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*Fr Provincial & the Curia team
Wish you all A Happy Independence Day
& Feast of the Assumption*

FROM THE PROVINCIAL

CELEBRATIONS

We are just through another celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius. I did a count of all the celebrations that we have through the year and those that we

participate in with other religious, our relatives and friends. It is a shocking realization. We have far too many celebrations. Some of them are unavoidable. Most of them are affirmations of people, groups and events. And so, any effort to minimize the number may not immediately be practical. Novices do take vows, religious have their final commitments, jubilees, relatives do get married, children get baptized, dear ones die, the celebrations of founders take place every year and thus goes the list.

So my reflections go in another direction. How do we make these celebrations what they are really meant to be: occasions to deepen our commitment and renew ourselves spiritually. At times, the spiritual dimension seems to be ornamental and the social dimension take more time and energy. The invitations, meals, meetings, decorations, and other preparations. Insisting that our celebrations are primarily spiritual could be the first step.

Reflecting together with other religious houses in the neighbourhood on combining celebrations could be another step. That will of course demand generosity on the part of different groups and better planning.

This post-celebration time invites us to critically look at the quantity, quality and meaning of our celebrations.

M.K.George S J

APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Biju Joy Ottakkunnel: Minister, St. Xaviers Trivandrum

Fr Jacob Madukkakuzhy: Acting Socius to Novice Master, Loyola, Aluva

Fr Salvin Kachirayil: Province Coordinator for Formation

Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikattu: Manager, Pius X ITI, Edathua

Sch Lijo Pathickal: Acting Minister, Loyola, Aluva

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

AUGUST, 2017

- 02-03 : JWL meeting in Trivandrum
- 04 : JECI Training – Kozhikode
- 05-06 : Superiors and CCA meeting at Christ Hall – Consult
- 08-10 : Visitation of St. Joseph's Calicut
- 11-13 : Visitation St. Xavier's, Thumba
- 15 : Final Vows at Pariyaram
- 18 : Edathua
- 19 : Ordination of Deacon Jijimon
- 20 : Final vows of Fr Rabin at Nilambur
- 22-24 : Visitation of St. Michael's Kannur
- 26 : Bangalore – Bethany sisters
- 27-28 : Novice Masters' meeting at Sameeksha
- 29-30 : Seminar at Malayalam University, Tirur

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

FINAL VOWS

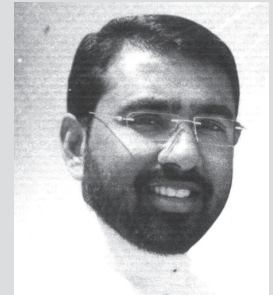
Frs Rachans Lukose, Salvin Augustine, K J Thomas and Joe Mathew: August 15, 2017 at 11 am in the chapel of Ignatian Retreat Centre (IRC), Pariyaram.

Fr Rabin: August 20, 2017, 5 pm at Infant Jesus Church, Nilambur.

All of them request your presence and prayers.

ORDINATION

Dn Jijimon Puthuveettikalam will be ordained a priest at 9.30 am on August 19, 2017 at St Joseph's Church construction site (Hosheastan ground), Punnakunnam, by Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alencherry. He invites all Jesuits to the ordination and to the First Holy Qurbana. A bus will be arranged from Santinilayam, Kumaranalloor on the day of ordination. Kindly inform Fr Sony, the Superior if you plan to join.



Fr Syriac Panjikan flew to East Timor on July 21. He was given a warm farewell by the Lumen Jesuit community where he spent the last few weeks studying the language of East Timor and preparing himself for the mission there. He was already saying Mass in *Teten*, the local language. The Province wishes him well and assures him of its prayerful support.

Fr Sanil Mayilkunnel will be leaving for studies in the US on August 21. His address: Ignatius House, 4603 Milbrook Road, Baltimore, MD – 21212. Ph. 410-617-2318.

All Superiors are requested to kindly send the Status Domus to the Socius without delay. Headmasters and Principals are requested to send the statistics according to the format given in the Province Catalogue.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Fr Jacob Karthanam and **Br Sebastian Valiamattam** were admitted to the Nirmala Hospital for various ailments for a few days. Fr Anthraper is presently in the cardiac unit of the hospital for observation.

Fr George Kandathil also is suffering from fatigue and is admitted to the hospital. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

In the first week of the month we celebrated the birthdays of **Frs Kurien Kunnumpuram, John Vattanky** and **Thomas Vattakunnel**. A JEA meeting was held here on July 8 and 9. **Fr K T Devasia** joined the Christ Hall community for his sabbatical year. On July 28 **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** left for Manila for his studies.

In honour of St Ignatius we had our Novena from July 22 to July 30. On July 30 we celebrated St Ignatius' Feast at Christu Raja Church. **Fr Provincial** was the main celebrant. The construction of our chapel is progressing quite well. On July 31 together with our guests we had our evening prayer in the new chapel of Christ Hall.

Sch Vysakh Titus

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

A seminar for the students and parents of class X was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Rajath Kumar. Preparations for the forthcoming State Festival have started. For the feast of St Ignatius we had Eucharistic celebration for all followed by lunch for the staff members. **Fr Jose Mathew** gave an inspiring message. The community welcomed the new group of four candidates who were admitted to the Higher Secondary School. **Fr Sooraj** is the new Director of the candidates. **Fr Jose Thachil** helped us through a day of community animation programme which was held at the Silver Hills Public School, Paropady.

The ICSE Council inspected the Junior School as part of the process of sanctioning permanent affiliation. The school arranged an 'awards day', and merit awards were given to those who secured high academic grades last year. The outstanding students from the outgoing batch were also honoured. **Fr Sooraj** gave a fitting message at the school celebration of the feast of St Ignatius.

Ramlal

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

The Jesuit community went to IRC, Pariyaram for a one-day community building programme guided by

Fr Joseph Pulickal. Fr Sunny Kunnappallil gave a three-day orientation programme for the teachers of the school, separately arranged for the L.P, U.P, H.S and higher secondary sections. The pre-primary students celebrated "Fruits Day" on July 20; they brought a variety of fruits to the school to be shared with their classmates and teachers. St. Michael's initiated a new tradition in the school for the feast day of St. Ignatius; all the seven Jesuits were honoured by the teachers and students at a special school assembly. Cultural programmes by the students and a high tea by the staff members added colour to the occasion. The community celebrated the feast in the company of about 80 priests and Sisters with an audio-visual prayer conducted by **Fr Tomson** followed by a delicious dinner.

K.J. Mathew

LOYOLA, ALUVA

Our first year novices successfully completed their First Probation under the experienced guidance of **Jack Achan**, and joined the community on July 3, the feast of St. Thomas, the apostle of India. With the arrival of nine young men Loyola community has become more vibrant & dynamic. The new batch appears to be a fine lot, and they have already got well integrated into the community. In the middle of the month we had a course on Yoga & Meditation by **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil**. We are deeply grateful to **Fr Sunny** and we wish him all the best in his new innings as a student in Manila! **Fr Sanil**, having recovered sufficiently from the effects of the bike accident, initiated us into the art of playing basket ball decently, if not elegantly. To prepare ourselves for the feast of our Holy Father Ignatius we had special novena and a recollection guided by **Fr Sanil**. Our customary get-together with our friends was held in the evening. The function with a delicious meal was memorable, thanks to the careful planning of **Fr Santhosh**, the enthusiasm of the novices, and of course the culinary expertise of Mr. Kunjumon, our cook!

Jaison & Tomy

SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY

At the Dharma-sameeksha monthly dialogue session in July **Fr Bobby Jose Kattikatt** gave an inspiring

talk on the inclusive vision of Jesus. It was attended by over 80 participants. JECI had its formation programme on the first weekend of July. Lok Manch had its training programme in mid-July. **Sch Justin** of Maryland Province spent a few days with us. **Fr Xavier** is back home on 26, and is getting ready for his tertianship in Goa. The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with a community recollection on 30 and with a get together of the friends and collaborators of Sameeksha-Atmamitra-Jeevika. Fr Xavier presented the life and thought of Raimundo Panikkar. Sebastian Painadath attended the Bishops-Theologians Colloquium at Bangalore. **Samuel Rayan's** 97th birthday was celebrated with the domestic staff; he is well taken care of, as we have someone to attend to him 24 hours.

Sebastian Painadath

LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

Fr Syriac Panjikaran, after a short stay with us, left for East Timor on July 21. **Fr Provincial** and others accompanied him to the airport. Our community enjoyed his enthusiasm and energizing presence during his stay, and we wish him the choicest blessings of God in his new mission. **Fr Binoy Pichalakkatt** rejoined the community after his month-long mission in the U.S. The Lumen Hall was turned into a Madhya Pradesh Munsif Court for the shooting of a feature film on the life and struggles of Daya Bai. The community gave a reception to the new Novices at Lumen. The attached members of the community also joined us on this occasion which celebrated the birthdays of **Frs George Thenadikulam** and **Sunny Jose**. Our feast was blessed by the priests and nuns of our neighbouring parishes and institutions. **Fr Paul Thelakkat** and **Msgr Mathew Elanjimattam** spoke at the gathering for the Ignatian festal celebration. The theme of the monthly discussion of the Newman Association was 'Fascism and communalization of politics in India'. Mr M.T. Ramesh of BJP and **Fr Adappur** were the main speakers. Fr Adappur published an article in Satya Deepam on eating and drinking and the role of the bishops in Kerala, and its impact was widely noticed. **Fr Vincent Pereppadan** helped

in organizing a two-day camp of the ex-members of Balajana Sakhyam (Manorama) at Peechi. Fr Vincent also conducted a seminar for the teachers FISAT (engineering college) near Ankamaly. **Fr Anil Kochumethikalam** has undertaken a massive circulation drive of Ezhuthu.

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

This year we had a combined celebration of the feast of St Ignatius on July 31st itself. The entire school staff, our neighbours, the clergy and religious of Kanjirapally area were invited for the feast. **Fr Joe Pulickal** conducted the prayer service, highlighting the life and the special apostolic charism of St Ignatius. The two bishops of Kanjirapally and the local MLA spoke on the occasion appreciating the great service being rendered by AKJM School to the public of Kanjirapally. The invited guests were treated with a varied and sumptuous lunch.

On 21 July, **Msgr. Kurian Thamarassery**, the chancellor of Kanjirapally diocese inaugurated a unit of KCSL in our school. We have introduced Civil Service Coaching for selected students of our school. **Fr John Rogers** (CCU) conducted a three-day Leadership Training Service (LTS) for our students. The training programme was highly appreciated by the students. The newly constructed classrooms were blessed by the Manager and now we are conducting the plus two classes in these well furnished rooms.

Edassery

ST XAVIER'S, TRIVANDRUM

The months of June and July witnessed a lot of events on the campus. The College and XIM are fully vibrant with the presence of the first year UG students. Regular classes have resumed after the semester exams for the seniors. The new academic year began with an orientation programme for the entire faculty by **Dr. Kevin**, former PVC of the University of Kerala. **Dr. Antony Palackal** from Loyola College conducted a one-day Orientation Programme for the newly recruited guest lectures. **Fr K.J. Thomas** gave a one-day orientation programme for the staff of XIM.

The UGC has finally recognized and approved St. Xavier's College as a Post Graduate College.

This is the fruit of tireless efforts by those at the helm for the past many years. Congratulations to everyone. Similarly, our all-out attempt to recruit non-teaching staff came to fruition this year; ten of them got appointed to various aided posts. **Fr Sunny**, the former Principal and **Fr V. Y. Dasappan**, the present one deserve applause for their strenuous efforts.

Fr Pious, our Rector, effectively executed the tiresome job of admission to the Management quota as the Manager of St. Xavier's College. Along with that he also handled the admission procedure at XIM as its Manager. **Fr Augustine** is away for two weeks for his retreat and holidays after handing over ministership to **Fr Biju Joy**. The Community thanks him for his meticulous work as the House Minister. The incessant rain slightly affected the ever young **Br Jacob**; but he is back to life rejuvenated.

Pious Vacha

AADI, ATTAPPADY

Sch Rephin Kamal has successfully completed his B.F.A, and he has received the 'best art student award' from the college. Congrats Kamal! He was given a warm send off as he left for his theology studies in Rome. AADI is very grateful to him for three years of his selfless service to the community, and for his art work at AADI which attracts many visitors. We have begun the work of adding two more rooms to our residence. **Fr James** and the Lok Manch team attended the state level training held at Sameeksha, Kalady. We had two other Lok Manch community leaders' training and one review meeting at AADI itself. The staff of AADI and JECI members joined us for the feast of St. Ignatius. The latest addition to AADI's work is 'kuttikootam', six children's clubs for the integral development of children at Attapady. We also have four study centres for marginalized children. A one-day camp on 'Child Rights and Life Orientation' was organized, and about 60 students actively participated. Students from Kalisalinga university (Rajapalayam, TN) and KE college, Mannanam came to AADI this month for their field placement.

P. S. Antony

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

In July we welcomed Sanjo from Thrissur as the new addition to the Pre-Novitiate. We have already finished two special courses; one was 'Awareness and Healing' by **Fr Rachans**, and the other was 'Environmental Awareness' by **Fr Antu Xavier**. Both helped us to grow in 'awareness' - of ourselves and of Mother Earth. Spiritually nourishing was the novena to St. Ignatius conducted with a variety of themes and colours. The Eachome community as well as the friends and benefactors of XTC joined us for the feast of St. Ignatius with **Sch Lijo** delivering a homily at the concelebrated Mass. We treated our guests with an impressive cultural evening and an inspiring prayer service before a sumptuous meal.

Pre-Novices

ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY, VELUR

The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated at Arnos Padiri academy on July 30 and 31. On the evening of 30 we had a gathering of FRIENDS OF ARNOS PADIRI, a group of people from Velur and Thrissur. Dn. Roy Alex spoke on St. Ignatius, and it was followed by a video presentation on St. Ignatius.

On the morning of 31 the Jesuits joined the parishioners for the feast day Mass at the Velur church. **Fr Sunny Jose** gave the festal message and **Fr Paul Kari** officiated at the 'Vespera'. The evening brought the priests of Velur Forane to APA for a prayer service followed by supper.

George Thenadikulam

PIUS X ITI, EDATHUA

The students are in the mood of Semester Examinations. The practicals are over, and the theory part will be in the first week of August. In the meantime, admissions to the new batch are in progress.

Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikattu has rejoined the ITI after his break. We sincerely thank Mr George Mathew who held the fort as Principal-in-Charge for the last five months. We invited all the priests of the Forance and the local S A B S sisters to the feast of St Ignatius.

K P Mathew

LOYOLA, POOVAR

Fr Tinu has learned to balance his pastoral responsibilities at Puthiyathura parish as assistant, and his Loyola commitment as teacher of Communicative English. We have much to celebrate and thank the Lord for, as the final year B.Com results have come in. Twenty-two students appeared for the exams, and five of them secured first class, and another five, second class. Our Crèche programme has been shifted to the renovated Deepthi Building. We thank the Province for the generous financial assistance for the renovation.

K J Thomas

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

We began the month of July with a pilgrimage to the St. Thomas Mount on July 3. The first years had a busy time in Loyola College and the University of Madras as part of their admission procedure. We were happy to welcome **Frs Sanil** and **K. P Mathew** as they came to Chennai for the purpose of visa. It also provided an opportunity for all of us in Chennai to gather together. The SNRI Endowment Lecture by Dr Victor Louis Anthuan on GST was very informative.

The Ignatian Novena conducted by the various living groups culminated in the feast of St. Ignatius. Scholastics organized a special programme for the children and youth of the nearby parishes on the eve of the Feast in which more than 200 participated. On the Feast Day we had a solemn Mass in the morning in which the Provincial of the Servites was the main celebrant. For the evening gathering with invited guests and friends, there was a short prayer service followed by a cultural programme and a Festive Dinner. The **Inigo Fest-2017** was a special hallmark of this year.

Francis

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The rain gods have been blessing us with intermittent rainfall throughout the month of July. We celebrated the feast of St Thomas with a solemn Syro-Malabar Mass with **Fr Thomas Kattathara** (DUM) as the

main celebrant. The Kerala scholastics along with CST brothers and other diocesan brothers who stay at DNC planned the feast-day liturgy meticulously. Kudos to **Sch Jijo** for the initiative. The faith sharing in our living groups enabled us to know one another better and to deepen our own vocation. **Sch Nikhil** enthralled the community with his dance performance at the birthday celebration of **Fr Zach**, Superior of the Philosophers.

Ivin Tomy

FR JOHN F.J. MANIPADAM writes about the 101st Anniversary of his Alma Mater: "I was back at MONTFORT SCHOOL, Yercaud, from July 20 to 23, for the 101st Anniversary of the School, founded by the French Brothers of St Gabriel. I had plenty of time to walk down memory lane (1949-1955) and even to meet some old friends. There was a day of Sports and a day for the Old Boys' Mass and Reunion. In my presence, the Brothers happily recalled the Vocations that came from MONTFORT SCHOOL, mostly Jesuits. They were **Fr Douglas Gordon** of Madurai & Andhra, **Bishop Alfred Fernandez** of Simla-Chandigarh, then of Allahabad, **Fr Theo Mathias** of Madurai, **Fr Lawrence Colaco** of Karnataka, **Fr Terence Colaco** of Karnataka, **Fr Alphonse Miranda** of Madurai, **Fr Leonard Paul** of Madurai & Andhra, and myself, apparently the only survivor. There may have been others, but we do not know them.

FR SYRIAC PANJIKARAN wrote from East Timor: "I am in Casa Gonzaga with 12 candidates who are doing 4-year teachers' training. There is also a lay Brother with me. It is 40 mts ride from here. Start at 7.15 am and come back at 4 pm. This evening we start our retreat. Reopening is on 12.

I have two *tetun* masses every Sunday; it is one hour ride away from here. Food is absolutely different and I enjoy it. Everyone inside and outside is extremely cordial. I have started non-formal education already around our house. In a building for 3000 students there are only 500 students from 7th to plus 2. The neighbouring provinces are supporting the Jesuits. For Loyola feast 4000 were expected and 2500

attended. It was a great function. I will be teaching English, Linguistics and Portuguese. Though no one knows nor likes Portuguese the government is insisting on it.

The country produces oil, vegetable and a few other food items. Almost everything is imported from Indonesia and China with their shops all over.”

LOK MANCH

The recent meetings of Lok Manch partners and well-wishers highlighted the need for capacitating the animators, coordinators and heads of Lok Manch organizations. We organized some special training for the staff members of Lok Manch. The latest in the series was the leadership training for advocacy conducted at Sameeksha from July 13 to 15. The three units of Lok Manch have identified some key social issues that require advocacy efforts. Land-related issues such as denial of Pattaya, conflicts among fisher people related to sustainable fishing practices, denial of reservation to Dalit Christians, and discriminations meted out to Adivasis, especially ‘unwed’ mothers, were the issues highlighted. We realize the need for twin focus in our strategy for social advocacy: to conscientize and mobilize people at the grass-roots, and to make the policy makers and law-enforcing agencies to act on behalf of the oppressed. We have decided to collaborate with other like-minded organizations in this task. **Fr Sannybhai**, the National Coordinator of Lok Manch and JESA, will be in Kerala from August 20 to August 29.

JESUIT STUDIES SOUTH ASIA: A REPORT ON THE GOA CONFERENCE

Xavier Centre for Historical Research (XCHR) inaugurated its Jesuit Studies South Asia programme with a Conference entitled *Towards a History of the Jesuits in South Asia: Post-Restoration Period*. The Conference was formally inaugurated by the Provincial of Goa, **Fr Rosario Rocha**, on June 29 in the presence of around 30 Jesuit and lay participants. The Conference highlighted the rich and complex Jesuit narrative in South Asia. The 16 formal paper presentations, ranging geographically from Nepal

to Kerala, showcased the vast Jesuit involvement in South Asia. The papers covered topics such as, Jesuit archival sources in India and Rome; Adivasi outreach in India; research in botanical and physical sciences; education, art and architecture; missionary activities and interfaith and intra-faith relations, etc. Open house discussions, break-out group sharing, and one-on-one campus encounters made for exciting intellectual exchanges and possible collaborative ventures. The papers will now be edited for publication in 2018. XCHR proved to be a fitting venue for the Conference. The well laid out infrastructure within a green, clean and quiet campus provided the right atmosphere for intellectual and social exchanges. Our sister institution next door, the Konknni Language Centre, served as an excellent venue for hospitality and social exchanges. A cultural performance of song and dance by the neighbouring villagers of Socorro regaled the entire conference audience. Finally, following in the footsteps of Francis Xavier, the Conference climaxed with a Eucharistic celebration at the mausoleum of the Saint at the Basilica of Bom Jesus, in historic Old Goa. The newly inaugurated Jesuit Studies South Asia programme has plans to expand its activities through seminars, study, research, conferences, publications, etc. The primary aim of Jesuit Studies is to promote research and the publication of scholarly articles for wider circulation world-wide. Should you or others you know be interested in the Jesuit Studies project kindly get in touch with us at: xchr.studies@gmail.com

Savio Abreu, Rinald D’Souza, Anthony da Silva

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD



Fr Noel Sheth, BOM (74 /57), 07/07/2017

Br Mathew Fernandes, GUJ (70/49), 18/07/2017

Fr Aelred Gomes, CCU (74/55), 1/8/2017

Br Yacub Xalxo, RAN (80/56) on 01/8/2017

Ms. Sumija Julie (38), **Cousin of Fr Immanuel Koyan**, 13/07/2017

Mr Sebastian (80), elder brother of Fr M.J. Thomas, 25/07/ 2017

Adv. Jose J. Thayil (76), younger brother of Fr Philip Thayil, 31/07/2017.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



AUGUST

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

- 19 Devassy Paul Ponthempilly
- 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 Moozhiyil

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