



Kerala Tidings

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From the Provincial's desk

My dear Friends in the Lord,

The annual meeting of the Assistancy Development Directors was held in Christ Hall Kozhikode with the theme "empowerment and sustainability." A major concern was fund raising which has become more difficult today and calls for new approaches and specialized skills. I am glad that the Assistancy Development Office facilitates skill development and effective networking.

Today the oft-repeated term is *development*. Every politician loves it and a lot of sound bites are generated on it. But the term remains hollow mostly for ordinary citizens and the poor. The term development came to the public domain ever since Harry S. Truman used it for the first time in 1949 in the aftermath of World War II. Everyone in today's world is trying to develop in such a way that it looks as if the whole edifice will crumble under its weight. Global warming and climate change are only its symptoms. In fact, the principle of sustainability calls us to meet the needs of men and women, especially the deprived, and the needs of future generations, realizing that there are limits to the resources of the earth.

Let us hope that our new focus on the challenges of Universal Apostolic Preferences prepares us better for sustainable ways of living.

E.P. Mathew, SJ

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

DECEMBER

- 02-03 : Asha Kiran, Mangaore
- 04-08 : Visitation, JDV Pune

- 14 : Province Consult, Kozhikode
- 16 : Dept. of Philosophy, Maharaja's College
- 17-18 : Visitation, Lumen-Jyothis, Kochi
- 20-23 : Visitation, Pachilakad & Eachome
- 28 : Chennai, inauguration of the New Province
- 29 : Ordination, Jose Pittapallil

JANUARY 2020

- 01 : Chertala, Ordination of KHM Jesuit
- 04-06 : Visitation, St Xavier's, Thiruvananthapuram

APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL

Fr Koppala Abraham Stanislaus: Provincial of Andhra Province.

Fr L. Jebamalai Irudayaraj: Provincial of the soon-to-be-established Province of Chennai (CEN).

Fr Johan Verschueren: General Counsellor and Delegate for the Interprovincial Houses (DIR)

Fr General has approved the appointments of **Fr Joseph Pulickal** as Superior of Santinilayam, Kottayam, and **Fr Thomas Kuravanveliyel** as Superior of Christ Hall, Kozhikode.

Pope Francis has appointed **Fr Juan Antonio Guerrero Alves SJ** (ESP), Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy of the Holy See.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

REQUEST FROM FR M.K. GEORGE

"After about two months of wrestling with the '*Bella lingua, Italiano*', I move to the General Curia and assume responsibilities on the 3 December, 2019 as the Regional Assistant.

May I request your prayers as I embark on this new mission. Fully aware of my limitations, I seek your earnest prayerful support always. I assure you of my prayers."

Snehasena has a new Website; www.snehasena.org and a new **Youtube Channel** named **snehasena**. Kindly visit, share and subscribe the channel.

The JIGSA (Jesuits in Ignatian Spirituality in South Asia) announces the following programme:
ROOTS & WINGS_2020: COLLOQUIUM ON
IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY
Venue: Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur
Dates: April 2 even to May 7 even, 2020
Total Course Fee: Rs 25,000/- (incl. Board / Lodge)
Contact Person: Fr M. Devadhas SJ
Email: mdevadhassj@gmail.com
Mob: +91 94875 80952 / 8056662524
Last date to register: February 15, 2020.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Fr V.C. George was diagnosed with multiple blocks in the artery and spent a few days each in Good Shepherd's hospital, Vythiri, and has been undergoing treatment at Prasanthi, Pachilakad.

Fr James Thottakath was diagnosed with enlarged prostate and will be admitted to the Cosmopolitan hospital in Trivandrum on December 8th. He is likely to undergo a surgery soon after.

NEW MOBILE NO:

Fr Devasia Kuzhuppi : 7306378142

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

Birthdays of two men in the community were celebrated in the month of November - **Frs Thomas Anthraper** and **Raju Augustine**. It was also "Navathi" for Fr Anthraper, so about 40 people from his family came to honour him. Joining them were Father's associates at

St Joseph's High School, Kozhikode where he was headmaster for 12 years. Fr Mathew Thayil MSFS, younger brother of **Fr Joe Thayil** presently working in the US, came for a visit and the duo went on a short trip to meet



their family members and relatives in Vazhakulam and Thiruvananthapuram. The parish feast of Christ the King Parish was celebrated with grandeur from 10 to 17. **Bishop Varghese Chakkalakkal** of Calicut Diocese celebrated Mass on the day of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation of children. **Bishop Alex Vadakumthala** of Kannur Diocese also joined for Mass on another day.

Christ Hall community made itself available for the annual meeting of the Province Development Directors. **Fr George Pattery** (POSA) and **Fr Jorge Serrano** (ATDR, Rome) were present. Family members of late **Fr Sabu Malayil** came on 23 November to remember him on his 3rd death anniversary. The community prayed for Sr John Maria, elder sister of **Fr Philip Thayil**, who had gone for eternal rest on 5 November.

Joseph

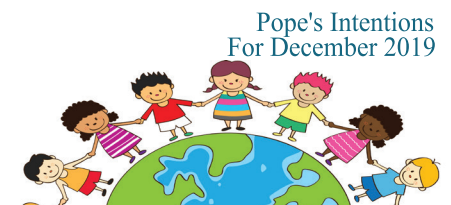
ST JOSEPH'S, KOZHIKODE

Our community was at home with **Fr Thomas Anthraper** and the super seniors of Christ Hall on 4th November to celebrate the 90th birthday of Anthraper. He was the legendary headmaster of the school during the troubled days of students' agitation. Yet he endeared himself as the beloved headmaster of the students and the staff. This was really a short walk down memory lane for this octogenarian. Ad multos annos!

The get-together of the staff of the 5 Jesuit schools in North Kerala took place on 30th November under the auspices of St Joseph's Boys' HSS. This Programme was inaugurated by **Fr E. P. Mathew**, the Provincial. During

his speech, among other things, he mentioned about the immense possibilities open to our staff and students as the English language has only one alphabet with 26 letters that opens a vista of words and

phrases of innumerable hues and shades. It enabled our staff to establish synergic bonding among themselves. **Fr Anto**, the principal of the school with his able assistants left no stone unturned to make this camaraderie a memorable and highly successful event. The main speaker for the day was **Fr Sunny Jose** who



The Future of the Very Young
 That every country determine,
 to take the necessary measures
 to make the future of the very
 young, especially those who
 suffer, a priority.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
 Mumbai INDIA

dwelt on the relevance of the Ignatian Pedagogical methods with special reference to the Ratio Studiorum.

The Bi-centenary Annual Foot Ball Tournament, after a lapse of three years, is being held here under the patronage of the former students of the school. **Fr Ramlat Thomas**, the principal of the Junior ICSE School flew to Chennai to attend the annual conference of the principals of the ICSE/ISC Board, held on 27th to 29th November.

Joseph Edassery

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

Fr E.P. Mathew, our Provincial, was with us for his first annual visitation. His interactions with students and teachers and the PTA executive members were fruitful and energising. The PTA General Body was held on October 25, and in connection with it a class on *Effective Parenting* was arranged with **Fr Jose Pulinthanath** as the resource person. Our High School boys bagged 'A' grade in five group items and four individual items in the State Youth Festival at Kanjagad. In the Higher Secondary section, three group items and five individual items got 'A' grade. *Kathakali, Panchavadyam, Parichamuttu, Nadanpattu* and Orchestra were some of the notable group items. Seventy students participated in the State Games Competitions and 30 students won prizes and eight students won prizes in the State Fairs. Six students participated in the National Games Competitions.

St Michael's School was the venue for the District Youth Festival from 19 to 23 November. There was general appreciation for the convenience and the facilities at the school. Former students of the school arranged a programme for the Higher Secondary students on *Climatic Change and Natural Disasters*.

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LOYOLA, ALUVA

In November we started two of the important *experiments* in the novitiate. The first years started their month-long *Spiritual Sadhana*, the most important of all the *experiments* in the novitiate, on 12th. On the following day the second years began their *Work Experiment*. Before starting these two *experiments* we had an anticipated celebration of the feast of St Stanislaus Kostka, our heavenly patron, and the birthday of our Fr Master. Three sisters from the M S J congregation, too, are participating in the month-long *Sadhana*. Apparently drawing inspiration from these retreatants, **Fr Jacob Madukkakuzhy** has also

started his own personal retreat. Before beginning the Long Retreat the first years had prepared themselves in various ways; a 5-day course on NLP under **Fr Toby**, a 3-day workshop on Intensive Journal guided by **Fr Rachans** & a pilgrimage to Vallarpadam. The second years have started their adventurous experiment at AADI, Attappady; but you may spot them in any part of Kerala as job-seekers! Both the *experiments* – spiritual as well as temporal – will get over on 12th December. Kindly continue to remember us in your prayers. In the first week of the month, Fr Rachans had gone to Hyderabad to attend a meeting,

Adolf Johnson

LUMEN /SNEHASENA/LIPI, KOCHI

Snehasena, the children's magazine, inaugurated 'Snehasena Communications' Wing, and launched its first initiative, an interactive website www.snehasena.org, in which students can participate in different online contests and exhibit their artworks. Apart from this, 'Snehasena Communications' has other activities like Art/Literary workshops, Dance and Body Movement workshops, Theatre, Photography/Cinematography workshops, Media Awareness Programmes, Youtube channel which includes value-based short films, art fun and science fun videos, motivational talk series for children, parents and teachers. Writers,



cinematographers, theatre artists, martial artists, dancers, teachers, child artists, designers, singers and music directors, who collaborate with Snehasena, were present at the inauguration. Renowned writers Sippi Pallippuram, Shaji Malippara and A.K Puthusseri, launched the website, value-based short films and the motivational video series by Snehasena Communications, respectively.

The topic of discussion for the monthly gathering of Newman Association was "the Amazon Synod: Challenges and Possibilities." **Fr P.T. Mathew** was the invited speaker. He presented the pastoral, cultural, environmental and synodal ramifications of the

Amazonian document for the Church in general and the Indian church in particular. Dr. PC Cyriac IAS chaired the session. Lumen was the venue for the release of the book titled "Good Bye Malabar" by eminent social activist K.J. Baby (Kanavu Baby). Prof. M.K. Sanu released the book. Leading writers like Civic Chandran ,V.M. Girija and others were present on the occasion.

Fr Abraham Pallivathukal directed a retreat for the Pre-novices at Pachilakad. Currently he is away in UAE for the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Jesus Youth in the Middle East. He will also attend a three-day conference in Dubai along with 21 Bishops. **Fr Roy Thottam** offered two art workshops in November. One was for the students of St Thomas UP School Ettumanoor, and the other at Mithraniketan Wagamon as part of the Students Art for Peace (SAP) program organised by CARP artists group. Roy also participated in a three day winter art camp in Wagamon organised for the CARP.

The contact classes of Peace Studies program jointly offered by XLRI-LIPI are in progress. The topics include Peace and Justice, Conflict Management, Communal Harmony, Science and Technology for Peace, Art and Peace, and Inner Life and Peace. In the meantime, the students have started working on their peace projects which are supervised by competent faculty of XLRI-LIPI. The Convocation is scheduled to be on 11 January 2020.

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AKJM/SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPALLY

For AKJM School, November was a month of success stories. The School won over all second place in the Kottayam District Kalolsavam. The U.P. section won the first place and the H.S. won second in the competitions. AKJM won the best performance award in the rally conducted in connection with the Kalolsavam. In the State level Kalolsavam also our students repeated the success story. They secured "A" Grade for three group items (*Vattappattu, Arabanamuttu and Daffimuttu*) and some individual items (*Kuchipudi, Kavitha rajana, Urdu and English recitation*). **Fr Varkeychan** and team accompanied the students to Kanhangad. **Fr Salvin** conducted a Seminar for the parents of CKM School Koruthode. The Kindergarten section of the School celebrated Laurel Day in which Fr Martin Velliyamkulam, Procurator of the Diocese of Kanjirapally, was the chief guest.

Fr Stephen Chundamthadam presented a paper in a National Seminar on "Peace, Non-Violence, Secularity And Plurality: Remembering Francis of Assisi and

Mahatma Gandhi", at Eluru, AP. The two-day seminar was organized by Vijnananilayam: Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Eluru, AP. **Fr Tom Panikulam** guided the Triduum of two Jesuit Scholastics and conducted an 8 day retreat for three Medical Mission Sisters at Samanvaya. **Fr George Sebastian** gave a series of Media Lectures to the staff and students of Fathima Matha College, Kollam. He also conducted a Seminar for the Lay and Religious teachers of Kanjirapally Province of SABS Congregation.

Tom Panikulam

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

A meeting of the Kottayam Zone Jesuits was held on November 2 to discuss 'A Protocol for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults'. **Fr Stephen** in a power point presentation explained the topic including the civil and church laws concerning it. Later the Santhinilyam community, in consultaion with our lay team, worked out a draft outline of the Protocol going to govern our life and ministries here. It will now go to the Provincial for approval. **Fr Joe Pulickal** was away for a week taking classes on Ignatian spirituality for the monks of Kurishumala Ashram, Wagamon. **Fr Sunny** attended the Jesuit counsellors' meet at JDV on 22-23 of November. He shared that the meeting helped to understand the newer techniques and treatments in psychology. **Fr Emmanuel** extended his expertise in the field of dance as a judge in a dance competition held in the town by the Synergy Association. Four regents of our province under the guidance of the PCF were here for their reflection and prayer on 16 - 18 of this month.

Jithin Joseph

VIDYANIKETAN (SIC), TRIVANDRUM

On 2nd November we remembered the souls of the faithful departed by holding a special prayer service at the Jesuit cemetery in the college campus. Juniors and the staff, members of the St Xavier's college community, hostellers of the ladies hostel took part in the service.

We were delighted to hear a talk on inter religious dialogue by Fr Vincent Shaker SJ. We thank him for spending his valuable time, sharing his experience with us.

The feast of St John Berchmans was celebrated with much pomp. The 9 days of novena helped us to prepare for the feast. We anticipated the feast on the 25th as we had our four Provincials and the RCF of Kohima region with us. In honour of the feast we had a basketball match. The four Provincials made their annual visitation

to SICJ. We generously thank them for their valuable observations and feedback.

We had a mass with the migrants working in and around Thumba. The month concluded with the birthday celebrations of **Fr Wilson** and **Sch Rohit**.

Sebastian

AADI, ATTAPPADI

Children's Day was celebrated in a grand manner and we organized a Seminar on POCSO and safety and protection of Children. Around one hundred children were actively involved in it. Four of our second year novices **Adolf Johnson, Augustine Mathew, Poly Martin, Tomson Tom** are here in Attapady for their one month Work Experiment. They too helped us to make the trail in our ERA (Eco Reserve Attapady) and it is coming up well. Special thanks to the novices. We also started naming the trees and plants on our campus. Lok Manch Campaigning is in full swing. Hundreds of people and students are given awareness on POCSO Act, and the negative impact of Child Marriage. **Fr Binu** gives classes on Tarumitra in different schools of Attapady. 26 boys from St. Joseph's HSS, Calicut along with **Fr Thadeyoos** came to AADI for an exposure to nature. Trainees from Sahyajyothi college, Kumily, St. Albert's college, Ernakulam and Bishop Appusamy college, Coimbatore did their internship at AADI.

PS Antony

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKKAD

The month started with our parish feast of St Jude. Fathers Saji and Deepak celebrated the festal masses and led the Eucharistic procession. We also actively participated in the feast of the Latin Church, Perpetual Succor, panamaram. We led the choir on one of the feast days. We were happy to successfully host a formators meeting in which 17 formators from different religious houses in wayanad participated. **Fr V.C George** was hospitalized in vythiri and later taken to Calicut for further treatment. We were privileged to have **Fr P.T Mathew** with us for his retreat. We had a four day retreat guided by Fr. Abraham Pallivathikal. Birthdays of **Fr Baby Chalil** and of two Prenovices – **Jeswin** and **Joel** - were celebrated together with the Fathers of Sarvodaya community.

Charis. David

LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA.

In November the highschool students went to 'Wonderla' for their annual school picnic and the students from KG to 6th standard went to 'Happy Land'. Around

500 students went to Happy Land in 12 school buses and it was indeed a wonderful experience for all. The school conducted the science exhibition titled "Open Science, Leaving No One Behind". It was inaugurated by Prof Roy K Varghese, the senior faculty of the Lourdu Matha College of Science and Technology, Kuttichal, Trivandrum. It was a good learning experience for the entire school.

Manesh J

TRIPURA MISSION

Fr Babu Paul has taken charge as the new Animator of the North Zone Youth Movement of Agarthala diocese. He has been able to create a new vigour and enthusiasm among the youth of Agartala Diocese that comprises the whole of Tripura. The North zone Youth Convention that the team organized in October turned out to be a grand success. **Fr James Morais** went to Haflong, Assam to make his annual spiritual exercises. With a deep sense of solidarity, we Jesuits have been with the Holy Cross Fathers during their crises moments as two of them were detained in judicial custody, and later



imprisoned for no justifiable reasons whatsoever. The fathers got bail but the warden who is a tribal boy hasn't got bail yet. **Fr Syriac Panjikanan** is now staying at the proposed school at Jampujjala, 40 kms away from the capital city of Agartala, which the Bishop is handing over to the Tripura Jesuit Mission. God willing, the handing over of this school will take place when Fr Provincial visits the Mission in March next year. Presently Fr Panji is busy giving training to the teachers and conducting remedial sessions for the students and hostellers. It is going to be the first Jesuit school in Tripura. By the purchase of a new plot of land we will have three centres in Tripura for our mission activities.

Syriac Panjikanan

SATYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

The month of November was eventful. We finished our Odd semester exams in the first week and began our vacation. Thanks for your prayers. Soon after that we

had Ignatian workshop on 'Examen' and triduum led by Fr Somy Mannoor of Jamshedpur province. His course on examen helped us to discover the new dimensions of Examen. We were blessed with the visit of **Fr Provincial** and **Fr Salvin**. It was indeed a time of grace. Thanks Fathers for your accompaniment and encouragement. We also had community days during the vacation. It was a time of fun and frolic.

We began our even semester classes on 14 November. Currently second years have started their dissertation works. On 21 November, World Philosophy Day was celebrated with some competitions for various Philosophy Departments of Chennai. We are happy to inform you that the short film "**Scent of the Bread**" directed and made under the leadership of our **Sch Nibin Manual** won the second best short film and best Cinematography awards in the competition held by Madras- Mylapore Archdiocese as part of the Eucharistic Congress. Congrats to the team! The award was presented by the Apostolic Nuncio and Archbishop. Those who have not watched the film can watch it in YouTube by typing the name of the short film.

Deslin Chelatt

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The month of November began with visitation of provincials and PCFs from different provinces. We Kerala scholastics and Fathers were extremely happy with the visits of **Frs Binoy Pichalakattu, Ephrem, Joy James, Wilson Mulakkal, Saji Kandassamkunnel, and Sunny Mathew**. We celebrated our JDV day with cultural programme on 22nd in which **Schs Anjo and Libin** actively participated. **Fr Midhun** presented a paper "Building bridges between Religions: Reading 'Nostra Aetate' through the lens of Pope Francis" in an International, Interdisciplinary Symposium organized by JDV and CCBI. He also wrote an article on "Priesthood" for the Catechism Department of the Eparchy of Shamshabad.

Libin Mathew

ST STANISLAUS COLLEGE, HAZARIBAG

On the 2nd of this month, we celebrated the feast of all souls day in the graveyard with our parishioners. From 5th to 7th we had a course on Eco- Spirituality given by Fr Saju Bastin and Fr Tony Herbet. It was eye opening days for us. On the 10th our 1st year novices completed their spiritual journey with the Lord. 2nd years came back after their one month poverty experiment. On the 13th we had a joyous

celebration of the feast of St. Stanislaus Kostka. It is also our house fest. 23rd we celebrated the jubilee of Fr Augustine Tigga SJ, serving 50 years in the Society of Jesus. On that day we had Holy Mass and lunch with Fr Augustine's families in SSC. On the 24th Sunday we had a good time in our parish for CHRIST THE KING feast. We had a Solemn Mass and procession with the parishioners. We juniors presented a tableau as part of the procession. It was well appreciated by everyone.

Dileep & Affin

FR JOHN FJ MANIPADAM WRITES FROM LUMEN/JYOTHIS, KOCHI

After I had arrived in Calicut in early September, I experienced inexplicable severe pain in my left knee. When my Blood was tested in Nirmala hospital, the doctor told me that my uric acid and my haemoglobin were high. He treated me for the former and I became free from that pain. I went to St Michael's community, Kannur, and was slowly settling down. While on my way to Kuttikanam to attend a get-together of the 1st batch of Loyola-Trivandrum Old Boys (1968), I decided to drop in at Kadamapuzha hospital in Kanjirapally and got my blood tested. My Haemoglobin showed 20.8 and Dr K.E.Thomas, our Old Boy, seriously advised me to go and meet Dr Mobin Paul (Haematologist) in Rajagiri hospital, Chunangamvely, Alwaye. I went there on October 7 and took a Blood Test, a Bone Marrow Test and a mid-body scan. Dr Mobin Paul found my condition serious because with 20.8 Haemoglobin, I could get a fatal heart attack or stroke. 400 milligrams of blood were taken out of me and 500 milligrams of saline were injected into me. I was asked to have my blood tested every week, to have my blood taken out every week for 8 weeks, and to have saline injected into me for 4 weeks. My Haemoglobin gradually came down and reached 14.1 on November 19. Dr Mobin Paul asked me to take Medicine for one week, and to remain without medicine for another week, and then to meet him on December 2. If my Haemoglobin is 14 or less, then he may allow me to return to Kannur. The fact is that all along I have been feeling as energetic and as healthy as usual.

While enjoying the hospitality of our companions in Lumen/Jyothis, I have been celebrating Sunday Mass at Infant Jesus parish and weekday Mass in some convents. I was privileged to participate in the St Mariam Thresia Solemn Thanksgiving Mass in Kuzhikkattussery, near Mala. During the priests' procession I spotted **Fr John Francis Elamkunnappuzha**. During the tea, I could meet 3 friends, Cardinals **George Alencherry, Basелиos Cleemis**

and Oswald Gracias, besides some Archbishops and Bishops. Recently there was a Get-together of Loyola-Chennai Old Boys in Mundakayam. **Fr Amritham Thomas** (Principal) was the chief guest and there were around 100 Old Boys and 35 wives of Old Boys. I belonged to the first batch of Juniors in Berchmans Hall, Loyola (1960-1963). Here in Lumen/Jyothis I have been doing a fair amount of reading. I wish you all a grace-filled advent & happy feast of St Francis Xavier!

MIGRANT WORKERS - HEALTH INSURANCE & EDUCATION OF CHILDREN



Sixty one migrant workers at Vallathaippara Labour camp received Aawaz health insurance cards on 12 October with the help of the MOS team of SRC, Kozhikode. 23 families are staying in the area and engaged in arecanut peeling work under contractors. They have come from Assam and work here from August to March when they return to Assam to do the same work there from March to July. Farzana, a migrant woman, became a beneficiary of this Aawaz card when she was admitted to the Medical College hospital for delivery of her first child. The MOS team instructed the family to use her Aawaz health insurance card to meet the expenses and also contacted the Medical College Aawaz insurance department. Farzana delivered in the hospital and returned safely to the labour camp with her child after a week. Her hospital expenses were met by the Aawaz card. The mother and child are keeping well.

There are about thirty children in the school-going age, but they have no facilities for schooling. The children are interested to go to the school and the parents also are willing to send them. The MOS team contacted the 'District Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' officer in Calicut, and with their help arranged facilities for these children to study in the school. The officer was enthusiastic to take up this matter after having a meeting with his staff, he said.

Sr Gracy SCM

NEWS FROM SJES CONGRESS IN ROME

Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat Congress in Rome had deep impact in my life due to its comprehensive approach and vital relevance to our personal and collective life as Jesuits. It showed in a touching manner how we, Jesuits, want 'to be on the side of the poor and the excluded'. The inputs, the group work, the common spiritual exercises and the common meals elevated our gathering to a real-time experience of the global



solidarity of the Jesuits and non-Jesuits engaged in the mission of reconciliation and justice. The messages of both the Pope and the General were so inspiring, prophetic and challenging. The SJES Congress is likely to be termed a watershed as we unravel its implications for our mission of reconciliation and justice. Of all the challenging thoughts and insights shared during the Congress let me share the following three:

1. God is experienced more and deeper when we are with the poor. In their powerlessness we see the powerlessness of God and we have no other choice to make, to find meaning in our life than being faithful to God even when we experience failures or are portrayed as 'failed people'. God is calling us to have an ongoing formation to learn to be non-judgemental and sensitive to the excluded. People evangelize us; their stories of forgiveness, reconciliation and readiness to co-exist with the very people who killed their near and dear ones become a testimony for us. The poor can show me the 'face of God' and the work of the Spirit can be discerned and recognized in the everyday activities of our life in the mission for justice and reconciliation.

2. Forces of inequality and exclusion are a source of desolation within the Society of Jesus and without; we need courageous people even in the Church to confront such powers through socio-cultural education of the masses and promotion of committed leadership among the oppressed.

3. God is calling us to be critically aware of the polarities of being close and intimately involved with the suffering of the excluded and at the same time, being occupied in our efforts to connect with the powerful to tackle exclusion by ushering policy changes at different levels. Physical proximity need not ensure heart level walking. Hence, we need to create opportunities for interfacing the excluded and the not-so-excluded and be agents for justice and reconciliation.

For me the physical and mental journey during and after the Congress was very intense since it took me to a close encounter with the early Christian martyrs in the catacombs, the lives of St Francis of Assisi, St Clare, St Ignatius and St Francis Xavier in their original life settings. It was also a time to enjoy the hospitality of our Roman and Parisian Jesuits from Kerala Province. Fr Solomon, the Director of Bagaicha, led our pilgrimage group from India through Assisi, Loyola, Montserrat and Lourdes. It was interesting to see some of the Juniors I accompanied in the Common Juniorate enjoying their study and stay in Rome and Paris.

Benny Chiramel

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr K.T. Chandy, "Daunting Darwinism - Survival of the Fittest and Everyday Reality" in *Indian Currents*, in Issue No.47, Pg 32-34.

Fr Xavier Tharamel, 'ഉണ്ണിയിശോയും ഹെറോദോസും' in *Amalolbhava*. Vol.34., No. 271. December (2019), Pp. 25-27.

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Br Benedict Kichingia (JAM), 82/47, on 08.11.2019 in Jamshedpur.

Fr Noel Francis D'Souza (CCU), 87/65, on 10.11.2019 in Calcutta.

Fr John Chrysostom (PAT), 81/57, on 28.11.2019 in Patna.

Fr William Bourke (DAR), 94/71, on 29.11.2019. (He was the last Canadian Jesuit in Darjeeling Province).

Sr John Maria SABS (95), elder sister of **Fr Philip Thayil**, on 05.11.2019 at Kuthrapally.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

03 Linto Kanichai

05 Xavier Veliyakam

09 Sanil Mayilkunnel

11 Abraham Pallivathukal

16 Immanuel Koyan

16 Mathew Kannadan

21 George Nedungatt

21 Cicil Shaji Valiyakarottu

22 Philip Thayil

24 Jose Thachil

25 Kuriakose Puthanapra

27 Sebastian Chiriyam Kandath



JANUARY

01 John Elamkunnappuzha

01 *Ramlat Mekkulathil*

02 *Peter Mulluparambil*

03 *Tomson Vadakkeputhenpura*

04 *Varkeychan Mecheril*

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

DECEMBER

01 (1958) Aloysius Silva

02 (1991) George Murickan

04 (2007) Mathew Parackal

16 (2011) George Keerankeri

17 (1954) Milbank F Barboza

17 (2012) Joseph Maliekal

18 (2000) Joseph Vattakunnel

19 (1991) Varkey Pullan

29 (1988) Joseph Puthenkalam

31 (2010) Thomas Thayil



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