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Fr. Pedro Arrupe

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MNL Madurai Jesuits' Newsletter

From the Provincial's Desk



The biannual meeting of the JCSA held in Godavari, Kathmandu, began with the inaugural session in which Fr. Amril Rai, Regional Superior of the Nepal Region, welcomed the participants and Fr. David Ekka, Superior of Godavari Jesuit Community, briefed the members on the logistics for the meeting. This was followed by a presentation of the minutes of the JCSA meeting held at Ranchi including the action taken report by the POSA and sharing of the dynamics of the meeting by his Socius, Fr. Keith Abranches.

Two main items on the agenda were: (i) Discernment in common on alignment of Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP) with the Conference Apostolic Preferences (CAP) initiated by Fr. Joe Arun and Fr. Siji Chacko effectively and to the admiration of all of us and (ii) Presentation on 'Nepal: Socio-Politico-Eco Challenges before it and JCSA response' by Mr. Kanak Mani Dixit, Jesuit alumnus, journalist and civil rights activist, who deepened and broadened our perspectives and understanding of the South Asian social, political and ecological reality and indicated new avenues for networking and collaboration within South Asia.

One of the important highlights of the meeting was

the presence of our dear Father General and Fr. Douglas Marcouiller, Assistant *Ad Providentiam* and Regional Assistant for USA and Canada, from February 23rd to 26th. Their presence was a great source of joy and jubilation. Fr. General's address to the JCSA members on February 26th and his interactions were very inspiring and gave us deeper, broader and sharper perspectives and understanding of the mission of the Society as well as the future directions in which the apostolic body of the Society is called upon to move. What touched our hearts particularly was his in-depth sharing of his experience of being led by the Holy Spirit. His address (that is being emailed in soft copy with this issue of MNL) covered the following topics: (i) Learning to be guided by the Holy Spirit, (ii) REGAE process, (iii) Creating a consistent Culture of Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults, (iv) Universal Apostolic Preferences, (v) Our Way of Proceeding, (vi) Our Commitment to Poverty, (vii) the Ignatian Year (2021-2022), (viii) Universality, (ix) Process of identifying the new JCSA President and (x) the Process of beatification of Father Pedro Arrupe.

The presence of Fr. Franck Janin, President of the European Conference (JCEP) who made a quality

contribution to the deliberation on alignment of UAP and CAP and of Fr. Pierre Belanger, person in charge of Communications and Public Relations in the General Curia, was of great help for us to get a sense of the universal dimension of our mission. We also had an excellent presentation by Fr. Dani Villanueva, S.J., on *Fe y Alegria* (Faith and Joy) which is a popular educational movement in South America founded in 1955 which has an amazing degree of networking among schools run by 144 religious congregations focussing on Formal Education, Radio and Distance Education, Alternative and Non-Formal Education, Teacher Training and Social Services and Community Development. The movement's primary focus is education that is integral, liberating and transformative. Jesuits and religious congregations in South Asia running educational institutions at the secondary and primary levels would do well to visit its website <http://english.feyalegria.work/> and learn from the success stories and experiences of the movement.

Yet another important session was a presentation on Kyrgyzstan Mission by Msgr. Anthony Corcoran, S.J., an American Missionary to Russia and Kyrgyzstan and Apostolic Vicar of Kyrgyzstan appointed by Pope Francis. All these presentations brought to light the diversity of the mission of the Society.

Among many, some of the memorable moments were (i) sharing among ourselves using the method of spiritual conversation in mixed and zonal groups on joyful and difficult times since the last JCSA in Ranchi in October 2019, (ii) our quality time with Fr. General and (iii) a one-day picnic to Chandragiri Hills by ropeway taking us to an altitude of about 2,500 metres; we were lucky to have a clear sky disclosing the grandeur of God's creation and enabling us to have a panoramic and spectacular view of the Kathmandu valley magnificently surrounded by the richly bright, snow-capped Himalayas. Our picnic culminated in a colourful cultural evening organized by the stakeholders of Nepal Jesuit Social Institute (NJSI) showcasing the talents and skills of its present students and the alumni/ae and presenting their activities since 2015, the year which saw a devastating earthquake. Congratulations to the Nepal Jesuits for their concerted and collaborative efforts to rehabilitate the victims of the earthquake, to put up earthquake-proof school buildings in remote hilly areas and to provide easy access to them through a road network.

One of the outcomes of the meeting is the JCSA Godavari Statement emailed to all on the current situation in the country, with a call for us to be proactive in our response.

Danis Ponniah, S.J.

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

MARCH 2020

02-05	Province Office
06	GBM: St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai
07	Province Office
08	Province Consult, Maduralaya
09-16	Province Office
17-18	Visitation: LTI, Madurai
19	Feast Mass & Blessing of the Museum – SJC, Tiruchi
20-21	Visitation: IDEAS-LAAS, Madurai
22	Province Office
23-24	Meeting on Salary Revision - Maduralaya
25	Final Vows of Fr. Amalraj Amirtha Nathan, Oriyur (Forenoon)
26-28	Visitation: SHC, Shembaganur
29-30	Visitation: Estates in Kodai Hills
31	Visitation: Ayyampalayam

APRIL 2020

01-02	Province Office
03-04	Province Consult, Maduralaya
05	Palm Sunday - Maduralaya
06	Visitation: Kalangarai, Nagapattinam
07	Visitation: VMI, Vilangudi
08-12	Holy Week, Maduralaya
13-17	Province Office
18	Final Vows of Fr. Leolin Arockia Dass A., SJC, Tiruchi (Forenoon)
19-21	Province Office
22-23	Visitation – Maduralaya
24	Province Office
25	Celebration of JMAADD 150th Camp, Carmel, Nagercoil
26-30	Province Office

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Chris Patrick Pio A.	Hazaribagh Juniorate	B.Sc. Physics, CH, Tiruchi
	FROM UG STUDIES	TO PHILOSOPHY
John Philips T.	BI, Chennai	DNC, Pune
Maria Michael S.	BI, Chennai	DNC, Pune
Vinoj Maria Raj	AAC, Karumathur	SN, Chennai
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Emmanuel Akilan R.M.	Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum	DNC, Pune
Jefferin Stephen M.S.	Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum	DNC, Pune
John Pushparaj J.	Hazaribagh Juniorate	SN, Chennai
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Joshua Kishanth S.	Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum	VMI, Vilangudi
Michael Lourdu Noyal M.	Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum	Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur
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Arockia Amalan V.	DNC, Pune	LASAC, Dindigul
Karthickraj Uvari Antony	SN, Chennai	PEAK, Shembaganur
Salamon Joseph Praveen	SN, Chennai	De Britto, Devakottai
Tony Ajith A.	SN, Chennai	SMHSS, Harur
	FROM REGENCY	TO REGENCY
Vigash Lawrence	JESIM, Tindivanam	St. Mary's Estate, Manalur
	FROM THEOLOGY-YEAR II	TO REGENCY
Edward Lenin P.	Arul Kadal, Chennai	JRS, Dindigul
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Anto S. Antony	SMHSS, Harur	M.Sc., Botany, SJC, Tiruchi
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Ragu Antony A.	PEAK, Shembaganur	M.Sc., Maths, SXC, Palayamkottai
Rex Reuban P.	VMI, Vilangudi	M.Sc., Counselling Psychology, Bengaluru
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Amal Bosco J.	Loyola HSS, Kuppayanallur	Arul Kadal, Chennai
Amalraj Mariasingam	AHAL, Kilpennathur	Arul Kadal, Chennai
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John Richard Y.	Loyola, Chennai	Arul Kadal, Chennai
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Joe Livingston S.	Arul Kadal, Chennai	VJ, New Delhi
Paul Raj Arockiasamy	Arul Kadal, Chennai	VJ, New Delhi

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Fr. Ilanko Xavier (53) has been appointed by Father General as Socius to the Provincial of the Chennai Province.

Fr. John Gualbert has moved from LTI, Madurai, to St. Mary's, Dindigul.

Seminar

Topic: Emotional Hygiene

Date: April 28th evening to 30th evening 2020

Place: Thozhamai Illam, Kanyakumari

Resource Person: Fr. Joe Kokkandathi SDB

Contact: Fr. Arul Sivan, S.J. (94439-27138 arulsivan1950@gmail.com)

Final Vows

Fr. Joseph Ignaci G. (Igni) On 19 March 2020 @ 06.30 pm. Chennai: Loyola

Fr. Amalraj Amirtha Nathan On 25 March 2020 (Forenoon) Oriyur: St. Arulanandar

Fr. Leolin Arockia Dass A. On 18 April 2020 (Forenoon) Tiruchi: St. Joseph's

Health Update

Fr. P.S. Arul (CEN) has been suffering from spinal cord and varicose vein problems from January onwards. After a checkup at Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore, he underwent treatment both at Preethi Hospital and Meenakshi Mission Hospital, Madurai. After having spent almost 15 days there, he is now at Beschi Illam, Dindigul, continuing his medication, physiotherapy and rest. He is able to walk but finds it difficult to get up from bed or chair or stand for more than a few minutes. Kindly pray for his speedy recovery.

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN) Catholics in China

In March 2020, we pray with Pope Francis that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



The Ignatian Year 2021-2022 already has an official logo to be used in all activities and information about this event. It was designed by the Spanish architect Emilio Ortiz Zaforas. It presents in Latin the name of the Founder of the Society of Jesus, "Ignatius", which

Iñigo de Loyola adopted years after his conversion in 1521. The cross is visible in the center of the word, and it also points to the classic emblem of the Society, "IHS". The **S** at the end of the name doubles as the figure **5** at the beginning of the number 500 in a logo that, in a contemporary graphic, connects Ignatius' old signature with our days by means of a new design. Thus, it wants to combine the epoch of Ignatius' conversion with the motto chosen for this celebration: "To see all things new in Christ."



NEWS DIGEST

MAG+S 2020

MAG+S 2020, Catholic youth celebration, was organized by the Youth Commission of the Province at St. Joseph's, Tiruchi, from 21st to 23rd February 2020. The theme for this gathering of 186 Catholic youth was "இளைஞரே! துணிவோடு எழு! ஒளி வீச!" (**Youth! Arise Courageously and Shine!**) based on Isaiah 60:1 and keeping in mind the current socio-political situation of the world. We began with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Leonard Fernando, Rector of St. Joseph's. Fr. Rajasekaran preached the homily. After the Mass, praying the rosary, the youth walked towards the MAG+S hall. For the Inauguration, Mr. Gnanseelan, a motivational speaker, was the Chief Guest and he enthralled the youth by his life-sharing and inspiring speech. The three-day celebration focused on spiritual, personal and social concerns. We also had debate, talent show and cultural celebrations. The resource persons were Fr. Maria Susai, Miss. Jeyalakshmi, Frs. Vincent Paulraj, Johnpeter, Mr. V.J. Vijay, Fr. James, Mr. Iyarkai Vivasaiye Thangasami, Mrs. Emelda and her husband Mr. Arockiasamy. All these Catholics are simple but inspiring



people doing extraordinary things in the world.

MAG+S 2020 ended with the hope that the Catholic youth would take a leading role in all walks of life to bring the reign of God amidst all especially the people in the periphery. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Jesuit Parish Priests for encouraging their youth to be agents of change and socially responsible leaders.

The World stands in need of liberation, dear young people. Keep in mind the words of Pope Francis: “You are the Now of God” and so Be Christ Centered! Be Courageous! Be Convinced!

The Youth Commission is ever grateful to St. Joseph’s and the Province administration for the fullest support they extended to MAG+S 2020.

Parthasarathi

SPIRITUALITY AND DIALOGUE COMMISSION

On February 22nd and 23rd, Beschi Illam hosted a two-day seminar on Ignatian Spirituality organized by the Spirituality and Dialogue Commission; 54 Jesuits of Chennai and Madurai Provinces involved in Higher Education participated in the seminar. Thanks to Fr. Joseph Lobo (KAR), the resource person, the seminar was well received and much appreciated.

JESCOM TN Meet @ LENS

In addition to six Commission members, ten invitees attended the Communication Commission Meeting on February 16th. The 33rd issue of *Silambam* featuring a debate by the hostel boys of St. Mary’s, Madurai, on the positive and negative impacts of mobile phones, was released by Fr. Arulanantham, SATHANGAI Director; 5,000 copies must have reached the students of all our schools by now. Fr. Xavier Antony, JESCOM TN Coordinator, presented a report on eight *Silambam* issues published this year, release of a series of documentary films joining hands with Marupakkam, the income generated by our professional studio nearing Rs. 4 lakh, *Thiraipada Kondattam* event where three actors and two directors of KD and *Irendam Ulaga Porin Kadaisi Gundu* were present in LENS Campus and six videos of professional quality recently uploaded in YouTube.

LENS Equipment audit report was presented by Fr. L.R. Michaelraj along with the new equipment to be purchased this year. All unanimously applauded LENS for achieving visibility beyond the local and regional levels, which gives hope to Jesuits in media and felt that LENS should slowly become self-sufficient financially for its permanent sustainability.

It was decided that LENS would continue to handle all media services like *Silambam*, film appreciation, documentary film festivals, media training courses to scholastics, archiving of videos related to justice issues and Jesuit Online TV as visualized in PAP, whereas the newly evolved Loyola Media Madurai (LMM) would

handle all the commercial activities and professional productions including uploads. Audio dramas for sound and light shows in schools, ad films for small commercial concerns for use in local cable networks and equipment rental (camera & lights) could be its sources of income. In this connection, Mr. Leonidoss, Founder Director, MAGIC MEDIA, advised us to invest on lights to the height of UNIT II as per film industry requirements.

LENS, for its part, could focus on content creators and drama theatre persons, broadening the scope of *Silambam*, revival of *Isaiyaruvi* hits, getting a regent for a better media formation, and becoming a mini team and ceasing to be a one-man show as at now.

Starting of a JESUIT TV or LOYOLA TV is the need of the hour and perhaps we are already too late. A team has been constituted to finalize its structure, content along with the financial plan to be submitted to the Province in the hope that our own TV could take off on the feast day of St. Ignatius in 2020.

Xavier Antony

CHENNAI: ARUL KADAL

The first week of February brought special graces to Arul Kadal: 1. The official visit of Fr. Stephen Lourdu Pragasam, our PCF. He spent enough and more time to listen to and guide us. 2. We were blessed with a rich and new source of water right in the AK quadrangle garden solving our water problem. Fr. Christian Marte, Rector, Jesuitenkolleg, Innsbruck, Austria, gave us a talk on European history and culture. He also explained how the Church in Europe faces the crisis in faith formation. The community recollection on ‘The Pioneering Jesuits of Madurai Mission’ served us as a helpful preparation



to take part in the Chennai Province pilgrimage to Konankuppam on February 15th. Arul Kadal staff, Frs. Raj Irudaya and Sahayaraj, along with Sch. Paul Raj representing the students, participated both in the national seminar and academic council meeting held at VJ, Delhi, between 17 and 20 February. The highlight of this month was that Arul Kadal had yet another opportunity on February 19th to express our solidarity with the women of Chennai Shaheen Bagh at Old Washermenpet in their continuing protest against CAA.

Edward Lenin

Dindigul: Beschi Illam

On January 30th, our novices went to Don Bosco Pre-novitiate in Marianathapuram, Dindigul, to take part in St. John Bosco feast day celebrations which included the cultural fest of the Salesian pre-novices. On February 4th, the feast of St. John de Britto, we had the festive Eucharist in our domestic chapel with Fr. Michael Doss as the main celebrant and Fr. Yagoo as the homilist. On February 10th, the first-year novices gave a cultural programme based on the ongoing socio-political issues in India to the Beschi community. On February 11th, the feast of our Lady of Lourdes began with a solemn car procession from Sacred Heart Residence to the grotto via Maduralaya, Valanagam and JRS-TN office, and ended with a concelebrated Holy Mass at the grotto. Our novices prayerfully recited the rosary and led the procession and Fr. Leo Pereira preached an inspiring homily during the Mass on the significance of Mother Mary's intercessory role in our salvation. On February 12th, our 12 first-year novices went to Perumalmalai for work experiment. On February 18th, three second-year novices were sent to Harur for pastoral experiment. On February 19th, while two second-year novices were asked to assist our seniors in Arrupe Bhavan, Beschi Illam, nine second-year novices were missioned to Shanti Bhavan, St. Joseph's Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospice in Kanyakumari, Tuticorin and Kodai Road, respectively, for hospital/hospice experiment. On February 18th and 19th, Frs. Inigo and Swaminathan participated in the second biannual two-day TNPCRI Formators Forum Meet held at the Retreat Centre, Poondi Madha Shrine. The much-appreciated input sessions by Fr. Sahaya Philomin Raj, the resource person, helped us critically analyse our understanding of religious formation of young men and women. On February 23rd, the first-year novices visited Satya Colony, Vilpatti, Kodai Hills, and gave an hour-long cultural programme highlighting the current socio-political problems in India.

JRS-TN: After his motorcycle accident and convalescence, Fr. Leo Pereira has resumed his work as Director, JRS-TN. On February 12th and 13th, JRS-TN had an annual evaluation of its project activities with the Regional Director, JRS-SA and his JRS-RO team. On February 14th, in collaboration with LISSTAR, JRS-TN organized a one-day consultation programme in Loyola College, Chennai. Mr. T.K.S. Elangovan, M.P. (Rajya Sabha), Mr. A.W. Rabi Bernard, former M.P. (Rajya Sabha) and Mr. S. Peter Alphonse, former M.L.A., were invited for the programme and there was a fruitful discussion on the theme: "Local Integration as a Durable Solution for Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees." On February 23rd, Mr. Brian Cramer, Child Safeguarding Consultant, JRS, Rome, came to Dindigul and had a meeting with all JRS-TN staff members on child safeguarding policy.

Swaminathan

Dindigul: St. Mary's

On 25 February 2020, our school celebrated its Sports Day in the morning. Mr. V. Ashok Kumar, Tax Assistant, Income Tax Office, Chennai, Indian Football player and alumnus of our school was the chief guest. On the same day, St. Mary's Primary School celebrated its 170th School Annual Day. Mr. S. Sebastian Britto Raj, B.E., an alumnus of our school, was the chief guest. Students' participation in both the events was remarkable.



St. Mary's Hr. Sec. School honoured its Throwball and Hockey players:

- Throwball: National level Silver winners
- Hockey U17: State level first place Gold winners
- Hockey U14: State level second place Silver winners

This great achievement is certainly a matter of great pride for the school and the district. All the players were honoured in the presence of the chief guest Dr. K. Jeyaraman, M.B.B.S., D.M.R.D., Rajaji Govt. Hospital, Madurai, Mr. P. Velu, District Revenue Officer, the CEO and DEO of Dindigul.

Amuthu organized a 1-day Widows' programme and the resource person was Jesi, who works in Kalangarai as a Coordinator. JMAADD resource persons from Nagercoil conducted a 4-day de-addiction programme. They went round, visited and addressed the students studying in 10 different government schools in Dindigul. Many students benefitted from this programme.

Joe Marsh

Karumathur: AAC

The Pashu Mela coordinated by the Department of Rural Development Science on 27th and 28th January drew a large number of beneficiaries from the locality. The Department also organized a National Seminar on Livestock Farming and Product Processing in which a notable number of students took part. Dr. Nallakaman, the Dean of MK University, graced the occasion. Fr. Prince Memorial Football Tournament and Fr. C. Montaud Memorial Hockey Tournament were conducted by the Department of Physical Education, each for three days starting from 5th and 12th February, respectively. Fourteen teams participated in the events.

An International Conference on Advanced Materials organized by the Department of Physics on 11th and 12th February, with a special address by Dr. Eswaran Murugasen from ITODYS, Paris, drew an immense response from various colleges. A UGC-sponsored State Level Seminar on “Towards a Five Trillion Dollar Economy” drew a sizable number of participants from the city. Dr. M. Vijayabasker from MIDS, Chennai, spoke on the occasion.

Diraviam Arangam of AAC witnessed multifarious dramatic sounds and scenes on 15th February from dawn to dusk with Theatre Fest 2020 organized by the Departments of English Language & Literature in which fourteen teams staged their English drama, a feast to the eyes of the spectators. Department of Tamil organized an International Conference on “இலக்கியங்களில் நிலம் மொழி அடையாளங்கள்” on 18th February, with a special invitee from Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Mrs. Priyadharshini Jagadeeshwaran. On February 17th, the Department of Information Technology and Management organized a National Conference on Cyber Security. Dr. A. Abdul Raheed from CMR Institute of Technology, Bangalore, was the chief guest. The Department of Mathematics organized a National Conference on Pure and Applied Mathematics on 19th February. RADAR candidates appeared for Government exam on 19th February.

Paul Pragash

LTI, Madurai

LTI community welcomed the juniors from Trivandrum, who stopped by while on their way to Shembaganur. Ten regents from the south zone had their recollection at LTI. Fr. Antony Pappuraj guided and accompanied the regents.

LITI

In the District level SKILL INDIA competition, six LITI students secured top places in Madurai, Dindigul and Sivagangai. In the State level competition held for the winners, LITI student Sanjay Kumar secured the first place in Electrical installation.

Alumni association meeting was held on January 25th. About 110 alumni participated. The new officials were elected during the meet. As a follow-up, Alumni Executive Committee meeting was held on February 22nd.

Senior Electrician and Wireman students underwent a special training on PLC from 3 to 28 February 2020. Similarly, CNC training programme was conducted for senior Fitter trade students from 3 to 14 February. As part of the training, they went for a 3-day in-plant training to HI-TECH CNC. Senior students participated in the Job Fair held in Madurai Government ITI on February 28th.

LITI staff Mr. M. Thomas Arockia Selvaraj participated in the H-STEP 1 training at KUN Hyundai,

Chennai, conducted from 17 to 24 February 2020.

LENS

The 21st Madurai Film Festival (Short Films & Documentary Films) was organized in LENS in collaboration with Marupakkam. Mr. Amuthan selected and screened the movies. Many notable directors participated in the event.

The first video document of the series “பாடல் பிறந்த பதிவுகள்” was recorded on two songs of Fr. Sigamani, namely, கன்னி ஈன்ற செல்வமே and மண்ணில் பூத்த விண்மலரே.



LENS and தமிழக மக்கள் பண்பாட்டுக் கழகம் jointly organized திரைக் கொண்டாட்டம் on January 4th. From Gundu Movie Team, Mr. Athiyana Aathirai (Director), Mr. Kishore Kumar (Cameraman) and from K. D. Engira Karuppu Durai Movie Team Mr. M. Ramasamy (Actor) and Master Naga Vishal (Actor) shared the stage in the event.

JESCOO

In January, Fr. Emma conducted a special program on the theme of birth for the Catholic parents at Our Lady's Nursery, Chennai. In February, he followed it up with a half-day psycho-spiritual program for the same group. Also, in February, he conducted a 3-day Psychological Empowerment programme for young women through JRS at Beschi, Dindigul.

Amith Shajan

Madurai: St. Mary's

A new book titled பாஸ்கா, authored by Fr. K. A. Augustine was released by Fr. Arockiasamy Xavier, Principal of St. Joseph College, Tiruchi, on February 19th. Frs. Xavier Antony and Stephen Martin offered felicitations. Fr. Marivalan beautifully organized the sessions and served as the MC. More than 80 Pasca performers from 15 parishes attended the function. On February 11th, the parishioners meaningfully celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes with a candlelight-cum-car procession within the campus.

- The GBM of St. Mary's Parish Council was held on February 16th.

- There was a special Mass celebrated on February 22nd for strengthening and motivating over 300 X, XI &



XII Std students in the parish. Writing materials, gifted by Kudumba Nal Vazhvu Iyakkam of our parish, were blessed and given to them.

- “Bala Mela” was fittingly celebrated by the children of our neighbourhood ministry on February 23rd. Fr. I. Arul, the chief guest, motivated the young and creative minds who exhibited their talents in the cultural programme, sports and games.

Manuel Savariar

Nagercoil: Carmel

On the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, we had a car procession followed by a concelebrated Eucharist presided over by the Superior Fr. A. Xavier Raj and the Minister Fr. S. Maria Singarayar preached the homily. Mr. Martin, our well-wisher and retired Civil Supply Officer, sponsored the whole celebration in which the hostellers of our neighboring Little Flower HSS along with the Sisters of the Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary participated.

Our hostel students with the Jesuit Community went on a one-day pilgrimage-cum-picnic to Kuthenkuli, Manapad, Uvari, Manal Malai Matha Church and Kanyakumari on 21 February. We celebrated the Holy Mass at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Manapad.

On 23 February, a special prayer service was organized for X, XI & XII Standard students in the hostel with their parents in which all the community members participated and blessed the students to write the government examinations well and to pass with flying colors. Similarly, special prayer services were held in the school for XII Standard students on February 26th and XI Standard students on February 27th.

Maria Singarayar

Oriyur: St. Arulanandar

The 327th birth anniversary of St. John De Britto was celebrated solemnly at his shrine. It was preceded by a well-planned and meticulously executed Novena in preparation for the feast. The Novena Mass gave the faithful an opportunity to learn more about the life and work of their patron saint.

The school felicitated and thanked two of our Higher

Secondary School staff retiring this year from service. The Alumni Association held a meeting on February 23rd. A number of our former pupils took part in the meeting and honoured their teachers.

Jackson Joseph

Palamalai: St. Michael's Estate

R.C. Primary School, Palamalai, celebrated its 80th Annual School Day on 23 February 2020. It was purposely kept on a Sunday so that the parents and families of all our students could attend and encourage them to do well in their studies. Fr. M. Devadoss, Socius to the Provincial, who was the chief guest recalled in his speech his own experiences as a scholastic of supervising SSS primary schools in Palani Hills. He pointed out the dangers lurking in the Draft National Education Policy (NEP) 2019 for students from rural, poor and tribal backgrounds. Fr. Patrick, the Superior of Sacred Heart College, appreciated the students' performance in the



cultural items and presented gifts to them. Most of the items on the programme were in English and the children performed them so confidently that parents and the guests were totally impressed with their performance. Around 20 Jesuits including Fr. Maria Joseph, Province Treasurer, along with estate managers and hill Jesuits attended the School Day function. The old students of the school were fully involved in the programme and in setting up the stage and tastefully decorating the place. Fr. Alex Yagoo ably assisted Fr. Ignatius Amalraj (Igi), Correspondent, and Mr. Edward, HM, in organizing the programme.

Ignatius Amalraj H.

Palayamkottai: St. Xavier's

We, SXC Jesuits were invited to Puliampatti Parish on 4 February 2020 to celebrate St. Antony's Novena Mass and take part in the adoration. We had Fr. Provincial's annual visitation from 8 to 13 February. It was really a time of blessing for the community. On February 23rd, Jesuits from Nagercoil, Thoothukudi, Kanyakumari and Palayamkottai gathered together at St. Xavier's and had an adoration during which Fr. Joseph Xavier gave a Lenten message. After dinner, we had a sharing of salient points of our apostolate.



SXC

St. Xavier's College was honoured with **Indywood Education Excellence Award** for the category "Excellence in Career Development, Infrastructure and Global Exposure". The award was given on 14 February 2020 in Chennai.

The Alumni/ae Day (known as "Family Day") was celebrated in the evening of January 26th. The celebration began with games and entertainments for children, women and men. Fr. Henry Jerome, Rector, released the annual magazine "Xaverian Heritage" and the first copy was received by Justice A. Nazir Ahamed, the Chief Guest of the evening. The highlight of the celebration was the presentation of special awards to the following illustrious alumni in recognition of their meritorious services. Retd Justice David Christian (Justice), Mr. M.P. Alagianambi, Advocate (Legal), Mr. B.T. Chidambaram and Dr. P. Valanarasu (Tamil Language), Dr. SVL Michael (Writer and Editor), Mr. G. Muthukrishnan (committed service to the growth and development of Justice Joseph Clinical Lab) and Fr. Alphonse Manickam, Secretary, SXC (highest score of A++ with GCPA of 3.66 by NAAC in September 2019).

XIBA

XIBA organized "XI-BAZZAR: The Marketing meeting 2020" which is an innovative one-day programme inviting five marketing experts from various industries for Event Proof to leverage marketing trends in 2020. Mr. Dalton, Meenakshi Honda, Tirunelveli, was the Chief Guest. New ideas and marketing strategies have been awarded suitably.

SXCE

The students of SXCE, as part of their curriculum-service to society, visit daily nearby hostels and homes of poor children and in culmination have an annual valedictory celebration with those students. Thus, annual days were celebrated with those boys and girls on February 18 and 27, at NGO Colony and Kurichi, respectively, where they had been rendering academic assistance during the past months. It was a day of gratitude as both the prospective teachers as well as children gain by this collaboration.

February 13th was a day of bringing our minds and hearts together on the theme of 'The Earth: our Mother' through beautiful paintings, aesthetically produced by Mr. Tamilarasan, an artist from Cuddalore. All of us took a pledge to contribute each one's mite to protect the earth.

A video-conference lecture on 'Stress Management' by Dr. Farita Viegas, Principal of St. Aloysius Institute of Education, Mangalore, on 14 February 2020 was an 'easy-to-understand' sharing for our students and they were thus exposed to interacting with an online speaker and the nuances of questioning and getting the necessary clarifications.

Maria Albin Raja

Thoothkudi: Xaveriana

Mupperum Vizha – Cultural Festival, Catechism Day and School Annual Day rolled into one – was held in the school on 15 February 2020. Fr. Leonard Nevis Fernando, Rector of St. Joseph's, Tiruchi, and an alumnus, was the chief guest. Our students' scintillating cultural performance on the theme 'Protection of Environment' was much appreciated.

Retreat for Catholic students of VI to IX Standards was held on 22 February. Mr Libori, a teacher from St. Mary's HS School, Madurai, was the main resource person. Two Servite sisters also directed the retreatants. Mr Libori helped the boys do the Examination of Conscience, in true Ignatian style.

Fr. Xavier Rajan underwent a cataract operation (left eye) on 19 February at Aravind Eye Hospital, Tuticorin; let us hope he does not see people walking like trees!

In spite of much threat from the Government departments, the Tuticorin Diocese organized on 29 February at Cathedral Church premises a protest meeting against CAA, NPR and NRC. In the course of the meeting, the Muslim brethren, who came out in large numbers, went to do their *Namaz* in our school quadrangle and later rejoined the meeting.

Xavier Rajan

Tiruchi: Clive House

February has been a grace-filled month, giving us, Clive House scholastics, an opportunity to actively participate in the feast day Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th and be impressed by the faith of the people. We were also able to contribute our services by way of taking one of the songs in English, Tamil and Hindi, adding colour to the grand Eucharist.

The visit of Fr. Stephen Lourdu Pragasam, PCF of Madurai, was on 13th and 14th February. The expectation of the Province from us the scholastics and our own faith-sharing helped us do things better in Clive House.

On February 14th, we had a friendly basketball match at St. Paul's Seminary and on the following evening we had a meaningful recollection talk on the theme "Sacrament of Reconciliation" given by Fr. Maria

Soosai, Assistant Parish Priest of Pazhayakoil, Tiruchi. The following day, we made our confession in a fruitful way as a preparation for the Season of Lent.

Faith sharing in year-wise groups on February 16th made us understand each other irrespective of our different linguistic and cultural backgrounds and reinforced our bonding as companions in the Lord.

Be Happy & Be Holy was our theme for this month's Eucharist and it was a blessing for us to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Br. John Britto. Our twinkling stars Sch. Samroy Terrance and Sch. Rajesh Katru (DUM) won laurels: Sam received an award for inventing sanitary napkins at a cost of Rs. 2 and Rajesh cleared the NET examination in physics at the very first attempt. We congratulate our brothers for their wonderful achievements.

Arockia Pradeep

Tiruchi: St. Joseph's

St. Joseph's College has been honored with '**INDYWOOD EXCELLENCE AWARD**' by Project Indywood at a function held in Chennai for excellence in entrepreneurship development, innovation and industrial research.

Mr. P. Chidambaram, the former Finance Minister, presented a nuanced analysis on the Union Budget 2020 on 15 February to a packed audience of staff and students in Lawley Hall.

GRACE 2020, an annual State level Youth Prayer Convention, was held on 15-16 February organized by Campus Ministry. This event has touched the milestone of 25 years and every time it draws the participation of about 3,000 students from all over Tamil Nadu.



The students of Drama Club staged Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* on 27-29 February.

In an effort to promote interculturality and in memory of Veeramamunivar, an intercollegiate Tamil literary festival was organized by the Department of Tamil.

The college brimmed with academic activities in February, namely, 1 international Seminar, 2 national seminars, 6 workshops and 4 endowment lectures organized by its various departments.

SJC centenary Tournament for Volleyball and

Football conducted by the Department of Physical Education drew 12 teams from colleges across Tamil Nadu. SJC secured the Runners-up award in Football.

JIM students had a special lecture on "Ethics in CSR and Corporate Governance" on 5 February by Mr. J.M. Kennedy, IRS, Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax, Tiruchi Zone. Mr. U. Sagayam, IAS, Vice-Chairman, Tamil Nadu Science City, Chennai, conducted an interactive session on 'Ethics and Probity in Public Administration' on 6 February.

JIM organized a two-day Management Fest, '**Xchange**' for both UG and PG students from colleges all over Tamil Nadu on 7-8 February providing a great platform for all the students to exhibit their talents. Mr. Mahesh Poyyamozi, MLA for Thiruverumbur constituency, Mr. Jeo Malloori, Actor, were the guests of honour for the events. A unique '**START UP MELA 3.0**' was also organized with the aim of identifying the budding entrepreneurs and supporting their ideas on 21-22 February. The Mela attracted 57 external teams from all over Tamil Nadu and 27 internal teams. To close the series of special lectures for the month, Hon. Justice K. Chandru, delivered a lecture on "Judiciary in Ethics" on 25 February.

The Youth Seminar of JCSA South Zone Provinces was conducted on 28-29 February. The deliberations focused on the theme "Forming Responsible Leaders for Tomorrow." About 50 youth drawn from various Jesuit colleges actively participated in the seminar.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish celebrated its 124th Annual Festival on 11 February. The Novena started off with the sacred flag hoisting by Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj, CEN Provincial, on 2 February.

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Vilangudi: VMI

Sharings by Frs. Rayappan Innasi and Fr. Maria Felix Kennedy on their ministries, AHAL and JESIM respectively, enabled the pre-novices to know more about the toils and sufferings of the marginalized people and inspired them to work for the downtrodden. A special rosary service with candlelight procession was organized on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

On February 19th, we had a sharing by Fr. John Peter, the Parish Priest of Maaraneri, on the theme 'Discover Yourself', which was very inspiring and made the pre-novices feel highly motivated. Fr. M. A. Selvam facilitated a two-day Chapter Review Meeting for the Provincial Team, Local Superiors and the Coordinators of Commissions (Sisters of St. Aloysius Gonzaga) at their Provincialate, Vadipatti. Totally, 64 Sisters participated in it and were happy to intensify their commitment to the liberation of humanity.

P. Rex Reuban

Delhi: Vidyajyoti

The month of February was filled with great memories and events. The third-year scholastics successfully completed their *Ad Auds* exam after much preparation and rigorous study.

The Preliminary Academic Council (PAC) meeting was held at Vidyajyoti from 17 – 20 February with the theme “Our Concerns and Perspectives of a New Evangelization.” Fr. Raj Irudaya, Fr. Sahayaraj and Sch. Paulraj represented Arul Kadal and presented papers on the above-mentioned theme in the context of Tamil Nadu. All the paper-presenters were very much appreciated.

On 22 February, 28 Jesuit Scholastics from 11 different Provinces in India were ordained Deacons by Most Rev. Anil Joseph Thomas Couto, Metropolitan Archbishop of Delhi. It was a grace-filled moment for all of us. All the five CEN-MDU Deacons are charged with the spirit of service.

Vijin Antony Raj

Vidyaniketan, Thiruvananthapuram

Under the guidance of Fr. Britto Bonaventure, we attended a three-day course on Ecology at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur. While returning, in Madurai, we visited Meenakshi Amman Temple, the Mahal and St. Mary's Cathedral. The community of St. Mary's, Madurai, was at home to us for a day till we started our journey back to Thiruvananthapuram. On 22nd, we attended the clergy and CRI meeting in St. Xavier's auditorium. The Academy Day on 23rd evening was an enjoyable event with a variety entertainment programme. Soon we will have the Assistancy level exam in English and we are getting ready for that.

Antony Prince

Sitagarha: Juniorate

We participated in the inauguration ceremony of Xavier College of Education. It is the first BEd college of Hazaribag Province. On February 7th, we witnessed the lively sports day in the Jesuit school nearby. Teacher training college students and school students performed dance and made a human pyramid. Homiletics seminar by Fr. Francis kindled in us a

desire to be good preachers. During the seminar, we were happy to preach in our main chapel. After this seminar Fr. Provincial visited us and spent ample time listening to us. We appreciated his care and concern towards the formees.

John Pushparaj

From Fr. K. Amal in Berkeley

It is just over a month since we began the Spring Semester here in Berkeley Jesuit School of Theology (JST) and the classes are in full swing. I feel I am quite settled in a new environment of being a student at age 63. It is so thrilling and pretty challenging as well, to sit with the young fellows drawn from different Christian denominations and religious orders.

Six of us in this group -- 3 nuns and 3 priests (from four continents belonging to six different countries) are on sabbatical. Climatically it is so good and it is like staying in Perumalmalai, Kodaikanal. We are 62 Jesuits in the community, young and old, from all over the world, staying in eight different houses within a range of 100 to 200 metres.



I was so lucky to meet Rev. Fr. General, who was here on February 8th, for a short visit. This was a low-profile visit and the social media was completely kept away. He addressed the JST Jesuit community and he spoke for nearly an hour, highlighting the importance of UAP and his expectations from Jesuits around these preferences. His sharing was simple and inspiring in style and content. He insisted that we be guided by the Spirit in the first place, realizing that we are missioned by Pope Francis, and that we live in a time of epochal change, and we need and must realize the importance of lay partnerships. After having lunch with us, he left for another Jesuit house.

Abide with the Lord

Fr. Edwin Rasquinha (91/60 BOM) passed away 20.02.2020 at Andheri, Mumbai.

Fr. Felix Tirkey (52/28 DUM) passed away on 02.03.2020 in Bathbanga, Sahibganj, Jharkhand.

Fr. Geoffrey Michael Meagher (77/59 HAZ) passed away on 05.03.2020, in Kolkata.

Fr. Petrus Kerketta (71/51 MAP) passed away on 09.03.2020 at Ambikapur.

Fr. Arakal Jacob (96/75 AND) passed away on 12.03.2020 in Hyderabad.

Sadhuvika Shamshitha (06), niece of Fr. Vasanthakumar (CEN), passed away on 23.02.2020 at Mehta Nagar, Chennai.

THE ARRUPPEAN QUALITY THAT I LOVE

The Saintry Fr. Arrupe had an extraordinary trust in the movements of the Holy Spirit. He, as the Superior General, used to look for signs from the Spirit to affirm his major decisions for the life and mission of the Society of Jesus. A man of great depth and practical wisdom, he knew that the origin of such depth and wisdom was in his constant turning to the assistance, assurance and accompaniment of the Spirit. It is this Spirit that filled his heart with the 3 C's: CONSOLATION at all times, particularly when being misunderstood by some of the topmost Church officials and even

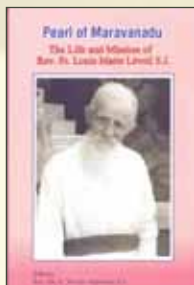


by some Jesuits who did not like his leadership style; COURAGE in faithfully implementing the teachings of the Second Vatican Council in the ministries of the Society, especially regarding the preferential option for the poor; and CREATIVITY in reading the signs of the times and thus restructuring the traditional ministries into the most needed ones in order to alleviate the yoke on the poor whom he considered as the modern "suffering Christ" (Sp. Ex. n. 206).

The Spirit that he time and again confided in, for wisdom and strength, capacitated him to change the direction of the Society towards the wellbeing of the poor and the less privileged. The foundation of JRS and the Social Action Ministries, all of which came into existence during his tenure as General, are the concrete fruits of such a radical change! No doubt, he had to pay a heavy price in terms of false accusations because of the abrupt 'leaving' of many Jesuits. But, he always listened to the Voice of God from the depths of his heart, and resolutely moved forward in ways which, he believed, were God's. This is how he tried to transcend all barriers and thus humanize the society broken in the name of color, creed and caste. And, all his outstanding qualities like humility, simplicity, depth, obedience and patience are the generous gifts the Spirit bestowed upon him. Each and every one of us can learn from Fr. Arrupe this deep devotion to the Spirit which, I trust, animated him in all phases of his life. May we also be led by the divine Spirit for which the daily recitation of the following prayer which Fr. Arrupe himself composed will be of help: "Lord, I need your Spirit, that divine force that has transformed so many human personalities, making them capable of extraordinary deeds and extraordinary lives. Give me that Spirit which, coming from You and going to You, infinite Holiness, is a Holy Spirit. Amen".

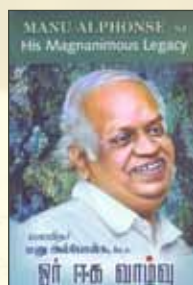
M. A. Selvam

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