

Death responded, "Because you are a beautiful lie and I am a painful truth".

Let us open our eyes.

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