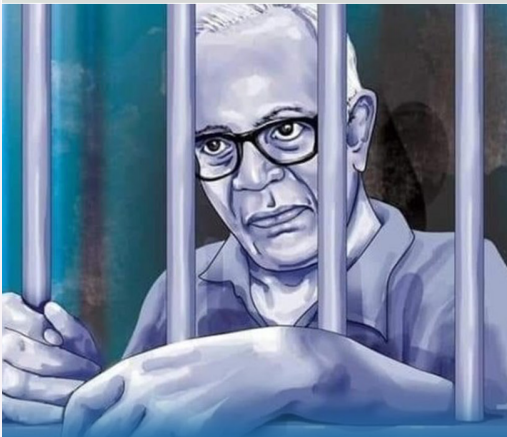




Our Lady of the Way



Happy Feast
of Assumption of Our BVM
& Happy Independence Day!
Joyful memory
of Restoration of the Society



விடுதலைக்கு வித்தானார்,
விடியலுக்கு சான்றானார்!
Fr. Stanislaus LourduSwami SJ
26-04-1937 to 05-07-2021

Provincial's Message



Pilgrimage for Justice of a Pilgrim Prophet –
Fr. Stan Swamy SJ

Ever since Fr. Stan Swamy was unjustly arrested, we, as friends in the Lord and his loving comrades, have been united in prayer with him. In fact, the entire Society of Jesus empathised with him, stood with him taking all possible legal proceedings and organising many protests to get him released. We also expressed our dissent in manifold ways against the injustice done to him and to the other human right activists who were allegedly accused in the same case.

5 July, 2021 is a black day not only for Jesuits all over the world but to all who have a compassionate heart for the poor, dalits, tribals, the other marginalized and all who side with the human rights defenders and social activists. We have lost our good friend Fr. Stan, a prophet of audacity of our times. His death has become a symbol of protest against injustices and brutalities on the marginalised people. And therefore, his death is glorified as a death of a martyr. As a martyr of the marginalised, he has become an inspiring personality through his sacrificial life and mission. As our dear Fr. Arturo Sosa, the General feels, our hearts are also filled with consolation and gratitude. Consolation as he became a martyr and symbol of sacrifice, and gratitude that all his pains were alleviated and all that remains is to prove his innocence.

For about eighteen days, as if we lived with Fr. Stan, his ashes reminded us of his physical presence with us and in us. As the ashes were taken to most of the houses in the Province, I felt more consoled that Fr. Stan would never leave us and he would continue to live within and among us in various ways as a pilgrim prophet, particularly in our commitment, in rebuilding justice and peace.

As we paid our homage to this great personality, I am sure, all of us were impelled to retrace our own journey of vocation. The Ignatian Year - 500 adds meaning to this event. We are witnessing for ourselves how we encounter challenges in this pilgrimage of a lovely son of St. Ignatius, a pilgrimage for justice. It was also a God-given opportunity for us and for our collaborators in the service of faith and promotion of justice to review and renew our understanding of our love for our people

His prophetic love, life and mission amidst the voiceless people, shall continue to kindle in us the fire as he says, "If my actions to safeguard the rights and dignity of Tribals and Dalits are criminal and anti-national actions, I am ready to pay the price".

He continues to inspire us with his other good qualities such as his deep personal relationship with God, his hermeneutics of the signs of times, his compassionate heart for the poor and the marginalised, his uncompromising decision to take sides with the oppressed, his courage to speak boldly with a sustained prophetic voice and his audacity to follow Jesus. Clearly, he emulated a Yahweh model of love for the oppressed (Ex 3:7-9). I realise, the Pilgrimage for Justice has strengthened the collaboration and networking of all the groups working for justice and human rights in the country.

Along with Jesuit friends, I express my profound and sincere thanks to all the people of faith, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Religious,

Human Rights defenders, social activists and the friends and family members of Fr. Stan, who had made the Pilgrimage for Justice a memorable event. This pilgrimage has further emboldened us to demand justice for him, release of the other human rights defenders who are behind bars, repeal of the unjust laws and deepened our conviction and commitment to work for social justice, love, peace and reconciliation.

Fr. Stan has emphatically proclaimed through this Pilgrimage for Justice that the caged bird even if it is killed, will continue to sing more blissfully in and through us pilgrim prophets. Is there any other better message to commemorate the Restoration of the Society (7 Aug 1814) and the Indian independence in the month of August? We shall hold our hands together and proclaim that real freedom is found in true fraternity, equality and social justice.

Jebamalai Irudayaraj

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

AUGUST 2021

- 02 'Pilgrimage for Justice' at Viragalur, the Birth place of Fr. Stan
- 03 Final Programme of 'Pilgrimage for Justice' at Joseph's College, Tiruchi
Noon: LICET - GBM
- 04 Salem: Episcopal Ordination of the New Bishop
- 05-06 Visitation: Thirumanur
- 07 TNCRI Annual Meeting at Poondy
- 08 Young Priests: Leadership Training
- 10 GBM: Communication Commission
- 12 Final Vows of Fr. Paul Benedict, Harur
- 17 GBM: Spirituality and Dialogue Commission
- 21 Province Consult
- 22 Meeting of Province Researchers' Forum
- 30 Province Ordination at Tiruchi
- 31-01 Sept GBM: Social Action (including Tribal, Migrant and Ecology)

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 04 GBM: Secondary Education Commission
- 05 GBM: Higher Education Commission
- 07 GBM: Pastoral Commission
- 11 GBM: Dalit Commission
- 12 GBM: TVET Commission
- 14 GBM: Youth Commission

- 19 Meeting of Province Think Tank
- 21 GBM: Formation Commission
- 24 GBM: Finance Commission

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK INTENTION FOR EVANGELIZATION - THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACERDOTAL ORDINATION 2021:

The CEN-MDU Deacons - **Jayaraj Selvaraj, Manickam Perianayaraj & Williams Charles** of CEN and **Arul Gnanapragasam S., Doni Raja F., Joe Livingston S. & Paul Raj Arockiasamy** of MDU -and three Jesuit Deacons (1 DEL & 2 CCU) will be ordained priests by **Most Rev. Dr. Antony Stephen, Bishop of Tuticorin**, in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Joseph's College, Tiruchi, on Monday, 30 August 2021 at 05.30 pm. Given the pandemic situation, let us emulate our founding Fathers in their Ordination ceremony, through remote participation in the live streamed service.

J. Gladius (CEN), a first year novice, left the novitiate on 14 July 2021.

INI - 'INIGO' AND 'INITIATIVE' - LAUNCHED

In an online function on 31 July, 2021, the feast of St. Ignatius, the Madurai Province launched a new venture – an e-magazine called INI. INI stands for 'Inigo' and 'initiative.' Fr. Danis Ponniah, MDU Provincial, launched it, saying it is the first e-magazine of the Province which is blessed with an admirable intellectual capital. Fr. Cedric Prakash, (GUJ) offered his felicitations. Fr. M. A. Joe Antony, (MDU), editor, INI, said that INI would be a quarterly that would focus on 'Apostolic Preferences' of Jesuits. He said INI is meant for Jesuits everywhere and their associates – professors, teachers, alumni, students, all those who belong to the IGFA (Ignatian Family), who are drawn to the Ignatian spirituality, and all men and women of good will who collaborate with Jesuits in their work for faith and justice.

The inaugural issue of INI carries an exclusive interview with Fr. John Dardis, the General Assistant, and articles by Fr. Amaladoss Michael, (CEN), Rudi Heredia, (BOM), Cedric Prakash, (GUJ), William Sequeira, (KAR) and Francis Xavier P., (CEN). It has also an interesting feature in which 12 Jesuits from six Indian provinces share their Corona experiences, articulating what they learned from the dreaded disease.

In order to access the magazine, after you get into Chrome or Gmail, type on the slot on the top of the screen 'inimagazine.org' and it will take you to the home page of INI. To read the articles all you need to do is to click on 'Features' in the menu on the top.

Socius (MDU)

REPORTS

COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

Jesuit Media Centre- JEMCEN: On 26 July, 2021, the long-awaited dream of starting a media centre came true when Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj, Provincial formally blessed and inaugurated the centre in the Viscom Block of Loyola College, Chennai.



In his felicitation he thanked and appreciated the initiatives of Fr. Irudaya Raj and his team. He also underlined the fact that media centre should play the role of meaningful intervention in secular media, lobbying with the secular world and network with other like-minded groups.

Fr. Francis Xavier P., Rector released five posters and a monthly news magazine titled *வளர்சி* (*Valari*) which would bring out a series of in-depth articles on media-related issues.

Fr. A. Irudaya Raj, Communication Commission Coordinator, welcomed the gathering and recalled how the new provincial shared about the idea of establishing the media centre for media intervention in his homily during the thanksgiving Eucharist celebrated at the time of inception of the new province. He believed that a small seed which is sown will grow as a banyan tree in the future. He explained the role and functions of JEMCEN as a resource, research, training, production, publication and documentation centre.

Prof. Alex Parimalam explained the need assessment of different commissions in the Province. Fr. Justin Prabhu, one of the commission members proposed the vote of thanks.

Irudayaraj

SPIRITUALITY & DIALOGUE COMMISSION

IGY 21.22:

The Province IGY 21.22 team had its online – meet on 15 June, to review its deeds up to now. Fr. Provincial expressed his appreciation, along with that of his consult, assessing very positively the hybrid of online and offline Inaugural Event of 20 May. From May 2021 to July 2022, the last page of Chemmadal is intended, for a special column titled, 'IGNATIUS TODAY' by our upcoming generation. We had collaborated with the New Leader to bring out special pages on 'Ignatian Year' in its issues of 15 May and 31 July. The Guest Editorial of the latter was penned by our Provincial. Our Province has consciously adopted the policy of 'democratising' and thus, 'decentralising' the IGY-programs. Accordingly, the IGY - PLANNER has been prepared and distributed to each of ours, collating the programs discerned and decided at the grassroots by our various Commissions, Institutions and Communities. A communication from our IGY team has been duly dispatched at the start of July to all our Superiors and Coordinators, encouraging them to take all efforts required to translate the planner into praxis all through the year. Suggestions for improvement are welcome.

Jerry

APPRECIATION

Both the Spirituality & Dialogue Commission and Communication Commission express their deep sense of gratitude to all the Jesuit collaborators, technical experts, presenters, Superiors and Team Leaders for the efficient production and orderly execution of both the month-long daily YouTube Talks on Ignatian themes in English and Province-level Online Novena in Tamil.

Maria Arul Raj

SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION

Social Watch Tamil Nadu

Our consistent research and advocacy, with the newly elected Tamil Nadu Government, along with PAALAM on Post Matric Scholarship, have borne positive results in Secretaries assuring us to look into the matter as priority concerns. This has been also partly because our network partners have shared their report on "SC, ST Engineering Admissions Drop by 50% in TN" to 'The Hindu' Newspaper, dated 13 July 2021 and representations are being sent from the field.

Mr. Christodas Gandhi IAS (Retd), our consultant and Fr. John Kumar have met the newly appointed secretaries of the government of Tamil Nadu connected with all the marginalised sectors and also the Ministers who have taken charge; we have submitted our representations to ensure the livelihood and educational rights of SC/STs; some of which they have willingly accepted to take-up during the forthcoming budget session.

We have been also offering data to some of the newly elected SC/ST legislators (MLAs) about the emerging priority issues and concerns to be raised in the Assembly debates.

On 24 July, Fr. John Kumar presented a paper on "Decent Work, Informal Economy and State Budgets – An Analysis" in the Regional Consultation for Strategizing Deficits against Decent Work in the Informal Sector at Bengaluru, organized by National Centre for Labour.

As Province Coordinators for Social Action, Frs. Santhanam (MDU) and John Kumar (CEN), chalked out the Course of Action with regard to 'Pilgrimage for Justice with Fr. Stan'. It was taken up for a wider level consultation in view of greater co-operation and collaboration. The whole spiritual journey has been reverentially and respectfully carried out by the Jesuits in all the communities in both the provinces. Grateful regards and kudos to all of ours.

To expand our presence and meaningful intervention, a base line survey of hamlets and villages of marginalised communities, especially SCs and STs, in Vilupuram and Tiruvallur districts has been attempted with the help of social researchers. For this purpose, a few field work staff have been recruited and trained. Frs. Marianathan C., Arul Henry William and Maria Felix Kennedy have been in touch with them.

John Kumar

YOUTH COMMISSION

We, the Youth Commission of our province organized a state-level triple competition in view of 500th year of Conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola in collaboration with Campus Ministry of Loyola College, Chennai. The youth, numbering 266 youth have participated in the quiz, essay and two minutes speech competition. The prize winners were announced on 31 July, the feast day of St. Ignatius. Thanks to Loyola Feast Organizing team, and Youth Commission members.

Parthasarathi

A PILGRIMAGE FOR JUSTICE

WITH THE MARTYR OF THE MARGINALIZED

We were deeply pained to hear the custodial death of Fr. Stan Swamy SJ (JAM), aged 84, on 5 July 2021 at 13.30 hrs at Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai. Fr. Stan was truly a prophet who lived his life fully for the dignity and rights of the Adivasis, Dalits and other marginalized communities. To celebrate the gift of Fr. Stan and pay homage to this Martyr of the Marginalized the JCSA South Zone Provinces organised an online memorial service on 8 July. The service had the cultural and linguistic forms and expressions of the southern states of India. The eminent speakers, Church leaders and activists paid homage to Fr. Stan. It is available on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxC0KjkoFIg>

As a result of their discussions with the Consultants, Superiors and Team Leaders of both CEN-MDU Provinces, Provincials - Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj (CEN) and Fr. Danis Ponniah (MDU) decided to use this occasion as a God-given opportunity to celebrate the prophetic life and mission of Fr. Stan. So it was planned to carry his cremains reverently to our communities in Tamil Nadu and pay our loving homage to this martyr of our times, in collaboration with the dioceses, religious congregations, laity, and all people of good will.

A PILGRIMAGE FOR JUSTICE IN CEN (17 July to 02 August 2021)

ARCHDIOCESE OF MADRAS - MYLAPORE

The Urn containing the ashes of Fr. Stan was received from ISI-Bangalore by Chennai Province on 17 July. On 18 July, we started the Pilgrimage for Justice in Loyola College, Chennai, with a solemn Eucharistic celebration at Christ the King Church followed by the homage by Mr. M.K Stalin, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and other dignitaries. The Urn was kept in the church till 3.30 pm, for the public to pay homage and then a civic function was organised at Bertram Hall.

DIOCESE OF CHINGLEPUT

On 19 July, the Jesuits living in the diocese gathered in Paathai Centre to receive the Urn. After offering a special Mass there it was taken to the Cathedral. Rt. Rev. Dr. A. Neethinathan, the Bishop of Chingleput, received it in the presence of priests, religious, friends from other denominations and the faithful. After public's homage to Fr. Stan's ashes a civic function was held to express our gratitude to Fr. Stan and to demand justice for his unjust arrest and death. Thanks to Fr. Yesumarian and other Jesuits for effectively planning the day's events.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PONDI - CUDDALORE

The urn was received by Jesuits from PALAVAI and ARCALI with a meaningful dance by Irular tribal youth on 20 July. The day began with a Holy Mass followed by public homage and ended with a civic function in the evening. Fr. Maria Felix Kennedy in collaboration with the Parish Priest of Tindivanam organized well the events at the parish premises. The Urn was handed over to Jesuits by the tribal women. The Urn reached AHAL, Kilpennathur on the same day and it was well received.

DIOCESE OF VELLORE

Fr. Selvaraj and the Jesuit communities in the diocese of Vellore took the Urn to their communities and finally to Vellore. On 21 July, a solemn Eucharist was celebrated at Sahaya Matha Church, Kilpennathur and then the Urn was carried to Loyola College, Vettavalam. A civic function was held at Vettavalam. On the same day, the Urn was taken to JPLI, Kasthambadi. It was received and taken in a candle light procession. It was encouraging to see our pre-novices keeping vigil the whole night. On 22 July, there were two Masses, one at Arni parish for the public and the other at JPLI for our pre-novices and Jesuits. In the afternoon, the Urn was taken to Ranipet. Homage was paid at Loyola Industrial School and the parish by our staff, priests, religious and the laity. In the evening, a grand civic function was organized at Don Bosco School, Katpadi. On the same night, the Urn reached Allalapatty, Harur and the Jesuits received the Urn prayerfully.



Chennai: Loyola Campus



Chennai: Loyola Campus



Chingleput



PALAVAI



Kilpennathur: AHAL



Vellore

DIOCESE OF DHARMAPURI

On 23 July morning, the Urn was brought to Arulagam and kept for paying homage till the afternoon. In the afternoon, we moved the Urn to Fatima Church, Krishnagiri. The Parish Priest and the VG of the diocese received the Urn and placed it for public homage. In the evening, there was a solemn Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius, the Bishop of Dharmapuri. Priests, religious, laity and the political leaders in Krishnagiri participated in the event. After the Mass, the Urn was taken back to Harur.

On 24 July, after a procession around the Sacred Heart Church, Harur, followed by the Eucharistic Celebration and the civic function, the urn was taken to Cathedral, Dharmapuri in the afternoon. Then, after the public homage, the Eucharist was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Singarayar, the Bishop Emeritus of Salem. Both in Krishnagiri and in Dharmapuri, the entire event was organized by the Bishop and the diocesan priests themselves. We thank them for their enthusiasm and cooperation. Thanks to Fr. Albert Joseph and Arulagam Jesuits for planning and effective execution of the Pilgrimage. On the same night, the Urn was taken to the Bishop's House at Salem. Rt. Rev. Bishop Lawrence Pius, Administrator of Salem diocese and the officials received the Urn.

DIOCESE OF SALEM

On 25 July, from morning 6.00 am, the Urn was exposed in the Salem cathedral for public homage. At 10.00 am, there was a solemn Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Rt. Rev. Bishop Lawrence Pius, followed by a civic function at the cathedral premises. Political leaders and other people of good will participated in it and expressed their solidarity. We thank the Diocesan administration for their cooperation. In the afternoon, the Urn was taken to Loyola College, Mettala. The Jesuits, along with their staff, neighbouring priests and religious paid homage to Fr. Stan in the Holy Eucharist. We thank Fr. Jeyaraj Boniface and the community for all the arrangements made. Same evening the Urn was taken to Mettupalayam.

DIOCESE OF OOTACAMUND

The Jesuits in Ooty, Mettupalayam and Makkampalayam planned to have the Pilgrimage in Ooty and Sathiyamangalam. On 26 July, they gathered in St. Joseph's Ooty to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and paid homae to Fr. Stan. Then the Urn was moved to Nazerath Convent where the FMM Sisters and the staff of Nazerath School received it and kept for public homage. In the evening, Rt. Rev. Dr. Amalraj, the Bishop, the political leaders and the social activists participated in the civic function which was organized in collaboration with CRI, Ooty. On the same day, the Urn was taken back to Mettupalayam.

On 27 July, people from PARAN, Makkampalayam, the priests, the religious and the faithful from Sathy vicariate received the Urn at Sathiyamangalam parish and celebrated a meaningful Eucharist. Then the Urn was exposed for public homage and in the evening there was a civic function.



Krishnagiri



Harur



Dharmapuri



Salem



Mettala: Loyola College



Sathyamagalam

We thank all the Jesuits for their cooperation and Fr. Richard, for his wonderful coordination. On the same evening, the Urn was taken to Dindigul, with police guard to be handed over to MDU. On arrival around 10.00 pm, the urn was received by the Superior and Novice Master and was taken to the very chapel where Fr. Stan pronounced his First Vows in the Society sixty-two years ago, in a candle light procession.

DIOCESE OF KUMBAKONAM

The Urn of Fr. Stan reached St. John de Britto church, Thirumanur, on 2 July morning, from VMI, Vilangudi. After the Mass and floral tribute, the Urn was taken to Viragalur, his native village in the afternoon. It was received at the village entrance by the Parish priest and the village leaders in the presence of both the Provincials of CEN&MDU and taken in procession to the church. On the way it was kept for a while in his brother's house for homage. The requiem Mass presided by Rt. Rev. Bishop Francis Anthonysamy, Kumbakonam, was concelebrated by about 40 priests. It was followed by public floral tribute and civic function. Thanks to MDU for coordinating this entire event of Pilgrimage for Justice. All the participants were served food (அளிநதாநம்). Then the Urn was taken to Clive House, Tiruchi.

My Personal Experience

My journey with Fr. Stan on this “Pilgrimage for Justice” was enriching and hopeful. I felt more consoled when I saw people coming in numbers to pay homage to his mortal remains. His life and mission is an inspiration to all those who stand for justice and peace. This Pilgrimage for Justice has sown the seed of justice in the hearts of many, irrespective of religion, age and region.

This Pilgrimage made people of good will not only paid homage to Fr. Stan but also strongly expressed that India today needs to respect the Constitutional values and give due respect to the human rights. He has become more alive than before; the caged bird's song is heard louder. He has inspired the Jesuits, other priests and religious to be bold and to commit more for the cause of justice; politicians to respect and implement the Constitutional values and all faithful to join hands with people of good will in fighting for justice.

I thank all the Jesuit friends for making this pilgrimage more meaningful and effective. I thank God for this wonderful opportunity to be a part of this “Pilgrimage for Justice with Fr. Stan”.

Vasanthakumar

NEWS DIGEST

CHENNAI: AICUF

We, the AICUFers are engaged in an intellectual discourse twice a month through a series of webinars. On 26 June, we had a webinar on ‘Thoughts of Periyar’ by Mr. Ranjith, AICUF State Full-timer. On 2 July, we had



a webinar on ‘Intervention of Youth in Today’s Politics’ by Mr. Thol Thirumavalavan, Member of Parliament.

On 17 July, we met Mr. Thol Thirumavalavan as part of our ‘Youth & Politics’ program. His sharing encouraged young people to be aware of today’s political scenario and he emphasized the value of education to empower the marginalized people. His simple life and commitment to people’s work inspired young people.

On 25 July, Arulanandar College, Karumathur, AICUF Unit, organized a webinar on ‘Feminism’ (பெண்ணியம்) by Ms. Bafina, AICUF State Full-Timer.

On 28 July, at AICUF House we had candle light prayer for National Justice Day in honour of Human Rights Defenders Fr. Stan Swamy and his companions

Parthasarathi



CHENNAI: ARUL KADAL



On 6 July, Arul Kadal community organized a candle-light Anjali and a silent prayer to pay homage to the martyr Fr. Stan Swamy. On 18 July, we made the Pilgrimage for Justice to Loyola College and paid homage to the ashes of Fr. Stan. The theologians came up with a creative idea of 'WhatsApp status' video on St. Ignatius, entitled **ஒரு போரிவீரன் தலைவனான கதை** and drew the attention of the youth all through the novena days. In a short span of time it reached many people across the country and the response was overwhelming.

Fr. Sahayaraj Stanley was the resource person for the Loyola Jesuit Webinar Series – 24 on the theme “*Magis Leadership for a Just World.*” Frs. Sahayaraj, Baskar, Arokia Dass and Raj Irudaya gave a video presentation each on different Ignatian topics, organized by the SDC-CEN. On 28 July, National Justice Day, we offered our homage to Fr. Stan in front of our house and distributed handbills to passers-by. On 31 July, we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius and Mass was presided over by Superior, Fr. Raj Irudaya.

Xavier Samuvel

CHENNAI: BERCHMANS ILLAM

On 16 July, Sch. Titus accompanied Fr. Vasanthakumar (PDD) to bring the Urn containing the cremains of Fr. Stan from ISI, Bangalore. On 18 July, during the requiem Mass for Fr. Stan, the Berchmans Illam Scholastics conducted the choir. We, the Jesuits at Berchmans Illam and Sathya Nilayam prepared and screened the second day of Ignatian Novena prayer organized by Jesuit Chennai Province. Schs. Dhanaventhar, Titus, Vimal & Fathers from northern provinces, Frs. Ravi, Leo, Dennis, Sushil, Sanjeev and Leo Arockiaraj helped the JMS director in preparing the Ignatian novena prayer in Hindi for the catholic Migrants. The Fathers from the Northern provinces attended the webinar on the topic “The Rights of the migrants” organized by JMS Loyola, where Fr. Sushil (MAP) translated into Hindi the speech of Fr. Francis Xavier P., Rector.

On 20 July, Fr. Alangaram addressed 39 OMI

Deacons, hailing from Asia-Oceanic Region, in a five-day Lecture Series, organised by Spirituality and Dialogue Commission (SDC) of CEN Province on “Christ as the Dialogue Partner with the Poor in Asia.” On 23 July, he gave a talk, in the 22nd CBCI Bishops Theologians’ Colloquium on “The Post COVID Life of the Young People: In the Light of the *CHRISTUS VIVIT.*”

Vimal

CHENNAI: DHYANA ASHRAM



On 09 July, Dhyana Ashram community organised a day of tribute to Fr. Stan Swamy and the day ended with a Holy Eucharistic celebration attended by religious and neighbourhood people. Fr. Darwin S. Michael presided over the Mass and Frs. Xavier Alphonse, Basil Xavier and Jerry Rosario sang paeans to the life of Fr. Stan.

From 06 to 10 July, eight deacons of Chingleput diocese were here for an immediate preparation for their ordination; Fr. Jerry facilitated them on 'Current Priestly Challenges'. The community members were roped in to share their experiences cum reflections.

Community has decided to celebrate the Ignatian Year 500 by taking the Spiritual Exercises to the people in the neighbouring parishes. On 24 and 25 July, with the support of Fr. Y. F. Bosco, the Parish Priest it conducted its first programme at the Lazarus Church for 55 participants. The resource persons were Frs. Darwin, Louis Adaikalaraj and Xavier Alphonse. The community also conducted fruitfully the Novena to St. Ignatius along with the people from the neighbourhood.

Richard

CHENNAI: LOYOLA COLLEGE

LCC: On 17 July evening, the Urn containing the ashes of Fr. Stan Swamy reached Loyola College, Chennai from ISI Bangalore. On 18 July morning, “Pilgrimage for Justice”, an event to pay homage to the Urn of Fr. Stan was organised at Loyola Campus. Hon. Chief Minister M. K. Stalin, Ms. Kanimozhi MP, Mr. Dayanidhi Maran MP, Mr. Thol Thirumavalavan MP, Mr. Inigo Irudayaraj MLA, Mr. Peter Alphonse, Chairman, Tamil Nadu Minorities Commission and



religious communities came in groups and paid homage to Fr. Stan. The civic function was organised in the noon. Mr. Hariparanthaman, Retired Judge, Madras High Court, Most Rev. George Antonysamy, Archbishop, Madras-Mylapore and Dr. V. Devasagayam, Bishop, CSI-Madras Diocese, Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj, Provincial, Sr. Arockiam FSJ, Superior General, and other dignitaries offered rich tribute to the martyr, Fr. Stan.

Fr. Maria Arul Raja shared his theo-practical thoughts on the prophetic intervention of the martyred Fr. Stan in the gatherings of the clergy, the religious and the laity organised by the dioceses of Salem, Dharmapuri, and Ooty.

On 24 July, Convocation of MBA twinning programme (Pondicherry University-Loyola College Society) was held.

LCAS: On 12 July, Loyola Catholic Teaching Staff Association organised a condolence meeting for Fr. Stan. Mr. S. Peter Alphonse, Chairman of State Minorities Commission, Tamil Nadu and Fr. A. Irudaya Raj delivered condolence message.

On 22 July, a webinar on the topic, “*Discerning Leadership*” was hosted by Loyola Institutions. Fr. David McCallum, Executive Director, Program of Discerning Leadership, Jesuit Headquarters, Rome was the resource person.

LIBA: On 9, 10 July, a two-day Staff Retreat was organized for members of Staff. The Retreat helped to gain a renewal of alignment of thoughts, attitudes and behaviour with the new agile operating system of LIBA in the current academic year.



On 24 July, the new ‘state of the art’ LIBA building was blessed and opened by Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj, Provincial and Fr. Francis Xavier P., Rector respectively, in the presence of the Jesuits of different units in the campus, staff and research associates of LIBA. In his welcome address, Fr. Joe Arun said, “*the new building is not just a physical structure, but a symbol of desire to become different and unique. The facilities must be used for empowering the marginalised, following the philosophy of the lost sheep, not the ninety-nine who do not need our service.*” He also thanked Provincials of MDU and CEN, former and present Rectors, the Builder, Architect and all the vendors who had contributed to the building.

LCE: From 28 June to 2 July, the TNTEU University theory examinations for the second year B. Ed. students were held online. On 6 July, our teaching staff had a review of the previous academic year’s programmes based on PAP and our Revisited Vision, Mission and Objectives of LCE. On the following day, the staff prepared the Action Plan for the forthcoming academic year. On 16 and 17 July, TNTEU University practical examinations were conducted online.

IDCR: A new webinar series on St. Joseph was inaugurated by Bishop Peter Abir, Bishop of Sultanpet as a joint venture of the Spirituality and Dialogue Commission (SDC-CEN) and the CCBI Commission for the Bible. Fr. Yesu Karunanidhi delivered the first talk on “*Unworthy Servanthood of St. Joseph (Luke 17:7-10)*”.

IDCR, in collaboration with OMI congregation and SDC-CEN, conducted a week-long (19-23 July) online workshop on “*Celebrating the Asian Soil*”. With their brilliant insights, our resource persons Frs. Amaladoss Michael, Maria Arul Raj, Alangaram Arockiam, Raj Irudaya, Arun Kumar (KAR), Arjen Tete (CCU), Victor Edwin (DEL), and Xavier Tharamel (KER) motivated the 39 young OMI theology students from all over the Asia-Oceanic region and other participants for promoting inter-religious dialogue with inter-cultural sensibilities.

On 24 July, the 7th online Dialogue between the Franciscans and Jesuits took place on the theme of “*Prophetic Inspirations by St. Francis of Assisi and St. Ignatius of Loyola*” with the stimulating presentations by Fr. Charles Arulanandam OFM (Cap) and Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj, our Provincial.

Zenith Lawrence
JESUIT MIGRANTS SERVICE (JMS) & LOYOLA RELIEF AND REHABILITATION SERVICE (LRRS)

A New YouTube channel and Facebook page have been created for JMS and the link is shared to the migrants. A series of talks on St. Ignatius was uploaded every day as a mark of Ignatian year.

On 10 and 24 July, orientation was given to the animators at Gummidipoondi and Kadambathur respectively. History, vision, mission, beneficiaries, structure of JMS & LRRS were explained. The Director emphasized on work ethics, work relationships, belongingness and communication.

On 21 July, a medical camp was organized in collaboration with St. Thomas Hospital, Chennai for Tamil migrants at Thiruvallur. Special thanks to Indian



Social Institute (ISI), Bangalore and Caritas Germany for their financial assistance. Dr. Sr. Roselin FSJ, spoke about health & hygiene, the ways to improve health. Awareness was created among the people on Dengue, Typhoid, Corona, skin diseases, diabetics, cholesterol, BP etc. Around 120 people including children benefitted from it.

On 25 July, at Loyola Shelter Home, Chepauk an awareness programme on Dengue was organized through cultural with the help of Mr. Kaleeswaran and Team, Alternative Media Centre, Loyola College.

On 25 July, Ignatian day was celebrated with migrants on Google Meet. Fr. Francis Xavier P., Rector was the Chief Guest and delivered the feast day message on cannonball experience of St. Ignatius. Sr. Amala, SJL, Advocate, HC-Madurai Bench spoke about the Rights related to migrant workers and advised them to register as migrants.

In Loyola Shelter Homes, 16 were rehabilitated; seven were reintegrated. 23 migrants were admitted. Two heart patients were referred to Banian MI home at West Mambalam.

William

HARUR: ARULAGAM

Arulagam: The Ignatian month has been a renewing one for all of us. On 4 July, we had our community orientation in Carmel Retreat Centre at Sogathur. We had a meaningful sharing among ourselves which kindled our companionship to a deeper level. We met Most Rev. Lawrence Pius, Bishop of Dharmapuri Diocese and had a cordial conversation.

On 22 July evening, the farm-house was fortunate enough to have the urn of the cremains of Fr. Stan. A prayer service was organized till midnight by

Fr. Sebastian Crossian and the co-workers. The next day morning, it reached the Arulagam Community and the community paid homage to Fr. Stan till noon. Then, it was taken to Krishnagiri for the public homage and after that it was brought back to Arulagam.

On 24 July, there was a procession in the church campus with the urn of Fr. Stan by the people from the parishes of the Vicariate which was co-ordinated by Fr. John Peter Bellarmine the parish priest. After the requiem Mass for Fr. Stan, people paid tribute to him. Then civic function was organized at 11.00 am in which people of various religions participated and the representatives from the secular coalition and political parties addressed the gathering by condemning the unjustifiable death of Fr. Stan. They urged the gathering to continue to stand united against the unjust structure.

LIFT: On 11 July, Fr. Sebastian, the LIFT director, directed a one-day orientation cum training for



the study-centre teachers. Fr. John Paul as the chief guest motivated them for the effective running of the centres especially during this pandemic. From 22 to 29 July, Fr. Sebastian with his vivacious team organised online competitions "இலையோலா திறனறி வார விழா - 21" for the children. On the last day, we had the grand quiz competition followed by the prize distribution in the Boys' hostel auditorium. About 175 children participated and benefited from the programme. Five women received their tailoring certificates after the successful completion of the training.

Parish: On 6 July, after some relaxation from the Corona second wave the Sacred Heart Church was opened for the public worship by following all the protocols of the pandemic. On 11 July, during the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration the people prayed and paid homage to Fr. Stan with the candle-light procession. The unfortunate demise of Fr. Stan disheartened the people.

Fr. Bellarmine, called for a parish council meeting in order to renew and restart the various parish groups and activities like Catechism, Altar service group, youth group etc. The province novena prayers to St. Ignatius were screened in the Church in order to make people familiar with St. Ignatius, his life, mission and vision.

School: From 5 July, the online classes for all students have been started. Earlier, the staff were given orientation in an advanced level to be familiar with the online mode classes. On 15 July, the school celebrated the Educational Development Day to mark the birth anniversary of *Perunthalaivar* Kamarajar. As part of the event, elocution, singing, drawing, couplets recitation, solo dance and fancy-dress competitions were held through virtual platform under the name “கலைவழி விழா - 21” from 9 to 15 July. Mr. Kuyilan, a poet from Vallipatty, presided over the valedictory function and spoke on the importance of being a skilled literate in the present world. Fr. Albert Joseph, the Correspondent spoke in appreciation of the whole celebration. The prizes were distributed on the following day. There was a prayer service for the staff on the feast day of St. Ignatius.

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KASTHAMBADI: J P LEONARD ILLAM (JPLI)

Pre-Novitiate

On 02 July, 20 Pre-Novices entered the Pre-Novitiate. Fr. Rayappan helped the Pre-Novices to understand their role as a Pre-Novice and motivated them through two days of orientation. At the same time JPLI team also had a day long orientation to evaluate the previous year and to plan out for the new academic year. Formally the Pre-Novitiate began with the inaugural function.

Three days Basic Tamil course was conducted by Sch. Anthony David to strengthen their spoken, written and oratory skills. On 21 July, the Urn containing the cremains of Fr. Stan was brought to JPLI. On the same night, a prayer vigil was meaningfully organised by the Pre-Novices. On 22 July, the religious, priests and people from different political parties and NGOs gathered here to pay homage to Fr. Stan. A day with Fr. Stan inspired



the Pre-Novices to give oneself totally for the welfare of downtrodden. Fr. Justine Y. Emmanuel helped the Pre-Novices in effective learning through his two-day course on ‘*Study Methodology*’.

Praveen Kumar

KILPENNATHUR: AHAL CENTRE

Community: On 12 July, at Tindivanam the AHAL team joined in solidarity with PALAVAI and Human Rights leaders to protest against the custodial death of Fr. Stan Swamy. On 18 July, a Training of Trainers (ToT) was organised for the animators, community



leaders and sangam leaders (35) to spread awareness on ‘*One Nation, One Ration Card (ONORC)*’ scheme. AHAL Staff were the resource persons who explained about the scheme, objectives and its advantages and disadvantages.

On 20 July, AHAL received the Urn carrying the ashes of Fr. Stan Swamy. The following day, it was taken to Kilpennathur parish and placed for the public to pay homage. On 27 July, AHAL and PALAVAI team went on a pilgrimage to Elakurichi in preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius.

Jacob

PALAVAI (JESIM): TINDIVANAM

To mark the Ignatian month we distributed dry rations to 40 Irular families of Nergunam and Eechur villages and discussed some possibilities of starting Self-Help Group over there.

On 5 July, with heavy hearts PALAVAI received the sad news of the custodial death of Fr. Stan Swamy, the tribal activist. The entire team mourned his demise and took part online in paying homage to his mortal remains. On 12 July, PALAVAI team along with *Tamizhaga Pazhankudiyina Irular Thozhamaigalin Kootamaipu*, political leaders and Human Rights leaders organized a protest under Tindivanam Bridge condemning the custodial death of Fr. Stan and demanding justice for the detained activists. Around 150 people participated in the protest.

On 20 July, the Jesuits at PALAVAI and ARCALI received the cremains of Fr. Stan and took part in the Pilgrimage for Justice. The Holy Mass and a short civic function were arranged at Tindivanam parish itself. At the end, the ashes were carried in procession by our Irular women. It was then handed over to AHAL community. The entire ceremony was soul stirring.

On 22 July, PALAVAI had the joy-filled inauguration of the new Palavai office at Appambattu and release of the first PALAVAI magazine. Fr. Provincial together with our people blessed and



inaugurated the new office. He released the PALAVAI Magazine, a bi-monthly issue compiling the write-ups of our students- and encouraged them to write striking stories and poems. Fr. John Kumar released the *Textbook of Special Syllabus* to be used in our Evening Study Centres. The event ended with an emotive dance by Velicham troupe dedicated to the heroic life of Fr. Stan.

On 27 July, PALAVAI and AHAL Jesuits had our Ignatian pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Refuge at Elakuruchi. It was a moment to reflect on the pilgrim nature of St. Ignatius.

Donic Raja

KUPPAYANALLUR: LOYOLA H S SCHOOL

Claver Illam: The new members of the community were welcomed during the community orientation on 2 and 3 July, which rejuvenated all the members with new vigour and zeal. Fr. Eugene S. Rosario preached a five-day retreat to eight deacons of Chingleput diocese at Acharapakkam Shrine. He also gave three online talks to about 40 CIC sisters introducing Ignatian spirituality.

On 19 July, all the community members along with 16 staff participated in the Pilgrimage for Justice organized in the Chingleput Cathedral. Bishop Dr. Neethinathan received the Urn containing the ashes of Fr. Stan Swamy at the cathedral. In the evening, the Bishop presided over the civic function and addressed the gathering. Many dignitaries from various walks of life paid their respects to Fr. Stan.

School: On 7 July, the inauguration and blessing of Loyola Nursery and Primary School building signalled the official beginning of CBSE School at Kuppayanallur.



are working round the clock to get the approval of the new school. On 12 July, Loyola Higher Secondary School commenced its academic session with a prayer service before the statue of St. Ignatius officiated by Fr. Jerome, the Headmaster. On 17 July, Fr. Antony Robinson, the PCF, invigorated the staff with an orientation program.

Parish: On 23 July, Fr. Xavier Gnanasekaran was installed as parish priest of Kuppayanallur by Rev. Fr. Praveen, the VF of Palliyagaram vicariate.

JMAADD: On 14 July, Fr. Masillamani D. arranged a Reunion Recovery Support meeting of JMAADD old patients as an ongoing support. Fr. Wellington has come back to the community after his check-up and treatment at CMC hospital, Vellore for about 10 days.

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METTALA: LOYOLA COLLEGE

On 5 July, Fr. Infant Kingsley joined the community and assumed the office of Vice Principal (Academics) and Director, Loyola Men's Hostel. With much enthusiasm, he is actively involved in admission drive to get more admission for the academic year 2021-22. On 17 & 18 July, the community went to DTMC Trust, Kolli hills for community orientation. At the beginning of the meeting, each one shared his faith journey right from his childhood. Then we reviewed our community life based on the Memoriale of Fr. Provincial and some action plans for the academic year 2021-22 were made. We concluded our community orientation on the second day with a picnic to some interesting touristic spots in Kolli hills. We were excited to see for the first time the dragon fruits, vanilla creepers, clove trees, Akaya Gangai falls etc.

On 22 July, the first staff meeting for the academic year 2021-22 was held in order to review the last academic year and admission drive. On 24 July night, Frs. B. Jeyaraj and Kingsley went to the Bishop's House, Salem, to receive the Urn containing the remains of



Fr. Stan Swamy and on 25 July morning at 5.30 am they accompanied it to the Cathedral of Salem diocese. At 10.00 am, all the Jesuits of Loyola College, Mettala,

joined the Holy Eucharistic celebration presided by the Most Rev. Dr. Lawrence Pius, Bishop of Dharmapuri and Administrator of Salem Diocese. In the public meeting held thereafter, Fr. Maria Joseph Mahalingam gave a speech on the life, mission and the great sacrifice of Fr. Stan.

With much reverence, the Urn was received at the main gate of Loyola College, Mettala, at 2.00 pm by Jesuits, diocesan clergy, religious priests and sisters, academic and administrative staff. From 2.15 to 3.00 pm, they conducted a meaningful prayer service and paid floral tribute to Fr. Stan. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Jeyaraj and Fr. Maria Joseph M. gave a homily. The entire spiritual event was successfully coordinated by Fr. Poondy Rajan, Campus Minister. At 4.30 pm, the Urn was taken to Ooty.

Maria Joseph Mahalingam

**METTUPALAYAM: ARRUPPE IILAM
PARAN: MAKKAMPALAYAM**



On 6 July, we mourned the custodial death of Fr. Stan Swamy by placing banners at Kadambur and Makkampalyam. On the following day, we joined Human Rights leaders and recalled Fr. Stan and his contribution to the tribal community. Fr. C. Antony Samy, the Parish Priest of Gundri and PARAN team organised a condolence meet for Fr. Stan and motivated the local tribal community to get their rights. On 18 July, Fr. Soosai Raj, new Team Leader, Mettupalyam and Fr. Richard, new Superior, Ooty paid a visit to Makkampalayam.

On 26 and 27 July, Jesuits in Ooty Diocese together with the Priests and Religious in Ooty Diocese, received the Urn containing the cremains of Fr. Stan and paid homage at Ooty and Sathyamangalam, respectively. Thereafter civic functions were organised at both places wherein local political leaders participated and expressed their solidarity. We thank Fr. Maria Joseph, the Parish Priest of Sathyamangalam for his support and generosity in organising the events. Around 40 people from Makkapalayam parish paid homage.

We supported 500 SHG families by providing dry rations and study centre staff with relief materials and basic medikit respectively during the pandemic

time. We also distributed dry ration to 200 families of Makkampalayam. While providing dry rations, we spread awareness on vaccination and prevention from pandemic. We started supporting 20 school students to attend Computer and Basic English classes at Don Bosco, Kadambur.

Vivek

RANIPET: LOYOLA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

On 29 June, Fr. Fredrick Xavier took charge as Correspondent of Loyola ITI from Fr. Gunasekaran, in the presence of Fr. Richard. After discussing with the RJD in Chennai, Loyola ITI resumed its classes from 19 June in view of preparing the students for the upcoming exams. Having opened the institute after a long period of time, due to the surge of COVID cases, it has been challenging to motivate the students and to prepare them as skilled persons within the short period of time.

On 22 July we jointly participated in the memorial service of Fr. Stan held in Kasthambadi, Ranipet and



Katpadi. Fr. Sundar SDB, the Rector of Don Bosco, Katpadi, pointed out Fr. Stan's pedagogical clarity, ideological clarity and pragmatic clarity, as three outstanding qualities for our emulation, at the civic function held at Katpadi.

Berkmans

VADAMELPAKKAM: LOYOLA ACADEMY

The month of July this year became very eventful because of the activities marking the 500th year of the Conversion of St. Ignatius in addition to the customary preparation for his feast. This July assumed greater significance and poignancy because of the Pilgrimage for Justice set in motion by the Jesuits of MDU & CEN, to pay homage to the cremains of Fr. Stan Swamy.

On July 19, the Urn was brought to Paathai Centre, Vallam from Loyola College, Chennai. The LAV community joined the Paathai Centre, and Loyola School, Kuppayanallur communities for the memorial Mass at 10.00 am at Vallam. Fr. Tagore Leo received the Urn and celebrated the memorial Mass. He also



DINDIGUL: BESCHI ILLAM

NOVITIATE

On 10 July, Beschi Community and co-workers paid respectful homage to Fr. Stan Swamy, a trailblazer in the area of working for the basic human and land rights of the tribals in Jharkhand.

On 27 July, the Urn of Fr. Stan's ashes reached Beschi Campus, at 9.20 pm. The Jesuits in the city gathered in advance to welcome this soldier for justice to the very home where he as a fledgling Jesuit, learnt the ABC of the fundamentals of "faith that does justice". Fr. Michael Doss, Superior of Beschi Illam, and Fr. Antony Inigo, the Novice Master received and held the Urn with due reverence and respect. The Urn was kept in the chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the very place he pronounced his First Vows in 1959; it was a soul-moving experience to realize how he has truly accomplished his commitment and promises made to the Lord.

Novices in the prayer service succinctly emphasized, that his journey for justice has not ended but passed on to us and next generations. On 28 July morning, all the Jesuits in the zone gathered for a Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Devadoss M., Socius to Provincial. Fr. Stephen Martin elucidated in his homily how our judicial system is unjust to the extent it imprisons the just. Scholastics from Shembaganur manned the choir. Most of the community members joined the civic function in St. Joseph Cathedral and novices were part of the organizing team.

Novices Sugumar Jose (MDU) and John Peter Basile (CEN) represented the Novitiate, and participated in IGY QUIZ – 2021 organized by MDU Province and bagged the first prize with Rs. 10,000 Cash Award. Congrats!

On July 31, our Founder's feast was celebrated with grandeur yet following COVID-19 protocols. Fr. Michael Doss was the main celebrant and Fr. George S. Thayriam, PDD - MDU preached an inspiring homily. Novices exhibited in the quadrangle four artistic stills depicting cannonball moments from the life of St. Ignatius which gained the applause from everyone.

JRS, Dindigul

The COVID lockdown blighted the life and the livelihood of Sri Lankan refugees who live in cramped camps. Deeply aware of their vulnerability, JRS sprang into action and provided relief supplies to them across Tamil Nadu. In order to ensure better protection, 925 refugees – mostly children, pregnant women, and

preached a homily beckoning us to reflect on "Who is Fr. Stan to us, as Jesuits? and What has his legacy to teach us?" Thereafter, the Urn was taken to the Chengalpattu Cathedral. The Loyola Academy's staff conducted a short prayer service at the Cathedral at 3.00 pm and later took part in the civic function.

On 21 July, Fr. Maria V. Gladwin gave a recollection to the major seminarians of the Diocese of Chengalpattu on "St. Joseph as a Model of Priesthood and Parenthood". From 21 to 23 July, Frs. Arockiasamy M.S., and Gladwin preached Triduum to the Sisters of St. Anne of Providence at Chengalpattu in view of their Patrons' feast.

Fr. Albert Dietrich Hostel for boys and girls is nearing completion. On 29 July, Fr. Jebamalai, Provincial and Fr. Joseph Ignaci, the Province Treasurer visited the new hostel building and appreciated the quality materials used and the quality of the workmanship. In view of some of the proposed infrastructural plans for the school, they made a quick survey of the school buildings and shared their views with the Team.

We organized a quiz programme for the students of classes 9 to 12 on the life of St. Ignatius and the history of the Society. After a prelim on 20 July, the 16 finalists participated in the final round on 24 July.

From 27 to 29 July, we organized a triduum for the members of the staff. Frs. Shaju Scaria (CCU), Viji Bose and Robin S. Seelan were the resource persons who enlightened our staff on the conversion of St. Ignatius, the Examination of Consciousness and the Magis respectively. Their inputs were simple, practical, highly inspirational and embedded with gems of their experiential wisdom. Together with the staff members, there were participants of some special invitees from Kolkata and friends of Fr. Robin.

As a mark of 500th anniversary of the Conversion of St. Ignatius, a variety of competitions were conducted during this Ignatian month for the students from L.K.G to 12th and also for their parents. On 30 July, the feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated online and certificates were awarded.

Hansel

elders were provided with vaporizer, health-mix and hygiene kits; 230 thermometers were distributed to JRS Complementary Education Centres in 84 camps; dry ration was provided to 1553 refugee families, with the help of philanthropic NGOs and Religious Congregations.



From 18 June, a six-day online workshop was facilitated by Fr. Jeyapathy (MDU) the director of JMAADD, and his Team from Arrupe Sukalayam, Mullaikudi. In response to that, the JRS Staff conducted awareness sessions in 94 camps. This enabled 21 staff members of JRS to identify the drug dependents in the camps and to assist in the latter's rehabilitation.

On June 20, a virtual observance of World Refugee Day was organized to drive home the message: "Together We Heal, Learn and Shine." Mrs. Jacintha Lazarus, IAS, Director of Rehabilitation Commissionerate was the chief guest. On 22 June, an online webinar was hosted by JRS when Advocate Romeo Roy Alfred enlightened an audience of 70 refugee youths.

From 5 to 10 July, the Complementary Education Teachers of JRS-TN took part in the Online teacher training program. On 15 July, an advanced level Intensive English Training has been started in seven camps for the students. In view of the alleged third wave, prevention sessions on COVID-19 and hygiene practices were organized for the camp inmates in the second week of July.

Concerned about the livelihood of the refugees JRS-TN organizes lots of livelihood training such as, camp tailoring, sanitary pad production and an Income generating program for the refugee women through which 160 women participated in this month and started small scale businesses after the training. On 28 and 29 July, a monthly review meeting for the staff was held in the JRS-TN office. Dr. A. Siluvairaja, the Assistant Professor from LIBA, Chennai conducted career guidance to the staff and explained the possibilities of higher studies for the refugee students who have completed their schooling.

Michael Panimaya Raj

VIDYANIKETAN: THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

On 22 June, Juniors (2 MDU & 3 CEN) left Beschi Illam for LTI, Madurai, for a 15-day refresher course from 23 June to 4 July. They were welcomed warmly by Fr. George along with Fr. Stephen L. Pragasam and Sch. Ebenezer. Later Frs. Xavier Antony and Yagoo expressed their love, care and hospitality towards the juniors. Mr. Prabakaran, an English teacher in St Mary's HSS, Madurai, taught the juniors phonetics. Mr. Charles introduced them to the fundamentals of computers and MS Office. Fr. John Innaci taught the basics of English grammar and Fr. Manuel illustrated the nuances of singing. Fr. Xavier Antony introduced us to the world of media editing and preview. On 5 July, the juniors received their final dose of Covaxin.

On 6 July, they boarded the Madurai-Punalur Express for Kazhakootam (Thiruvananthapuram). On the following day, they joined their 18 counterparts (3 KER, 5 KAR, 4 AND & 6 RAN) in Vidyaniketan Community. On arrival, they were introduced to the meticulously planned quarantine schedule by Fr. Swaminathan, Juniors' Minister. After completing the quarantine, on 15 July, the juniors had a triumphal entry into the academic year 2021-22 with the Schola Brevis Mass presided over by Fr. John Manipadam and later with an inauguration programme themed "As Kingfishers Catch Fire". On behalf of Fr. Wilson, Superior, Fr. Swaminathan, Juniors' Minister, extended a cordial welcome to the gathering. While Fr. Jose Mathew, Rector, St. Xavier's College, Thumba, inspired



the juniors with his inaugural address highlighting the significance of the spirituality of study in juniorate life, Fr. Williams, Dean of Studies, delivered a succinct note on the ever-evolving text-and-context-based Juniorate curriculum. The juniors enthralled the audience with a delightful cultural programme, and Fr. T.V. Antony, the Treasurer, gave a fitting vote of thanks.

On 16 July, the juniors had the diagnostic test in which Sch. Prince Wilfred came first securing 82%. Later that day, Fr. Jose Thachil, Minister, conducted orientation and community building sessions for the juniors and motivated them to “be the best”. On 17 and 18 July, the Juniors of Kerala Province gave a two-day course on Malayalam for service. The regular classes began on 19 July. On 20 July, Fr. Antony was entrusted with the additional responsibility of the Acting Superior of our Community. From 22 July onwards, the juniors prayed the novena to our Founder-Father and helped the Community to “fall in love” with the Lord “more dearly”.

Vinesh



In this time of uncertainty with a continual spread of COVID-19 around the world, Taiwan is trying to navigate effectively and efficiently to keep its success story in curbing the pandemic. Together with our Jesuit Fathers, I managed to receive the two doses of the Astra Zeneca vaccine. Though there are only a few COVID cases at present, we are still advised to follow the safety measures.

On 15 July, I joined the Chinese province Annual Retreat, guided by Fr. Michael Smith, Australian Jesuit on the theme “Discerning my creative response to the Universal Apostolic Preferences.” Not only am I deeply impressed, his talks and the dynamics have also touched a chord deep down in my heart. In September 2021, I will move to the Kaoshung Jesuit community to pursue my Ph.D. studies at National Sun Yat-sen University. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

Christu

FU JEN UNIVERSITY: TAIWAN

“My soul glorifies the Lord” The Magnificat of Mary lingered on my mind during my graduation day at Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan as I was awarded with distinction in my MBA studies. Indeed, it was a joyful occasion to thank God for His plentiful blessings upon me for the past two years. I gratefully remembered my Taiwan Jesuit community members for their loving care and accompaniment. I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude to two Provincials Fr. Danis Ponniah (MDU), Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj (CEN), consultants, and members of the provinces, for their constant support and encouragement.

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ABIDE WITH THE LORD

JESUITS WHO PASSED AWAY

Fr. Stanislaus Lourduswami, (Stan Swamy), (JAM 84/64), on 05 July 2021 at Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai.

Fr. DevasiaVellapani (82/59 GOA) on 06 July in Belgaum.

Fr. Abraham Ethemkuzhy (70/52 JAM) on 14 July at XIMB, Bhubaneswar.

Fr. Stanislaus (Stany) Miranda (91/68 KAR) on 19 July at Father Muller’s Hospital, Mangaluru.

Fr. Paul Valappila (78/60 GUJ) on 31 July 2021, at Our Lady of Pilar Hospital, Vadodara.

Fr. Placie Fonseca (84/62 BOM) on 01 Aug 2021.

NEAR AND DEAR ONES WHO PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Mary Jayanthi Silvia (58), mother of Sch. Felix Sahayaraj (MDU), on 07 June 2021 at Madurai (COVID-19 related).

Mrs. Margaret Mary (45), niece of Fr. Xavier Raj Antony (MDU), on 08 June 2021 at Melachittoorvadi, Ramnad Dt.

Mr. Jesu Lourdu (62), paternal uncle of Sch. Arockia Amalan (MDU), on 10 June 2021 at Pulik kanmai (COVID-19 related).

Mr. Jesintharan (45), cousin of Fr. S. Jeyabaskaran (MDU), on 14 June 2021 at Kodaikanal.

Sr. Elizabeth Selvi FSJ (68), aunt of Fr. S. Jeyabaskaran (MDU), on 18 June 2021 in Chennai.

Mr. Chinnappan (53), cousin of Br. Santiago Arockiam (MDU), on 21 June 2021 at Anumantharayankottai.

Mr. Murugan Periyasamy (40), brother of Fr. Cyril Suresh (MDU), on 22 June 2021 at Salem.

Mr. H. Albert Ponnudurai (72), father of Fr. Victor Desoza (MDU) on 14 July 2021 at Tiruchi.

Mrs. Odil Mary (85), mother of Fr. Marianathan C., on 04 Aug 2021 at Anilady.

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ஏழையர் நலம்பெற
நீதியாய் நின்றீர்
தலோஜா (சிறை) சென்றீர்.

ஐயிரு திங்கள்
கருவிலை இருந்தால்
குழந்தை பிறக்கும் - நீரோ
சிறையிலே இருந்தீர்
எது பிறந்தது?
யார் பிறந்தார்?
அமைதியில் கேட்கிறோம்
அகத்திலே மகிழ்கிறோம்.

ஆம், அறிவு பிறந்தது
ஆற்றல் பிறந்தது
வேகம் பிறந்தது
வீரம் பிறந்தது
அழிக்கும் அரசினை
ஐக்கியம் போக்கினை
வேருடன் களைந்திட
வீறுடன் பிறந்தீர்
எம்மிலே மலர்ந்தீர்.

தெற்கிலே தோன்றி
வடக்கிலே வாழ்ந்து
மேற்கிலே மறைந்த
மக்களின் சாமியே - நீர்
கிழக்கின் கதிராய்க்
கிளர்ச்சியைக் கிளற
எங்களுள் எழுந்து
என்றுமே வாழ்வீர்.

- சகாயராஜ் விஜயன், சே.ச.

அக்கணம் தொடங்கி
இக்கணம் வரை
நாடு தாண்டி இனம் தாண்டி
காடு தாண்டி கரை தாண்டி
மதம் தாண்டி மொழி தாண்டி
மாண்பும் சொல்லும் மந்திரச் சொல்
'ஸ்டேன் சுவாமி'.

சிறியவர் தொடங்கி முதியவர் வரை
பாறார் தொடர் பட்டதாரி வரை
ஆத்திகர் முதல் நாத்திகர் வரை
அனைவரின் வாயும் அமைத்திடும் பெயர்
'ஸ்டேன் சுவாமி'.

Guernica - ஸ்பெயின் நாட்டின
பாஸ்கு பகுதியில்
பளிச்சிட்ட சிற்றூர் அது - அது
நாசிய படைகளின் நாசவேலையால்
நொறுங்கிச் சிதைந்தது
26.04.37 அன்று.

அன்பான மக்கள்
ஆவி துறந்தனர்
அமைதியின் மக்கள்
இன்னுயிர் ஈந்தனர் - ஐயகோ
குண்டுகள் கூட மழையாய்ப்
பொழியும் என்பதைக்
கவலயம் அறிந்து
துடித்ததே அன்று!

தந்தையே ஸ்டேன்,
மடியத் தொடங்கிய
(இம்) மாண்பும் காக்கவோ
கொள்ளிடக் கரையில
குழந்தையாய்ப் பிறந்தீர்
Guernica அழிந்த
அதே நாளில்
இப் பூமியில்?

அமைதிக்கு எதிரான
(இவ்)வெகுரல் கேட்டோ
ஆண்டவன் உம்மை
அவனிக்கு அனுப்பினான்? -
ஆகையால்தானோ
அமைதியைக் குலைக்கும்
அநீதியை எதிர்த்தும்
ஆற்றலை உமக்கு
என்றுமே தந்தான்?

மண்ணிலே பிறக்கும்
மானிடர் யாவரும்
தன்னிலை மறந்து
வாழ்வனைத் தேடார் - தம்
சும்தனை இழந்து
சோதனை நாடார்
ஆசைகள் விடுத்த
அழிவினை அடையார்.

(Poem read during the Condolence Prayer Service
organised by JCSA South Zone Provinces on 08 July, 2021)

FR. MARIA JEYARAJ, S.J. (1934-2021)

Though Fr. Maria Jeyaraj was infirm for quite a longtime, his death was quite unexpected. On May 28, he was admitted in St. Joseph's Hospital, Dindigul and at 3:15 a.m. on the following day, 29 May 2021, peacefully, he breathed his last. His burial



together with that of Fr. Lawrence Maria Gabriel took place in the Beschi cemetery after the prayer of committal by Fr. M. Devadoss in the presence of Fr. Provincial and a restricted group of people because of the COVID lockdown.

Fr. Jeyaraj was suffering from asthma for a long time. On and off, he took treatment. Because of Parkinsonism and palsy, his speech, too, was affected and he became totally dependent on others to meet his personal needs. However, he suffered his illness with enormous patience and deep faith in God.

He was the second son of Mr. Sandana Michael and Mrs. Maria Rosal. He had an elder brother and a younger sister. It is said that he joined the novitiate on 30 June 1953 without the knowledge of his father. When the latter came to know about it, he rushed to Shembaganur to bring his son back home. However, he listened to the wisdom of Fr. I. Thomas, Novice Master, and let his son become a Jesuit.

The fact that Fr. Jeyaraj was allowed to study B.A. Tamil at Thiagarajar College, Madurai, a non-Jesuit institution, shows that, as a young scholastic, he was bright, intelligent and mature. Subsequently, he did his Philosophy so well that eventually he became a Professor of Philosophy at St. Paul's Seminary, Tiruchirappalli. Fr. Jeyaraj has contributed his best to different ministries. From 1968 to 1976, he served the Archdiocese of Madurai as the Director of St. Peter's Minor Seminary. From 1975 to 1978, he was at Beschi Illam, Dindigul, first as Minister, then as a Teacher of Tamil and lastly as the Socius to the Novice Master. When he was Socius, he taught the novices hymns in Carnatic

Music such as those that were sung for the Final Vows Mass of this obituary writer. He loved Tamil. His love for Tamil culture, Tamil bhakti literature and his ability to sing Tamil classical hymns with devotion and perfection were commendable. One of his perennially popular hymns is வெண்குடி சூழ வந்தனாம் இமயமும் விந்தியமலையமும் வாழ்த்துங்கள் (Snow crowned Himalaya and Vindhya Mountains praise God).

He had a short stint as an ashramite at Aikiya Alayam, Chennai (1978-1981). After a break of six years, he went again to Aikiya Alayam and remained there till its closure in 1998. He was taken up with the style of ashram life and interreligious dialogue which he held on to till his death. His spiritual ministry at Arulothayam Ashram, Kattupadi, Vellore, a Salesian ashram, was an offshoot of his love for the ashram life. He served as the Parish Priest for three years each at Cheranmahadevi and Ambasamudram. During the long period when he resided at Thozhamai Illam, Kanniyakumari, he carried on the ministry of interreligious dialogue, and served also as the Secretary of Interreligious Dialogue in Kottar Diocese. From Kanniyakumari, he used to go to Chennai every month to carry on the dialogue ministry for a group that had been formed by Fr. Ignatius Hirudayam to whom he felt greatly indebted. It is with this sentiment of gratefulness that he named after Fr. Ignatius a portion of the garden at Thozhamai Illam: இராஜரிஷி இருதயம் இஞ்சாசியார், சே.ச., பழந்தோட்டம். He was the main organizer of the birth centenary celebration of Fr. Ignatius Hirudayam in Chennai during which he earnestly pleaded for the revival of Aikiya Alayam and resumption of interreligious dialogue within its premises. He expressed in writing his desire to be buried next to Fr. Ignatius Hirudayam in Arul Kadal-Aikiya Alayam.

Finally, he retired to Beschi to carry on with the dialogue ministry by writing a few pamphlets on the subject. Whatever be his field of labour, Fr. Maria Jeyaraj was a humble, committed and tireless worker for the Greater Glory of God.

Dhanaraj Raphael

FR. LAWRENCE MARIA GABRIEL, S.J. (1940-2021)

Fr. Lawrence Maria Gabriel (81/56) fondly called Gabiri by Jesuits passed away at 8.15 a.m. on 29 May 2021 within hours after the demise of Fr. Maria Jeyaraj. As the death of Gabiri was also



COVID-related, the two funerals were held on the same day at Beschi Illam, Dindigul, strictly following the Corona protocols.

Gabiri hails from Maravankudieruppu, Nagercoil. His parents were Maria Gabriel and Cecily Ammal. He was the

fourth of five siblings (two brothers and three sisters). He grew up in a Catholic atmosphere thoroughly inculturated in Tamil language and culture. He loved listening to eminent leaders who used the power of mother tongue to capture power in the State. After his studies he started teaching in Carmel School, Nagercoil, his alma mater.

Fr. Devadhas Muthiah remembers that Fr. Gabiri was his class teacher at Carmel. As a teacher, he was kind and considerate, and taught well in an interesting way to make students understand the subjects well. It is no wonder that Fr. Albert Machado found him a suitable candidate for the Society. Answering God's call to serve His people in the Society of Jesus, Gabiri joined the novitiate in Beschi Illam, Dindigul, in 1964 at the age of 24. During his Philosophy studies at Shembaganur, his involvement in the parish ministries at Shembaganur parish was marvelous; he was generous and committed to this ministry. It was during this period he started composing devotional hymns in Tamil. One of those hymns, *தியாகத்தருவே திருவிருந்தே, தினந்தினம் நாவில் வரும் அமுதே* (*Thiyagatharuve, thiruvirundhe, dhinamdhinam naavil varum amudhe*) on the Eucharist, is still sung in churches. Equally popular is his hymn *கல்மனம் கரைய கணிகளும் பனிக்* (*Kal manam karaiya, kangalum panika*). He was ordained a Priest in 1974 and soon after that he started his public ministry in Dhyana Ashram, Chennai, as retreat director.

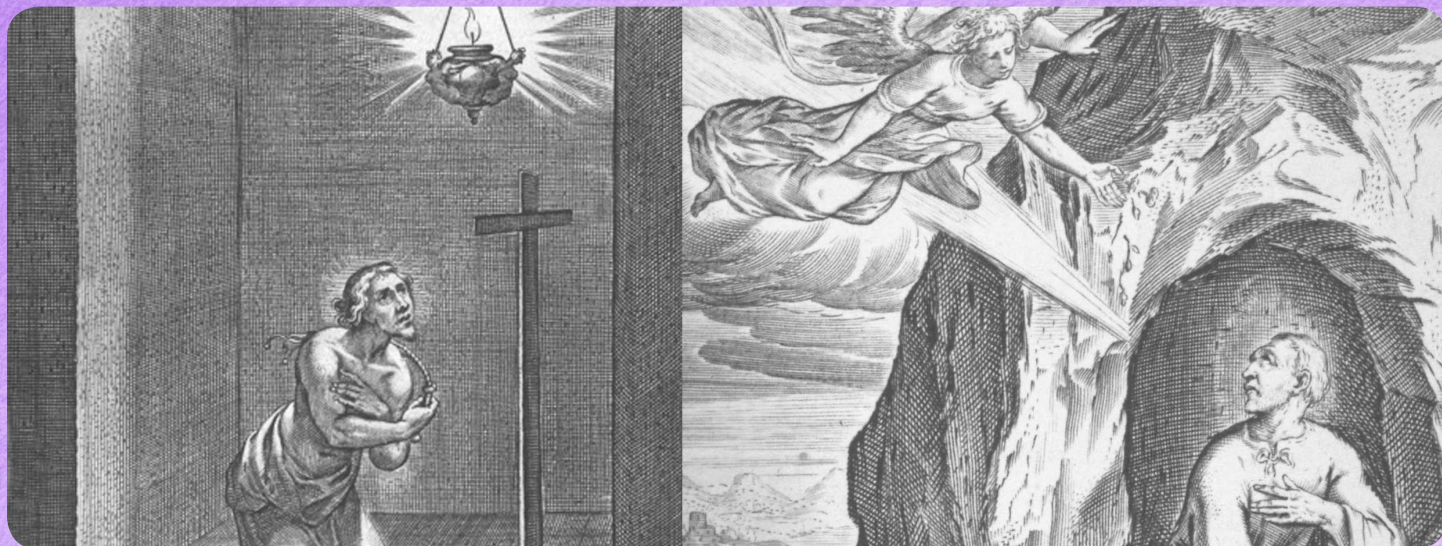
The long list of different types of work he was engaged in over the years is quite impressive. He was Retreat Director in Beschi Illam, Dindigul, Superior of Arul Kadal, Chennai, Superior and Pastor in Oriyur, Vocation Promoter in Beschi, Socius to the Novice Master, Superior and Teacher in St. Mary's, Dindigul, Headmaster in Viragalur, Pastor in St. Mary's Cathedral, Madurai, Minister in Beschi, Dindigul, Spiritual Guide in Xaveriana, Tuticorin, Team Leader in Thozhamai Illam, Kanniyakumari, and Campus Minister in LTI, Madurai.

Gabiri was not only a prolific writer, good poet, inspiring preacher, motivating teacher and compassionate pastor but he was also a gentle companion. He was a humorous person bringing laughter and cheer to all those who sat around him.

As a parish priest in different parishes, he encouraged family prayer in Catholic families to strengthen their faith. His eagerness to serve in parishes suffered a setback during his second innings in Oriyur. Owing to an unsettled dispute among parishioners, there was a suspension of the preparations for the feast of Our Lady of Health in 2015. Fearing a backlash, the Jesuit community moved to safe places. Later, two of them returned to Oriyur to attend to essential services and Gabiri joined them. An enraged group of villagers came to the presbytery. They found Gabiri and took out their anger on him. He was sent to Madurai for treatment. During this period of recovery, he showed enormous patience and submission to God's will. He served in Irudayakulam for a while and when he needed constant medical care and attention he was sent back to Beschi.

During the last years in Beschi, Gabiri spent time writing, teaching co-workers and doing spiritual ministry in the campus although his health was failing gradually. Visitors entering Arrupe Bhavan could not miss Gabiri sitting outside his room with a pile of books on a table. He would stop reading, look up and cheerfully greet the visitors. It is God's will that he was called back to the eternal company of the Lord in these pandemic times. I am sure that he will be praying for all of us as we continue the Lord's mission here on earth.

Williams Christopher



The conversion experience that Ignatius underwent at the castle of Loyola in 1521 was a pivotal event. The circumstances of this profound spiritual experience set the stage for the transformation of the fearless and ambitious soldier into the humble pilgrim, the man of God, and finally the saint.

The religious conversion experienced by Ignatius on his bed of convalescence did not take place in vacuum rather in his internal war between his self-glory and the glory of God. Though he lost the Pamplona battle waged for his self-glory, his internal war continued to occupy his life more and more. We are aware that the conversion experience was also extended and reworked during the more prolonged struggle in the cave of Manresa.

What put an end to his internal war was his inner freedom and discernment gained through his spiritual journey. For a person of inner freedom and a seeker of God alone, even seemingly meaningless events of life turn out to be an encounter with God, like that of St. Ignatius. It was his inner freedom from the fetters of his self-glory for the glory of God which led him to encounter Christ in his brokenness, calling for a new mission of Other-centredness.

The core of inner spiritual freedom is, indeed, the secret of Ignatius' conversion. It was there, at the core of his being, that he recognized that the train of his thoughts of following Christ in poverty, humiliations and humility in imitation of the saints left him interiorly free to taste lasting interior delight, while the succession of worldly thoughts left him with the distaste of feeling enslaved and in bondage. This first experience of discernment of spirits in inner freedom at the very core of his being is the key to his conversion. From then on, God led him along the path of inner freedom as a 'schoolmaster leads his pupil', to use Ignatius' words.

The conversion experience also led him to a shift from self-centredness to other-centredness. He was challenged by grace to co-operate with God. Ignatius' perception of greatness changed radically. While earlier he was struck by the external heroism of gallant knights, which was admirable and challenged one to imitate it, after his conversion, he concentrated on the interior, on the will of God for him. It was no longer doing things for his self-satisfaction but cooperating with God for loftier tasks. Eventually he became convinced that there was a big difference between doing what he wanted to do for God and doing what God wanted him to do.

So it is not primarily Ignatius who handed himself over to God but rather God who encountered Ignatius. Ignatius, under the action of God, opened his heart increasingly to God. Ignatius allowed God to enter his heart and gradually to take possession of his whole person. This openness of his heart, this availability to God – to His design and will- this inner spiritual freedom is the fundamental secret of Ignatius' whole life and mission and the secret of his school of spirituality also.

From the Pilgrim's life journey, we learn that the conversion of a wounded soldier to a saint proves that the body has limitations, but the mind does not. The road to sainthood is always under construction and it is never a clear path to sainthood.

For a meaningful celebration of IGY, what we can learn from the conversion of St. Ignatius is that it is not what we go through that determines where we end up in life. It is whom we listen to and what we let guide us in the broken moments of our lives. St. Ignatius listened to Christ's calling for a spiritual conversion and he let the spirit of discernment to guide his life. And that made all the difference in his life and mission.

Vimal & Udaya