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## Newsletter of the Madurai Jesuits

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL

#### LET US PREPARE FOR GC36

Dear Brothers,

We are aware that our next General Congregation (GC36) will be held in October 2016. In preparation for this historic event, the Provinces have been holding the Province Congregations, as the first phase of this process, which will be completed globally before July 31, 2015. The second phase will be the election of a Brother representative, one from each Conference, which will be completed in August 2015. Once that is done the process of electing the Electors will be completed. Immediately after that the different activities related to GC36 will be initiated at the global level, which will prepare the whole Society for the formal session of all the Electors in Rome in October 2016.

While convoking the 36th General Congregation, Father General asked all the Province Congregations to reflect prayerfully on the following question: "Meditating on the call of the Eternal King, what do we discern to be the three most important calls that the Lord makes to the whole Society today?"

While reflecting on these three calls, the members of our Province Congregation have identified the following areas or themes to concentrate upon:

- a) To recognize and respond to the existential peripheries of today, looking at the world from the privileged point of view of the poor and the oppressed;
- b) To promote personal and social transformation by empowering ourselves and others through the resources of Ignatian spirituality;
- c) To review the structures of the Society and its administrative procedures to make it more relevant and efficient for mission.

From the various calls identified by different provinces, the General Congregation will select its specific themes to focus upon and will come up with its decisions and guidelines.

As a preparation for this Congregation, I invite every individual member and also every community as a collective body to reflect seriously about these three areas. The first one implies that we are ever alert to new missions and pioneering ventures, as per the need of the time, without getting stuck up with our comfort zones and traditional or well-established

ministries. The second one, perhaps the most important one, calls each individual Jesuit to imbibe and deepen what is truly Ignatian in our perception, approach and way of proceeding. In order to empower ourselves and the people whom we serve, we need to first transform ourselves spiritually and deepen our spiritual foundation, as inspired by our Founder, so that we are able to empower our people. The third one calls us to be open to both the local needs as well as the universal needs of the Society and be prepared to face the fast changing world through appropriate structures and systems. Let us spend time to reflect on these areas, both personally and in the communities, and prepare ourselves to move ahead courageously and willingly in response to the call of the Eternal King, as may be mandated in GC36.

Faternally,  
*Sebasti L. Raj, SJ*  
Provincial

## Provincial's Programme:



### MAY

- 05 Madurai: Evaluation Orientation Talk to FIHM Sisters
- 06-08 Chennai: JMJ Evaluation Review Meeting.
- 09 Beschi: Memorial Mass for Fr. Donatus Jeyaraj
- 10 Thoothukudi: Last Vows of Fr. P. Joseph Xavier
- 12-14 Ooty: Diocesan Jubilee Celebrations
- 16 Cuddalore: Evaluation Orientation Talk to FIHM Sisters
- 17 Trichy: Evaluation Orientation Talk to FIHM Sisters
- 18-19 Formation Meeting -- Shembaganur
- 25 Chennai: Evaluation Orientation Talk to FIHM Sisters
- 26 Chennai: Meeting of the Supamites
- 29 Beschi Illam: Jubilarians' Day (Morning)
- 29 Maduralaya: Consult (Afternoon)

### JUNE

- 01-19 Visitation of MDU men in Europe
- 21 Beschi Illam: First Vows
- 21 Maduralaya: Consult
- 25 GBM: Communication Commission – Maduralaya
- 27 GBM: Social Action Commission – IDEAS, Madurai
- 28 GBM: TVET Commission – LTI, Madurai
- 30 GBM: Pastoral Commission – Maduralaya

## Announcements



### Jubilee celebration:

Province's official celebration of golden/ diamond jubilees in the Society or priesthood of 18 MDU Jesuits will be held at Beschi, Dindigul at 10.00 am on Fri, 29 May. All are welcome for the Thanksgiving Eucharist and dinner. Those who want to attend please inform Fr Minister, Beschi before 15 May.

### Trips abroad:

All those who go abroad should inform Fr Socius, before they leave, all the details about dates of departure and arrival, places where they will stay and contact phone numbers.

### Satya Nilayam's hymnal:

The new edition of Satya Nilayam hymnal, with 800 hymns, is ready. Price per copy is Rs. 250/-. For placing an order, please contact Br. Minister, Satya Nilayam, Chennai. email: athomassj@gmail.com, Mobile: 09444939444.

### New:

Fr Antony Raj has a new E-mail id: ambedkarb1891@gmail.com and a new cell phone: 77088 85511. Fr Lazar Savarimuthu's e-mail id was hacked and so he has a new e-mail id: lasamu\_55@yahoo.com. Fr Stephen Muthu's new cell number: 96980-54839.

## Province Congregation 2015

### ELECTORS AND THEIR SUBSTITUTES:

In addition to the Provincial, Madurai Province is entitled to send 3 Electors to the next General Congregation. The Province Congregation has elected the following three Electors and Four Substitutes, as required by the Norms:

**Electors:** Fr. Francis P. Xavier, Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj L., Fr. Devadoss Mudiappasamy

**Substitutes:** Fr. Jerry Rosario, Fr. Yesumarian Lourdunathan, Fr. Pavulraj Michael and Fr. Raj Irudaya

### NOMINEE FOR CONSIDERATION AS BROTHER REPRESENTATIVE:

The Province Congregation has nominated Brother Kulandairaj Savarimuthu as the candidate to be considered for election as an Elector for GC 36 by the Delegates of the South Asian Assistency.

### APPROVED POSTULATES:

**Postulate 1:** Addressed to GC 36: **For equality, dignity and freedom of Dalits and peoples discriminated on the basis of work and descent**

We request GC 36 to promulgate a decree on the

empowerment of the Dalits and similar communities referred to in UN terminology as 'people discriminated on the basis of work and descent' spread throughout the world. This is in view of enabling them to find their rightful place in the larger society of men and women based on equality, dignity and freedom.

**Postulate 2:** Addressed to GC36: **Jesuit Ministry of involvement and collaboration with Islam**

We request GC 36 to renew with special emphasis our Jesuit ministry of involvement and collaboration with Islam in the international socio-political context of today.

**Postulate 3:** Addressed to GC36: **"Grades" in the Society of Jesus**

We request that GC 36, with due prior approval of Pope Francis, addresses the long-standing issue of "GRADES" in the Society of Jesus.

**Postulate 4:** Addressed to Fr General: **Creation of Chennai Region out of Madurai Province**

We request Fr. General to initiate the process of raising the status of Chennai Mission to that of a Region.

## Status List IV (2015-16)

With the approval of Fr General, Fr Provincial has made the following appointments:

Fr Christie P. Maria Joseph	Superior of Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur
Fr Frederick Xavier Joseph	Superior of St. Joseph's Industrial School, Ooty
Fr Joseph Kennedy S.	Superior of De Britto HS School, Devakottai
Fr Maria Joseph A.	Superior of Loyola College, Vettavalam
Fr Tagore Leo Antony	Superior of Beschi Illam, Dindigul

Fr Provincial has made the following appointments:

NAME	FROM	TO	DESIGNATION
Fr Arockiaraj G.	Thozhamai Illam, K'Kumari	Thozhamai Illam, K'Kumari	Administrator & Treasurer
Fr Augustine K. Antony	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi	Loyola Aca. Vadampakkam	Principal
Fr Babu Vincentraj S.	Maduralaya, Dindigul	St. Michael's Farm, Palamalai	Manager
Fr Basil Xavier S.	AAC, Karumathur	AAC, Karumathur	Principal (Acting)
Fr Francis Xavier Lazar	St. Joseph's, Trichy	SXC, Palayamkottai	Correspondent of School
Fr Ignacy M. Arockiam	SXC, Palayamkottai	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi	Sup. (Acting) & Correspondnt
Fr Ignatius Amalraj H	Loyola College, Vettavalam	Loyola College, Oilpatty	Team Leader
Fr John Kennedy SM	Hazaribag	SXC, Palayamkottai	Dir.: JCERT and School Staff
Fr Joseph Arockiam	Loyola College, Oilpatty	Gonzaga Col., Krishnagiri Dt	Principal
Fr Lazar Savarimuthu	Loyola College, Chennai	Loyola College, Chennai	Secretary
Fr Masillamani D. Antoni.	Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur	Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur	Sup. (Acting) & Correspondnt
Fr Simonraj Antony	St. Joseph's, Trichy	St. Joseph's, Trichy	Head Master (Acting)
Fr Wilson Arockiasamy	Arrupe House, Mettupalayam	SXC, Palayamkottai	Head Master
Fr Xavier Alphonse S.	Loyola College, Chennai	SJC, Trichy	Coord.: Higher Education
Fr Xavier Vedam	AAC, Karumathur	Loyola College, Oilpatty	Principal & Secretary

Fr Provincial has made the following transfers:

NAME	FROM	TO	DESIGNATION
Fr Alexis Premkumar	Afghanistan	JRS, Delhi	Assistant Regional Director
Fr Amalraj Savarimuthu	St. Michael's Farm, Palamalai	Beschi Illam, Dindigul	Sabbatical
Fr Fernando Jesuadimai	Ayyampalayam	St. Michael's Farm, Palamalai	Teaching & Spiritual Ministry
Fr Fernando Wellington G	St. Joseph's, Trichy	Dhyana Ashram, Chennai	Sabbatical
Fr Ignatius Britto	LAV, Vadampakkam	Arrupe House, Mettupalayam	Spiritual Ministry
Fr Irudaya Valanarasu L.	Tertianship	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi	Staff
Fr Jesu Raja R.	Arul Kadal, Chennai	St. Mary's, Madurai	Rest
Fr Lawrence Maria Gabriel	LTI, Madurai	St. Arulanandar HSS, Oriyur	Spiritual Ministry
Fr Masillamani S. Pauliah	Gonzaga, Sisters, Pandy	Poondy Matha Shrine, Poondy	Spiritual Ministry
Fr Maliyakal Joseph S.	Berchmans Illam, Chennai	Loyola College, Chennai	Rest

### GENERAL BODY MEETINGS (GBMS) 2015-16:

Dates and Venues:

Dates	Days	Commission	Venue
25/06	Thursday	Communication Commission	Maduralaya
27/06	Saturday	Social Action Commission	IDEAS, Madurai
28/06	Sunday	TVET Commission	LTI, Madurai
30/06	Tuesday	Pastoral Commission	Maduralaya
08/07	Wednesday	Youth Commission	Maduralaya
11/07	Saturday	Secondary School Commission	Maduralaya
19/07	Sunday	Spirituality & Dialogue Commission	Dhyana Ashram, Chennai
21/07	Tuesday	Formation Commission	Maduralaya
23/07	Thursday	Finance Commission	Maduralaya
25/07	Saturday	Higher Education Commission	St Joseph's, Trichy
26/07	Sunday	Dalit Commission	Maduralaya

## South Asian Assistency Appointments:

### Appointed by Fr General

Fr Edward Mudavassery (HAZ) - Rector, De Nobili College, Pune  
Fr Keith Abranches (GUJ) - Socius to/Admonitor of POSA  
Fr Michael Thanaraj (JAM) - Rector, Vidyajyoti, Delhi.  
Fr.Francis Parmar (GUJ) - JCSA Consultor; West Zone Coordinator.  
Fr Jose Vadassery (PAT) - JCSA Consultor; North Zone Coordinator

### Appointed by Provincial of South Asia

#### JORBAGH, CURIA

Fr Sunny Jacob (JAM) - Secretary, JEA (w.e.f.15 Oct 2014)  
Fr Gabriel Tirkey (DAR) - Secy to POSA & Webmaster of JCSA website, Archives.  
Fr Claudius Tauro (DUM) - Convener, JCI Finance Commission (wef 1 April 2015).  
Fr. Irudaya Raj (MDU) - Coordinator of Commissions (wef 20 April) - Additional.

#### VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

Fr Mohan Joseph (KAR) - Minister (wef 20 June 2015)  
Fr Michael Alosanai (MDU) - Spiritual Director.  
Fr.Rajkumar Joseph (AND) - Lecturer, Systematic Theology.  
P.R. John (AND) - Secy of Commission for Religious Studies (JERES) & Convenor of Forum for South Asia Jesuit Theologians (wef 1 Jan 2015)  
Fr Stanislaus Alla (AND) - Additional responsibility as Registrar  
Fr Joseph Victor Edwin (DEL) - Secretary for Christian-Muslim Relations South Asia  
Fr Valan Antony (CCU) - Promoted to the rank of Reader (wef 23 March 2015)  
Fr Christopher G. Pragasam (Delhi Diocese) - Associate Reader (wef 13 April, 2015)  
Fr Jerome G. Sylvester, IMS - Director, Jnana Bharati RTC, Varanasi (wef 3 Nov 2014)  
Fr Leo Fernando (MDU) - Editor-in chief  
Fr Poulouse Mangai(CCU) - Secretary  
Fr Poulouse Mangai, Fr Valan Antony (CCU) - Associate Editors Core Team to manage and publish  
Fr P.R. John (AND) - Book Review Editor Vidyajyoti Journal  
Fr Edwin Rodriguez (BOM) -Technical Asst  
Br Fulgence Ekka (RAN) -Manager

#### JDV, PUNE

Fr Joseph D'Mello (KAR) - Lecturer, Faculty of Theo,Resi at DNC (wef June 2015)  
Fr Francis Gonsalves (GUJ) - Prof, Faculty of Theo, Resi at Papal Sem (wef June 2015).  
Fr. Francis Puducherry (GUJ) - Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, Resi at DNC (wef Jan 2016).  
Fr Lancy Monterio (KAR) - Lecturer (wef 1 June 2014) Karnataka RTC.  
Fr Arjen Tete (CCU) - Lecturer, Faculty of Theology(wef Nov 2015).  
Fr Jose Panadan (GUJ) - Associate Lecturer, Faculty of Theo (wef. June 2015)

Fr.P.T.Joseph (JAM) - Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology (wef June 2015)  
Sr Fabian, UMI - Doctoral Studies in Theology, JSTB, USA.  
Fr Prasad Lankapalli (AND) - Promoted to the rank of Reader, Theo (wef 21 January 2015)  
Fr. Kuruvilla Pandikattu (DUM) - Dean, Faculty of Philo (wef 26 Sep 2014)  
Fr John Karuvelil (JAM) - Promoted to the rank of Reader (wef 26 Sep 2014)

#### JDV PG BLOCK, PUNE

Fr Vincent Crasta (KAR) - Moderator, (attached to DNC Community. wef May 2015)

#### DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

Fr Jacob Kulangara (GUJ) - Minister (wef 15 May 2015).  
Fr Jesu Raj (DUM) - Sabbatical (wef 15 May 2015)  
Fr Alex Gnana Pragasam (JAM) - Secretray, DNC Trust (wef 7 April 2015)  
Fr Ramesh Macwan (GUJ) - Revisor: JVD, DNC, Papal Sem. (wef 1st April 2015)

#### PAPAL SEMINARY, PUNE

Fr Francis Ezhakunnel (JAM) - Moderator of Philosophers (wef 1 May 2015)  
Fr Joseph Karunaidass D (AND) - Minister (wef 15 May 2015)  
Fr George Cordeiro (BOM) - Spiritual Director (wef 15 May 2015)

#### STAYA NILAYAM, CHENNAI

Fr Vinod Soreng (RAN) - Lecturer, (wef 1Nov 2014)  
Fr Boniface Panna (MAP) - Reassigned to SN Faculty of Philo (wef June 2015)  
Fr Vibin Padayadan (KER) - Studies (BHU)  
Fr Jagadish Murala (AND) - Doctoral Studies: Madras Uni; Resi:Dhyana Ashram

#### INDIAN SOCIAL INSTITUTE, DELHI

Fr Stanislaus Jebamalai (GUJ) - JESA Secretary (Term Extended) (wef 16 Oct 2014)

#### INDIAN SOCIAL INSTITUTE, BANGALORE

Fr Selvaraj Arulnathan (MDU) - Director, ISI (additional), (wef 10 April 2015).  
Fr Martin Puthussery (CCU) - Coordr: Labour & Migration Unit; Admin (wef 1 May 2015)  
Fr Prakash Louis (PAT) - Sabbatical. Resi.ISI-Bngalore.

#### SITAGARHA TERTIANSHIP

Fr Stephen Koitharayil (DUM) - Tertian Director (w.e.f. June 2015)

#### KANDY TERTIANSHIP

Fr Stanley C. Philips (SRI) - Co-Tertian Director (wef Dec 2015)

#### SEMBAGANUR TERTIANSHIP

Fr William Sequeira (KAR) - Tertian Director (w.e.f. June 2015)

#### AFGHANISTAN

Sch. Jude Sahaya (CCU) - Regency





## Events



### 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

The novices came back to **BESCHI** from their experiments on 23 March.. The sudden death of Fr D. Jeyaraj on the eve of Maundy Thursday cast a pall of gloom on Beschi. The funeral Mass on 02 April was attended by a large gathering of his relatives, Jesuits, Sisters and others. Fr. C. Amal met the novices and motivated us to be “men on the move”. Fr. Wilson gave a 6-day discernment retreat to FMM sisters in Perumalmalai, a one day retreat to the St Joseph hospital nurses and took liturgy classes for 3 days for the Bon Secours Junior Sisters. Fr Bastian was the main celebrant on all three days of the Holy Triduum attended by our seniors and Brothers and our brethren from Maduralaya and St Mary’s. The baptism, First Communion and Confirmation administered by Fr Bastian to two of our co-workers’ children on Holy Saturday were a new feature this year. On 21 April we celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Fr R. George with a Mass and dinner. Sch. John Paul was given a send off during the Mass.

- **M. Anthony David**

### LEVEIL PARK EXTENDED

Fr Yagoo, Headmaster, **DE BRITTO** was invited to inaugurate 4th State Level Football Tournament organised by J.J. College of Eng. & Tech., Trichy. The one-day staff retreat preached by Fr Jerry Rosario at Amaithiagam was well received. On 21 March, Leveil Day, Bishop Susaimanickam of Sivagangai honoured Fr Yagoo, the Silver Jubilarian, with a shawl during the solemn concelebrated Mass at Sarukani. The newly constructed ‘Leveil Park extension’ supported by our alumni and other well wishers, adjacent to Leveil Park was

blessed by Fr Yagoo, inaugurated by Fr Amalraj, our Assistant Headmaster; and dedicated to our inmates by Fr Joseph Kennedy, our superior. - **Yagoo**

### HOPE TO BE EMPLOYED

**ICRDCE** organized a Refresher programme on Life Skills for the Community College Teachers in India on 17, 18 April at Asha Nivas, Chennai. ICRDCE invited experts for Curriculum Alignment for NSDC on three trades on 13-15 April. The ICRDCE team participated in the Graduation ceremony of Holy Cross Community College, Thimmarajupalem, A.P and KGF Community College, KGF. Around 125 women got their diplomas and hope to be employed immediately. We addressed the participants of a workshop on “Community College – Desired Model for India” organized by Tezpur Central University, Assam on 20 April. ICRDCE organized one day workshop on “Community Colleges & Its Prospects in India” at St. Antony’s College, Shillong on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015.

- **M.S. Jacob**

### JOY OF OUR CO-WORKERS

*Community:* **ST XAVIER’S** organized a Domestic Employees Family Get-together on 16 April in which around 150 persons including the domestic staff and their family members took part. They were treated to a sumptuous dinner preceded by fun-packed games and competitions. A Jesuit recalled that such an event for the domestic staff was last conducted nearly 25 years ago. The joy of our coworkers was doubled as they were present with their families. பதின்பருவக் குடும்பப் பக்கங்கள் on adolescent psychology is the new book compiled by Fr Xavier Antony. It was released by Mrs Vijila Sathyananth, M.P. and Mr Devendrapoopathi, the Joint Commissioner for Enforcement. The book contains real life experiences of

160 students. His previous book சமூக அதிர்வுகளுடன் அன்னை தெரசா நிகழ்வுகள் was recently released by the Bishop Jude Paulraj of Palayamkottai and Br Victordass, the Superior General of Sacred Heart Congregation.

*College of Education:* The students of B.Ed and M.Ed programmes were initiated into media analysis by Frs. Stephen and Irudayaraj. The 65<sup>th</sup> Sports Day was celebrated on 20 April with usual gaiety with Fr Rector as President. Our students bagged many prizes in the State-level sports meet conducted by Tamil Nadu Teacher Education University on 8 April.

*School:* Our school’s Green Corps was chosen as one of the best green corps of the district and on 9 April our District Collector presented Rs. 20,000/- to Fr Headmaster in a function held at District Science Center. On 20 April we bid farewell to Fr Ignacy, our Headmaster and four other teachers who are retiring at the end of the academic year. The function was so well- organized that the retiring staff were filled with joy and that they eloquently expressed their deep sense of gratitude and brought out their passionate attachment to the school. The function was preceded by a concelebrated High Mass.

*XIBA:* XIBA Year Book 2015, prepared and designed by our staff and students, was released by Fr Rector on 18 April and Br. John Britto, our Minister received the first copy. - **Sch. William, SJ**

### EMERGING CHALLENGES

**LOYOLA COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**, Chennai had its Convocation Day on 11 April with Dr. J.M. Franklin, HR – SRM Technologies. It celebrated its

## Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Premkumar

On 19 April at Beschi Illam we had the thanksgiving Mass organized by the Province administration for Fr Alexis Prem Kumar's safe return from the clutches of his captors. A good number of Jesuits from many communities were present along with Premkumar's

here in order to do whatever we can to stand by Prem's family. He thanked the Province Jesuits, who, in his absence, did a fine job of whatever had to be done, especially Frs Joe Xavier, Jayapathy and Joseph Kennedy. Fr Premkumar, in his homily, described his sufferings and



family. Fr Provincial was the chief celebrant, and Frs Premkumar, Jebamalai Raja, Jayapathy and Tagore concelebrated with him. In his introduction, Fr Provincial said when he chose 19 April for the Mass, he didn't remember that Premkumar was



freed exactly two months ago, on 19 Feb. Recalling that as soon as he landed in London on 02 June last year, he heard the shocking news of the kidnapping, and from there contacted people

eventual release as his Passover. Prayer and hope helped him survive, he said. He thanked all the individuals and organizations that worked for his freedom. He recalled that Fr Provincial broke down twice when he talked to him on his captivity and sufferings. At the end of the Mass in a brief function, organized and emceed by Fr Joe Antony, Socius, Fr Prem's father and younger brother, Mr Manohar, spoke on behalf of the family and expressed their gratitude to God and to the Society of Jesus. Fr Xavier Arockiasamy, Premkumar's close friend, described some of his traits and concern for the poor. The Jesuits were glued to their seats till the function was over, expressing their solidarity, relief and joy. The dinner that followed matched the mood of the occasion.

- M.A.J.A

Annual Day with Mr. R.B.U. Shyam Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Puthiyathalaimurai Group on 25 April. Fr Xavier Alphonse was invited to deliver the keynote address at a conference on 'Emerging Issues and Challenges in Education in India' organized by Vinayaka Mission University, Pondicherry on 16 April. He was also a Resource Person for two workshops in Shillong. Students and Staff of LCE had Thanksgiving-Farewell Mass on 27 April. The University Examinations will begin on 8 May. - Xavier Alphonse

### RENOVATION

Fr Arockiaraj gave Lenten talks to lay people gathered at Arul Vazhavu Retreat Centre, Kanyakumari. Fr M. Charles has completed the renovation of the kitchen here in **THOZHAMA ILLAM** and given a facelift to it. He also made an iron grilled cover for the large rain-harvesting tank, hitherto left open. Fr Francis Sales guided lay people in Madurai parishes during the Lenten season. Fr Josephraj has gone to Nochodaipatti for a long retreat to the seminarians. Fr Arul Sivan is busy directing Sisters who come to Thozhamai Illam in prayer and reflection. - M. Charles

### MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN BEFORE

A dream has become a reality because of the generosity of the province administration. With a newly laid road, **VMI** looks more beautiful than before. Commemorating the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination of soon-to-be-beatified Archbishop Oscar Romero, and celebrating the special year of consecrated life, the pre-novices enacted a play 'Blood in El Salvador' at our Maxi Academy on 11 April that kept the audience spellbound. Sr Jayarani, FBS, the Provincial of Thanjavur, the chief guest, lauded the candidates for their excellent efforts. On 12 April, we went

on a thanksgiving pilgrimage to Oriyur and enjoyed the generous hospitality of the Oriyur Community. The academic year came to an end with a thanksgiving Eucharist on 16 April.

- G. S. Thayriam

### EDUCATIONAL TOUR

On 28 March, We had 12<sup>th</sup> Annual day celebration at **LOYOLA ITI**, Ranipet. Fr Francis P. Xavier, Director of LICET, was the chief guest and gave a beautiful message. Fr Victor preached a long retreat to 15 Gonzaga Sisters in Krishnagiri. Students have gone for their experiments to different places, hoping this experience would help them find jobs in industrial companies. Our students and staff had three days of an enjoyable educational tour to Kodaikanal and Madurai. We are building new toilets for the hostel boys.

- S. Manick

### HIDDEN AWAY IN A QUIET PLACE

On 18 March our novices John Sylvester and Praveen gave talks on 'My Vocation' and 'The Religious life' respectively to St. Paul's seminarians from Shillong who had come to our Arrupe **JESUIT NOVITIATE, MEGHALAYA** for a 3-day retreat. Our novitiate chapel resounded with Latin hymns during the Holy Week and Easter. We had the opportunity to wash the feet of one another on Holy Thursday. On Easter Sunday we had a quiz, a talent show and an open-air lunch, after which we watched the movie, "Son Of God". On 6 April we inaugurated a *gazebo* - a kiosk hidden away in a quiet place for those seeking solitude. As Fr Anbarasan Savariraj, (MDU), blessed the gazebo named after St Francis of Assisi, Sr. Gonza, CSDM opened it. On 16 April we went on a picnic to Lake Umiam and Fr. Anbarasan accompanied us. It was fun cooking and eating in a beautiful spot near a rivulet passing through the lake.

- S. Salamon J. Praveen

## Pope & the professors

Sixteen professors of the Gregorian University wrote on different themes in *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel), the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis and published a book called, *Evangelii Gaudium: Iltesto Ci Interroga (Evangelii Gaudium: The Text Questions us)* in Italian. I wrote an article on the theme "*Una lettura ermeneutica sul discernimento pastorale in Evangelii Gaudium: le sfide e le risposte.*" After reading the book the Holy Father was very much impressed and made a call to the Chief Editor, expressing his desire to meet the professors who contributed. And so, before Christmas we had the privilege



theological contribution to the Church in general and the Indian Church in particular in the area of dialogue with religions and cultures. The Holy Father also shared with us his meeting Fr Amaladoss at the chapel of Santa Marta. We were 'at home' with the Holy Father for an hour in which



to meet the Holy Father at his residence. For me it was a moment of grace. Looking at me, he asked me whether I am an Indian and started sharing about Asian Theology, and the role and contribution of Asian theologians for the growth of the Catholic Church. I felt immensely happy to hear the Holy Father talk about our Fr Michael Amaladoss and his

each one shared the content of his/her article for three minutes and finally the Holy Father thanked us for the book and our specific contribution to the international Church. He also asked us to sign our names in a copy of the book and told us that he would keep it as a cherished gift. Pope Francis is a man of God indeed!

- Pavulraj Michael





## SECRETS FOR WELL-BEING AND PEACE

“They have no wine.” It is enough to mention the fact, to give the news, to speak and wait. It is enough that Jesus knows it, and that we know he knows it. It is enough to inform him in time, knowing as we do that this is not information since he already knows everything before he is told, but that it is a gentle prayer and a delicate representation to mention our interest in the matter and to leave it to him to do whatever he thinks best. This is the middle way between saying nothing and demanding an immediate solution. It is prayer which knows how to be discreet because there is full trust in him who hears the prayer and who knows what it is to be done. Keeping quiet never got anybody anywhere. The art is to know how to speak, how to say, how to mention something, and to know how to do it without imposition, without demand, without threats. This is the way of the trustful prayer, the close intimacy, the familiar faith. It is the most efficacious prayer.

This is now for me, too, the best prayer I can make to Mary on any occasion, any need, and danger in my life, any desire of my heart. “Mother, I have no wine.” She will smile, because she knows well where those words come from. And the feast will go on.

- **Carlos G. Valles, SJ**  
(in *Our Lady of Joy*)

## Memories

### EUROPEAN SISTERS

Fr Talon, who had continued the work of Fr Trincal at Pudupatti, came to Madura as Superior. Steps were taken in the beginning of 1903 to find a lodging in town for the European Sisters who were ‘expected to arrive at any time’. The Providence Sisters failed to come and the Cluny Nuns, who did come, opened for a short time only a house in Palamcottah. The call was answered, at the end of June 1907, by the Sisters of St. Joseph’s, Lyons. By the end of the first year of his superiorship Fr Talon had set his mind on opening the High School classes in the boys’ school, and Fr Sandappar was sent hunting for what must have been a rare bird - a graduate teacher to teach in the I Form. One Brahmin teacher, Mr. Ramachandra Ayer, was actually found for a salary of Rs. 19 per month- ‘rather dear’, notes Fr Talon. Anyhow the appointment was made and on January 4, 1904 the Primary School was raised to the status of a High School with 12 boys in the I Form. At the end of his term of office, in December 1907, Fr Talon left in Madura a Boys’ School well on the way to success with 276 boys, 177 of whom were in the High School. During the previous year the Primary School building at St Mary’s had been completed at the cost of Rs 6,000. In April 1907 Fr Talon had made arrangements to open a new church in town, the Goods Shed Church, as it was to be known, for the Anglo-Indian community newly arrived at the Madura Railway Quarters. One of the last acquisitions of Fr Talon was that of a *chatram* to shelter the Catholics coming from the out-stations. (from *Caritas*, 1943)

## Just for....



A friend who had come to visit Fr Headmaster saw him annoyed and restless, as he could not locate a particular file. Said the friend, “This is your secretary’s job. Don’t you have a secretary?” Fr Headmaster replied, “Of course, I have one. But he is a biblical secretary.” “Biblical secretary? What does that mean?” “He is one who believes in the biblical saying, ‘Search and you will find.’”





# Platinum, Diamond & Golden Jubilees -

## 70 years as a Jesuit



Fr Theruvil M. Mathai

at Beschi Udam on Friday, 29 May 2015.

Thanksgiving Eucharist at 10.00 am

followed by felicitations and dinner.

## 60 years as a Jesuit



Fr Annasse Arsene

Fr Irudayaraj Regis



Fr Jeyaraj Michael

Fr Pai Rex A.

Br Xavier S. Arockiasamy



## 60 years as a Jesuit Priest



Fr Mattam Chacko

Fr Varaprasadam Arul M.



## 50 years as a Jesuit Priest

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Fr Aloysius Irudayam

Fr Gaspar Leonard



Fr Gualbert John

Fr Ignatius Viyagappa



Fr Manuel Alphonse

Br Natarajan Joseph



Fr Sebastia L. Raj



Fr Karikampalli C. George

Fr Srinivasan T. Joseph



## All are welcome!

Please inform

**Fr Minister of Beschi**  
**(0451-2431649)**

before 15 May '15,  
how many from your Community  
will attend the celebration.