



MAY 2011

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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

May

- 15 Dindigul: Province Consult
- 17-18 Shembaganur: Formation Meet
- 19-21 Chennai: Arul Kadal
- 28 am Dindigul: Beschi: Jubilarians' Day
- 28 pm-29 Dindigul: Beschi: Superiors, Coordinators and Consultors Meeting

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊙ **Father General has appointed:**

Fr Alberto Teixeira de Brito Provincial of Portugal

Fr Ante Tustonjic Provincial of the Croatia

Fr Dermot Preston Provincial of the Britain

Fr. Emmanuel Mumba Provincial of the Zambia-Malawi

Fr Franck Janin Provincial of Southern Belgium and Luxembourg

Fr. Anthony Pothireddy (AND) - Consultor of the South Asia Assistancy

Fr. A. Nirmal Raj (DUM) - Consultor of the South Asia Assistancy

APPOINTMENTS / TRANSFERS IN THE ASSISTANCY COMMON HOUSES/WORKS FOR 2010-11

Fr. M.K. George (KER) - Acting Superior, ISI Bangalore, (Additional Responsibility)

Fr. D. Karunaidas (AND) - Building Supervision (Will revert to Province in Oct. 2011)

Fr. Jose Thaiparambil (KER) - Administrator & Treasurer, ISI Bangalore

Fr. Eugene Rosario (MDU) - Research Cell, ISI Bangalore

Fr. Ignatius Tete (RAN) - Director of Tertiars, Sitagarha

Fr. Joseph Njarakulam (JAM) - Director of Tertiars Raia

Fr. Donatus Jeyaraj (MDU) Director of Tertiars, Shembaganur

Fr. Vincent Ekka (MAP) - Tertiars

Fr. E. P. Mathew (KER)- Satya Nilayam Faculty, Chennai

Fr. Valerian Mendonca (JAM) - Satya Nilayam Faculty, Chennai

Br. Fulgence Ekka (MAP) - Administrator & Treasurer, Vidyajyoti, Delhi

Fr. P. R. John (AND)- Vidyajyoti Faculty, Delhi

Fr. L. Ambrose Jeyaraj (AND) - JDV Faculty/ De Nobili College

Fr. Lankapalli Prasad (AND) - JDV Faculty of Theology & Moderator Phil/Papal Seminary

The South Asia Assistancy is grateful to those who have returned/will return to their provinces after rendering valuable service in the Common Houses / Works/ Missions of the Assistancy.

⊙ **Those who left the Society:**

Novice Antoniyar Arockia Raj left the Society on 24 April 2011.

Novices Antonysamy Gnanapragasam, John Silvester E and Vivek Joseph left the Society on 29 April 2011.

⊙ **STATUS 2011**

Some appointments of Local Superiors are pending and will be announced as soon as Fr. General's approval is obtained. All transfers are expected to be effected by the first week of June. At the start of the academic year, each local superior is to submit to the concerned Bishop a list of the priests joining his community and make sure that they get their Faculties on the basis of their new domicile.

Status 2011
Fr. POSA has missioned:

Fr. Alexis Premkumar to Afghanistan
 Fr. Eugene S. Rosario to Research Unit, ISI, Bangalore
 Fr. Jeyaraj Donatus as Director of Tertiars to SHC, Shembaganur

Fr. Provincial has appointed:

Name	From	To
Fr. Albert William M.	Loyola, Chennai	Campus Treasurer, Loyola, Chennai
Fr. Anandanathan Barnabas	PP, Palliagaram	Addl charge Principal LA, Vadampakkam
Fr. Anbarasan Savariraj A.	KARISAL, Alangulam	PEAK, SHC, Shembaganur
Fr. Andrew Francis	Loyola, Chennai	Berchmans Illam, Chennai
Fr. Anthony Samy M.	SJAF, Perumalmai	Tertiars, Sitagarha
Fr. Arockiam Kulandai	SXC, Kathmandu	PP, Ariyamangalam and SJC, Tiruchi
Fr. Arockia Dass J.	SUPAM	Paathai, Vallam
Fr. Arockiam Savarimuthu	SHC, Shembaganur	Manager, SJAF, Perumalmai
Fr. Arockiasamy Perianayagam	Arulanandar, Oriyur	St. Mary's, Madurai
Br. Arockiasamy Pitchaimuthu	St. Peter's, Viragalur	SXHSS, Palayamkottai
Fr. Arul Oli S.	Loyola, Ranipet	Tertiars, SHC, Shembaganur
Fr. Arul Ravi S.	Tertiars, Sri Lanka	Loyola, Vettavalam
Fr. Arul Sivan M.	Beschi, Dindigul	Team Leader, Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari
Br. Arulanandam Savarimuthu	St. Mary's Farm, Rayapuram	St. Mary's, Madurai
Fr. Augustine K.A.	St. Peter's, Viragalur	Guyana
Fr. Basil Xavier S.	LATI, Madurai	Secretary, AAC, Karumathur
Fr. Boniface Joseph (DAR)	Beschi, Dindigul	LATI, Madurai
Fr. Britto Peter	Curia, Dindigul	Beschi, Dindigul
Fr. David Kulandaisamy A.	Arulanandar, Oriyur	Beschi, Dindigul
Fr. Devasagayam Manickam	Loyola, Vettavalam	Team Leader, DACA, Madurai, Dir AMUTHU
Fr. Dunstan Vinny Joseph	St. Mary's, Dindigul	SHC, Shembaganur
Br. Edward William	SHC, Shembaganur	Beschi, Dindigul
Fr. Eronimus Santiago	Kadamalaikundu	PP, Mandapam Camp
Fr. Felix Joseph A.	Ariamangalam	St. Mary's, Madurai
Fr. Fernando Roosevelt	AAC, Karumathur	Treasurer, AAC, Karumathur
Fr. Fidelis Jeyabalan Packiam (AND)	Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari	Returns to Andhra
Fr. Gerlin Amaladoss	St. Mary's, Dindigul	Tertiars, SHC, Shembaganur
Fr. Gaspar Leonard A.	SHC, Shembaganur	AAC, Karumathur
Fr. Gilbert Camillus V.	Guyana	SXC, Palayamkottai (in September)
Fr. Godwin Rufus U.	SXC, Palayamkottai	AAC, Karumathur (in September)
Fr. Gualbert John	Andhra	De Britto, Devakottai
Fr. Ignacy M. Arockiam	SFXHSS, Thoothukudi	HM, SXHSS, Palayamkottai
Fr. Ignatius Britto N.	St. Mary's, Dindigul	HM, De Britto, Devakottai
Fr. Ilanko Xavier M.	Tertiars, Sitagarha	Acting Dir of Novices, Beschi, Dgl
Fr. Innaci John V.	SUPAM	VMI, Vilangudi
Fr. Irudaya Valanarasu I.	SUPAM	KARISAL, Alangulam
Br. Irudayam Antony	Arrupe Illam, Mettupalayam	Team Leader, KARISAL, Alangulam
Br. Irudayasamy Sebastian	Beschi, Dindigul	St. Mary's Farm, Rayapuram
Fr. Jeyapathy J Soosaimanickam	LATI, Madurai	Beschi, Dindigul
Fr. Jeyaraj Maria	Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari	Beschi, Dindigul
Fr. Jeyaraj Michael	AAC, Karumathur	Dir, IDEAS, Madurai
Fr. Joe Antony M.A.	C&C Loyola, Chennai	Addl charge Team Member, IDCR

Fr. John Kennedy S.M.	St. Mary's Dindigul	Corres, LA, Vadamelpakkam
Fr. John Lourdu L.	De Britto, Devakottai	SXC, Palayamkottai
Fr. Joseph Ignaci G.	SUPAM	SJIS, Ooty
Fr. Joseph L. Pragasam	Boys Town, Madurai	LATI, Madurai
Br. Joseph M. Arockiam	AAC, Karumathur	Campus Treasurer, St. Mary's, Madurai
Fr. Joseph Royappan	SHC, Shembaganur	PP, Kadamalaikundu
Br. Joseph Raja	SXC, Palayamkottai	Beschi, Dindigul
Fr. Joseph Xavier A	DACA, Madurai	PhD Studies, LAAS, Madurai
Fr. Joseph Xavier P	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi	Tertianship, Raia, Goa
Fr. Joseph Xavier V.	ISI, Bangalore	Loyola, Chennai
Fr. Josephraj Savarimuthu	Mandapam Camp	Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari
Fr. Kumar Louis Vincent	SXC, Palayamkottai	Treasurer, Xaveriana, Thoothukudi
Fr. Lawrence Maria Gabriel	Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari	LATI, Madurai
Fr. Lazar Savarimuthu	KARISAL, Alangulam	SJC, Tiruchi + KARISAL
Fr. Loyola Antony Savari A.	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	Loyola, Ranipet
Fr. Louie Albert A.	ISI, Bangalore	Dir, JRS India
Fr. Mark Stephen S.M.	Loyola Chennai	Team Learder, LA Vadamelpakkam
Fr. Maria Bastin Durai	Loyola, Kuppayanallur	St. Mary's, Dindigul
Br. Mariadoss Antonimuthu, E.S.	Paathai, Vallam	Treasurer, SHC, Shembaganur
Fr. Marianathan Chinnasamy	DACA, Madurai	Tertianship, Kandy
Fr. Marianathan Swamikannu	DACA, Madurai	Acting Sup., St. Mary's, Dindigul
Br. Mariasusai Sebastian	SHC, Shembaganur	Beschi, Dindigul
Fr. Masillamani D. Antonimuthu	SXC, Kathmandu	Loyola, Kuppayanallur
Fr. Mathew Cyril Antony M.	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	Myanmar
Fr. Michael John A.	Sri Lanka	MSW studies, IDEAS, Madurai
Fr. Mount Joseph Selvan D.	Gonzaga Novitiate, Tindivanam	SJC, Tiruchi
Fr. Nedungatt I.V. Joseph	De Britto, Devakottai	Arulanandar, Oriyur
Fr. Packiaraj Gnanarethinam	Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari	Minister, De Britto, Devakottai
Fr. Paul Benedict S.	SUPAM	Loyola, Kuppayanallur & ELT
Fr. Paul Pragash S.	Tertianship, SHC, Shembaganur	SJC, Tiruchi
Fr. Peter Sengole	AAC, Karumathur	Director, SJCBA, Bangalore
Fr. Rajarathinam Rathinam	SJC, Tiruchi	DACA, Madurai
Fr. Raju Yagappar	SJAF, Perumal	AAC, Karumathur
Fr. Royappan Kulandaisamy	St. Mary's, Madurai	Campus Treasurer, St. Mary's, Dindigul, Rev. Dom.
Fr. Sahaya Wilfred J.	LATI, Madurai	APP, St. Mary's, Madurai
Fr. Sahaya Raj Thangasamy	Hekima College, Nairobi	Prg Coordinator, IDEAS, Madurai
Br. Santiago Arockiam	St. Mary's, Dindigul	Campus Treasurer, SXC, Palayamkottai
Fr. Sebastian Anand	SJC, Tiruchi	Principal, SJC, Tiruchi
Fr. Sekhar B. Vincent	Sabbatical, Fordham, U.S.A.	AAC, Karumathur
Br. Selvaraj Sebastian	SXC, Palayamkottai	Beschi, Dindigul
Fr. Stanislaus Mariadoss	St. Mary's, Madurai	HM, St. Mary's, Dindigul
Fr. Stephen Martin A.	IDEAS, Madurai	Media Education, stays on at IDEAS, Madurai
Fr. Thomas Visuvasam	Arulanandar, Oriyur	SJCHSS and APP, OLL Church, Tiruchi
Fr. Vazhapilly Francis	DACA, Madurai	Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari
Fr. Wilson Arockiasamy	DBHSS, Devakottai	HM & Acting Sup, Arulanandar, Oriyur
Fr. Xavier Raj Antony	St. Mary's, Madurai	Arulanandar, Oriyur
Fr. Yagoo Y. Sandanam	SXHSS, Palayamkottai	HM, SFXHSS, Thoothukudi
Sch. Cyril Suresh	Arul Kadal, Chennai	Brazil
Sch. Deva Arockia Stephen L.	AAC, Karumathur	LA, Vadamelpakkam
Sch. Jaya Prakash P.	SN, Chennai	Kalangarai, Nagai

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Fr. Francis P Xavier conducted a seminar for the Tertians of the SHJ Brothers on *Challenges to Religious Life*.

Fr. Ignacimuthu was the chief guest for the College Day of Newbigin College of Education, Chennai. Two research projects by ICMR were granted to him.

During *Jesuit Confluence on Psycho-spiritual Integration* held at Lonavla, **Fr. Emmanuel** presented a paper on Multimodal Approach that could be an effective tool in the Ignatian spirituality endeavours.

Emmanuel

LOYOLA COLLEGE, VETTAVALAM

On 15 March we had the inauguration of a new canteen and the blessing of the second floor of the College building by Frs. Provincial and Mission Superior.

On 2 April scholastics from Satya Nilayam made a visit to our College and **Fr. Michael Doss** described the functioning and infrastructural facilities of the College. **Fr. Dominic Royce** the minister of the house made the visit very memorable by his hospitality. On 26 a one-day recreation trip to Hogenakkal was organized for both teaching and non-teaching staff by **Sch. Poondy Rajan**.

Poondy Rajan

DHYANA ASHRAM CHENNAI

Fr. S. M. Selvaraj conducted a Seminar on *Rational Emotive Therapy* to teachers. **Fr. Raj Irudaya** gave a seminar on *Discipleship Today* for laity on 12 March. From April 8 to 10 *Lenten Special Thoughts* were given by **Fr. Jerry Rosario**. He also addressed the PPs of Chengalpattu Diocese on 27 March on State Election Awareness; 9000 copies of his booklet அலசலுடன்; (Alasaludan) were sold in 10 days across the State. He gave a one-day retreat along with **Bishop Antony Devotta** on 3 April for the medical personnel of Tiruchi Diocese.

Frs. Jerry, Thamburaj, I. M. Joseph & Britto Peter had a special programme at Dhyana Ashram for the 30 would-be spiritual Directresses of FIHM-Congregation. **Fr. X. Irudayaraj** preached a Holy Week retreat to 70 persons.

S. Selvaraj

BESCHI ILLAM, DINDIGUL

On the 25 April **Fr. Ilanko Xavier** assumed charge of the novitiate as Acting Director of Novices and **Fr. D. Jeyaraj** the outgoing Director was thanked for his services.

Philosophers had a one-week course on Ignatian Spirituality conducted by **Fr. Arul Sivan** and **Fr. D. Jeyaraj**. Regents' meet took place in Beschi on the 14

and 15 April. **Fr. Vinny Joseph** preached a one-day retreat in Beschi to the teachers of St. Mary's School.

M. Valan

KA RYMPEI ARRUPPE JESUIT NOVITIATE SHILLONG, KOHIMA REGION

On 31 March, the mother of **Fr. Richard Jarain**, our Novice Master, passed away. **Fr. Charles**, the Regional Superior and the Novices went to pray for her soul. The funeral was held three days after her death. **Sr. Helen Nongrum**, the Novice Mistress of the Novices of MCJ organized a brief interaction with our second year Jesuit Novices to hear about their begging experiences. After a successful surgery, Bishop Jose Mukala returned to our house and on 22 March, the classes on the Catechism of the Catholic Church began again with usual enthusiasm. The project of preparing two new volleyball courts was initiated by Novices on 31 March and was completed without any problem. The opening ceremony and birthday celebration of **Fr. Albert**, Socius, were scheduled for 9th April. We had some cultural items that evening and Novice **Arun MJ** played as a jovial man the part of the master of ceremonies. **Fr. Lisbert D'Souza**, Assistant of South Asia is visiting for a month the Kohima Region. On Maundy Thursday we had a brief interaction with him. This year our Easter celebration was in one of the ministry stations Mawlyndep. The celebration was attended by Catholics from other villages and it ended with a grand dinner in the village.

Felix Sahayaraj

NOVITIATE, NAMBUR

In the month of April, Ananda Jyothi witnessed various activities. The month commenced with the coming back of our vibrant second years from their parish experiment. Our community is recharged by their presence. The most significant event of the month was, the golden opportunity to visit some of the well-known Marian pilgrimage centres in Andhra Pradesh. It was arranged by our neighbouring Pastoral Centre, of Guntur Diocese. Soon after the pilgrimage we had an exhaustive study in Developmental Psychology and Faith Development. The Easter celebrations began with 2 days of recollection by **Fr. Stanley**. And now we are all busy exercising our bodies with a fifteen-day work experiment. As our Novice Master is away for a colloquium, Fr Socius is encouraging and supporting us to get closer to Mother Earth. Soon our second year brothers are going to make their first profession; we are all gearing ourselves up for putting up a perfect Vows Day.

Nirmal

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

Fr. Leo is commissioned to write a book on History of Christianity in India in Tamil.

James Suresh

ST JOSEPH'S, TIRUCHI

St. Joseph's College will be privileged to raise an NCC Naval unit from the year 2011 with 60 cadets.

Summer Orientation Camp for the Dalit Catholic Students 2011 was attended by 110 students from seven dioceses. Six professors from the English Department of our College trained the students in spoken English. The parents of the students were thrilled to see their children performing skits, declamations, action-songs ...all in English on the final day. "I am delighted to see my daughter delivering a speech in English" said a parent with tear-filled eyes. The Camp was inaugurated by **Fr. John Britto**, the Rector. **Fr. Sebastian Anand**, the Principal and the Chief Guest for the valedictory function said, "If chances are given, you are sure to reach greater heights". **Fr. Aruldoss**, the Coordinator of the Camp led the parents to an open sharing.

Thirty prospective lecturers were invited and given training in soft skills on April 21 and 22 at AICUF house. **Fr. Devasagayam** arranged and conducted this programme.

Sch. Antony Inigo presented a research paper on "Emerging Significance of Corporate Governance: Recent Trends and Challenges" at a national conference organized by Periyar Maniammai University, Thanjavur, on 23 April.

Sebastian Anand

LATI NEWS

LATI was appreciated by the Election Commission for its support in training more than 1000 Govt teachers regarding election. **Fr. Wilfred** preached a Lenten retreat to the inmates of Mother Teresa University and conducted a refresher course to the staff of the Bon Secours hospital.

Fr. Basil presented a research paper titled *Dalit Ethnographic Writings* in a national seminar organized by S.T. Hindu College, Nagercoil and he also spoke on *Ethnographic Writings of Arunthathiyars* in Dept. of Guru Nanak Studies, Madurai Kamaraj University.

Wilfred

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SHEMBAGANUR

On April 24 SHC community bid farewell to the outgoing regents Schs. Antony Anand and Sebastian in the Jesuits' gathering in Perumalmalai on Easter Sunday evening.

On April 21 the annual day cum parents' meet in Inigo Siruvar Illam was organized. Nearly 20 young men of upper hills were trained for five days in IDEAS on *Leadership and cadre formation*. PEAK's effort to help 100 *Paliyar* families in Palani hills to get ration cards have at last succeeded. As a preparation for the election, PEAK also called up the Tribal and Dalit leaders of upper and lower hills for a day of meeting and facilitated discussion on the needs and demands of their respective

places. A two-day seminar for women of Viduthalai Nagar and Indian Nagar in Gundupatti was organized to reflect on the recent assembly election.

Antony Anand

ARIYAMANGALAM

All the houses were sanctified with the Crucifix by Cluny Sisters accompanied by students. The RC School children enacted the Passion of Christ, with the help of Seva Missionary Sisters. The betrayal of Jesus by Judas and the denial of Peter evoked an atmosphere of devotion and piety. The Way of the Cross was conducted by students themselves.

A.Felix Joseph

HOLY LAND

I had an opportunity to visit Rome after fifteen years. I stayed in the Biblicum for two weeks and visited Jesuits and our Jesuit Houses involved with our PBI Jerusalem. I met **Frs. S. Augustine, L.X. Jerome** and **Pavulraj** and they are keeping fine. I met Fr General in an informal way just for five minutes before he left for the United Kingdom. I participated in the Sacred Liturgy in the hallowed places. I visited the Holy Sepulchre, Gethsemani, Bethlehem, etc.

I think of you all in my simple prayers. Please remember me also in your prayers.

S. Tony

TAIWAN

The past few months have been quite interesting and adventurous. **Fr. M. S. Jacob SJ** came here to visit the community colleges of Taiwan. It was a pleasure to spend time with him and go around Taipei. With him I was speaking in Tamil all the time. I felt good indeed!

There is a large Indian community in Taiwan. There are many who are doing Doctoral or Post-Doctoral research. For the first time in my life I celebrated 'Holi' with them and the local people joined us in the fun. It was ironical that I had to come all the way to Taiwan to celebrate an Indian festival. There was a lot of colour and dance all around. Also there are 12 cricket teams here that play regular league matches, most of the team members are Indians.

Besides that, the Indian Catholics meet once every three months and celebrate the Holy Eucharist followed by fellowship meal. Some Taiwanese also join us. They expect us to speak 'Indian' and we have to repeat that there is no language called 'Indian'. Some still cannot understand how we could be one country without a common language!

In the last week of March, the language centre organized an International Cultural Festival, in which **Sch. Audrick D'Mello** (Goa) and I danced. I did the *paraiattam* and then danced to a song from *Vaaranam Aayiram*.

Perhaps this is the first time in my life that I did not participate in a public 'Way of the Cross', the entire Lent. The devotional practices of Lent are not very public here. However in parishes where there are Filipinos, the 'Way of the Cross' is still conducted.

I am slowly getting into some ministries with the Taiwan people. These days, I am using Chinese as a medium to teach spoken English to university students, using the methods that I learnt from **Fr. Francis Peter**. The previous ELT Summer programmes are now helping me do this. I really feel proud of the way Madurai Province plans the scholastic summer programme. The adventurous part of my experience was that I was able to manage daily conversations in Chinese and working with the local people helped me improve my language further. However, getting into a new culture always gives me jitters. I can hardly be sure of certain nuances when relating with the Taiwan people. On such occasions, I find myself on tenterhooks. Nevertheless, I am learning quite a lot!

Santosh

VINCENT SEKHAH FROM NEW YORK

The development work at Fordham is at a track speed, said **Fr. Joseph McShane**, the President of Fordham. On the one hand it is so fascinating to raise huge buildings with so much investment, and on the other, Fordham believes that they would be put to maximum use especially for the benefit of the students. **Fr. Philip Florio**, Director of the Campus Ministry, brought out with statistics the level of faith of Catholic students and the much-desired recruitment for vocation. Mass attendance and such other indicators showed a good leap in assessing the students' devotional aspect of Catholic faith. The Jesuit community decided to give more time to discuss attendance at retreats and the methods of eliciting vocations from the youth. I gave talk to the parishioners on 'Body Symbolism and Call to Holiness'. The Lenten observance culminated in a prayerful procession of the Way of the Cross, acted out in the open streets.

Vincent Sekhar

REMINISCING...

Mr. Vaghul, an illustrious alumnus of Loyola College, Chennai and Ex-chairman of ICICI Bank, while delivering the Jerome D'Souza Endowment Lecture, spoke of the lack of facilities for studying in his house and how he would make use of the college library, kept open till 9 pm by **Rev. Fr. C. Leigh**, then Library Warden. One day he went to the library at 6 pm and found it closed. He was about to go back home when an attender saw him and asked him to wait, saying that he would inform the Father about his coming. Vaghul replied that he would return the following day but the attender told him Fr. Leigh would not like not being informed of a student wanting to study. So Vaghul waited. A tired Fr. Leigh came, greeted the young man

and told him that as he had come from far to study, he should be helped. So despite his indisposition, the charitable priest stayed in the library till 9 pm and saw the studious young man off... Vaghul stated that it was thanks to all that he learnt regularly during those evening hours in the library that he could become what he is today.

Another grateful alumnus, **Provincial Devadoss** would like to add that if he writes in English, the credit, again, should go to Fr. Leigh. **Frs. Lawrence Sundaram, Morais, Sequeira, Pinto and Antonisamy** taught him English literature but it was Fr. Leigh who, week after week, patiently corrected Deva's compositions.

Courtesy: Dr. G. F. Xavier Raj, LC, Chennai

NEW RELEASES

"300 பல்சமய ஆன்மிக நிகழ்வுகள்" Fr. Xavier Antony, Arumbu Pathippagam, Chennai, pp. 431, Rs. 225/-

"வாணம் வசப்படும்" Fr. Joseph Kennedy, Br. M. Berchmans, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 192, Rs. 75/-

"மாதந்தோறும் திருவிழாக்கள்" Fr. Alangaram, Vaigarai Pathippagam, Dindigul, pp. 208, Rs. 70/-

ABIDE WITH THE LORD

Fr. Anil Soares (PUN), 66/48, 28 April, Pune

Fr. Manolo Tasso (BOM) 83/67, on 2 May, Mumbai

Mr. C. Selvaraj, 84, father of Fr. S. Aruldoss on 11 April, Meenampatty

Mr. N. A. Bernard, 66, brother-in-law of Fr. A. Victor on 25 April, Chennai

FR. GUY ARCHAMBEAUD

(1925 - 2011)

Fr. Archambeaud, born in Bordeaux, France, joined the Society in 1942 and came to India in 1947. Having had his study of humanities in France himself he got his licentiate in Philosophy in Shembaganur in 1951 and in Theology in 1957 in Pune. He specialized in catechetics in Brussels in 1961. Briefly he taught in St. Paul's seminary, Tiruchi and later in the Papal Athenaeum, Pune and in the St. Pius X Seminary in Bombay. Then for 24 years he worked in the Bombay Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre. It was in that period he



translated the 8 volume *Pray the Bible*, reflections on the daily Mass readings for prayer and homilies. He had a habit of house visiting in Bombay which is even now cherished by the families. Then he was in charge of the Province Archives in Shembaganur from 1996 to 2003.

In April 2010 the Father entered the Home run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. He had a gracious smile and was very welcoming to all who visited him. He was grateful to the residents, helpers and Sisters who cared for him. He appreciated the visit of his community members of Loyola. Even when he was very feeble, he asked one of the residents to read out for him the Liturgy of the following day. After a few months when he enjoyed better health, he started to participate in the daily Eucharistic Celebration. He loved to pass long moments of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and faithfully participated in the Prayer of the Church with the community. He also rendered services of his priestly ministry by administering the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only to the residents but to all those in need. His presence in the chapel was a consolation to those who sought his prayers and blessings. He nourished his spiritual life by solid spiritual reading. He was anxious by nature because of his deteriorating health but his prayer and spiritual life gave him strength and courage to face each new day with serenity.

He thanked all the hospital staff for the good care he received. In spite of the best care given by health care professionals, he suffered a cardiac arrest at 1.20 p.m. on **3 April 2011**. He peacefully prepared himself to meet the Lord whom He served as a real missionary in India.

FR. M. S. SAVARIRAJ

(1931 – 2011)

Born near Dindigul, Fr. Savariraj spent most of his life either in Dindigul or Madurai. He was one of the few, *in illo tempore* who had a bachelor's degree in Latin from the *Beschi College* of Shembaganur. Soon after ordination he became the Director of the pre-novitiate which was something new in the formation programme of the Province. All his students even now gratefully remember the foundations he laid for learning English. He had a taste for vocabulary and correct pronunciation, whether in English or Tamil. He was appointed Editor of the Tamil Messenger of the Sacred Heart. Then he had short stints as minister, procurator, pastor and farm manager. He was back again into teaching, this time to the seminarians in Madurai. Along with it he was chaplain in the Government Hospital for a good ten-year period. He was always available for ministry though he was rather limited in his movements. He was also known for his knowledge and appreciation of classical Carnatic music.



For more than a year he had some (painful) ailment or other which needed prolonged medical attention. In March 2011 the doctor diagnosed that he was suffering from blood cancer. The time came for his superior to gently tell him the nature of his ailment. Soon enough he accepted his physical condition and surrendered himself to the Lord of Life on 5 April.

Xavier Mampra

GREEN CORNER

God's own water....

Laboratory testing of the drinking water at Gurjarvani from different sources brought out some revealing facts. People of Gurjarvani drank water from their own tube well, straight at first and with some purification later, for almost 10 years. See the difference in the table below.

No	Parameter	Rain Water	RO Machine	Bore Water	Permissible Value
1	pH	6.4	7.1	7.2	6.5 - 8.5
2	Turbidity	0	0	0	<4NTU
3	TDS (ppm)	98	105	1125	500 ppm
4	Salinity (ppm)	110	130	1275	575 ppm
5	Total Hardness as CaCo3	55	60	185	<300 mg/1
6	Chloride	12.5	17	210	<250 mg/1

Rain water harvesting is simple. Collect rain water (after the first 2-3 days of rain) from a cleaned roof/terrace, filter it through grit- pebbles-sand and store in a clean, whitewashed (with lime) tank, kept completely dark. It can be drunk the whole year. The RO system purifies water, but costs money and consumer electricity and wastes 60% to purify 40% of the water.

Gurjarvani began drinking rain water some 8 years ago; the novitiate at Sughad followed. They had too much Fluoride in their well water. Rain water is pure indeed!

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I can picture one teacher there - can't recall her name. She was short and spare, 'and I remember her eager jutting chin. Quite unexpectedly one day (in the middle, I think, of an arithmetic lesson) she suddenly launched forth on a speech on life and religion. "All of you," she said, "every *one* of you — will pass through a time when you will face despair. If you never face despair, you will never have faced, or become, a Christian, or known a Christian life. To be a Christian you must face and accept the life that Christ faced and lived; you must enjoy things as he enjoyed things; be as happy as he was at the marriage at Cana, know the peace and happiness that it means to be in harmony with God and with God's will. But you must also know, as he did, what it means to be alone in the garden of Gethsemane, to feel that all your friends have forsaken you, that those you love and trust have turned away from you, and that God *himself* has forsaken you. Hold on then to the belief that that is *not* the end. If you love, you will suffer, and if you do not love, you do not know the meaning of a Christian life."

She then returned to the problems of compound interest with her usual vigour, but it is odd that those few words, more than any sermon I have ever heard, remained with me, and years later they were to come back to me and give me hope at a time when despair had me in its grip. She was a dynamic figure, and also, I think, a *fine* teacher; I wish I could have been taught by her longer.

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