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FROM THE PROVINCIAL

PHESAMA TO RAIA: GROWING IN THE SPIRIT

In 2014, in the JCSA meeting at phesama, we had experienced a surge of faith and deepened commitment to the Mission resulting in the Phesama statement which determined the life course of the South Asian Jesuits till today. REGAE I, SAP, REGAE II, spiritual conversations and communal discernment have become the pathway of our spiritual journey. Today, we experience a definite growth in the Spirit of Jesus, our companion and Lord.

At Raia, in February 2019, we were blessed to have Fr General himself presenting to us the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP).

Fr General reminded us that these are vital orientations calling us to a conversion at personal, community and institutional levels. Are we ready for that, he asked? He urged us to take the risk. He reminded us that the UAPs offer us the best opportunity in history to discern, collaborate and network. Pope Francis, while endorsing the UAPs reminded us, 'If we are not men of prayer, nothing will happen'.

The fruit of the above processes has been a return to the sources as mandated by GC 36. We realize now, that Spiritual Conversations are a game changer; that it is possible to discern in common. REGAE II reports are awaited. It will come out with concrete suggestions for restructuring which we are ultimately aiming at.

The ongoing challenge is to make Spiritual Conversations a way of our regular life and mission. We move together missioned by the Church and the Society of Jesus with the UAPs in our mission of reconciliation and Justice wherever we are.

M.K. George, SJ

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

MARCH 2019

- 04-05 : Sarvodaya, Eachome - Visitation
- 06-08 : S M Farm - Visitation
- 09-10 : Bangalore - Visitation
- 15 : G.B. SRC
- 16 : Consult
- 19 -20 : Loyola, Aluva – Visitation
- 23 : Arnos Padiri Academy Anniversary
- 25-28 : Christ Hall – Visitation
- 30-31 : Budget finalization meeting

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS BY FR PROVINCIAL

- Fr Anil Kochumethikalam** : Asst Director, TUDI
- Fr Augustine Mekunnel** : S.M. Farm, Pariyaram
- Fr Bastin Vattanky** : Sarvodaya, Eachome
- Fr Devasia Kuzhuppil** : Minister, Christ Hall
- Fr Emmanuel Puthuvalveetil** : Media Centre, Kottayam
- Fr Immanuel Koyan** : Director, Samskriti, Pariyaram
- Fr Jacob Kumminiyil** : Sabbatical
- Fr Joe Mathew Kunnathoor** : Superior, SM Farm, Pariyaram
- Fr John Thottupattu** : Sameeksha, Kalady
- Fr Jose Vayalikalapura** : Manager & Coordinator, Edathua
- Fr Joseph Edassery** : Manager, St Joseph's Junior School, Kozhikode
- Fr Kuriakose Puthanapra** : Procurator, AKJM HSS, residing at Samanvaya, Kanjirapally
- Fr Linto Kanichai** : JRS
- Fr Mathew Aerthayil** : Associate Director, AADI, Attappadi

- Fr Philip Vattamala** : Superior, St Joseph's, Kozhikode
- Fr Rachans Lukose** : Socius and Minister, Loyola, Aluva
- Fr Raphael Thottan** : Spiritual Ministry, Arnos Padiri, Velur
- Fr Stephen Chundanthadathil** : Superior, AKJM, Kanjirapally
- Fr Varkeychan Mecheril** : AKJM School, Kanjirapally

SCHOLASTICS' ASSIGNMENTS

- Jithin Puthuparambil** : Theology, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
- Nikhil Paruvananickal** : Theology, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
- Rosan Roy Periakottil** : Theology, JDV, Pune
- Jaison Cheruvuparampil** : Philosophy, SN, Chennai
- Nibin Vadakkonaparambil** : Philosophy, SN, Chennai
- Savy Thazhathuveetil** : Philosophy, JDV, Pune
- Dijin George Pulickal** : Regency, XTC, Pachilakad
- Francis Paracka** : Regency, Pius XITI, Edathua
- Ivin Tomy Thottappallil** : Regency in Nepal
- Jenophine Joseph** : Regency, Sneharam, Anjengo
- Jomon Chappanthadathil** : Regency, Christ Hall
- Tomy Issac Baby** : Degree, Mangalore

ASSISTANCY APPOINTMENTS

Jnana Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune

Fr Dolichan Kollarath (KER): Continues as Associate Research Professor of Boston College, USA.

Vidyajyoti, Delhi

Fr Caesar D'Cunha (GUJ): Acting Minister of VJ, Delhi.

ISI-Bangalore

Fr Joye James Karimathil (KER): Sec. JHEASA residing at ISI_B Community.

ISI-Delhi

Fr Ravi Sagar (KHM): Appointed to the Legal Cell of ISI-Delhi.

Fr Martin Puthussery (CCU): Coordinator of Displacement & Migration, for Global Ignatian Advocacy Networks (GIAN), for SA.

Fr David M. Solomon (DUM): Coordinator of Governance of Natural and Mineral Resources, for GIAN, for SA.

Fr Swaroop K. Lumnesh (KAR): Coordinator of Ecology for GIAN, for SA.

Fr Joseph Sebastian (PAT): Coordinator of Right to Quality Education for All, for GIAN, for SA.

Fr Jagdish Parmar (DAR): Coordinator PWPN & EYM for SA.

Assistancy Seminar on Interculturality Organizing Team

Fr Joe Arun (MDU) Co-ordinator; Team members: **Fr Ajit Tirkey** (RAN), **Fr M.K. George** (KER),

Fr Nitin Monteiro (KAR).

Addition to Core-Team on Fundamentalism

Frs Vincent Shekhar (MDU) JSD Sec.; **Arun Kumar** (KAR) JEPASA Sec.

Assistancy Secretaries

Fr Arun Kumar (KAR): JEPASA Secretary.

Fr Brian D'Souza (BOM): JYMSA Secretary.

JRS

Br Sandesh Gonsalves (GUJ): JRS Mission, residing at Jor Bagh, N.Delhi.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PROVINCE RETREAT

Dates: May 12 even to 20 even.

Venue: Christ Hall, Kozhikode

Director: **Fr Rachans Lukose**

Kindly inform the Socius if you intend to join the retreat.

PROVINCE HOLIDAYS

(For Scholastics, Fathers and Brothers)

Dates: May 12 to 19

Venue: Prasanthi, Pachilakad

Holiday Superior: **Fr Saji Kandassamkunnel**

Kindly inform Fr Saji (Mob: 8606708466) about the date of your arrival.

TO BE ORDAINED DEACONS

Schs Adhul Ulloppillil and Sharath Nellinilkumthadathil will be ordained Deacons in Paris along with ten other Jesuits on April 6, 2019 by His Excellency, Mgr. Thibault Verny, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris.

APOSTOLIC PLANNING TEAM

Apostolic Planning Team (APT) has been reconstituted. The following are the members: **Frs Sunny Kunnappillil**, (Convenor), **Binoy Pichalakkat**, **Dominic Palakeel**, **Saji Arithiyalpuraidam**, **Prince Panachithara** and **Joe Mathew Kunnathoor**.

Fr Joye James Karimathil "attended the annual Board meeting of IAJU (International Association of Jesuit Universities) in Rome on February 18-20, 2019. The main discussion was on the follow up of Bilbao Assembly 2018. There were 13 participants from all six Jesuit conferences and **Fr General** was with us for 90 minutes on 19th evening reflecting on the role of Jesuit Higher Education in the context of Universal Apostolic Preferences."

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

Christ hall was the venue for the Superiors and Directors meet on 9 to 10 February. **Fr Antony J. D'Souza**

of Bombay province facilitated the second day of the meeting. **Frs Mathew Nampiarparambil** and **Devasia Kuzhuppil** were wholeheartedly welcomed as members of Christ Hall community. Most of the community members joined the one day outing to St. Andrews Church, Beypore on 20th February. Everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing time there. Since some of our elderly Jesuits worked in that Parish it was a home coming for them. **Br Mathew Puthiedom** has come to Christ Hall for cataract treatment. **Fr P.T Augustine** was away for treatment in Wayanad for a week. **Fr Anthraper** was hospitalized for three days at Nirmala Hospital due to high blood sugar. He is back home healthy.

Jithin

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

St Joseph's Jesuit community had a much awaited community picnic to Ooty on 16th Feb. and came back the next day much relaxed and rejuvenated. We also visited the Jesuit community at Ooty Fingerpost. St Joseph's Boys' Hr Sec. School staff organised a day's tour to Wyanad. The school community bid farewell to Sr. Grace who served the institution as a UPSA for more than twenty years. The students are preparing for the final examination and the exam fever is felt everywhere. St Joseph's Jr. School celebrated its annual day on 9th Feb. Dr Ali Faizal, an alumnus of the School and C E O, MAITHRA Hospital Calicut, was the Chief guest of the day. He spoke about his Alma Mater in glorious terms and with emotion spoke about the Jesuit legacy that he imbibed from his Alma Mater. The cultural extravaganza that followed lasted three hours and was meticulously planned, executed and well appreciated by all.

Jose Mathew

SARVODAYA, EACHOME

On 2nd February, **Fr Provincial** received the final vows of **Fr Biju George Kunnappillil** in the presence of the staff of Eachome schools, Vicars and nuns from the neighbourhood and Jesuits from different communities of the Province. **Fr Wilson**, the Minister of the house, arranged a grand high tea after the function which was appreciated by all. In preparation for the board examinations residential camps for 75 ST students are in full swing. It will continue till the end of the Board Examination. Besides this, the coaching camps started for other students from the beginning of this month will continue. The entire staff of both the High school and Higher Secondary classes is taking every effort to make the students study. This is the Silver Jubilee year of the Guide Unit. The celebrations were inaugurated with plans for many activities for the coming year including the construction of a house for a deserving student of the School. Cub Bulbul units (Scout and Guide unit

for lower classes) also began in the school. At present 10 Scouts and Guide units are functioning in the school. Thirty-five students of the present SSLC batch won the Rajyapuraskar and they can avail the grace mark in the public examination. Twenty six schools participated in the Sarvodaya inter-school football tournament and Sarvodaya won the trophy for under 13. Sourav Kuriakose of Std 9 was selected as the best Little Kite student (IT club) in Wayanad District and he is attending the state level competition. Sarvodaya School so far organized three 'Corner- PTA' and it was a great success. The management won the case against C. V. Francis; however he is planning to go to the Division Bench.

We started tapping three hundred rubber trees. The amount received is sufficient to pay the worker. Our three candidates scored distinction in Catechism exam.

E. J. Thomas

LOYOLA, ALUVA

The first years joyfully completed their month-long *Ignatian Spiritual Sadhana* on the 15th. And on the following day the second years returned home after successfully completing their *Hospital Experiment*. We remember with much gratitude all those who have prayed for us during the days of these *Experiments*. Now we have almost got back into the regular rhythm of novitiate life. The second phase of the post-flood repair works has been resumed with renewed vigor under the careful supervision of **Fr Linto**. We accorded an official welcome to **Fr Rachans** on the 25th, and he has already started for us classes on the *Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises*. **Jack Achan** completed directing a Long Retreat in Mangalore, and is currently guiding our Pre-novices at Pachilakkad in their Discernment Retreat. We had with us a distinguished guest for a week - **Fr Gregory Coelho** from Kohima. Fr. Greg is a former Regional Superior of Kohima, and is scheduled to take over in June as the Novice Master there. He gave us an inspiring Recollection and shared with us some of his experiences as a missionary in the North-East.

Ajith & Poly

SAMEEKSHA / ATMAMITRA, KALADY

Mar Jacob Manethodath, the Apostolic Administrator of the Arch-eparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly, visited Sameeksha on 10th February to greet **Fr George Nedungatt**. More than sixty persons attended the *Dharmasameeksha* lecture delivered by Shoukath, the renowned writer, on the theme *Inner Peace: Foundation for External Peace*. **Fr Shin Kallungal** spent three days to attend to **Fr Augustine Kallunkal** at Apollo Hospital, Madurai. Later, he accompanied the ambulance

which carried the mortal remains of Fr Kallunkal to St Xavier's, Trivandrum. **Fr Xavier Tharamel** gave a talk on religious harmony at the inaugural ceremony of the Mahal Juma Masjid at Kuttiyadi, Kozhikode. The Superior General and team of the Holy Family Congregation visited Fr Nedugatt in order to express their gratitude for his strenuous efforts to promote Blessed Mariam Thresia towards canonization. Fr Xavier Tharamel taught ecclesiology to the lay theologians at Christ Hall. **Frs Saji Kandassamkunnel, Deepak Edattu and Xavier Tharamel** offered Mass at St Catherine Forane church, Payampilly, Wayanad, to promote vocations to the Society. A group of Japanese students dropped in at Sameeksha together with Sr. Iris.

Atmamitra

Atmamitra Team under the leadership of Mr. Ullas George and Ms. Praismol P. George gave two programmes, one at St. Thomas HSS, Kumily and Mar Thoma Marian School, Kothamangalam. Atmamitra team extended its services also to St. George HSS, Kattappana, Osanam Public School, Kattappana, St. Mary's HSS, Vellaramkunnu and AKJM HSS, Kanjirappally.

Fr Toby Joseph presented a paper on "*Pastoral Accompaniment of the Youth and the Reform of the Church*" at the International Seminar at the University of Calicut jointly organized by the Christian Chair, University of Calicut, the Mary Matha Seminary, Thrissur and the Family Apostolate, Thrissur. He also presented two Papers as the Key Note Speaker in the Youth Symposium organized by the Prabodhana Seminary, Mysore.

Atmamitra with support from **Fr Joye James** has initiated a Child Protection group on Whatsapp to help Principals and Counsellors in the field of education about Child Rights, POCSO, JJ Act and thus to spearhead an awareness programme on Child Protection.

Mr. Anilal V. Pattathanam, a close collaborator of Atmamitra offered a four days Hypnosis course for a group of 47 participants including Atmamitra team members. It was a huge success.

Fr Toby attended the "Tools of the Spirit" workshop at Ashirvad, Bangalore for six days.

Toby

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

The 58th Annual Day Celebration of the school was held on 8th February, 2019. This year we deviated from the age old tradition of conducting the annual Day. The chief guest of the day was Raman Raja Mannan, the traditional tribal Raja of Kozhimala, Idukki Dt. He holds sway over 40 tribal settlements spread over different parts of Idukki district. When the function was half



way through, the sky suddenly became overcast and the flood - gates of heaven were opened and we got a fairly good rain. This unexpected rain prevented us from conducting the long awaited "Light and Sound" programme (*Visappu*) directed by **Fr Sheise**. All the actors were our school children. Our loss was really a gain for the parched terrain of Kanjirapally.

The award Day of the school was held on 22nd February 2019. The guest of honour was Mr Hari Shankar IPS, (an alumnus of Loyola School, Trivandrum) the S. P. of Kottayam Dt. In his speech he encouraged our students to go for skill developing programme such as sports, games, histrionic talents etc. We held the postponed "Light and Sound" programme on the same day. Large number of old students, parents and well-wishers of the school turned up for this evening show. Our deep appreciation and congratulations to Fr Sheise and his team.

During this programme the school donated a house for a poor student of the school, built under the scheme '*Sahapadikkoru veedu*'. We were able to complete the house with the whole hearted support of the parents and the Chirakkadavu Panchayat.

The Jesuits of the central zone (Kottayam, Edathua, and Kanjirapally) had the annual get together on 27th February at the newly renovated Jesuit house at Edathua. So far it was a poor man's house. Now it has become a palace of the poor man. On this occasion, we felicitated two veteran Jesuits, **Fr Mathew Pullattu** and **Fr T. V. John**. Fr Pullattu has been a priest for fifty years and Fr T. V. John, sixty years of fruitful service in the Lord's vineyard. *Ad multos annos.*

Joseph Edassery

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKKAD

We all had the joy of attending the Final vows of **Fr Biju George** at Eachome. It was quite a memorable event for all the Pre-novices as they also led the choir for the Eucharist that day. We thank **Sch Jithin** for playing the Keyboard for us. We very heartily congratulate Fr Biju!! The Pre-novices had a course on self discovery by **Fr Richard** (MDU). The course was helpful in better understanding the uniqueness of and awareness about oneself. After the course, we had a short trekking to *Kurumbalakkotta* to watch the sunrise. While awaiting the sunrise, the hills before us were all encircled by mist

and the sky wore many a hue ranging through a spectrum of red and yellow colors which were both a moving and awe-inspiring experience for all of us. Currently, the pre-novices are all engaged in their Discernment retreat guided by **Fr Jacob Madukkakkuzhy**. Thank you very much dear Jack acha for enabling the pre-novices to listen to the Spirit and take crucial decisions for life.

George Nikhil

SANTIGRAM, KALAMASERRY

Santigram is dusty and dirty these days. In early January we started a renovation work on the left wing of the building that had an asbestos roof. We have pulled down the roof and are re-working on the rooms on 2nd floor and a concrete roof. A light roof on the top, covering the new terrace is the plan. We hope to get the work finished by the end of March. For these two months we had no training programmes at the centre, except for the regular BTA groups that were meeting as usual. From early March we begin our training programmes, using the limited facility available at present.

Fr MJ Thomas was away, directing four retreats in Patna, Mumbai and Visakhapatanam. **Fr Wilson** is at work, introducing Family Counselling in the two archdiocesan pastoral centres- Ashirbhavan of Varapuzha and the Renewal Centre of Ernakulam, apart from the regular counselling work. **Fr Ephrem Thomas** too was at the Renewal Centre – introducing Counselling to its teachers’ group. And he has four 3-day workshops lined up at Santigram, in March and April on Self Esteem and Interpersonal Relationships; and one of them is to the senior students of our own Nirmala ITC.

Ephrem Thomas

PIUS X ITI, EDATHUA

The month of February ends with cheers and good tidings. The much awaited renovation work of the Jesuit house is completed with the generous help of the province and under the able supervision of **Fr Sony**, our Superior. We have presently seven living rooms, dining hall, kitchen, conference hall and a sit out. All are welcome to experience the warm hospitality and comfortable stay at Edathua. In the absence of our new parish priest Fr Mathew Chooravadi, Fr Vargheese Puttanpura blessed the house on 24th February in the presence of priests and sisters of the neighbouring convents and a few workers were also present for the function. We served refreshments on the occasion to all. The workers were honored with gifts.

We had zonal gathering at Edathua on 27th for which all the members of central zone were present. We celebrated the birthday of **Fr T V John** and the golden jubilee of priesthood of **Fr Mathew Pullattu**. It was a refreshing occasion to share our news and views in



the central zone. **Fr Tony (JAM)** was our distinguished guest at the gathering.

We are planning to hold a combined staff training programme for the staff of Niramala ITI, Pariyaram and Pius X ITI Edathua on March 2nd and 3rd at Edathua. The private ITI Management association honoured Pius X ITI along with nine other ITIs that completed 50 years of service in the field of technical training. **Fr K P Mathew** received the memento from Shri T P Ramakrishnan, Labour and Excise minister on February 12 at Trivandrum. Alumnae association is becoming lively these days. The senior citizens of Edathua meet every month in our institute on the fourth Sunday.

Mathew Pullattu

LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA

February has been a jubilant month for us. On the first of February we began our Annual day celebration of the Pre-KG Students. All the parents whose children were in Pre-KG were overwhelmingly happy to see the performance of their little kids. Mrs Bindu Benzon, the Pharmacist of the Government Hospital Poozhanadu, was the chief guest of the first day. We continued our annual day celebrations on 6, 7 and 8 of February. These days were observed as the festive days of the locality. Our chief guests on these days were S Sreekumar, the Sub Inspector of Police- Neyyar dam; Padmavibhushan Dr G Madhavan Nair, former Chairman of the ISRO; C K Harindran and the local MLA of the Parassala Constituency. These guests were amazed by the academic excellence of our students. Both the MLA and the Panchayat president appreciated and remembered the charity done and the social commitment of our school at the time of the historical flood-hit Kerala. During that time we freely made available our school buses for the volunteers of the nearby Panchayats to do the relief works. **Fr Tinu** was given send-off from the school and his great contributions were remembered and appreciated by the entire teaching and non-teaching staff of the school. We are thankful to Fr Tinu for his generous service to the school and the community. The ICSE 10th class board exam is going on. This year 11 students are writing the board exam. All the students are happy with the last two exams. **Fr Mathew** is away in Christ Hall, Calicut for eye checkup. We are on the last lap of this academic year and our students are preparing for the final term examination.

Manesh

LOYOLA, POOVAR

Fr Antony Manipadam Day was observed on January 26 with great enthusiasm. **Fr Devassy Paul**, principal, Loyola School, Sreekaryam was the main celebrant for the Eucharistic celebration. Neighbours, well-wishers and religious from the neighbourhood attended the Eucharist along with our students and staff. Commemoration meeting and Cultural programme put up by the students were the other major events of the day. During the programme Fr Devassy Paul, gave away Rev. Fr Antony Manipadam S J Memorial scholarships for the meritorious students. The first year MSW students of Loyola College of Social Sciences, Sreekaryam, under the guidance of **Fr Sabu P** and Ms. Francina conducted a one day **Life Skills Training** programme for the students of Loyola Institute of Commerce on 22nd February. The programme was highly appreciated by our students and we thank Fr Sabu and team for their commendable collaboration. A half day seminar on effective parenting was conducted for the parents of our Crèche units on 26th February.

K J Thomas

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

As a community we felt proud to gather around the statue of Constantine Beschi at Marina beach to pay homage on his death anniversary. Over the years this has become an annual feature at SN. We gather in the evening around the Statue on 4th February which is also the Feast of St John De Britto, have a prayer service, and walk up to the Cathedral for the evening Eucharist and have dinner in one of the halls. The Spiritual Directors of the Common Works had their annual workshop in the first week of February at SN. The Departmental seminar this year was on the theme "Philosophy and Neuroscience," and it was conducted at Loyola on 8 February. **Fr Roy Pereira**, (St. Xavier's Mumbai) and **Fr George Cordeiro**, (Papal Seminary, Pune) were the resource persons along with three student companions who served as panelists. The second years have completed the exposition of their dissertations and are busy giving the final touches for the final submission. The long spell of cooler days is moving into summer mode with no rain in sight.

Francis

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

"A deacon is born to Kerala province" was the message we received on the 3rd of February. **Sch Jose Pittappillil** was ordained a deacon along with 18 others with the imposition of the hands by Rt. Rev. Thomas Dabre, the Bishop of Pune. It was indeed

a grace-filled experience for all of us, especially for the members of the province. Congratulations Dn Jose! The weekends of February kept the scholastics busy with *Balamelas* for the children from less privileged background. We are also getting ready to receive **Fr General** on 6th March. **Fr Thomas Karimundackal** presented a paper at the Science -Religion Symposium at St Xavier's College, Ahmedabad.

The visitation of our **Provincial** towards the end of the month enriched us spiritually. His mere presence and interaction helped us to reorient ourselves towards our vision and work towards it. Our final year philosophy brothers are preparing themselves for their comprehensive exam. The semester exams are approaching for the first year philosophers as well. Please do keep us in your prayers.

Anjo

TRIPURA MISSION

Within two months, as the Administrator of the renowned St. Joseph's School managed by the diocese of Agartala, **Fr Babu Paul** has captured the attention and appreciation of the whole diocese and of the general public of the state's capital... Early February **Fr James** addressed the 40 members of the staff of the same school on Save the Children of India - Towards a



clearer understanding of the POCSO Act...Our Remedial Education classes are attended by most of the excluded children of the various tribes. With the help of the local youth, our task is to teach English and Bengali alphabet to the children of UP and High School classes who are marginalised, ignored and uncared for by the Bengali community, although the tribal children are the majority in these schools... Our Nursery school is ever gaining popular support as we cater to the less privileged children. Already we have 30 little kids. We also move into the nearby tribal villages to see possibilities of starting fresh pre-schools.

Syriac Panjikanan.

JEEVIKA MIGRANT WORKERS' MOVEMENT

Jeevika Migrant Workers' Movement had made significant contribution to the life of six Odiya workers through our medical care as well as legal assistance

in the month of February. Mr Bijulal from Odisha met with a bike accident and had a major fracture on his upper part of leg which could have been fatal due to internal bleeding. He was taken to Ernakulam general hospital and then immediately referred to Kottayam Medical College and the surgery was done within two days and afterwards he was brought to Perumbavoor Taluk Hospital for further treatment. Three others had a minor road accident. And they were all taken to Sanjo hospital and within two days got discharged. Jeevika got involved in their accident settlement too. The case of two odiya workers in the Judicial First Class Magistrate court Kozhikode is being constantly followed up. The case was with regard to the bringing of minors for work in Kerala who were actually their relatives.

Shin Kallungal

MR PAUL HEUEL FROM GERMANY WRITES:

Mr Paul Heuel who has been a benefactor of the Province and a good friend of many Kerala Jesuits wrote to the Socius in February:

"I want to ask you to stop sending me the Kerala-Tidings. The reason: My friend Ferdinand Lütticke passed away in a traffic accident. He was a friend of India and accompanied me 4 times on my journeys to India. As an English-German teacher he was not only interested in the newsletter but was also able to relay the most important pieces to me. Unfortunately this is no longer the case. Due to a serious head surgery I can no longer write and have to rely on help from others for these matters.

During the many years of receiving the newspaper I was always well informed and for that I want to thank you and Father Provincial very much. Right now I am 93 years old. The distance between the few Indian friends has become very large. Because of that there is barely any contact between me and my Indian friends, which I very much regret but is also to be expected at this age. In 2006 I went on my last journey to Kerala for 3 priest ordinations. A beautiful conclusion to my visits to a country and gracious people I will never forget.

After my above mentioned head surgery, which was a matter of life and death, I'm feeling relatively well right now. I wish you and all friends in the Kerala province to receive God's blessing for a good future.

Kind Regards

Paul und Roselie +++"

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr M.K. George, "De-constructing the Tripod of Good Governance: Democracy, Secularism and Social Justice", in *Good Governance in India* (ed. Vasundhara Mohan and Scaria Pannackal, New Delhi, Concept Publishing Co. 2019), 11-18.

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Joseph Kandulna (RAN), 79/58, on 19.01.2019 in Manresa House, Ranchi.

Fr Augustine Kallunkal (KER), 70/53, on 17.02.2019 in Apollo hospital, Madurai.

Mr Babu Jacob Thazhathuveetill (72), paternal uncle of Sch Savi George, on 06.02.2019 at Thodupuzha.

Mr V C Mathew Varikkaplackkal (80), maternal uncle of Fr Jacob Kumminiyil, on 27 Feb 2019 at Edamaruku, Kottayam.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH

- 02 Thomas Madathiparambil
- 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
- 18 Augustine Mathew Kolathupadavil
- 19 Ajith Xavier Thudiyaplackal
- 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 Thannikanirappal
- 21 (2017) Joseph Kottukapally
- 24 (2013) Jose Vallanattu





Obituary



FR AUGUSTINE KALLUNKAL, SJ (07.11.1948- 17.02.2019)

Fr Augustine Kallunkal was born in Gothuruth near Ernakulam on 07 November, 1948. His parents were late Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Elsy, belonging to the diocese of Varapuzha. After doing pre-novitiate at West Hill, Kozhikode in 1964, Fr Augustine entered the Jesuit Novitiate at Christ Hall, Kozhikode on June 15, 1965 and took his first vows in 1967. He completed his B.Sc. in St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, Kozhikode and went to Shembaganur to study Philosophy at Sacred Heart College. After doing his theological studies at Vidyajyoti College, Delhi, he was ordained a priest on April 26, 1982 at Gothuruthu, his home parish. Later, he did tertianship at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur and took his final vows in 1988 at Loyola, Sreekaryam.

Fr Augustine's first assignment was to Loyola School, Sreekaryam in 1977 as teacher and boarding prefect. The next year he joined St. Xavier's College, Thiruvananthapuram as lecturer and hostel warden. After his ordination he rejoined the college and served there as lecturer in Botany, Vice-Principal, Manger and Rector at different periods of time till his retirement in 2002. He completed his Ph. D in "Floristic Study of the Flowering Plants of Coromandel Coast" at St Joseph's College, Tiruchirapally, Tamil Nadu. He also served as teacher in AKJM HSS School, Kanjirapally for a while. Later he went to Arunachal Pradesh (under Kohima Jesuit Region) and taught in Palizi School for four years. He also served as administrator of the Jesuit Community and was in charge of pastoral ministry in the school campus. He returned to Kerala in 2012 and was appointed teacher and Principal-in-charge in AKJM HSS, Kanjirapally. In 2014 he moved to Attappadi and served as Director of ERA (Eco-Reserve Attappadi), and in 2016 he returned to St. Xavier's College, Thiruvananthapuram. He continued to be actively involved in teaching Botany, in Spiritual Ministry and serving as Minister of the Jesuit community. On 1st February 2019 he suffered a stroke while on a study tour to Kodaikanal with the Jesuit Juniors of Vidyanyketan, Thiruvananthapuram which left him paralyzed and unconscious till his death on February 17. He was buried at St Xavier's College, Thumba on February 19 in the presence of a large gathering of students, teachers, friends, relatives, priests and religious. Fr Augustine was known for regularity and orderliness. He did not suffer from any major ailments. So his death was most unexpected and untimely.



Augustine was a gentle, loving and caring person. He lived a selfless life of love, friendship and fraternity. Those who have known him and have shared life with him would testify that he lived a holy life worthy of his call and commitment. He evoked such spontaneous affection and warmth from all those who came in contact with him. Augustine was liked and loved for his unassuming personality, absolute simplicity and 'straight from the heart' ways and approaches. He was a man with no pretensions and simplicity was his trade mark. He was just and fair with anything and everything he did and was very honest with himself and others. He will put things ruthlessly and bluntly when it comes to matters of justice and fairness. Though a man of personal convictions and values he would never impose his ways and views on others even when he could afford to do that.

Augustine was not a glamorous priest in the popular understanding of the word. Yet he had a glamour and charm of his own. People, especially his students and co-workers and collaborators, loved and admired him and they would flock around him in an enviable way to converse and spent time with him. They did this because he had a child-like charm and grace of his own and they loved and admired it immensely. Being a botanist and a lover of nature, Augustine had such passion for plants, trees, birds and animals and for all simple and beautiful things of life. He loved good music, movies and songs and had a lyrical and poetic heart and mind for all sacred and finer things of life. He had a great sense of fun and humor too.

Augustine loved and cherished his Jesuit vocation and priestly life. He loved the Society and felt proud to belong to it and he knew well its constitutions and rules, its ways and traditions of doing things. He would never tolerate unfair and unjust things done to its members within or outside. For the same reason he would speak up for people who he felt are unjustly and unfairly treated or ignored. As administrator, organizer and teacher Augustine is known for his meticulous planning. That was his understanding of Ignatian 'Magis', 'Excellence', 'Greater glory of God' and he wouldn't easily make any compromise on these matters.

Fr Augustine will certainly live forever through his many gentle, genuine acts of love and service rendered to thousands of people in and through the Society of Jesus. Now that he has gone for his eternal reward, may the Good Lord reward him for all his goodness, simplicity and magnanimity, for his faith and commitment as a genuine Jesuit.

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