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From the Provincial

BEST OF THE GIFTS

Receiving gifts and giving gifts will remain one of the best memories of human life. Especially so about the earlier years. I look back on the gifts I received and one of the most cherished memory seems to be of the books that I have been gifted with or been introduced to.

Fr Kottukapally of happy memory introduced me in the novitiate to 'Markings' by Dag Hammarskjold and 'The Diary of Anne Frank'. Even today I remember him with gratitude especially so when many of our youngsters have not even heard of these books. Fr Kurian Kunnupuram introduced me to Wynne Dyer and ever since his writings remain an inspiration to me. There have been many more and the latest in the line is the book 'The Spirituality of Imperfection' lent to me by Fr Deva. This is a gem of a book and I am so grateful to him. I am holding on to it, beyond the date he permitted. The book is a goldmine of insights. Here is one I am sure you will enjoy: "Rabbi Zusya said, "In the coming world, they will not ask me: 'why were you not Moses?' They will ask me: 'Why were you not Zusya?'"

Acknowledge the gifts of books, pass on and the world would be richer for that.

M K George. SJ



*Wish you all a blessed
Onam Festival*



Fr Provincial and the Curia Team.

APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL

Fr Bhausahab Sansare (PUN) is appointed Rector of Papal Seminary by the Holy See, and Superior of the Jesuits community at Papal Seminary by Fr General. He will take office on Dec 3, 2017.

Fr Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, Provincial of Karnataka, is appointed as the new Consultor for POSA. He will be ex-officio Convener and Chair of the South Zone.

APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Dominic Madathaniyil: Vocation Coordinator

Fr Jose Mathew Vayalikalapura: Manager, St Joseph's ICSE School, Kozhikode

Fr Philip Vattamala: Minister, St Joseph's, Kozhikode

Fr Salvin Kachirayil: Coordinator for formation (PCF)

Fr Sooraj Kochuparambil: Moderator, Alumini Association, St Joseph's, Kozhikode

Fr Thomas Kuravanveliyel: Examiner of legal documents of houses

APPOINTMENTS BY POSA

Fr P.R. John (AND)

Principal of Vidyajyoti,
July 10, for three years.

- Fr Vincent Ekka (MAP)** Research Scholar at ISI-D Jesuit Community.
- Fr Claudius Tauro (DUM)** Minister of Jor Bagh Community, N. Delhi.
- Fr Vibin Padayadan (KER)** Lecturer in Indian Philosophy at Sacred Heart College, Satya Nilayam, Chennai.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME



- 01-07 : Personal Retreat
- 08 : Consult at Pariyaram
- 09 : Velur, APA
- 10 : St. Joseph's Calicut
- 11 : Christ Hall
- 12 : JESA meeting at Aicuf Centre
- 13 : Visitation, Loyola, Mukundara
- 14 -16 : Visitation, Loyola Sreekaryam
- 17-19 : Seminar at Malayalam, University, Tirur
- 22- Oct 8 : *Meeting on Collaboration in Rome; Visitation, Paris*
- 09-14 : *Retreat for Franciscans*
- 15 : Consult in Christ Hall
- 18 : Jubilee of Varkeychan Aruviyil at Koodaranji
- 19-21 : Christ Hall, Kozhikode
- 22- 28 : *JCSA, Ahmedabad*
- 29- 31 : *Visitation, VJ Delhi.*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Fr Xavier Tharamel has successfully defended his thesis at the University of Birmingham. The title of his thesis is: "*Anthropocosmic-theism: Towards a Theistic Re-orientation of Raimon Panikkar's Pluralistic Theology of Religions.*" Well done, Fr Xavier!

Young Priests' Triduum during Puja Holidays

Date: September 28, 2017 (9 pm) to October 1 (4 pm)

Venue: Santhinilayam, Kumaranalloor, Kottayam
Guide: Fr. Jose Jacob, SJ



Congratulations, Fr Jijimon our New Priest!
Fr Jijimon was ordained by Major Archbishop Mar George Cardinal Alenchery at Punnakunnam on August 19, 2017. He will be leaving on Sept 22 to do MST Syriac studies in the University of Oxford.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Frs Thomas Anthraper, George Kandathil and Jacob Karthanam spent a few days in Nirmala Hospital for treatment. **Fr K.P. Mathew** underwent an operation for cataract, and is recuperating in Christ Hall, Calicut. Kindly keep them in your prayers.



Congratulations to **Frs Joe Mathew Kunnathoor, Lukose Rachans, Salvin Augustine Kachirayil, Thomas Kuravanvelyel and Rabin C** who have made their final commitment in the Society of Jesus.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

The happy news is that the newly renovated domestic chapel cum parlour was blessed by **Bishop Varghese Chakkalakkal** of Calicut diocese on August 27. It is



the fruit of the dedicated work of a team under the leadership of **Fr Reji Kunnatheth** for the past few months. A new book, "Human Persons in the World – Explorations in Christian Anthropology" authored by **Fr PT Mathew** was released by **Fr Vincent Kundukulam**,



President of the Indian Theological Association, at a function in SRC on Aug 27th. Fr Kurien Kunnumpuram was invited to address the joint meeting of the Bishops and the Major Superiors of the Syro-Malabar Church on August 25 at Kakkanad on "New Perspectives on Religious Life". **Sch Amardeep Pittappallil** gave the Independence Day message both in Christ Hall and in the Christuraja School. Sch Amardeep, who won the quiz competition in Devagiri College got selected to the Quiz Team to represent the college in the upcoming Quiz Competitions. Jesuit Collaboration Initiatives (JECI) meeting was held at SRC under the leadership of **Fr Pious Vachaparambil**. We celebrated the birthday of Fr George Kandathil on August 8. **Fr K T Devasia** who had joined the community after his retirement left for Berkely, USA for his Sabbatical programme.

Vysakh Titus

ST JOSEPH'S CALICUT

It is a happy occasion for St Joseph's Junior School which received permanent affiliation from the ICSE Council, thanks to the tireless efforts of **Fr Xavier Veliyakam** and team. The community officially welcomed **Fr Jose Mathew**, the new Manager, and bid farewell to **Fr Ramlat** who left for his tertianship in Sri Lanka. The construction of the new plus-two building is progressing fast and is nearing completion. **Fr Thadeyoos** looks into the minute details of the construction. **Fr Sooraj**, the new Coordinator, is organizing a series of Alumni meetings and the turnout for the first gathering was impressive. The school celebrated *Karshakadinam* with a variety of programmes aimed at imparting awareness in the young minds. Both the schools are busy with Onam examinations and related activities.

Jose Mathew

S.M.FARM, PARIYARAM

The final profession of Fr Joe Mathew together with Frs Rachans Lukose, Salvin Augustine and K. J. Thomas was a special occasion for the community. **Fr Provincial** received their vows at a solemn Mass in the IRC chapel on August 15. The hymns specially composed by **Fr Raju Vattaparambil**, Director of IRC, and sung by the choir under his direction made the occasion memorable. **Fr Binoy Pichalakkattu** gave an inspiring homily focusing on the Jesuit mission in the light of GC 36 and the teachings of Pope Francis. About 80 people consisting of the relatives of the vowants, Jesuits and other Religious participated. **Fr Augustine Paruthipalil** rejoined the Jesuit Community after he was relieved from his service as Vicar of St Francis Xavier's Church, Pariyaram.

The new academic year in Nirmala ITI has started with good strength, though not to its full capacity. Mr. Rajan, our alumnus and a trainer in electrical engineering in different educational institutions, was the guest of honour at the inauguration. **Fr Rogers, SJ** of Calcutta Province conducted the Orientation Programme. Two new staff members joined our ITI – Mrs Kavya B. for electronics and Mr Arun for motor vehicles section.

Mathew Aertthayil

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

Fr Provincial, during his visitation, inaugurated a new science lab for the high school section. **Fr Wilson Mulackal** led a one day seminar on good parenting for the parents of the pre-primary school. **Fr Gracious**

hoisted the flag and delivered the Independence Day message, and it was followed by a spectacular mass drill by our students. St Michael's was the venue for the Conference of Higher Secondary School principals. Malayala Manorama 'Nalla Padam' contributed valuable books worth Rs. 25,000 to our school library. Two interactive boards were installed in the higher secondary section as part of the Smart St. Michael's School (SMS) project. The Global Meet of the 1990 batch of students along with their families also was held in the school.

K.J.Mathew

LOYOLA, ALUVA

In the first week of August, the first year novices attended the *Indian Contemplative Retreat* at Sameeksha under the guidance of **Fr Sebastian Painadath**. The Jesuit brethren from Santhigram and Lumen came over to Loyola to celebrate the 75th birthday of **Fr Ephrem Thomas** on Aug 13. On Independence Day the national flag was hoisted by Sr Placid FCC, paternal aunt of Jack Achan, and the message was given by Novice **Aby Shajan**.

Loyola community bid farewell to Fr. Sanil who left on August 21 to pursue studies in Maryland, USA. We wish you, dear Sanil Achan, God's abundant blessings all through your life & studies in the US! Now we are getting ready for the departure of **Santhosh Achan** too. He is scheduled to take off from Bangalore for London on September 6. The distinguished guests in Loyola in August include Frs Sunny Kokkara, Henry Pattar, Jijimon Joseph & Bony James. All the Novice Masters and the ADF who had arrived for their annual meeting at Kalady visited us on Aug 31. They joined us for the Eucharistic celebration and supper.

Michael John & Sebastian C.

SAMEEKSHA/ ATMAMITRA, KALADY

Congratulations to **Xavier Tharamel**: on 07. August he defended his doctoral thesis quite successfully. We are happy to have **Fr Henry** with us till December. George Nedungatt got rejuvenated through an ayurveda treatment. **Sebastian Painadath** gave a seminar on inter-scriptural hermeneutics to M.Th students of St. Peter's Bangalore. He also conducted a meditation course with John's Gospel and a Gita-seminar at Sameeksha. The annual colloquium of the Jesuit novice masters of all the provinces took place this year at Sameeksha, 27.08-02.09. The first batch

of *Jnanasameeksha* at Trivandrum completed the two-year course; 27 of them qualified themselves for the Certificate of JDV, Pune.

Atmamitra team made its first ever team-tour abroad steering the Malayalam Summer Camp of Sharjah Malayalam community. 840 students and about 1000 parents benefitted from the Programme. Mrs. Asha Dominic and Mr. Sajimon P.T. (Ex-Jesuit) accompanied **Fr Toby** on the tour. Atmamitra team provided three two-day renewal programmes for the staff and students of Amal Jyothi Engineering College, Kanjirappally. A three-day programme for the students of Good Shepherd School, Nungambakkam was yet another milestone of Atmamitra's progress. A two-day programme was organized for the students of St. Thomas' HSS, Manikkadavu. There were four one-day programmes for graduate students at Naipunnya College, Pongam. One programme stood out from the rest: A group of teachers from a Muslim chain school in Saudi Arabia enjoyed our hospitality and had a wonderful camp. A series of theft attempts at Atmamitra has left us a bit perplexed.

Sebastian Painadath

Happy Birth Day

SEPTEMBER

- 06 Sunny Kunnappallil
- 14 Joy Cruz Abraham
- 15 Biju Joy Ottakkunnel
- 16 Vysakh Titus Purathur
- 19 Jacob Madukakuzhy
- 20 George Mutholil
- 20 Augustine Peedikamalayil
- 21 Mathew Olnidian
- 22 Joseph Kallepallil
- 23 Midhun J F Kochukallan
- 28 Cyriac Kulirany

OCTOBER

- 01 Babu Paul Kurisinkal
- 01 Mathew Puthiedom
- 02 Rosan Roy Periakottil
- 03 John Molekunnel
- 04 Varghese Malpan

LUMEN/SNEHA SENA, KOCHI

Fr Sanil Mayilkunnel, after being with us for over a year, left for the US to do research at the Maryland Jesuit University. The community and the LIPI team gave him send off separately. Fr Roy Thottam was on Shalom TV in its special programme introducing spectacular personalities. Fr Roy spoke about Christian art and its theological and philosophical features in historical perspective. Fr Adappur coordinated the monthly seminar of the Newman Association on “the Hindutva ideology of the Central Government as rupturing Indian nationalism.” The Novice Masters of the Assistency visited us and they appreciated the vibrancy of our mission and the fraternity of our community.

Vincent Perepadam

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

We celebrated the Independence Day in an excellent manner at St. Xavier’s College. Sch. Savy George was chosen to deliver the Independence Day speech which highlighted the core issues of Indian democracy. We also had a one-day outing in small groups to visit the prominent places in Trivandrum. Visitors to Vidyaniketan included Fr M. K. George, the Kerala Provincial, Fr Dennis Ponniah, Madurai Provincial, and Fr Reymond Kerketta, the Novicemaster of Ranchi. Their presence enthused us with a lot of encouragement to excel in our academics. On 28th Fr C.J. Joseph left for Sathyaniyam, Chennai to take a one-month Latin course for the philosophy students. As the first term is coming to its close, the first term examinations have already begun.

Frangle Xavier

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

We had three empowering courses in the month of August – Self Esteem by Fr Ephrem Thomas, T.A. by Fr Wilson Mulackal, and Teen Relationships and Attractions by Fr Saji Kandassankunnel. Fr Rachans’ final profession was an occasion of joy and felicitaton for all of us. Soon after he left for the Pre-Novitiate Directors’ meeting in Shillong, and returned recharged. The Independence Day message by Poly Martin, a Pre-Novice, was impressive. Fr Saji found time to conduct programs in some schools and parishes in Wayanad. With heavy hearts we sent Sch Lijo off to the Novitiate at Aluva as its Acting Minister. Right now, we are busy with Onam exams and exultations.

Pre-Novices

LIPI, KOCHI



Fr Binoy attended a two-day peace initiative meeting convened by the POSA at ISI Delhi. Its aim was to take forward the mission of peace and reconciliation as mandated by GC 36, and it followed the process of ‘Discernment in Common’ as its methodology. Fr Binoy, one of the 18 Jesuit delegates, gave a presentation on the activities of LIPI. The meeting formulated proposals

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Antony Theckemury, AND (89), on 30.07.2017.

Fr Edward H McGrath, JAM (94/75), on 4.8.2017.

Br Gnanadickam Mariadas, MDU (78/57), on 17.8.2017.

Fr Joseph Brennan, DAR (92/75), on 28.08.2017.

Fr Alban D’Mello, BOM (84/66) on 29.8.2017.

Br Francis Xavier Bilung, RAN (84/59), on 29.8.2017.

Mrs Monika Peedikamalayil (89), mother of Fr Augustine Peedikamalayil, SJ, on 4.8.2017.

Mr V.L. Kuriakose (96), elder brother of Fr John Vattanky, SJ, and grand father of Sch Bastian Vattanky, SJ, on 8.8.2017.

Mr K.T. Thomas (97), paternal uncle of Fr Toby Kozhuppakalam, on 13.8.2017.



for further discernment on peace initiatives in the South Asian Assistency.

The August issue of Ezhuthu Magazine was released in a seminar held at St. Teresa's College Ernakulam under the aegis of the department of Malayalam in collaboration with LIPI. **Prof. Dr. K. Babu Joseph**, the Chief Advisor of Ezhuthu, **and Mr. Thampy Antony**, eminent poet and cine artist, were the chief guests. Prof. Celina Abraham, Ms. Sonia and Kumari Merin made critical appraisal of Ezhuthu Magazine. The Ezhuthu team used the occasion to explore possibilities of collaboration in peace promotion.

Binay Jacob

AICUF, TRIVANDRUM

The first batch of Jnanasameeksha learners completed the theology programme and received their JDV (Pune) certificates from Archbishop Susa Pakiam of Trivandrum. A new batch began their study on the same date. The Archbishop appreciated our efforts in running a theology course for the laity. Thanks to **Fr Painadath** for being the inspiration and guide. **Fr Babu Paul** along with four youth animators attended the JYMSA Seminar that was held at Boroda. Its focus was the challenges and opportunities of youth ministry today, and involved a serious look into the present socio cultural and political context of India. Kerala AICUF had its Annual Council for evaluation of the previous year and for planning the new year. "Safeguarding Democracy and Secularism in India" is the topic for the new year. A three-day long freshers' camp was conducted at Christ College Irinjalakuda in which 72 students participated. We also had a one-day gathering of the animators of the Ernakulam region.

Babu Paul

LOYOLA POOZHANAD/MUKUNDARA

The school celebrated the first day of Chingam as Farmer's Day. Mr Raveendran, a farmer from the neighbourhood, was invited for the occasion, and he brought his farming tools and shared his farming experiences with the students. On the feast of St Ignatius, the teachers and students honoured the Jesuits with an Ignatian drama and other cultural programmes performed by the students. **Fr Tinu** from Loyola Poovar took a session for the teachers on teaching methods. The academic and creative ambience of Loyola school has been improving with some recent additions. Creativity boards, digital display board, display of photos of famous scientists and

educationalists at strategic corners, quiz competitions and essay competitions are the major ones. The new entrance cum name board gives better visibility to the school, while the new shuttle badminton court and parking area add to its infrastructure.

Loyola Sadan invited the Trivandrum Jesuits and the priests and religious of the neighbourhood for the feast day celebration on 31st. **Fr Thottan** was invited to give recollection to the CMI Fathers of the Trivandrum region. He is also much sought after for spiritual ministries in parishes and convents, both Syrian and Latin. Loyola Sadan was honoured by the visits of **Frs Paul Kari, E.P.Mathew** and others in the month of August.

Manesh

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The most noteworthy of God's blessings in August was the extravagant rains which were enough to cool us down and turn the environs modest green. Our rain picnic to Lonavala was a great day with gentle spells of rain from time to time. We had a special guest this month; **Fr Sunny Kokravayalil** made a quick visit and shared briefly about his mission in Rome over a recreation with us. **Sch Jose** fell ill with a viral fever from which he is currently recuperating. **Sch Jijo** delivered a Sunday homily at a Syro-Malankara Parish nearby. We had two important talks in the community this month; **Fr Jim Keenan**, a Jesuit moral theologian from the US, spoke on theological responses to the current political scenario the world over. **Fr Orville** (GOA) from Afghanistan shared on his missionary experiences there. Both were equally enriching and challenging. Now with the Ganesh festival around Pune has turned boisterous and colorful.

Nikhil

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

The unexpected showers in the month of August make our Campus fresher. A few more showers are expected, thanks to the formation of a depression in the Bay of Bengal. We had the internal exams and the change of community offices in the month of August. This time it is the turn of the Western Region to hold the Office of the Beadle and accordingly Sch. Raman is appointed the beadle of the house. The recent document of JCSA on countering Hindutva was studied and reflected upon in zonal groups. As part of the course in Contemporary Indian Philosophy the second year students went and

stayed in Pondicherry and had classes on Sri Aurobindo. They also got an opportunity to experience the lived traditions of Sri Aurobindo and the settings of Aroville. The Feast of the Assumption and the celebration of the Independence Day was marked by a Solemn Eucharist and the ceremony of flag-hoisting and an inspiring speech by Sch. Alok (RAN). Those familiar with Chennai would recall the festival at the shrine of our Lady in Besant Nagar. The flag-hoisting ceremony on August 29 was witnessed by a massive crowd. As usual the scholastics are helping in the ministry of blessing the devotees. We are happy to have Fr. C.J. Joseph with us who is initiating us into the study of Latin.

Jenaphine

JEEVIKA MIGRANT WORKERS' MOVEMENT

Jeevika Migrant Workers' Movement made its presence felt in the **Pariharam 2017**, an *adhalath* organized by the Ernakulam District Magistrate involving various departments for the Inter-State migrants. We had several consultation meetings with the departmental heads prior to the *adalat*. Nearly 1000 migrant workers gathered for the *adalat* at Perumbavoor seeking remedies related to labour issues, medical help, Aadhar card, bank accounts, etc. The Forum for Inter-State Migrants, a new Jesuit initiative as a platform of various NGO's and associates, is getting new life through its new organization set up. The Forum has been rechristened as PRISM (*People for the Rights of the Inter-State Migrants*). Jeevika participated in the national level consultation held at Indian Social Institute Bangalore and in a seminar at POC Palarivattom, both focussing on migrant labour. These enriching interactions open possibilities of networking and collaboration. Jeevika organized a public meeting for the migrants at Perumbavoor in which nearly 150 persons participated. **Fr Martin Puthussery**, Director of the Migration Department of the ISI, Bangalore, was the main speaker. The Catholics among the migrants are accompanied with sacramental services like Holy Mass and Confessions in Hindi. A pilgrimage to St Alphonsa church, Bharananganam and a Eucharistic celebration at the altar of St Alphonsa was a deeply spiritual experience for a group of 40 Catholics from Orissa. Our involvement in issues like nonpayment of salaries bears fruit. Recently we managed to get Rs.1,18,000.00 from a renowned business group to settle the arrears of a worker from Utter Pradesh.

Shin

OURS IN MEDIA

George Nedungatt

- "Feminine Genius," *Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection* 81. (2017) 598-618
- "Jus divinum," *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* (Rome) 83 (2017) 5-34.

P.T. Mathew, *Human Persons in the World: Explorations in Christian Anthropology*, Anand: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 2017.

NOVICE DIRECTORS' ANNUAL MEET

The annual meeting of the Novice Directors of the SA Assistency this year was hosted by Kerala Province & was held at *Sameeksha*, Kalady from 27th August to 2nd September. All the 13 NMs of the Assistency turned up for the meeting. But one of them, **Fr Richard Jarain** of Kohima, had to rush back home following the unexpected demise of his brother. On 28th morning **Fr M.K. George**, Provincial, officially welcomed the Novice Masters, offered the Inaugural Mass and delivered a thought-provoking & inspiring keynote address. Then for two days the NMs had a course on *Indian Approaches to Contemplative Prayer*, brilliantly guided by **Fr Sebastian Painadath**. Two days were set apart for fraternal sharing & other 'business' matters. **Fr Raj Irudaya**, the ADF, too was with us for a day. A day of outing provided them with an opportunity to visit some important places around and to have dinner with the Lumen Community. They also spent an evening with our novices. Despite the incessant monsoon showers, the NMs were quite happy to be in God's own country.

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

SEPTEMBER

- 05 (1995) Aloysius Del Zotto
- 07 (2002) Joseph Kannampuzha
- 13 (1986) Thomas Thundiyl
- 13 (2011) Varghese Nedungatt
- 22 (1988) Bishop Aldo Patroni
- 25 (1992) Augustine Erattamakil



They all were captivated by *Sameeksha's* sacred ambience & felt enriched by Fr Sebastian's profound knowledge, wisdom & experience in Spirituality.

Jose Jacob

LOK MANCH

National JESA Coordinator, Fr Sannybhai S. J. concluded his second annual visit of Kerala Lok Manch (LM) organizations as Project Director of Lok Manch from August 20 to 28. He was accompanied by Sr Ruby, the National Programme Coordinator. They completed visiting all the 12 partner organizations of LM, in the districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Wayanad and Palakkad. They gave specific feedback to every organization at the end of each visit, and held debriefing sessions at every unit orienting animators, coordinators and organization heads to the forthcoming evaluation that will be conducted in the third year of the project. Frs Baby Chalil, James Morais and Benny made the necessary preparations for the visit. Fr Benny accompanied the team all through the visit except at Attappadi.

Inculcating a proper understanding of LM into the staff as a programme for rights-based activities was the major thrust in the preparatory stage in the first year. Importance in the second year, on the other hand, was on preparation of community leaders to work entitlements. Wherever continuous training, accompaniment and support to LM staff and community leaders were ensured, Lok Manch could become active. Both Fr Sannybhai and Sr Ruby encouraged the partners, their staff and community leaders to focus on at least one issue. Documentation of LM activities, new efforts for skill upgradation of the staff and community leaders, utilization of the newly redesigned website, 'hamaralokmanch.net', and sharing of resources among the LM partners emerged as some of the major points for discussion. Despite the difficulties involved, all partners want to see Lok Manch established as a network of rights-based organizations. The Core Team Meeting of Lok Manch will be held at Raipur, Chhattisgarh from September 1-3, 2017; it would discuss the concerns

from the zones focusing on the sustainability of Lok Manch and plan for the next year.

Benny

FR SANIL MAYILKUNNEL WRITES FROM LOYOLA, MARYLAND:

I arrived safely at Loyola on August 21, after a long and tiring flight. Fr John Savard, SJ, Rector of the community, picked me up from the airport. He is a great friend of our Kerala Provincial. There are 21 members in the community with one Indian Jesuit. Fr Charles Borges (GOA) is here for half the year, and right now he is away in Bangkok. All are very friendly and welcoming. Two of them said that they are good friends of Fr Binoy Jacob. The very next day of my arrival I had my first orientation in the University. I have to attend a few more before classes begin on September 6. It is a very green and beautiful campus. I am slowly getting over the jet lag. Thank you for your continued prayers for me.

FR SYRIAC PANJIKARAN WRITES FROM TIMOR LESTE:

It is a little more than a month since I landed in Timor Leste. It is a beautiful country with wonderful people. Priests are given extraordinary respect and love. Whichever office I go the officials treat me like a VIP. Everyone greets you along the street kissing your hand, greeting you in Portuguese because in Tetun there are no expression for greetings. The flora and fauna are very much like that of Kerala. Mountains and low lands are inter-mingled.

Every Sunday I celebrate two masses in Tetun on the mountains. Prayers are lively with a lot of singing. People eat all sorts of leaves and the markets are filled with heaps of green leaves and vegetables on which most people, especially on the Mountains survive. Of course, in our communities we have all sorts of imported food stuff from Indonesia, Korea, Thailand, Australia and the Philippines. The former disciples of Fr John Manipadam are enquiring about him with great appreciation and love.

KINDLY PRAY FOR MANY GOOD VOCATIONS

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