

November 2005

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Dear Brothers,

On November 5th, at the end of the liturgy, in a reminiscing mood, I recalled the fathers Provincial and Vice-Provincial that I had known since I joined the Society in 1962-- **Frs. Fernandes, Vara, Gordon, Casimir, Rex, Michael Jeyaraj, Aloy, Donatus Jeyaraj, Arockiasamy, Thottungal, Ignacy, Rodrigues, Susai Sebastian and Francis Xavier.**

Of the last, quoting what **Dr. Samuel Johnson** said of Oliver Goldsmith in another context, I must say: He "touched nothing that he did not adorn." An accomplished scientist, research guide, writer on spirituality and theology, he devoted his boundless energies during the last six years to put order in the Province administration. As a manager and organizer, he made timely, firm and difficult decisions and "brought administrative order at various levels, established policies and structures of control and accountability." I would like to place on record the Province's appreciation and gratitude for the work well done despite indifferent health. I wish him, after a short and well-merited sabbatical, a happy return to science and rapid reintegration into the scientific community.

M. Devadoss, S.J.

Provincial

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME Contact Visits

Nov	08	Dindigul: St. Mary's
	09	Dindigul: Beschi Illam
	10	Madurai: St. Mary's
	11	Madurai: IDEAS, LTI
	12	Madurai: DACA, Evening: AAC, Karumathur
	13	Madurai: AAC, Karumathur
	14-18	Dindigul
	19-22	Tiruchi: St. Joseph's, College 19th 9.00 am: Tsunami meeting.
	22	Chennai, To Spain
Dec	20	Chennai

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

○ **Fr. Devadoss Mudiappasamy** assumed office as Provincial of Jesuit Madurai Province on 5th November, 2005. On that day all the Superiors and Coordinators of various ministries were present. The Mass commenced at 11:00 a.m. At the beginning of the Mass **Fr. Francis P. Xavier**, the outgoing Provincial welcomed the new Provincial and introduced him to the congregation. Then he read out the decree of **Fr. General** appointing **Fr. Devadoss** as Provincial. **Fr. Devadoss** at the end of the Mass thanked **Fr. Francis**

P. Xavier who had led the Province for the last six years. We thank the Beschi Illam which was kind enough to play the host.

○ **Fr. Jose Raimundo Pinto de Melo**, of the Province of Bahia, has been appointed consultor of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

○ **Fr. General** has appointed:

Fr. Bertram Rozario (63) Provincial of Pune

Fr. Thomas Smolich, President of the Jesuit Conference in the United States. **Fr. Smolich** will take office in June 2006.

Fr. Lisbert D'Souza, Assistant for South Asia, Secretary of the Assembly of Major Superiors to be held at Loyola, Nov 26 to December 6.

○ **MNL** is very happy to welcome **Fr.M. Devadoss** who will be at the helm of affairs of the Province for the next term. His vast experience in several fields will be of great help to run the Province efficiently.

○ **MNL** also thanks sincerely **Fr. Francis P. Xavier** who guided the Province for the last six years. We shall always remember him for his efficient

administration and affable approach. We shall ever be grateful to him for challenging us to be men of magis worthy of our call.

We assure both of them of our prayers and love.

○ **Fr. Provincial** will attend the Provincials' Meet at Loyola, Spain. He will be out of the Province from 23rd November to 20th December, 2005. In his absence, **Fr. Joseph Michael** will be the Acting Provincial.

○ The Jubilee Committee informs the communities that Triple Jubilee Celebration commences on 3rd Dec.

○ **Fr. Maria Antony**, Provincial of Sri Lanka requests a volunteer to attend to the pastoral needs of the tea-estate workers. Any volunteer?

○ From October 18 to 23 the **Jesuit Refugee Service** will hold in Rome a four-day seminar on "Spirituality of accompanying Refugees". The seminar is one of the many events being held around the world to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of JRS founded on November 17, 1980, by Father Arrupe in response to the refugee crisis.

○ Our hearty congrats to **Sch. Gerlin** who has passed the UGC-NET examination.

○ **Sch. Maria Dhanaraj** ceased to be a member of the Society of Jesus from October 14th, 2005.

○ **Sch. Antony Fernandes** ceased to be a member of the Society from 19.10.2005.

○ **Please note the following changes** (in address, tel. no. etc.)

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NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

JESUIT PRE-NOVITIATE, VILANGUDI

Fr. Darwin S. Michael the new parish priest of Thirumanur was welcomed on 25th September in a concelebrated Holy Mass. We conveyed our prayerful greetings to him for his fruitful mission.

Fr. Paul Pragash, the newly ordained priest was given a warm reception and felicitations on 14th October by the parishioners of Kulamanickam. The thanksgiving Mass was solemnized by the **Most Rev Peter Remigius**, Bishop of Kumbakonam. The

inauguration of "Inigo Nagar" with 34 newly built houses with help of VRO, was a memorable event. The Bishop blessed the houses and inaugurated the Nagar. The People and **Fr. Darwin** are grateful to **Fr.K. Xavier** in charge of VRO Tamil Nadu and **Fr. Windy** the national chairman of VRO.

We had a bountiful harvest from our fields this year. Kudos to **Fr. Superior**. Coleroon river was in spate. Consequently Thiruvenganur, one of our substations was submerged All the houses and belongings were destroyed. As a relief measure the Parish Priest and the Community offered food packets to 110 flood affected families - one meal a day for three days.

S. Manuel

VIDYANIKETAN (JESUIT JUNIORATE), THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

We began the second term with a course on Art Appreciation. Sincere thanks to **Fr Roy** Thottathil who taught us the rudiments of art and paintings. Scholastic Justin, is our new coordinator for this term. **Fr Rufus** preached a two-day retreat cum orientation to the teachers of St Mary's Higher Secondary School, Devakkottai. He spurred the teachers to experience the joy of devoting themselves to their duties. The Provincial of Kerala, **Fr Joye James**, made his visitation to the Juniorate. He met the staff individually and the scholastics in Province groups. The SICJ hosted a seminar on communalism organized for the Jesuits of the southern zone of Kerala Province. The guest speaker Dr. Karim highlighted the communal issues that grip our nation and spelt out the need to promote religious harmony.

Justin Diraviam

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

We express our sincere thanks to **Frs. Jerry Rosario, Manickam, Michael Alosanai, Archambeaud** and **Br. Aloysius** for visiting us and sharing their inspiring experiences with us Madurians.

In Gorpuri (Tamil Parish) the feast of Mother Mary was celebrated with the Agmark choir conducted by **Sch.Suman**. With the theme of "Company to Accompany" our community day celebration which went on for two weeks, brought us together in mind and heart. Congrats to Sch.Philip who was one of the organizers. It was a wonderful experience of gratitude when **Fr. Schlegel** celebrated his jubilee. He has completed 75 years in the Society of Jesus. **Fr. P.S. Arul**, the superior of philosophers went to Mount Abu for the PCF's meet. **Fr. Arocika Doss** has gone to Sri Lanka to preach an 8-day retreat to the clergy there. In spite of all the festivals in Pune we have successfully completed our first semester. As holidays are the time

for relaxation and renovation the second years went to Goa, and the first years went to Ajanta and Ellora on excursion. An insightful and healing 3-day seminar on Affective Maturity was conducted by **Fr. Tony John D' Souza**, the PCF of Bombay Province followed by a Triduum given by **Fr. Kiess, S.J.**

Philip

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

Fr. S. Arokiasamy, a member of the Organizing Committee of the World Conference of Catholic Ethicists, participated in the meeting held in Padua, Italy from 6th to 11th Oct. He has come back with the rich blessings of St. Antony. Congratulations to Sch. Dominic who has won the Third Prize in the Zeitler Memorial Essay Competition on the topic "Urban Mission: Challenges and Prospects" conducted by Ishvani Kendra, Pune. We were immensely happy to have **Frs. Maria Arul Raja** and **Michael Amaladass** amidst us for over a month to teach us different subjects at Vidyajyoti.

Gerline

AIKIYA ALAYAM-ARUL KADAL, CHENNAI

A theologizing session was held on 21st October with the parish priests of our weekend apostolates on "Village Poor: Strengths and Challenges." The facilitators Schs. Paulraj and Edwin geared up the session to a fruitful discussion.

Our warmest felicitations to all the Arul Kadal staff for putting together their articles on the Eucharist in the book "എി ദതൃഹ് എഠഠതൃഹ്", which was released on the ordination day at Madurai. Also the Supamites, the newly ordained, have brought out a book titled "Becoming Human", on value education for the XI and XII std. students.

Frs. Alangaram and **Maria Arul Raja** were much appreciated as they delivered their speeches on the Eucharist in the concluding celebration of the Eucharistic year at Besant Nagar on 16th October. The 44th book of Fr. Jerry, "j hdk" which details the seven types of "Eucharistic" donations, was released by the **Most Rev Chinnappa** Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore on the very same occasion.

Fr. Alangaram delivered lectures on "Inter-religious Dialogue" for 50 Holy Cross nuns at Nagercoil.

Congratulations to **Frs. I. Raj** and **Jesudasan** for their effective presentation of research papers on the "Eucharist" at the Indian Biblical Association held at NBCLC, Bangalore.

Fr. Jerry facilitated a six-day "Vision - Mission" annual retreat at Sirumalai for the Bishop and clergy of Palayamkottai diocese.

The Government of Tamil Nadu honoured Fr. Jerry with a gold medal and a certificate on 1st October at the celebration of "International Blood Donation Day." All India Radio broadcast an interview with him on the same evening.

S. Baskar Antony

SACRED HEART RESIDENCE, DINDIGUL

Fr. Aloys Van Doren, SJ the Delegate of **Fr. General**, for Apostleship of Prayer and Eucharistic Crusade visited our country from October 12th to 31st. He arrived at 10:00 a.m. in Chennai, on 12th, visited the Archbishop and then came to Dindigul on 13th. **Fr. Joe Mike**, the Acting Provincial received him at the Railway Station with a garland. The Delegate visited the schools of St. Anne's Sisters, of the Servite Sisters and of the Jesuits. He was very much impressed by the programme at St. Mary's, Dindigul, which was beautifully prepared by **Fr. Aruldoss**, the Assistant Headmaster, The **Most Rev. Antony**, Bishop of Dindigul accompanied him on his visit to St. Mary's, Dindigul, The Acting Provincial hosted a lunch. The Delegate addressed Beschi Community in the evening.

The Delegate visited the Servite novitiates on 14th at Tiruchi and then the schools of Immaculate Conception Sisters at Madurai. He was enthralled by the Bharatha Natya of the girls there. Then he left for Darjeeling via Chennai and Kolkatta. **Fr. Susai** the Socius to the Novice Master accompanied him. He visited Darjeeling, Dumka Raiganj, Madhya Pradesh, Patna and Mumbai Provinces and left on 31st.

Dhanaraj

DHYANA ASHRAM, CHENNAI

Fr. Ignatius Puthiadam has published a book called "A short History of Religious Life". A fitting introduction has been written by **Fr. Bastin**, who says that it is a pioneering work.

Fr.S.M. Selvaraj preached a clergy retreat of the Coimbatore diocese.

Fr.A.J. Thamburaj has published a book titled "g j thudfsy; gukNdhL gutrk" It is a kind of self-guide for the 19th Annotation Retreat of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Fr. Thamburaj conducted a 5-day seminar on CHARISMS for the national charismatic leaders in New Delhi.

We arranged a special Mass for the public on the occasion of the canonization of Bl. Albert Hurtado. It was well attended and a handout was distributed on St. Hurtado after the Mass.

Thamburaj

CHENGAI MISSION: PATHAI, VALLAM

The building work to provide permanent houses for the tsunami-affected survivors of Singarathoppu in Cuddalore district has been started in full swing after a long struggle in identifying the deserving. **Frs. Yesumarian, Joe and Louis** gave a good orientation course to the people of Singarathoppu and emphasized the importance of sacrifice and solidarity for the good of the entire village.

On 9th October, Fr. Louis, along with the DHRC staff, organized a seminar for the youth of Thiruvallur district in Valajabath.

Sch. Arockia Dass organized special coaching classes for the 10th std. students of Villupuram, Cuddalore and Kancheepuram districts on 16th, 23rd and 30th of October respectively. Apart from the regular academic training the students were given value education and social awareness. Thanks to Fr. Louis who was behind the scene.

J.A.Dass

LOYOLA INSTITUTES, KUPPAYANALLUR

On the occasion of the World Girl-child Day Ms. Bama, writer and teacher, addressed the school assembly. She appealed to the girl students to cross the barriers of socio-cultural taboos that oppress them and invited them to prove their mettle by their achievements.

Our school had the honour of hosting the 48th Sports meet of the Kancheepuram Educational District amidst turbulent weather. **Fr. Boniface Jeyaraj** declared the meet open and Mr. Martin Premkumar, the local Sub-Inspector in his felicitations highlighted the noble virtues that sports showers on students. Congrats to **Fr. Albert Joseph**, the H.M. for spearheading this event.

A one-day seminar on motivation by **Fr. Albert William** ignited the minds of staff to render better service to the students.

The Arulanandar Community College has conferred diplomas in tailoring, embroidery and DTP applications upon 45 students who made the 5th batch. The certificates were given by **Fr. Joe Mike**, the Acting Provincial.

The Pappanallur parishioners under the patronage of St. Teresa of Child Jesus, celebrated their annual feast in a fitting manner. Fr. Superior and the community joined them in their prayer and doubled their joy. Three cheers to **Fr. Joseph Kennedy** the pastor for his ennobling leadership.

A. Leolin

LOYOLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RANIPET

The north east monsoon brought water to the river Palar after thirteen long years. We had a parents' meet through which we could sense the joy of the parents seeing their children growing. Br. Amal (AND) who was

working here in Ranipet 25 years ago visited us and appreciated the development work undertaken by Jesuits.

A one-day orientation was given by Mr. Prakash to our students with regard to internship and how to approach a company for training and placement. **Frs. Maria Joe and Anbarasu** visited us and stayed with us. **Fr. Xavier Alphonse** and his MCRDCE team visited LCC specially to examine the growth of tsunami victims studying here. Three of our students voluntarily donated blood at CMC hospital, Vellore.

Ilanko

DE BRITTO, DEVAKOTTAI

The Inter-Divisional Sports Meet for the State level competitions, held in Virudunagar on 18th and 19th of October, affirmed our students' successful performance in five track events and in two games, football and table tennis. The presence of **Fr. Antony Arockiam** boosted the morale of our students to do their best. The cordial relationship that exists between the staff and the parents was strengthened by the parents' meet. Their wards were 10th and 12th std. students. The headmaster Br. Kulandairaj's persuasive instruction to parents was well received. The refreshing trip to Thekkadi on 8th October prepared our staff for a one-day retreat directed by **Fr. Cyril Antony Samy**.

Therasu Nathan

ST MARY'S, DINDIGUL

It never happened in recent history of St. Mary's: five teams - super-senior hockey, volleyball, football, and senior hockey, and badminton - entering the State level competitions. It has happened this year.

Also Maya Krishnan our student entered the State level for 400 mts running race. Ashok, our football player has been selected to play for Tamil Nadu State. Three cheers to all the P.E.Ts. of our school for their strenuous efforts to put red-letter days in the annals of St. Mary's.

Thanks to the CIS team, Beschi Illam who prayerfully led our IX and XI std. boys in a one-day retreat. Our special thanks to **Frs. Chinnadurai, Singarayan, and Henry** who despite their age and ailments, came all the way to St. Mary's and contributed their lot to the retreat.

Fr.V. Thomas, the Province Coordinator for Sec. Education represented the Province in PECM (Province Education Coordinators' Meet) held at Phesama, Kohima Region. Our Minister **Br. Arockiaraj** successfully took a team of Brothers on a tour of India followed by an eight-day retreat.

Aruldoss

ST MARY'S, MADURAI

The community of St. Mary's Madurai was happy to have the Ordination ceremonies of six of our young men in St. Mary's Cathedral. **Fr. Rector** along with the

community had planned meticulously and executed it methodically. The **Most Rev Antony Pappusamy**, Bishop of Dindigul and the ordinandi were taken in procession from the residence to the cathedral. As the school band led the procession, the parish girls danced along the way and made it very solemn. **Fr. Felix Joseph**, the parish priest took care that a prayerful atmosphere prevailed during the ceremony. At the end, **Fr. Arul Ravi** thanked everyone especially the Mother Society for her love and care. The team headed by **Fr. Minister** provided a delicious dinner to all the guests.

The parish felicitated **Fr. Amalraj** the newly ordained who is here for his SUPAM experience.

Felix Joseph

LTI MADURAI

"It is a grace to meet one another; let us celebrate our companionship and it is wonderful to be together" said the Superior **Fr. R. Joseph** marking the celebration of thanksgiving Mass of **Fr. Amalraj** and felicitations to jubilarians **Frs.R. Irudayaraj** and **S.M. Irudayam**. **Fr. Michael Jeyaraj**, another jubilarian could not be present.

The LTI community is very much in demand for pastoral ministry. **Fr. G. Packiaraj** preached an open retreat to the religious men and women at Satyodayam in Secunderabad. He also preached to the clergy of Dharmapuri and Guntur dioceses and to the SVD priests in Hyderabad. **Fr.R. Joseph** preached a retreat to the Gonzaga Sisters in Guntur.

The regional joint director inspected LITI and had a meeting with the staff of LITI. LITI and MCC jointly organized the Mass of the Holy Spirit for the students, officiated by **Fr. Jeyabalan**, the director of MMSSS.

The staff of Madurai Community College underwent a training programme on NLP. The presence of many industrial partners during the 8th convocation was an encouraging development. This academic year MCC has launched one more trade namely Pre-Teachers' Training (PTT). The staff under the leadership of Br. Ignacy had 'enrichment programme' and 'performance-assessment programme' as a preparation for short term and medium term planning.

J. Jeyapathy

MCRDCE, CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU), has extended its recognition to the Community Colleges in other parts of India. To discuss the modalities of obtaining the recognition, MCRDCE organised the Ninth Consultation of Community Colleges in India except Tamilnadu on the 14th and 15th of October at Chennai. **Fr. Xavier Alphonse**, highlighted the integration of TNOU curriculum with the Community College System. The

recognition of these colleges as Vocational Programme Centres of TNOU will take place from the next academic year.

The MCRDCE team is conducting the Mid Term Review of the students in various Community Colleges from the tsunami-affected areas. We are receiving first-hand information from the students about the benefits they have received from the Community College System.

Xavier Alphonse

CARMEL, NAGERCOIL

Carmel celebrated the 83rd School Day on 21st October. The focus was on tsunami. The orchestra thematically presented a musical fest on tsunami. A multistage sound and light production was the highlight of the day.

Our students have won the KK Divisional level matches in chess and shuttle doubles and will participate in the State level tournaments. Two boys are selected to play shuttle and kabadi for Federation of India, State level. They will participate in inter-State Tournaments.

K.A. Augustine

ST ARULANANDAR, ORIYUR

The School Day was celebrated on 14th October in a grand manner. The **Most Rev. Susaimanickam**, Bishop of Sivagangai and Mr.K.R. Ramasamy, MLA of Thiruvadana, were the chief guests. The educational tour for the students was arranged in groups to places like Kovai, Palani, Kodai etc. The students really enjoyed and benefited a lot from this tour.

The Hostel Day was celebrated on 23rd October **Fr. Thomas Alex** was the Chief Guest and inspired the students with his pep talk.

Six of our students have been found qualified to participate in the State level Athletic Meet for competitors under 14. Congrats to all of them and we wish them all success.

The second year novices were here for a month-long pastoral and teaching experience. They did marvellous work in the school as well as in the sub-stations. Thanks a lot for their wonderful service to the parish and the schools.

Stephen

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SHEMBAGANUR

The fourth inter-congregational recollection was organized for the religious in Kodaikanal by **Fr.M.J. Victor** on 8 October. He also directed the clergy retreat from 16 to 21 October for the second batch of diocesan clergy at the Vianney Pastoral Centre, Sivagangai.

The community meeting on 25 October helped us share the experience of our ministries in the last few months. This paved the way to build up community spirit and union of minds and hearts. **Fr. Kulandai** represented the community at the Silver Jubilee of Satya Nilayam on 22 October. On this occasion we also celebrated the birthdays of **Fr.R. Stanislaus** and **Sch. James**.

For the first time the usual monthly animators' meeting was conducted by Sr. Joslin, Superior of St. Joseph's Convent, Gundupatti. **Fr. Xavier Raj** attended the Dalit Commission Meeting at IDEAS and the JESA Convention at Baroda. From 19th to 21st September about 50 persons participated in Anglade Programme. Socio-ecological awareness was given with the help of **Fr. Britto Bonaventure**.

R. Stanislaus.

LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Fr. Rector is back from his visit abroad. He participated in the Asia-Jalisco Symposium organized by the Jesuit University, ITESO in Guadalajara, Mexico from Sep 25-30, 2005. He delivered a lecture on "the Characteristics and Trends in the Indian Higher Education" on the first day of the symposium. The Indian ambassador to Mexico was one of the participants. Fr. Rector also signed a collaborative agreement between ITESO and Loyola College facilitating student and staff exchange programmes between the institutions. On his way back, at the invitation of the Catholic University of Lille in France, he visited that university which showed keen interest in starting staff exchange with Loyola College and Loyola Business Administration. In Paris, Fr. Rector visited Fr. Ceyrac in the hospital.

Fr. Innacimuthu was felicitated by the Entomology Association for publishing 200 research articles and 30 books. He inaugurated the national symposium on biotechnology at St. Joseph's College Irinjalakuda, Kerala.

The department of Social Work joyously celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year and the seminar "Quality of Life" organized by the Department in view of the celebration exemplifies the work it undertakes to empower human society. A national symposium on "Crystal Growth and Characterization" was organized by the department of Physics to mark the World Year of Physics.

The management, the staff and the students appreciate and congratulate **Fr. Peter Xavier**, the Games President, the Physical Director and the athletic team for retaining the A.L Mudaliar rolling trophy continuously for the 27th time.

The community had a special Eucharistic celebration in honour of the 50th Saint of our Jesuit family, Saint Alberto Hurtado on 24th, October, 2005.

ST XAVIER'S INSTITUTES, PALAYAMKOTTAI

There was a special concelebrated Holy Eucharist on the canonization day of St. Alberto Hurtado in the college chapel. A portrait of the Saint was displayed and a leaflet on the salient points of his life and ministry was distributed. **Fr. Vincent Britto's** sermon touching on the Saint's life and services to the marginalized, was a treat to the congregation. St. Xavier's has won the title in the volleyball tournament conducted by MS University, in Nagercoil.

A two-member team sent by NCTE visited SXCE on 11th, Oct and inspected the infrastructure facilities and the fulfilment of staff requirements for the additional intake of fifty students. SXCE is waiting for the arrival of the committee for autonomy. JCERT, under the leadership of **Fr. Sebastian**, the new director organised a seminar for Headmasters/ Administrators titled "Enrichment Programme for Headmasters/ Administrators" on 21 and 22 Oct. at AICUF house, Tiruchi.

St. Xavier's Hr. Sec. School (SXHSS) bagged the overall championship in the district sports meet and our student Kalaiselvan got the overall championship in super-senior cadre. Southern States level volleyball tournament was organised by SXHSS from 6th to 8th October. Sixteen teams from the southern States participated in this tournament. Dr. Sethuraman, Latha hospital, Ramanathapuram and Mr. Hanifa, former students of Sacred Heart hostel were the chief guests for the hostel day, which was celebrated on 22 October. Alumni association of SXHSS organised and conducted sex education by Dr. Subiah and film analysis course by **Fr. Stephen Martin** for XI std. students of SXHSS.

FIRC organised an evening seminar on the topic 'MorgNghi yAK; mz j kr; Rwh t spAK' - an ecological analysis on tsunami and the recent hurricanes on 7th October. Dr. Arunachalam of Centre for Environmental Studies, M.S. University, was the speaker. In collaboration with South Zone Cultural Centre and Department of Art and Culture, Tirunelveli FIRC organised a week-long training programme from 10th to 17th October on Folk Performance Arts for the college and school students of Tirunelveli district. Prof. A. Sivasubramanian (Thoothukudi), **Frs. Britto Vincent, Xavier Antony** (Thirumanur) and Mr. Pathi conducted a three-day workshop on Folkloristics for about 100 theology students of St. Paul's Seminary, Tiruchi from 24th to 26th October.

Clement

ST JOSEPH'S, TIRUCHI

St. Joseph's has been of late in a winning spree. It secured after a gap of two years the overall championship at the inter-collegiate athletic meet conducted by the Bharathidasan University on 29th September. The Fine Arts Team of the college won the overall championship at the BARDFEST, an inter-

collegiate cultural convergence organised by the Bharathidasan University. The college also got the first place in FORE FEST, a cultural meet organised by the Rotary club of Tiruchi.

Congratulations to the SHEPHERD team and the HODs of the Science departments for the successful conduct of the LAND TO LAB programme for children from Govt and Village schools in the college premises on 8th October, 2005.

As a life member of the Indian Sociological Society **Fr. Lazar**, our Rector presented a paper on 25th October in the XXXI Indian Sociological Conference held at the University of Jammu. Br. Irudayam was admitted to the hospital as he was suffering from intermittent fever and he is now coalescing. Flood waters invaded our campus and the college remained closed till Deepavali.

Xavier

XAVERIANA, THOOTHUKUDI

Our school NSS students pitched their tent at Lourdamalpuram a sub-urban area of Thoothukudi for their 10 days' annual camp. The annual PTA meeting for the Xth std. was held on 20th of October. A large number of parents turned up for the meeting. Deepavali was enthusiastically celebrated in our school premises with a sense of solidarity with our brethren in India. **Fr.S.P Savarimuthu** the chief guest enlightened the students about the richness of Indian culture and religiosity. The Eucharistic Congress organized by the Thoothukudi Diocese and presided over by the **Most Rev. Yvon Ambroise**, Bishop of Thoothukudi took place in our school premises on 29th and 30th October. An impressive exhibition on the Eucharist and a spectacular sound and light programme marked the culmination of the Eucharistic Congress.

As part of our Jesuit Tsunami Service Project at Inigo Nagar, an education improvement programme for the school-going children as well as for the dropouts is being implemented since September. During the quarterly vacation the children were taken out by **Fr. Stanislaus** on a study tour to the District Science Centre at Palayamkottai and to the historical places of Bharathiar at Ettayapuram and Kattabomman at Panchalankurichy.

V. George

SAHAYAMATHA MISSION, KILPENNATHUR

Fr. Arockiaraj gave an eight-day retreat to the Gonzaga Congregation Sisters at Tindivanam. **Fr. Anbu**, the vocation promoter of the Province is visiting the schools to fish for candidates. During the quarterly holidays Ahal conducted a special study camp for the X std. students. Around 45 students attended the camp.

Jesu.

DACA, MADURAI

The peripatetic Arul Kadal theologians were with us for five days to delve deep into the theories of Sociology

of Religion under the guidance of **Fr. Antony Raj**. Needless to say that their intellectual quest, their fraternal interactions and youthful enthusiasm were a cocktail of blessings to the sober DACA Community.

Ceyrac Medical Foundation has a very ambitious plan for creating a holistic, quality health care system, affordable and accessible to the rural and urban poor. As a part of this plan we hope to train 100 village health animators every year. Already 40 women selected from our DACA Self-Help Groups have undergone the first phase of training lasting five days. This training programme with its objective of decentralising health care and equipping rural people with the capacity for decision-making in health care, covers the basics in health, hygiene and nutrition.

Fr. Ephrem, our Team Leader, has taken over as the Financial Administrator of DACA. Our children have, however, made sure that the new responsibility doesn't interfere with his much sought after tuition classes and that they remain his first love.

Good News from France: **Fr. Ceyrac** is making a splendid recovery. He is able to walk with some assistance. If everything goes well he should be back in the Province early next year.

George Joseph

AICUF

The State Women's Commission meeting was held at AICUF house, Tiruchi on 8th & 9th October to plan for the women's camp and other activities. The commission animator Sr.Elizabeth of Holy Cross College, Tiruchi organized the programme. On 15th & 16th October the State level unit advisors' meeting - 2005 was held at AICUF house, Tiruchi to train the advisors for journeying with the students by understanding the society and the movement. The programme was inaugurated by **Fr. Rajarathinam**, Principal of SJC. On 22 & 23 October the State executive committee and the State Dalit Commission members met together along with the advisors and animators to finalise the programme for the forthcoming State Dalit convention in December. The State advisor **Fr. Maria Singarayyar** was the resource person for all the programmes.

Singam.

JESUIT TSUNAMI SERVICE, NAGAPATTINAM

The north zone Regents' Monthly Meet took place at Vailankanni. **Fr.A. Irudaya Raj** animated the Meet and Sch. Baskar made all the arrangements to make the day a memorable one.

St. Joseph's Community College is growing in leaps and bounds. It has now 85 students. Thanks to the efforts taken by the local lay coordinators, neighbouring Parish Priests and Sisters who have helped us improve the strength of the college. TONU has recognized our community college as one of its Vocational Promotional Centres. Thus at the end of

this academic year all our students will receive TNOU certificates which will serve them in more than one way.

The survey about widows is almost over. A group of ten Sisters from the St. Anne's of Madavarm who stayed with us for a month played a major role in completing the survey. **Fr. Paul Mike** effectively animated them. Now, we are busy with the task of framing effective strategies to implement the project.

The legal service team conducted two one-day free legal consultations in ITI camp and in Vailankanni temporary shelter. They listened to complaints of the tsunami survivors and directed them to fight legally for the tsunami relief funds which have not reached them in spite of very clear and specific government orders.

A. Irudaya Raj

FR. JAMES BHARATAPUTRA WRITES FROM INDONESIA

The long-awaited day finally dawned on 1 October 2005 for the grand opening of the Shrine of Annai Vailankanni in Medan, Indonesia that was being built for the past four years. It was like a dream coming true. Certainly it was the Lord's day to honour Mary with a Shrine in Medan and I was privileged to be His main instrument along with hundreds of men and women of good will to provide a magnificent home for His beloved daughter and Mother of His beloved Son Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. It was an extraordinary experience for every one who attended the dedication ceremonies, conducted by "Trinitarian Prelates": My archbishop, the **Most Rev A.G.P. Datubara**, his Coadjutor the **Rt. Rev. Anicetus Sinaga** and the **Rt. Rev. Hillarius** of Pangkal Pinang diocese. The Shrine was declared open by the Acting Governor of North Sumatra Drsl Rudolf Pardede since the Governor Raja Inal was killed in a plane crash just a couple of weeks earlier in Medan. Mr. Stev Agus, Director General of Catholics from the Ministry of Religious affairs was also present along with 30 priests and hundreds of religious men and women and more than 200 foreign pilgrims from Malaysia and Singapore. The Indonesian Provincial and his Socius made it for the feast. Those who saw the Shrine only in its initial stage will now be amazed to see it as a magnificent edifice. It is magnificent because God is the architect; our Blessed Mother Mary is the provider of funds. The Shrine is a monument of my faith in Providence and the Indo-Mogul architectural form with its content is the fruit of my life-long contemplation on Incarnation as given by our holy Father Ignatius in the second week of his Spiritual Exercises. It is indeed a thing of beauty that will be a joy forever for the visitors.

On 7th October one of my friends launched a website from Kuala Lumpur on Medan Shrine of Annai Vailankanni. If you open the internet you can go to: www.medanannaivelankannishrine.com and view the content on our Shrine. Soon we will feed information on the grand opening of the Shrine.

FR. LEO CORREYA WRIETS FROM SRI LANKA:

I have been here now about 4 months. The Juniors are out, gone for a course in Media Education and Film Appreciation. I took this opportunity to make a quick trip to Galle to visit Fr. Jacob Fernando. When I landed here, I was told that he was very low, had lost his memory and was not responding to visitors. But when I went to see him, this Monday (17th) along with the Superior of St. Aloysius Residence, Galle, Fr. Jacob was quite alert looked all spruced up. He understands especially when I reeled out a few names of his old companions. Those he recognized, knew well, he vigorously shook his head. Half way through he put out his hand to me and he held mine warmly: As we were leaving, both Fr. Rector and I noticed tears welling up in his eyes; of course he does not speak. The boys who look after him are Tamils from the estate. I got further information from them. His 2 nephews visit him occasionally. Fr. Superior of St. Aloysius told me that one of his nephews is an adviser on communication of the President of Sri Lanka.

Father Jacob's Golden Jubilee in the priesthood is on 23rd March, 2006. I have talked to the Superior about arranging a Mass in his room at the Home for Aged priests. I shall go there myself on that day. I hope also to visit Fr. Jacob in the Christmas week. If there is any emergency. I shall not fail to rush down to Galle to be at his side.

NEW RELEASES

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Fr. Austin L. Reinboth (PAT) died on 07.10.2005 at Patna.

Br. Joseph Crasta 74/43 (KAR) died on 18.10.2005 at Bangalore

Mrs. M. Jeyamary (75) sister of Fr. Maria Louis, died on 10.11.2005 at Kovilpatty.