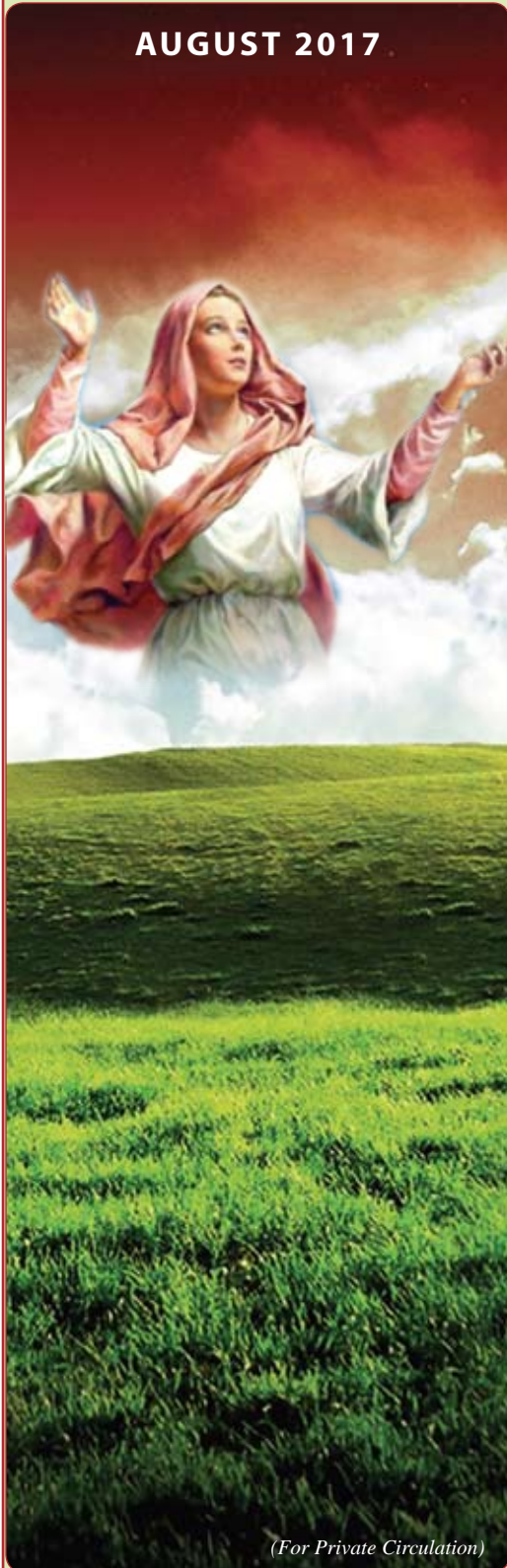




AUGUST 2017



(For Private Circulation)

Message from the Provincial



My desire and vision

(His homily at the Mass on 18 June '17 when he took over as the new MDU Provincial. Continued from MNL, July 2017)

Dear Friends in the Lord,

III. My Desire and Vision for the Province

I begin this ministry of service and leadership with a heart that is full of hope, love, joy and a desire to trust. For, the mother Society has placed so much of trust in me and, therefore, for me, in return, it is God's mission to trust my friends in the Lord, the children of the same mother Society. Trust yields an abundance of grace. That grace is that we are together in companionship, rooted in the gospel, grounded in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. We live in a complex and an ever-changing world marred by ever-increasing marginalization and impoverishment, cyber and other forms of terrorism, growing intolerance, caste and gender discrimination, large scale migration and internal displacements, ecological degradation, etc.

Pope Francis tells us that "we are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental." (Laudato Si, 139)

Therefore, we are called to be full of zeal, energy and passion for service, justice and peace in this world. We are all called to march together, to walk in the Spirit, to trust God and each other, and to go deeper in our relationships so that our trust, service and love for each other yields an abundance more than all of us can hold. We thus synergize.

I envision a collective journey towards fulfillment of our vision in which I visualize all our dear Province members actively take part encouraging and supporting one another thus contributing greatly to the promotion of union of minds and hearts which is an all-time need of a religious body like ours engaged in Christ's mission with a specific charism.

My vision is, therefore, what has been already so clearly spelt out by the Jesuit documents and by our Province policies. I would like to perhaps reiterate or reemphasize what my predecessors and various Jesuit documents have already said. There are three things which are of great importance for all of us, Jesuits: **1. Our**

glorious tradition and the rich heritage. 2. The Principles, norms and guidelines and 3. The fundamental and the basic option of our Province.

1. Our glorious tradition and the rich heritage. No one would like to part with our glorious past. A rich legacy has been handed down to us since the foundation of our Order.

2. The principles, norms, guidelines which are clearly meant for our collective life and mission and which are already enshrined in GC and other Jesuit documents. We would not like to dispense with them. They are our treasures. They are very sacred. They clearly show the way. What we need to do is repeatedly go back to them, drink from them - yes, we drink from our own spiritual wells and fountains - re-imbibe the spirit underlying them and eventually revitalize ourselves so as to re-engage ourselves in our mission with a clearer focus and a greater commitment.

3. The fundamental and basic option of our Province which evolved as a result of our prolonged and protracted soul-searching and communal discernment, namely, preferential option for Dalits, Tribals and other marginalized people. This option echoes the cry of the Dalits and other marginalized groups for liberation from all forms of oppression and subjugation. We know that our solidarity with our option people can never be compromised with. These are our guiding principles and we shall strive to follow them faithfully.

These three things put us in the right perspectives and lead us to the task we ought to do. So what is the task before us?

Danis Ponniah, SJ
Provincial

(To be continued)

Provincial's Programme



AUGUST 2017

- 01 Contact Visit (CV): Arrupe Illam, Mettupalayam
- 02-03 CV: SJIS, Ooty
- 04-05 CV: TNPCRI, Tindivanam
- 06 Loyola, Chennai
- 07 CV: Dhyana Ashram, Chennai
- 08 CV: Satya Nilayam, Chennai
- 10 Blessing of Women's Hostel – SXC, Palayamkottai
- 11 CV: Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari (Forenoon)
CV: Carmel, Nagercoil (Afternoon)
- 12 CV: SICJ, Trivandrum
- 15-18 CV: SHC, Shembaganur and Kodai Hills
- 19 Extended Higher Education Commission Meeting - Maduralaya
- 25 Province Consult
- 26 Ordination, SJC, Trichy
- 27 Loyola, Chennai
- 28 – 31 Europe

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 01 – 10 Europe
- 12 Joint Steering Committee Meeting – LICET, Chennai
- 13 CV : Arul Kadal, Chennai
- 16 GBM: Finance Commission – Maduralaya
- 18 CV: VMI, Vilangudi and Thirumanur
- 19 CV: Kalangarai, Nagapattinam
- 21-22 Province Consult
- 25 CV: De Britto, Devakottai
- 26 CV: St. Arulanandar, Oriyur

Chennai Mission Superior's Programme

AUGUST 2017

- 01 Mettupalayam
- 02-03 Ooty
- 04-05 TNPCRI Meeting, Tindivanam
- 07 Dhyana Ashram
- 08-12 Vijayawada
- 18 Mission Consult
- 19 Higher Education Commission Meeting, Maduralaya
- 20 Inauguration of 175th Year of St Mary's Parish, Madurai
- 21-24 Classes on *Social Analysis*, St Anne's, Madhavaram
- 25 Province Consult
- 26 Ordination, Trichy

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 16 Meeting of Superiors, Team Leaders, Directors and Treasurers of Chennai Mission, Loyola Campus, Chennai
- 17 Mission Consult
- 21-22 Province Consult
- 23-30 Retreat

TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS:

| NAME | FROM | TO | DESIGNATION |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Br Antony Savarimuthu | St. Mary's Farm, Ayyampalayam | Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur | Sub-Minister |
| Fr Alphonse Manickam | Loyola College, Vettavalam | Loyola College, Chennai | Director, LICET |
| Fr Henry Jerome V. | AAC, Karumathur | Loyola College, Mettala | Secretary |
| Fr Ignacy Arockiasamy | Loyola, Chennai (LICET) | Loyola College, Chennai | Staff, Department of Visual Communication |
| Fr Jesudoss Irudayam | Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur | Punitha Valanar College of Education, Dindigul Diocese | Principal |
| Fr Rajarathinam Rathinam | AAC, Karumathur | Loyola College, Vettavalam | Secretary |
| Fr Raju Michael S. | St. Mary's, Madurai | Sacred Heart Shrine, Idaikattur | Spiritual Director |
| Fr Sebastia L. Raj | Maduralaya, Dindigul | St. Xavier's University, Kolkata | Vice Rector |

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| Br Arockiasamy Pitchaimuthu | – Coordinator for Brothers Commission |
| Fr Gunasekaran Rajaiah | – Coordinator for Pastoral Commission |
| Fr Mathew Cyril Antony M. | – Coordinator for Spirituality and Dialogue Commission |
| Fr Samuel Jeyaseelan | – Acting Secretary, Loyola College of Education (<i>Additional Responsibility</i>) |

From our men elsewhere

From Brazil

Fr Cyril Suresh writes from Brazil: "Since June 2011, I have completed 6 happy years in Brazil. Now I'm enjoying my studies in Biblical Theology, besides giving Ignatian retreats and teaching Christian Spirituality to the laity. In the weekends, I do pastoral ministry in the parish. The young 3-year old unified Brazil province (BRA) has promising apostolic ventures. My experiences here in the land of Liberation Theology are enriching. I am grateful to everyone. Let us remember and pray for one another."

From Kolkata

Fr Sebastia L. Raj, former Provincial, writes from Kolkata: "Fr. Danis Ponniah, our Provincial, informed me in the third week of July, about the request of the Provincial of Calcutta, Fr. Jeyaraj Velusamy, for my services to the new Jesuit University – St Xavier's University of Kolkata. After consultation, the Provincial missioned me to Calcutta Province to render my services there. Accordingly, I left Maduralaya on July 27 and reached Kolkata on July 28. I have joined the University community

and have begun my work. My primary task is to assist the Vice-Chancellor, Fr. Felix Raj, in the administration of the University. For the time being my designation will be 'Vice Rector.' I can be reached through my existing mobile numbers -- 94421 71234 and 7373 33166 and through my email ID: slrsj45@gmail.com."

From the U.S.

Fr Francis P. Xavier, writes from Boston, U.S.: "I have assumed office as the Gasson Chair at Boston College, USA from the beginning of July 2017. This position is for the academic year 2017-18. Apart from giving a couple of public lectures, I am free to continue with my research and writing books. I am working on the topic: Dark Matter-Dark Energy (which deals with the current trend of research on particles and anti-particles related to Creation-Evolution theories). I have started writing the book on Time Management. I also continue with my mission as the Global Vice President for Academics and Research in Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL). Doing both works is a challenge on my time management!"



They met, they celebrated...

Celebrations, Functions, Courses...

At **VMI, Vilangudi** we have 20 pre-novices from 9 different dioceses for the academic year 2017-18. In view of the feast of St. Ignatius we observed July as the Ignatian Month. Frs. Thamburaj, Rufus, Kennedy and Richard shared their life and experience in the Society, which inspired our pre-novices. Different competitions like drawing, poetry, composition and public speaking were conducted on Ignatian topics throughout the month. Our pre-novices prepared a Manresa Cave where they prayed devoutly during the Novena to St. Ignatius. We celebrated the feast on 30th July with the clergy and religious in and around Tanjore.

Four of us from Beschi novitiate safely reached **Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum** on 25 June. The next day we had the inauguration of the new academic year. We are 33 juniors here from 8 different provinces and Kohima region. Orientation-Community Building programme that went on for three days was animated by Fr Thachil, SJ. Regular classes started on 03 July. We fondly remember our novitiate days.

It was a touching moment for all at **Vidyajyoti** College of Theology, **Delhi** when we had to bid goodbye, with a deep sense of gratitude, to Fr Leonard N. Fernando, for his 24 years of service to the institution.

The Commerce Department of **SXC, Palayamkottai** had the inauguration of its Golden Jubilee celebration on 24 July with Fr. Andrew Francis as the Chief Guest and Fr. John Bosco as the Guest of Honour. As part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations it organized an International Conference on "Triple Bottom Line for Sustainability – Profit, Planet & People" on 27 July. Six (out of 18) alumni attended the Re-union of 1989-92 Batch of B.Sc Computer Science on 21 July, celebrating the Silver Jubilee of completing their studies at SXC. They raised an endowment to the tune of Rs. 1 lakh in order to help the poor students of the department.

Fr S. Arockiasamy, Director, XIBA inaugurated a specially designed bridge course in English on 03 July at **SXCE**. It concluded on 27 July with a cultural programme and the distribution of certificates. It was followed by a two-day seminar on ELT, ably conducted by Fr John Kennedy. The college IQAC organised a two-



VJ: Farewell to Fr Leo



SXC: Golden Jubilee of Commerce Department



SXC: Conference



SXCE



SXCE



St Mary's, Dindigul



St Mary's, Dindigul



St Joseph's, Trichy



JIM, Trichy

day faculty development programme on Web 2.0 Tools. The campus ministry team, led by Fr Martin and Fr Jesudoss, made the students understand the educational philosophy of St Ignatius.

Fr Jeyaraj Boniface SJ took charge as the administrator of **XIBA** on 04 July. When XIBA celebrated the feast of St Ignatius on 28 July Fr Thomas Alex, Rector, delivered the message.

On 01, 02 July, the community of **St Mary's, Dindigul** had a two day orientation, guided by Fr Ilanko Xavier, at the CIC retreat house in Nilakottai. On 05-07 July, the school hosted the zonal level sports and games competition in which 28 schools participated. Our School won the overall zonal level championship. On 27, the community and the school with its staff went on a pilgrimage to Anumandarayankottai. On 29, the school celebrated a grand food festival.

At **St Joseph's, Trichy**, Tri-Fest was celebrated on 06 June. Mr Inigo, younger brother of late Fr Stephen Kulandaisamy was the chief guest. He instituted a scholarship of Rs 2 lakhs for the poor students in the name of his Jesuit brother. On 25 June Jesuits, along with the staff and students, undertook the annual pilgrimage to the Holy Redeemer's Church. Fr Francis Vazhapilly was the Chief Guest at the Annual Sports Day on 30 June. In the morning he laid the foundation stone for a Multipurpose Gym and 50-bedded Sports Hostel Complex. The site was blessed by Fr Leo Fernando, Rector. 120 students have joined the Pondicherry Twinning Programme, a new initiative.

Ranked at 7th place in Tamil Nadu by NIRF (MHRD) **JIM** has achieved 100% placement this year. JIM had its inauguration of the academic year on 05 July. On 15 July in the meeting of Directors of Business Schools held in Goa, Fr Joe Arun, Director, JIM was invited by AICTE to present the innovative methodology of learning practised in JIM.

Fr James Thamburaj began on 29 June the 19th annotations retreat for the teachers in our parish school at St Mary's Tope. Fr G. Packiaraj preached two retreats to the Medical Mission Sisters in Chattisgarh. Fr SM Selvaraj preached a 30-day retreat to the Gonelians in Nagercoil.

On 21st June, the community of **St Arulanandar Shrine** and School, **Oriyur** celebrated the feast of the canonization of St. John de Britto along with the parishioners with joy and peace. Fr Joe Mike, Superior, hoisted the flag and preached an inspiring homily. The

shrine thronged with pilgrims. The festival ended with good showers. The Parish Priest, Fr Elangeswaran, thanked all the village leaders for their cooperation. An orientation programme for 10th and 12th std students was conducted on 28 June. Our school won the Championship Cup at the zonal level athletics in Ramnad district.

At **Loyola College, Vettavalam**, the new academic year began with a prayer service on 16 June for the second and third year students. 405 first year students joined on 28 June. Fr. Clement Rosario, the new VF and Parish Priest of Vettavalam, was the main celebrant at the Mass of the Holy Spirit on 03 July. The officials and HoDs had an orientation cum training programme on 08 July organized by Fr Andrew Francis at St. Joseph's College, Trichy. On 12 July Fr Arul Doss was the Chief Guest at the inauguration of the College Outreach program. On 16 June Fr Eugene Rosario spoke to the student animators of the outreach villages.

Loyola H.S. School, Kuppayanallur organized a seminar on effective teaching for the staff, given by Mrs Thamilmozhi and Fr Cyril. A Science Exhibition on 12 June, Kalvi Valarchi Naal on 15 July and Ilakkiya Mandra Vizha on 17 gave ample opportunities to our students to showcase their talents. Parishioners of **Ongur** gave our new Provincial a warm welcome when he came for his contact visit on 09 July. The community joined the parishioners when they celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius on 30 July. On 31 the staff, the local clergy and religious, and members of the Parish Council joined our celebration.

More than 400 NCC cadets from city colleges participated in the International Yoga Day programme at **Loyola, Chennai** on 21 June. On 24 July Fr M. Arul Raj, Vicar-General, Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore was the main celebrant at the Mass of the Holy Spirit. **LISSTAR**, Loyola organized a Panel Discussion on World Refugee Day on 20 June.

Loyola-ICAM Engineering College reopened for the senior students on 21 June with a prayer service. Fr Francis Thamburaj took charge as the new Dean of Students, and Fr Leolin Arockiadass as the new Finance Controller. A two- day orientation for the teaching and non-teaching staff was on the theme 'Leading Change at LICET'. Fr Francis Jayapathy, Rector, set the right tone with his inaugural speech. The resource persons were from Ashok Leyland, and LIBA and ICAM. A farewell





function was organized to thank and honour Fr John Pragasam, who has served Loyola-ICAM Engineering College from its inception.

LENS, Madurai organized a screening of *Nisapptham*, a Tamil film which depicts the brutal sexual violence on an 8 year old school-going girl and how she and her parents cope with the impact of the traumatic experience. The participants, many of whom cried through the movie, stressed, in the discussion that followed, that we should break our silence whenever there is blatant violence in our surroundings and extend our support to the victims. A. Irudayaraj, Director, LENS conducted a seminar for the students of Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary (TTS), Arasaradi, Madurai on the socio-psychological impact of social media on children and youth.

The **Kuppayanallur JMAADD** Resource Team organized a one day awareness programme on Alcoholism for the students of LTI, Madurai.

The animators of Evening Study Centres run by **AHAL** gathered on 04 July to share their experiences and bid goodbye to Sch Manoj. **JESIM** organized a training programme on law and RTI for 36 community leaders of Lok Manch on 22 July. JESIM and AHAL gave a pictorial presentation on their history and growth to Fr Provincial when he came for his contact visit on 16, 17 July, accompanied by the Chennai Mission Superior.

KALANGARAI, Nagapattinam, organized a one-day workshop on 'Minorities Economic Development programme' for the Christian and Muslim widows belonging to Kalangarai Self-help Groups on 06 July. Mrs. Yuvansia, Assistant Project Officer of DRDA, Nagapattinam District, explained to the widows how to avail the government loan to start a small scale business. 66 widows from five zones took part. Two days later 25 members of Kalangarai Self-help groups submitted the applications to the District Administration.

The **IDEAS-LAAS** community organized a two day seminar for 32 Sisters in Social Action on 22, 23 July on "The Growth of Arianism and the Decline of democracy." Prof Devasagayam and Frs Paul Mike and Philomin Raj spoke about the origin and growth of Arianism and the challenges they pose to the minorities. The Sisters agreed on a concrete action plan to combat this menace in their own little way. The community celebrated St Ignatius's Feast with

the co-workers on 29 July.

While Fr Aloysius has gone to the Holy Land to attend an Immersion Programme at the Biblical Institute, Jerusalem, Fr Jeyaseelan is helping the Sacred Heart Sisters in their efforts to get the Holy See approve them as a Papal Congregation.

Being called upon to help an American Jesuit scholastic from Chicago, Justic Grosnick, dialogue with Hindu religious culture was something new for **IDCR**, Chennai. He participated in Interreligious Awareness and Practice (IRAP), along with other Chennai city students, and had a chance to observe Hindu rituals and worship. He had opportunities to talk to many knowledgeable people about Hindu religious philosophy, Inculturation, Indian Christian Art, Christian theology in context etc. He also responded to a paper on L'arche communities at the national seminar held in IDCR. His stay in the Loyola College community helped him get to know the Jesuits here, their work and concerns. The Chennai Interfaith Coalition (CIFIC), initiated by IDCR, with people from various religious communities, had two planning sessions to come up with the agenda for the year.

From 24 July, **CIS, Beschi** is organizing a month-long renewal program for 17 golden jubilarians of OSM Sisters. Its Acting Director, Fr Bastin, is in charge. On 26 all the 24 Novices walked prayerfully in the company of Frs Anto, Ilanko Xavier and Inigo from Beschi to Anandarayankottai for the annual pilgrimage to the church of St Ignatius to prepare for his feast. We gladly celebrated the 75th birth day of Fr Henry along with his family members. Frs Anto, Ilango, Inigo and Jeyabhaskar conducted orientation programmes in different places. Jesuits in Dindigul came to Beschi on 28 for a recollection-talk by Fr Inigo, followed by adoration. Water crisis has hit the Beschi farm, forcing us to deepen a borewell beyond 1,000 feet.

Br Arockiadas Michael, Co-ordinator of the Province **Brothers Commission**, made sure that 9 Brothers of our province attended the South Asian Assistency's Brothers' annual meeting held at Atma Darshan, Patna in June.

The students of theology at **Arul Kadal**, Chennai actively participated in the Tamizh Iraieyal Manram meet, held in Poondhamalli. In July Fr Maria Arul Raja conducted a 6-day spiritual animation programme for 66 Salesian Rectors and Directors of Chennai province in the shrine basilica of Poondy.

ORDINATIONS

12 Jesuits will be ordained priests by Bishop Peter Abir of Sultanpet during the Mass at **5.30 pm** on **Saturday, 26 Aug 2017** at **St Joseph's College, Trichy.**

All are welcome!

CIS invites Jesuits:

Programme: Finding God in All Things. Resource Person: Fr. Michael Pavulraj, SJ, Rome.
Dates: 13 Aug '17 - 15 Aug '17.
Venue: CIS (Centre for Ignatian Spirituality), Beschi Illam, Dindigul.
Contact Person: Fr M. S. Bastian, SJ. **Email:** msbastiansj@gmail.com.
Mobile: 9445355701. **Course Fee:** Rs.1500 (includes registration, board and lodge).



New Book

Oodaga Veli, ed. by **A. Irudayaraj, SJ, LENS, Madurai.**
Pages: 142. **Price:** Rs.80.

CORRESPONDENTS:

*Viju, Victor Roch,
Thomas, Sekhar,
Rufus, Richard,
Melvin, Manojkumar,
Manick, Kissore,
T.B. Jeyaseelan, M.S. Jacob,
Irudayaraj, Inigo,
Franklin Rex, Edward Lenin,
Donic, Arul,
Amal Bosco, Albin.*

He was also the resource person for the Seminars on CBCI policy for Dalit Empowerment conducted in Madras-Mylapore Archdiocese and Kumbakonam Diocese.

On 10 June **AHAL** team organized a one-day training programme for the animators of the Evening Study Centres to make them aware of the new techniques in teaching methodology. On 17, 18 June coaching in Spoken English was organized for the 7, 8 and 9th std students.

Bishop Nazarene Soosai of Kottar celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit at **AAC, Karumathur** on 20 July. Election for the student council was held on 07 July and the Students Council was inaugurated on 14 July. Mr. K. Vivekanathan, Judge, District Munsif and Judicial Magistrate, Usilai, was the Guest of Honour.



AHAL



ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE
MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



AHAL



ANTON ROBERT
27.08.2017 (Sunday)
06.00 pm
St Anne's Church
SLR Camp, Gummidipoondi



BASKAR
27.08.2017 (Sunday)
10.30 am
St Antony's Church
Vellanur

FRANCIS XAVIER
27.08.2017 (Sunday)
10.30 am
St Antony's Children Home
Kurusady, Nagercoil



PARTHASARATHI
02.09.2017 (Saturday)
10.30 am
Our Lady of Good Health Church
Ranipet

ROBINSON ANTONY
027.08.2017 (Sunday)
05.30 pm
Seven Dolours Church
Viragalur



SATHYABALAN
27.08.2017 (Sunday)
05.00 pm
Our Lady of Good Health Church
Vadugarpet

SWAMINATHAN
27.08.2017 (Sunday)
08.00 am
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
St Joseph's College, Trichy



XAVIER ANTONY SELVAM
27.08.2017 (Sunday)
10.30 am
Church of Our Lady of Immaculate
Conception, Chidambarapuram

WENISHRAJ
27.08.2017 (Sunday)
10.00 am
St Antony's Church
Malligapuram



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST MASS!

They have done it!

Something new, something good...

Fr Joe Arun, Director, **JIM**, has been appointed by Tamil Nadu State government as one of the experts to guide the revision of T.N. school curriculum. He will be a member of the team that guides text book writers in order to evolve a new curriculum for social sciences.

In its ranks list for 2017, *India Today* has given **Loyola College, Chennai**, the second place in Science and Arts and the fourth in Commerce at the national level. *The Week* has assessed Loyola College as the second best in Commerce and Science and as third in Arts in the country. For the first time at Loyola an interfaith IFTAR Prayer and Meal with our Muslim brothers and sisters was organized to celebrate the spirit of Ramadan on 23 June. For the first time in Chennai, Apollo Air Ambulance service was launched at Loyola campus and the official launching ceremony was held at Loyola-ICAM Engineering College.

The Loyola-Racine Research Institute of Mathematics and Computing Sciences (**LIMCOS**) organized a two-day workshop on “Machine Learning with R & LATEX” on 15,16 July. **Dr. Prashant Singh Rana**, Tapar University, Patiala, Punjab was the Resource Person. 63 participants from various colleges in Chennai attended the workshop. The Department of History organized a UGC-sponsored special lecture on 19 July. **Dr. Ritika Prasad**, Associate professor of History, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC, USA spoke on “How Railways Shaped Everyday Life in Colonial India”. She discussed how historically the Railways shaped the Indian way of life during the colonial period. She highlighted the changes Railways has brought about in the lives of the Indian people and how Railways became a political space for “the budding Indian Nationalism”.

On 07 July the Department of History, in collaboration with LISSTAR, Loyola organized a public lecture on Jesuit sources of history in South Asia in 19th-20th Century. **Fr. Robert Danieluk**, Archivum and Romanum Societatis Iesu (ARSI), the Jesuit Curia in Rome was the speaker. 150 participants benefited from the programme.

The community at **Loyola, Kuppayanalloor** said goodbye recently to **Ms Teresa**, an Austrian Jesuit Volunteer, who served in the School for a whole year, and has now gone back home. Now **10 French Jesuit volunteers, guided by Fr. Charles**, have come to **Ongur** Parish to build a Community Hall.

The U.S. Embassy, New Delhi has awarded **ICRDCE**, Chennai one more English Access Microscholarship program. to be conducted at St. Joseph's College for



Loyola, Chennai: IFTAR



Loyola, Chennai: Launch of Apollo Air Ambulance



LIMCOS, Chennai



Loyola, Kuppayanalloor:
Farewell to Ms Teresa



ICRDCE



AHAL, JESIM



AHAL, JESIM



AHAL, JESIM

Women, Visakhapatnam. The tribal girls of St. Joseph's Community College will benefit from this program. On 10 July ICRDCE began the first Training Centre under the National Skill Development Corporation's (NSDC) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) Scheme at Holy Cross Community College, Thimmarajupalem, West Godavari Dt in Andhra Pradesh. **Fr Jacob** presented a paper at the 97th Annual Convention of American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) at New Orleans, U.S., on the Community College Curriculum in India and also planned for an International Conference to be held at Chennai on 14-17 Nov '17.

Eight Social Action organizations - **AHAL, JESIM, PARAN, TLM, READ, ASSET, VIDYAL** and **RDC** - gathered at LICET, Loyola, on 22 July for a State level Conference on 'National Food Security Act 2013 – Dalit and Tribals' Perspective.' More than 310 participants - Community Leaders, Monitoring Community Members, Arul Kadal students, Sociology students, other NGO collaborators from Sathyamangalam, Tindivanam, and Chennai participated actively. The conference started with an awareness rally and Fr Jebamalai Raja, Chennai Mission Superior and Fr. Ignacy Arockiya, Director, LICET offered their felicitations. The resource persons included Mr Radha Krishnan DGP, Civil Supplies, and Mr. Saravanan, PUCL. Mr Christu Doss Gandhi, retired IAS official, and Miss Sivakami participated in a panel discussion, chaired by Mr. Bernard D'Samy, Coordinator, LISSTAR and spoke on National Food Security Act 2013 and its relevance to people. Finally, the State Conference passed resolutions.

Fr Maria Felix Kennedy, AHAL and **Fr Philip Kumar**, Makkampalayam convened a Unit Level Collaborators Meeting on 20 June for other networking organizations in order to expand the idea of Lok Manch and its importance at the grass roots level. AHAL organized also training to develop Negotiation Skills and Complaint Mechanisms for Monitoring Community Members (MCM).

Mentor Care Division of **AAC, Karumathur** organized a one-day awareness programme on the addiction of youth to mobile phones and the ways in which it can harm them.

Abide with the Lord

Br Mathew Fernandes, SJ (GUJ), 70/49, on 18 July in Vadodara.

Fr Noel Sheth, SJ (BOM), 74 / 57, on 07 July in Bogota, Columbia.

Br Yacub Xalxo, SJ (RAN), 80/56, on 01 Aug in Ranchi.

Mr Arputharaj, 66, younger brother Fr X. Irudayaraj, on 11 May in Madurai.

Mrs Jeyam, 87, mother of Br Arockiasamy Kulandai, on 29 July in Madurai.

Mrs Savariammal, 98, mother of Fr Soosai Sebastian, on 03 Aug in Sirunayakkanpatti, Dindigul.



Memories

A hundred years ago...

St Martha's Hospital, Bangalore is owned by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd of Angers, and counts about 100 persons in all, Europeans, Anglo-Indians, Indians; some 16 are nuns. Fr Goris was conveyed there on 05 Feb 1917 after a stay of about three weeks in the General Hospital, Madras. He received Extreme Unction on 09 Feb. There is a special ward for Priests, built by the several dioceses of the Paris Foreign Missions, and another for nuns.

Fr. Joseph Susaimanickam succumbed, in a few days, to the small-pox, caught by him while ministering, in the absence of their own Priest, to the dying at Vaippar, a neighbouring hamlet. A type-written obituary "notice" has been sent round, from Palamcottah.

Fr. Besse made a tour of some ten days, last month, visiting Dindigul and a few other places in the Northern District.

A precious find: The question of the exact date of St. Francis Xavier's death seems to have been definitely settled. A Spanish manuscript of the account of the Chinese boy, Anthony, describes day by day the illness of the Saint. "He fell ill while saying Mass on 21 Nov, a Monday, He went aboard a ship on Tuesday noon. Bad night. Landed again, was bled on Wednesday, and again on Thursday, became delirious. Praying with his eyes to heaven. Thus he remained till Monday 28, when he lost his power of speech, which state lasted till Thursday noon. During that time he ate nothing and recognized no one. On Thursday noon, speech and consciousness returned, and all I heard him say was: "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" Thus he remained till Friday night. And a short while before dawn, as he was sinking, I put a candle in his hand; and with the name of Jesus on his lips, he breathed his last. It was Saturday, before dawn, the 3rd of December of the year 1552."
- *Caritas*, Jan 1917

Just for...



Swami is seen working very hard in the parking lot, trying to remove two wheels from his car. His friend saw him and asked him why. Swami said, "Can't you see the sign? It says 'Parking only for two wheelers.'"

Secrets

for Well-being and Peace



Three Tests

I have always believed that, when God touches a human being, the experience will survive three tests: (1) *The Time Test*: The person touched by God *will never be the same* again. Even if the change is not dramatic, the experience of God will leave a *permanent mark*. Overheated emotions or subconscious suggestions come and go. God's hour has a definitely observable perdurance. (2) *The Reality Test*: The soul which has been touched by God will not be drawn up into an otherworldly posture or into the bowered ivory towers of private ecstasy, but will be deepened in a personal awareness of the world. Such people *will see with new eyes the beauty of the world*; as never before, they will hear its music and poetry and know that it is a beautiful world. But they will also find a deeper contact with the sadness of human hearts. Those who experience God will notice a *new awareness of the reality* of their total environment, a new aliveness. As old St. Irenaeus, in the second century, once said: "The glory of God is a person who is fully alive." The true touch of God results in a new and vital "Yes!" to life. (3) *The Charity Test*: Those human beings who have opened to God's touch will be made more Godlike by reason of that contact. They will become *more loving*. St. John says that God is love and that anyone who fails to love cannot have known God. He who abides in God abides in love. The grandest, most glowing of all God's miraculous interventions will always be the production of a loving person, the transformation of a go-getter into a go-giver. The gift of love is the highest gift of the Spirit of God.

- **John Powell, SJ**
- In *Through Seasons of the Heart*