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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

October

04-05	Chennai: Visitation: Berchmans Illam
06	Chennai: Consult
06-07	Chennai: Spirituality & Dialogue Commission GBM
07-12	Chennai: Visitation: Loyola College
13	Tiruchi: Ordinations
19-25	JCSA, Bangalore
26	Raia (Goa): Tertiaries
27-31	Baga (Goa): Vacation

November

02-03	Pune: Visitation: Papal Seminary, DNC
05-06	Madurai: , i wapa; vOrnp khehL
15	Dindigul: Consult

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS, Rome, 14 September 2007

To All Major Superiors

Dear Father, The Peace of Christ!

With this letter I want to inform you that in the light of the coming General Congregation we are not asking for any *ex officio* letters this year. Please let the usual writers know that they have the year off. Let me take this occasion to thank you for all the *ex officio* that have come to the Curia during the Generalate of Father Kolvenbach. Over these years they have served to keep us very well informed about the situation of the Provinces and Regions of the Society. In union with you in prayers for the General Congregation and with my cordial best wishes.

Frank E. Case, S.J., Secretary of the Society

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Province offers its prayerful wishes to five of our men who will be ordained Priests on 13 October 2007 at Tiruchi. Congratulations!

Jesuit Chennai Mission Office, Chennai:
Fr. A. Victor, Superior, Jesuit Chennai Mission, announces that the **First Jesuit Chennai Mission Assembly** will be held on **28th and 29th December 2007 in Loyola College, Chennai**. Details will be communicated later. He invites suggestions towards its success.

BROTHERS' ANNUAL RETREAT
Place: Dhyana Ashram, Chennai
Date: **December 7th evening to 15th noon**
Directed : by **Fr. I. Arul**
Fees: Rs. 1300/- (everything included)
Please contact **Br. Raja**, Dhyana Ashram, **before 25th November**.

COURSE AVAILABLE:
Hypnotherapy for Holistic Healing
Fr. Joe Kunnumpuram, S.J.
Place: SRC, Calicut - 673 009
Date: From 26th Nov (p.m.) to 2 Dec (p.m.)
Fees: Rs.1800/-; Call: 0495-2371826

- ☞ The **Most Rev. William D'Souza, S.J.** till now Bishop of Buxar is appointed Archbishop of Patna.
- ☞ **Fr. Stanislaus Rathinam** now at the Vatican Radio, will be in the Province for a few weeks. WELCOME.

☞ **Please note the following changes**

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NEWS FROM ROME

☞ To commemorate the approval of the Society by Paul III on September 27, 1540, Father General presided at the concelebration at the Gesù Church, where under the Pozzo's altar, the remains of St. Ignatius are venerated. In his homily, referring to the Papal Bull, Father General said that it was a wrong reading of the document to consider it as a list of "privileges" granted to the Society; what the Holy Father approved, he said, was the novelty of an apostolic body which, for the greater glory of God, had adopted a new way of life which was different from the traditional monastic pattern of religious orders. The exemptions granted by the Pope, Father General added, were not for our own "convenience" but rather to facilitate the apostolic life of the servants of the Christ mission.

☞ **Cardinal Adam Kozłowiecki, S.J.** died in Lusaka (Zambia) on September 28 at the age of 96. Born in Poland in 1911, he joined the Society in 1929. Arrested by the Gestapo together with 24 other Jesuits in Krakow, he was interned in Auschwitz and Dachau. After his liberation he joined the Jesuits in the mission of Rhodesia (now Zambia), where in 1959 he became the first Archbishop of Lusaka. After repeated requests to be replaced by an African, the Pope accepted his resignation in 1969, and Father Kozłowiecki became a *simple* missionary without cross, staff or mitre. He was appointed cardinal by Pope John Paul II in 1998. An occasional visitor to the Curia, he edified all by his simplicity, his honesty and his sense of humour. May God rest his soul.

☞ September 30: **Father Marcel Chappin, S.J.** (of the Netherlands Province), professor of History of the Church at the Gregorian University, has become Vice-Prefect of the Vatican Secret Archives.

☞ **Rev. Nicholas Pillai Packia Ranjit**, 40, a Sri Lankan diocesan priest who worked as Coordinator of the JRS, was killed on September 27 by a remote-controlled mine. At the moment of death he was on his way to deliver food to an orphanage in a car on

which a white flag was hoisted. The initial confusion led a number of agencies and newspapers to identify Rev. Pillai as a Jesuit.

☞ On October 1st, **Dr. Katrine Camilleri**, a lawyer with the JRS, received in Brussels from the Secretary General of the UN High Commission for Refugees, the Nansen Award for her commitment to the defence of the refugee rights in Malta.

☞ On November 6, 2006 the Jesuit community at Fonte Boa was attacked by a group of common criminals. In the attack, two persons were killed Father Waldyr dos Santos, a Brazilian Jesuit of 69 years, and a volunteer laywoman, Idalina Neto Gomes, from the Jesuits for Development group in Portugal. Three of the persons involved in the attack have been condemned to 24 years of prison, but the instigators of the crime are still at large.

☞ **Father James A. Martin, S.J.**, in residence at the Georgetown Jesuit community, died on October 1st. At 105 years of age he was the oldest Jesuit.

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

JESUIT CHENNAI MISSION OFFICE, CHENNAI

The Approval Order from the University of Madras to start the *Loyola College of Education, Chennai*, one of the Action Programmes of Chennai Mission, has come, thanks to the special efforts of the administration of Loyola College. Application forms are now being issued.

The Inspection by NCTE, Bangalore being over, the Approval Order is now awaited to start the *Loyola Teacher Training Institute, Kuppayanallur*.

Frs. A. Victor, K. Amal, Devasagayam, Maria Joe and **Deacon Jacob** met the **Most Rev. Singaroyan, DD**, the Bishop of Salem, on 5th September 2007. The meeting paved the way for possible initiatives for our future presence in the diocese.

At the Jesuit Chennai Mission Development Meeting held in Loyola College, Chennai on 15th September 2007, all the officials concerned – Team Leaders, Superiors, Directors of Works and Mission Consultants – were present. Welcoming the participants, Fr A. Victor, the Jesuit Chennai Mission Superior, in his inaugural address, stated the purpose of the meeting: "The sweat and the blood of our missionaries developed the Madurai Mission as a Vice-Province and then as an independent Province. Here is a wonderful

opportunity for us to imprint our mark in the history of the Jesuit Chennai Mission. We are here to create a new history, a history that will be told for ages to come. We are the pioneers who are going to give shape to our mission". During the first session (*Our Journey from the Province Assembly up to Now*), **Fr Joe Arun** presented the recent developments in the mission area. Later, the Conveners of different Task Forces appointed by **Fr Provincial** shared about their plans for the implementation of different Action Programmes. During the second session (*The Future Course of Our Journey*), **Fr Manuel Alphonse** invited the participants to speak freely about the future development of the mission in terms of programmes, directions and orientations. During the third and the last session (*Jesuit Chennai Mission Assembly*), Fr. K. Amal (Convener) specified the purpose of the Assembly: Promoting Collective Bonding and Developing a Vision Statement with a view to taking JCM to greater heights. To this end, he invited meaningful suggestions.

Maria Joseph

LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Fr Xavier Rajan, the student counsellor, completed the first series of two-day retreats for the students. The Loyola College Students Union organized a peaceful, departmentwise, cultural and literary show on 21 and 22 September. Notable cine personalities who visited the venue were 'Chiyan' Vikram, Manorama and Vijay. The students of the Visual Communication Department, who received the overall championship award, cheered with an overdose of enthusiasm and excitement as they heard their teacher **Fr.L.X. Jerome** sing a song in Tamil praising the chief guest.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized a students-officials interaction and carried out a critical review of the functioning of the various units of the College. Commemorating the United Nations International Day for Peace and Non-Violence, the Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions (IDCR), Loyola College and GBK Ashram had a one-day seminar on September 24, on *Pro-Active Peace initiatives*. A two-day National Consultation: *Harmonising India* organized by IDCR, CMC of the Netherlands and CSSS of Mumbai in Loyola College premises on September 26th and 27th, called for a collective effort to create a society that respects human rights. The consultation cautioned the citizens against mixing politics with religion. It proposed that one sure way to remove the conflicts caused in the name of

caste, creed and religion would be to uphold the tenets of secularism. The key to propagating communal harmony lies in fulfilling the basic needs of everybody.

The Centre for Education and Empowerment of the Downtrodden (CEED) honoured two of our men: **Fr. Muthumalai** with the *Best Principal Award* and **Sch Ignacy Arockiasamy** with the *Young Achiever Award*. NAAC, Bangalore has invited Fr. Muthumalai to its Assessor Briefing Programme. **Fr Francis Peter** is invited to collaborate with *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan* in its new venture *Project Speak English*. He is the chairperson of the team now engaged in producing a 20-minute capsule to be broadcast every working day over AIR, beginning on 14th November, 2007.

Loyola College students formed a human chain outside the College campus. They arranged a cycle rally. They stood in the hot sun wearing a T-Shirt that bore a meaningful message. They participated in a peaceful demonstration. They listened to some inspiring speeches. All these efforts were made to express their solidarity. The one cry of the students was: implement the Misra Commission Recommendations; include Dalit Christians in the SC list and thus render justice. The students expressed their displeasure with discrimination in the name of religion.

A.G. Leonard

RANIPET

A new venture namely Life Engineering Works, an income generating production unit, was inaugurated by **Fr. Gunasekaran** and blessed by **Fr Arul Oli** on 5 September. All our students were the beneficiaries of a seminar on *motivation* conducted by **Ms. Veda** and her team.

I. Vedanayagam

PATHAI HOUSE, VALLAM

Fr. Augustine conducted a three-day recollection for St. Anne's Sisters of Chingleput. **Frs. Augustine** and **Yesumarian** shared their pastoral and social experiences respectively with scholastics of Berchmans Illam, Chennai. Fr. Augustine blessed a newly built kitchen to benefit the trainees. A beautiful orchard designed by Fr. Yesumarian was appreciated by the visitors. PATHAI serves as the venue for conducting camps. On 22nd September, Fr. Yesumarian and the staff of Dalit Human Rights Centre arranged a big function during which concrete houses were distributed to the tsunami victims of Kovalam and Kanchipuram Districts.

A. Manickam

A group of children in a catechism class from a parish in Chicago, in the USA, obviously under the guidance of their teacher enjoyed collecting nickels and dimes during the last Lenten season. They wanted to reach out to the children of Chennai. They collected a tidy sum of 2000 USD. Innovative ways were used to persuade the kids to part with their pocket money. They were told “Put 10c. in the bank if you ate your vegetable today; 25c. if you didn’t!”. On Lenten Sundays they were expected to pray for Indian children. **Mr. Sekhar**, former Jesuit, now in the USA had a role to play in it. Thanks to them all.

A. Maria Joe

ICRDCE, CHENNAI

The Government of Haryana invited the ICRDCE team to conduct a day’s workshop in which the Principals of 27 Government Polytechnics in the State participated. The Directorate of the Technical Education has given a mandate to all these institutions to start Community Colleges in their campuses. The Government will also issue a notification soon recognizing the Community College system in the State.

Two Jesuits from Goa visited ICRDCE and five Community Colleges at Ranipet, Chennai and Tiruchi with a view to start Community Colleges in their Province.

Xavier Alphonse

VIDYANIKETAN (JESUIT JUNIORATE), THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Dr. Iris, Professor in St. Xavier’s College, spoke to us on the history of Kerala and King Mahabali’s reign. It helped us to understand the meaning of the Onam festival. The juniors had a three-day “Art Appreciation” course by **Fr. Roy Thottathil**. We visited various art galleries in the city. **Fr. Joye James**, the Provincial of Kerala made his visitation of our community. We had our first terminal examination after which we went to Kochi on a cultural tour. We enjoyed ourselves very much and came to know the richness of Kerala. The write-ups of **Schs. Santosh George** and **Alex and Dunston** appeared in “Examiner”, “The New Indian Express” and “New Leader” respectively much to our joy and their satisfaction.

Thayriam

BESCHI ILLAM, DINDIGUL

On 7 September, the I year novices returned home after their pilgrimage on foot to Vailankanni. During their absence from Beschi, the II year novices gave a

facelift to Beschi Illam. On the 21st, **Fr. M. Pavulraj** conducted a session on “Spiritual Leadership” to our Jesuit Brothers of South Asia at Shembaganur. On the 18th, we had a community Mass, the main celebrant being **Fr.C. Amal**. On the 21st, we bade farewell to him before his departure to Myanmar.

M. Christu Raja

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

We were happy to visit the parliament in session. **Fr. Alangaram** made a visit to VJ for his personal work and we had a meaningful Eucharistic celebration and gathering which brought us together in fellowship.

Fr. S. Arokiasamy participated in the South Asian Colloquium held at NBCLC Bangalore from 16th to 19th Sept. on “Justice and Peace” as a member of the organizing committee and as a resource person. He also conducted a three-day programme on Catholic social teaching for the priests, religious and laity of Bagdogra diocese.

Fr. Leo has returned after his visit to Ranchi RTC for the comprehensive exams. The visitation of **Fr. Britto Peter**, the PCF brought us joy. After the first semester exam we were relaxed and had a cultural tour to Jammu and Kashmir.

A.M. John

ST MARY’S, MADURAI

Fr.M.J. Victor the Indian missionary to Kazakhstan, was given a warm send-off by the Jesuit community. Later the parishioners and the parish council felicitated him during the special celebration of the Sunday Mass and prayed for God’s choicest blessings on him for a fruitful mission.

Fr. Xavier Rajan enlightened the parishioners about his experience in Radio Vatican. **Msrgr. Leo Arockiaraj** of the Papal Supreme Court and an alumnus of St. Mary’s was honoured by the parishioners during his visit to Madurai.

Fr. Stephen Kulandai, the Rector hoisted the flag and set the tone of the parish festival celebrations. A free medical camp and competitions on various biblical themes were the specialities of the novena. On the final day of the novena, **Fr.A. Joseph** of St. Joseph’s, Tiruchi gave an inspiring and captivating homily on Mary, a model of contemplative in action. At the feast day Mass, **Fr. Darwin** highlighted the theme of filial and tender love of Mary by narrating his personal experiences. The final day of the novena was celebrated as the ‘Parish Day’. **Fr. Joseph Selvaraj**,

the Vicar General, presided over the function. Listening to the reports of the activities carried out by various associations of the parish, he expressed his deep appreciation of the parish priests of the Cathedral, and of all the people who participated effectively in the activities of the parish at various levels.

Felix Joseph

LATI, MADURAI

To train our students of Loyola I.T.I and Madurai Community College to acquire skill in spoken English a 10-day **English Fest – 2007** was conducted in collaboration with 30 staff and students of the English department, Fatima College, Madurai. During those days from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm all activities like basic grammar, context-based conversations, short skit, vocabulary building, rhymes, hymns and letter writing, everything was taught in English. A study manual titled **I CAN** – was prepared and distributed to the students. The inaugural function of the English Fest - 2007 was boosted by the thought-provoking words of **Fr. Eugene Rosario**. “Tamil is our breath and English is our speech” thundered **Stephen J. Muthu** highlighting the importance of spoken English. The outcome of this fest was seen when the students exhibited their talents in English. **Fr. V.S.Manickam**, gave an enriching talk on ‘*Thirukural and Industrial Training*’ to LITI.

Fr. Britto Joseph addressed the community on Health and Spirituality. He also spoke to the students of MCC on the value of hydrotherapy.

Unlimited internet connection is provided in all the living rooms, thanks to **Br. Bruno**. These days LATI is flooded with guests. Congratulations to **Br. Titus**, our minister for his brotherly care.

Maria Packiam

CARMEL, NAGERCOIL

It was a very happy and illuminating experience for Carmel Jesuits when **Fr. Provincial** visited the Community in the beginning of September. In order to help the slow-learning pupils, one more village of the coastal area has been identified and efforts are being made to open an evening study centre. **Fr.F. Jayapathy** organized a convention at Carmel for alcoholics & drug-dependents.

S.M. Arockiam

ST. ARULANANDAR, ORIYUR

The feast of Our Lady on 8 September was fittingly celebrated by the local ordinary heading the Eucharistic meal. The campus was graced by thousands of

devotees. The people were fed spiritually and they received the blessings of Mother Mary. All the members of our community chipped in especially **Fr. Marivalan** and **Fr. Anthony Samy**.

The Tourism Department of Tamil Nadu has identified Oriyur as a tourist centre with development potential. It would focus on the following: Providing drinking water, proper roadways and hygienic facility around the Shrine. **Fr. Ignacy** took part in the Jesuit Alumni Association meeting in Loyola, Trivandrum. **Sch. James** attended the Vocation facilitators meeting in Beschi Illam, Dindigul. We got a few showers soon after the Feast; our farmers are busy with their sowing.

A. James

ARUL ANANDAR COLLEGE, KARUMATHUR

An awareness-generation programme for women was organized from 18th to 27th by the department of R.D.S. under the auspices of the department of Social Welfare of Tamil Nadu Government. Thirty-nine women from various NGOs participated. **Fr. Michael Jeyaraj** directed one session on ‘Personality Development’. **Fr. Vincent Sekhar** took part in the National Consultation on Developing Secular Network for harmonizing India at IDCR, Chennai.

The NSS organized a cycle rally to promote awareness of healthy environment and the effect of HIV on society. Seventy-five students including girls participated covering a distance of 300 kms. The efforts of the students were well appreciated and the print media gave a wide coverage to the rally. The Women’s Forum of the College conducted a three day camp on skills-training to the girl students in collaboration with Sathangai Academy, Madurai.

The Catholic day scholars had their annual retreat with **Fr. Sengole**, CSSR as the preacher. Our PTA conducted parent-teacher meeting for both aided and self-finance sections. The Placement Cell of our college has initiated various on-campus and off-campus interviews. **Mr. Silambarasan** of II B.Sc. Physical Education was selected for the Pre-Republic Day parade camp in Bangalore. Our college football team won the rolling trophy for the third time in succession in the MK University ‘C’ zone tournament. A blood donation camp was organized jointly by NSS and the doctors of the Government Hospital, Usilampatty on 24th.

Fr. Principal addressed the members of the CRI of Nagamalai-Karumathur region on ‘Health for Development’.

Fr. Michael Jeyaraj gave some special lectures to students of M.A.Criminology and Police Science at the University. **Fr. Basil** organized a special workshop on “To be an Ideal Teacher” for all the management staff. The department of History organized a one- day State level seminar on “1945 – 123”. Fr. Gilbert Camillus was in the U.K. for three months for his research. He visited a few universities including Oxford. He also went to Sri Lanka as a resource person to train English teachers. **Fr. Arockiasamy Xavier** was invited to deliver a lecture on “Socio-Economic Challenges towards Sustainable Development and the Role of Civil Society” in a three-day UGC sponsored conference at Periyar EVR College, Tiruchi.

Panimaya Raj

ST XAVIER’S INSTITUTES, PALAYAMKOTTAI

The week-long sports extravaganza came to a magnificent finale on August 31 the Annual Sports Day of the College. The Teachers’ Day was celebrated on Sep 5 in a different way this year. The students’ came forward to honour the staff members with a cultural programme and presented a memento to each staff member.

The birth anniversary of Thanthai Periyaar was celebrated by the students of the AICUF in a grand manner. On this occasion the Tamil feature film “Periyaar” was screened. The hall was overcrowded and the AICUF students have plans to screen such movies of worth in future.

A blood donation camp was organized by the youth of the Red Cross Association in our campus on Sep 19. Many students and staff members donated blood.

The staff seminar for this academic year, “*Curriculum Development- New Perspectives and Innovative Approaches*”, sponsored by the UGC, was held on the 21 and 22 of September.

The feast of St. Vincent de Paul was celebrated by the students of SSVP meaningfully with a week-long celebration. Five of our students represented the MS University at the “All India Youth Gathering” held at Dalhousie.

The XII standard students of our school honoured the staff on the Teachers’ Day with a well-planned cultural cum felicitation programme. The Little Sisters of the Poor were generously given several bags of rice and other provisions along with cash contributions collected and organized by students themselves. The

School Day was celebrated on Sep 6 with splendid display of mirth and joy.

Godwin Rufus

ST JOSEPH’S, TIRUCHI

A two-day leadership training programme for all the class representatives (shift 1 & shift II) was jointly organised by the Department of Human Resource Management and Counselling on 30th and 31st August.

Given greater employment opportunities, students are keen more than ever to equip themselves with English language skills to face job interviews and screening tests. A one-day workshop on ‘Soft Skills Enhancement’ was conducted on 6th Sept. In keeping with this trend, the Department of English has adopted the Hindu “Newspaper in Education” (NIE) concept (already implemented in schools) to develop the listening, speaking, reading and writing skills of students in English with the object of making them secure jobs easily. Urging students to become regular newspaper readers, **Mr. Ravindarn**, Head of the Department of English, observed that the Literary Review column in “The Hindu” provided ample scope for students to identify topics for their research projects. Likewise keeping abreast of ‘Know your English’ column is a must for making communication flawless.

The Department of Management Studies (MBA) of St. Joseph’s Institute of Management (JIM) was inaugurated on 27th September in Barbier Hall – Jubilee Building. The function was presided over by **Fr. S. Lazar**, **Fr. R. Rajarathinam** and **Fr. A. Joseph** felicitated the staff and students. The function was marked by the presence of two Ministers – **Shri. S. Regupathy** and **Shri. K.N. Nehru**. The occasion also helped to promote institute – industry interaction by bringing to the function some renowned corporate representatives. Apart from the students of the college, quite a big gathering of parents and well-wishers took part in the function.

At the Teachers’ Day celebrations held on 5th Sept, **Dr. M. Ponnaivaiko**, Vice Chancellor of Bharathidasan University delivered the presidential address. To make the occasion memorable the teaching staff, as a goodwill gesture towards the management, made a contribution of Rs. 7, 33, 877 (their salary for five days) towards the new library building coming up on the campus. Similarly the non-teaching staff donated Rs. 64,800 and the Tamil Department Rs. 17,602 towards the same cause.

Fr. Provincial was on visitation of the College from 7th to 14th September and had a very hectic schedule. During September, the I U.G day-scholar Catholic students and all the Catholic girl students of the College made their annual retreat organized by **Fr. P. Susai**. The preachers were Jesuits, Capuchins, Diocesan Priests and lay people. For some of the students, this was the first retreat in their lifetime.

The College organised on 15th September a training programme on "Information and Communication Technology" for about 20 Panchayat Presidents and their assistants from the Thogaimalai Panchayat union in Karur district. The training programme conducted under the aegis of the SHEPHERD organization was meant to familiarise the participants with the methods of computerizing account keeping pertaining to tax collection, income and expenditure. The College will prevail upon the BSNL to provide internet connectivity to these villages on wireless mode to make e-governance possible for the rural masses.

Louis Xavier

THOZHAMAI ILLAM, KANYAKUMARI

While **Frs Lawrence, Chacko** and **Korko** preached retreats to Sisters, **Fr. Louis** preached the annual retreat to a batch of the clergy of Kottar diocese. **Fr. Nedungatt** is still away on his preaching mission and will return only in November.

Fr. Korko gave a retreat and spiritual guidance for the Volunteers (Assistants) at three Asha Niketan centres: Chennai, Bangalore and Calicut. He has been doing this service at Asha Niketan centres since 1993.

C. Valiaveetil

GANSOVILLE, DEVAKOTTAI

Two of our staff members attended a two-day training programme for trainers on leadership at IDEAS, Madurai. We had a one-day session for all the teachers of the evening study centres on the impact of the mass media on students. **Br A. Irudayam** guided the discussion. The annual general body meeting of the GANSOVILLE association was held at the ever hospitable, St. Mary's Dindigul. The DASTEC students were very much edified and challenged by the sharing of **Fr. Anbarasan**, the tertian pilgrim on foot, from Shembag to Vailankanni via Oriyur.

A. Masillamani

KARISAL, ALANGULAM

The JCSA Coordinator, **Fr. Jeyaraj**, visited KARISAL on 13 August 2007 along with **Fr. Joe Xavier** his predecessor and **Fr. Eugene**, our Social Action Coordinator. They listened to our staff and co-workers and proposed new strategies keeping in mind the future of KARISAL in the next 15 to 20 years.

Fr. Sahayaraj returned from the USA after a brief teaching assignment and started his work as Project Director in order to raise funds for KARISAL programmes. At present he is engaged in visiting villages and meeting people to get in touch with the current reality of the people involved in KARISAL programmes.

The 18th KARISAL Grihini Programme ends on 30th of September. The number of participants in this programme is going down every year. From past experience and suggestions from the trained women, steps have been taken to arrange job placements for those who have finished this training.

Medical camps at Meenatchipuram and Chinnakkamanpatti were conducted. **Dr S.K. Rathinam** and **Dr Ramamoorthy** were kind enough to provide free service during those camps. Pakiam Nala Vaazhvu Maiyam prepares and distributes various ayurvedic medicines. Recently 'wheat plant juice' has been added to the list under the guidance of **Dr. Sr. Conrad Mary**.

KARISAL Media Section suffered a setback by the transfer of **Fr. Kingsly** to JRS Nepal. **Fr. Michaelraj** has to take up once again the media work in addition to the direction of all other departments. Apart from producing a 20-minute video documentary for JESA on SAPI, the media section was engaged in a detailed video documentation on Puthirai Vannan. An 8-day certificate training course on Folk Art for 30 KARISAL students started on 22 September. They were taught devarattam, silambaattam, chakkaikuchyaattam, maattukkombaattam and theepanthaattam.

On Sunday August 26, Muthan Illam students had a special talk on self-confidence by **Prof. Dr. Neduncheralathan** and his team. Nearly 30 students attended a six-day special camp for 8th, 9th and 11th std. students on spoken English and computer. It was organized well by **Sch. Lawrence**.

Mr. Bastin from PEAK taught our field workers the nitty-gritty of starting a labour union in Viruthunagar district under KARISAL. Coordinator of KARISAL field

works **Mr. Muniyandi** and vice-president of KARISAL **Mr Ramar** visited the office of a labour union in Kodaikanal and PEAK on 18 September to learn more about labour unions.

M.M. Lawrence

SECOND TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ELT PROJECT TEACHERS

This project for 35 teachers from all the nine schools of the Province, was held from 20th to 22nd September at Dindigul. The dynamics followed this time was slightly different from the previous one. We were able to introduce teaching of English through language games, puzzles, jokes etc. It received an enthusiastic welcome from the teachers.

On the first day, each local coordinator shared all the success stories, new ventures and innovative attempts in the teaching and learning of English to the VI standard pupils in their respective schools. It was indeed enriching and enlightening to see how each school is making new strides in the ELT movement. It was also a mutual learning process. Others can emulate, imitate and replicate such attempts in their schools. **Mr. Bosco** and **Mr. Xavier Rajan** introduced a lot of language games and puzzles and enabled the teachers to use them in their classes.

Each school has an LCD and about 50 VCDs and DVDs for teaching English. Fr. Kennedy demonstrated the teaching art by playing one DVD on fairy tales.

The whole of second day was spent in enhancing teachers' competency in English. **Fr. A. Arulanandam** taught them the subtle usage of commonly used words. He also clarified a lot of practical doubts of the teachers. **Mr. Tony**, a P.G English teacher from St. Joseph's H.S. School, introduced some of interesting means and methods of teaching English to the students, illustrating them with the teaching of the poems prescribed for the VI std. students.

Mr. Xavier, an English teacher read out the prose units of the VI std. syllabus with correct pronunciation and diction and gave practice to the teachers on this. He had already developed some of these lessons into interesting discourses. They came handy to teach the lessons.

The organizers were enthused with the overwhelming response and participation of our project teachers. We are in the process of tuning the poems and recording the lessons for the VI standard. The third training programme will be held in December 2007.

S.M. John Kennedy

Joint GBM of Dalit Commission and Social Action Commission (DCSAC)

The first Joint General Body Meeting of DCSAC was held at Deepam, Karumandapam, Trichy on 8th and 9th September. It was well attended. Everyone invited was present for the meeting. **Fr. Bosco of Andhra** Province and **Mr. Victor Louis Anthuvan** of LIBA, Chennai were present as observers for the meeting. The meeting was primarily called for working out ways and means of strengthening collaboration between the two commissions.

Fr. Arockiasamy Xaiver's position paper on the "Emergence of Social Thinking in Jesuit Madurai Province" was well received and stimulated thinking. The exchanges that followed the presentation were of high quality. **Frs. Arockiam, Michael Raj** and **Jebamalai Raja** shared their experiences of working towards unifying the various Dalit Subcastes. They highlighted the possibility of bringing the Dalit subcastes and the SCs and BCs together when we could identify common issues which affect all of them. The exchanges followed by the presentations were symptomatic of the regular acrimony that is generated when we talk of subcastes. Some in the group felt that the subcastes tensions are imaginary or creations of vested interests. The overall discussion focused on the need to forge Dalit subcaste unity and cautioned people to tread carefully when faced with information about subcaste rivalry.

The issue of MBCs drawing the attention of the Jesuits and claiming preferential treatment took a lion's share of the GBM time. The Joint GBM unanimously resolved that it stands by the province's option for Dalits and it shall not be diluted by any means. At the same time it also welcomed suggestions from any group to make our actions more just and humane. The GBM overwhelmingly supported Fr. Provincial's effort to engage the groups in dialogue and enlightening them about the process we have undergone to opt for the Dalits. "When People Agitate Let Us Educate" was the catchword. The GBM fully endorsed the need to sympathetically look at the genuine concerns raised by the MBC groups. A draft of the position paper prepared by Fr. Jebamalai Raja laying the ground rules for dialogue with MBCs was discussed threadbare. The interventions by Fr. Bosco and Mr. Victor were timely and encouraged collective thinking and working. The Joint GBM was rather fruitful considering the apprehensions the commissions had about holding such a meeting.

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FR. MARIA SINGARAYAR WRITES FROM CALIFORNIA:

On the occasion of the feast of Veilankanni I was very happy to celebrate the Eucharist with the Tamil Catholic Community of Bay Area, California. Most of them are our alumni, mainly from St. Joseph's, Tiruchi. I also conducted a workshop on the "Indian Reality" especially the Dalit reality with special reference to untouchability. The workshop was well appreciated. I am doing some courses in Pastoral Counselling and Spirituality and participating in many seminars and workshops in the Graduate Theological Union.

FR. M.J. VICTOR WRITES FROM PAVLODAR, KAZAKHSTAN

My entry into a new mission of Kazakhstan has been with goodwill and welcome from Archbishop Thomaz Peta of Astana and Jesuits in Pavlodar. I reached Astana on Sept 15 and was put up in the Bishop's house and met the Sisters of Missionaries of Charity. Next day on Sep 16 celebrated Mass in English in the Cathedral. On the 17th morning I took off to Pavlodar and **Fr. Richard SJ** was in the airport to receive me. Two Jesuits take care of two parishes in Pavlodar in the archdiocese of Astana.

Now I am with the Jesuits looking after the spiritual needs and also trying to pick up Russian and Kazakh, the first official and the second peoples' language. Oh what an age to learn these after having been in different ministries in Madurai Province!

This city of Pavlodar has 315, 000 people. I do not see other vehicles except four wheelers on the road. People are kind, very tolerant, I feel, even to the point of tolerating my presence with little communication with them. The other day I met a lady who claimed to be a professor teaching English to Russians but turned down my application to learn Russian from her. I leave to the readers to guess what prompted her to do this for me.

Well a new land for Madurai Jesuits, a challenging one too for the Kingdom of God. Young men better dream of this mission and old men will stand by you in visions.

TO THE FOUNDER'S LAND

In the beginning of this year Fr. Provincial asked me to prepare myself to undergo the Spirituality Course in Comillas University, Madrid in Spain. First I started with the process of renewing my passport. Then I sought admission in the University. Thirdly I began

learning the Spanish language. After all these things I had to get my visa to Spain. Except the visa process, all had gone smoothly.

I applied to the Embassy of Spain in New Delhi for the visa in the first week of June. Again I had to go to the embassy on 12 July. Then they demanded three documents within ten days. I could submit them with the support of Jesuits in Comillas University and of others whereupon I was asked to return in September and finally at 5:45 pm on 20th I was given the visa to go to our Founder's land.

Ilanko Xavier

(Note: **Fr. Ilanko** has already reached Madrid and has started attending lectures. We wish him all the best.)

A LETTER FROM THE PROVINCIAL OF CHINA

Macau (China), September 24, 2007

Dear Major Superiors,

Pax Christi! I am happy to announce that the Chinese Province is offering a 25-day **China Contact Program** for young priests and scholastics, from Sunday June 22 to Wednesday July 16, 2008 (just before the Olympic Games). The goal of the program is to provide a better knowledge and first-hand experience of China, one of the apostolic preferences of the Society. Participation in the program does not imply future commitment to the China apostolate. Our purpose is to disseminate a deeper and more experiential knowledge of China among young Jesuits, in view of a greater apostolic sensitivity to China among Jesuits and friends of the Society worldwide. We think that the participants will naturally share with their community and friends the results of the exposure.

The Beijing Center for Chinese Studies, run by the Society under the leadership of Fr. Ron Anton, will provide content for **the first 10 days of the program**, basically in Beijing, with a range of lectures, discussions and on-site visits. Topics will be as follows:

- **Lectures** by top Chinese scholars on a variety of topics from religion to government, from economics and social analysis to minority groups;
 - **Briefings** by local decision-makers on the Church in China, on education in China, on business in China, on international politics;
 - **Visits** to historic, cultural and religious sites in and around Beijing, or even a trip to Xi'an and other famous cities in China;
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• **Activities**, such as a nightly film of classic and/or modern Chinese movies, Chinese acrobat show, etc.

This China Contact Program for young Jesuits will also provide intensified lectures on Jesuit apostolic works in China and visits to Jesuit-related sites, including the old Jesuit observatory, the old summer palace which was designed by Jesuits, the Peking Man site where Teilhard de Chardin worked, the Tomb of Matteo Ricci, etc.

The **second part of the program (12 days)** will be run by the Delegate for China Apostolate, Fr. John Lee Hua and several Jesuits presently involved in the China apostolate. These twelve days will be spent outside Beijing, and will consist of exposure and service experiences, including contacts with Chinese Catholic communities and Buddhist communities, and visits with underprivileged groups, like lepers and orphans. Participants will be divided in smaller interest groups for this part of the program. More concretely, there are the following possibilities:

1. Teaching English in rural areas.
2. Working in a leprosarium in an isolated area with the poorest of the poor.
3. Working for children of lepers and poor families in the residence located in a provincial town.
4. Working in a Tibetan village.
5. Working in a center for handicapped children.
6. Staying with minority families.
7. A program with college students
8. Help in an AIDS center and visit to some other social projects.

The last few days will consist in a pilgrimage to Shangchuan Island where Francis Xavier died followed by a debriefing of the whole experience.

The program will be run in **English**. Most young Jesuits already possess a basic knowledge of English, and we believe that they will be willing to help each other solve any language problem.

Because of financial considerations linked to the preparation of the program, we need a minimum of 25 participants. The Chinese Province will find funding for those who will need it (upon request from their Provincial.) The actual cost for participation will be announced before the end of November 2007.

We would appreciate very much to know before the end of November 2007 whether you intend to send one or more young Jesuits (and their names) to participate in the program. A notice concerning acceptance of the program will be sent before Christmas 2007. Please address any query to the following email address: gendronlouis@yahoo.ca

Sincerely yours in our Lord, and waiting for your feedback,

Louis Gendron, S.J., Provincial, Chinese Province

NEW RELEASES

“[pwp] j t Mokdr; nrgk> XH mwpKfk>” **Fr. Perianayagam**, OCD, published by OCD, Tiruchi. pp.283, Rs. 80/-

ABIDE WITH THE LORD

Fr Kevin Cronin (HAZ 78/58) at Kodarma on 8th October 2007

, i w , NaRtjy; mdGkpf;f , i wkffNs!

“fi Tsjpd; mdGk; J}a Mtjapd; el GwTk;
c qfNshL vdWk; , Uggj hf!” (2 nfhhp. 13:13)

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ngUkfpo;T nfhs;fpNwhk;

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vd; c l y>” “mi dtUk; , i j thqfj; gUFqfs; Vnddpy; , J c qfS fffhf; rnej ggLk; vd;
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j pahf; nrayy; fh;lj; J}z ;Lfpdw c wT vdgi j “, i j vd; epi dthf; nraAqfs;” (Y}f;22:19)
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gwUf;F toq;Fk; vej nthU j pahfj j pw;Fk; j ahuhFqfs;” vd;Dk; Moej fUj j j mi t Fwvj ;Jf;
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epi yary; gpd;tUk; “j hdqfi s” ghpe;J i u nra;fpNwhk;

, i wkfd; , NaRtjpd; , kaj hdkhf , uj j j hdk; tpsq;FfjpdwJ. , uj j j hdj j pw;F XH
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kUj ;Jtki dfS l d; Neubj ; nj hl hG nfhz ;L Kfhk;fi s xOq;F nra;J> Vi o Nehahs;pfS f;F
, uj j j hdk; nra;tJ> , NaRtjpd; Vi oaUf;fhd ewnraj pf;F Vwwnj hU rhdwhFk;

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tqfj; gj ;Ntl;by; gj ;t nraNthk; , wej 6 kz p Neuj j pw;Fs; fz ;fs; vLf;fggl ;L , uz ;L
fz ;fs;Yk; ghHi taryyhj , uz ;L egHf;S f;F xU fz ; tj k; nghUj j ggLk; fz ; z hb mz ;rej thfs;
c sgl Mz > ngz ; mi dtUk; taJ NtWghL , dwpf; fz ; j hdk; nraayhk; fz ; j hdk;
nra;tJ kdj thoi t khz Gwr; nraAk; kfj j hd gz p Vnddpy; ehk; , wej gpd;Dk; , i wti dAk;
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ehk; thOk; NghJK; thoej gpd;Dk; c l y; c WgGfi sg; gpwH thoj; j hdk; nraayhk;
 , NaR thoej fhyjjpy; , jji fa rpej idfSk; mwptpay; tsHrrpAk; , yi y. kUj;Jt
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 j pdq;f;sp; j hdq;fS f;fhd xggej j j pNy i f;nahggk;pl ;Lr; nraygLtJ tuNtw;fggl Ntz ;baJ.

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 eyd;fshYk; ep;gg ty;yth. vej r; #oe;pi yapYk; vg;NghJ k; Nj i tahdnj yyhk; c qfS f;Fj;
 j UthH> mi dj ;J ewnray;fi sAk; nra;tj wFj; Nj i tahdnj yyhk; c qfS f;F k;Fj pahf;Nt
 j UthH”. (2 nfhhp. 9:8).

“nfhlq;f;S> c qf;S f;Ff; nfhl;f;fggl k> mK f;f;pf; FYf;f;pf; rhpe;J t;Ok;gb ed;w;ha;
 mse;J c q;f;S; kbap; NghLthHf;S; eb;f;S; vej msi tahy; msf;f;w;Hf;Nsh mNj msi tahy;
 c qf;S f;Fk; msf;f;ggLk;”. (Y}f; 6:38) vd;w , i wth;f;F;S; , jji fi a jhdq;fS f;Fk>
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