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INAUGURATION OF THE NEW CHENNAI MISSION

As a follow-up action after the presentation of the envisaged Master Plan for the Chennai Mission in the Province Assembly in December 2006, Fr. Provincial with a small group Chennai-based Jesuits had a planning session on June 13th 2007 at Loyola College so as to make their meetings with the Archbishop of Pondy and the Bishop of Vellore Diocese effective and fruitful.

On June 13th evening, the group led by Fr. Provincial met the Archbishop of Pondy. He endorsed enthusiastically our proposal to start a college with job-oriented courses. It is to be located within the Archdiocese but sufficiently away from the educationally overprovided Pondicherry Union Territory as well as a similar college we propose to start in Vellore Diocese.

On June 14th evening, Fr. Provincial, accompanied by the same team, met the Bishop of Vellore and held a discussion regarding the college he had earlier given us permission to start in his diocese.

Chennai Mission's first Superior, Fr. Victor Arulappan, assumed office on 15th June 2007 in a well-attended Eucharistic Celebration presided over by **Fr. Provincial** at Loyola College Church, Chennai. Arul Kadal theologians under the able guidance of **Frs. I. Raj** and **Maria Arul Raja** took care of the liturgy with the theme “, j aj ; J z pNthL vyi yfs; fl ej pl .” The scholastics from Berchmans Illam & Loyola Community added solemnity by singing during the Mass.

After the Mass, a short felicitation function in honour of the new Mission Superior took place. **Sch. Ignacy** was the M.C. for the function. The new Mission Superior was honoured with a shawl by **Fr. Provincial** and **Fr. Boniface Jeyaraj**, the outgoing Mission Animator, was also honoured with a shawl for all his yeoman services rendered to the development of Chennai Mission by **Fr. K. Amal**, the new Rector of Loyola College. The entire celebration came to an end with a delicious dinner hosted by Loyola College Community in the Loyola Residence garden under the personal supervision of **Br. Sathanandam**, the Minister of Loyola Community and his team.

Prior to the Eucharistic Celebration, the **Jesuit Chennai Mission Office** was opened in the Loyola College Campus. Fr. Provincial blessed and opened the Mission Office. After opening of the office, a short function took place in the Mission Office hall. Fr. Boniface Jeyaraj welcomed all those who had assembled in the hall. After that, **Fr. Maria Joe**, the Director of the Mission Office, briefly shared about the planned activities in the Office. Then followed the felicitations by **Fr. K. Amal**, Rector of Loyola College, **Fr. Packinathan**, Secretary for TN SC/ST & BC Commission and **Fr. Provincial**.

The symbolic inauguration of a few schemes took place after the felicitations. The schemes were: *Sponsorship Scheme for educating the rural dalit children*, *Sponsorship for educating the poor dalit youth at Loyola College* and *Employment for the trained dropout youth from the mission area*. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by **Fr. Victor Arulappan**, the new Mission Superior.

A. Maria Joseph



Chennai Mission Appointments

Fr. A. Maria Joseph Executive Assistant (Socius) to the Mission Superior, Treasurer & Consultor

Fr. Amal Kulandaisamy Consultor

Fr. P. Francis Xavier Consultor

Fr. George C. Joseph Consultor

Fr. John Peter Bellarmine Consultor

Coordinator of Taskforces: Fr. A. Victor

Deputy Coordinator: Fr. K. Amal

1. TASKFORCE FOR ACADEMIC RELATED MATTERS

Convenor – Fr. Xavier Alphonse

Members – Frs. Christie, Albert William, Lazar and Alphonse Manickam

2. TASKFORCE FOR PURCHASE OF LAND & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Convenor – Fr. A. Maria Joseph

Members – Frs. R. Joseph, Andrew, Arockia Raj (Vellore Diocese), and Yesumarian (Pondy Archdiocese)

3. TASKFORCE FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Convenor – Fr. P. Francis Xavier

Members – Frs. S. Mariadoss, Joe Arun, A. Maria Joseph, Peter Xavier, Xavier Vedam and Danis Ponniah

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

July

09-10	Madurai: Visitation: L.T.I.
11-14	Karumathur: Visitation: Arul Anandar College
15	Karumathur: JAAT – Executive Committee Meeting
20	Dindigul: Beschi: R & R
22	Dindigul: Consult
25	Nagapattinam: Visitation
26	Viragalur, Vilangudi, Thirumanur: Visitation
27	Tiruchi: TNPCRI Meeting at Child Jesus Ashram
28	Bangalore: ISI GBM
30	M. Kottur: Visitation
31	Mandapam: Visitation

August

05	Chennai JESCOM
10	Coordinators Meet
11-12	Superiors & Coordinators Meet

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

☞ The **POPE** has appointed:

Most Rev. Terrence Thomas Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa (Canada), Prendergast has been Archbishop of Halifax

☞ **Fr. Provincial** has appointed:

Fr. S. Arockiam, Coordinator, Dalit Commission

Fr. Xavier Alphonse, Coordinator, TVET Commission (Technical Vocational Education and Training to function as a separate Commission;

Fr. S.M. John Kennedy continues to coordinate the Secondary Education Commission.)

As at now, the Province has the following twelve Commissions:

1. Brothers	7. Formation
2. Dalit	8. JESCOM Madurai
3. Education (Higher)	9. Pastoral
4. Education (Secondary)	10. Social Action
5. TVET	11. Spirituality & Dialogue
6. Finance	12. Youth

To ensure intersectoral collaboration and coordination, Fr. Provincial has asked **Fr. Britto Peter**, the only full-timer among the Coordinators, to serve as the Convenor of the Conference of Coordinators.

☞ **Transfers:**

Fr. C. Amalraj from Beschi Illam, Dindigul to Myanmar

Fr. Ceyrac Pierre from Loyola, Chennai to St. Joseph's, Tiruchi

Fr. Gualbert John from De Britto, Devakottai to Dhyana Ashram, Chennai (awaiting sabbatical assignment)

Fr. Maria Wenisch S. from Nairobi to St. Joseph's, Tiruchi, M.Phil

☞ **Congratulations:**

Fr. S.M. John Kennedy has been awarded the SAR news best reporter award for 2006. This award carries a cash prize of Rs.10,000 and a citation. SAR news is an official news agency of the CBCI.

Sch. Thangadurai has bagged the gold medal in PG Chemistry.

☞ **A WARM AND HEARTY WELCOME** to the Madurai Province of the Society of Jesus to **M. Amalraj, S. Arockia Duraisamy, M. Arockia**

Selvam, S. Anantharaj, C. Immanuel, T. John Kamilas, T. Manojkumar, S. Thayanithi, R. Jesu Raja, K. Swaminadhan. The first eight of them entered the Beschi Novitiate on 21 June and the last two on 28 June.

☞ **The annual statistics of the Society for 2006.** As of January 1, 2007 the number of Jesuits in the world was 19,216 (364 fewer than in 2005): 13,491 are priests, 3,049 scholastic students, 1,810 Brothers, and 866 novices. During the year, 486 joined the Society, 472 died and 378 left. The average age of the Jesuits in 2007 is 57.34: 63.40 for priests, 29.89 for scholastics and 65.54 for Brothers.

There are 91 Provinces and 12 Dependent Regions As in the previous year, the South Asia Assistancy, with 4,018 members who represent 20.9% of the total membership in the Society, is the most numerous, followed by the United States of America (2,952 members), South Europe (2,448), West Europe (1,958), East Asia-Oceania (1,672), South Latin America (1,513), Africa (1,430), North Latin America (1,374), East Europe (1,119), and Central Europe (732).

☞ The telephone nos. of **Fr. A. Antonysamy**, (Nepal) are: (00977) 98510-79711, (00977) 1-4242050
☞ **Sch. Antony Tharcus** left the Society on 1 June 2007.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

JESUIT PRE-NOVITIATE, VILANGUDI

With the motto, "To Arise, To Aspire and To Achieve..." the academic year, 2007-08 kick-started with twenty two young and audacious pre-novices on 20th June. By his unique flair and amicable welcoming, **Fr. Paul Pragash** made everyone feel at home. The inventive and focused orientation by **Fr. Sahaya Wilfred** installed the spirit of zeal and the sense of oneness in them. **Fr. Mariadoss**, veteran historian of Kumbakonam diocese motivated the new comers with the Jesuit folklore of this region during his pertinent and fact-filled inaugural address. The solemn concelebrated high mass of the Holy Spirit presided over by Fr Paul Pragash egged on them to march ahead 'magically'. The pre-novices were at top gear in their maiden spiritual meeting with **Fr. X. Savarimuthu**. VMI gleefully welcomes **Fr. Joe Srinivasan** and **Sch. Sahayaraj Vijayan**, the new members of the community.

Victor Roch

VIDYANIKETAN (JESUIT JUNIORATE), THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The 'Newest' Jesuits of the Madurai Province are eager to make their debut in their province newsletter. The Madurai juniors after experiencing their own

version of the Montmartre experience of pronouncing their first vows enjoyed a couple of days in the novitiate in their new roles as 'JUNIORS'. On 23 June they left Dindigul for Trivandrum.

Thanks to **Br. Savarimuthu, Frs. Ilanko Xavier, Mathew Cyril** and members of St. Mary's Community, Madurai, the juniors had a memorable send-off from Madurai junction.

At the Kazhakuttom junction, Kerala they were warmly welcomed by **Frs. Emmanuel** (MDU) and **Victor D' Silva** (KAR). Tiny raindrops falling from the sky were not drops of rain any more but showers of blessings from the Good God! What else could they expect in God's own country with all the greenery and canals of water covering every inch of the available space? The juniors had a community building workshop from 25 to 27 June under the guidance of **Fr. Ephrem** (KER), Director of Socio-Religious Centre, Calicut. Under his direction all the differences of language and culture vanished into thin air (not entirely though!) In all there are thirty five juniors.

On 28 June the community had the Mass of the Holy Spirit. **Fr. Jose Mathew**, Principal, St Xavier's College, Thumba was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function and other Jesuits belonging to the college community honoured us by their presence. We had a 'bada khana' for lunch, thanks to **Br. Chacko** (KER) and his co-workers. So, the juniors are all set to give their best in the juniorate, all that they ask of you is your prayerful wishes in their endeavour.

V. Santosh

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

With rejuvenated vigour and fervour obtained from the summer meet at Shembag, we, the eighteen philosophers, landed in DNC safe and sound on 28th May. After a day of rest and relaxation, we began journeying to the spiritual realm through our annual retreat from 29th May to 7th June. Kudos to **Fr. Cyril Desbruslais**, the Superior of philosophers, who escorted us in our spiritual experience with his liberative and radical thoughts. With spiritual nourishment, we had an inspiring inaugural liturgical celebration presided over by **Fr. Oscar Rosario**, the new Rector of DNC, who extended his warm and hearty welcome to the newcomers as well as old timers to step into this new academic year with his message: "Listen to the Spirit and Trust in God".

On 11th June, JDV celebrated the official inauguration of the new academic year 2007-08 with the Solemn High Mass concelebrated by the **Most Rev. Oswald Gracias**, the Archbishop of Bombay, who imbued us with his soul stirring homily on "A Light to Enlighten". During the inaugural function, we bid farewell to **Fr. Anand Prabhu**, the former Registrar,

who rendered significant service for the enhancement of JDV for six years. A cheerful and warm welcome was given to **Fr. Albert Menezes**, the new Registrar, and to **Fr. G. Alex**, the new treasurer.

Fr. Arul Jeevan, the Librarian of JDV, performed his holy week ministry among 3000 Tamil Catholics at Vadala in Mumbai, who hail from different parts of Tamil Nadu. He also preached a 6-day retreat to Carmelite Missionary Sisters in Pune. Congrats to Fr. Jeevan for introducing and installing the latest IT technology in JDV Library to enhance and boost students' interest.

Antony Inigo

ARUL KADAL, CHENNAI

Arul Kadal wore a fresh look with the arrival of the freshers on June 17. The newcomers including **Fr. Xavier Irudayaraj** were given a very warm welcome. The Community Orientations went on in full swing on June 18 and June 19. The continuous presence of **Fr. Britto Peter**, the PCF on these days was really strengthening and a blessing.

On June 19th morning, full of hopes and plans, **Fr. Raj Irudaya** took over as the new Superior in a simple Eucharistic celebration. The community sincerely thanked **Fr. Alangaram**, the outgoing Superior for his strenuous efforts to shape Arul Kadal. The students expressed their gratitude specially for his encouragement and guidance in their writings.

The academic year was gracefully inaugurated by the **Most Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius. Fr. A. Victor**, the Chennai Mission Superior, **Fr. PCF**, and **Frs. K. Amal** and **Amalanathan**, the Rectors of Loyola College and Satya Nilayam respectively pointed out the historical relevance of Arul Kadal. A thought-provoking keynote address on *The Response of Markan Jesus to Suffering and Pain* delivered by **Mr. Sam P. Matthew**, professor of New Testament from Gurukul Lutheran College gave a flying start to our theologizing.

Arul Kadal had an experience of integration on June 25 and June 26 as the 4th year students faced their comprehensive exams in a successful manner.

Fr. Maria Arul Raja effectively animated the General Chapter of the CIC sisters both in their planning and proceedings. He was also the resource person for the orientation for the teaching staff of the theological faculty of Gurukul Lutheran College. He also devoted sessions to illustrate the 'Art of Theologizing from the Fields' for 60 students of Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Madurai.

A Tamil book '*Andrada Vazhvil Irai Varthai*' written by Fr. Xavier Irudayaraj has been published by the shrine church at Vailankanni. It is a help to the laity to

experience the positive power of God's Word in daily life.

The 34th Summer course in Carnatic music was attended by 70 participants. The highlight of this year's programme was the release of a CD consisting of 64 songs useful for liturgy. The CD was released by Fr. Amalanathan, the Rector of Satya Nilayam. (CDs are available with **Fr. Chelladurai**). At the end of the course 6 students completing 4 years were given certificates titled 'Arulisaimani' and the 5th year student, 'Arulisaithilham'.

On June 26, the prolific writer **Rev. Dr. James Massey** shared with us his recent projects in the Dalit world and Biblical world. It was really an eye-opener into the Dalit world. He joyfully remembered that Arul Kadal hosted one of the first meetings on Dalit Theology.

The 1st and 2nd year theology students had an exposure during the summer holidays into the current Tamil Literature and had a taste of various literary genres like '*sirukathai, puthinam, katturai, chevvi* (interview) and *kavithai*' under the able guidance of **Fr. Francis Jayapathy**. We sincerely thank him for his guidance and the Community of Carmel School for their warm hospitality.

Paul Benedict

BESCHI ILLAM, DINDIGUL

Beschi community is grateful to **Fr. Ilango**, Socius to the Novice Master and **Br. Bruno**, the House Procurator for their dedication and services to the Beschi community. We are glad to welcome **Br. M.L. John Bosco** and **Br. Selvaraj Uthiriam** to the Beschi community. Their very presence is a source of edification to the younger generation. On 15 June, we joined the Sacred Heart Residence (Press and Mercy Home) to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The same day, ten novices joined our Novitiate for their first probation. On 21 June, ten second year novices pronounced their First Vows and left for the Juniorate in Trivandrum on 23 June. **Fr. Pavul Raj**, the Novice Master gave a two-day orientation programme for the newly elected team of the General and Provincials of CIC. Twelve Sisters from various Congregation have joined the CIS Formators' Course. The inauguration on 26 June was presided over by **Rev. Mother Celine Nirmala** FSPM, Mother General of the Coimbatore Presentation Congregation.

M. Christu Raja

DHYANA ASHRAM, CHENNAI

On 16th June the people who attend Mass regularly at Dhyana Ashram felicitated **Fr. A. Victor** on being appointed Superior of Chennai Jesuit Mission. After Mass at 6 30 p.m. there was a felicitation function

in Xavier Hall. **Dr Padmanabhan**, a former Governor of Mizoram presided over the function. **Mr. Sabari** gave a talk touching on the good qualities of Fr. A. Victor. Ponnadais and garlands were offered to Fr. A. Victor. It was followed by a sumptuous dinner. About 120 people attended the function.

On 17th June Dhyana Ashram Community bade farewell to Fr. A. Victor and welcomed the new superior **Fr. James Rodrigues**. After dinner during the community meeting they were felicitated by the community by cutting a cake and offering of ponnadais.

Thamburaj

LOYOLA INSTITUTES, KUPPAYANALLUR

“Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.” On the one hand we miss the zealous men **Frs. Joe Xavier, Stephen and Sch. Paul Benedict**, on the other hand we have formed yet another Youngest, Efficient, Apostolic [YEA] team with the new blooms **Frs. Sales, Dominic, Gerlin, Anbu, Br. Arockiasamy, Schs. Thangam and Gnanam**. We have a new collaborator **Sr. Adaikalam FBS** for the Gracy Illam, who has replaced **Sr. Leolin SFJ** to whom our community is ever thankful.

Our school has set another record in the 10th public exam results with 95%. **Fr. Albert Joseph** and his team deserve appreciations for the brilliant result. Besides the arts group, this year we have started the first group for the + 1 students. Loyola School is grateful to **Fr. Varaprasadam** and we are indebted to the former Rector of Loyola College **Fr. Boniface Jeyaraj** for the generosity and concern towards the growth of the school. The Holy Spirit Mass in the new academic year has enkindled us to work with zeal.

Our regent **Sch. Thangadurai** has bagged the gold medal in PG Chemistry, and thus made us feel proud. **Fr. Sales** gave a ‘Time Structuring’ seminar for the campus staff, which was timely and resourceful. **Fr. Anbu** is another busy man, organizing orientations, besides his short term assignment as acting Parish Priest and his favorite task of promotion of vocations.

It was not a surprise when **Frs. A. Victor** and **Maria Joseph**, the new Chennai Mission officials visited us on 19th June they gave us a spark of missionary feeling. We wish you all success across the Province; while we request you to pray for all the Chennai mission missionaries.

Gnanaraj

ST MARY’S, MADURAI

For the orientation programme **Fr. Michaelraj** Karisal animated the community for a day focusing on the christo-centric vision, magis and action-plan full of zest and vitality. The academic year opened with the mass of the Holy Spirit presided over by Fr. Rector

and animated by a dynamic message of **Fr. Stephen** A.P.P. On account of the new policy of the government of admitting all the 10th Std promoted students, all the students were accommodated in different groups increasing the strength of the school and Hostel. With the arrival of the experienced new warden **Fr. Joe Xavier** the hostel is marching ahead with new vigour and enthusiasm.

Sunday catechism and mass for children were adopted in a systematic way with the help of the parish youth. The children begin to experience this new spiritual climate which enthuses the kids to have more meaningful liturgy.

Felix Joseph

LTI, MADURAI

The new team of administration with **Br. Bruno** as the Procurator, **Br. Titus** as the Minister and **Fr. Stephen Muthu** as the Superior and Director of the Community College, have started functioning with enthusiasm. The orientation course marked the beginning of our community life. **Fr. Jothi**, Superior of ISI, Bangalore, animated the community for two days on 27th and 28th of June with his expert initiation of the participants on the very relevant issues of Community life, Human Relations and Self Renewal. The active participation of the members made the programme very interesting and useful. With some useful exercises Fr. Jothi made us aware of the need to be friends in the Lord in our religious life with all its psychological implications. It was indeed a good beginning for our community to start the new academic year.

Our LTI second year students are preparing for the final All India Trade Test and the staff members with the guidance of the Principal **Br. A. Ignacy** are busy preparing them for this important life determining examination. **Fr. G. Ambrose** was hospitalized for a few days because of sugar related problems and is now recuperating.

Mr. Paul Burkner, who attended the 15th governing body of Madurai Community College (MCC) on 16th April, visited our campus again in June. Among other activities, the MCC is helping him to identify potential institutions who like to have a tie up with universities and research institutes in Europe. Br. Ignacy and Fr. Stephen J. Muthu were instrumental in introducing Arul Anandar College to him. The latter is also assisting **Fr. Sebasthi Raji** in conducting the evaluation of the Bon secours congregation, who are preparing for their sequential celebration. The evaluation is conducted at different levels for six months. He also addressed the Superiors of St. Joseph of Lyons on the role of proactive leadership.

G. Packiaraj

ST.MARY'S, DINDIGUL

A new building with three classrooms has been constructed in our school with funds from the local M.P. (Rs.4.5 lakhs). The government officials inaugurated the new building recently. A new audio-visual hall is in the making to be used for the ELT sessions.

S.M.John Kennedy

IDEAS, MADURAI

As if to temper the summer heat, our community had some refreshing Jesuit apostolic fellowship moments in April-June. Our Easter celebration got prolonged with the extended community of IDEAS, LAAS and KARISAL trekking the road to the cool showers of Courtalam and Augustiar Falls on 10th and 11th April and enjoying the hospitality of Xaveriana community. We felt young in the midst of around 40 boys attending the vocation promotion camp in April - the first in our campus in recent years. On 2-3 May, 14 scholastics of southern provinces had the privilege of being guided by **Jebamalai Raja, Eugene** and other Jesuits during the final phase of their JESA South Zone summer programme - "*Analysis of Village Exposure Experiences*". Our hospitality did quite relax the Directors of province social action centres and commission members during their tight scheduled gathering on 16th & 17th June. A highlight of these fellowship events was **Provincial Deva's** visit on 11th and 12th June. With no woes and worries about us, he did leave his good feelings and hopes with us. As one of us succinctly put it at the concluding eucharistic celebration, Deva's visitation was indeed 'a graced moment personally felt'.

While Nagai Jesuit team's 55 community-college girl-students pitched their training tent here, 'Beat the summer heat with IDEAS' shady campus' was the combative mood of other trainees from 'Arunthathiyar Orunkinaippu Kuzhu, Aadhi Thamizhar Peravai, Aadhi Thamizhar Viduthalai Munnani, Saathi Ozhippu Munnani, Puthirai Vannar' movement, and Jesuit social action centres.

An exciting summer news item to be recorded in the annals of IDEAS is the constitution of The Welfare Board for Scavengers by the TN Govt. on 8th June. Proudly and gratefully acknowledged by the Arunthathiyar leaders, this was one of the significant fruits of much training and consultations they had had at IDEAS in the recent past, leading to the meeting of the 'Arunthathiyar Orunginayppu Kuzhu', supported by the Left parties, with the Chief Minister to get their long pending demand fulfilled.

At the farewell Eucharistic celebration on 7th May, we remembered with gratitude **Ravi** for his affectionate and zestful presence during his one-year stay in our

community. For **Stephen Martin** the two-week visit to Sri Lanka to conduct two media education workshops at Hatton and Kandy for activists and collaborators of Jesuit social action centres was a memorable experience on many counts: his first visit to the pearl island country, the in-depth impact of his workshops and his feeling of 'safe return back home' after having seen gun-trotting security forces dotted along the streets and highways. **Eugene** presented an overview of social action ministry in Madurai Province to 13 young priests of Andhra Province and their Provincial gathered at Sirumalai. Later, while presiding over the annual day celebrations of PEAK's people's *sanghams*, he had the unenviable challenge to keep his audience engaged with his marathon speech so as to give sufficient time for the *briyani* to get cooked. Again, he proved his mettle as an expert in the ELT training of Jesuit school teachers on 31 May-2 June at Christu Nagar, Dindigul. As resource person, **Jebamalai Raja** has to his credit a string of talks delivered on various themes: *Christian Commitment Today* for the laity at Puthur, Madurai, *Right to Information Act* for the staff of Pondicherry Multipurpose Social Service Society, *Ambedkar and Reservation* for the Dalit youth at a camp in Madurai, *The Meaning of Sacerdotal Priesthood Today* for the priests of Madurai Vicariate, *Apostolic and Community Orientation* for the Jesuit confreres at Karumathur. Some time after his classes on *Orientation to Social Analysis* at ISI-Bangalore from 16-19 April, **Aloy** did a two-week research monitoring of field data collection at Sanand, near Ahmedabad, in May, followed by an evaluation program for NCDHR from 3-6 June at New Delhi. Bereaving the loss of **Eugene's** dear mother, **Savariammal Pappu**, the community, together with our lay staff and Jesuit friends in and around Madurai, participated in the touching farewell funeral service at Rayappanpatti, and followed it up with Eucharistic worship at IDEAS on 22nd June.

Aloysius Irudayam

ICRDCE, CHENNAI

ICRDCE organized the 18th Teachers Training Programme at Asha Nivas from the 4th to 9th of June 2007 in which 82 Participants from all over India, East Africa and South Africa participated. It is happy news for the Community College Movement that there are 10 Community Colleges in four countries of East Africa and Life Coping skills are taught in 15 industrial training institutes in South Africa. **Fr. K. Amal**, Rector, Loyola College, presided over the valedictory function and distributed the certificates to the participants. The African team consisting of 10 members from East Africa and six members from South Africa visited Community Colleges at KGF, Ranipet, Villupuram and Tiruchi. They have submitted a detailed report to ICRDCE about the lessons learnt from the training programme

and the visits and also its implications to the African situation. It is a historic day for the Community Colleges on the 29th of June 2007. **Dr. Ponnudi**, the Education Minister of Tamil Nadu presented diplomas to 700 Community College Students at Kamaraj Arangam, Chennai. He expressed his commitment to the movement on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu. He also released 2 volumes with the title "Reaching Beyond" containing 130 Profiles of Urban, Rural, Women and Tribal Community Colleges. **Fr. Xavier Alphonse** as the Chairman of the UGC Review Committee on Community Colleges has been asked to present a detailed report in the UGC official Commission meeting on the 2nd of July 2007. This will be the first step towards the official national recognition of the system. There will be 14 Community Colleges started during the academic year (2007 - 2008) all over India.

Xavier Alphonse

CARMEL, NAGERCOIL

Carmel Hr. Sec. School re-opened for the new academic year on the 4th June, with Jesuit staff, reduced, but re-energized, each taking up more departments. On the 7th June, the school management, staff and students gathered at the quadrangle in prayer and worship, invoking the Holy Spirit for light, love and life in the New Year. **Fr.P.S.Arul**, our superior, led the prayers at Mass and preached an inspiring homily. The Carmel Jesuit Community celebrated the 80th birthday of **Br.Paul Chinnappan** on the 18th, June, with his relatives invited for a special dinner at Carmel. On the next day, the Parish priest of Mount Devasagayam felicitated Br.Chinnappan with a special Mass in his parish Church. The Carmel Jesuits and some more priests, including the Diocesan Administrator joined the celebration and felicitation.

On the 22nd June, **Fr. Jayapathy** gave a talk to the Community on the spirituality emerging from the life of sinfulness and imperfection. And on the 26th June, he addressed a special audience in Chennai, with Bishops and other distinguished personalities, on mission to the alcoholics, that day being the International Anti-Drug and Alcoholic Day. St. Jude's College, Thoothoor, reopened after the vacation on 13th June. The admissions for the I UG Students were in full swing. Unusual phenomenon of this year was a heavy rush for Arts courses. Because of the abolition of Entrance Test, the takers for science courses were less since many are knocking at the doors of professional colleges. **Fr. Sebastian Anand** was admitted on the 22nd June, in Maria Diabetic Centre for a small operation of a cyst in his back. He was discharged on the 25th, and proceeded at once to Thoothoor College to attend to his usual duties as Principal.

S.M. Arockiam

ST ARULANANDAR, ORIYUR

We bade farewell to **Fr. M.S. Irudaya Raj** who rendered tireless service to our community as Minister and to the parish as the Assistant parish priest for the past five years. Two young, energetic and handsome members have been added to our community: **Fr. M. Anthony Samy** and **Sch. James**, as the Assistant PP and the Asst. Director of Arulagam hostel respectively.

Our students of standards 10th and 12th have brought laurels to the school and the management by securing 99% each in their Public Examinations. The Arulagam standard 12th students stole the first six places in the school; kudos to **Sch. Andrew Michael** who worked behind the screen.

Hats off to **Fr. Ignacy**, the Head Master and the Staff Members who put their mind and soul in raising our children to this present status. Fr. Ignacy congratulated the students and the staff for their committed and continued pursuit of excellence, in the school assembly on the reopening day. We had also Concelebrated Solemn High Mass in the parish church, in which **Fr. Marivalan** was the main celebrant and **Fr. Jerome** preached the homily. As one family we prayed to the Holy Spirit for abundant graces to lead us all through this academic year.

Arulagam has also begun its academic life with 400 hostellers who are filled with vim and vigor. A cycle shed is being built in the school campus for the girls through the generous contribution of **Mr. Malaisamy**, Rajya Sabha M.P. All our community members have started this academic year with the rejuvenated spirit. We get some drizzle in and around Oriyur which is not sufficient for the cultivation and we hope to get plenty of rain in the near future.

James

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, SHEMBAGANUR

The regular tertianship commenced with twenty tertians on the 5th of June with the inaugural Eucharistic celebration presided over by **Fr. S. Arockiam**. The tertians with a lot of devotion organized pilgrimage to various shrines of Tamilnadu as it is a part of their preparation before they begin the Ignatian month-long retreat to begin on the 29th of June.

Sacred Heart College community had an orientation for a couple of days. During this orientation, the community reflected upon the letters written by Fr. Provincial to the community. **Fr. S. Arockiam**, our superior explained a few policies to the community reinforced by Fr. Provincial. The community also collectively evolved certain norms to bring us a little closer to one another.

Fr. S. Arockiam went to the regional theologate of Karnataka Province to facilitate theological dialogue on the social experiences of first year students on 24 and 25 June. The community organized the Golden Jubilee celebration of **Fr. Donatus Jeyaraj** in a grand scale on the 24th of June. Fr. Donatus Jeyaraj in his inspiring sermon, said, this celebration is nothing but an expression of gratitude to the fidelity of God. This was, indeed, a striking statement to many of us. **Fr. AMA Samy** felicitated Fr. D. Jeyaraj with a litany of praises for his commendable work in the Province. He also pointed out in his felicitation a certain exceptional distinctiveness of Fr. D. Jeyaraj. Thirty-four Salesian Priests made a retreat at SHC from the 25th to the 30th of June.

The PEAK team had an orientation for three days in which **Fr. Xavier Raj** initiated the process by explaining the historical progress of PEAK. Each member of the team put his heart and soul to evolve a certain innovative and creative action plan for this academic year. With the support of our Jesuits working in our colleges, the PEAK team was also able to admit six Dalit and Tribal boys in our colleges this year. It was a source of encouragement to the team that Fatima College, Madurai also extended its helping hand in admitting three girls from Kodai Dalits and Tribals.

Kodai Grihini organized an Alumni Meet on 24th of June. They invited many resource persons from the Social welfare department. Nearly three hundred alumni actively participated in it. They also discussed various topics such as SC/ ST Welfare and the Plight of Child Marriage, etc., relevant to their lives.

Innacimuthu

ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE, KARUMATHUR

A one-day orientation programme was held on 8th of June. The resource person of the programme, **Fr. Jebamalai Raja** contextualized personal growth against the backdrop of our mission. In the afternoon, he facilitated our planning session in the light of our Vision Statement. The joy and serenity of Arrupe Illam was enhanced with the arrival of five new scholastics and **Fr. Francis Xavier Raj**.

The staff of self-financed courses had three days of in-service training on teaching, learning and evaluation methods. On 12th, the entire faculty had a day of orientation on Research and Consultancy. The Staff of AAC appreciated the efforts of **Fr. Pushparaj** for arranging able-handed resource persons for the programmes.

This year the admission process went on very well in spite of heavy rush for some of the courses. **Fr. Xavier Arockiasamy**, the admission officer, handled the process in an outstanding manner. On 25th of June, the freshers had a rousing welcome. They have added life and lustre to the campus.

Fr. Vincent Sekhar gave a daylong seminar on Religious Consciousness of India to the staff and students of Canisius College, USA, at IDCR, Chennai. He attended the Board Meeting of the Department of Jainology at the University of Madras. **Fr Mattam** is not keeping well. We kindly ask your prayers for his good health.

Michael

ST XAVIER'S INSTITUTIONS, PALAYAMKOTTAI.

It is really a new beginning for the entire campus of St Xavier's college. On June 5 in the solemn mass **Fr Vincent Britto** took charge as the new rector. He thanked **Fr Antony Pappuraj** and **Fr Antonysamy** for their valuable service to the institution. He also stressed the need for interdependence, collaboration and committed service.

The versatile genius **Fr Jeyabalan** of Andhra province was the man who anchored the two day orientation for the community. With his rich experience and in-depth knowledge he directed the community towards a positive apostolic mission in this academic year.

The curiosity among the staff and students of finding out who would be the new Principal, came to an end when **Fr Alphonse Manickam** climbed the dais surrounded by the other new officials when the whole college assembled in the Lebeau auditorium for the inaugural prayer service on June 13. On the same day the college gathered in the quadrangle to pay homage to **Dr. Kesavaraj** of the Tamil department who passed away on 31 May.

Both the college and the hostel Students' Council elections were held on June 22 very successfully. Thanks to **Fr. Danis Ponnaiah**, the new vice principal and his team for very meticulously planning and executing such a tedious and serious endeavour. **Dr. Rosary Mary**, the coordinator of Youth Activities of M.S. University, was the chief guest at the Inauguration of the Students' Council and other associations. The Fine Arts Association entertained the house-full gathering with a very spectacular cultural show.

St. Xavier's Hr. Sec School added one more feather to her crown when **Master Chinna Kumaravel** scored 487/500 and clinched the second position in the district and the fourth position in the state. He has also scored the first place in Science.

Four bright Dalit students have been chosen by the Tamilnadu Adi Dravida Welfare Society and have been admitted to St. Xavier's to do their XI std. The entire academic expenses along with other expenses will be borne by the above mentioned society.

The school has introduced a new course, Physical Education, with the help of St. Mary's Dindigul, for

the students of higher secondary. The Arts and Science college and the school are in the full gear and the new principal of the college of Education, **Fr. Thomas Alex** is waiting patiently for the announcement from the government to flag off the academic year.

With the arrival of seasoned persons like **Fr. Aelred D'Silva** and **Fr S.P. Savarimuthu** and 'little batches' like **Schs. Stalin** and **Velanganni** the community is now a full fledged family with plenty of fun and frolic.

Godwin Rufus

ST JOSEPH'S, TIRUCHI

On 13 and 14 June 2007, an orientation programme for the teaching staff was conducted. The non-teaching staff had also a similar programme on 14 June. Classes for all the senior students commenced on 15 June. I.U.G and I.P.G classes began on 20 and 27 June respectively. Election to the students' Council was held on 22 June and the class representatives elected the various office bearers. Admissions to U.G. and P.G courses are over for this academic year.

The hostels too had their election of student representatives and are getting ready for the "Freshers' Party". The Freshers' Party is quite a healthy way of welcoming the new comers into the hostel in the place of the old rite of initiation, the nasty "ragging" on the campus.

The rush for admissions was very heavy this year at our higher secondary school since it has secured very good results both in the tenth standard (100%) and twelfth standard exams (98%). The Headmaster **Fr. Francis Xavier** was hard put to it to meet all the recommendations from both inside the community and outside. The school has been chosen this year after a lapse of 12 years, as the venue for the District level sports and games meet.

During the month of June, our Parish Priest, **Fr. Mount Joseph** has been busy visiting the families and renewing their consecration to the Sacred Heart.

SAHAYAMATHA MISSION, KILPENNATHUR

The AHAL Centre arranged Intensive English Coaching camp for our 12th students with the help of present second year scholastics of Pune. Forty four students actively participated and benefited from this camp. Thanks a lot to the philosophers who took much effort to teach English to the future glittering stars.

Summer camp 2007 was arranged for the 6th, 9th and 10th students from 29th April to 13th May. There were 72 students and 12 teaching staff from 18 villages. All the boys who studied at Arrupe Illam got the SSLC. A girl student, **Arul Jyothi** from our Parish who came for our special coaching camp at AHAL Centre scored 444 marks and **D. Kumar**, our Arrupe Illam boy scored 417 marks.

We profusely express our gratitude to **Fr. Anbarasu** who rendered valuable service to the mission for the last two years. We welcome **Fr.S. Amalraj** in his place at AHAL. The Arrupe Illam students are back at the Illam. We are indebted to **Schs. Sahayam, Babu, S.A. Arockiasamy, Anbu, Arockiasamy, Dominic, Stephen** and two candidates **Swamynathan** and **Jesu** who were with us in the first two weeks of June. **Fr.A. Victor**, the Mission Superior and other fathers from Loyola College were with us on 21st June. Training for the AHAL Kalaikulu was conducted at the Centre from 22nd to 24th June.

The parish feast of Sahaya Matha was celebrated for three days from 24th to 26th May. The VG and the VF were with the people for the hoisting of the flag.

Arul Durai

DACA, MADURAI

It was a happy occasion to have **Fr. Provincial** with us at the beginning of this academic year. We have newly admitted 23 girls in 6th, 9th and 11th Std in our hostel, who are students of St. Joseph's Girls' Hr. Sec. School, Madurai. The total number of school-going girls has gone up to 102. The coordinators of Self Help Groups and Evening Study Centers have come together to plan out program for the year 2007-2008. Madurai City Scavengers Development project is launching a new plan for pre-school children in and around the city. Our sincere thanks to **Fr. George Joseph** for his service to DACA for the past three years.

S. Packiaraj

AICUF

Tamil Nadu AICUF Students from different Colleges attended the State Summer Camp from June **01-06, 2007** at Tiruchi AICUF State Secretariat. The Camp was inaugurated by **Fr. Rajarathinam** the Principal. In his talk he insisted that they needed to have mastery over the subject they study. **Mr. David** the State Secretary explained the dynamics of the camp and introduced the theme "*Samuha Vazhivalum Maanava Thalaimaithuvamum*" to the students. Then **Mr. Packiaraj** a former full timer gave a talk on "*Situations speak from the perspective of the people*". It was really inspiring and called us to reflect on why we should demand social liberation for Dalits. And this was followed by **Mr. Salo**, former Aicuf, on "*Situations speak from the perspective of students*" inviting us to transform the social realities of today.

The next day, 2nd June, a session on "*women and their reality*" by **Ms. Subathra** inspired the students to work for women's liberation that would create a just society where there is no discrimination. After that a session on "book reading and discussion" guided by **Fr. Arul Ravi** enthralled the students to cultivate a

taste for reading and knowledge. Then we sat for a session with **Mr. Ravindra Raj** on "Refugees and their reality" that helped the students to understand the cosmic dimensions of this problem. In the evening **Prof. Juilius Ceasar** gave a talk on "Globalisation and the struggle of target people", followed by a session on "Student Leadership" by **Dr. John**.

On 3rd June a session on "Dalits and their reality" led by **Dr.K. Chinnappan** emphasizing the importance of education and inter-caste marriage that would break the social discrimination was very much appreciated by the students. On the same day we were exposed to the theme: "The realities of the transgender" by the meaningful interaction with **Ms. Mohana**, and her team. It really paved the way for the students to understand the realities. On the following day we had a field visit which made the students know the mind of the people. Then we had a session on "Student leadership and team spirit" by **Dr. Cruz** that invited a very good response from the students.

On 6th June we had a profound evaluation of the whole programme and the student community came up with a lot of resolutions. They said that they were overwhelmed by the State Camp which challenged and channeled their way of life. As the camp was coming to an end the students witnessed a young and energetic State Advisor taking over the responsibility of AICUF in the presence of the State Ex-co. Yes the responsibility was handed over to **Fr. Arul Ravi**, by the former State advisor, **Fr. Singarayar**. The day came to an end with celebration of hearty farewell. Thanks to Fr. Singarayar, the former State Advisor, who has served AICUF for eleven years.

S. Ravi

PANJARAM, SCHOLASTICS' MEET AND ANNUAL RETREAT 2007

This year as usual all the scholastics of our province gathered at Shembag for the summer meet and annual retreat from 16th to 30th May. All of them were in on 16th by 7.30 p.m. They rested on 17th after their summer camp held for students of Dalit, tribal and gypsy communities in different places in 22 institutions, social action centres and Jesuit parishes all over Tamil Nadu.

On 18th May there was a sharing of their summer camp experiences. It was noticed that each scholastic had served on an average 100 students. Camp for gypsy children organised by **Sch. Arockiasamy Antony** in Chennai at Loyola campus was a new venture of this year. The camp helped the scholastics to face present realities such as malnutrition, caste discrimination, oppression, poor education offered in Govt. schools and opportunities denied to our target people. In the sharing the experience of the talents of

children in different fields like arts, games, and academic activities amazed them. Children exhibited a lot of eagerness to learn and enthusiasm in arts and music. In the afternoon the scholastics went for 'novitiate batch picnic' which helped them rejuvenate and relive their novitiate fellowship.

On the second and third day we had a seminar on 'MS i k K j p h r p - g z p f ; f h f' (Maturity for Mission). **Frs. Donatus Jeyaraj, Arockiasamy Xavier** and **Paul Mike** were the resource persons of the seminar. We thank sincerely the team for helping us to reflect contemplate on the theme. Special thanks to Fr Paul Mike who accepted our first request and organised the team of resource persons.

On 20th May **Fr. Devadoss**, Provincial, addressed the scholastics on GC 35. It was informative and called us for a universal outlook. Then **Fr Britto Peter**, PCF, encouraged us for a life of accountability in terms of time, talents and money with our mission in focus. Scholastics bade farewell to the II year theologians who would not take part in the summer meet, and **Sch. Jeyaseelan** who is going to Afghanistan for regency. Summer meet ended with an evaluation session.

Frs. S. Arockiam and **Arockiasamy Xavier** preached the annual retreat from 21st to 29th May for senior scholastics (post-philosophy) and junior scholastics respectively. **Frs. Soosai** and **Cyril** offered their spiritual guidance during the retreat.

We the organisers of Panjaram, thank all the work directors who helped the scholastics in their formation and the SHC Community, Shembag for their generous hospitality and service rendered during the Summer meet and Retreat.

Inigo

YOUTH & LASAC MINISTRY

Following AICUF Model, Lasac ministry has started having its own Lasac Full Timer. Yes, **Mr. Alfred Nobel** has joined our team. He would move around facilitating Youth & Lasac groups in South Tamilnadu while **Sch. Stephen Daniel** our new regent, moves around the North.

Our Leadership Training Programme has got a better shape this year with its Certificate Course on Leadership. It organizes 14 One Hour Sessions and 2 One Day Camps for unorganized youth or student group containing 50 members, after which only the Lasac Certificate is issued. Certificate Course for 90 such groups, totaling more than 4,500 members all over Tamilnadu is in full swing this year.

As per the direction from Youth & LASAC GBM, an editorial team is constituted for Lasac Publication. We hope to bring out many more mini booklets on Life Motivation here after!

Xavier Antony

JESUIT TSUNAMI SERVICE, NAGAPATTINAM

Inauguration of one more multi-purpose community hall was organized in Keelaiyur - a dalit settlement near Poombuhur on 30th May in which the local MLA took part and lauded our works. Now the hall is open for the common use of the people.

During the current academic year 144 students from our work-area are studying in 7 different colleges outside Nagapattinam with the generous help of **Fr. Xavier Alphonse**, Director of ICRDCE. In an effort to send the students back home with proper motivation, Nagai organized series of 2 day social analysis training to all of them. Two such programs were conducted in IDEAS, Madurai and in Cuddalore. The students were enlightened on caste system, globalization, media criticism, women's rights and fundamentalism. The personal sharing of the girls on their encounter with men and caste system was very shocking and revealing.

St. Joseph's Community College students, for the first time, gave half an hour programme in Karaikal FM Radio on 'Motivation of Youth'. It will be on the air on 23rd July at 8.00pm.

Sch. Andrew our new regent is busy seeking admission for the orphan and deserving children in different schools. He is also holding meeting with teachers of evening study centers of all the zones.

Fr. Irudaya Raj along with **Fr. Stephen Martin** went to Sri Lanka to conduct two workshops of four days each on Media Education in Hattan and Candy for the staff members of Social Action Centers of Sri Lankan Jesuit Province.

A.Irudaya Raj

ALCOHOL TREATMENT CAMP

(This camp was organised by Jayapathy and the Sisters of the Presentation Convent [Nagle Dispensary] at Colachel.) The Alcohol treatment camp has ended! What a relief! The camp demanded more of our energies and professional resources than we had imagined. Emergencies cropped up like mushrooms in a forest after the first rains. Some of the arrangements - the individual counselors didn't turn up - the parish priests who had committed themselves to look after six patients each found that they were swamped with problems in their own parishes and couldn't get away. And we were left with 23 patients with nerve edges on fire under acute withdrawal! I ran around in desperation to locate, recruit six counselors and pay them professional fees to supply the need. This meant that there was no time to work with the counselors to set common goals and common approach. At the very best, it was an arrangement that just managed to keep the lid on a boiling cauldron. It was just enough.

The space available for the patients and their wives - some with suckling infants - was limited. The congestion meant that people were literally treading on each other's toes. We were on a fire fighting alert all the time. Our solution was to keep thinking of ways of keeping them engaged in group activities most of the time. Miniscule flare-ups needed to be snuffed out instantly. It took a toll on our 'serenity' and the camp officer is in bed at the moment of our writing. I was beginning to run ragged and developed an ear ache and felt generally run down. The ENT specialist asked for blood sugar level. And lo and behold it was 250 (random).

F. Jayapathy

JESUIT MINISTRY TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENTS:

The *CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON TN CHURCH'S MINISTRY TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENTS* (June 26th and 27th) evoked a much better response than I had expected. 82 participants, nuns, priests and laypersons had registered and on both days nearly 100 attended. Dhyana Ashram, which hosted the workshop, was nearly bursting at the seams.

Three Bishops (of Salem, of Madurai and the auxiliary of Madras-Mylapore) graced the inaugural function. The American Consul General, **Mr. David T. Hopper**, inaugurated the workshop and **Prof. Hilda Rayappan**, PRAJNA, Mangalore, delivered the keynote address. The Chennai Mission Superior and the Socius led the Jesuit presence at the workshop.

Apart from two inputs, the workshop format was mostly sharing and discussion in open sessions, a format that suited admirably the composition of the group. Most of the participants are tyros in the ministry. In a very real sense the workshop changed character from being 'consultative' to one of 'teaching'. The sharing was intensely personal and committed and it set the tone of the group working.

At the end of the workshop a list of suggestions was made to the TNCBC. The burden of the list is that the Bishops publicly recognize the need for this ministry and give it their official support, provide mechanism for networking, for training and eventually set up a Regional Centre to coordinate the ministry in the 19 dioceses of TN.

An adhoc committee was formed with 15 members. I have been nominated as its chairman.

A vast territory is open and is inviting its chartering.

Earlier, on 9th June, the month long Alcoholism Treatment Camp came to a conclusion with a concelebrated high mass. The patients and their families planned and conducted the liturgy. At the time of writing, all the patients are sober. The thrust of the

effort is not what happened at the camp, but the 'after care'. A field officer keeps regular, almost daily, contact with the campers and weekly meetings are arranged in their own villages. Already eleven alcoholics have approached the sober neophytes for tips on how to stop drinking! May this tribe increase!

F. Jayapathy

FR. A. ANTONYSAMY WRITES:

I am happy to say that I reached safe Kathmandu. **Fr.P.T. Augustine**, the Principal and **Fr. Bobby**, the college treasurer came to the airport to receive me. I had a royal welcome by the airport chief, who is a good friend of **Fr. Lawrence Maniyar**. The people are very friendly and sociable. Formally I took charge as the Principal of the college on 22nd June. Here the system is entirely different from ours. This college is affiliated to three universities and each one has its own programme. There is on one side exams going on in the other side classes going on and some are waiting for admissions and others are waiting for the results etc. I am slowly getting into the administration here. The staff and students are very cooperative. They are very eager that it should become a university soon. I am working towards it. We are looking for some land outside the city limit to start the university campus. We need people here. There are only four Jesuits in the college Jesuit community. I like to thank the staff, students and the Jesuits for their faith and support given to my leadership in St.Xavier's, Palayamkottai. It was really moving to see that so many of the staff, non-teaching staff and the Jesuits came to the railway station to see me off when I left Palyamkottai. I wish to thank Fr. Provincial and the Province for allowing me to come over to Nepal.

FOR YOUR "CLICKING PLEASURE" AND SPIRITUAL PROFIT:

Fr. Rex Pai recommends the following websites where you can find ample spiritual nourishment.

1. <www.ronrolheiser.com> A weekly column of Christian reflection by **Fr. Rolheiser, OMI** former Provincial in Canada. The previous years columns are also available in the 'archives' section. Stimulating and insightful.

2. <www.taize.fr> News and reflections from TAIZE monastery, the well known ecumenical centre in France, inspiring Christian youth and others all over the world.

3. <www.sacredspace.ie> A daily 10 minute prayer for busy people – run by Irish Jesuits. Receives millions of 'hits'.

4. <www.wccm.org> The website of 'World Council of Christian Meditation' Among the main contribution is **Lawrence Freeman OSB** who

continues the work of Benedictine **John Main** (Manthra Meditation etc.)

NEW RELEASES

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ABIDE WITH THE LORD

- ✂ **Fr. Norman Langenderfer** (PAT) 85/65 on 16.05.2007 at Patna.
- ✂ **Fr. Jos Mekat** (KER) 81/55 on 4 June 2007 at Calicut
- ✂ **Fr. L. F. Rasquinha** (KAR) 82/64 on 8 June 2007 at Mangalore
- ✂ **Fr. Ignatius Barwa** (HAZ) 55/33 on 11 June 2007 at Ranchi
- ✂ **Fr. Nevis Coutinho** (BOM) 82/62 on June 18 at Mumbai
- ✂ **Fr. Vincent Banon** (BOM) 80/59 on 21 June at Mumbai
- ✂ **Mrs. Savariammal Pappu** (70) mother of Fr. Eugene on 20th June at Rayappanpatty

FR. JORDAN LAPEIRE , SJ 29.04.1912 – 14.06.2007

Fr. Lapeire for all practical purposes is unknown to most of us in Madurai Province. After his novitiate (1933) in the Province of Toulouse, he came to Madurai Mission in the late 1930s. He did his philosophy in Shembag followed by regency (Madurai and Tiruchi) and theology in Kurseong. Once his tertianship was over at La Providence, Kodaikanal he was assigned to Mauritius Island to work among the Mauritians of Indian origin.



Then he went back to France involving himself in various kinds of ministries. From 1992 till death he lived at La Chauderaie, Francheville in South France. On 14th June 2007, Fr. Jordan collapsed in his chair while praying, all alone, in the infirmary chapel. That is how he was found around 8.30 pm. He was 95 years old. R.I.P.