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From the Provincial

Growing Civic Sense in the Country

One of the laudatory aspects of social life in India is the growing civic sense. The most remarkable manifestation of this is in the Railways. You see that platforms, coaches and toilets are cleaned regularly. Waste bins are kept in visible places and regular collection of waste is being done. Overall, we feel a better sense of well being as we witness these.

Bindeshwar Pathak, founder of Sulabh International, is a very happy man. His relentless effort to clean up the nation is bearing fruit. In a recent interview he remarked, 'we must nurture cleanliness; it is a matter of vision'. One of his recommendations is 'regular clean-up drives'. Some of our institutions in the Province have experience of decades of such drive which keeps the campuses clean with the participation of all stakeholders.

But we need to go further. As Pathak said, it is a matter of vision. Can all our Jesuit houses and institutions imbibe this vision of 'cleanliness is Godliness', place waste bins in visible places, organize regular periodic cleanliness drives? In other words can we be ambassadors of a new civic sense.

I have this concrete dream: that all our institutions ensure that at least around a one kilometre radius of our institutions, there will be no waste lying.

M.K.George

APPOINTMENT BY THE HOLY FATHER

Fr Michael Czerny (CDA) as one of the two under secretaries of the newly established Section for Migrants and Refugees in the Vatican department for the Promotion of Integral Human Development.

APPOINTMENT BY FR GENERAL

Fr Arun de Souza has been appointed as the Provincial of Bombay.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Fr Rubil Martin Mampuzhackal : Asst Vicar, St Mary's Forane Church, Kanjoor (Ernakulam Archdiocese)

Fr Sheise Porunnakottil : Asst Vicar, Thankey (Kochi diocese)

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY, 2017

- 01 : Curia Meeting
- 02-04 : Curia
- 05 : Mangalore Visitation
- 06 : LIPI Meet, Ernakulam
- 07-08 : Belgaum Visitation
- 09-10 : Calicut
- 11 : AICUF, Loyola, Mukundara
- 12 : Fr Paul Valiakandathil's Memorial event, Trivandrum

13-14 : Curia
 15 : Consult
 16-28 : JCSA MEETING in Jabalpur
MARCH
 01-04 : V J, New Delhi – Visitation

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Fr Joseph Puliparampil has been appointed Director of Amal Jyothi college of Engineering in Kanjirappally. He will also continue to be Principal and Director of Marian International Institute of Management in Kuttikanam.

Fr Shibu Joseph Malekunnel successfully defended his PhD thesis at the public viva voce examination on January 30, 2017 at Loyola college, Chennai. Congratulations, Dr Shibu.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

The first death anniversary of **Fr Paul Valiakandathil** falls on February 14. The memorial Mass will be at 11.15 a.m. at Christ Hall followed by prayer in the cemetery. All are welcome.

LEFT THE NOVITIATE

Mineesh Juseph, a first year novice, left the novitiate on January 3.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

The Christ Hall campus is getting a new look with the newly built campus wall. The house also is getting a facelift with the domestic chapel and the parlour undergoing serious surgical strike. The Christu Raja L.P. School had a grand colorful Republic Day Celebration. The community organized a special get-together cum dinner with the pastoral council of Christ the King parish, at which we honoured Mr Shiva Shankar, the Postman who retired after 26 years of service at Malaparamba. Sahrudaya Club celebrated its Anniversary on January 26 with ganamela and a drama.

Fr Sunny Jose left for Arnos Padiri Academy, Velur, after his sabbatical break. **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** has gone to Patna to join the Atmadarshan course. **Fr Kurien** is away in JDV, Pune giving a course in Theology. **Fr Francis George** of Darjeeling province stayed with us for few days for ayurvedic treatment. SRC has released its brochure for 2017. The SRC team has initiated tuition programme for 8th and 9th class students. **Fr Kottukapally** spent a few days in Nirmala Hospital due to high blood pressure. **Fr Inchackal** is admitted in Nirmala Hospital after a fall.

Jenaphine

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

The Higher Secondary School participated in the district level youth festival at Vellimadukunnu. Our group performances secured A grade and all the students became eligible for grace marks. The items we participated in were panchavadyam, chenda, paricha muttu, dafmuttu, poorakkali, vattappattu, and orchestra.

Fr Thadeyoos and other teachers was not in vain. The 225th year jubilee of the school is taking shape with the formation of a Jubilee Committee;

Fr K T Devasia is the convener and Mr Rajan is the chairman.

The ICSE School conducted a painting and SUPW (Socially Useful and Productive Work) exhibition which attracted many parents. The school also organized a Junior basket ball match with the students of the Silver Hills Higher Secondary school.

Fr Anto attended a training program in NIMHANS, Bangalore, arranged by the government on 'Counseling Guidance to Teenagers'. The community welcomed and greeted the newly ordained **Fr Sheise** who was a regent in the school.

Ramlal Thomas

SARVODAYA, EACHOME

The Jesuits in Wayanad came together at Prasanthi, Pachilakad to welcome the New Year and to celebrate the birthday of **Fr Kuriakose**. **Fr Baby Chalil** was away in Ahmedabad to attend the Assistancy meet of Province Development Directors. The Community Animation sessions guided by **Fr Ephrem Thomas**

were quite enriching and fruitful. Thank you, Fr Ephrem.

The School Annual Day celebration on January 25 was also an occasion to bid farewell to our three retiring teachers, Sri Ramachandran, Smt. Sherly Louis and Smt. Lisamma, after more than three decades of commendable and meritorious service. Sri O.R. Kelu, M.L.A., Mananthavady inaugurated the function while **Fr P T Mathew** and Fr **Joseph Kallepallil** graced the occasion and offered felicitations. The two-hour long cultural programme brought on the stage 500 students performing a wide variety of colourful items. **Fr Wilson, Fr Biju George**, and **Sri V D Thomas**, assisted by the entire band of teaching and non-teaching staff, deserve all appreciation for the meticulous planning and committed hard work.

The District level inauguration of National Youth Week celebration by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Wayanad was held at Sarvodaya. Sixty members of the School *Souhruda Club* went to Kalpetta for a seminar on Water Conservation. They are following it up by conducting surveys in the neighbouring villages on the sources and the use of water. As part of the state-wide General Education Protection Campaign, the staff and students together with some parents cleaned the school premises, took an oath and declared the campus plastic-free. Master Ajay Varkey of Plus-two represented Sarvodaya School in the State School Kalotsavam and secured 4th place with A Grade in Mimicry. Our Candidate **Praveen Babu** has been awarded proficiency prize in Plus-one Humanities.

TUDI organized a camp for the local youth in collaboration with Lok Manch under the leadership of **Fr Baby**. The alleged move to shift the foreign liquor outlet of the Beverages Corporation from Panamaram to Eachome brought together the neighbouring parishes, religious houses, and local leaders for a protest rally and public meeting at Eachome junction; Fr Baby was actively involved in it.

Fr Antu Xavier

S. M. FARM, PARIYARAM

Community Building Session for the S.M.Farm Community was animated by **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** in January. We thank him for his valuable service. The General Body meeting of Samskriti was held

at S.M. Farm on January 13 and was chaired by **Fr Provincial**. For the first time three people including one woman from Chirakal area participated in the General Body and two more were elected from Samskriti Sahajeevanam. The Samskriti Career Guidance Centre, Pilathara started Basic Computer Training classes for the second batch of seniors in January. The third anniversary of Samskriti Sahajeevanam was celebrated with the support of local people. **Fr M K George**, our Provincial, was the chief guest, and his message and presence were inspiring. Three students of SSJ 'Kalari' took part in the national martial art festival held at Patna. Republic Day was celebrated with a one-day camp for the neighboring children, during which Ex-service men from the locality were honoured. School students from Pondicherry, Sreekandapuarum, Chembanode, Cherukunnu and Pilathara visited our Centre.

Mathew Aertthayil

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

In the State School Youth Festival, three of our boys bagged 'A' grade. St Michael's School, a major venue of the State Youth Festival, had five stages. On the main stage we had *Chavittu nadakam*, Malayalam drama, English skit, Mime, *Nadan pattukal*, etc. It was a special experience to be very close to the main stage where programmes went on round the clock for a week. After the programme **Hon. Minister Mr Kadnappilly Ramachandran**, the District Collector and other officials came to the school to express their gratitude to the management. Our JRC team got the first place in the Republic Day parade held at the Police *maidan*, Kannur. **Fr Toby Kozhupakkalam** gave an Exam-Orientation Programme for the plus-two students. January was the month of picnic for the Pre-Primary school. The Pre-KG children were taken to Chalil beach, a tourist spot near Kannur, and the LKG children enjoyed the Dharmadam beach, while the UKG children spent a day at Sadhoo Merry Kingdom, a water theme park near Kannur

K J Mathew

LOYOLA, ALUVA

These days as you open our front gate a 'notice' welcomes you: "Brothers are in retreat; please keep silence in these premises". Yes, Loyola is in retreat

mode now. Our **first year novices** and five novices from Bangalore, belonging to the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Betharram, began their month-long *Ignatian spiritual Sadhana* on 14th January. On the same day the **second year novices** left for their much-awaited *Work Experiment*. Meanwhile, **Jack Achan** is away in Kothamangalam directing a Long Retreat to a group of *Dharmagiri Sisters*. **Fr. Santhosh**, too, is out of station: he has gone to Ranchi to take part in the annual meeting of the Vocation Coordinators of the Assistancy. Please continue to keep all our novices – the retreatants as well as the ‘poor migrant labourers’ – in your prayers.

Jose Jacob

SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY

The Annual Sameeksha Day was conducted with a prayer meeting on the eve of Christmas. **Fr Joe Pulikal** gave an Ignatian Retreat to a group of lay people after Christmas. Mr Shoukath, a Muslim spiritual seeker, conducted a very inspiring seminar on the vision of Nitya Chaitanya Yati. **Frs Joe Thayil** and **Sunny Kunnappallil** guided a discernment retreat for the theology students of Carmelgiri seminary. **Fr Xavier** attended the National Jesuit Meeting of the province coordinators of Dialogue ministry at Kolkata. **Fr Toby Joseph** is away at Wakhad, Pune, giving retreats and seminars at the MC House. As part of the Dharmasameeksha lecture series, Dr. Sakeer Hussain spoke on Rabindranath Tagore’s *Gitanjali* which generated an excellent discussion. *Ārōgya Māsika* of Manorama carries a series of articles on Sameeksha focusing on the healing energies felt on the Sameeksha campus.

The New Year at Sameeksha began with the OLAM (Old Leaders of Aicuf) group gathering for their annual meeting; Justices **Kurien Joseph** and **Cyriac Joseph**, **Jacob Punoose IPS** (Ex. D.G.P), **P.C. Joseph** (Ex. M.L.A.), etc. were the dignitaries. **Fr Provincial** presided over the 45th Memorial Day Mass for **Fr Sabu Malayil** at St. Anne’s parish, Eloor. **Bro Mampilly** was admitted at L.F. Hospital for a couple of days and has returned to Sameeksha with renewed energy. **Fr Samuel Rayan** visited his ancestral house and home parish at Kumbalam in Kollam. Fr Rayan paid homage at the tomb of his Father, Mother and Brother.

Xavier Tharamel & Toby

LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

Construction of one house under the housing project of the community for the Extraordinary Year of Mercy has been completed at Thuthiyoor. The house was blessed by **Fr Adappur** and the keys were handed over by **Fr Pallivathukkal**. Work on the second house at Kannamaly is going on.

Fr Saju George, the Jesuit dancer from Calcutta, along with his troupe put up a dance performance in Kochi under the auspices of POC, Palarivattom. The media gave a good coverage of the event in Kochi. **Fr Vincent** coordinated with POC on behalf of the community which honoured the troupe with a dinner.

Sneha Sena organized a one-day seminar for its animators from schools in central Kerala. **Dr Alexander Jacob** IPS (Rtd.), former DGP, was the main speaker; he narrated how Sneha Sena helped him mould his character and personality. **C Radhakrishnan**, illustrious writer and author was specially honoured with a memento presented by Fr Adappur. **Fr P T Mathew**, the Socius, presided over the function. Sneha Sena conducted *Chithrolsavam* Edition-3, a painting competition for students coordinated by **Fr Shin**. **Fr Joe Kalathil (JAM)**, an architect of peace initiatives between India and Pakistan, visited Sneha Sena schools in Kochi with letters of peace from children in Pakistan. Sneha Sena and Tik-Tik Life are encouraging our children to join the movement for peace. Fr Kalathil offers his service as the postman of peace-letters across the border.

The new office space for LIPI under construction is nearing completion. A group of ten students and their advisor from Santa Clara University, Berkeley, USA was with us for a cultural immersion program to India. LIPI organized their three week exposure and hosted them at Kochi for three days. They also participated in an international seminar on Religion and Peace that LIPI organized. **Dr. Thomas Cattoi**, Professor at Santa Clara University and **Fr Dr. Paul Thelakkattu** were the main speakers.

Fr Binoy presented a paper on “*The detection of gravitational waves and its future implications for science and religion*” in the international conference held at Pune from 20-23 January.

On the 25th of the month we had a documentary titled "The World's Most Enlightening Region" by Dr. N. S. Xavier, a psychiatrist based in Alabama, USA, screened for a selected audience. It highlighted Inter-religious harmony existing in a small region of Kerala comprising Kodungallore, Aluva, Kochin and Kalady.

An extended editorial meeting with the Jesuit core group for LIPI and Ezhuthu was held on January 28. In the afternoon there was a panel discussion on the growing tendencies towards gruesome behaviour among the youth of our times. Dr. K. S. Radhakrishnan, the former VC of Sanskrit University, Kalady, Dr. Muse Mary and Dr. C. J. John, Psychiatrist at Medical Trust Hospital, Kochi were on the panel.

The topic for the monthly discussion of the Newman Association was "Demonetization: Where are we heading to?" Dr. R. Mohan, an eminent economist and a former income tax commissioner, and Adv. P.J. Thomas, the district president of B.J.P. were the resource persons. Dr. Christie Fernandez IAS chaired the session.

Vincent Perepadon

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

Snehabhavan organized a picnic for Santhwana Federation and the core committee members of CBR to Athirapilly and Vazhachal. Five students of Snehabhavan participated in "AWAKE-17" at KE College, Mannanam and won prizes. A smart class is ready with all facilities for doing online data entry works at Snehabhavan Vocational Training Centre, Aymanam. Thanks to **Fr Anil** who worked hard for the success of this project. Interventions by JECI Legal Aid Centre make an impact in and around Kottayam. With the coming of **Fr Immanuel Koyan** we are six members in the community now.

Immanuel Koyan

LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

The Directorate of Collegiate Education conducted 5-day training for principals of government colleges of Kerala at LES in January. A batch of 29 students and 3 teachers from Sweden was at LES for an 18-day social exposure programme guided by **Fr Joye James**. The Golden Jubilee of Loyola college

Alumni Association was celebrated on January 26. **Fr Saji** attended JAAI meeting at Ranchi. The second Global Leadership Award instituted by the Loyola Old Boy's Association (LOBA) was bagged by Air Marshal S.R.K.Nair at a glittering function where **Fr M K George**, our Provincial, was the chief guest. A young-achiever award was instituted this year; it went to Shri Sabarinathan MLA. Air Marshal Nair, who belonged to the 1974 batch of the school, was also the chief guest at the 56th School day celebrations. **Fr Kallepallil** guided the General Synaxis of Vincentgiri Sisters at Mananthavadi. Six JEPASA members were here for a day of reflection and sharing. Six sisters belonging to the congregation of Holy Family (CHF) made their services available to the Cheruvickal parish for three weeks as part of their home mission.

Sunil Padanna

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

We ushered in the New Year with a midnight Mass and celebrations in our ministry parishes. In the evening of January 1, we started the Triduum, guided by **Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy**, in preparation for the renewal of our vows. The Triduum was indeed a revitalizing experience for all of us, and we are grateful to Fr Jacob for his prayerful guidance.

Fr Kinley Tshering, Provincial of Darjeeling, made a visit to Vidyaniketan, and inspired us by his interactions and sharing. The visitation by the Southern Provincials also was in January. We had a lively and joyful sharing session with the four of them. We spent a day in silent prayer with fasting and abstinence for the speedy release of **Fr Tom Uzhunnalil SDB**. We celebrated Pongal under the leadership of the Tamil Juniors. We enjoyed all the activities of that day including the *pongal* and the tasty vegetarian meal on plantain leaves, sitting cross-legged on the refectory floor.

The new cabinet under the leadership of **Sch Ivin Tomy** assumed office on January 16. We attended a three-day Ecological Awareness Course at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur. **Fr John Britto Bonaventure** and his team guided us through the course which included a couple of outdoor sessions. On our way back, we had our Madurai darshan and, owing to the pro-Jallikattu protests and cancellation

of the Punalur Passenger train, we had to have a bumpy bus ride back to Trivandrum. **Fr Dasappan** celebrated Mass with us on the Republic Day, and it was followed by flag hoisting and a football match.

Dijin Jose George

AADI, ATTAPPADY

The Sixth Tarumitra eco-fest was held on January 18 & 19, 2017 at AADI, Mattathukad with the theme: "Trees, Rivers and Humans". In the Eco-Seminar on the first day papers were presented by Dr. V S Vijayan (Chairman, Salim Ali Foundation), Mr. Ameen S A (BFO Silent Valley Wild Life Sanctuary), and Ms. Devapriya (Tarumitra, Bihar). Over 200 people including students from various institutions participated. Eco-competitions were the focus of the second day. Swami Samvidanandh (Chairman, Green Vein), Mr. Ravi (Chalakkudy Puzha samrakshana samiti) and Mr. Kalloor Balan (who has planted over 5 lakhs trees) addressed the students. Over 700 students and teachers from 40 schools were present.

A batch of fifty students from Bharathamata College, Kozhinjapara spent two days in AADI for Eco-Exposure guided by **Fr P S Antony**. Training of Lok Manch Community Leaders from the four member organizations conducted their training at AADI. **Fr James Morais** was in Hyderabad for a consultation with THRIVE SOLAR ENERGY Pvt. Ltd. This is part of our exploration for starting a Solar Production and Training centre in collaboration with THRIVE. **Sch Kamal** along with four Jesuit novices constructed an asymmetrical pond in front of our residence; it is part of a big garden project in our dreams.

James Morais

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

We, the fourteen pre-novices, returned to XTC after our two weeks of Christmas holidays. We had plenty of talking to do about our first vacation. We are now busy pricking our brains regarding our new offices, with Kevin George Thomas leading the group.

We had a great time attending the annual day programmes of Sarvodaya, Eachome. The Republic Day in XTC was celebrated with a public meeting, flag hoisting by our chief guest **Fr Anto Muringathery**,

parade, and a short patriotic speech by Sebastian Chiriyankandathil. The groundwork for our annual day in March has already begun. **Fr Kallepally** inspired us with a fruitful sharing of his life in the Society.

Eby (pre-novice)

LOYOLA, POOVAR

"Learning grammar can be fun and exciting", exclaimed our second-year students as they attended the three-day intense English grammar training by **Fr Dominic Palakeel**. Thank you, dear Dominic, for bolstering up the confidence of our students. Our students got yet another opportunity to experience Jesuit excellence when **Fr Sanil Mathew** made himself available for a follow-up programme on Psycho-Sexual Development for our first-year students. Thank you, Fr Sanil, for finding time for our students. A group of Higher Secondary students from Sweden, accompanied by **Fr Joye James**, paid a visit to Loyola Poovar on January 20. We are already facing acute water shortage as both the Monsoons have abandoned us!

K J Thomas

AICUF CENTER, TRIVANDRUM

Fr George Sebastian conducted a seminar for the teaching faculty of Marian Engineering College, Trivandrum. The topic was "Challenges and Opportunities for teachers in a mass mediated culture". He directed the annual retreat of the Camillian fathers in Bangalore. While in Bangalore he gave a series of talks and lectures to different groups of students and adults on media related topics. The meeting with the Old Leaders of AICUF at sammeeeksha, Kalady was an energizing experience for the present aicuf movement. **Fr Babu Paul** had a good interaction with the group on the present state of the movement and the leaders offered full support for strengthening the movement. The Aicuf has completed its national evaluation. Aicuf students from various colleges spent three days with the **Endosulfan victims** at Amabalathara near Kanjangand as part of the programme of exposure. They helped in building *snehaveedu*, a day-care centre for the victims and their mothers. A discussion group named '**Samagathi**' has begun at Aicuf center to facilitate regular discussion on socially relevant

issues. The **Jnanasammeeksha** group had a two-day session on spirituality by **Fr Joe Pulickal**.

FR JOHN FJ MANIPADAM WRITES FROM VIDYANIKETAN

After celebrating the Christmas **Midnight Mass and the Christmas Day Mass at Infant Jesus Church**, Ernakulam, I had a number of engagements. They included House Blessings, Betrothals and Weddings in different places -- inside Kerala like Ernakulam (Latin Catholic & Orthodox -- I was happy to greet our Abraham Adappur on his 91st Birthday!), Alleppey (Syro-Malabar Catholic & German Protestant), Cannanore (Muslim) and Kootickal (both Syro-Malabar); outside Kerala like Bombay (Latin Catholic & Hindu Sindhi) and Chennai (in San Thome Basilica, Syro-Malabar Catholic & Tamil Catholic); and even outside India like Negombo (Syro-Malabar Catholic & Hindu), Sri Lanka. Kindly pray that these young couples, including many others married during this season, will start good, joyful and peaceful families.

In Sri Lanka, I was able to meet some of my Jesuit friends. I missed my very good friend, the late Derrick Mendis with whom I had spent a good bit of time in September. R.I.P. In Bombay I was providentially present at the send-off/welcome dinner for the Former Provincial, new Assistant, **Fr Vernon D'Cunha**, and for the new Provincial, **Fr Arun de Souza**. There I met very many old Jesuit friends of my years at Vinayalaya, 1973-1975. Like in those good old days, I celebrated Mass at the Cloistered Convent and visited the Holy Spirit Sisters (celebrating the Golden Jubilee of their hospital), the S.V.D. Fathers (Fr Itoop Panikulam among them), the Missionaries of Christ Jesus (Cheshire Home) and the Canossian Sisters. In Cannanore, I was invited by a Muslim Old Boy to his son's Wedding Reception. I met other Muslim Old Boys of my Regency days. In Ernakulam and in Chennai too, I met many Loyola Old Boys of my Regency days.

CHARISMATICS AND JESUS YOUTH

Kerala Jesuits who are involved or interested in the Charismatic movement and Jesus Youth gathered for a one-day recollection and discussion at Sameeksha, Kalady on January 21. **Fr Abraham Pallivathukal**, the motivator behind this gathering, initiated the session with a prayer which summarized the entire focus of

the day. **Fr Joe Mathew** the coordinator welcomed all the participants. The other members were **Frs Jose Pulinthanath, Jacob Kumminiyl, Xavier Tharamel** and **Shin Kallungal**. The recollection talk given by **Fr Xavier Tharamel** emphasized the role of Christ experience in our faith life and conflict situations. The in-depth personal Christ experience shared by each one was enriching. We also had a discussion on homiletics in order to be effective in our preaching, followed by a planning session. We decided to organize an "Ignatian Discernment Workshop" for lay persons, especially the youth, on February 17-19 at IRC Pariyaram. The resource persons are **Frs Rachans, Jacob Kumminiyl, C T Jose, Jose Pulinthanath** and **Joe Mathew**. Kindly contact **Fr Joe Mathew** for further details.

Shin Kallungal

JAAI NATIONAL CONGRESS

The 8th Jesuit Alumni Association of India (JAAI) National Congress was held at St. Xavier's School, Ranchi from January 27 to 29, 2017. There were 368 delegates from all the provinces in India. A group of Six Jesuit, 12 Alumni and one Alumna were represented the Kerala Province. Dr. Devendra Sing from Ranchi and Mr. Centil Kumar from Trichy were elected President and Secretary respectively for a period of four years. Mr. Pradeep Kumar Madhavan from Trivandrum was elected to the National executive committee. JAAI is shaping up as a very powerful body in the World Union of Jesuit Alumni Association (WUJA). Kerala's presence in good number was well appreciated in the congress.

Jose Mathew

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

We welcomed the New Year with new vigor and enthusiasm. Our college re-opened on January 9 after the Christmas holidays. Sch. Midhun participated in a seminar organized by JAMIA in Malaysia in which many Jesuits from South Asian Assistency participated. He presented the history of Muslims in Kollam. It was a learning and enriching experience for him to become familiar with the work Jesuits do among Muslims in different countries. The chance to visit the empty tomb of St. Francis Xavier at Malacca was an added blessing. **Midhun** was

also part of the organizing committee of the seminar “Yousf/Joseph in scripture and tradition” held in ISI Delhi. **Sch Emmanuel** was in high demand for dance performance at seminars and celebrations. **Fr Chandy** continues to be very active in writing articles on various topics and getting them published in different magazines. Winter in Delhi is slowly fading away and summer is ready to creep in.

Bastin Jose

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

We had a sweet and meaningful birthday celebration of **Fr Biju** on January 7. JDV organized an international symposium on “The discovery of gravitational waves and the future of Religion and Society”. **Fr Binoy Pichalakatt** presented a paper. The Republic Day celebration in JDV began with a Mass for the whole academic community, with **Fr George Pattery**, POSA, as the main celebrant. He also hoisted the tricolor flag and delivered an inspiring message. The visitation by the POSA and the ADF was occasion for holistic renewal. It began with the ADF’s address to the scholastics in which he presented his expectations, focussing on the depth dimension in the spiritual and academic formation of a scholastic. The POSA was very much delighted by the ecological and environmental activities in DNC, which to him was a motivating factor for JDV and the other formation houses on the campus. At present the whole JDV campus is alive with the rhythmic movements of basketball, as the interclass basketball matches began on the 30th. DNC is getting ready for the diaconate ordination of our third years on February 11.

Lijo

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr K T Chandy, “Carrying Capacity of our Natural Resources”, *Indian Currents* Jan 30- 5th Feb, 40-43.

Fr M. K. George delivered the Third Dr. E. Vijayakumari Memorial Lecture at CMS College, and special

address at the UGC sponsored National Seminar at the School of Gandhian Studies on January 31.

GONE FOR HIS REWARD



Fr Fred Sopena (Born 91/75) on January 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



FEBRUARY

- 01 Anil Kochumethikalam
- 04 George Varangalakudy
- 05 George Vattukulam
- 08 Chandy Kumblankal
- 09 Dasappan Vattathil
- 10 Robert Shelton
- 10 Thomas Kuravanveliyel
- 13 James Thottakath
- 14 Vincent Pereppadan
- 14 Jaison Joseph Cheruvuparampil
- 18 Lijo Antony Pathickal
- 25 Gijo John Kochuparambil
- 26 Sebin Vellamaruthunkal
- 27 Deepak George Edattu
- 27 John Thottupattu

MARCH

- 02 Thomas Madathiparambil
- 03 Devadoss Mudiappasamy
- 03 Libin Mathew Puthukadath
- 05 Henry Pattarumadathil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY



FEBRUARY

- 05 (1987) Joseph Edamaram
- 07 (2006) Jose Murickan
- 09 (1958) Aloysius Spinelli
- 09 (2015) Michael Thannivelil
- 11 (2011) Cherian Curiyicad
- 14 (2016) Paul Valiakandathil
- 20 (2002) Antony Vachaparambil
- 22 (1982) Philip Veliath
- 28 (2008) Antony Manjil

KINDLY PRAY FOR MANY GOOD VOCATIONS

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