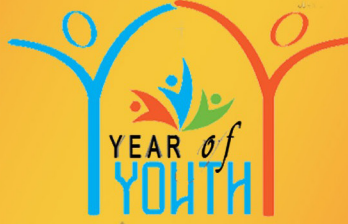


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**The Pope's Intentions for APRIL 2020**  
**Freedom from Addiction:** We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.



Lord, the Divine Healer, by listening to the stirrings of the Spirit in order to respond to this global crisis with renewed awareness of and urgency for our inter-dependence. May you make use of this facility to be spiritually united with the Lord as we commemorate His Passion, Death and Resurrection. The message of Easter is Hope and Faith. We join our Pope and world leaders in reawakening and reviving hope and faith to the hopeless, the needy and the helpless. We are not alone. Various organisations are getting involved. As St. Ignatius insists love is better shown in deeds than in words, so while exercising caution to be healthy, let's join hands with those in forefront to do our part.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty Congratulations to Rev Dr Antonysamy Visuvasam SJ who has successfully defended his doctoral thesis in Mathematics, in Madurai Kamaraj University on 6 Mar 2020.

### MESSAGE FROM FR PROVINCIAL

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Our day-to-day lives are fundamentally changed by the COVID-19 pandemic. It has locked us in homes and is nauseating us globally. Well, how do we stay spiritually, psychologically, emotionally, physically etc. fit in a time of COVID-19? It is a moment to ask what measures we should be taking and what conversations we should be having. Let's focus to stop the spread, and care for lives.

The Holy Week is fast approaching. JCSA is offering an online retreat to help spiritually, to understand the challenge of Coronavirus, by clinging on to our

Social media we access is cluttered with mis and dis-information. On the one hand, medical teams are battling with positive cases and on the other, the rest of us are combating the menace of misinformation. While social distancing and self-quarantine messages have generated positive impact, rumours and misinformation have had a negative impact on messaging. The virus has further confirmed that none of us is immune to misinformation on COVID-19. A caution to all is to check it against trusted authorities such as WHO or CDC before sharing with others, by word of mouth or through messaging.

Let's pray to Our Lady of Health to intercede for us to the Lord to come to this humanity's rescue at this critical hour to save us.

My monthly programme for April will evolve as the situation in our land improves in the coming weeks.

God bless us!

- KOPPALA A STANISLAUS SJ

## **ANANDA JYOTHI, NAMBUR:**

A psycho-spiritual course was conducted as part of 'Inter-Novitiate Programme,' between 20 to 23 Feb 2020 which gave us a greater enlightenment into our own personality. After a day of rest, on 25 Feb, we took a cycle trip to Undavalli Caves located at the bank of the river Krishna. We felt happy to visit a historical place and to know the short history behind it. After a sumptuous meal we had good fun in our sharing and captured those sweet memories as a community not only in our hearts, but also through the lens of our camera. On 26 Feb we had solemn Mass on 'Ash Wednesday' in the retreat house. We gathered together and made many resolutions to be followed as a community and as an individual in this season of Lent. We welcomed the blossoming month of Mar with a course on 'The Prophets' by Sr Simmona, a Holy Spirit Sister. We attended the course along with the novices of Sacred Heart of Jesus for five days at Ananda Jyothi. Right from the day one, Sister had inculcated interest in the course by her creative presentation and personal sharing and made everyone to get involved by forming small groups. It was very helpful to have a good understanding over the Old Testament and the history of our ancestors. By the end of the course we became familiar with Major and Minor Prophets. This course dispelled many questions and gave a clear image of God's love found in the Old Testament.

As a part of our Lenten resolution every Friday, we go to our respective ministry places to conduct 'The Way of the Cross' on the streets with the faithful. On 12 Mar, all the first year novices went for mission experiment to Gudlalleru parish, but unfortunately returned within a week because of the epidemic "Covid-19". We specially thank Fr Nagothu Kishore for his care and concern. Now we are under 'Lockdown' in the novitiate.

- VELANGANI NSJ

## **SICJ- TRIVANDRUM**

The months of Feb and Mar energised us with test by A.D.F. to assess our language skills in English. We had "Ugadi" celebrations on 14 Mar. We explained the traditions and culture of Andhra and Telangana. We had Telugu Mass celebrated by Fr C. Wilson. We conducted special games for our inmates. We also prepared special food which was enjoyed by the entire community.

We had psycho-spiritual integration course by Fr Sunny Kunnappalli SJ (KER). He helped us to integrate our spirituality in a deeper way. He prepared us intensively for our future mission. As we are reaching the end of the academic year, we are busy preparing for our third term exams.

- GOPICHAND SJ

## **SANJEEVAN, VIJAYAWADA:**

The month of Mar took off with the second mid examinations. The Sanjeevan community enjoyed the movie outing on 7 Mar. The Visitation of Fr Provincial on 12 Mar gave us abundant blessings. The completion of basketball court is an added value to our sports facility. We thank all who contributed towards the completion of the court. Due to the widespread pandemic disease COVID-19 our semester end examinations are postponed indefinitely. To safeguard from the virus, we are meticulously following the guidelines given by the Superior and the local administration.

On 24 Mar the sudden demise of Smt. Pasala Mariamma, mother of Fr P Marianna saddened the community. We prayed for her to enjoy eternal bliss. Some of our scholastics from Common Houses have come and some more are expected to arrive. We pray for all our province men especially the elderly and the scholastics may not be affected by heat wave and COVID -19.

- PRADEEP SJ

**"May God's blessing come down upon you as a  
consoling embrace."  
Pope Francis**



## **ADILABAD MISSION:**

It was a great joy for us to receive Fr. Amal into our Adilabad team on 28 Jan 2020. His pioneering experiences will greatly help us to plan and develop our mission in Adilabad diocese. He left for his holiday on 30 Jan and came back on 15 Feb. Fr. Prathap has been trying to find a house for us at Jainoor, contacting various people and visiting Jainoor. The parish priest of Utnoor, Fr. Amal and Fr. Prathap made four visits covering extensively the entire area of Jainoor in Feb for the same purpose. We are yet to find one.

We have contacted IAS officers, special deputy collector for tribal lands, local advocates, NGOs and religious congregations, to find out the correct procedure for registering a society or trust that will help us to procure the land and to work in collaboration with Government agencies, NGOs and by ourselves. We hope that we will find a way. We are also gathering all possible information regarding the diocese and the Mandals of Jainoor, Kerameri, Sirpur(U), Lingapur, Narnoor and Gadiguda, government schemes available, NGOs working in the area etc, so that these could help us to reflect on the type of works which we could plan. We will be soon visiting the villages and meeting the leaders and people. We have already met the new Project Officer of ITDA at Utnoor. He has assured his collaboration and cooperation.

Fr. Amal went to Madurai to attend the Ph.D. viva of Fr. V. Antonyswamy. Fr. Prathap is in great demand for Mass and preaching. He addressed the Youth attending the Marriage Preparation course at Ramnagar Pastoral centre Adilabad. He conducted the chain adoration at Indravelli and Utnoor parishes and the vigil adoration at Adilabad parish. As COVID -19 has become pandemic affecting many people, he conducted a special adoration at Utnoor parish to protect all people from this virus. Frs Xavier Rex, Amal and Prathap attended the Bible convention (Jeevaswaram) at Koutala and anointed the people during the healing ceremony. Fr. Prathap is vigorously coaching Fr. Amal in the Syro-Malabar liturgy and prayers. Fr. Amal representing the team attended the funeral of Fr. Arakal on 13 Mar at Loyola Academy. The parents' day (Parents'Fest-2020) at St. Paul's high school, Utnoor was celebrated on 14 Mar. Fr. Prathap was the man behind every program exhibited by the students. The function was a grand success.

Fr. Xavier Rex organized Mothers' meet on 15 Feb 2020 at Mandamarri Carmel school campus. The motivational talks, information shared on Carmel Institutions and the cultural show by the students greatly impressed nearly 800 mothers who participated in the meet. He also addressed the mothers of the students of Sacred Heart school, Rampur in Adilabad. When the CMI fathers and CMC sisters jointly inaugurated, 150<sup>th</sup> death anniversary celebration of St Chavara Elias Kuriakose on 21 Feb, he was the homilist during the jubilee Mass. His homily in the style of Pope Francis was appreciated by one and all.

The cement road laid, from the main entrance of Carmel campus to the Fathers' residence, the beautiful garden with ornamental plants on either side of this road and the flex boards depicting students' activities capture the eyes of all who enter Carmel campus. A recent addition to this beautification of the area is the name plaque "Carmel Academy" fixed on a well polished granite slab. While attending to these, his main focus was preparing 146 students of the intermediate and 113 students of class 10 for their respective board exams. The intermediate board exam is now over and we expect good results. Due to COVID-19 class 10<sup>th</sup> board exam is postponed.

Maria Maddocks, Dave Maddocks and Vivien Simmons from England visited us. They visited Jodeghat and paid floral tribute to Komaram Bhim at his Samadi. They are grateful to all the fathers and sisters of Adilabad diocese for the hospitality. We extend a warm welcome to all.

**- D. PRATHAP SJ**

## **KALADARSHINI, VIJAYAWADA:**

Kaladarshini mobile team performed with aplomb two ballets, Devuni Karuna and Jeeva Pradhatha at Gunadala shrine festival, Vijayawada in Feb to massive and receptive crowds. Our new ballet, Jeeva Pradhatha, on the theme of the miracles and ministry of our Lord Jesus, with an ensemble cast of twenty five seasoned artists and dancers in a glittering brand new designer costumes and stellar performances stole the thunder and was well appreciated by all. Actually, it is one of the trilogy of the ballets we have chalked out. The other two are, Kalvary Yaagam, on the passion

and resurrection and Christu Jananam, on the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, which are already in the pipe line. We performed our famed ballet, Devuni Karuna, in Rajamundry St. Joan of Arc parish's



Jubilee Celebration recently and won over the hearts of the faithful, with a spell-binding performance.

At this juncture, we thank the Province profoundly for helping us generously to procure a full-pledged gear of the costumes, dramatic backdrops and the needed technical equipment to enhance our performance wherever we go. We have planned to execute two of our Society's Universal Apostolic Preferences of spreading the Spiritual Exercises in the form of performing the ballets on the Life

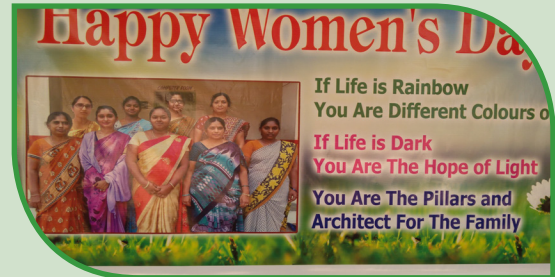


of our Lord Jesus Christ in all the parishes and shrines of both the Telugu States: Caring for our Mother Planet by spreading awareness among the students and staff through our critically etched out ballet on Ecological Justice, Viswa Dharmaasanam, in all the educational institutions with a true Jesuit apostolic aggression and an unconfounding zeal and unwavering focus with our newly going to be formed mobile team which will consist of nearly fifteen members of adults who vibe with our vision in this regard. They will be trained at Kaladarshini residentially in these ballets and in other fine arts also and will go on a performance spree for free (free for the deserving places only) or with minimum charges, thus spearheading the province in realizing the two UAPS of the Society via cultural realm.

- RAVINDRA SJ

## JEEVALAYAM - VINUKONDA:

On 21 Feb we conducted the "FANCY DRESS COMPETITION" for all the classes. Many participated in various role models and characters. Most of the parents witnessed this event and the prizes were given to the winners and runners. All participants were given consolation prizes. It was quite interesting and lovely to see the small kids coming forward for this event. On 8 Mar we had the "International Women's day" celebration in our campus. The women teachers eagerly participated in different games conducted. The women teachers



were felicitated by Br. Xavier Amal, and in his address he stressed the importance of women in the Society. He said, "Women have many colours to shine and give beauty to the world. They are the light for the family, and they are the pillars of the Society and God created them in such a way that they are the co-creators with the Lord."

- XAVIER AMAL SJ

## KD PETA:

The blessing of our acts flow through our mission in KD Peta. The Adivasi Balamela gave the joy to all the children who were brought from 40 villages. It made a big difference towards a great change in learning by their cultural participation. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Balashowry for their help to this mega event. Fr. Elias, the director and Fr. Paul Amal made the best contribution to the event. All the teachers and children were awarded medals and certificates of appreciation. The members of the staff gave the students all possible help in arranging everything in order. We, all the LITDS members of our community have done more for the success of the children's mela. All the activities and the events in the school made the school a great place to see. A distancing from others, proper hand wash, avoid touching face, nose and eyes of one's own and covering mouth and nose. They highlighted the points like cleanliness: having proper wash of clothes,

Teachers and students are encouraged to focus on spoken English. The children and the teachers are busy with their Annual day celebrations. Fr. Provincial's visit made us happy and grateful. Thanks to Frs. Elango and Vatti Joji for their visit. The fear of pandemic Corona keeps us locked down. May God protect us.

- SIMON SJ

### LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL, HINDUPUR:

It was an indelible day for the students of the Loyola High School 2008-09 batch. They all congregated together for the reunion. Their headmaster was Fr Sahayaraj. His presence doubled their joy. He recalled in his speech the strenuous efforts taken by him when he was Headmaster and Superior. Though there was a proposal for starting



the English Medium High School in the campus, he single handedly discouraged it. Fr KP Francis earnestly requested the old students to contribute their might to develop English Medium School for the poor in and around Kotipi and collaborate for the growth of the institution through sharing about our school, the quality of education and the values it imparts to the students. Students expressed their gratitude and felicitated all the teachers and provided sumptuous dinner. The School staff and students celebrated the International Women's Day on 7 Mar. Children came out with drawings and articles on the same and spread the message on importance of woman in our lives. On 13 Mar, students of 10<sup>th</sup> class took the initiative to create awareness among the school staff



and students about the Corona Virus popularly known as 'Covid - 19'.

maintaining clean surroundings around the house, social distancing from others, proper hand wash, avoid touching face, nose, and eyes of one's own and covering mouth and nose with mask. Pre-Novices attended the programme and learnt the importance of the cleanliness and gathered few tips to fight the dreadful Covid-19. The Feast of St. Joseph, patron of our society was celebrated prayerfully with community Fathers. During this celebration, we prayed for the people who were affected by the corona virus. Pre-Novices were keen on their revision for the preparation of A.D.F. test and started to burn their midnight lamps.

- M.THOMAS SJ

### LOYOLA H.S., SURYAPETA:

The visit of Fr. Provincial, on 4 Mar, brought new spirit to the Jesuit Community. Our community was blessed with a good number of visits of our province men at various intervals that gave us opportunities to manifest our hospitality. Visits of Diocesan clergy a few times, Suryapet Deanery priests' recollection, regular visits of religious sisters and brothers all added to our joy. Bishop Govindu Joji visited us and blessed us. Hearty congratulations to Fr. Kunduru Joji, who has brought out his 13<sup>th</sup> book with 252 pages. It is a "commentary on the Gospel of Jesus according to St. John, called "Sadvakku - Sanjeevam" Already many books are sold out. Praise God. Our journey with 30 students to LPS to participate in JIST was not entirely futile. However, it had exposed our non-preparedness, as our students are capable of exhibiting their talents more. In the last one month, besides pursuing academic programmes, we undertook child blossoming programs. Our students came out with flying colours with their inner potentialities. The staff was energised with enthusiasm and absolute involvement, with the



guidance of Fr. Kunduru Joji, the Correspondent and Fr. B. Prashanth, the Principal. Students enthralled us. The end result was memorable in the unanimous words of our guests, audience of 600.

The Chief Guest and the Guests of Honour were overjoyed at the students and staff involvement. The chief guest while praising the 45 years of history and the standards, expressed the view that it has taken a back seat over the years. But they vouched their



constant and committed help. One of our Guests of Honour Fr. U. Anthony, gave an inspiring message. The other two Guests of Honour too were all in praise of Jesuit education but advised us to move forward with new thinking and maintaining good relations with the parents and the neighbours. The presence

of some of our Jesuits, Frs. Maria Nayagam, Sebastian Ravi and G. Naveen added joy to us. The clergy, religious, PGF students added colour to the day.



An important feature of this school celebrations is the participation of the a few SSC batches of Alumni. Their presence was an electrifying feeling to one and all. Most of them felt nostalgic for being present throughout. It was not the mere presence but they pledged themselves to be useful for the future growth of the school. They even challenged us to plan and propose to them of our needs. Four batches of our former students together have contributed Rs. 1.15 lacs collectively to provide much needed things to the school. We are taken up by their promises. It was due to continuous and consistent month long efforts of our Correspondent. The Guests and Alumni were served high tea under the able leadership of Fr. Arul Valan. Prior to the school day, we had farewell party to the outgoing SSC students. Two months serious preparations for 10<sup>th</sup> students was interrupted with the Corona Virus. We had to call off the hostel day and the farewell to the 10<sup>th</sup> hostel students due to unforeseen circumstances.

- JOJI KUNDURU SJ

## LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, KARIMNAGAR:

Intermediate examinations were completed by 18 Mar. and 10<sup>th</sup> class students completed Telugu and Hindi examinations. Fortunately, all students from our campus were sent to their homes, but candidates were held back. Candidates were supposed to go to their homes on 26 Mar. Meanwhile, the entire country entered into a complete lockdown. And 4 candidates who were supposed to go to Hindupur for a month-long stay as part of preparation before going to novitiate were held back. As of now the situation in Karimnagar is a bit gloomy and uncertain. Day by day positive cases of COVID-19 are increasing in the town. We are trying our best not to step out of our campus and fighting the spread of the virus by staying indoors. Lord be with us and save the world from this virus is our constant prayer.

- S.KARUNAKAR SJ

## LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, PULIVENDULA:

The month of Mar began with the External Lab exams both for Degree and Polytechnic students. All of them had their Unit test exams and their external practical exams. There is a lot of uncertainty of the commencement of Semester end exams due to the pandemic Coronavirus. Hope everything goes on well.

**Loyola Polytechnic:** Kudos to Frs. V. Antonysamy and Boyapati Joji for successfully completing their respective PhD studies. During the last general assembly of the semester both of them were felicitated by the staff and students. On the same occasion all the academic toppers of each respective class were awarded with medals and prizes. The 3<sup>rd</sup> year Polytechnic students had their farewell programmes in a meaningful way. Most of them came in their traditional attire, spent the day in gratitude recalling the memorable events at Loyola. The final year Mining students inspired by Fr.B. Joji took up a plantation drive. They themselves sponsored everything: saplings, drip pipelines and all the other required material. Kudos to the Mining students.

**Showrinathaswamy Hostel:** The months of Feb and Mar were filled with studies. All along tuitions were arranged for Mathematics during the night study from 8.30 pm to 10.00 pm. All of them who are weak and had a backlog attended regularly and gained knowledge and confidence to get through the subject. At regular intervals general talks on hygiene, health and the Corona virus was given to

the students. An awareness programme with regard to social distancing and washing hands regularly was given by Fr. Thainese SJ before the students went home for preparation holidays. Currently our hostel has 525 students on its register. It is very important to monitor them especially their health and studies as much as possible.

- B. SUDHAKAR SJ

### LOYOLA ACADEMY:

**WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS 2020:** The women empowerment cell of Loyola Academy had organised an event on the 7 Mar, 2020. The event was graced by the Principal Fr P. Anthony and the Vice Principal Fr. D. Balaswamy. Fr Principal shared his thoughts about how important it was to treat both men and women equally. Fr Vice Principal thanked all the women staff for their contribution to Loyola Academy. He spoke about the major roles women played in the society and that they are 'second to none'.



Mrs. Shailaja, the coordinator for the women empowerment cell emphasised the importance of celebrating women's day and gave a report on the activities of the women empowerment cell. She briefed the gathering about the various aims of the cell. Later, Mrs. Jacqueline Williams and Mr. Jagadish, the CoE shared their views on the importance of the occasion.

On this occasion, a spectacular dance performance was given by Ms. Anjushree and Ms. Manisha expressed her views about the sacrifices made by women through her beautiful song. Mrs. Sirisha presented a video show about the International Women's Day showing various great women like Rani Laxmi Bai, Kalpana Chawla and sportswomen like P.V. Sindhu and Mary Kom whose names are etched in the history



forever and how their success stories have impacted many lives. The event came to an end with a classical dance performance by Mrs. Saras Chandra.

### THE LAST DAYS OF FR. JACOB ARAKAL, SJ:

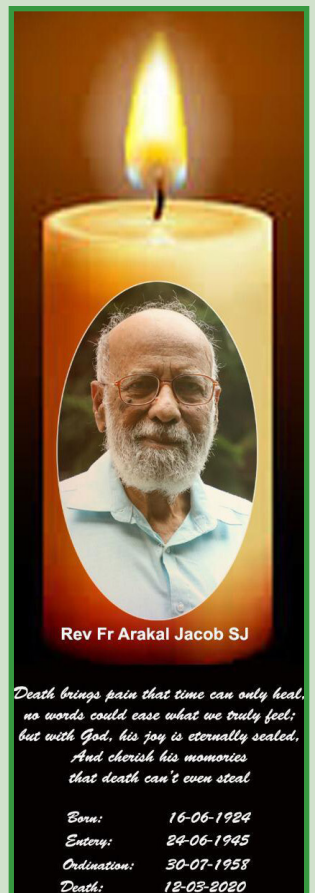
Fr. Jacob Arakal breathed his last on 12 Mar, 2020. As a member of the Society for 75 long years, he worked in 20 different institutions in various capacities. His last days in the words of Fr S. Raju, the local superior: "From the beginning of Feb, 2020, Fr Arakal began



to share with me that he suffered a mild pain all over his body due to his bone marrow drying up. This affected his free movements. His memory failed

and he lost his speech. His intake of food gradually reduced. Finally he developed lung infection with phlegm formation in his throat with the respiratory pneumonia. On the 1 Mar, we admitted him at St. Teresa's hospital. As the treatment was in progress his right leg and hand got paralysed. Taking his ripe old age into consideration, the doctors began to treat him to dilute the blood clots in his brain through medicine. As the treatment was on, he breathed his last on the 12 Mar, 2020 at 12:22 am. Indeed it was a great shock for all of us." Certainly Fr. Jacob Arakal was a holy man, an exemplary Jesuit after the heart of St. Ignatius. May God forgive all his wrong doings and grant him the final reward of being with HIM in His heavenly abode.

- D. BALASWAMY SJ





# BIRTHDAYS



## APRIL

- 01 N Pulla Bhaskar
- 02 P Lourdu T
- 04 P Ravindranath K
- 05 S Vincent Kumar KJ
- 09 P Raju S
- 10 S U Baskar Rao
- 11 S Naresh Panithi
- 13 P Thainese J
- 16 P Uvari Antony C
- 19 P Anand Motru
- 20 N Kolukuluri Sathish
- 22 P Mariyanayagam D
- 26 P Sahayaraj M
- 27 S Thomas Sridhar M
- 28 F John Arockiam
- 29 N Gulshan Lugun



## MAY

- 01 N K Vijay Kumar
- 08 S P Aravind Kumar
- 09 P Prabhu YT
- S Kurian Augustine T
- 10 N Thumma Wilson
- 13 P Maia Joseph M
- N Madanu Paul Vishal
- 16 S Nama Anil
- S Dasan Bernard
- P John Andrews J
- 18 S Johnson M Francis
- P Joji Babu D
- 21 P Vijaya Raju P
- 22 P John CJ
- 24 S Sunit Prabhat T
- 25 P Arockiasamy S
- 28 P Britto Martin Paul
- P Leo Baskaran A
- 29 P Louis Philip M
- P Karunaidoss DJ
- 30 P Francis KP



**Lord Jesus!  
Protect us  
from  
Coronavirus**



## RIP

- 02.03.2020 Fr Felix Tirkey SJ (DUM, 52/28)
- 05.03.2020 Fr. Geoffrey Michael Meagher SJ (HAZ,77/59)
- 07.03.2020 Mr. Kalingarayan M Savarimuthu (76), paternal Uncle of Fr.Maria Joseph,SJ
- 09.03.2020 Fr. Petrus Kerketta, SJ (MAP,71/51)
- 12.03.2020 Fr. Arakal Jacob SJ (AND, 95/75)**
- 20.03.2020 Fr. Dominic Muthedath (PAT, 85/63)
- 24.03.2020 Smt.Pasala Mariamma,(90), mother of Fr P L Marianna SJ
- 29.03.2020 Fr. Andrews Koluva, (DUM, 72/48)



## OUR BROTHERS IN GLORY

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|--------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Fr. Douglas Gordon       | 02.04.1994 | ALC       |
| Fr. A. Muthumalai        | 03.04.1976 | Sec'bad   |
| Fr. Sanjeevanadha Swamy  | 04.04.1738 | Kri'puram |
| Fr. Pundikulam Devasia   | 19.04.2000 | ALC       |
| Fr. Divyanadha Swamy     | 22.04.1730 | Kri'puram |
| Fr. Mariasoosai Devadoss | 02-05-2018 | LA        |
| Fr. T. Innaiah           | 20-05-2012 | LA        |





## OBITUARY



### FR. JACOB ARAKAL SJ

(Birth:16.06.1924 - Death:12.03.2020)

Fr. Jacob Arakal hails from Alleppy district, Kerala, India. He was born on 16 June 1924 and entered the Society of Jesus on 24 June, 1945 and became a Priest on 30th July, 1958. After 95 years of beautiful, meaningful and faithful life, he went into coma in St. Teresa's hospital, Hyderabad and bid farewell to all of us at the early hours of 12th March 2020. "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Fr. Jacob Arakal SJ was known for making people feel comfortable. During his 75 years of religious life he encountered, transformed and inspired many youth and students. He was a man of simplicity and austerity, sincerity and credibility, faithfulness and prayerfulness, accountability and availability. Fr. Jacob Arakal, worked in many places in Tamilnadu and Telugu states: professor of Chemistry in St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, teacher in many Jesuit schools, Superior of St. Patrick's School, Secunderabad, Loyola College, Pulivendala, Principal of Junior Colleges in Cuddapah and Kurnool, hostel warden in ALC, Hindupur and Suryapet, Parish priest in Nallapadu, Amalapuram, student Counselor in Loyola Public School and Loyola Academy and most importantly the Province Vocation Promoter and Director of Pre-novices. He inspired many young Jesuits and hundreds of diocesan priests in their

vocation. Above all he was a man most sought after for Mass, recollections, retreats, confessions and counseling. In all these responsibilities and apostolates, Gospel values were his yardstick. Fr. Arakal was certainly an outstanding and exceptional person with rare combination of multifaceted talents: keen and penetrating intellect, exceptional argumentative and persuasive power, master of various languages (namely: Spanish, Latin, French, English, Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam), sense of humour, strong administrative ability and will power, perseverance till the goal is achieved, and exceptional courage to withstand any situation. We also see him as tough and gentle, logical and intuitive, shy and aggressive, introspective and outgoing. Added to these, we see in him deep faith and trust in God, man immersed in prayer and unconditional love and loyalty to the Church and Society. Fr. Arakal, a great pastor, was available to proclaim the Word of God. He was always willing to celebrate mass for people in remote villages, religious congregations whenever and wherever there was a need. He proclaimed the good news to people clearly, meaningfully, interestingly, and powerfully. He moved from place to place on bullock cart, bicycle and by foot to carry out his mission of preaching, teaching, caring, listening and healing. People called him "People's Pastor". He was untouched and unmoved by the attractions of the world. He had the moral strength and courage to face the challenges for the welfare of students. He always empathized with youth and students. Fr. Arakal's achievements parallel the excellence of his being, match his tireless efforts and have left a memory of inspiration for the living and the generations to come. May he rest in peace in the heavenly abode.

- K.P. Francis SJ

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