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JULY-2020

### The Pope's Monthly Intentions for JULY 2020

**Our Families:** We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

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### APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL:

**Fr. Peter Mclsaac, SJ** as the Regional Superior of Guyana, Barbados and Jamaica.

**Fr. Christie P. Maria Joseph, S.J.(MDU)**, the new Secretary for Higher Education in the place of Fr. Michael J. Garanzini

**Fr. Jerome Cutinha** as the new Provincial of Jamshedpur.

### PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME - JULY 2020

19 - Consult, Satyodayam



*The Provincial and the Members of the Curia  
wish you all a very  
Happy Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola.*

NAMES	FROM	TO	MISSION
<b>THEOLOGY</b>			
Sch M Thomas Sridhar	Pre- Novitiate, Hindupur	GESU, Rome	Theology
Sch M Aseervadam	LHS, Vinukonda	Paris, France	Theology
Sch P Bala Praveen	LPS, Nallapadu	VJ, Delhi	Theology
Sch S Karunakar	LHS, Karimnagar	VJ, Delhi	Theology
<b>TERTIANSHIP</b>			
Fr D Balaswamy	LA, Sec'bad	SHC,Shenbaganur	Tertianship
Fr J Vijay Kumar	LHS, Karimnagar	Sitagarha	Tertianship
Fr N Britto Martin Paul	Loyola, Pulivendula	Sitagarha	Tertianship
<b>STUDIES</b>			
Fr Ch Maria Prasad	LHS, Hindupur	LHS, Karimnagar	B.Ed. Studies
<b>COMMUNITIES</b>			
Fr AXJ Bosco	LPS, Nallapadu	Sanjeevan, Vijayawada	Spiritual Father
Fr B Bala Kumar	Sitagarha, Tertianship	ALC, Vijayawada	Dir.YES-J & AICUF
Fr B Ramesh Bosco	Pastoral Ministry	LHS, Suryapet	
Fr C Peter Raj	Curia, Rome	LPS, Nallapadu	Rest & Medical care
Fr Ch Amar Rao	Seethampeta	LA, Sec'bad	Acting Superior
Fr D Joseph Raj	Curia, Sec'bad	Satyodayam, Sec'bad	Director
Fr G Avinash	Darsi	LHS, Hindupur	
Fr G Joseph Kiran Kumar	Shenbaganur, Tertianship	Sanjeevan, Vijayawada	Acting Superior
Fr G Rayappa	Sanjeevan, Vijayawada	ALC, Vijayawada	
Fr I Gabriel Raja	Pastoral Ministry	LHS, Vinukonda	
Fr K Anil Kumar	Sitagarha, Tertianship	LA, Sec'bad	
Fr MG Selvin Raj	Loyola, Chennai	CITRA, Sec'bad	Social Apostolate
Fr M Joseph	LHS, Vinukonda	LHS, Karimnagar	Principal
Fr M Paul Amalraja	CITRA, Sec'bad	LITDS, Kattukapalli	Acting Superior & HM
Fr P Vijaya Raju	Pastoral Ministry	Loyola, Pulivendula	
Fr PJ Sandanasamy	Namchi	LPS, Nallapadu	Acting Superior
Fr Arun Valan Andrew	LHS, Suryapet		Principal & Treasurer
Fr S Joachim Raja	Curia, Sec'bad	Satyodayam, Sec'bad	Treasurer
Fr S Melchior	ALC, Vijayawada		Treasurer
Fr S Philominraj	Thesama, Kohima	Pre-Novitiate, Hindupur	Spiritual Father
Fr S Raju	LA, Sec'bad	ALC, Vijayawada	
<b>PARISHES</b>			
Fr K Augustine	Sabbatical	Kadiri	PP
Fr A Jeyaseelan	Karumathur(PhD studies)	Seethampeta	PP
Fr D Maria Nayagam	LITDS, Kattukapalli	Darsi	Treas., Assisting PP
Fr Leo Bhaskaran	Loyola Academy, Alwal	Kondramutla	PP
Fr M Antony Prasad	Kondramutla	Jeevalayam, Vinukonda	PP, Acting Mission Superior
Fr A Santiago	Pre-Novitiate, Hindupur	Krishnapuram	Assisting PP & Spiritual Ministry
Fr T Balaswamy	Kadiri	LA, Sec'bad	PP
<b>SERVING IN OTHER PROVINCES IN INDIA</b>			
Fr A Rex Angelo	ALC, Vijayawada	St.Xavier's , Jaipur	Principal
Fr KS Casimir	ALC, Vijayawada	XLRI, Jamshedpur	Faculty
<b>SERVING IN ADILABAD DIOCESE, TS</b>			
Fr PS Amalraj	Curia, Sec'bad	Adilabad Diocese	
<b>SERVING IN KUMBAKONAM DIOCESE, TN</b>			
Fr DJ Karunaidass	Velankanni Shrine, TN	Poondi Shrine, TN	Spiritual Ministry
<b>RENEWAL</b>			
Fr B Prashanth	LHS, Suryapet	Renewal Courses	
<b>SABBATICAL</b>			
Fr N Mathew	Jeevalayam, Vinukonda	Sabbatical	



The months of May and June were colourful for the novices, as they illuminated the whole novitiate with enthusiasm and joy. The news of the death of Fr. Adolfo Nicolas was a bolt from the blue for all of us. On 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the whole Ananda Jyothi community gathered and offered a requiem Mass for the repose of his soul. The inspiring homily of Fr. Amalanathan highlighted the deep spirituality and great contributions of Fr. Adolfo Nicolas. From 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May, our second-year novices were offered classes on vows by Fr. John Joseph SJ who ignited their minds with the underlying meaning and spirit of the vows.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May, Nagarjuna family gathered to conclude the Rosary month with a meaningful procession and towards the end an inspiring homily was preached by Fr. Vidya Sagar, which enriched our Marian devotion. We welcomed the month of June by drawing out schedule for the preparation of the vows day. In the first ten days, we meticulously

planned and executed our ideas into action which included choosing the theme, buying decoration articles, preparing the logo, and the renovation of our pantry along with our regular classes. From 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> June, our second-year novices took part in their vows day retreat preached by Fr. Amalanathan. On the other side, the first-year novices were engaged with campus cleaning and rearranging things in the renovated pantry.

On 19<sup>th</sup> June, Fr. Provincial arrived at the novitiate. On 20<sup>th</sup> June, Fr Provincial spent time with each second-year novice personally and in the same evening they received the minor orders in the presence of Ananda Jyothi community. The long-awaited day came true to 10 of our novices on 21<sup>st</sup> June, the feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. God blessed us with favourable weather and brought safe all those who intended to come. It was very simple and sound celebration with only the Jesuits. In this celebration, ten of our young lads said YES to

God's love and His service with an apt theme NEE ANANTHA PREMAKAI- SADA NEE SEVAKAI. Fr. Provincial celebrated the Eucharist in which Fr. Jeyaraj, the Novice Master, gave a beautiful and contextual introduction while Fr Amalanathan gave a soul-stirring homily. The celebration was so meaningful and memorable. Soon after the Mass, we had a short felicitation programme where the new Jesuit scholastics shared their sentiments and gratitude. We served delicious lunch to all the respected guests. All the toiled hearts and minds were filled with joy and contentment. We wish to thank all the generous and talented people who have worked to create this celebration, and especially we offer a bundle of thanks to our formators Frs. Jayaraj, Thambi, Brs. Boghe, John and all our community members of the retreat house for making this event more meaningful and memorable.

**- RAYAPPA NSJ**

## SANJEEVAN NIWAS, VIJAYAWADA:

Life in Sanjeevan could give us an opportunity to fill our lives with fun and frolic in the community. The month of June is occupied with several activities like birthday celebrations, preparing songs for Vows Day choir, etc. Sanjeevan Community happily extended a warm welcome to Schs. Asirvadam, Pallam Raju and Augustine during this month. Sch. Augustine is home quarantined for 14 days as he came down from Pune. Scholastics of different formation stages have started their academic year through online classes and they are busy with it, wherein the Sanjeevanites are engaged in learning different skills like music, cooking, computer courses and other online classes like Webinars, seminars, talks, etc. Sch. Aseervadam is busy in learning French for his Theology studies.

We celebrated the birthdays of Schs. Santhosh, Keerthi & O. Pradeep during the month. On 21<sup>st</sup> June we went to witness the Vows Days celebration and contributed to the event in the form of the choir. Fr P Balashowry, Rector blessed and inaugurated the newly built Basketball court on 27<sup>th</sup> June that doubled our joy to mark the birthday of Fr. P. Marianna a memorable one. This pandemic has helped us to strengthen the bonds of friendship and companionship among ourselves and to know one another better.

- BALA NIRANJAN SJ



## ADILABAD-ASIFABAD MISSION:

We are happy to hear the news of the formal appointment of Fr. Amal to Adilabad Diocese. While Fr. Xavier Rex is in Carmel Academy at Mandamarri, Fr. Amal and myself are in St. Paul's at Utnoor. The diocesan English medium school known as St. Paul's School provides education to many tribal students in this area. We are very grateful to Fr. Rafael, the director of Sanjeevani Trust, Mallepalli for granting Reverse Osmosis water plant at our request to provide safe drinking water to the school. The entire community of St. Paul's school is happy to have this protected water supply. Fr. Prakash, the parish priest is hospitable and generous towards us. As he is on transfer, we help him in supervising the repair works of the chapel at Kothagudem so that it is completed before the end of June. We

were with Fr. Rex on 1<sup>st</sup> June to celebrate his birthday. It was an occasion of being together in companionship. We also met again on 8<sup>th</sup> June before we met the bishop on the same day. Our meeting was very cordial. The bishop appreciated very much the works done by the three of us and thanked us and emphatically said that we should stay at St. Paul's Utnoor itself, till we formally commence our work. He assured us that he would take up all responsibility to make our stay comfortable at St. Paul's Utnoor.



The intermediate board results have been announced for all those who have appeared for the board exam held in March 2020. Fr. Xavier Rex is hoping to get more admission this year than that of previous year. We await the government orders to reopen our Carmel TM and EM schools and the college for the year 2020-21. We were sad to hear the death of Fr. S.A Alphonse on 10th night and that of Mr. Actutarao the uncle of our Prathap on 12th evening. Fr. Amal participated in the funeral of Fr. S.A Alphonse

at Hyderabad and Fr. Prathap in that of Mr. Actutarao on 13th at Vengalayapalem, Guntur. Our Bishop paid a short visit to St. Paul's Untoor on 14th to look at the facilities we have for our stay. Though short, his visit made us happy. Our Bishop on his trip to Hyderabad, along with Fr. Rex stayed at Satyodayam on 15th and met Fr. Provincial on 16th morning. As part of familiarizing with the institution and the area, Fr Amal visited Kadam, Nirmal, Neredikonda, Ichoda, Rampur and Hasnapur. He also met five

top Gondi leaders and established a cordial relationship with them for our future ministry. Fr. Amal and myself visited Rampur and Tamsi. Fr. Amal is completing his article on Gonds. The Parish Mass offered by Fr. Prathap on alternative days and the weekly adorations are very much appreciated by the faithful. We have planned to visit the Mandal headquarters at Jainoor, Narnoor, Sirpur U, Lingapur and Kerameri to collect information and renew our contacts.

**-D. PRATAP SJ**

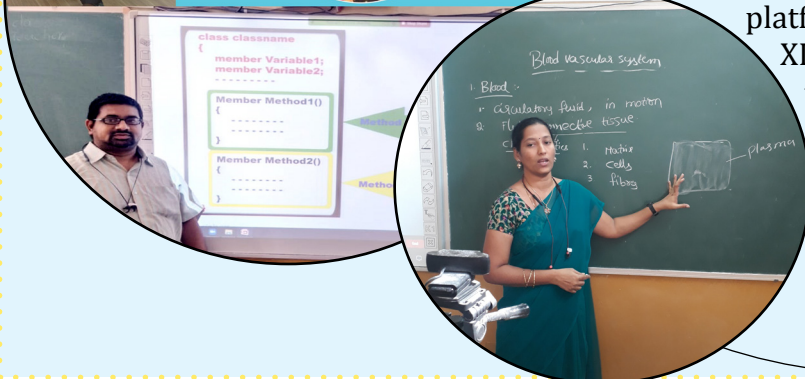
### LOYOLA PUBLIC SCHOOL, NALLAPADU:



The main aim of LPS is "Preparing students for successful future" and several students proved their metal in assuming great position both in India and abroad by keeping alive their school motto "Born for Greater Things". Dr. Kanneganti Vineetha scored All India 1st Rank in AIIMS PG 2020 with 100% success. She joined LPS in 2nd class and passed out ICSE(X) in the academic year 2011-2012 and she scored 2nd rank in the public exam. She was very simple, calm, friendly, disciplined, studious, hardworking and exemplary. LPS laid a strong foundation for her in order to reach greater heights. It gives us immense pleasure to congratulate her. The management and staff felicitated both the father and the daughter. Dr. K. Vineetha expressed her gratitude for the basic foundation laid by Loyola Public School and she assured to keep up the school motto and motivate many more youngsters to reach greater heights.



**Online Classes:** Due to Covid-19 our education system has changed dramatically with distinctive rise in E-learning. The teaching is undertaken remotely on digital platforms. We started online classes for IV to XI Classes from May onwards. Though the teachers at the start were frightened to take online classes, they gained confidence and lot of experiences and they are giving their best in order to make the children to understand the situation.



**-NARENDRA SJ**

### ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, SECUNDERABAD:

Time teaches us to be creative and innovative in teaching our students. At this pandemic time, school has started online classes for high school students, 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are recording their lessons and they are creative in using flash cards, videos, power point presentations to teach primary students. COVID-19 Relief service continues from community to school non-teaching staff with provisions, worth of Rs.1900 per head. Fr. Elango, PDD, continues his good work in raising financial resources for the apostolic works of the Province for the poorest of the Poor.

- B. NAVEEN, SJ



### LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, KARIMNAGAR:

Candidates came out with flying colours in their intermediate examinations. All of them passed and secured high first class. Out of 23 candidates, Seventeen of them crossed 400 marks and the rest are above 370 marks. And all those who crossed 400 marks are either first or second in their respective classes. Candidate Kevin stands top in the college, probably in the entire district, with 484 marks which is so far the highest in CEC group. Discipline and continuous guidance coupled with focus,

patience and practice paid us grant.

The college also has seen a remarkable increase in the pass percentage of the students. The second years got 80.4% while the first years 68%. But the district pass percentage is 57. The highest marks in MPC, BiPC and CEC in the college are 458, 432 and 484 respectively. As of now online classes are going on for the second year students.

In the month of June, our campus had witnessed a few showers,

due to which our campus remains green. Community is busy with underground pipeline repair, cleaning and levelling the farmland. Schs. Rex and Karunakar made their Annual Retreat under the guidance of Fr. Dhanapaul. We express our heartfelt gratitude to him.

-S KARUNAKAR SJ



### SIVAPURAM PARISH:

We are extremely grateful to the Sisters of Nirmala Convent, Vinukonda who were the first to respond to the lockdown crisis in our parish by distributing dry ration (raw rice, dal, onion, rava etc) to the people of Narasanayinipalem and Bharathapuram. We are also immensely thankful to our Provincial Fr. K. A. Stany (and Jesuit en Mission, Germany), and to Frs. Peter Daniel and Velangani Raju for sending us dry ration items for all the parishioners. It was a timely help for us during this lockdown. June 1<sup>st</sup> was the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of the chapels of Nadigadda and Upparapalem. So we had a special Mass at Nadigadda, presided over by Fr. S. Ravi Sebastian and concelebrated by Frs. M. Joseph, B. Inyasi Showry and P. Peter. Sch. M. Aseervadam played keyboard and simultaneously conducted the choir very melodiously.

Late Frs. Arul Joe and Aloysius were remembered in the Mass for their great contribution to the substations. After Mass, we had a sumptuous dinner. June 14<sup>th</sup> was a grand Sunday as it was a wedding celebration of the only son of the church elder Mr. J. Chenchulu. Both the bride and the bridegroom are from Sivapuram. The matrimonial Mass was presided over by Fr. S. Ravi Sebastian. Fr. M. Joseph blessed the marriage and Fr. N. Mathew said the post-Communion prayer and gave final blessing to the new couple and to the congregation. A special choir was led by our Sivapuram youth headed by P. Nirmala Swetha. M. Akhila and J. Siva played the keyboard. Kudos to all of them for their wonderful performance!



On 19<sup>th</sup> June, the feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated as the titular feast with a lively Mass at Thimmayipalem. Fr. M. G. Selvinraj celebrated the Mass and prayed for the faithful. The next day, again Fr. Selvin celebrated Mass at Sivapuram as it was the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In his homily, he highlighted the importance of the role of Mother Mary in giving birth to and bringing up Jesus and faithfully following him every moment of his life. Thank you Fr. Selvin for your timely visit to our parish and celebrating Masses for us. On 21<sup>st</sup> June, we had a special Thanksgiving Mass at Sivapuram in honour of

Sch. K. Vijay Kumar who had his first profession at Anandajyothi. He is the third Scholastic from Sivapuram. May God say, "Let there be many more vocations from this parish!"

- P. PETER SJ

### GUDLAVALLERU PARISH:



The times of Corona has been a difficult time for us at Gudlavalleru. There was no Mass in 18 substations and the Parish for nearly two and a half months. With the permission of the Government we began Mass in our parish and substations with small numbers and with the necessary precautions. We were able to help the people with the support of Andhra Loyola College and the Province. ALC provided provisions for 270 families. The province gave provisions for 550 families. With this support we were able to help our catholic families in our parish. We also gave provisions to the local police and provided meals for the migrant laborers at Angaloor. When we go for the ration distribution we have Mass first where we pray for our donors Jesuit en Mission, Switzerland then the ration was distributed according to the standard operating procedure (sos) in the

villages. The people came with the family card and the help that they received is recorded. The people are thankful to ALC and the Province for their kind gesture in coming to help them in time of need. A lot of generous souls in our parish and from outside came forward to help us. On the 8<sup>th</sup> June, slab was laid for the "Fathima Matha Church" at Venturumilly. This is being done with the help of the province donations and 30% of people contribution. At present we are experiencing good showers. Our people are getting ready for farming in our paddy belt.



- N.SHOWRI KISHORE KUMAR SJ

After a long extended lockdown, our staff in Junior College got to work together, immediately after the Intermediate results. This year our college recorded 70% and 80% pass for the First and Second years respectively. We had a staff orientation on conducting online classes for the Second year students. The admission process, for the first years, has picked up momentum. During the lockdown, the college has gone through a minor make-over and the aesthetic ambience of the college has been given a face lift. Since all the SSC students have been declared passed, without writing the final Examination, we have decided to introduce Online Entrance Test and Interview Boards for the first year admission.

Fr. Alphonse Susai Asirwadam: Fr. Alphonse passed away on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, 2020. As known to all of us he had been down with lungs cancer for the last two years. Initially he was admitted in Care Hospital, Hyderabad and he underwent an operation which resulted in the removal of part of the lungs. Later in two

### LOYOLA ACADEMY, ALWAL:

different cycles he underwent chemotherapy for the cancer. He got better and the CITRA community went out of its way to take care of him. Special thanks to Frs. Bhaskar & Paul Amal for their constant care, concern and support to him in every way. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2020 Fr. Alphonse was shifted to Loyola Academy community. As he joined us at LA, he was cheerful, looked to be alright and quietly went about



doing his work. He was trying to be part of almost all activities of the community. But, gradually he started getting fever and that continued to be regular. He began experiencing acute body pains and his appetite started declining. Consequently he got weaker and at one time the doctor was finding it difficult to give even IV fluids because it was very difficult to

find his veins. The situation grew to be so bad that we were not able to give proper care to him and we were left helpless. It was at that time he was shifted to SPARSHA a palliative care home for the sick and dying cancer patients run by the Rotary club of Hyderabad. He was there for about 4 days when he breathed his last. Apart from Loyola Academy which took care of him during his last days, it was his sister Mrs. Evangelene who was with him as her own child. May God bless her for all her love, care, goodness she had shown towards Fr. Alphonse.

In the testimonies given by his friends, he was known to be a divine soul, a good friend, a person who spoke the truth, a person who questioned things, a very warm person, a good spiritual guide and a wonderful counselor, a man of serenity, a very simple and humble person etc.

May God grant eternal rest to Fr. Alphonse and Consolation to the bereaved family, friends and to the Jesuits.

**- D.BALASWAMY, SJ**

### BIRTHDAYS

#### JULY

- 01 P Joseph Maradapudi  
P Jagadish M M
- 03 P Bala Showry P
- 04 S Peter Bulla
- 05 P Dhanapal S A
- 06 P Maria Prasad Ch
- 07 S Rentala Vinod
- 12 S Polanki Praveen  
N Pilli Rayappa
- 15 P Bosco AXJ  
P Sudhakar Burugu
- 31 P Elias Arockiasamy

#### AUGUST

- 03 P Gabriel Raja I
- 07 **P Koppala A. Stanislaus**  
P Stanley A
- 08 S Bala Niranjana N
- 09 F Maria Michael S  
P lourdu Thomas M  
S P. Satish Kumar
- 10 P Anthony P  
S Pallam Raju Katru  
P Simon A
- 11 S Bandi Madhan
- 12 P Amar Rao Ch  
S Krupa Rao G

- 12 S Kondaveeti Anthony Raju
- 17 S V Dominic Sebastian
- 18 P Joji Lingareddy  
P Vijaya Bhaskar N  
P Joseph Kiran G
- 20 P Showraiah D
- 21 P Prathap D  
S Vidyasagar N
- 25 P Gnanasekharan
- 28 P Ravi Sekhar D  
P Arul Jyothi M
- 29 P Michael Raj XA
- 31 P Peter Daniel  
P Rayappa G



## RIP

09.06.2020 Mr. Kakarla Rami Reddy(75), father of Fr K. Yesurathnam, SJ

**10.06.2020 Fr SA. Alphonse,SJ (AND, 68/51) died at Secunderabad**

12.06.2020 Mr. Actutarao, Uncle of Fr D. Pratap, SJ

16.06.2020 Fr S.M. Xavier Irudayaraj, SJ. (MDU 79/61)

20.06.2020 Fr Marcus Murmu SJ (DUM 63/38)

21.06.2020 Mr. Velangani Arockiasamy( 66), elder brother of Fr Antonysamy Visuvasam, SJ

26.06.2020 Mrs. Iris Clifford ( 93), elder sister of Fr Royce Macedo, SJ

27.06.2020 Mrs. A. Lourdummy (90+) mother of Fr S. Philomin Raj, SJ



## OUR BROTHERS IN GLORY

Fr Kuriakose Joseph	11.07.1994	LA, Secunderabad
Fr Savarinatha Swamy	28.07.1721	Krishnapuram
Fr Antony Thekemury	30.07.2017	ALC, Vijayawada
Fr Narendranath (Ranchi)	01.08.1995	Sagara Sangamam, Nellore
Fr James Vincent Masilamani	06.08.2005	ALC, Vijayawada
Fr Vattakunnel Mathew	18.08.2000	ALC, Vijayawada
Fr Tharigopula Christuraj	18-08-2018	LA, Secunderabad
Fr Leopold Bazou	21.08.1977	ALC, Vijayawada
Fr MA. Arul Joe	29.08.2019	ALC, Vijayawada

## OBITUARY

### FR. ALPHONSE SUSAI ASIRWADAM, SJ (1951 - 2020)

Fr SA. Alphonse, born in a pious Catholic family on 13<sup>th</sup> September 1951, did his schooling in Pithapuram, Andhra Pradesh. He studied PUC at Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada. He joined the Society of Jesus on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1969, in Beschi College, Dindigul.

During his life time he worked in various places and in different capacities in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. He was a man of honesty, integrity and commitment. He was well appreciated as a Teacher wherever he taught in our Telugu Medium Schools.

Though he was a student of Zoology, he picked up Accounting on his own and became very proficient in Tally Programme. In fact, he was one of the pioneers in it in our Province and taught the same to many of our Province men.

He loved the poor in all the Parishes he worked in. However, he was not a 'Typical' Parish Priest. He used to engage his willing Parishners in Group Discussions on various current and relevant socio-economic issues so as to educate them enhancing their awareness and knowledge. He was a voracious reader of the magazines and books on the same topic.



### Fr. S A ALPHONSE SJ

" THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD  
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.  
NEAR RESTFUL WATERS HE LEADS ME WHERE  
HE GIVES ME REPOSE "

Born: 13.09.1951

Entry: 16.06.1969

Ordination: 24.04.1983

Died: 10.06.2020

His last Community, where he stayed for the maximum number of continuous years, was CITRA. He was very happy and content there. He was engaged in Counseling and Retreats during this time in a special manner. He was a deep thinker and a very good Counselor. People from all walks of life used to flock to him for Counseling. His Counseling Sessions were always very long. But surprisingly, neither the Counselor nor the Counselee got tired of sitting for so long. Invariably, it used to be an experience of self-discovery for the Counselee. Fr. Alphonse loved everyone, who came to him. His knowledge of persons and their personalities was truly amazing. The persons, who discovered their true selves, with his insightful accompaniment, were pleasantly surprised with his incisive knowledge. His depth of seeing into the life of a person is not limited to merely to that person but it also extended to one's mother or father. His thought process went to the very root of the personality of the person concerned, which was truly surprising.



His faith was Theo-centric and not a 'ritualistic' one. Whenever he dealt with tougher cases in Counseling, his dependence on the Divine Grace was all the more greater. Needless to say that his experience of God was beyond the religion and it made him more human and humane.

He was a noble soul. He was a humble man. He lived a simple and austere life. He loved his friends and people, who were honest and hard working. He stood by the people, who committed themselves for the cause of the poor and downtrodden. Many a beneficiary of his knowledge and wisdom fondly called him 'Guruji', and he continues to live in their hearts.

Having suffered from the Lung-Cancer for a year, which spread to and consumed his other vital organs, in spite of a surgery and subsequent chemotherapy, he breathed his last on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, and was laid to rest in Loyola Academy, Secunderabad on the next day.

- NV BASKHAR SJ

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