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Message from the Provincial

Rejoice Gratefully and Respond Enthusiastically

Dear Brothers,

With great joy I am sending this message from Rome, while attending the Colloquium for new Provincials. We are 17 Provincials/Regional Superiors for this colloquium, being ably organized by Fr. Orlando L. Torres, one of the General Counsellors. Fr. General is present personally for most of the sessions, in addition to his own input sessions. The first item in the schedule was the presentation of a report on one's own province. I would like to share with you something about my sharing on our province.

First of all, I felt proud and privileged to present a report on our province and, therefore, I did the presentation with a great sense of joy and gratitude. There are several reasons for that. We are the third largest province in the whole Society, with only Castilla (Spain) and Italy having more members than Madurai, with 529 and 528, respectively. We have 512 members including about 150 Scholastics. Out of these, we are privileged to have about 100 Ph. D. holders. The average age of the Jesuits of our province is 49.6, which is not the case with most of the provinces. Moreover, while more than 200 Jesuits are above the age of 60, only around 20 are totally incapacitated to do any ministry. All the others are making their contributions through different types of ministries, even at this advanced age.

When we look at the number of ministries in which our province is engaged — University Colleges (7), Management Institutes (3), Engineering College (1), Higher Secondary Schools (11), Technical Schools (3), Community Colleges (2), Social Centres (12), Parishes (11), Retreat Centres (5), and Chaplaincy (4 Places) — it is highly satisfying and consoling to everyone of us. Through these ministries we are able to reach out to thousands of people throughout the year and we are serving mostly the marginalized sections of society, first generation candidates, etc.

We have inherited a very glorious past, along with rich traditions — starting from St. Francis Xavier, Robert

de Nobili, John de Britto, Beschi, Antony Criminali, etc. The Jesuits of the Old Society and New Society have walked and worked throughout Tamilnadu and the different dioceses acknowledge these services. We have been directly instrumental in building up 7 of the present 17 dioceses in the State.

We are already working in 13 of the 17 dioceses of the State and we are hopeful of extending our ministries to another diocese very soon. Out of the remaining three, we have applied for permission to take up ministries in two more dioceses. As regards the last one, we are indirectly present there already through some of our programmes and we hope to get the formal permission soon.

We are in a position to extend our services to the universal needs of the Society — both within the South Asian Assistancy and at the global level. At present, we are related with almost 40 different provinces by way of our presence or services. Our men are working or studying in 29 different provinces, including the Roman Houses. Similarly, men from 23 different provinces are studying in the Institutions run by Madurai Province. Our men have been missioned to work/study in different countries: Italy, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, La Reunion, France, USA, U.K. Australia, Guyana, Colombia, Brazil, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Indonesia and Taiwan.

After one year of collective search, through personal sharing, group sharing, community discussions, etc., we have identified three focus areas as far as our life is concerned: deepening our spiritual life through personal spiritual renewal; making special efforts to improve our relationships in the community, by avoiding negativism, cynicism and gossips; being transparent and accountable in all financial matters. As regards our ministries, we have decided to make a thorough evaluation of all the ministries during 2012 and revamp these on the basis of this evaluation.

I invite every member to relish these facts, be filled with a sense of joy and legitimate pride, along with a deep sense of gratitude to God for all his wonderful blessings on our province. We are also grateful to our forefathers, particularly the missionaries, who have

toiled and sacrificed so much in order to bequeath to us such a rich legacy. This sense of gratitude and joy should spur each one of us to become highly enthusiastic to move forward with a sense of urgency. This should also inspire us to overcome our shortcomings and march forward with a true spirit of mission, as the fire that kindles other fires.

After the transfers and new appointments, we are ready to take off with full of enthusiasm and a sense of mission. Let us accept our specific ministry wholeheartedly, get involved in it with a sense of inner joy, and be prepared to make the required sacrifices and aim at making some significant contributions for the growth of the ministry and the province.

Faternally Yours,

Sebasti L. Raj SJ

Provincial

Provincial's Programme

May

- 01-12 Rome — Colloquium
 13-19 Visits to Paris, Nurnberg and Madrid
 20-21 Loyola, Chennai
 21-22 Delhi to meet Porticus Representatives
 25 Consult
 27-28 Formation Meet — Shembaganur
 29 Jubilarians' Day – Beschi Illam
 30 Workshop for the CIC Sisters, Nilakottai

June

- 09-10 JAAT - Loyola, Chennai
 13 GBM: Pastoral Commission – Beschi Illam
 14 Meeting: Ministers/Guest Masters – Beschi Illam
 17 Meeting: HMs and Correspondents – St. Joseph's, Tiruchi
 18 Meeting: Directors of Spiritual Ministries – Beschi Illam
 19 GBM: Communication – Beschi Illam
 21 First Vows – Beschi Illam
 23 GBM: Secondary School – Palayamkottai
 24 GBM: Higher Education – AAC, Karumathur

- 26 Meeting: Directors of Social Action Ministries – IDEAS, Madurai
 27 GBM: Social Action – IDEAS, Madurai
 29 Consult
 30 GBM: Finance – Beschi Illam
July
 01 GBM: Youth – St Mary's, Madurai
 02 Meeting: Managers of Estates and Farms – Dindigul
 04 Meeting: Hostel Wardens (Colleges) – Dhyana Ashram, Chennai
 05 GBM: Formation – Dhyana Ashram, Chennai
 07 GBM: Dalit Commission – St. Mary's, Madurai
 08-09 Workshop for the Sacred Heart Brothers, Palayamkottai
 10 Meeting: Hostel Wardens (Schools), St. Mary's, Madurai
 12 Meeting: Campus Treasurers/Treasurers, Beschi Illam
 14 Meeting: Principals and Secretaries – St. Joseph's, Tiruchi
 17 Meeting: Directors of Technical and Vocational Schools, LTI
 18 Consult
 20 GBM: Brothers — Chennai
 21-22 IGFA and GBM: Spirituality and Dialogue — Chennai
 23 GBM: TVET — Chennai
 28-29 GBM and Visitation: ISI Bangalore
 31 Feast of St Ignatius – Vadampakkam

Meeting for Different Functionaries

As discussed in the meeting of the Local Superiors and Team Leaders, held in March, Fr. Provincial is calling one-day meetings for different functionaries of the Province. All the functionaries are requested to take note of the date and place of their respective meeting and make it convenient to participate in the meeting. Specific orientation will be given for each group of functionaries, in the light of all our discussions, sharing, survey data and the action plan evolved during the last one year.

Appointments and Transfers by POSA

- Fr. Zacheus Dungdung (DAR)
 Fr. George Pattery (CCU)
 Fr. Vincent Crasta (KAR)
 Fr. M. J. Victor (MDU)
 Fr. Mathew Pampackal (KER)
 Fr. Gilbert Menezes (JAM)
 Fr. Arul Sivan (MDU)
 Fr. V.M. Joseph (DUM)
 Fr. Thomas Reddy (BOM)
 Fr. Robin Sahaya Seelan (MDU)

- Superior for Philosophers, DNC, Pune
 Acting President JDV, DNC, Pune
 Spiritual Director, Papal Seminary, Pune
 Spiritual Director, DNC, Pune
 Theology Faculty, VJ, Delhi
 Registrar and Spiritual Director, VJ, Delhi
 Tertian Instructor, Shembaganur
 JDV Faculty, Papal Seminary, Pune
 Librarian, Archivist- JDV, DNC, Pune
 Philosophy Faculty, Satya Nilayam, Chennai

Fr. Jerome Sequeira (JAM)	Afghanistan
Fr. Jeevan Prabhu (KAR)	Afghanistan
Fr. Stephen Selvanathan (MDU)	Afghanistan
Sch. Swaminathan Krishnamurti (MDU)	Afghanistan
Fr. Stephen Kulandaisamy (MDU)	Acting Superior, ISI Bangalore
Fr. Selvaraj Arulnathan (MDU)	Head of Research Cell, ISI Bangalore
Fr. Denzil Fernandes (GOA)	ISI Delhi (From July 01, 2012)
Fr. John Chathanatt (DEL)	Acting Exec. Director, ISI Delhi (From 6-5-12)
Fr. A. Joseph Xavier (MDU)	Executive Director, ISI Delhi (From 1-8-12)
Fr. Patrick Arokiaraj (PUN)	Studies, Gregorian University, Institute of Psychology, Rome
Fr. Dolichan Kollarath (KER)	Studies
Fr. Edwin Rodrigues (BOM)	Studies, JDV, Pune
Fr. Brian Pereira (KAR)	Secretary, JYMSA
Fr. Stan Jebamalai (GUJ)	Secretary, JESA (from Jan 2012 onwards)

Appointments by Fr. Provincial, with the approval of Fr. General

- **Fr. Casimir Raj Nicholas:** Superior of Arul Anandar College, Karumathur
- **Fr. Arulanandam Arockiam:** Superior of South Indian Common Juniorate, Trivandram
- **Fr. Augustine K. Antonimuthu:** Superior of Xaveriana, Thoothukudy
- **Fr. Arul Irudhayam:** Superior of Veeramamunivar Illam, Vilangudi

Transfer List III

Br. Amalraj Michael	Palamalai	St. Joseph's, Tiruchi	Farm
Fr. Amalaraj Savarimuthu	Manalur	Palamalai	Estate Manager
Fr. Anandanathan Barnabas	Palliagaram	Ongur	PP & Staff of Kuppayanallur
Fr. Anbarasu Maria Raj	St. Xavier's, Palayamkottai	AAC, Karumathur	Staff
Fr. Anthony Samy M.	Tertiaship	Perumalmalai	Assistant Manager
Fr. Antonysamy Antony	Kathmandu	De Britto, Devakottai	Principal, Ananda College
Fr. Arokiraraj Pushpanathan	St. Mary's, Madurai	Pondicherry	Chaplain: Gonzaga Sisters
Fr. Arockiasamy Antony S.	Arul Kadal, Chennai	Makkampalayam	PP
Fr. Arulanandam Michael	St. Joseph's, Tiruchi	Rayapuram	PP
Br. Arulanandam Savarimuthu	St. Mary's, Madurai	AAC, Karumathur	Farm
Fr. Correya Leopold	LTI, Madurai	Karumathur	Spiritual Father (Marianist)
Fr. Devadhas Muthiah	Carmel, Nagercoil	Dhyana Ashram, Chennai	Spiritual Ministry
Fr. Devadoss Mudiappasamy	Perumalmalai	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	Teaches in the Novitiate
Fr. Dorairaj S. Joseph	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	St Mary's, Madurai	Spiritual Father
Fr. Elias Maria	Loyola, Vettavalam	IDEAS, Madurai	Staff
Fr. Francis Xavier Raj M.	St Xavier's, Palayamkottai	SHC, Shembaganur	Treasurer
Fr. George C. Joseph	Udhagamandalam	Mettupalayam	Retreat Ministry
Fr. Gunasekaran Rajaiah	Ongur	Palliagaram	PP
Fr. James Rodrigues	Dhyana Ashram, Chennai	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	Spiritual Ministry
Fr. Jesu Raja R.	Dhyana Ashram, Chennai	Arul Kadal, Chennai	Spiritual Ministry/Teaching
Br. Jeganathan Ambrose S.	St. Mary's, Dindigul	Thozhamai Illam, K.K.	Administrator
Fr. Jeyaseelan T. Barnabas	LAAS, Madurai	LAAS, Madurai	Staff
Fr. Jeyaraj Donatus	SHC, Shembaganur	Dhyana Ashram	Spiritual Ministry
Br. Kulandairaj Savarimuthu	St. Joseph's, Tiruchi	St. Mary's, Dindigul	Campus Treasurer
Fr. Leolin Arockia Dass	Supam	Makkampalayam	Parish Ministry
Fr. Louie Albert A.	Beschi Illam: JRS	SHC, Shembaganur	Tertiaship
Fr. Mani Valan	St. Joseph's, Tiruchi	AAC, Karumathur	Staff
Fr. Maria Jeyaraj	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	Boys Town, Madurai	Chaplain

Fr. Masillamani S. Pauliah	Royapuram	St. Mary's, Madurai	Spiritual Ministry
Fr. Nedungatt Joseph I.V.	Oriyur	Tindivanam	Chaplain: Gonzaga Novitiate
Fr. Pushparaj Gnanasamy	Ananda College, Devakottai	St. Joseph's, Tiruchi	Coordinator, Higher Education
Fr. Royappan Kulandaisamy	St. Mary's, Dindigul	Manalur	Estate Manager
Fr. Sahaya Philomin Raj A.	LAAS, Madurai	IDEAS, Madurai	Administrator and PhD
Fr. Selvaraj Edward S.M.	Dhyana Ashram, Chennai	Thozhamai Illam, KK	Spiritual Ministry
Fr. Stephen Martin A.	IDEAS, Madurai	AAC, Karumathur	Media Work
Fr. Xavier Rajan	Xaveriana (Pavalam TV)	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi	Counsellor

Regency/Studies

Sch Jayabaskaran Savariraj	Vidya Jyoti, Delhi	Carmel, Nagercoil	Regency
Sch Jaya Prakash P.	Kalangarai, Nagapattinam	St. Mary's, Dindigul	Regency
Sch Lawrence Benedict V.	Vidya Jyoti, Delhi	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	Regency
Sch Rayappan Innasi	Loyola, Chennai	IDEAS, Madurai	Regency
Sch Wenishraj Rayappan	AHAL, Kilpennathur	Alberto Hurtado, Chennai	Studies (MA Music)

Correspondents of Schools

Fr. Albert Joseph S.	St. Mary's, Madurai	From June, 2012
Br. Devadaoss Muthusavari	St. Joseph's, Tiruchi	From June, 2012
Fr. Augustine K. Antonimuthu	St. Xavier's, Thoothukudi	From June, 2012
Fr. Britto Vincent	St. Xavier's, Palayamkottai	From Oct., 2012
Fr. Francis Sales	St. Arulanandar, Oriyur	From June, 2012
Fr. Leo Tagore Antony	De Britto, Devakottai	From June, 2012
Fr. Marianathan Swamikannu	St. Mary's, Dindigul	From June, 2012
Fr. Jayapathy Francis A.M.	Carmel, Nagercoil	From June, 2012
Fr. Joseph Michael	Loyola, Kuppayanallur	From June, 2012

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NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

BESCHI ILLAM

On 12 Feb, the Youth Commission meeting was held in Beschi.

From 13 Feb to 13 March, the I year novices went to Perumalmai for their Work Experiment in order to learn the importance of labour and to appreciate the working of God in nature. The II year novices went to five different hospitals for their Hospital Experiment in order to imbibe the Ignatian spirit of serving Christ by serving patients.

The I year novice **Jackson** sustained a minor fracture in his left hand wrist. Now he is recuperating.

Three groups of Sisters belonging to nine different Congregations are making their Long Retreat under the guidance of **Frs. Dhanaraj, Britto Peter and Ambrose**.

On 24 March, the Headmasters' meeting was held.

A meeting of Rectors, Principals and Secretaries of all the colleges of Madurai Province was held in Beschi on 31 March.

Beschi community and St. Mary's community jointly had a Recollection on 28 March given by **Fr. Rex A. Pai**

In the month of March, **Br. Rayappan** had angioplasty surgery at MMM Hospital, in Chennai.

From 5 to 12 April, **Fr. Sebasti L. Raj**, the Provincial, made a visitation to Beschi and on 12 April fourteen II year novices received the ministries of Lector and Acolyte.

On 13 April, Sisters in CIS finished their three-month Tertianship Programme.

Fr. Rex A. Pai is directing a month-long retreat to Sisters of different congregations.

Our Juniors who did their Juniorate in Trivandrum and Kolkata have come back to Beschi.

On 25 April, **Fr. Ilanko Xavier** gave a talk on "Discernment and Leadership" in the fourth Province Chapter of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Angelo Province.

On 30 April, I year novices left Beschi for their Ashram Experiment to have an experience of Indian Spirituality.

Joseph Alexander. R

JESUIT NOVITIATE – SHILLONG (KOHIMA REGION)

We went for mission experiment from 3rd Feb to 6th March. We were sent to different places of the North-East for mission experiment in which we learnt about different ethnic groups. In the sharing, all expressed

that the experiment was enriching and the memory of the experiences are still fresh in our minds. The first years had a deep experience of God through their long Retreat.

Though we took preventive measures the wild fire entered our campus and we could not succeed fully.

We went for annual picnic to Cherrapunjee. We had an enjoyable time there. Fortunately there mountains were without clouds and the weather was clear which enabled us to see the cascades of rivers and Bangladesh very clearly.

As Jesus said, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat and they cast it" and we too did the same and we got plenty of fish from our pond and had "Bara-khana". As the winter faded, our campus looked very green and became a sanctuary for birds and animals. We had a meaningful celebration of the Holy Week.

Fr. Charles, the Regional Superior, made an official visit and met us individually. He also took a session for the secundi explaining the importance and the practicality of the vows.

Vijin A.T

VIDYANIKETAN, JUNIORATE, TRIVANDRUM

We took part in the Holy Week services with great devotion in the neighbouring parishes. Easter was celebrated along with the exams of the third term. The valedictory function on 14th April was an occasion to recall the high points of life in the juniorate and profusely thank one and all who made this possible. **Sch. Valan** delivered the farewell speech in his own inimitable style. Before our departure, a thanksgiving Mass was said on 16th to thank God for all the gifts and graces we had received. Earlier, **Sch. Paulraj** injured his right foot badly in a bike accident and underwent a successful surgery.

S. Jayaraj

LOYOLA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL RANIPET

The 9th Annual day was celebrated on 13th April. As usual our students exhibited their talents in the form of dances, street plays and mimes to the enjoyment of the invited guests.

Our students are now working in different companies in Chennai, Chengalpattu and Coimbatore as part of their internship for 45 days.

Vedanayagam

ST. MARY'S MADURAI

The parish team along with the committed parish council members organized very well the Holy Week services. The free medical camp and the eye camp brought many people for a general check-up. On Good Friday, the youth of the parish enacted the various Stations of the Way of the Cross which really brought out the physical and mental sufferings of Christ on the Cross. The Third Order of the Francis of Assisi fed a large number of poor people on Maundy Thursday as a symbol of table fellowship.

Fr. Felix Joseph gave two messages on Good Friday and Easter Sunday in Krishna, a local T.V. Channel and Easter Greetings in news channel.

The Royapuram Parish celebrated the village feast as well as the Centenary of the Church of St. Germaine. A CD "Vaadaa Malar" containing devotional songs on St. Germaine was released on the occasion of the Centenary. Kudos to Royapuram Parish team!

Felix Joseph

ST. JOSEPH'S, TIRUCHI

NAAC has introduced a new system of grading educational institutions. An institution with Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) ranging from 3-4 in a four point scale is graded with 'A'. St. Joseph's College has got 'A' grade with 3.4.

Fr. Sebastian Anand, the outgoing Principal was given a warm send off on 16th May.

The community gathered together to pray for the repose of **Fr. S. M. Arockiam** and to comfort the bereaved **Br. S. M. Irudayam**.

Sponsored by Tamil Nadu Government, 1268 free computer laptops were given to all the III year students of our college.

Eighty Dalit +2 students are undergoing an orientation programme as a preparation for higher studies. Topics like Spoken English, Motivation, Goal setting and Personality Development are dealt with. **Fr. Aruldoss**, the Co-ordinator deserves our appreciation.

Sebastian Anand

ST. XAVIER'S INSTITUTES, PALAYAMKOTTAI

On 4th April, the staff association of SXC honoured all the retiring staff, including **Fr. Alphonse Manickam**, the outgoing Principal and thanked them for all their relentless services to the college.

Free laptops to 680 final year students were given thanks to TN Government.

The TN Teachers Education University – South Zone Sports' Athlete meet was held on 12 April in which our college of Education won the men's championship.

Fr. Ignatius Topno of Patna province became the 75th Ph. D. holder of Fr. Bonhoure Research Centre of SXCE on 18 April.

On 20 April the Sports Day and on 30 the College Day of SXCE were held with the usual gaiety and glamour.

'The Social Project Day', a unique programme of the B. Ed course was conducted on 23rd April, when the B. Ed students were sent out to different parts of Nellai city to listen to the views of commoners with regard to wearing helmet, the impact of FM radio and the functioning of Govt. offices, etc.

A one-day retreat and sessions on 'Motivation' were organised for Catholic and non-Catholic students of SXCE respectively on 27th April. Thanks to **Frs. Xavier Antony, Anbarasu, Sch. Sahay** and four other lay people for their insightful cum interesting sessions.

Fr. Alphonse Manickam was invited by J.P. College of Arts and Science, Tenkasi to give the Graduation address and distribute the degree certificates on 16 April. He was also invited by the staff and students of the department of French in St. Mary's College, Tuticorin to release their first students' magazine named 'Des Perles Francophones' (French speaking pearls), on 17, April.

Sahayaraj Vijayan

TN/JRS

Cuddalore, Namakkal and Dindigul district camps had a big smile in welcoming **Fr. Louie** under their roofs. He had dialogues with JRS teachers and students in the centre and in their homes respectively. Dharapuram Grihini students had their farewell day function on 13th April. Fr. Director, local field officers and parents witnessed the program and doubled the joy of celebration. CRS team paid a visit to JRS office for their Program and finance auditing for CRS project on 19 and 20 April.

Raja V.

FR. VINNY JOSEPH FROM MANRESA

Love and greetings from Vinny Joseph! I have reached Manresa safely without any problem around 12.30 pm on 29th. I landed in Barcelona and three of us took a taxi to Manresa. It was indeed a pleasant travel along a beautiful countryside. The first thing I did in Manresa was to visit the cave and pray for all of you. Our course starts today the 30th at 6.30 pm. I am looking forward to this beautiful spiritual journey. The time table seems to be very tight with four lectures and one group study. There are 35 participants from all over the world. Kindly remember me in your prayers. I will send you occasional updates during my free time.

NEW RELEASES

Zen: The Great Way Has No Gates, AMA Samy, Vaigarai Pathippagam, pp. 112, Rs.100.

புதியதோர் உலகம் செய்வோம், ராஜ் இருதயா, Vaigarai Pathippagam, pp. 240, Rs.120.

Towards God Experience, Fr. Joseph Nedungatt, Vaigarai Pathippagam, pp. 160, Rs. 120.

A "SONG" FOR "TONY"

Fr. Anthony de Mello SJ breathed his last on 2 June 1987 in New York. To mark the 25th anniversary of his death, his younger brother, **Mr Bill de Mello**, has written a biography that reveals little-known facts about Tony's family and early life. Entitled "**Anthony de Mello SJ, The Happy Wanderer, A Tribute to my Brother**".

Details: **Anthony de Mello SJ, The Happy Wanderer**, by Bill de Mello: 252 pages, hardbound, with 14 pictures. Price Rs. 240. Published by Gujarat Sahitya Prakash. Email id: booksgsp@gmail.com, Ph 09879475345

Jerry Sequeira

ABIDE WITH THE LORD

Fr. Jacob Srampickal (PAT) 61/43, on 14 April.

Fr James Lakra (RAN) 69/50, on 21 April

Fr. Arokiasamy Soosai, S.J.

06.08.1937 – 20.04.2012

I placed two wreaths of lily flowers at the coffin of our dear Fr. Arokiasamy Soosai on 21, April in the residence of Vidyajyoti, one on behalf of the Madurai Province with the words, "Madurai Province is Proud of You, Fr. Arok" and the other on behalf of Arul Kadal with the title, "Arul Kadal loves you Fr. Arok". Yes, we can be all proud of Fr. Arokiasamy for the wonderful person he was and for the remarkable theological service he has rendered especially in the area of moral theology.



After obtaining the Doctorate from the Gregorian University, Rome, Fr. Arok taught Moral Theology at the Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi for more than thirty years. He was the esteemed editor of the 'Vidyajyoti Journal of Theology' for 26 long years. He was very much sought after by CBCI and FABC for his erudite presentations of theological papers and wise consultations. His writings, lecturing and guidance of generations of students testify to his commitment to contextual theology, especially from the vantage point of the poor and the marginalized.

Fr. Arok enjoyed a fond and loving reception in any community of the Province, which he would visit during his holidays. About a half of the priests of our Province today would be his students. He was very much appreciated and loved for his childlike simplicity, easy accessibility, giant-like intellectual calibre, celebrating companionship.

Fr. Arok felt giddy during the Easter Vigil service and he was rushed to Jivodaya hospital in Delhi. After some days of treatment, he rejoined the community. He seemed to have enjoyed good health and he was scheduled to come to Arul Kadal on 20 April for his holidays. On 19th morning he presided over the Eucharist at Vidyajyoti community. He joined the community for break-fast and lunch as usual. At about 3 pm he again felt giddy and asked **Fr. Leo**, his neighbour for help. He was rushed to Paramanda Hospital immediately and there he was found to be suffering from lungs congestion. For treatment of his lungs congestion he was then removed to Hearts & Lungs Foundation at the advice of the specialists. After proper diagnosis of the problem, the doctors told the Rector of Vidyajyoti that Fr. Arok had only 20 per cent possibility of survival. In spite of that, he was given the best treatment possible. But God wanted Fr. Arok to be with Him forever from the early morning of 20, April.

The body of Fr. Arok was kept in the residence of Vidyajyoti and was visited, blessed and prayed over by many priests, sisters, colleagues and friends. It was nice on the part of the Apostolic Nuncio to India to come in the morning and offer his homage and prayers. At 3.00 pm **Fr. A. Victor**, Chennai Mission Superior said the initial prayers and blessed after which Fr. Arok was taken in procession from Vidyajyoti to the Millennium Hall of St. Xavier's School.

Rt. Rev. Anil Couto, Bishop of Jullunder presided over the funeral Mass by paying glowing tributes to Fr. Arok during his introduction. There were about 50 priests joining the concelebration with a large number of religious sisters and lay people especially from the RK Puram parish in which he used to offer his pastoral services. **Fr. Leo** preached the homily in which he highlighted the loving person of Arok and his theological achievements. At the end of the Mass **Fr. Edward Mudavassery**, POSA, **Fr. Francis Gonsalves**, **Fr. Raj Irudaya**, **Fr. Dominic**, the nephew of Fr. Arok from Kolkata Province and **Rev. Mother Leema Rose**, Superior General of the Congregation of St. Anne, Chennai in their panegyric remembered and appreciated gratefully his remarkable service, religious commitment and his deep love for the Church.

After the final blessings, Fr. Arok was taken to the nearby cemetery in Kashmere gate and was laid to rest after the prayers led by Fr. POSA. In short we have lost a humane person, lover of the Society and the Church and a contextual and much sought after moral theologian. May Fr. Arok enjoy the eternal bliss and pray for us all.

Fr. Raj Irudaya

Fr. Arockiam S. Michael, S.J.

24.08.1933-24.04.2012

Fr. S. M. Arockiam with the affectionate pet name 'ஆம் சவாமி' (Am Samy) passed away around 8.15 pm, on 24th April, after a prolonged period of multiple sicknesses. He had been suffering earlier from ear trouble and diabetes. Much later in Madurai, it was diagnosed that he had throat cancer also. A surgical operation was not feasible since his heart was weak. He was administered radiation treatment in the Meenakshi Mission Hospital which caused him great pain. Only nasal feeding was done.



The funeral Mass was held at 4.00 pm on the following day. There was a heavy shower during the Mass.

During the homily **Fr. P. S. Arul**, recalled the

services rendered by Fr. Arockiam and his amiable qualities. Fr. Arockiam was due to celebrate his 60 years in the Society on 14 May 2012. May his soul rest in peace.

M.S. Bastian

Fr. Jeyapathy J. Soosaimanickam, S.J.

08.10.1925-01.05.2012

After a prolonged illness Fr. Jeyapathy J. Soosaimanickam rendered up his soul to God in the small hours of the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker, at Beschi Illam.



The obsequies were held at 4.00 pm on May 1. Fr. Socius said that when the news was reported to Fr. Provincial, now in Rome the Provincial recounted that when he had taken leave of Fr. Jeyapathy he said he would meet him again on his return from Rome. But Fr. Jeyapathy said he would meet him again only in heaven. In his funereal homily **Fr. Francis Jayapathy** said he had the happiness of being the godchild of Fr. Jeyapathy. He also said that Fr. Jeyapathy had lived his life full in different capacities.

He was pastor in Tenkasi, Palayamkottai and Kodambakkam, Chennai. He was Procurator in St. Joseph's College, Tiruchi, Superior and College Secretary in Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, College Secretary in St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai and Superior and Director in L.T.I, Madurai. One important characteristic trait was his inner freedom to execute what he thought was right. This inner freedom gave him the strength to resolve difficult situations. In 1998 he collaborated in starting a Community College in L.T.I Madurai. It would help poor students to learn a trade which would stand in good stead in their future life. The Community College is still there proclaiming the farsightedness of Fr. Jeyapathy.

After Mass **Fr. Pushparaj** blessed the body and then it was taken to the cemetery where the last rites were performed by **Fr. Leo Tagore**.

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Congratulations and Jubilations
Dear Jubilarians

50 years in the Society

Fr Amaladass Anand	24.05.1962
Br Amalraj Michael	26.02.1962
Br Antony Pitchai A.	15.06.1962
Br Antony Savarimuthu	26.02.1962
Fr Arul Irudhayam	24.05.1962
Fr Devadoss Mudiappasamy	15.06.1962
Fr Emmanuel Raj Antonisamy	24.05.1962
Fr Eronimus Santiago	15.06.1962
Fr John Britto Bonaventure S.	25.04.1962
Fr Ladislaus Chinnadurai S.	15.06.1962
Fr Raju Michael S.	15.06.1962
Fr Raju Yagappar	24.05.1962
Fr Victor Arulappan	15.06.1962

60 Years in the Society

Fr Arokiaraj Puspanathan	16.06.1952
Br Chinnappan Paul S.	21.05.1952
Fr Jesu Raja R.	16.06.1952
Fr Nedungatt I.V. Joseph	16.06.1952
Fr Rodrigues James	14.05.1952
Fr Vazhapilly Francis	16.06.1952

70 Years in the Society

Fr Adaikalasamy Joseph	24.03.1942
Fr Mariadas Thomas	11.06.1942
Fr Varaprasadam Arul M.	13.06.1942

50 Years in the Priesthood

Fr Pulparambil K. George	19.03.1962
Fr Puthiadam Ignatius	19.03.1962
Fr Singarayan S.	19.03.1962

60 Years in the Priesthood

Fr Ignatius Gnanapragasam	12.07.1952
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