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farms, and your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country Willian Jennings

Provincial's Message



(Provincial's Address delivered on the occasion of the celebration of the First Province Day on 28 Dec 2020)

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I wish you all a happy and a challenging NEW YEAR 2021.

It gives me immense joy to virtually see all of you cheerfully celebrating our *First Province Day* as one Jesuit Family of Chennai Province, on the occasion of the completion of a year of the birth of our Province. We are celebrating this day with a sense of gratitude to the Lord, our Mother Mary and the Mother Society. We have been spending the whole day in thanking the Lord, for His intimate accompaniment, and in reflecting together on the challenges that are placed before us and thus strengthening our hope. The consolations that fill our hearts overpower the challenges that we encounter these days.

At the outset, I thank the Lord for keeping all of us safe in good health throughout the year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic that terrorized the entire humanity. Though some of our friends were affected, no doubt, our prayers were heard and the Lord protected them. In spite of the continuous lockdown from the end of March 2020, with the Spirit of the Lord, we were able to reach out through our simple and committed services the unreached people who were affected by the pandemic.

I would like to thank the *Province Disaster Management Committee* for proactively finding resources with the help of the *Province Resource Mobilization Committee* and for meticulously coordinating the relief activities. My Special thanks go to Fr Francis P Xavier, the Rector who is the convener of both committees, Fr Vasanth, the PDD and Fr Igni, the Province Treasurer. I wholeheartedly appreciate the collaborative activities of *HelpingHandsofLoyola*: the Alumni, Students and their families, teaching and administrative Staff, Volunteers, PRO, other coworkers and all our Jesuit communities particularly for their daring activities in shouldering and sharing such a meaningful responsibility. This is the sign and gesture that is an essential component of our journeying with the needy and marginalized. During these days of Corona, the Corona Coordinating Committee - Frs Victor Roch, Thomas Amirtham and Justin Prabhu - played a vital role in taking care of our Jesuits who were affected, having them admitted in hospitals and in providing proper medical care and guidance to the entire Province. All their efforts did bear fruit as all of us have become health conscious.

As a new Province, our Province administration has taken up various ways to strengthen the Curia, with new infrastructure and staff for its efficient functioning.

The new Province has constituted eleven new commissions with Coordinators and 18 Committees/ Offices with Conveners/ Directors. They ensured greater participation of our lay collaborators and partners as members of the commissions. The Social Action Commission has now been restructured with three sub-commissions such as Migrants, Ecology and Tribals for greater apostolic need and service. I appreciate the 11 Coordinators and 18 Conveners for making strenuous efforts to conduct the respective GBMs, professionally organising the much needed preparatory meetings and confirming the follow-up actions to implement the PAPs with the help of Province Coordinator of Commissions (PCC).

The whole Province has gone through an admirable process of finalising the PAPs at the levels of Communities, Commissions and Province. Already many action plans have been implemented. Dear brothers, I request your fullest cooperation in implementing the entire action plans of PAPs. I congratulate Fr Joe Arun who collated the final draft of PAPs and I am glad to inform you all that I have sent the final draft of PAPs to **Fr Arturo Sosa**, the General, for his approval.

I earnestly thank all our Superiors and Team Leaders for coordinating all these activities and appointing the focal persons for implementation of PAPs and CAPs at the level of community/Campus. I am happy to note that LS & TL have also appointed the persons in the respective communities to be in-charge of Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults, Local Resource Mobilisation, Vocation Facilitators including non-Jesuit Vocation Facilitators and the Convener of Local Grievance Cell.

Another major contribution of our Province to all stakeholders is the uploading and sharing of the inspiring reflections on Ignatian themes through Videos both in Tamil and English during the month of July, 2020. My special appreciation to Fr Maria Arul Raja for this creative initiative! Though it was an initiative of the Spirituality and Dialogue commission, it was a collective venture of all the various commissions of the Province. The involvement and contribution of our Jesuit Friends in preparing the videos is commendable.

Our singular stand on the issue of "Stand with Stan": After the arrest of Fr Stan, all our communities organised various forms of demonstrations and protests on 12 Oct, to demand the immediate release of Fr Stan and other Human rights activists. The members of the three committees Media, Civil and religious headed by Fr Kumar put their minds and hearts together to organise several programmes and still continue their great work. We need to do much in this regard jointly in collaboration with other movements, human rights organisations and with our Mother Madurai Province.

There are a number of new initiatives launched through our Province website www.censj.org, and other Social media such as Facebook, YouTube channel, Instagram and Twitter. I thank Fr Vasanth, our PDD and his team. They proficiently organised a series of Webinars on various topics. *Cenkaantal*, a new quarterly magazine was initiated by the Spirituality Commission to disseminate spiritual experiences.

We have a very active group of dear young scholastics. They contribute a lot to our Province, in particular to social media such as making posters, composing songs, preparing videos on life of Jesuit Saints and Vocation Promotion, initiating various social media campaign and helping the senior Jesuits. We thank and congratulate them on their being creative and productive. This betokens that we have a very bright future.

On this occasion, I would like to place on record the loving services contributed by Madurai Friends for the success story of our new province. I also appreciate the contribution of Chennai Men outside the Province at this difficult period of the pandemic.

I would like to appreciate the Province Development Director for raising funds with the effective support of Province Resource Mobilisation Committee. Great, indeed is their involvement.

Thanks to God, we were able to purchase 10.15 acres of land at Avinasipalayam, near Tiruppur. Our new Tiruppur Jesuit Society has been established and registered, and has obtained 12A for the same. I thank Frs Igni, Yesumarian, Gunasekaran and our Auditors for their timely help. Very soon there will be a committee appointed to carry out a scientific study to identify right types of Institutions. Now we have 17 Pre-novices in our Pre-novitiate – JPLI, at Kasthambadi. We have a full time Vocation Promoter in the Province and in each community we have a team with a local Jesuit vocation facilitator and a non-Jesuit vocation facilitator. Vocation promotion is the mission of every Jesuit. I urge each one of you to take up the mission of vocation drive effectively. Kindly be in touch with Fr Gladwin, our Province Vocation Promoter.

I am happy to announce that every year 4 Feb, the Feast of John de Britto, will be celebrated as our Province Vocation Day in all our Institutions, Parishes and Centres.

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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

JANUARY, 2021

- 04 Meeting with the Archbishop of Madras Mylapore
- 05 Signing the MoU between Dharmapuri Diocese & Jesuit Chennai Province
- 07 Meeting of TN State Minority Commission
- 07-08 Visitation: Loyola Academy, Vadamelpakkam
- 09-10 Visitation: PAATHAI & ACALI
- 10-12 Visitation: PALAVAI and AHAL
- 18 Mass : St Annes Generalate
- 19-20 Visitation: LIS, Ranipet
- 20-21 Visitation: Pre-Novitiate and JMMEx, Kasthambadi
- 21-23 Visitation: Loyola College, Vettavalam
- 23-25 Visitation: Loyola Institutions, Kuppayanallur
- 28-29 Province Consult

FEBRUARY 2021

- 04 Diaconate Ordination (for CEN-MDU Scholastics) at Loyola College, Chennai
- 08-12 Class at Arul Kadal, Dalit Theology
- 14 Province Consult
- 16-17 Visitation: Arul Kadal, Chennai
- 17 Ash Wednesday
- 18-19 Visitation: Dhyana Ashram, Chennai
- 22-28 JCSA Meeting, Online

Having gone through the concept paper, our Province Consult is open to start a Media Centre. We do not visualise a "structure" when we propose our Media Centre but a place where a number of media-related activities will be coordinated. I appoint Fr Irudaya Raj, the Coordinator of Communication Commission as its Convener and Fr Vasanth and Prof Alex Parimalam as the members of the team for the proposed Province Media Centre. They will start functioning from today (28 Dec 2020) onwards, housing its office in Loyola College Campus, Chennai.

I would like to propose a few pointers for future, which shall be kept in mind as we move on to the next wonderful year 2021.

Jebamalai Irudayaraj

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR GENERAL HAS APPOINTED

Fr Leonard Chiti (52) Provincial of a new Province, South Africa (SAP)

Fr Del Riccio (60) Provincial for Southern Europe (EUM)

Fr Miguel Garaizabel (78), Regional Superior of Thailand

FR PRESIDENT OF SOUTH ASIA HAS APPOINTED

Fr Arjen Tete (CCU) as the New Conference Delegate for Formation (CDF), w.e.f. from 01.01.2021

Fr Shin Kallungal: Migrant Facilitation Network, Central Hub, New Delhi (Resides at ISI Delhi).

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Congrats to Fr Ignacimuthu (MDU)

Fr Savarimuthu Ignacimuthu (MDU), 72 years old, has been classified as one of the biologists who have contributed much to the advancement of science, according to an analysis published by Stanford University. Out of 113,961 researchers, he is ranked 872nd and 10th in India. He has published more than 800 scientific articles and edited 80 books. He has accompanied more than 100 students to obtain their PhDs.

FIRST PROVINCE DAY CELEBRATION

The 28 Dec, 2020 was a memorable day and it will go down in the annals of Jesuit Chennai Province as a historical milestone. We members gathered in six different clusters to celebrate virtually the first birthday of our province with the theme: "*With Gratitude and Hope.*" The celebration began with the Eucharist at Christ the King Church, Loyola College, Chennai. Cluster communities participated in the Eucharist through Zoom. The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by Fr Jebamalai Irudayaraj, the Provincial, and was concelebrated by Frs Ilanko Xavier, the Socius, Antony Robinson, the PCF, Francis P Xavier, the Rector, and A Irudayaraj, the Convener of Province Day celebration. During the homily, Fr Robinson, PCF, traced our one year journey by gratefully highlighting the enormous works done in our Province and thanked the Lord for them. He reminded us of the purpose of creating this new Province and invoked our Lord that the will of God and the mind of St Ignatius would be our way of proceeding. It was a thought-provoking and meaningful sermon.

At the end of Mass, *the Souvenir of Madurai Province Assembly 2019* was released by Fr Provincial, and the first copy was received by Fr Francis P Xavier. The book on *Implications of Quantum Logic to the Notion of Transcendence* by Frs Jerome Manyahi of the East African Province and Francis P Xavier, was released by Fr Provincial and the first copy was received by Fr Ilanko Xavier. Beautiful and meaningful compositions of our Jesuits and also an Urali song were sung during the Mass by the scholastics of Berchmans Illam.

Fr Sarathi organised the liturgy very meaningfully. After the meaningful Eucharistic celebration, we had a coffee break in our respective cluster communities. At the start of the next session, the Harur community conducted a meaningful prayer. Fr A Irudayaraj, the Convenor, welcomed the gathering and spelt out the dynamics of the day.

A detailed video presentation titled *Our Journey* of *Synodality* gave glimpses of the one year of our journey. The presentation consisted of the initiatives, achievements, growth and developments of our province for the past one year. The presentation was very much appreciated by the members of the Province. Fr Vasanth and his team took strenuous efforts to bring out this beautiful video document.

Then Fr George Mutholil, the Regional Assistant, in his message urged all of us, not to lose the beginner's mind, to be aware of the mandate of GC 36 - the audacity of impossible, and to remain close to the poor. Fr Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, POSA, while congratulating all of us on the first birthday of our Province, acknowledged the generous and restless work we have done for the Lord and his people. Fr Danis Ponniah, Provincial of Madurai (our Mother Province), greeted all of us with overwhelming joy and appreciated the initiatives and achievements of our Province in the past one year.

After the greetings, our Province men shared through video presentations their feelings and experiences of being and working in the Chennai Province for the past year.



Fr John Dardis, General Assistant, addressed the gathering on the theme: *Challenges and Hopes for Jesuits in Indian Context with Reference to UAPs*. He urged us to realise the call to look always for possibilities, hope and God. After his insightful talk, we were divided into different groups in our cluster communities for the spiritual conversation. We meaningfully shared our God experiences in our work, in the encounter with people and in the care of fellow Jesuits.

After the spiritual conversation in groups, we dispersed for lunch. The post-lunch session began with the virtual tour to our communities followed by a meaningful prayer service by Arul Kadal scholastics.

We had ten cultural items comprising dances, songs, skits and comic plays from the cluster communities and cultural troupes. All the cluster communities enjoyed the scintillating performance by our Jesuits and students of different institutions. Fr Velankanni who coordinated the cultural programme and Schs Albinus and Zenith who compered, did a good job.

After the cultural programme, Fr Provincial addressed the gathering enumerating the developments and initiatives of the Province for the past one year. He thanked all the Superiors, Team Leaders, Coordinators of Commissions and Officials of the Province for initiating lot of works in their respective missions. He appreciated and acknowledged all those who worked tirelessly for the success of the province assembly. He also shared the areas of concern and underlined the vision with which the Province has to journey in the days to come.

The Province Assembly came to a joyful close with a vote of thanks proposed by Fr Ilanko Xavier, Socius. He thanked Fr A Irudayaraj, the Convener of the First Province Day 2020, and all those who worked tirelessly as an individual and team for the success of this celebration.

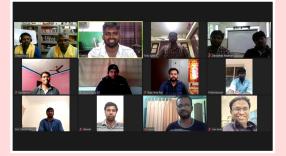
Frs Jebamalai, Ilanko Xavier, Igni and Vasanth deserve special thanks for their meticulous planning along with the committee for the Province Day celebration. This virtual celebration went on seamlessly without any glitch.

After the celebrations, a group photo was taken in their respective cluster communities. This was followed by games and sumptuous dinner.

A Irudaya Raj & Zenith



REGENTS TRIDUUM



From 29 to 31 Dec 2020, Fr Joe Arun preached the Triduum to Regents on the theme "*My Life and Work Vision in the Society of Jesus*" through Zoom. It was enriching to look back on our life in the Society especially the experiences of regency. This helped us to be grateful to the Society and to work with a vision of bringing up the downtrodden.

NEWS DIGEST

David Francis

CHENNAI: ARUL KADAL

On 4 Dec 2020, we celebrated, with gratitude to God, the 81st birthday of Fr Xavier Rajan. On the following day, he was taken to Madras Medical Mission where he underwent a coronary artery angioplasty. Sch Anto assisted him during his recuperation.

On 11 Dec, we had the online GBM of Aikiya Alayam Society. Fr Irudayaraj gave an online monthly recollection talk expounding the incarnation in today's context. On 13 Dec, Fr Raj Irudaya presented the Gospel of John in a nutshell, highlighting 'the vision and mission of Jesus in John' in a webinar organized by the Digital Jesuits.

On 15 and 16 Dec, Fr Sahayaraj Stanly, Schs Joseph, Kamilas, Richard and Velanganni attended the online Formation GBM, Madurai Province. Sch Kamilas presented the report of Arul Kadal. The extended twoday GBM featured a panel discussion with Fr Mark Ravizza and Mr Harsh Mandar, Mr Ravi Nayar and Ms Brinda Adige as the panelists. We took part virtually.

We thought that it's time to move the crib from manger to the 'Delhi National Highways' in solidarity with the protesting farmers against three Farm Laws. 'DDJB65ÜUL6LTJB@ DDJD66TTUI' was the theme of the crib



which depicted the birth of Christ amidst the justice seeking farmers. Fr Raj Irudaya, during the homily at the Christmas Vigil Mass raised a pertinent question, 'Do we need to celebrate Christmas in the context of COVID-19 and the farmers' protest?'

On 28 Dec, we attended the First Jesuit Chennai Province Day at Dhyana Ashram. A well-prepared prayer service by us kick-started the day's proceedings by setting the right tone and rapport with the Almighty God. On that day, our skit depicting our solidarity with the protesting farmers was part of the online cultural program. On 29 Dec the evaluation of our life and mission in Arul Kadal at the end of the odd semester was held.

Felix Sahayaraj

CHENNAI: BERCHMANS ILLAM

On 26 Nov 2020, we celebrated the *Diamond Jubilee* of *Berchmans Illam*. The 60-year journey started in the year 1960, when 21 scholastics of Madurai Province moved to Loyola College, Chennai to reside in Berchmans Hall and to pursue their UG studies. BH was the brain-child of Fr George Thottungal, its first minister. Later Berchmans Hall was rechristened as Berchmans Illam during the tenure of Fr L X Jerome. The Golden Jubilee was celebrated in the year 2010 under the leadership of Fr John Kumar.

Fr Danis Ponniah, the Provincial of Madurai Province, during his visitation in 2018, initiated the Diamond Jubilee year. The Jubilee celebration proper was inaugurated on Nov 26 2019, with the Mass celebrated by Fr Francis P Xavier, the Rector, Loyola College. We had Community celebrations to mark the Jubilee Year for a week with fun games and outdoor games. We also had quiz competition on St John Berchmans and the Society of Jesus. The Diamond Jubilee year came to a climax with a two-day long celebrations.

On 26 Nov 2020, we had the thanksgiving Eucharist, presided over by Fr Jebamalai Irudayaraj, the Provincial and concelebrated by Frs Francis P Xavier, Alangaram, James Rodrigues and Sahayaraj Vijayan. We gratefully remembered all the 23 superiors, 27 ministers, 23 sub-ministers and 15 Spiritual guides. We also prayed for all the scholastics, brothers and priests who have passed out of Berchmans Illam and are working in the vineyard of the Lord, and for all who have gone to their heavenly reward.

After the Mass there was a short felicitation program of honouring the dignitaries including former superiors, Frs John Kumar and Wenisch.

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The diamond Jubilee souvenir was released by Fr Jebamalai and Fr Ilanko received the first copy. We acknowledge the hard work put in by the editorial team. It was followed by a festive meal organized under the supervision of Br Tony.

On 27 Nov, we organized a one and half hour online program including culturals, which received an overwhelming ovation from the US, Italy, Austria, and France and from different parts of India. It came to a close with the distribution of Jubilee T-Shirts and cups for the Jesuits of Madurai and Chennai Province men residing in Chennai.

At this juncture we thank all our benefactors for their constant support. We also thank the interim Berchmans Illam Community - formed due to COVID-19 pandemic - comprising of philosophers and third year theologians for their presence and the generous help rendered for the program. We thank the well-wishers who attended the online program and all those who have given the Jubilee messages. We are grateful to all the present and past Berchmanites for their constant help.

Jenith

CHENNAI: LOYOLA COLLEGE

Under Jesuit Webinar Series, Fr Basil Xavier (MDU) spoke on: *Ethnophilosophy*. Fr Francis P Xavier delivered a webinar on '*Visionary Leadership for India Today*' for the CRI members in TN and Pondicherry. On 28 Dec, on the first Province Day, his coauthored book, '*Implications of Quantum Logic to the Notion of Transcendence*' was released by Fr Provincial at the end of the Mass.

The first post-COVID Visitation of Fr Provincial was at Loyola Institutions from 14 to 18 Dec, 2020. It was a time of getting impulses for the future to do ever better. We had a short and meaningful Christmas gathering with our co-workers in the community.

LCAS: Fr Arturo Sosa, the General, has approved the proposal for creating Loyola University. The Christmas celebration for all the staff of all Loyola Institutions, held online, was a time of joy and togetherness. On invitation of Loyola College administration, the Secretaries and Principals of Christian Institutions of Higher Education, came together on the occasion of Christmas and Fr Rector delivered the message on "*Christian Education in the present scenario in India*". The Christmas Mass was live-streamed for the staff and students.

LCE: Our Second-year student-teachers started their internship (Online teaching) on 30 Nov, 2020. The internship was suspended for the sake of taking their University examinations from 16 to 23 Dec 2020. They are expected to resume their internship from 28 Dec.

ERI: Dr B Vasantharaj David Foundation Chennai conferred *"Excellence in Innovation Award-2020"* upon Fr S Maria Packiam for his commendable contribution to the development of bio-pesticide (PONNEEM) and Higher Education, on 5 Dec.



On 15 Dec, a one-day National Conference and Webinar on "*Recent Advances in Agricultural, Forestry and Medical Entomology in India*", and Prof T N Ananthakrishnan Memorial Lecture were jointly organized by Entomology Research Institute and Professor Ananthakrishnan Foundation, Chennai. Prof Dr S P Thyagarajan, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras, was the chief guest, who delivered the third memorial lecture. During the inaugural function Fr Francis P Xavier appreciated the contribution of Prof T N Ananthakrishnan and highlighted the importance of the subject of entomology. Fr Maria Packiam, said that his achievements are source of inspiration for all entomologists.

LIBA: LIBA has started a certificate course -Health Care Management (HCM) - in collaboration with MGM Health Care Pvt Ltd. LIBA and MGM will work on co-creation of curriculum, teaching courses and in the placing placement of students in the health care industry.

LIBA–Alumni Relations organized its Annual Alumni meet of the Bengaluru chapter, virtually on 29 Nov, which received good response. And there was excitement and sharing of views for the betterment of their alma mater by the participants.

A workshop on *"Faculty as Mentors"* was organized wherein the need for developing mentoring skills of faculty, for the wellbeing of the students and the institution was the prime focus. The Resource person was Prof Irudhaya Raj, Adjunct faculty LIBA. Faculty from other units of the Loyola campus such as LICET and LCAS also attended. Fr Francis P Xavier, Rector, inaugurated the workshop emphasizing the importance of faculty being mentors, particularly in the post-COVID times.

The inauguration of the face-to-face classes was held on 14 Dec 2020, with a formal prayer service. After months of virtual classes, it was a welcome change to have our students physically on campus. LIBA management has taken all precaution and preventive measures to ensure post -pandemic health and safety as prescribed by the State Government.



On 18 Dec, LIBA celebrated Christmas, the very first offline event. The special guest Fr Ilanko, the Socius, graced the occasion. Two non-Christian faculty, Dr Ramsubramanian and Dr Uma Priyadharshni spoke about what Christmas meant for them as Hindus. that It was an extremely enriching experience for all. A generous contribution by all in LIBA was collected and given to HOPE - Home for the Special Children as an expression of giving.

IDCR: In collaboration with the TNBC Commission for Inter-religious Dialogue and Ecumenism and Dhyana Ashram, Chennai, IDCR organized a webinar on the Apostolic Letter Fratelli Tutti on 10 Dec 2020. The resources persons Dr Lawrence Pius, the Bishop of Dharmapuri, Dr Jacob Parappally MSFS, Dr Gautaman Manoharan, Head of the Department of Sociology, Loyola, Chennai, and Dr Kombai Anwar, Director of Quaid- E Milleth Media Studies, Chennai led the participants to an in-depth exploration into the culture of dialogical synergies for healing the broken world. In order to commemorate the memory of Dr Ambedkar, IDCR was happy to collaborate with the Spirituality and Dialogue Commission and Dalit Commission in organizing webinars on Ambedkar and Feminism both in English and Tamil. The resource persons Dr V Gita, the Researcher, Dr Margaret Kalaiselvi, Principal, Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary and Dr A Josephine Mary SSAM animated the entire presentation and discussion with critical historical analyses, religio-cultural insights and praxical vision for building a new society.

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

JMS organized a triple celebration-Human Rights Day, International Migrants day and Christmaswith the Migrants in two places. The first one was on 13 Dec 2020. Nearly 200 migrants from Ambattur, Pattravakkam, Vanagaram, Gerugambakkam, Kovur, Porur, Sriperumputhur, Velappanchavadi, Maraimalainagar and Oragadam gathered at Karunalayam, Blessed Sacrament Seminary at Vellapanchavadi. The day began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration by Fr Ilanko Xavier, the Socius. After the Mass, the Migrants brought out their hidden talents in the cultural programme. Fr Ilanko Xavier gave the Christmas message and Sr Sahaya Teresa, FMM, Superior, Holy Angels Convent, St Thomas Mount gave the felicitation address.

The second one was on 20 Dec. Around 200 migrants from Maraimalai Nagar, Melrosapuram, Gudalur, Oragadam, Porur, Ambattur, Perambur and Sunguvarchathram gathered at St Joseph Matric Higher Secondary School at Maraimalai Nagar. The day began with the Holy Eucharist by Fr Boniface Panna, the Rector, Satya Nilayam. After the Mass, Migrants performed some cultural items. Fr Boniface Panna gave the Christmas message and the felicitation address was given by Sr Mercy, SJL, Superior, Anugraha Convent, Chennai. At the end of the celebrations all the participants were given gifts followed by a sumptuous meal. Fr William and Fr Henry Albert of Jesuit Migrants Service made the arrangements for the celebration and the whole event was facilitated by Sr Alosiya, SJL.

On 18 Dec, LIBA organized a special input session on financial literacy in view of International Migrants day with Mr Arivazhagan, AGM, State Bank of India, Nungambakkam. About 40 residents at Chepauk Loyola Shelter Home benefitted from the session and clarified their doubts.

On 21 Dec, Christmas celebrations were organised in Loyola Shelter home at Chepauk. Dr Thomas, PRO, Loyola College, was the chief guest and delivered the address. Fr Vasanth, the Province Development Director, graced the occasion. The celebration brought joy to the residents. On the following day Christmas celebrations were organised for the residents of Koyambedu Shelter Home. Mr Rajesh, Asst Coordinator from GCC, Ripon Buildings, gave a wonderful Christmas message. At the end, the residents of both the centres were given Christmas gifts followed by dinner sponsored by the Loyola Alumni Association. The JMS team and Asst Coordinators from Greater Chennai Corporation, Ripon Buildings were present.

Zenith

On 19 Dec, JMS and LRRS staff and all the collaborators gathered in JMS office, Chitra Avenue, Nungambakkam to celebrate Christmas. Fr William thanked all the members of staff for their generous services. The participants shared their experiences in their respective areas of work. It was an enriching moment to listen to each one. At the end we shared gifts with our Christmas friends.

From 28 to 30 Dec, a three-day winter camp was organized for the migrant children at Gummidipoondi. About 80 migrant children from 4th to 9th Std participated in it. After the orientation the children were taught subjects and extracurricular activities to bring out their hidden talents. At the valedictory function Fr Vasanth, PDD, encouraged the students with his thoughtprovoking message. We presented the children with gifts.

We helped three Tamil tribal migrants at MGR Nagar to get their Aadhaar card. We have succeeded in getting green house for two families under the green house scheme. An accident case was falsely filed on our Irular community at Mosur; and with the help of legal experts they were declared to be innocent. Opposition for the inter-caste marriage in Manavur has been settled peacefully by the intervention of LRRS. Voter ID has been applied for six persons at Kadambathur village. We have gathered data for the migrant children in 11 tuition centres.

William

HARUR: ARULAGAM

On 11 Dec, as part of the PAP 4, Promoting Peace, Justice and Reconciliation, an Inter Religious Christmas celebration was organized in the parish in which Most Rev Lawrence Pius, the Bishop of Dharmapuri Diocese, gave the presidential address and appreciated the coordination of the Jesuits. Dignitaries from Islam,



Hinduism and Buddhism along with representatives from other Churches participated and found it a unique space to fight against religious fundamentalism.

On 13 Dec, *Fr Mario Women Youth Group* was formed by Fr John Paul, the parish priest. Fr Mag Bay gave an orientation to the youth group. As per the instruction of the local Bishop the Christmas Vigil Mass in the parish was anticipated to 7.00 pm. Attendance at the Mass was very good, and the parishioners performed fabulous cultural programmes after the Holy Mass. On 27 Dec, *Fr Mario Women Youth Group* coordinated the Holy Family Sunday as a Farmers' Sunday and presented an awareness cultural programme after the Mass. Mr Murugan, a member of the Communist Party elaborated on the dangers of the Farm Laws to the people.

On 15 Dec, Fr Paul Benedict, organized a webinar for the staff of schools in Chennai Province on "*The Policy on the Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults*" and Fr A Sahaya Philomin Raj (MDU) was the resource person.



On 23 Dec, a meaningful Christmas celebration took place in the School with an exchange of gifts among the staff where in everyone shared about the best qualities of the other. Fr Gladwin gave an inspiring Christmas message and conducted interesting fun games.

On 11 Dec, Fr Mag Bay, the director of LIFT Centre gathered the tuition centre teachers for the second term evaluation. He also delivered a talk on *"Addiction to mobiles and social media"*. At the end of the session, there was a Christmas celebration with cultural items culminating in a delicious dinner. Fr Ignatius Britto delivered the Christmas message and gave away the gifts.

The Christmas celebration with our co-workers, on 21 Dec, was a big surprise to them due to the novel ways of prayer service and fun games. Sch Tony Ajith (MDU) delivered the Christmas message.

On the occasion of the First Province Day, the Harur Cluster consisting of three communities of Harur, Mettala and Ranipet, bubbled with joy. The predominant feeling for all of us was as *"Friends in the Lord"*, as we were meeting each other in person physically after several months. A short visit to the Loyola farm and to a nearby dam rejuvenated our friendship. The Loyola farm at Allalapatty has yielded the first crop of sugarcane in good measure.

KASTHAMBADI: J P LEONARD ILLAM (JPLI) PRE-NOVITIATE

The last two months (November and December, 2020) brought us, the pre-novices at JPLI, great joy and became memorable as we participated in our community day programmes and series of courses alternately.



On 11 Nov, we began our community day celebration with a superb march-past in which all of us took part in groups. On 05 Dec, we concluded it with Prizes and Gifts Distribution and a thanksgiving solemn Mass. We organized a number of outdoor and indoor events and participated in them enthusiastically. We were privileged to have as Chief Guest, Fr Joseph, the parish priest of Kasthambadi, at both these colourful ceremonies. All our special invitees, especially our elder brothers from Vetavallam and Ranipet Jesuit communities were in praise of the vigour, community spirit and involvement with which we exhibited our talents at the cultural extravaganza.

On 20 Nov 2020, we took part in a memorable community cycle pilgrimage to St Antony's Shrine at Santhavasal.

We were fortunate to attend two enriching and informative courses. We profited a lot and gained a lot of clarity on the subjects by listening to Fr Kennedy, who spoke on the reality of society and basic human rights, and Fr Tamil Selvam, who expatiated on some basic themes of human sexuality.



On 11 Dec, Sch Raja and Mr Ramesh taught us basic electrical and plumbing lessons. Sr Francisca instructed us on the importance of personal hygiene and shared some valuable practical tips on good health. The term exams were conducted from 15 to 18 Dec. 10

We are grateful to Fr Alton, our Vocation Promoter, and Fr Arul (KAR) who celebrated the Mass and delivered a Christmas message, on 21 Dec. We joined our co-workers and our community members in praising the organizers of the Christmas programme at which each received a gift. Having spent the initial meaningful months at JPLI, we left for our Christmas holidays only to resume our formation at JPLI on 03 Jan, 2021.

JMMEx

On 25 Nov, Ms Juliet Arockiya Mary of Malayadipatty, Tiruchirappalli was successfully rescued from Kuwait. Yet another work relates to the rescue from Kuwait of Ms Chitra, a migrant, who now is rehabilitated as a cook with the guidance of JMMEx.

On 18 Dec, around 270 migrant labourers from villages of Villupuram, Kallakurichi, Cuddalore and Tiruvannamalai districts including 159 repatriates, actively participated during the lockdown, at the celebration of International Migrants Day organized in Loyola College, Vettavalam. It was a joint venture by IMMEx and National Domestic Workers Movement (NDWM) to conscientise the migrant labourers on the plights of migrant labourers. Gaining knowledge of their basic rights, they place their plea before the Government of Tamil Nadu, for a separate welfare board and for a complete insurance coverage for them, as they move out of Tamil Nadu to earn their living within and outside India. Mr Ramesh, Deputy Director, Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils, Government of Tamil Nadu, the chief guest for the function appreciated the challenging and selfless works of JMMEx and NDWM.

As part of spreading the knowledge of the services of JMMEx, especially among the local people, we adopted a novel method this year (2021) of distributing to each one of them a copy of the calendar 2021, depicting the various works of JMMEx.

Thanks to Sr Valarmathi, ICM, NDWM for her constant guidance and financial support. Fr Vasanth, our PDD continues to encourage us. We remain grateful to our Jesuit brethren at Vettavalam for their generosity. Our PALAVAI team made us happy through their culturals.

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KILPENNATHUR: AHAL CENTRE

On 6 Dec 2020, a seminar on "Ambedkar and Preamble to the Indian Constitution and Human Rights" was organized at AHAL Centre to commemorate the occasion of Dr Ambedkar's death anniversary and Human Rights Day for benefit of the village animators.

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Mr Naga Raj, State Sub-Secretary of Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi, the chief guest, enlightened the participants.

On 10 Dec, the AHAL cultural troupe resumed its practice, after a long gap. On 15 Dec, an academic orientation was arranged for the second batch of tailoring and computer students and staff of Skill Development Centre. They were highly motivated and encouraged to pick up the roles and functions of ICRDCE and the requirements of NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) like syllabus, assessment pattern and placement details.

On 18 Dec, the staff of AHAL Centre participated in a protest against the new Farm Laws, organized by Gingee taluk Farmer Federation at Gingee, in support of farmers. On 20 Dec, Mr Arockiadoss of Kilpennathur parish preached a well-attended Advent Retreat.



On 22 Dec, AHAL Centre had a Christmas celebration with the staff and students of the Skill Development Centre and Hostel, with a meaningful programme and sharing of gifts. Mr John Bosco and Mr Subramani, sub inspectors at Kilpennathur police station were the chief guests.

Raja Jesu Raj

PALAVAI (JESIM): TINDIVANAM

On 6 Dec 2020, the PALAVAI team paid homage to Dr B R Ambedkar at Fr Ceyrac Children's Hostel. Fr Maria Felix Kennedy gave an inspiring talk and made the team pledge to promote the spirit of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. On 13 Dec, a training programme for the Sangam leaders was held at FCCH. Fr Philip Kumar the resource person energized them to unite. On 8 and 17 Dec, meetings organized for the NGOs working for the tribal communities in Villupuram, Chengalpattu and Thiruvannamalai districts. Fr Marianathan, the team leader, addressed the NGO members on 17 Dec.

On 18 Dec, Velicham Kalaikuzhu of PALAVAI team performed an awareness skit and a dance on the



International Migrants Day Celebration organized by JMMEx at Loyola College, Vettavalam. On 19 Dec, a training on personal hygiene was given to the members of Women Self-Help Groups. Sr Fransisca from St Joseph Hospital, Tindivanam was the resource person. On the same day, FCCH students and parents' meet was organized by Fr Maria Felix Kennedy. From 21 Dec, relief materials, food packages and tarpaulins were distributed to the people affected by flood. On 28 Dec, people of the village Vairapuram along with PALAVAI team approached the Sub-Collector's office and applied for houses and land patta for 35 families.

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KUPPAYANALLUR: LOYOLA H S SCHOOL

On 16 Dec, about 30 priests and CRI members of Palliyagaram Vicariate gathered at the Presentation Convent (FSPM) at Sathamai for Christmas Celebrations. Due to COVID-19 pandemic the usual gathering at the Bishop's House was cancelled. We had adoration for an hour, carol singing and games. After lunch, CRI meeting was held for the first time during this academic year.

On 20 Dec, through Kancheepuram Christian Women Aid Sangam we distributed Rs 6,15,000/- to 76 Christian women through minority welfare scheme. Their children are studying in LHSS. On 30 Dec, Teresian Carmalite (CTC) sisters had a one-day recollection at Kuppayanallur, guided by Fr Eugine. The local CRI meeting was held at LHSS and selected the new leaders to guide the group.



On 27 Dec, nearly 20 AA people turned up for the reunion at JMAADD, on the invitation of Fr Masillamani

during the Christmas Season. The participants shared their life before and after the recovery from alcoholism. They expressed their gratitude to the JMAADD Team for their constant support and guidance.

Kuppayanallur cluster group gathered at ARCALI, Paramankeni for our First Province Day celebrations. Fr Philip made all the arrangements at St. Joseph's Hospital, Panaiyur, with the support of Servite sisters.

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METTALA: LOYOLA COLLEGE

On 12 Dec 2020, Dr Arul Kamaraj, Asst Professor, Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai, captivated the minds of our students by his useful inputs at a webinar we organized on the topic *"Resolving the Challenges of Online Examinations"*. Our teachers appreciated the helpful ideas and methods they received on online teaching and learning.



On 22 Dec, at our Christmas celebration organized by the management, the teaching and non-teaching staff, Mr Francis Kulandai, Founder and Director of Integrated Village Development Programme (IVDP), Krishnagiri moved the hearts of the listeners as he shared of how he rose from his humble beginning in Karipatty near Vazhapady to a situation from where he guides nearly 2,000 Self-Help Groups with more than 2,00,000 membership in Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Vellore Districts. His personal experience of pitching the tent among the rural poor, working for the holistic development of the chosen villages in the aforementioned three districts and empowering the rural women communicated to the participants a powerful and meaningful Christmas message. He distributed Christmas gifts worth Rs 4,000/- to our staff members. At the beginning of the celebration, our College anthem, composed by Fr Rajarathinam was released.

On 28 Dec, our Jesuit community members joined Arulagam community in Harur for the joint celebration of the first birth anniversary of our Jesuit Chennai Province. We took active part in the online celebration and cherished the companionship of the Jesuits from Arulagam, Harur and Ranipet. Every participant appreciated the generous hospitality and gifts of Arulagam community and the memorable guided tour to Vaniyar dam.

Maria Joseph Mahalingam

METTUPALAYAM: ARRUPE ILLAM PARAN: MAKKAMPALAYAM

We, PARAN Jesuits continue to take care of the academic and intellectual needs of the youth, pursuing online classes at PARAN office, Kadambur.

Fr Packiaraj and Fr James Raja preached homilies on the life of St Francis Xavier, Ignatian spirituality and discernment during the novena and feast of St Francis Xavier at Jallypalayam parish (a neighboring parish of Makkampalayam) of Mysore Diocese.



On 6 Dec, we organized training programme on 'Forest Right Act' by a socialist Mr Jadailingam for Community Leaders and Self Help Group in four villages.

On 10 Dec, we organized a meeting on International Human Rights Day. Ms Annie Rose, animator of AICUF gave a talk on Human Rights and had an interaction with 18 staff and students at PARAN office.

On 12 Dec, Fr Viji Bose besides providing training in various study skills to the staff of Evening Study Centre gave a Christmas message.

On 19 Dec, FMM sisters of Gudnri and PARAN organized medical camps in three villages: Makkampalyam, Kombaidoddi and Arigiam where 215 people benefited.

On 19 Dec, again, PARAN organized a one day camp at Thalavadi combining two centers namely Palapadugai and Kodamballiat, in which 31 students participated. Sch Pradap, St Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli doing the internship, spoke to the students. It was an occasion for the participants to improve their skills on leadership.

On 20 Dec, a motivational meeting was organized for 12 Community Leaders of Gundri area. At our Christmas Celebrations we shared our joy with government officials, forest Rangers and officers, police men, local leaders and well-wishers, by distributing cakes and offering them our Christmas and New Year wishes. On 24 Dec, Sch. Theophine Michael Raja gave a Christmas message for the PARAN staff and trained them with various skills. As a token of our love and gratitude we distributed Christmas gifts before serving them with a Christmas Fellowship Meal. On the Christmas Eve, we had a meaningful Christmas Mass at 7 pm followed by a few tribal cultural dances by children and youth.

Naveen Kumar

RANIPET: LOYOLA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

On 7 Dec 2020, courses have begun for the NCVT 1st & 2nd year students of AC Mechanical and Welding. During for the first few days, some introductory classes were conducted to enhance the knowledge of the students in basic eleectrical, electronic and mathematical fields. These classes oriented them to concentrate on their respective core subjects. We train the hostel students to read & write in Tamil and English and Basic Arithmetic. We celebrated Christmas on 23 Dec. The hostel students put up a beautiful Christmas programme with a dance show and carol singing. Fr Guna, the Correspondent, gave a wonderful Christmas message and blessed the crib.

Prithivi Kumar

UDHAGAMANDALAM: ST JOSEPH'S INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL



On 4 Dec, we celebrated the feast of St Francis Xavier. Fr Sebastian celebrated the Eucharist and prayed for all through the intercession of the Saint. On 12 Dec, Fr Sebastian Crossian and Sch Sundar gave a one-day orientation programme for the youth of the Elk Hill parish. On 23 Dec, we had a joyful Christmas celebration with the Staff and co-workers. Fr Sebastian celebrated the Holy Eucharistic, and prayed for the community, the staff and their families. Sharing of Christmas gifts and the fun games doubled our joy.

To give our Prayerful support to Fr Stan, Fr Sebastian initiated a letter writing movement in which all our Staff and their family members wrote letters and Christmas wishes to Fr Stan. Sundar

VADAMELPAKKAM: LOYOLA ACADEMY

Our staff members, teaching and non-teaching, attended a webinar on, '*Protection of Child Rights*' organized by the Secondary Education Commission (CEN) on 15 Dec 2020. Fr Sahaya Philomin Raj, the resource person, expounded the legal implications of POCSO ACT. Our teachers are giving a one-minute Audio-Visual content daily on the importance of protecting the environment (PAP2) and making the students aware of climate change and environmental degradation.

Christmas celebration this year, more than ever, brought a ray of hope amidst the hopeless situation engendered by the pandemic. We resolved to celebrate Christmas both Online and Offline, though the aftereffects of the pandemic are still with us. Following all the safety protocols, we celebrated Christmas with our co-workers and sharing Christmas gifts.



On 22 Dec evening, we had the Online Christmas Celebration with our students and parents over Zoom, and it was live-streamed in YouTube. Fr Leo Tagore, the Correspondent, in his Christmas message emphasized the value of love, sharing and service as demonstrated by the frontline warriors during the pandemic. Since the students and teachers could not all turn up to the school for their practice, they moved to natural habitats like forest, cowshed and grassland for locations to shoot a realistic nativity play. The colourful Christmas program included carols, thematic skit and dance.

On 23 Dec evening, the management and the staff members with their family members came together as one Loyola Family and celebrated Christmas Online. One of the highlights of the programme was playing Chris Ma-Chris Child online. This game not only brought the people closer but also cemented relationships with one another. The teachers appointed this year have not met the other staff members in person till date. Yet both felt at home sniffing and enjoying the family spirit in the air.

On 28 Dec, we moved out to Paramankeni to be with our cluster to celebrate the first anniversary of the

creation of the Chennai Province, to thank God for the graces received in the last one year and for the ebullient spirit displayed by the leadership and members during the pandemic, and to pray for the gift of abundant and undying hope in the years to come. It was a memorable day. *Frankly*

VALLAM: PAATHAI CENTRE



On 19 Dec 2020, Paathai Centre and Dalit Human Rights Centre jointly conducted an encouraging and inspiring meeting to which we invited the Animators of the Evening Study Centres. We listened to them sharing the experience of involving themselves at COVID Relief works. There were also recorded experinces of the difficulties they faced in following the students as they lose their interest in academics. It was suggested that an alternative and complementary educational programme should be conducted for the students to improve their interest in learning.

On 26 Dec, we organized a one-day gathering for the pastors of our neighborhood, especially to strengthen our neighborhood spiritual ministry and our solidarity with them.

David Francis

DINDIGUL:BESCHI ILLAM NOVITIATE

From 7 to 12 Dec, Fr Danis Ponniah, Provincial of Madurai, had his visitation. It was a grace-filled occasion for the Novitiate Community to have such a visit during this COVID pandemic.

On 21 Dec, Novices shared the Christmas joy with those in the campus singing carols. On 22 Dec, Fr John Britto Bonaventure as the chief guest for the Christmas celebration delivered a message underscoring that Christ is born every time goodness is manifested. The presence of our collaborators in the celebration and the cultural programs by our Novices and Juniors added colour. Co-workers wished Jesuits with a song in English. Fr Michael Doss, the Superior, as a token of love and gratitude shared gifts with all. On 25th Fr Michael Panimaya Raj was the main celebrant and Fr Swaminathan preached a pithy and inspiring homily.

From 26-28 December, Fr Thamburaj organized an art workshop with the theme "*ART – Astounding, Refreshing Touch- where the invisible can be made visible.*" Novices found this experience a creative, healing encounter in oneself.

On 29 and 30, Novices had three informative sessions: First Aid Workshop by Sr Amali, ICM, Human Sexuality by Mrs Jeyaseeli, Tutor, Our Lady Nursing Institute, and Health Hygiene by Sr Smita PDDM. These helped our novices to be more knowledgeable with regard to caring for and respecting the self and the other.

New Year 2021 celebrations began with a solemn Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr Michael Doss and homily by Fr Harry Martis. The entire liturgy was moving due to the three songs written by Fr Antony Inigo and music composed by Fr Bastian M S At midnight, as the clock struck 12, the community sang in joy and shared hope and peace with each other.

Michael Panimaya Raj

JUNIORATE

The Juniors participated at the competitions, conducted by Tamil Nadu Jesuits, on the "poster designing" and "*just a minute (JAM) speech*" to show their solidarity with the prophetic voices across India on the Human Rights Day.

On 8 Dec, the Juniors met Fr Danis Ponniah, Provincial (MDU), during his visitation of Beschi Illam. During his common gathering with the Juniors, Fr Danis highlighted the importance of gratitude and leadership in the Society of Jesus; invited us to be discerning persons; and urged us to say no to mediocrity and say yes to Magis. The second term in the Juniorate came to an end on 19 Dec and all the Juniors passed the examinations with flying colours. On 21 and 22 December, the Juniors joined the Novices in the carols and the cultural programme. On 22 Dec, Fr Antony Robinson, PCF, met the Juniors of Chennai Province. During this quick visit, he motivated us to give our best in the coming days.

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PUNE: DE NOBILI COLLEGE

Owing to COVID -19 pandemic that continues to affect the entire world, we could not proceed to Pune to pursue and complete our philosophical studies as scheduled earlier. Hence, our superiors directed us to stay at Sacred Heart College, Shembaganur and participate at our study programmes through the online classes.

On receiving the communication from the Rector, DNC, Pune regarding the reopening of the classes on 04, January 2021, we reached Pune on 29 Dec 2020 to be on time. At present we are domestically quarantined and doing spiritual duties such as daily Holy Masses and Evening Prayers, wearing the masks and observing 'Social Distancing' thus fulfilling the instructions issued by the house administration. The Province rooms are shifted due to renovation works.

On 29 Nov, the first year Philosophers were given the responsibilities Sch. Emmanuel Akilan, has become the new coordinator for the DNC MDU-CEN Philosophers. From 15-16 Nov, Schs Praveen and Akilan participated in the online Formation GBM representing

A LETTER FROM A PRE-NOVICE TO HIS DIRECTOR

Greetings and wishes!

I feel extremely glad and deeply delighted for having joined Jesuit Chennai Province. Although I am not yet a Jesuit, the care and the formation that this Mother Society gives, makes my parents proud and happy to a very great extent. After taking part in the Province day celebration, we, Pre-novices are filled with a tremendous zeal to reach out to the poor with all our routine endeavours. I was deeply moved and reminded of you, when Father Provincial in his address, mentioned that in order to uplift a downtrodden society, the Philosophers. All the Philosophers attended the recommended common sessions.

On 28 Dec, they bade farewell to Sacred Heart College community, Shembaganur, with hearts full of gratitude for the loving support they received during the last five months.

They gratefully remember the generous help and accompaniment extended to them by the Superior and Community of Beschi Illam and Sacred Heart College, the PCFs of Madurai and Chennai Provinces.

Fr Pugazhendhi coordinated all our activities during their 'Shembaganur Days'. He preached the monthly recollection that facilitated deepening our vocation. Fr Mathew Cyril, Zen Master, preached Christmas Triduum from 21 to 23 Dec. This helped the Philosophers to joyfully welcome the Baby Jesus in their hearts. The visitation of Chennai PCF, Fr Antony Robinson, on 20 Dec was a time of grace for us.

Kiran Joseph

and in order to practically mean the words reaching out to the poor, we need to be taught. We do efficiently conduct our refugees' camps. This motivates us the prenovices to become a good priest. We remember your words, "Becoming a priest is easy; becoming a Jesuit priest is different; becoming a good Jesuit priest is very challenging."

I felt very much inspired to share my feelings on this province day celebration with you through WhatsApp. May your prayers help me shine for the Lord for His own greater glory!

> With love, Terry Infanto.

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- Fr O P Mathew (KER, 75/54), passed away on 03 Dec 2020 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode.
- Br Epiphanio Dias (GOA, 99/77), passed away on 07 Dec 2020 at Mapusa.
- Br Basil Tirkey (RAN, 73/46), passed away on 07 Dec 2020 at Ranchi
- Br Saul Abril, (GUJ, 89/73), passed away on 13 Dec 2020 at Ahmedabad.
- Fr Cyprian Andrade (GUJ, 74/56), passed away on 17 Dec 2020 at Ahmedabad.
- Fr Stanley J D'Souza (DEL, 88/63), passed away on 19 Dec 2020 in Delhi.
- Fr Linus Dungdung (RAN, 69/47), passed away on 29 Dec 2020 at Ranchi.
- Mr S Thomas (90), father of Fr Patrick Ravichandran (MDU), passed away on 15 Nov 2020 at Tiruchi.
- Mrs Mariarockiam (95), mother of Fr I Arul (MDU), passed away on 09 Dec 2020 at Thiruvarangam, near Paramakudi.
- Mrs Chinnarani (91), mother of Fr Albert William, passed away on 17 Dec 2020 at Palayamkottai.
- Mrs Alphonsa Mary (72), mother of Fr Justine Yasappan Emmanuel, passed away on 20 Dec 2020 at Dindigul.
- Mr Irudayaprakasam (78), the father of Fr Irudaya Valanasaru (MDU), passed away on 06 Jan 2021 at Thiruvarangam.
- Mr M Edward George (59), younger brother of Fr M Devasagayam, passed away on 07 Jan 2021 at Tiruchi.

