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### *From the Provincial*

#### **Help the Elderly to help themselves and others**

It is **Fr Paul Vadakel** who suggested this topic to me. 'You should help the elderly help themselves and others', he told me. He believed that it would make a qualitative difference to the lives of the elderly as well as the younger members. Come to think of it, he has every right to say this. At the ripe age of 87, he had offered to go to Sneharam, Anjengo and be of help to the mission there. He remained there till I requested him to come to Christ Hall. It is fascinating and humbling to watch the seniors in Christ Hall being alert to the needs of other seniors and stepping in to offer small and big services. Remember **Fr Vattakunnel** collecting bits of snacks to share with **Fr Vattanky**.

Caring for the elderly has indeed become the biggest challenge of humanity, particularly in a state like Kerala where the percentage of the elderly is rising every day. It is likely to go to 20 per cent in 2026, from the current 12 per cent (2016 estimates). Many seek the security of old age homes, often with great emotional pain.

The big question for those not yet elderly is this. How do we find time to care for them? How will we remember that what they require from the rest of us is human care in the most ordinary form of a touch, a smile, a word and just being physically present?

One of our lady collaborators told me recently. 'I wish you cared for your elderly a little more. I don't mean the physical tending. You do it probably well. I mean the human care!'

*M.K. George*

### **APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL**

**Fr Juan Antonio Guerrero Alves** (ESP) as his Delegate for DIR, the Interprovincial Roman Houses and Works.

**Fr Agbonkhanmeghe Orobator** (AOR) as President of Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar (JESAM).

**Fr Franck Janin** (BML) as President of the European Jesuit Conference (CEP).

**Fr Roberto Jaramillo Bernal** (COL) as president of the Latin American Jesuit Conference (CPAL).

**Fr Xavier Jeyaraj**, (CCU), as Secretary for Social Justice and Ecology. He has already served as Assistant to the Secretary for Social Justice and Ecology in Rome.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS BY FR PROVINCIAL**

**Fr Joseph Chiraparambil**: SICJ, Trivandrum

**Fr John Manipadam**: Loyola School, Trivandrum

**Fr Linto Anto Kanichai**: SICJ, Trivandrum

**Fr Joseph Thakadiyel**: St Michael's School, Kannur

**Fr John Thottupattu**: Santhinilayam, Kumaranalloor

**Fr Jose Kadankavil**: Pastoral work in Ireland

**Fr Joseph Kallepallil**: Loyola School, Mukundara

**Fr Manesh Thottathuvilakom**: Loyola School, Mukundara

**Fr James Pullokan**: Vocationist Seminary, Thalore

**Fr Shin Kallungal**: Migrant Ministry, Kalady

**Fr Jose Pulinthanath**: Loyola School, Sreekariyam

**Fr Binu Kaduthalakunnel**: St Michael's Kannur

**Fr Anil Kochumethikalam**: LIPI, Lumen, Kochi

**Fr James Morais**: Coordinator, Migrant Ministry

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### MARCH

- 09 : Curia  
 11-12 : Superiors'+Consultators' meeting Christ Hall  
 13-15 : Curia - Budget meeting  
 18 : Visitation, Loyola, Aluva  
 19 : Arnos Padiri Academy, Velur  
 20 : Loyola, Aluva  
 21 : Malayalam University, Tirur  
 22-23 : Chennai, Seminar  
 25 : Consult at Eachome, Wayanad  
 26 : Pre-novitiate, Pachilakkad  
 29-30 : Visitation, Christ Hall

### APRIL

- 01-02: Mumbai, Seminar

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Fr Dominic Palakeel** has been appointed by Archbishop **Soosa Pakiam** as Priest-in-Charge of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Kochuthura, with effect from February 5, 2007.

**Fr Jose Kadankavil** has been invited by the Bishop of Waterford and Lismore diocese in Ireland for pastoral ministry in the diocese for a period of two years. He left for Dublin, Ireland, on February 18. Initially he is put up at St Francis Xavier Church Jesuit Community in Dublin till he moves to a parish in the diocese.

## RETREATS

### GC 36 Retreats:

May 21 evening – 29 evening (in Prerana for Superiors) Directors: Frs Dion Vaz + Jossie D'Mello

May 21 evening – 29 evening (in Dhyanaashrama for others) Director: Fr Irudayaraj (GUJ)

*[Please give your names to Fr Jerome, Socius (KAR) and confirm by March end.]*

May 2nd pm - May 10th pm (at Shembag for Superiors); Director: Fr Kinley Tshering (DAR)

May 2nd pm - May 10th pm (at Dindigul for others) Director: Fr Bhausahab Sansare (PUN)

## FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

### CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

Christ Hall community organized a community picnic to *Thusharagiri Waterfalls*. *Thanni Muthassi* was an item of special attraction. Our Senior fathers were more excited than the younger ones to walk through the forest and admire the beauty of nature. On 14th of February we celebrated the first death anniversary Mass of **Fr Paul Valiakandathil** with his family members joining us. **Fr Gibi** who had been the backbone of the Migrant Ministry for the past one year is returning to his diocese. We are thankful to Fr Gibi for his contribution to MOS and to Christ Hall. We had a solemn community mass in which we thanked God for the gifts of Fr Gibi and **Fr Jose Kadankavil** who was preparing to leave for Ireland. We are privileged to have with us **Fr Francis Kurien**, former Provincial of Hazaribagh, for a month of sabbatical. He makes himself available in the community, and helps out in the one-month Counseling Training Programme in SRC.

The Christuraja L.P School had a grand anniversary celebration on February 5. Mrs Meera Darshak, the Deputy Mayor of Kozhikode Corporation, and Adv. Suresh Babu, the Ward Councilor, were the guests of honour. The variety of programs by the little buds added colour to the function. The School organized a seminar for the students and their parents on eradication of mosquito-borne diseases with the help of PTA and the Government Health Department. Construction of the new chapel cum parlour is going on in full speed under the supervision of **Frs Reji** and **Baby Mulluparambil**.

*Jenaphine Joseph*

### ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

The Annual Day of the Higher Secondary School was celebrated on February 2. The school thanked **Fr Devasia**, the principal, Mr M V George, headmaster and all the retiring staff members for their long years of dedicated service. Mr K Jayakumar IAS, the vice-chancellor of the Malayalam University, praised the values he has seen in Jesuit education and spoke about a value-oriented formation that should prevail in all campuses. The logo for the 225th Anniversary of the school was released during the public meeting. Later, on February 25, the six retiring staff members arranged a thanksgiving mass followed by an

agape for all the staff and their family members. **Fr P T Mathew** blessed the last stage of concreting of the new school building.

At the Annual Day of the ICSE School on February 2 Mr Godwin Samraj, the principal of Christian college, was the chief guest. Mr K Surendran, a noted writer, delivered the key note address. We thank all Jesuit fathers who blessed the occasion with their gracious presence. Our student's received many prizes in the *abacus* competition held at Tellichery. The school organised a debate on 'demonetisation' aimed at bringing out the innate talents of our students. A district level painting competition was also hosted by the school.

*Ramlal*

### **S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM**

A half-day community picnic was arranged to the Muzupilangadi beach close to Thalassery, one of the few 'drive-in beaches' in Asia. All the vehicles including tourist buses are permitted to have a drive on the six- kilometer long beach. All of us had a ride on the beach in a car. Since the water was very calm and shallow most of us found it very refreshing to spend a couple of hours with the soothing waves. The finale of the outing was the supper on the way. Data collection for the Samskriti research on 'The impact of the Electronic Communication Media on Christian Youth in North Malabar,' is going on under the leadership of **Fr Mathew Aerthayil**. The Bishop has written a fine recommendation letter to the parish priests, and there is good response from the youth and community leaders.

### **ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR**

The School Day was celebrated on Thursday, February 2. The chief guest was **Mar George Njaralakattu** (Archbishop of Tellicherry). In his inaugural address the bishop was in praise of the education and social service rendered by the Society of Jesus globally. The people of Kannur are fortunate to have a school like St Michael's run by the Jesuits, he said. The ground in front of the permanent stage was flooded with people during the meeting and entertainment programme that followed. The community had an enjoyable outing to 'Paithalmala' on February 25 and 26. The class rooms of St Michael's are made 'smart' by the smart SMS project launched by the school PTA. Admission process is going on in the

pre-primary school and the UKG. The students and the teachers are busy preparing for the Annual Day.

*K J Mathew*

### **LOYOLA, ALUVA**

On February 13 our dear retreatants, **three Jesuit novices** and **five Betharram novices**, successfully completed their one-month Ignatian Spiritual Sadhana and entered the 5th week. We are grateful to you for your precious prayers during the retreat. Meanwhile, the second year novices had their *Work Experiment* in various places in the Malabar region under the experienced guidance of **Fr James Morais**. It was a deeply challenging experience for all of us. Our grateful thanks to **Frs James, Antony** and **Sch Kamal** for their support and guidance.

**Jack Achan** directed a one month retreat to a group of MSJ Sisters in Kothamangalam, and then went to Pachilakad to guide our Pre-novices in their Discernment Retreat. **Fr Santhosh**, our Socius, returned after attending two national meetings: first, the *Assistancy-level meeting of the Vocation Promoters* in Ranchi; second, the *Annual National Conference of Indian Society of Professional Social Work*, organized by the Department of Psychiatry, GMCH, Chandigarh. In this meeting he presented a Paper entitled "*The Effect of Decentering in Mindfulness Practice on Metacognition and Emotion Regulation: Brain Potential Study.*" Hearty congratulations, Santhosh Achan!

The new 'Service Team' with **Rejoy Johny** as beadle and **Amal Babu** as sub-beadle assumed charge on 27th. This year too we, the novices, got the opportunity to 'taste' the famous '*Sivarathri*' celebrations at Aluva *Manappuram*. **Fr Sheise** celebrated his First Mass for the community on 23rd. Two distinguished Jesuits blessed us with their visits during this month- **Fr Baby Mulluparambil** who spent one day with us & celebrated Mass for us; and **Fr Norman Tanner** of the British Province, an eminent Church historian with whom we had a fruitful interaction.

*Rejoy & Sinesh*

### **SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY**

Sameeksha campus witnessed many events and received national and international visitors in the month of February. *Dhyanasameeksha*, the Ignatian Guided Retreat for laity directed by **Fr Joe Pulickal**, was much



appreciated. Later he gave a talk on Ignatian spirituality to the *ex-Jnanasameeksha* students of Sameeksha. As part of the *Dharmasameeksha* lecture series, Dr Sr Noel Rose, C.M.C., professor at Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha, delivered a thought provoking talk on the spirituality of Meera Bai. It evoked an excellent discussion in the afternoon session. **Fr Toby** was away in Pune directing two seminars and two retreats for the Missionary Charity Sisters. A series of NLP and Youth Animators training programmes are in progress at Sameeksha. The higher education board of Kerala organized a half day programme for forty students from various colleges across Kerala, and Fr Toby led a brilliant session which demonstrated the power of the human mind. Bro Mampilly, **Frs Samuel** and **George** are in good health.

*Xavier*

#### **LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI**

The Newman Association organized its monthly gathering in which Advocate Kaliswaram Raj (Supreme Court of India) was the chief guest. He spoke on "The Challenges to Democracy and Secularism in the Contemporary Times." Very creative interactions ensued. **Fr Adappur** responded to the presentation while **Fr Binoy Jacob** moderated the discussion.

**Fr Mathew Nampiarambil** suffered chest congestion and mild pain on February 1, and underwent a process of angiogram followed by angioplasty. He was treated at Lissie Hospital, and is back to the community cheerful with improved heart and health. **Fr Shin Kallungal** found himself affected by chickenpox when he had a sudden fever towards the end of the month. He is at home now under the loving care of his parents warding off others from the chance of contracting the virus.

**Fr Vincent Pereppadan** was on the last lap of the school visits before the annual

examinations. He visited both the south and north Kerala schools introducing Sneha Sena and Tik-Tik Life. Sneha Sena is collaborating with Thanmaya Media Centre and Kerala State Chalachitra Academy in organizing Theatre-Film Workshop at Thanmaya, Kottayam, during the summer holidays. A new scheme to provide Tik-Tik Life with a set of books as bonus for bulk subscriptions is announced.

*Vincent Pereppadan*

#### **LIPI/ EZHUTHU**

In the month of February we held an Academic Brainstorming Session to further the process of launching the academic wing of the Peace Institute. Dr K S Radhakrishnan and Dr K Babu Joseph, former Vice-Chancellors, Dr Jacob Thomas IAS, the former Port trust chairman, and other significant people from the academic field were present. The fruitful session came up with the proposal to focus on the following areas: research and training along with publication, developing a master plan, and networking with similar interest groups in promoting peace and harmony. The LIPI team is working on a proper follow-up.

Another important development was the two peace promotion campaigns that **Fr Binoy** conducted in the metropolitan city of Chennai. **Fr Prince Clarence** was instrumental in establishing and providing substantial contacts with important persons in the city. We greatly appreciate his invaluable support and contacts. Another promotion campaign was also organized by the LIPI Team in Marian college, Kuttikkanam. LIPI and Ezhuthu magazine in collaboration with the Collective for the Right to Live (CORAL) organised a one day workshop called "Ilayarivu" (Herbal Knowledge). Experts in the field conducted sessions on the 100+ edible leaves and herbs around us that could be included in our diet to control diseases and to lead a healthier life. It was widely covered by the media.

A long cherished dream to have sufficient space for LIPI came true as the newly erected floor was blessed by **Fr Roy Thottam**, the superior, at a simple ceremony on February 27. Special congratulations to **Fr Sanil** who brilliantly steered the construction process till the end.

*LIPI Team*

#### **AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY**

February 26 was a memorable and spiritually enriching day for AKJM. The relic of St Antony of Paduva was brought to AKJM chapel at 03.00 p.m. The superior received the relic at the entrance of the chapel and placed it on the altar for veneration. Later it was taken to Nirmalaram Capuchin (Conv.) house at Chotty (Mundakayam) accompanied by motorcade.

We celebrated the annual day in a grand manner. Mr Rishiraj Singh IPS, the Excise Commissioner was

the guest of honor. The school Award Day was held on February 23. Mrs Sheela Thomas I A S, additional chief secretary to the Govt of Kerala, was the guest of honour for this function. Our students performed very well in the state Kalotsavam. The vegetable cultivation in the adopted village by our NSS volunteers was a successful attempt. The principal and the staff have left no stone unturned to get our students ready to face the forthcoming public exams. Because of the strenuous effort of the staff we hope to get better results this year.

**Fr Salvin** and **Fr Edassery** attended the 8th National Jesuit Alumni Conference held at Ranchi on January 27 -29, 2017. Eventhough Kanjirapally is reeling under drought, we are having sufficient water in our compound. A new pump was installed at the unused well at Samanvaya. Luckily, the school is enjoying the luxury of sufficient water because of the foresight of our forefathers.

*Edassery*

### SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

JECI KOTTAYAM, as part of the Province thrust on peace movement, has initiated a venture adopting Kumaranalloor village for its integral growth through collaboration and partnership with the local beneficiaries. The pilot project which was inaugurated on February 5 has ensured the support of the Municipality, M G University, Medical college of Kottayam, the Police department, Lawyers and other government departments. The beneficiaries include about 800 families, and focusses on their basic needs like drinking water, road connectivity, 100% literacy, bio-farming, waste management, creation of drug and alcohol-free zones, social harmony, legal aid, and family counselling. The village is divided into 40 units with a coordinator each under the guidance of Mr Joji Mathew, JECI Secretary and **Fr Sony**, the Director. **Fr Joseph Podimattom** had a fall while saying Mass in the nearby convent, and was admitted to KIMS hospital, Kottayam. He has now recovered. **Fr Sebastian** suffered from chest congestion and breathing difficulties, and was admitted in the Medical Centre hospital, Kottayam. He is discharged and is taking rest at home. **Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikattu** is with us to prepare for his exams. Snehabhavan organized a picnic to Vagamon for its staff and students.

*Immanuel Koyan*

### VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

February, though the shortest month, was also the busiest month for us Juniors this year. We put our heads together, under the guidance of the staff, to make both the Balamela 2017 and the Academy Day a great success. We celebrated the birthday of Br George on the 5th. **Fr Henry Lakra**, PCF of Madhya Pradesh, and **Fr Sunny Kunnel**, PCF of Calcutta, paid short visits to the Juniorate. We will be having the ADF test on March 17; we request you all to remember us in your prayers.

*Vysakh Titus*

### XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

The most significant event of the month was our Discernment Retreat directed by **Fr Jacob Madukkakuzhy**. This helped us know a little more who God actually is, and also led us to deeper love, compassion, and a feeling of brotherhood among us. We thank 'Jack Achan' for his presence and guidance. **Sch Rosan** conducted a three-day course on Study Skills for the degree students in Loyola, Poovar. Back home he gave us a course on Scientific Way of Thinking. We now understand that science has made the world a better place to live in. **Fr Rachans**, our director, attended the meeting of the directors of Pre-Novitiates in the Assistency held in Ranchi. He also found time, along with **Frs Joe Mathew** and **Jacob Kumminiyl**, to conduct a 'Workshop on Discernment' for a select group of lay people in Pariyaram. **Fr Saji** has given a course on counselling to the B.Ed students at Mananthavady. **Fr George Thenadikulam** gave us a much appreciated session on tribal culture. We had a course on Social Awareness by **Fr P S Antony** which helped us imbibe some noble values and virtues to become good and responsible citizens. **Fr P T Mathew** gave a recollection talk to the priests of Nadavayal Forane as they gathered in Prasanthi for their monthly recollection. All the participants appreciated our hospitality. **Fr Kuriakose** broke his little finger when he fell down accidentally in his vegetable garden. Three of our companions – Kevin, Ajesh, and Alex - left the Pre-Novitiate for good, reducing our number to 11. **Akhil** is our new beadle.

*Akhil*

### AADI, ATTAPPADY

AADI is going on well. Mr Naile, our Coordinator, left us to pursue his studies. So, we are on the look-

out for a new coordinator. The student and family counseling centre of AADI is known to people. Ms ARYA who did her MSW from Loyola, Trivandrum, works as full time counselor. We are able to reach out to all SC, ST families and others who are in need of help.

I got an opportunity to deliver the keynote address at the Ideal College, Chrupulasery during a national seminar on 'Tribal Identity, Culture and Development'. Last week I presented a paper at the Bharthiar University on training-needs assessment of NGOs working with Tribal Children at Attapady.

*DS Antony*

### **ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY, VELUR**

"**Padiri Velicham**", a documentary film on Arnos Padiri was produced by Raju Raphel and team, and it was screened at Ganam Cinema, Thrissur, on February 24. **Mar Andrews Thazhath** inaugurated the show and Dr Syed Ibrahim (German consul) was the chief guest at the function. The film was part of a one year project, and Arnos Padiri Academy was in close collaboration with the project. **The 285th death anniversary of Arnos Padiri** will be celebrated at Thrissur Sahithya Academy on March 17, 18, and 19. Major events of this celebration include an All-Kerala Essay competition for college students, Arnos Photo-Flag Rally from Sambaloor to Thrissur, thanksgiving Mass at Sacred Heart Latin church Thrissur, *Pushparchana*, an All-Kerala Puthenpana competition, and Cultural meeting. We cordially invite you all to this programme.

**Fr Paul Kari** is away in UK for spiritual renewal ministry along with the Muringur Team. He writes from England: "On February 21 I started my journey from divine retreat centre. The same day I reached here in Darlington, UK, around 7 pm via Abudabi and Manchester. ... Here we have a morning English Mass and an evening Malayalam Mass. Every 1st week of the month we conduct one retreat for about 150 people. Now and then we are busy with other programs for youth and elders. People come for counselling and confession during the day."

He resides at Carmel Divine Retreat Centre, Nunnery lane, Darlington.

*George Thenadikulam*

### **PIUS X PVT ITI, EDATHUA**

The First and Third Semester Board Exams got over on February 24th. The Second and Fourth

Semester classes started on 25th itself. **Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikattu** has taken leave till July and moved out to Santinilayam, Kottayam to complete his M.Sc Studies in Psychology. Mr George Mathew of the Electrical Dept is appointed Principal-in-charge. **Fr Pullattu** has become all the more busy taking care of the day to day administration of ITI. **Fr K P Mathew** had gone to Calicut for a medical checkup. The Doctors say both his cardiac and diabetic problems are pretty well controlled. In the meantime the team that was entrusted with the task of discernment on the future of Pius X ITI has submitted its report to the Provincial.

### **AICUF CENTER, TRIVANDRUM**

Five Aicufers from Kerala participated in the National Animators' Training Camp at Chennai. The Trivandrum Zone conducted a leadership training camp at the AICUF center. The youth commission members gathered at the Aicuf center to discuss the strategic plan to make the AICUF movement more vibrant and relevant. A media camp guided by **Fr George Sebastian** for AICUF students was held at the center with the theme, 'Media consciousness, culture and value'. **Fr Babu Paul** conducted a one-day workshop at FIDES Center, Poomthura for the youth from coastal parishes of Trivandrum on the first death anniversary of **Fr Paul Valiyakandathil**. It also became an occasion for reviving the coastal units of AICUF in Trivandrum. **Fr George Sebastian** taught a course on Seeking God in Media and POP culture at Dindigul organized by the Center for Ignatian Spirituality. He gave a series of talks and sessions on Media for students at Trichy organized by the Birla Cement Company schools. He conducted a seminar cum workshop on teaching and learning theology in a media dominated culture for the faculty and students of CSI seminary Trivandrum. The *jnanasameeksha* group had its sessions on Church history by **Fr Joseph Valliyath**, a faculty from Malankara Major Seminary, Trivandrum.

*Babu Paul*

### **SNEHARAM, ANJENGO**

After the successful completion of his pastoral year, **Fr Manesh** stayed with us at Sneharam for a few days before he set out for a month-long yoga training programme at Neyyantinkara. Earlier, in the month of January, Sneharam was the venue for a half-day



Art Seminar for High School students guided by Fr Manesh. **Fr Varkeychan** conducted sessions on study skills at Champavu, Chowallur, Kannampally and Konniyur parishes. Scarcity of water has affected all the coastal villages and despite our precautions we could not escape it. Sneharam Lok Manch has entered into a new phase of community-based activities expanding our leadership training programme. Nearly 60 leaders from the Basic Christian Communities of three nearby parishes also joined the Lok Manch community leaders' training programmes in January and February. We will be organizing in March a conscientization programme in collaboration with the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau and five nearby parishes.

*Benny Chiramel*

### **SATYANILAYAM, CHENNAI**

Pongal was celebrated with much gusto and enthusiasm. The non-Tamilians among us are practising conversation in Tamil, and that turns out to be an enjoyable item. The Assistancy level meeting of Jesuit Faculty Forum of South Asia (JFFSA) was held in Satya Nilayam. The annual visitation by the **POSA** and the **ADF** took place in the second week of February. We were updated on the universal concerns of the Society in the context of the just concluded GC 36. **Fr Provincial** also came for the annual visitation.

The first year students actively participated in the sports day celebrations in Loyola College. The eminent persons who came to lecture at Satyanilayam include Frs Kuruvila (JDV), Rudy Heredia (BOM), Prof. Sebastian Vellassery of Punjab University, and Dr Claramma Jose of Loyola College. We, the six Kerala Jesuits in Chennai, were privileged to attend the PhD viva voce of **Fr Shibu**. He defended his thesis successfully and responded to the questions with accuracy and precision. We enjoyed a well-prepared dinner in honour of Dr. Shibu.

*Jithin*

### **JDV, PUNE**

The month of February, though short, was an active and well-packed month of the academic year. The third year Philosophers have finished their classes and are preparing for their comprehensive exam. Seventeen scholastics of DNC, including **Sch Tinu Francis** of our province, got ordained as deacons on February 11 at a well conducted ceremony. The presence of Fr Lijo Odathakkal, assistant Parish Priest, and two

representatives from Tinu's parish added joy to the occasion. JDV gave farewell to the outgoing students on February 24, and DNC bid adieu to the third year philos and theos on Feb 28. **Sch Lijo** has handed over the baton to **Sch Jose** as the new Kerala Province coordinator. We also celebrated birthdays of **Sch Lijo** and **Sch Jijo** this month.

*Tinu*

### **XTC NEWS**

**Fr Provincial, M.K. George**, visited us on February 7 and 8. The declamation on Marian Homilies began from the 8th of the month, and it was a reflective journey through the life of Mother Mary. We had a cultural exposure programme to Kolhapur for two days, and we visited the Kanheri Math, the museum at the palace of Shahu Maharaj and the Panhala Fort which Shivaji captured from the Mughals. All of us enjoyed the trip and it carried us back to our history and culture. We had our preliminary exam for the Assistancy Standardized English Test (ASET) on February 17. The final Assistancy exam will be on March 13. We request your prayers.

*Christy Sebastian*

### **VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI**

The Community was blessed with the visit of **Fr Arturo Sosa**, the General of the Society, on February 18. He addressed the college in the morning and encouraged the faculty as well as students with his inspiring words. He reminded us that the study of theology and theologising on the current issues and problems can help us do our ministry in an effective way. **Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara**, the bishop of Faridabad had a short meeting with Fr General. Fr General joined the Vidyajyoti community for lunch. In the evening he concelebrated at the Diaconate Ordination Mass of our 23 scholastics. The Diaconate ceremony was very meaningful and solemn, and **Rt Rev Dr Anil Couto**, the Archbishop of Delhi, ordained them as deacons. A large gathering of the faithful along with Fr General, the Assistants, **Fr POSA**, the Jesuit Provincial of Delhi and Jesuits and many religious, both men and women witnessed the ceremony. The second year scholastics performed a play on *Amoris Laetitia* as the part of the class project which was well appreciated.

*Midhun J Francis*

## FROM PARIS

We had the half-term break during the month of February. It was great to get relaxed a little after a hectic semester. Centre Sevres has reopened after the midterm break. **Adhul** and **Sharath** have started their theology classes in full swing. They participated in a seminar on 'the realities in the families' which was organized for the theology students. **Deepak** coordinated the gathering of the young priests in Paris and it was well appreciated for its meticulous planning and organization. Deepak gave a recollection to the missionaries of charity brothers' community in preparation for Lent. The birthday of Deepak was celebrated with much joy in the community and in a group of Malayali priests with sharing session.

*Sharath*

## OURS IN MEDIA

**Fr Benny Chiramel**, *Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) – A Trainer's Manuel*, published by Lok Manch Secretariat, New Delhi, 2017.

**Fr Mechery Antony**, "Oru Kabaridam Kadha Parayumbol," (on Archbishop Francis Ross, SJ), *Sunday Shalome*, February 12, 2017, 2.

**Fr George Nedungatt:**

- ❖ "Ecumenism and the Reform of Canon Law," *Concilium* 2016 /5, 73-84. (in six languages)
- ❖ "Abortion at Crossroads Between Science, Ethics and Law," - Part I, *Vidyajyoti Journal*, February 2017, 102-119.

## GONE FOR THEIR REWARD



**Fr Emmanuel Raj Antonisamy** (MDU, 71/55) on February 3 at Madurai.

**Fr Victor Arulappan** (MDU, 72/54) on February 14 at Chennai.

**Fr Bernie Donnelly** (HAZ, 84/65) on February 16 at Sitagarh.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### MARCH

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

### APRIL

- 01 Dolichan Kollarath
- 04 Gracious Stephen

## 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

**KINDLY PRAY FOR MANY GOOD VOCATIONS**

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