



# Kerala Tidings

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## FROM THE PROVINCIAL

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Recently I had the privilege of conducting the visitation of some of our communities. I am taking this opportunity to reflect on an important insight of the Decree 2, No. 19 of GC 35 which refers to the metaphor of a triptych. The imagery of triptych refers to a unity realized by three elements. Jesuit identity and Jesuit mission are linked by community. The Decree emphatically states that community is not for mission but it IS mission and thus it communicates a deeper truth. There is a tendency in us to view community in the Society in functional terms and Jesuit mission as mere work. We should safeguard ourselves from such narrow perceptions. Our identity as friends in the lord, the sustainable life style, our commitment to the poor and the marginalized and the call to listen to the Lord through the Universal Apostolic Preferences are ways of living our identity. The privileged place for this is community. May we cherish and grow deeper in the realization of this ideal.

We will be having the gathering of our Superiors on 7 and 8 of February. It is the first of its kind for me since I have taken charge as Provincial. I request your prayers for the fruitfulness of this gathering.

*E.P. Mathew, SJ*

## PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

### February

02-04	: St Joseph's College, Trichy
13	: Indian High School, Bangalore
14-16	: National Seminar, Santiniketan, Kolkata
17-19	: Patna Juniorate
20-23	: Vidyajyoti, Delhi
23-March 01	: JCSA meeting, Kathmandu
02-06	: Tripura Mission
07	: Kohima Region
09	: Christ Hall

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### ORDINATION

**Dn Adhul Thomas Ulloppillil** was ordained a priest by **Mar Jose Porunnedam**, Bishop of Mananthavady, at St Catherine's Forane Church, Payyampally on January 18, 2020. We wish Fr Adhul God's blessings as he moves to the diocese of Varapuzha for his pastoral ministry.

**Sch Rephin Kamal** has applied to be admitted to Sacred Orders. If you have any useful information to





help Fr Provincial in taking a decision, kindly inform him before February 15, 2020.

### THE NEW CHENNAI JESUIT PROVINCE IS BORN!

**Fr General**, in a Decree dated 3 December 2019, established the new Chennai Province (CEN) and, in a separate decree, appointed **Fr Jebamalai Irudayaraj L.** as its first Provincial. The new Province came into effect on 28 December 2019 during a concelebrated Eucharist in Christ the King Church, within the campus of Loyola College, Chennai. The new Chennai Province has a total of 173 men (66 Priests with Final Vows, 48 Priests without Final Vows, two Brothers and 57 Scholastics). The newest Province in the Society is also young and dynamic; the average age of its members is 44.47. Kerala Province offers its prayerful wishes to the new Chennai Province in its service to God's people in the northern districts of Tamil Nadu.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February 8 & 9	: Superiors' meeting, Christ Hall, Kozhikode
March 01	: Workshop of Province Commission Coordinators
May 2 even – 10 even	: Province Retreat, Christ Hall, Kozhikode
May 11 & 12	: Province Assembly
May 13 – 20	: Province Holidays, Pachilakad
May 20 even–28 even	: Scholastics Retreat, Pastoral Centre, Dwaraka, Mananthavady

### FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

#### CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

Along with the family members of **Fr Samuel Rayan**, Christ Hall community commemorated his first death anniversary on 2nd January 2020. **Br John Molekunnel** has gone for his eternal reward on 13th January by around 11 pm in Nirmala Hospital. Funeral service began on 15th January by 10.30 am with a mass celebrated by Msgr. Thomas Panackal assisted by Msgr. Jenson Puthenveetil and **Fr E. P. Mathew**, Provincial. Priests and religious from nearby houses and many family members of Br John were present. **Frs Sebastian Thengumpallil** and **O. P. Mathew** spent a few days each in Nirmala Hospital. **Fr Jose Thaiparambil** has

gone for his annual retreat and **Fr Rubil Martin** is away in Bhagalpur for ministry. Sahrudaya Library and Arts club had its Vajra Jubilee celebrations on 25th and 26th of January in Christ Hall grounds. Sr. Emestina DSS, Mother General of Deena Sevana Sabha, paid a visit to some of her old friends in Sangamam. The community celebrated the birthdays of **Frs Peter Mulluparambil** and **P. T. Augustine** during the month.

*Jonou*

#### ST JOSEPH'S, KOZHIKODE

The second edition of **Fr John Mialil** Memorial Football Tournament was inaugurated by Sri Ravindran Thottathil, Mayor of Kozhikode on 10th January in the Junior school grounds. This year our high school football team lifted the coveted trophy with their skillful movements and accurate shots. The



227th Anniversary Celebration of the HSS was held on 24th January with the usual publicity and fanfare. The chief guest for the day was Sri Rafeeqe Ahamed, an acclaimed lyricist and poet. Now St Joseph's can boast of a state-of-the-art conference hall, thanks to the untiring efforts of **Fr Thadeyoos**. The formal inauguration of this hall took place on 29th January by Mr Paul Kallanode, the former fine arts teacher of our school. A series of farewell meetings are being organized for Mr Thomas Mathew, the incumbent Headmaster of the school. He is retiring from the school after a long stint of 31 years. On 29th January the entire school gave him an affectionate send off. His commitment and dedication for the cause of education will ever be remembered by all his colleagues and students. **Fr Ramlat** had to rush to Kottayam on 29th to attend the Annual Conference of the Principals of Kerala ICSE schools.

*Joseph Edassery*

## SM FARM, PARIYARAM

Nirmala ITI records another achievement of merit in the glorious result of our students who appeared for the final exams. From the 2018-2020 batch, out of a total of seventy students, sixty eight (97%) have passed. The present batch of students is attending 'On Job training' in Global Management organization. A new vegetable garden is coming up through the initiative of our regent Sch. Jenofin with the involvement of the staff and students of the ITI. We provide training in driving to our students, and **Fr Joe Mathew** inaugurated the driving class on 24th January. Our students are very enthusiastic about it. We are grateful to Kannur St Michael's community for sponsoring sixteen computers thus enabling us to start 'Online Exam Training' to our students. Frs Joe Mathew and **C.T. Jose** are taking initiatives to give a new shape to our ITI; certain modifications to the building and class rooms have already been done.

Sanskriti Sahajeevanam is in its full swing and **Fr Rajesh** is fully engaged with students coming to the Centre from different parts of South India. Sanskriti has started PSC coaching units under its Sanskriti Career Guidance Centres in Pilathara and at Nirmala ITI. Sanskriti in collaboration with **Fr Toby Joseph** and the Atmamitra team is organizing an NLP programme at IRC from 1st to 5th February and it has got a very good response.

*Emmanuel Koyan*

## LOYOLA, ALUVA

We welcomed the new decade with special Adoration followed by community Mass. Then on 3rd we celebrated with due solemnity the titular feast of the Society. We were privileged to have **Fr Jose Pittappillil**, newly ordained priest, to celebrate the Eucharist for us on the occasion. Thanks a lot, Fr Jose! We wish you God's abundant blessings in your ministry as a priest of God! On the same auspicious day, the new team of office bearers, with **Tomson** as beadle & **Poly** as sub-beadle, assumed charge. The second years made their annual retreat at *Samanvaya*, Kanjirapally from 6 -14 January, guided by **Fr Stephen Chundantheadathil**. It was a time of spiritual renewal. We also enjoyed the splendid hospitality of *Samanvaya* community. Then all the novices together had a week of Group Dynamics & feedback. We were also blessed

to have the 'Inner Child Workshop', from 27th to 30th, brilliantly guided by **Fr Joe Kootinal** of Patna Province. On 29th **Fr John Savard** from U.S.A. paid us a visit and had an interactive session. Other distinguished guests of the month include **Fr M.J. Augustine** and **Fr Shin**. Meanwhile, **Fr Madukkakuzhy** is away in Mangalore directing a month-long Ignatian Sadhana.

*Poly & Abbey*

## LUMEN/JYOTHIS, KOCHI

The Newman Association took up Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 as topic for its monthly discussion. Mr. P. Rajeev, former MP of Ernakulam Constituency and Adv. A.K. Nazeer, State Secretary of BJP presented their views. Dr K Babu Joseph, former Vice Chancellor of CUSAT, chaired the sessions. The Convocation ceremony of the three-month Certificate Program in Peace Studies, a collaborative venture of LIPI and XLRI, was held at Lumen. The Chief Guest, **Dr Paramjyot Singh** of XLRI, delivered the convocation address. The participants presented their projects on various topics. Prof. M.P. Mathai, Dean of the faculty of LIPI, and and Dr. Jacob Thomas, IAS (Retd.), the Academic Coordinator, gave away the certificates. **Fr Roy Thottam** proposed the vote of thanks.

LIPI and Ezhuthu Magazine along with the Jesuit Community extended support to Dayabai in her protest to highlight the plight of the Endodulphan victims in Kasargod. At the centre of the campaign was a one-act play written and enacted by her at the Vanchi Square near the High Court. It was widely covered by both the print and electronic media. Ezhuthu Magazine organized a panel discussion on Higher Education at Lumen, and it will appear in the current issue of Ezhuthu. Fr Dr. Prasanth Palackappilly (Principal, SH College, Thevara), Prof. CK Ravindran (Director, Collegiate Education), Dr. Aji C. Panikkar (Syndicate Member, M.G. University) and Geo Jose (Environmentalist) were the panelists. Ezhuthu Magazine also organized a promotion campaign titled "Creativity in Campuses" in collaboration with





the Department of History and the Heritage Club of Maharajas College. N.E. Sudheer, a leading literary critic and S. Joseph, a renowned poet were the speakers. From this month onward, Ezhuthu magazine will be available on the web for e-reading. Click on <http://ezhuthu.org/subscription> for payment gateway.

Fr Roy & **Fr Sheise** led a five day-workshop on 'Art for Peace & Reconciliation' for the refugee youth from Afghanistan and Sri Lanka; it was organized by JRS at Ashirvad Bangalore. Fr Roy along with his CARP team conducted two other art workshops for school children.

*Binooy*

### AKJM/SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPPALLY

Due to the passing away of **Br John Molekunnel**, **Fr Provincial** had to cancel his visitation of Kanjirappally scheduled for 14-16 January. Three second year novices from Loyola Aluva were with us for an eight day retreat under the guidance of **Fr Stephen**. A group of 23 Jesus Youth leaders were at the Jesuit House for a day of leadership training. Fr Stephen went to De Nobili College to teach a course on 'Ignatian Methods of Prayer.' He was one of the three board members for the defense of a PhD thesis in Indian Philosophy on the topic "Indivisibility: Difference and Non-difference." Some of us from the community actively participated in the annual feast celebrations of the Cathedral Parish, Kanjirappally.

*Tom Panikulam*

### LOYOLA, SREEKARIYAM

The highlight of the month was the maiden Visitation of the new Provincial, **Fr E.P.Mathew**. The College felicitated him on the occasion of the Alumni Day. The Department of Personnel Management in Collaboration with the National Commission for Women organised a national one day seminar on *Changing Labour Laws: Impact on Women Workforce*. Senior students of MA (HRM) went on a weeklong study tour to Kovai.

A half day Constitutional Awareness Programme was conducted by the College Union in association with the NSS Unit and LACE (Loyola Academy of Competitive Examinations). Panel Discussion, Quiz competition, Caption competition and Poster competition were the events. Dr. Shaji Varkey, Dean of Social Sciences, Kerala University and Dr. Sindhu Thulassidharan, from the Department of Law, Kerala University were the

panelists. The College auditorium was the venue for conducting a Public Hearing by the District authorities regarding the construction of the Sreekariyam Flyover. A one-day National Seminar was organised by the Department of Sociology, sponsored by the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Kerala on *Sustainable Rebuilding of Kerala in the Post-Flood Scenario*. The First year MSW students conducted a day's Life Skills Training for the B.Com students of Loyola Poovar. MSW II and IV Semester students participated in *Samanvaya*, a two-day meeting of social work colleges, at BCM College, Kottayam. Loyola College won the overall championship in the competitions.

Loyola School having celebrated its 59th School Day is at the threshold of the Diamond Jubilee. Fr Provincial graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. All our guests, especially the parents and the staff members of Loyola School Mukundara, appreciated colourful



manner in which the events were conducted. *We were glued to our seats* - is what many had to say. About 30 students of Std VIII had a two-day experience of great learning and fun at the Samskriti Sahajeevanam (our illam at Pattuvam) under our able trainer, **Fr Rajesh Punchathalackal**. They were accompanied by **Fr Jose Pulinthanath** and our Geography teacher, Mr Ramachandran. It was truly an eye opener for our city-bred boys.

*Devassy Paul*

### VIDYANIKETAN (SICJ), TRIVANDRUM

The community welcomed 2020 as all of us joined for the New Year Mass. We had our Annual Tridium soon after the community days, and it was directed by **Fr Jacob Madukkakuzhy**. We concluded it with the renovation of vows. The results of the second term are out and we are happy indeed to see our academic improvement as we begin our third term. **Fr Melwin**,

the Superior, had his eye surgery in Bangalore and is back in the community. **Fr Jose Thachil** and **Br George** were away for a few days. Preparations for the Academy Day have already begun. On 29th, all Juniors left for Kodaikanal for our eco-tour lasting five days.

*Eby Shajan*

## AADI, ATTAPPADI

The two-day National Tarumitra Eco-Fest was held on 22nd and 23 January at AADI. There were seminars and panel discussions on the theme, **Protection of environment and eco-friendly living**. On the second day, **Fr E.P. Mathew**, our Provincial, was the chief guest. Other prominent speakers were Block Panchayat President, Mr. Balen who planted lakhs of trees, **Fr Siji Chacko, SJ**, the Assistancy Development Officer and **Fr Saju Bastin, SJ** of Hazaribag Province. Students from many schools and colleges at Attappady numbering about 1300 participated in the Fest. Volunteers came from distant places like Delhi, St Joseph's college, Devagiri, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, University College, Kariyavattam, Amrutha University, Ernakulam, and MES college Mannarkad, and worked for the Fest. Scientists like Dr. Samuel Pachavo, IFS from Silent Valley and Mr. Saukat Ali of Green Community gave impressive presentations on ecology. Competitions in group singing, speech, skit, quiz and collage were held on eco-themes. The event was marked by eco-friendly decorations, drinks, food and plates, thanks to **Fr Binu Michael**. The Fest was well publicized by the newspapers.

All the staff members together with **Fr Mathew Aerthayil** attended the funeral of **Fr P.S. Antony's** mother at Uputhara near Kumily. Fr Binu Michael went to



Mullers's hospital, Mangalore for medical consultation, and he was admitted to the hospital for three days for diagnosis and treatment. He has improved now. Fr P.S. Antony submitted his PhD Thesis in the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore after years of hard labour in the midst of his hectic activities at AADI. Congratulations, Antony.

*Mathew Aerthayil*

## XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD

The Pre-novices rejoined the community after the Christmas vacation on 4th January. **Sch Francis Paracka** attended the Triduum for Regents at Vagamon during the holidays. New office bearers took charge under the leadership of Charis Xavier. Sr Jeslin FCC, Provincial of Rajasthan Mission, visited us on 13th and shared her mission experiences. We were happy to host eminent Jesuits including **Fr Provincial** who came for the ordination of **Dn Adhul Ulloppillil**. We participated in the ordination of Dn Adhul on 18th. **Fr Sheise Thomas** conducted a workshop for us on Media Awareness for two days. We were privileged to have **Fr Sunny Bhai**, JESA National Secretary, and **Fr Benny Chiramel** with us. We had our Recollection guided by **Fr Bastin Vattanky** on 24th January.

*Charis, Danish*

## LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA

The entire school was busy preparing for the Annual Day of our school from the very beginning of January. This year we had three annual days – for Pre-KG, KG and the School. The Pre-KG students celebrated the annual day on 17th and it was inaugurated by Mr P. A. Sebastian, former Headmaster of St Joseph School Trivandrum and presently Principal of Chinthalya School, Kallikadu. On the 23rd the KG students celebrated their annual day in the renovated front stage of the school. The Chief





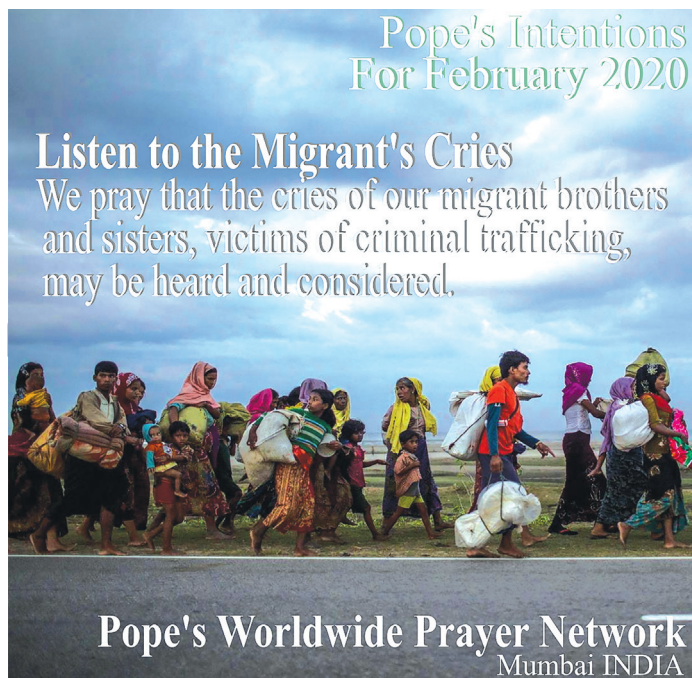
Guest was Mr Baiju M. R., Member of Public Service Commission and former Jesuit Student at St Joseph School Trivandrum. The School Section celebrated the Annual Day on 24th, and it was inaugurated by **Fr E. P. Mathew**, our Provincial. This year the theme of our annual day celebration was " AHIMSA: THE PATH OF PEACE". Our school paid homage to the Father of our Nation, on the special occasion of his 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary. The message of the Annual Day was to love and accept all by eliminating all kinds of division in the name of religion, caste and creed from our mind, to discover and appreciate the goodness of all religions, to uphold the spirit of inter-religious harmony and brotherhood, to keep the true spirit of unity in diversity, and to appreciate and promote our secular spirit. All the well wishers of our school were truly happy to appreciate the school after the annual day.

Fr Provincial and the Consultors were here in Loyola Sadan for a two-day Province Consult. We are very much thankful to the Province administration for offering us this privilege.

*Manesh J*

### ST STANISLAUS COLLEGE, HAZARIBAG

In this freezing month we started our new year with a Vigil Mass in the parish on 31st December. The very next day we had a wonderful and spiritual community Mass. We juniors roamed around Hazaribagh after the Mass. On 4th January, we had an evaluation of the second semester including the celebration of Christmas. It was



followed by our picnic to Kajarkilo and Konar dams. Kajarkilo is a Jesuit Mission among the Santhal tribes. We had a great chance to participate in the Santhali Mass and to enjoy the beauty of that culture. We got a chance to take part in the inauguration of the newly built Xavier College of Education, in Gurwa, Sitagarha on January 29th.

*Affin J. L. & Dilcep*

### DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The New Year in DNC began with the thoughts and feelings of protest against CAA and NRC. Many staff and students of JDV and DNC actively participated in the protests organized by various organizations in Pune. After the Christmas holidays, JDV re-opened on January 6. The 'de Smet – de Marneff' lectures of this year were conducted on January 17-18 on the topic 'Humanizing Social Life'. 'George Lobo' memorial lecture for Theology was also conducted during the same time. The Literary Wing of JDV conducted a quiz competition for the students of JDV on January 23. **Sch Rojas Thomas** was the quiz master. The program was well appreciated. BTh -I team including **Sch Rosan Roy** won the second prize and BPh -II team including **Sch Savy George** won the third prize. POSA and ADF started their visitation on January 20. During his homily Fr POSA delivered a strong message on the need of Jesuit support for the protest in our country against the oppressive tactics of the government. **Fr Joye James** attended the JFFSA meeting in JDV on January 24-25. He spent time with the scholastics and we enjoyed his presence and company. **Fr Prasad Lankapally (AND)**, professor of systematic theology, passed away, due to heart failure, on January 27. The staff and students of JDV prayed for the repose of his soul.

*Rojas Thomas*

### OURS IN MEDIA

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in *Journal of Sacred Scriptures*, Vol 13/2, July-December 2019, 122-146.

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### GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

**Fr Ladislav Rego** (GOA), 84/64,

on 12.12.2019 in Belgaum

**Fr Civiak Joaquin** (GUJ), 87/68,

on 27. 12. 2019 at Vadodara, Gujarat

**Fr Errol D'Lima** (BOM), 77/61,

on 05. 01. 2020 at Mumbai

**Br John Molekunnel** (KER), 84/59,

on 13.01.2020 at Calicut

**Br Arockiasamy Sebastian** (MDU), 72/52,

on 19.01.2020 at Madurai

**Fr Thomas Pullenkave** (CCU), 80/37,

on 20.01.2020 at Kanjirapally

**Fr Joachim DMello** (GOA), 68/46,

on 21.01.2020 in Guyana

**Fr Lankapalli Prasad** (AND), 53/34,

on 27.01.2020 at Pune

**Br Thomas Rama** (KAR), 69/41,

on 01.02.2020 at Bengaluru

Mrs Achamma Mathew (66), sister of **Fr Henry Pattarumadathil**, on 06.01.2020 at Maradu, Ernakulam.

Mr Mathew (60) and Lillykutty (55), brother and sister-in-law of **Fr Varkeychan Mecheril**, on 14.01.2020.

A Savariammal (84), mother of **Fr P.S. Antony**, on 17.01.2020 at Cheenthalar.



Mr Paulose Kappiarumalayil (90), brother of **Fr K.C. Thomas**, on 17.01.2020 at Kannothe.

Mr Joseph Madathiparambil (95), brother of **Fr M.J. Thomas**, on 27.01.2020 at Neeloor.

Mr Joseph Manivelil (61), father of **Fr Aneesh Joseph**, on 01.02.2020 at Inchakundu.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### February

01 Anil Kochumethikalam

02 Eby Shajan Parankimalil

04 George Varangalakudy

05 George Vattukulam

08 Chandy Kumblankal

09 Dasappan Vattathil

10 Robert Shelton

10 Thomas Kuravanveliyel

13 James Thottakath

14 Vincent Pereppadan

14 Jaison Cheruvuparampil

18 Lijo Antony Pathickal

23 Poly Martin Narikuzha

26 Sebin Vellamaruthunkal

27 Deepak Edattu

27 John Thottupattu

#### March

02 Thomas Madathiparambil

03 Libin Mathew Puthukadath

05 Henry Pattarumadathil



### IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

#### February

05 (1987) Joseph Edamaram

07 (2006) Jose Murickan

09 (1958) Aloysius Spinelli

09 (2015) Michael Thannivelil

11 (2011) Cherian Curiyicad

14 (2016) Paul Valiakandathil

17 (2019) Augustine Kallunkal

20 (2002) Antony Vachaparambil

22 (1982) Philip Veliath

28 (2008) Antony Manjil



## OBITUARY

### BR JOHN MOLEKUNNEL, SJ

(03.10.1935-13.01.2020)

Br John Molekunnel went for his heavenly abode on 13th January 2020 in Nirmala Hospital, Kozhikode. He was keeping indifferent health for a few months and was a real inspiration to all those who visited him. He was a true and great Jesuit who had fully encapsulated to himself the Jesuit vision and mission and lived to the fullest extent the Jesuit spirit of magis. Leading a simple life with minimal needs, working silently without any publicity and fanfare, he was an ideal Jesuit formed in the pre-Vatican mould. His Lord and Master enabled him to see one thousand full moons-he died at the ripe age of 84 – much beyond the biblical age of 70. He was born on 3rd October 1935 at Arakuzha in Ernakulam Dist. Later, his parents shifted their residence to Kannothe near Kodanchery for better prospects. He joined the Novitiate in Christ Hall, Kozhikode on 18th February 1961 and pronounced his first vows on 19th March, 1963. After his last vows in 1975, he entered into his ministry as farm manager in Vimala Estate, Vellarikundu. Then he was transferred to S.M. Farm, Pariyaram. A few years later, we find him at the Jesuit House, Kanjirapally. There he showed his expertise as a planter. He developed the rubber estate at A.K.J.M. School. Later we find him at St Xavier's College, Thumba as the manager of the farm and in-charge of the constructions there. He had a few years' stint at Loyola Trivandrum as the Minister of the house. There his hands were full with the additional responsibility of managing the school buses and the farm.



What was striking in Br John was his style of conversation: slow, deliberate and involved. To a large extent that exemplified his style of life too. His purposefulness in what he did, involving himself fully and steadily, was the manifestation of his total devotion. His love for the farm is probably a reflection of his deep and quiet spirituality. His indifferent

health did not deter him from giving his best to the tasks entrusted to him. His attitude to illness and suffering deserves special mention. He had to go through periods of ill-health which made him physically tired, but spiritually strong. He accepted that as part of life. During his various ministries in the Society, he showed himself as a fully committed person strengthened by personal prayer. He had a special devotion to Our Lady. He had very strong and definitive views and opinions about his work and service; yet he was always open

to the suggestions of others. Br John made use of all the talents God had bestowed on him for the benefit of others and for the growth of Kerala Province and for the greater glory of God.

No doubt, with St Paul he can boldly say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful" (2 Tim 4:7), and in turn the Lord is sure to answer him, "Well done, good and faithful servant! .... Come and share your Master's happiness!" (Mt 25:21).

Thank you Br John for the inspiration you have been to all of us.

*Varghese Anikuzhy, SJ*

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