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# MNL Madurai Jesuits' Newsletter

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### APPOINTMENTS BY FR. PROVINCIAL (with Fr. General's approval)

NAME	DESIGNATION	PLACE
P Albert Muthumalai A.	Superior	St. Arulanandar, Oriyur
P Amaladoss Xavier	Superior	Carmel HS School, Nagercoil
P Arockiasamy Santiago	Superior	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi

### APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS: LIST III

NAME	FROM	TO
P Augustine K. Antonimuthu	St. Mary's, Madurai	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi (Correspondent, St. Francis Xavier's HS School)
P Francis Sales A.	Xaveriana, Thoothukudi	Minister & Assistant Parish Priest, St. Arulanandar, Oriyur
P Jayapathy Francis A.M.	St. Joseph's, Tiruchi	Campus Treasurer (Additional), St. Joseph's, Tiruchi
P Loyola Antony Savari A.	M.Ed., St. Xavier's, Palayamkottai	Continues in St. Xavier's, Palayamkottai
P Masillamani S. Pauliah	St. Xavier's, Palayamkottai	Continues in SXC Farm, Irudayakulam
P Raphael Alexander G.	SUPAM	Assistant Parish Priest (Additional), St. Arulanandar, Oriyur
P Royappan Kulandaisamy	St. Joseph's, Tiruchi	Team Leader & Manager, St. Mary's Estate, Manalur



## Announcements

### Sacerdotal Ordination 2021

As there is the likelihood of all places of worship remaining closed for the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday even after 23 August 2021, Sacerdotal Ordination 2021 is postponed to Monday, 30 August 2021. The Ordination Service will begin at 05:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's College, Tiruchi, with Most Rev. Dr. Stephen Antony Pillai, Bishop of Tuticorin, as the Ordaining Prelate.

#### Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN), August 2021 The Church

We 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.

### Ignatian Year Update

#### INI launched on Inigo's feast

In an online function on July 31, 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, S.J., 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, S.J. (GUJ) offered his felicitations. Fr. M.A. Joe Antony, S.J., editor, INI, said that INI would be a quarterly that would focus on the '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, S.J., the General Assistant, and articles by Frs. Michael Amaladoss, S.J. (CEN), Rudi Heredia, S.J. (BOM), Cedric Prakash, S.J. (GUJ), William Sequeira S.J. (KAR)

and Francis P. Xavier, S.J. (CEN). It also has 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 <https://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.

*Joe Antony*

**The Ignatian Quiz programme** was conducted in two rounds (qualifying and final victory rounds) on July 17 and 25. Appreciations to the six teams qualified in the first round as well as the winners in the final round, namely, Beschi and Maduralaya winning the first prize of Rs. 10,000; SHC - Shembaganur, ZEN, Perumalmalai and Estates/Farms in Kodai Hills bagging the second prize of Rs. 7,000; Kalangarai, Nagapattinam, Clive's, Tiruchi and VMI, Vilangudi snatching the third prize of Rs. 5,000. Our thanks to the quiz organizing team headed by Fr. Santhanam and his colleagues, Fr. Thayriam, Fr. Michael Panimaya Raj, Sch. V. Joseph, and Sch. Arockia Amalan. I thank Fr. Danis Ponniah, Provincial, for his words of encouragement and for declaring the results of the quiz programme.

**Novena Booklet Part II**, to be used from 22 to 30 July, was distributed to all Jesuit communities and IGFA congregations. Our special thanks to the contributors of the new novena prayer booklet: Fr. Antony Inigo, Sch. John Kamilas, Fr. Vincent Irudhayaraj, Fr. Arul Ravi, Sch. John Richard, Sch. P. Edward Lenin, Fr. Michael Alosanaya, Br. P. Arockiasamy, and Fr. Xavier Antony. Also, we acknowledge the great service rendered by Fr. S. Selvaraj (Thoothan Editor) and his team for their service in getting both the booklets ready well in advance.

**Just A Minute (JAM)** Videos by the Novices were uploaded from 22 to 30 July by Loyola TV Madurai (Fr. Xavier Antony and his team). The programme was coordinated by Fr. Michael Panimaya Raj, Socius to the Novice Master.

**The Cannonball Moment** online sharing of St. Xavier's Jesuit community, Palayamkottai, on July 21 at 6.30 p.m. was superb. The IGY team thanks the Rector and the whole community, particularly the seniors (Fr. Sigamani, Fr. Masillamani, and Fr. Paul C.



Jesuraja) who shared and Fr. Ignacy and Sch. Ragu who produced the video.

**Province Recollection given by Fr. C. Amal** from Myanmar on July 30 at 6.30 p.m. Needless to say that he kept the audience spellbound throughout the nearly one-hour online talk! His traumatic experiences brought out the wisdom of St. Ignatius in new and challenging perspectives. Fr. Amal used metaphors like the "Cave of Manresa" in the context of the pandemic and the fear-stricken future. St. Ignatius got up and walked on his way and we, too, will break free of this pandemic and continue with our journey.

இப்படிக்கு... லொயோலா இஞ்ஞாசியார்: We need to acknowledge the enormous work put in by our scholastics in preparing the script, creating and uploading short videos under this inviting title. It was done every day throughout the Ignatian month of July. The IGY team gratefully recognizes the Social Media Team headed by Sch. Joseph Praveen and the daily contributors.

**Assistancy Level Ignatian Year Review:** On August 3, the JCSA Ignatian Year Coordinator Fr. Francis Pudhicherry called for a meeting of all the Province conveners to take stock of the happenings related to the Ignatian Year and the future plans. Many things happening in MDU Province were shared with much satisfaction. The IGY team foresees several new initiatives coming in the near future. One of them is a "quarterly" programme by the various Commissions, mostly online panel discussions sandwiched between cultural items. The team needs to plan for a new Tamil translation of the Autobiography of St. Ignatius and the Province Pilgrimage.

*Sekhar B. Vincent*

## Mourning the Martyr of the Marginalized

### Stan Swamy Core Team

On August 3, Month's Mind Mass of Stan was held in Jamshedpur Novitiate presided over by Archbishop Felix Toppo, followed by the burying of his ashes, in the Jesuit cemetery. In the evening, there was a meaningful public event at XISS, Ranchi, in which scholarship for two girls, daughters of Adivasi prisoners who worked for Adivasi communities, was given, as desired by Stan. The award money of Rs 25,000, given to Stan by NCHRO (National Confederation of Human Rights Organisations), was shared between the two girl students. There was also the release of Stan's memoirs – I Am Not A Silent Spectator, which was well received by many. Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, published Stan's memoirs. The book is not priced. It is for free distribution. As we have only limited number of printed copies, please use the link to download the memoir. Kindly share the link widely with alumni, students, teachers, friends, well-wishers, partners, journalists, researchers, media persons and all people of goodwill.

Link: [https://isibangalore.com/images/researchPdfs/I\\_am\\_not\\_a\\_silent\\_spectator\\_\\_Stan\\_Swamy.pdf](https://isibangalore.com/images/researchPdfs/I_am_not_a_silent_spectator__Stan_Swamy.pdf)

Website Link: <https://isibangalore.com/research-reports>

Communication regarding the next phase of our work will reach you soon.

Thanking all of you for your continued support and collaboration,

*Joseph Xavier A.*

## CEN and MDU Provinces: A Pilgrimage for Justice

As a result of their discussions with the Consultors, Superiors and Team Leaders of both CEN-MDU Provinces, Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj and Fr. Danis Ponniah decided to make use of this occasion as a God-given opportunity to celebrate the prophetic life and mission of Fr. Stan by taking his remains reverently to our communities in Tamil Nadu and pay our loving homage to this martyr of the modern times, in collaboration with the dioceses, religious congregations, laity and all people of goodwill.

### Chennai

On July 17th evening, the urn containing the remains of Fr. Stan reached Loyola College, Chennai, from ISI Bangalore. We started the Pilgrimage for Justice on July 18 with a solemn Eucharistic celebration in Christ the King church with Fr. Jebamalai Irudayaraj, Fr. Danis Ponniah and Fr. Francis P. Xavier as the principal celebrants. After the Mass, Mr. M. K. Stalin, the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Ms. Kanimozhi MP, Mr. Dayanidhi Maran MP, Mr. Thol Thirumavazhavan MP, Mr. Inigo Irudayaraj MLA, Mr. Peter Alphonse, Chairman, Tamil Nadu Minorities Commission, followed by religious communities in groups came and paid homage to the urn of Fr. Stan. The urn was kept in the church till 3.30 p.m. for the public to pay homage



and then the civic function started in Betram Hall. Mr. Hariparandhaman, Retired Judge, Madras High Court, Most Rev. George Antonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore and Rev. Dr.V. Devasagayam, Bishop of CSI-Madras Diocese, offered homage to Fr. Stan. The Jesuit communities in Chennai organized this event under the leadership of Fr. Francis P. Xavier, Rector, Loyola College.

*Vasanthakumar I.*

### Chennai: Arul Kadal

On July 6, the Jesuits of Arul Kadal community organized a candlelight *anjali* and silent prayer to pay homage to Fr. Stan. On July 18, we participated in the Pilgrimage for Justice events in Loyola College



and on July 28, we offered our homage to Stan in front of our house and distributed handbills about his mission to the passersby.

*Xavier Samuvel*

### **Nagercoil**

While one urn was taken to the dioceses in Chennai Province, the other which was in Kerala Jesuit Province was received reverently in the border between Kerala and Tamil Nadu by the Jesuits of Carmel community, Nagercoil, on July 21 and was kept in the Jesuit community for the homage and civic function on the following day jointly organized by the Jesuits of Thozhamai Illam and Carmel communities. On July 22, in the morning, a concelebrated Eucharist was organized to pray for Fr. Stan. We invited our staff, alumni and CRI representatives to take part in the Mass. Most Rev. Dr. Nazarene Soosai, Bishop of Kottar, our illustrious alumnus, also joined us during this graceful occasion. Throughout the day, a large number of priests, religious and laity from Kottar, Kuzhithurai and Marthandam dioceses came into our campus to pay their homage to Fr. Stan. Most Rev. Vincent Mar Paulose, Syro-Malankara Bishop of Marthandam, a few officials from the neighbouring dioceses, political leaders, representatives from many peoples' movements and NGOs paid their homage to Fr. Stan. We organized a civic function in the evening with a restricted number of people. Most Rev. Dr. Nazarene Soosai presided over it. The special speakers



included Dr. James R. Daniel, former Principal of Scott Christian College, *Ayyavazhi* Bala Prajaapathi, Mr Bellarmine ex-MP, Mr. Suresh Rajan, ex-Minister, and Mr. Hamim Musthafa, writer and professor. They all condemned the custodial killing of Fr. Stan and demanded the release of human rights defenders languishing in jails. The event was a clarion call to the participants to follow the footsteps of Fr. Stan in order to walk and work together for justice, peace and reconciliation in Kanyakumari District.

### **Thoothukudi**

From Carmel, the urn was taken to Xaveriana, Thoothukudi on July 23. Fr. S. Arockiasamy, Superior of Xaveriana, carried the urn in procession from Xaveriana to St. Francis Xavier's School.

Fr. K. A. Augustine, Correspondent of the School,



arranged a prayer service for Fr. Stan in Arrupe Hall. Most Rev. Yvon Ambroise, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Thoothukudi, blessed the urn and addressed the gathering in the morning. The urn was solemnly placed in Arrupe Hall for the public to pay their homage. At 5:00 p.m., the urn was taken by Fr. Victor Desoza to Snow Hall adjacent to the Basilica of Our Lady of Snows. In the civic function organized there, representatives from political parties, civil movements and our collaborators paid homage to Fr. Stan. Most Rev. Stephen Antony Pillai, D.D., our Bishop, spoke elaborately on the life and mission of Fr. Stan and inspired everyone to imbibe the courageous commitment of Fr. Stan. After the civic function, the urn was reverently handed over to St. Xavier's Community, Palayamkottai.

### **Palayamkottai**

The mega public event on July 24 was meticulously planned by the Jesuits in collaboration with the local political, religious and civil movement leaders. Since permission was denied by the police to take the cremated remains in a procession to Vannarapettai, all

the leaders came to St. Xavier's to pay their respects to Fr. Stan and all went to the venue of the public meeting in a car procession of about 70 vehicles, with the portrait of Fr. Stan in front. Among the dignitaries were Most Rev. Antonysamy Savarimuthu, our Bishop, Mr. P. Abdul Samadu, MLA and General Secretary of *Manitha Neya Makkal Katchi* and Mr. Nellai Mubarak, State President, SDPI. All the local political leaders, religious heads and other activists participated in the protest meeting. The participants included priests, religious, party cadres, teachers from various institutions, and other like-minded men and women, all numbering about 1,000. The main demands made during the public event were, an international inquiry into the custodial death of Fr. Stan, proper legal action on those who were instrumental in his arrest and death, release of the other 15 human rights activists and repeal of the draconian laws. There was an overwhelming support and solidarity expressed by leaders of all groups to stand united in fighting for justice.



On July 25, in the evening, the cremated remains of Fr. Stan were taken to St. Xavier's Cathedral for the Holy Mass, presided over by Most Rev. Antonysamy Savarimuthu, Bishop of Palayamkottai. All parishioners paid homage to Fr. Stan. The next day the urn was taken to Shanthinagar Parish. An ecumenical meeting was organized by the members of SC and ST commission of Palayamkottai Diocese and a meaningful Mass was celebrated by Fr. Henry Jerome, Rector and Fr. Arul Ravi preached. On July 27, in the morning, a group of priests and members of SC/ST and Youth Commission of Tuticorin Diocese had a prayer service and Mass. In the evening, the cremated remains were taken to Kovilpatti for a prayer service. Then the urn was handed over to LAAS community in Madurai.

### **Dindigul**

While the urn received from Kerala reached LAAS, the

other urn taken around the dioceses of CEN Province was brought from Mettupalayam to Beschi Illam on July 27. The Novices along with Jesuits from Beschi campus, gathered at the gate to welcome the brave Crusader for Justice back to where he had done his novitiate in the late 1950's. Fr. Michael Doss, Superior of Beschi Illam, and Fr. Antony Inigo, the Novice Master, carried the urn with reverence and respect for a short memorial service to the domestic chapel where Fr. Stan pronounced his First Vows in 1959. On July 28, at 8:00 a.m., all the Jesuits in Dindigul and Kodai Hills gathered for the Eucharistic celebration which was presided over by Fr. M. Devadoss. Fr. Stephen Martin emphatically elucidated in his short homily that our judicial system could be unjust to the extent of imprisoning the just and the innocent and be guilty of murder.

After the memorial Mass at Beschi on 28th morning, the urn was taken in procession to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where Fr. Danis Ponniah, our Provincial, handed it over to Most Rev. Thomas Paulsamy, Bishop of Dindigul. The urn was placed in the Cathedral on a beautifully decorated floral platform for people to pay their respects. Throughout the day, diocesan clergy, religious, groups of faithful from all the parishes of the diocese, teachers from many schools, and members of civil society came in large numbers to express their solidarity and be part of the Pilgrimage for Justice. The civic function was presided over by the Bishop and Fr. Provincial gave the inaugural address. There were many eminent political and religious leaders who strongly condemned the custodial killing of Fr. Stan



and also the unjust arrest of 15 other Human Rights activists. They condemned the atrocious, unjust activities of the union government and the NIA. They demanded the repeal of all unjust laws and expressed the importance of fighting for justice just like Fr. Stan. Following the letter of the POSA urging us to observe July 28 as a National Justice Day, the Provincial had written to all communities in the Province to mark July 28 as a National Justice Day to pay homage to Fr. Stan and to recommit ourselves to the mission of Truth and Justice. The press release by the Jesuit Provincial of India was translated into Tamil and was made available to all in advance. As the civic function in Dindigul coincided with the National Justice Day, the Tamil translation of the POSA's press release was read out by Fr. Stephen Martin before the press conference that concluded the civic function.

After the civic function, at 7:00 p.m., the urn was taken in a candlelight procession to St. Mary's Jesuit Residence. More than a thousand people took part in the procession. The participants carried candles in silence. There were also many banners with creative designs and concrete demands to ensure justice for Fr. Stan and other human rights defenders. On reaching St. Mary's, the Bishop handed over the urn to Fr. Stephen Martin. The final activity was the slogan raising as a group to raise our voices for the voiceless who face injustice in this country.

### **National Justice Day**

The Jesuit community in Karumathur marked the National Justice Day with a public event in which prominent members of TN-CRI, religious communities in the neighbourhood, some members of the local parish and a few from other faiths participated. The front-yard of the Parish Church where the event took place was filled with an air of



deep sentiments of love and admiration for Fr. Stan and other crusaders of human rights languishing in jail. The event lasted for about 100 minutes and it described the life and works of Fr. Stan and the rich tributes that he had received from some notable members of the civil society. After listening to the Tamil version of the POSA's press release, those present listened to a set of resolutions that condemned State terrorism and voiced concerns about blatant suppression of human rights in the country. Finally, all read a statement/oath expressing their resolve to follow the footsteps of Fr. Stan and to stand in solidarity with the poor in their struggle for justice. The Jesuits in **Madurai** numbering about 60 along with their collaborators gathered at 6:00 p.m. on July 28 in front of the main gate of St. Mary's Cathedral to observe the National Justice Day. Some Sisters from the neighboring convents and the CRI President of the Madurai City also took part. All had lit candles and placards demanding justice for Fr. Stan and other human rights defenders languishing in jail. Frs. Xavier Antony, Albert William and Santhanam spoke on the importance of the day. Fr. Marianathan spoke about the POSA's press release the Tamil translation of which was read out by Fr. Stalin. Fr. Vijin led the participants to take a pledge and then all dispersed in silence.

In **Oriyur**, around 150 parishioners gathered in front of the Church of Our Lady of Good Health where St. John de Britto was martyred, to observe the National Justice Day. The event started with a short sharing on the life of Fr. Stan, a messenger of Justice, by Fr. Francis Sales. It was followed by the candlelight procession, adoration and Eucharistic celebration, which highlighted the need for us to become the ambassadors of justice in our day-to-day life.

In **Palayamkottai**, St. Xavier's community observed the National Justice Day with a candlelight procession on July 28. As a culmination of a four-day packed schedule of meetings, Masses and demonstrations with the cremated remains of Fr. Stan in and around the city with the support of political, civil and ecclesiastical groups, the National Justice Day was observed in a simple way recalling the sacrificial life of Fr. Stan and reflecting on the life of St. Ignatius.

## Pilgrimage for Justice continued after the National Justice Day

### Madurai

After the observance of the National Justice Day in Dindigul, the urn was taken to DACA, Madurai where Fr. M. Vargheesh Antony, Team Leader of DACA, received it and DACA community, the Madavaram Sisters of St. Anne and a few students paid prayerful tribute to Fr. Stan. On July 29, the urn was taken to St. Mary's, Madurai, where it was respectfully received by Most Rev. Antony Pappusamy, Archbishop of



ஸ்டான் சுவாமியின் அஸ்திக்கு அஞ்சலி....



✦ போடி ஆசாள் சிந்தாமலேய உயிர் பறிக்஑ப்பட்ட அருட்தந்தை ஸ்டான் சுவாமியின் அஸ்தி விடியாழ்வாறு மதுரைக்கு வந்தது. பல்பேறு அரசியல் கட்சிகள், சமூக ஆர்வலர்கள் அணிதிரண்டு உணர்வுப்பூர்வமான அஞ்சலி செய்துத்தினர்.

Madurai, at 6:50 a.m. and placed in the Cathedral for homage. The religious sisters in the parish and the parish council members paid their homage by the placing of wreaths. The Archbishop celebrated Solemn Mass for the repose of the soul of Fr. Stan and concelebrating with him were the VG, VFs, Diocesan Curia Priests, Vicariate Priests, Religious Priests and the Jesuits in Madurai. At the end of the Mass, the Archbishop, the priests and the religious heads paid their floral tribute to Fr. Stan. The choir led by Sch. J. Alex Melvin Xavier of AAC, Karumathur, helped the participants experience the solemnity of the occasion. Fr. Maria Michael and his dedicated team and Madha TV videographed the Solemn Mass and the entire event of the Pilgrimage for Justice to telecast on August 1 on Madha TV.

After the Mass, the urn of Fr. Stan was kept for public homage from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. At 4:45 p.m., it was carried to St. Mary's Higher Secondary School campus by Fr. S. Marianathan, Rector, and Advocate C.J. Rajan. As the urn moved forward step by step, the mood of the participants numbering around 500 got elevated along with the beating of *parai* and the

shouting of slogans seeking justice. After the urn was gently placed on a decorated podium, representatives of 17 political parties and 24 social movements paid floral tributes. The civic function was presided over by the Archbishop and 14 leaders representing different political parties and movements delivered speeches demanding posthumous justice to Fr. Stan and the repeal of oppressive laws. The entire event was organized by Advocate C.J. Rajan in collaboration with Fr. Marianathan, Fr. Stephen Lourdu Pragasam and Fr. Paul Mike.

### Oriyur

On June 30, the cremated remains of Fr. Stan reached Oriyur. The parish council and the school staff organized a floral tribute followed by a silent rally which began at 10:30 a.m. from the New School entrance to St. Arulanandar Shrine. It was followed



by a meaningful Eucharistic celebration in which we prayed for Fr. Stan and invited all the faithful to join together in our struggle for establishing justice, peace and reconciliation.

### Devakottai

A public function was organized on July 30th at 10:00 a.m., in Ananda College, presided over by Most Rev. Stephen Antony Pillai, Bishop of Tuticorin, and Mr. S. Mangudi, MLA, Karaikudi Constituency, Mr. Naga Krishnan (Thiruvalluvar Tamil Mandram), Mr. Janab Abdul Ajies Ajikari (Imam) and Mr. Shankar Subramanian (Tamil Nadu Writers Association) addressed the gathering and spoke against the injustice done to Fr. Stan. After the event at Oriyur,





the urn was brought to Devakottai in the afternoon and placed in the De Britto Hostel premises for the public to pay their homage. We had a Eucharistic celebration 6:00 p.m. in the Sahaya Matha Parish Church, Devakottai. Fr. Vincent Amalraj, Superior of De Britto, successfully organized the entire event in collaboration with the Jesuits, clergy, religious, political parties and civil movements.

**Nagapattinam**

On July 31, the urn containing the cremains of Fr. Stan reached *Kalangarai* in the evening. It was placed in the house chapel with due reverence. On August 1 morning, it was taken to the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Nagapattinam for the Holy Eucharist and for paying homage. The Mass started at 8:00 a.m., after which the urn was taken to the hall where arrangements for a public homage had been made. The event not only attracted the people of the parish but also people from other faiths. Numerous groups of people came in large numbers to pay their respects to the cremated remains of



Fr. Stan. The priests and religious in and around Nagapattinam and Tharangampadi towns paid their homage. Representatives of various political parties and people’s movements flocked to pay homage to Fr. Stan and express their solidarity. The number of people who visited the place created a deep sense of solidarity and hope that humanity is still very much alive in the hearts of the people. As planned, the civic function started at 4:00 p.m. Religious leaders representing different faiths, social activists, and political leaders spoke about Fr. Stan and expressed their desire to take forward his life’s mission.

**Vilangudi and Viragalur**

On August 1, in the evening, the urn was received at the entrance of VMI, Vilangudi. The pre-novices took it in a solemn candlelight procession to the residence. A soul-stirring prayer service was conducted for Fr. Stan and for the speedy release of



the other fifteen human rights defenders languishing in jail. On August 2, the urn was handed over to Most Rev. Antonysamy, Bishop of Kumbakonam, at Viragalur, Fr. Stan’s birthplace. Our pre-novices were privileged to take part in the Pilgrimage for Justice at Viragalur. Prior to the event at Viragalur, Fr. Provincial had appointed a committee with Fr. Arul Oli as the convener to plan the event at Viragalur in coordination with the Diocese and the Parish Priest. The committee met with the Parish Priest and the members of the parish council and planned the event meticulously. It was truly a moment of grace for the people of Viragalur to have the cremated remains of Fr. Stan, the brave son of the soil who was martyred for justice. The procession took place at 4:00 p.m. with the urn being carried by Mr. Hirudayasamy, Fr. Stan’s elder brother in a beautifully decorated car. As the procession reached the house where Fr. Stan had been born and brought up, the members of the bereaved family received the urn and spent with it a few precious moments they would love and cherish. The Holy Eucharist began at 5:00 p.m. with the Bishop as the main celebrant. Fr. Danis Ponniah, our Provincial, preached a very powerful and moving homily which consoled Fr. Stan’s family members and villagers, and encouraged everyone to take the road less travelled just like Fr. Stan in order to establish justice, peace and reconciliation. After the Holy Eucharist, a civic function was organized, in which many eminent speakers spoke against injustice done to Fr. Stan and expressed their solidarity and commitment to fight together for justice.

## Tiruchi

On August 3, the final day of the Pilgrimage for Justice, the urn was taken to St. Joseph's College, Fr. Stan's alma mater, where he had his early education. A large number of priests, religious and laity, from various parishes joined the procession organized to carry the urn containing the cremated remains of Fr. Stan. The procession started from the SJC



Museum at 8:00 a.m., with Fr. Rector carrying the urn in a decorated car. The church bells tolled and the Camboulives College Band played its mourning beats as the procession moved to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Fr. Danis Ponniah, our Provincial, presided over the concelebrated memorial Mass. Fr. Jebamalai Raja, CEN Provincial, preached a homily highlighting Fr. Stan's quest for justice with no room for compromise. After the Mass, following the two Provincials and the diocesan authorities, more than 2,000 people offered their floral homage to Stan's mortal remains till 1:00 p.m. strictly adhering to the COVID protocols. The memorial service ended with a concluding prayer led by Fr. Marivalan, the Parish Priest.

The urn was taken to St. Mary's Cathedral, Melapudur at 6:00 p.m. and laid near the altar for *malar anjali*. Fr. S. Arockiaraj, Bishop-Elect of Tiruchi Diocese, led a short memorial prayer and paid floral tributes, and the entire gathering followed him in paying their respects. Then, a civic function demanding justice for Fr. Stan and other human rights activists was held at the Parish Hall in the Cathedral campus. Fr. Leonard, Rector, welcomed the gathering. Bishop-Elect Fr. S. Arockiaraj, Fr. Provincial, Mr. Thirunavukarasar, Member of Parliament, Tiruchi, Ms. Balabharathi, Ex-MLA, Dindigul, Rt. Rev. Daniel Jeyaraj, TELC-Bishop, Mr. Henri Tiphagne, Director, People's Watch, Madurai, Mr. Nellai Mubarak, President, SDPI, Sr. Reginal, Superior General of St. Anne's, Tiruchi, and many other leaders spoke of the need to

imbibe the prophetic and fighting spirit of Fr. Stan. Fr. Jebamalai Raja released Fr. Stan's book *I am not a Silent Spectator* and Mr. Hirudayasamy, the elder brother of Fr. Stan, received the first copy. The civic meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Fr. T. Eugene, contact person for Tiruchi Diocese. The Pilgrimage for Justice, on its final day, was truly a memorable occasion to cherish and celebrate the life, mission and martyrdom of Fr. Stan. The Pilgrimage for Justice has not ended but has just begun and it is only by carrying forward the legacy of Fr. Stan, can we truly and meaningfully pay our homage to this Martyr of the Marginalized.

### From Medan, Indonesia

My co-novice and our beadle in the novitiate, also a prophet of our time, has gone to his eternal reward after his passion and death.

Abide with the Lord Jesus, my martyr friend, Fr. Stan, till we soon meet again.

Rejoicing in your glory,

Fr. James Bharataputra, S.J., your brother and co-novice (1957-59) at Beschi College, Dindigul.

## NEWS DIGEST

### Tamil Nadu AICUF

On 2 July 2021, we had a webinar on 'Intervention of Youth in Today's Politics' by **Mr. Thol Thirumavalavan MP.**

On July 17, we met Mr. Thol Thirumavalavan as part of our 'Youth & Politics' programme. Mr. Thiruma 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. We have also invited him for the forthcoming TN AICUF State Convention.

On July 25, we had a webinar on 'Feminism' (பெண்ணியம்) by **Miss Bafina**, the AICUF State Full-Timer. It was organized by Arul Anandar College AICUF Unit, Karumathur.

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

*N. Parthasarathi*

### **Dindigul: AMUTHU**

An orientation programme for the animators of our Evening Study Centres (ESCs) was arranged at R.C. Loyola School, Oddanchatram, on July 24. Having emphasized the role of the study centres in imparting knowledge to children in the rural area, Fr. A. Francis Xavier focused on the theme "Amuthu ESC towards EPC Development". EPC Development stands for Educational, Personality and Community Development. Thanks to Fr. Francis Xavier for motivating the animators and giving them a drive to get involved in educating the children with the aforementioned three dimensions.



To mark the 500 years of the conversion of St. Ignatius, AMUTHU organized a celebration for the feast of St. Ignatius with the religious, collaborators, well-wishers and the staff on July 29. Fr. Gerlin, Parish Priest of Porulur, was the special invitee. He gave an inspiring talk on St. Ignatius and the relevance of his Spirituality in today's context.

Amuthu has brought out a quarterly magazine நீலக் கதிர். Fr. Ravi (AND) released it during the feast day celebration held at AMUTHU. As part of COVID-19 relief work, AMUTHU extended its help to another 65 families with dry ration kits.

*Jeyabaskaran*

### **Dindigul: Beschi Illam**

Novices Sugumar Jose (MDU) and John Peter Basile (CEN) and Fr. A. Francis Xavier were members of the Beschi-Maduralaya team that bagged the first prize with a cash award of Rs. 10,000 in the IGY QUIZ – 2021 organized by our Province. Congrats to them!

On July 31, our Founder's Feast was celebrated with grandeur while adhering to COVID-19 protocols. Fr. Superior was the main celebrant and Fr. Thayriam preached an inspiring festive homily. Novices artistically arranged cannonball-moment exhibits from the life of St. Ignatius which gained the applause of one and all.

### **JRS**

The COVID lockdown blighted the life and the livelihood of Sri Lankan refugees who live in cramped camps across Tamil Nadu. Deeply aware of their vulnerability, JRS sprang into action and provided relief supplies to them. In order to ensure better protection, 925 refugees – mostly children, pregnant women, and elders – were provided with vaporizer, health-mix and hygiene kits; 230 thermometers were distributed to JRS Complementary Education Centers in 84 camps; dry rations were provided to 1,553 refugee families, with the help of philanthropic NGOs and some religious congregations. On June 7, the JRS-TN office in Beschi reopened as there was relaxation of lockdown measures.

Between June 1 and 11, JRS-TN facilitated four online interactive sessions between the staff of the Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and the representatives of Sri Lankan refugees. These online meetings enabled the COVID-afflicted refugees to seek due and quick redress from the government officials.

On June 20, a virtual observance of the World Refugee Day was organized to drive home the message: "Together we heal, learn and shine." Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Jesintha Lazarus, IAS, Director of Rehabilitation Commissionerate, appreciated the JRS mission in Tamil Nadu and pledged her team's support for the wellbeing of the refugees.

On June 22, a webinar was hosted by JRS in view of spreading awareness on the rights of refugees and the prospect of their local integration as citizens of India. Advocate Romeo Roy Alfred enlightened an audience of 70 refugee youths on that occasion.

The Complementary Education Teachers of JRS-TN took part in the online teacher training programme from July 5 to 10. An advanced level programme of Intensive English Training has started in seven camps on July 15 for the refugee students. As we are warned of a possible COVID Third Wave, sessions on COVID prevention and hygiene practices were organized for the camp inmates in the second week of July. From

June 18 to 23, a six-day online workshop was arranged by the JMAADD team from Arrupe Sukalayam, Mullaikudi. This enabled 21 JRS staff members to conduct awareness sessions for the camp inmates in 94 camps, identify the drug dependents in the camps and assist in their rehabilitation.

Having concern for the livelihood of the refugees, JRS-TN organizes lots of livelihood training programmes such as tailoring, sanitary pad production and an income generating programme for the refugee women. About 160 women participated in this month's programmes and started small scale businesses after the training. On July 28 and 29, a monthly review meeting for the staff was held in the JRS-TN office. Dr. A. Siluvairaja, Assistant Professor, LIBA, Chennai conducted career guidance for the staff and explained the possibilities to pursue higher studies for the refugee students who completed their schooling.

*Michael Panimaya Raj*

### **Dindigul: St. Mary's**

We had the community orientation for the academic year 2021-2022 on July 2 and 3. Fr. S. Arockiam from Sirumalai was the resource person for the first day, and he enriched us by highlighting some of the core spiritual experiences of St. Ignatius taken from his *Autobiography* and *Spiritual Exercises*. We spent the second day on prayerful deliberation on the letter of Fr. Provincial dated June 12, 2021.

On July 20, we had a farewell Mass for Fr. Jesudoss (CEN) who had served as the Principal of St. Joseph's College of Education, Kosavapatty, for four years. On July 29, Mr. Christian Keeler, a teacher from our school, gave a talk to the domestic workers on Ignatian Year and Ignatian Inspiration as exemplified in Fr. Stan Swamy. We had a grand celebration of the feast of our Founder with the staff of both the primary and higher secondary schools. The celebration started with a Solemn Eucharist with Fr. Stephen, our Superior, as the main celebrant and Fr. Aruldoss, our



Correspondent, as the homilist. After the Mass, we had the felicitation by the staff to the Jesuits followed by a delicious breakfast.

An input session was organized for our staff on how to handle online classes before we initiated online classes for all Standards. A class-wise Parents-Teachers Meeting is being organized these days. Fr. Joe Xavier, Secondary Education Coordinator, has been conducting interviews from July 10 to 18 to recruit teachers for 28 management posts in five of our schools.

*Arockia Amalan*

### **Devakottai: De Britto**

Taking into consideration the sorry plight of the poor affected by the pandemic, we distributed dry rations and masks to 100 poor students. Our school teachers are very busy with their online classes. The teaching-learning process is in full swing although the school remains closed due to the lockdown. Fr. Arockiasamy, our Headmaster, is watchful to make sure that online classes are on the right track and he organizes online parents meeting. Teachers are provided with smart classroom facilities and training to conduct online classes in the Computer Lab of the school.

**NMMS Scholarship Award:** NMMS disburses a total of 1,00,000 scholarships every year at the rate of INR 12,000 per annum to the selected 8th Standard students. Our school students have got the first rank at the district level. Congratulations to the HM and teachers who spared no effort to make this a reality.

**Fr. Cyril** conducted a skill training and motivational programme on July 27 for the students of the Community College of Paravagam, an NGO at Vellore. He also participated in a consultative meeting to launch a special school for mentally challenged children at Paravagam.

*Martin George*

### **Karumathur: AAC**

Arul Anandar College, foreseeing an excellent academic year, organized a three-day induction programme for the newly recruited staff and staff with five years of experience. Topics such as Jesuit Charism of Higher Education, Teacher as a Facilitator etc. were dealt with. Dr. I. Devanan, Dr. M. Santhanam, Dr. S. Vincent, and Dr. M. Solomon Bernard Shaw, former professors of our college, shared their insights on the above themes. The focus was on empowering the rural poor, inviting more commitment of teachers in the post-COVID scenario, especially with the help of the Extension Services. Nearly 70 professors benefited



Staff Orientation at AAC, Karumathur

from the induction programme. On July 29 and 30, a two-day online orientation programme was arranged for all the teaching staff. Dr. Vimal Jerald, Assistant Professor from SJC, Tiruchirappalli, dealt with Digital Teaching, Outcome Based Education, and Question Setting. Around 20 video e-contents were chosen out of 40, and 7 best of them were awarded prizes. The orientation ended with an Ignatian prayer service commemorating the Cannonball Conversion Moment followed by a delicious meal.

On July 10, Fr. Vincent Sekhar took part in the final round of the online steering committee meeting of the Jesuit Higher Education organized by ESADE, Barcelona, Spain, on the theme “Secularism, Religious Diversity, and Interreligious Dialogue”. The core team prepared a blueprint for the 3-day Congress to be held in mid-July 2022 as well as the mode of inviting participants to the Congress.

**Sekhar B. Vincent**

### **Madurai: DACA**

On July 22, we had a meeting with the coordinators of Evening Study Centres (ESCs) run by DACA and decided to resume ESCs from August 2 in all the five Zones – Madurai, Sattur, Mudukalathur, Kovilpatti and Tirunelveli. On July 31, DACA had a triple celebration – Feast of St. Ignatius, paying tribute to both Fr. P. Antony Raj and Fr. Stan, and distribution of sewing machines to 40 poor women.

Mr. Dhanush M. Kumar, MP of Thenkasi Constituency, Mr. Urkavalan, President of *Ainthinai*



*Makkal Katchi* and Ms. P. Suganthi, State General Secretary of All India Women Association, were the special invitees. Mr. Dhanush M. Kumar felicitated the group with his inspiring words and distributed the sewing machines to 40 poor women of *Makkal Sakthi Sangamam*.

**Anthony Praveen**

### **Nagapattinam: Kalangarai**

Though the summer camp was called off due to the lockdown in the middle of summer, it was rescheduled and renamed as COVID-19 awareness program and was conducted in ten different villages; a total of 425 students benefited from it. As a response to Fr. Provincial’s letter on the community orientation, our community decided to organize awareness programmes on ‘The protection of minors and children from sexual abuse’. Fifteen sets of mothers and daughters were selected from each zone and government nurses were invited to be the resource persons in their respective zones; a total of 150 people participated in the awareness programme.

**Sujin Wilson**

### **Nagercoil: Carmel**

The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our Campus Patroness, was celebrated with the flag hoisting on July 14 followed by the novena service. On July 16, the feast Mass was presided over by Fr. Amaladoss Xavier, Superior, and Fr. Simonraj, Headmaster, was the homilist. Thozhamai Illam community joined us for the celebration. On this occasion, we inaugurated the Ignatian Year (Ignatius 500) with the staff. Fr. Arul Sivan inspired them with his sharing on St. Ignatius and motivated them to follow his principles and values.

Due to the pandemic situation and to feel one with our suffering sisters and brothers, this year we dropped the celebration of the feast of our founder, St. Ignatius. Nevertheless, on July 28, National Justice Day, both Thozhamai Illam and Carmel communities went on a pilgrimage to a small village called Panjal, substation of Perumanal Parish in the Diocese of Thoothukudi. We celebrated a Holy Mass at St. Ignatius Church there. We also distributed rice, groceries and bed-sheets to all the 11 families there. We are planning to give educational scholarships to the students of the village in collaboration with the Parish Priest. With the staff, we organized a novena to St. Ignatius for three days, and on July 30, we celebrated with them the feast Mass followed by high tea.

**Maria Singarayar**

### **Oriyur: St. Arulanandar**

Fr. Albert Muthumalai took charge as Superior of our community on June 27. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Joseph Michael for his dedicated service as Superior and Correspondent of the school for the last 4 years. The Parish Priest conducted a series of peace meetings with the people of Sirugambaiyur who had some unresolved internal disputes in the village for the last 2 years. This initiative brought about unity and the disputes were settled with the blessing of all houses followed by a concelebrated Eucharist and a shared meal.

Twelve students of St. Arulanandar HSS successfully passed the TRUST Exam – (IX Std Competitive Scholarship Exam for Rural Students) and six students in their NMMS Exam.

We had a concelebrated Mass on the feast of St. Ignatius at 6:00 a.m. along with the parishioners and pilgrims, and went on a pilgrimage to Sengol Madha Church, Karangadu, in the evening.

*Francis Sales*

### **Palayamkottai: St. Xavier's**

The feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated in a significant manner this year. In the morning, we had the Eucharistic celebration in which Fr. Rector was the main celebrant. Teaching, administrative staff members, well-wishers and other faithful took part in it. During the Mass, our institutions' magazine EXACT (Every Xaverian Acts) was released. High tea was served after the festive Eucharist. In the evening, we had the Benediction with the priests and religious of our vicinity. Most Rev. Dr. Antonysamy, Bishop of Palayamkottai, graced the occasion and honoured the Jubilarians of our community - Frs. Arulanandam, Casimir and Elias. In his sharing, the Bishop praised the Jesuits for all the good services they render to the diocese. Lockdown protocols were strictly followed during the celebrations.

Fr. Ignacimuthu gave webinars on 'Care for Our Common Home' to NGO groups in Pondicherry, on 'Climate Change and Our Response' to JESA-Ecology and social action group and on 'Plants to Treat Covid-19' to scientists of the Botanical Survey of India. Fr. Henry Jerome was a resource person in a webinar organised for the Salesian Brothers on Cyber Safety.

**SXHSS:** Fr. Kennedy was the resource person for the teachers' orientation programmes conducted in different cadre-wise sessions in July on 'Education for the New Normal'. After this programme, all our school teachers have started online classes for all Standards

in the Tamil Medium. Online classes have been going on very well since last academic year for the English Medium sections.

At **SXCE**, while the online classes continue to hold their sway in the timetable, the usual programmes, too, such as 'Inauguration of Subject Clubs' and special College Assembly on 'Bakrid' were conducted online. In view of the Ignatian Year, the college made an effort to introduce St. Ignatius in virtual mode to the students. Fr. Loyola, the Campus Minister, made a special effort to present it in audio-visual mode and it was really appreciated. Hectic efforts are on to submit the SSR with NAAC for the forthcoming 4th cycle visit and your prayers are requested.

**XIBA** is recognized as one of the best B-Schools in southern Tamil Nadu by [collegedunia.com](http://collegedunia.com). Fr. Michael John, Director, gave an interview to [collegedunia.com](http://collegedunia.com), highlighting the important features of Jesuit education, and thus brought a wider visibility to XIBA. To watch the interview, please click the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e14c17topBU>.

The novena service during the Ignatian Year with the staff and students was conducted in XIBA by professors on various Ignatian themes. Fr. Arul Sivan delivered the feast day special talk. XIBA Business Review (XBR) is being renewed for its publication with research articles. Fr. Michael John, as a resource person, delivered a talk on 'The Role of Teachers Beyond Teaching' in the National Level Faculty Development Programme on Effective Classroom Management in HEIs (Higher Education Institutions). **Xaverian Covid and Rehabilitation Services:** We have formed a team consisting of Frs. Kennedy, Michael John, Arul Ravi, Augustine, Pushparaj and Royce to help out deserving people during this pandemic. The primary aim of this team is to tap resources, identify beneficiaries and distribute food materials. They distributed food materials to the Corona affected families of our students, refugees, migrants, transgenders, HIV affected families, differently abled persons and disadvantaged groups. Each family was helped with dry ration (rice and groceries), each pack costing Rs. 900. Totally 1,072 families have received assistance.

*Y. Baskar & John Kennedy*

### **Shembaganur: SHC**

Twenty Jesuits arrived at Shembaganur safe and sound for Tertianship which began on 02.08.2020 under the guidance of Fr. Arul Sivan, the Tertian Instructor and Fr. Jose Jacob (KER), the Co-Tertian Instructor.

'Pilgrimage for Justice' – paying homage to Fr. Stan was organized in three different neighbouring parishes on July 25 in which our scholastics, along with the community members, took an active part and paid homage. We also felt privileged and honoured to join the Pilgrimage at Dindigul on July 28.

PEAK has offered medicines worth Rs. 25,000 to Bala Hospital which is in Kavunji village for the use of the rural people. In collaboration with the Government doctors, city police and all local leaders, PEAK has been conscientizing people for vaccination in various villages by staging street-plays on the theme “கொரோனா இல்லா கொடைக்கானல்” and by taking people to local Primary Health Centers for vaccination. The contribution of the scholastics in this regard has been commendable. The awareness programme has been staged so far in 12 villages, and we already see the fruit of it.

*Karthickraj*

### **Thoothukudi: Xaveriana**

Br. Arockiadoss, Headmaster, organized a webinar on St. Ignatius. The topic was “Ignatius’ Vision on Teachers”. The resource person was Fr. Pavulraj, Dean of the Department of Spirituality, Gregorian University, Rome. His talk was highly inspiring and much appreciated; 148 teachers and professors from various institutions around the city participated in the webinar. We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Fr. Pavulraj.

The birth anniversary of Karmaveerar Kamarajar, the former Chief Minister, was celebrated on July 15 as *Kalvi Valarchi Naal* and in the same function prizes were distributed to the students who passed in the NMMS examination. We had Mass on July 22 for the departed souls of retired teachers, parents of teachers and of students.

*Victor Desoza*

### **Tiruchi: Clive House**

On June 2, Fr. Alphonse (DAR) reached his Province safely. While Schs. Santhosh and Jayapradap moved to Shembagnur on June 5 for their JD-Pune online classes of Philosophy, Schs. Kissore and Earnest (CEN) went to Chennai for the same studies at Satya Nilayam. Schs. Jones and Selva arrived at Clive’s House for their undergraduate studies. The month of July began colorfully with an online course on “E-content making and learning”. Prof. Vimal Jerald, St. Joseph’s College, Tiruchi, taught us the techniques of video making and PowerPoint presentation from 1 to 8 July. He was kind to take a session on Photoshop

for three days from 17 to 19 July. We are thankful to him. Seeing the interest expressed by the scholastics, sessions on Enneagram were given by Fr. Emmanuel for five days from July 19. It helped us know more about ourselves. Thereafter, we had a fruitful course on Indian Church History for four days from July 21 by Prof. Bernard D’Sami, Loyola College, Chennai.

On July 25, Schs. Jones and Selva participated in the IGY Quiz-2021 competition along with Sch. Tony from Pre-novitiate, Vilangudi. The trio answered the questions well and bagged the third prize. On July 26, fifteen scholastics from different provinces, Dumka (4), Kohima (2), Madhya Pradesh (4) and Ranchi (5) joined the community. The feast of St. Ignatius went on well with different kinds of activities such as a meaningful Eucharist, basketball match and a wonderful get-together.

*Jones Vimal F.*

### **Tiruchi: SJC**

Founder’s Feast: On the occasion of IGY 500, the Campus Ministry of SJC organized an international webinar on July 14. Fr. Pavulraj, Professor and Dean of the Department of Spirituality, Gregorian University, Rome, was the resource person. He shared with us his reflections on the ‘Ignatian insights on MAGIS.’ He beautifully highlighted the various dimensions of MAGIS and its implications in today’s context with special reference to Jesuit institutions.

We had meaningful novena prayers to St. Ignatius beginning from July 22 and ending on July 30. The themes for each day centred around ‘Celebrating Change’ as suggested by the Province Committee for IGY-500 celebrations. The feast of St. Ignatius (31 July) was celebrated in a restricted mode. The Jesuits from SJC and Clive Illam joined together for the feast day Mass at 6:30 a.m. presided over by Fr. Rector and shared the festive breakfast thereafter. The celebrations ended with a solemn benediction at 7 p.m. in the college church.

*Leolin Arockiadass*

### **Vilangudi: VMI**

On July 16, our pre-novices were successfully vaccinated with the help of the village President. This has paved the way for us to courageously send our formees to the villages for weekend ministry. On July 29, to meaningfully celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius, our founder, we had a one-day recollection preached by Fr. Rajasekaran. The basketball match conducted that day enkindled the spirit of MAGIS in the pre-novices. Although the pandemic prevented us

from celebrating the feast in a grand manner, still we had a simple yet meaningful Eucharistic celebration followed by table fellowship with a few priests and religious who live in the immediate neighbourhood.

*Tony Ajith*

### **Chennai: Arul Kadal**

The theologians of Arul Kadal very creatively produced a series of short videos for WhatsApp on St. Ignatius. This venture was named 'ஒரு போர்வீரன் தலைவனான கதை', addressing mainly the youth of today. It was successfully uploaded on YouTube all nine days of the Novena. 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, Arokiadass and Raj Irudaya gave a video presentation on the different Ignatian topics, organized by the Spirituality Commission of Jesuit Chennai Province. On July 31, we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with great enthusiasm. The Mass was presided over by Fr. Raj Irudaya, our Superior.

*Xavier Samuvel*

### **Thiruvananthapuram: Vidyaniketan**

By July 14, the strict quarantine of the Juniors came to an end. On July 15, we started the academic year 2021-2022 with the Holy Spirit Mass presided by Fr. John Manipadam and later we had the inauguration on the theme, "As Kingfishers Catch Fire." Fr. Swaminathan (CEN) extended a cordial welcome to the gathering. While Fr. Jose Mathew, Rector, St Xavier's College, Thumba, inspired us with an inaugural address highlighting the significance of the spirituality of study in Juniorate, Fr. Williams, Dean of Studies, delivered a short speech 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 (KAR), the Acting Superior, gave a fitting vote of thanks.

On July 16, we had the diagnostic test in which Sch. Prince (CEN) and Sch. Sam (MDU) secured distinction. Later that day, Fr. Jose Thachil (KER), Minister, conducted orientation and community building sessions for the Juniors and motivated us to "be the best". On July 17 and 18, the Juniors of Kerala Province gave us a two-day course on Malayalam for Survival and Service. The regular classes began on July 19.

The health of Fr. Wilson (AND), our Superior, deteriorated, and after a couple of his right toes were amputated, he was brought back to Vidyaniketan on July 17 and on the following day he was sent to Hyderabad accompanied by Fr. T.V. Antony. From there he was taken to PGIMER (Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research), Chandigarh, by his nephew for further treatment. Fr. T.V. Antony was entrusted with the additional responsibility of Acting Superior of our community.

In preparation for the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, from July 22 onwards, we made the novena to our Founder and helped the community to "fall in love" with the Lord "more dearly."

Keeping in mind the health condition of Fr. Wilson, on July 31, the Solemnity of St Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated in a modest way. The day dawned with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. John Manipadam who underscored the significance of the single-mindedness of St. Ignatius. Fr. Swaminathan shared his vocation story following which he led us into adoration in which the community prayed for the speedy recovery of Fr. Wilson. With Sch. Sam as the Master of Ceremony, a cultural eve was spread for the delight of the community in which the Juniors sang "Krishna Nee Begane" from Colonial Cousins, enacted a mime based on friendship, conducted a quiz and enthused the audience with a dance. While Fr. Antony shared his inspiring Ignatian insights, Schs Rayappa (AND) and Amar (RAN) gave the welcome address and vote of thanks, respectively.

*Sam Alexander*

### **Abide with the Lord**

Fr. Devasia Vellapani (82/59 GOA) on 06.07.2021 in Belgaum.

Fr. Abraham Enthekuzhy (70/52 JAM) on 14.07.2021 in Bhubaneswar.

Fr. Stanislaus (Stany) Miranda (91/68 KAR) 19.07.2021 in Mangaluru.

Fr. Paul Valappila (78/60 GUJ) on 31.07.2021 Vadodara.

Fr. Placido Fonseca (84/62 BOM) on 01.08.2021 in Mumbai.

Fr. Gregory Naik (88/70 GOA) on 09.08.2021 in Porvorim, Goa.

Fr. Roshan Lobo (49/32 KAR) on 13.08.2021 in Bengaluru.

Mrs. Odil Mary (85), mother of Fr. Marianathan Chinnasamy (CEN), on 04.08.2021 at Anilady.

