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From the Provincial's Desk

IMAGERY OF THE BRUN BREAD

Those of you who have passed through De Nobili College, Pune for your formation would recall the brun bread usually available for breakfast. It is crusty and hard outside but soft and spongy inside, and very tasty too. Fr Arturo Sosa, our General, in his recently published book, *Walking with Ignatius*, makes an interesting remark on Jesuit missionaries to Venezuela (p. 12). They were from the native land of St Ignatius, Basque in origin. They were tough, he writes, but you discover their gentleness within. The toughness and no-nonsense approach of Ignatius is evident in his writings. But a careful reading of his Autobiography and the Constitutions would reveal his remarkable gentleness and sensitivity. As we have entered the Ignatian Year with varied programmes, it is fitting that we reflect on this ambivalent polarity in depth - a toughened exterior to face the exigencies of the times, and an interiority that reflects the gentleness of the Spirit. This is all the more crucial in this 21st century which brings with it new challenges as never before. Besides, many of ours, both young and old, appear to have gone 'soft' lacking the hard crust to face the tough world around. The brun bread may have a lesson for us.

E.P. Mathew, SJ

APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Anil Kochumethikalam : Minister & Coordinator, Sarvodaya, Eachome (additional charge)

Fr Chandy Kumblankal : Research Coordinator, SRC, Calicut

Fr Joseph Chiraparambil : St Xavier's, Trivandrum

Fr P.T. Mathew : Prasanthi, Pachilakad (*Ad Tempus*)

Fr Pious Vachaparambil : Manager, St Joseph's Boy's HSS, Calicut (additional charge)

Fr Rephin Kamal : Assistant Director, AADI, Attappadi

CHRIST HALL MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE RECONSTITUTED:

Fr Peter Mulluparambil (Convener & Treasurer),

Frs Joe Mathew Kunnathoor & Raju Vattaparambil
(members)

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

July 29 : Consult (online)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

JUBILARIANS

On this occasion of Jubilee (60 years in the Society) we gratefully remember and pray for our dear brothers **Frs Varghese Malpan, Joseph Edassery** and **Br George Vattukulam**. They belong to the first batch of novices of the nascent Kerala Vice Province. Three of them joined the Society on 15 June 1961.



PROVINCE CONGREGATION-2021

The *Coetus Praevius* (preparatory committee) of Kerala Province Congregation 2021, scheduled for 30 June is postponed due to the ill-health of one of the members.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

Frs Deepak (waiting to go for Tertianship) and **K.T. Chandy** Research Coordinator SRC) has joined Christ Hall community. We are happy that all our elderly fathers are vaccinated for Covid -19.

Fr P.T. Mathew left Christ hall for Prasanthi, Pachilakkad; we miss his loving and serene presence. Community celebrated **Fr Malpan's** 60th year of joining the Society with a concelebrated Eucharist. It was an occasion to commemorate Fr Malpan's contributions to the Society. **Fr E. P. Mathew** was the homilist for the Eucharist. Provincial's Birthday was celebrated on 19 June 2021, with all pomp and glory. Jeevika along with Migrants Outreach Services of SRC had this meeting. **Fr Immanuel Koyan**, the Jeevika Coordinator was present for the meeting and the new initiatives are discussed. We were happy to welcome, **Frs Robert Athickal, Salvin, Jose Jacob, Deacons Lijo and Steevensen; Schs Christy, Dileep.** After several months we had an offline Province Consult here. Wayanad Jesuits take very special care of us by providing often fruits like Avocado, Jack fruits, Robesta etc. **Fr Anikuzhy** bid farewell to St Joseph's Boys' HSS as its manager after many years of excellent service and handed over the charge to **Fr Pious Vachaparambil**. SRC is becoming alive with a retreat for the Novices of SKD sisters by Fr Deepak. **Fr Tom** (Thomas Varghese Elanjipuram) newly



ordained Jesuit of Kohima Region, nephew of Fr E.P. Mathew, offered Mass for the community on July 3rd.

Devasia K. T.

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

We were happy to celebrate the birthday of Fr Provincial when he visited us to plan about the details of the candidacy program in the house. We thank and extend our prayerful wishes to **Fr Thadeyoos** who was appointed to St Michael's parish for pastoral work after many years of service in the community. We bade farewell to the outgoing parish priest Fr Vincent Pulickal and the assistant parish priest, Fr Rijoy and welcomed Frs Jerome and Clarkson, new Parish Priest and assistant Parish Priest of Matre Dei Cathedral, diocese of Calicut. **Schs Albin Paul and Sooraj Sebastian** joined our community for a few months to orient the new candidates.

In the St Joseph's Boys' HSS, the staff thanked and bade farewell to **Fr Varghese Anikuzhy** for his valuable service and **Fr Pious Vachaparambil** assumed charge as the new manager of the school. To uphold their preferential option for the poor, the staff, PTA, Alumni and the management of the school gave away 55 mobile phones to the poor students of the school to equip them for online learning. The Plus Two students were given special coaching in the school for practical examinations. The Honourable Mayor was the chief guest at the Pravesanolsavam on June 1st. Various programs were organised as part of celebrating the Vayanavaram.

At St Joseph's Junior (ICSE) School all the classes started on June 1 in full swing with weekly assemblies, new Olympiads, updated digital applications and many other online competitions for the new academic year. In a separate function, the newly launched LKG program was formally inaugurated by **Fr Provincial** on 7th June. Food kits were distributed to the marginalised people in and around the school in association with the PTA and Calicut Corporation. The environmental day was celebrated with many online competitions and assemblies. Jun 19 was celebrated as Reading Day with attractive online competitive events and meaningful class activities. The staff welcomed the new manager, **Fr Pious** and the new Jesuit staff members, **Fr T.V. George and Sch Nibin.**

Ramlal

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

The challenging opportunities offered by the new revolution in information technology and the ubiquitous COVID - 19, have enabled our principal **Fr John Francis** to organise a Webinar for our staff on the Characteristics of Jesuit Education by Fr Norbert Menezis, the former Secretary, JEA. He explained to our staff the various aspects of Ignatian educational objectives. This certainly helped our staff to be more effective in dealing with our students and aiming at magis in all their endeavours. The staff training was organised in connection with the Ignatian Year.

Fr Joseph Edassery has completed 60 years as a Jesuit on 15/06/2021. Our community organised a modest celebration of his jubilee on 21/06/2021 Monday in the company of the S.M. Farm, Pariyaram community. The concelebrated Mass was at 06.00 p.m. During his introductory remarks, Fr Edassery profusely thanked all his superiors and companions who were a genuine support and



encouragement for him all these years. Highlighting the various ministries he had undertaken, **Fr Kallepally**, his novice companion, dwelt on his personality and the way he managed to be a friend and mentor to hundreds of students, at A.K.J.M. Kanjirapally, St. Joseph's Calicut and Loyola Trivandrum. As a priest, he has worked only in schools and that too as teacher, superior, manager and boarding director. For a few years he was the coordinator of the Alumni Associations of the province. He had a long stint of 17 years as vice principal of Loyola school under three eminent principals. His students even now fondly cherish the memory of their student-friendly vice principal. The finale of the function was felicitations and a sumptuous and varied dinner for all. The minister of the house, **Fr Bastin**, left no stone

untuned to make it a happy and memorable function. Ad Multos Annos.

Fr Mathew K. J. is planning to bring out another improved edition of his book “പരിശുദ്ധകന്യാകയുടെ പ്രത്യക്ഷങ്ങളും പരിസ്ഥിതിയും” as he is very much encouraged by the patronage he got from the public. All the copies of the first edition of this book are already sold out.

St Michael's School organised various online programmes for students during the month of June including Chipko Garden, in honour of Sundar Lal Bahuguna, environment day celebrations, reading week celebrations, world Yoga day and world Music day celebration. Fr Kallepally, our new manager took initiative to begin online classes in MS Teams and he conducts language training programmes for the Pre-primary teaching staff. Higher Secondary practical exams are conducted smoothly during this pandemic time.

Tomson Antony

S. M. FARM/NIRMALA I.T.I/ I. R. C, PARIYARAM.

Online classes are going on without fail in the ITI. **Principal Mr. Babu P.U.** does the online supervision. Director **Fr C.T. Jose** is taking care of the building and the surroundings and is getting ready for the regular classes. S.M. Farm is well taken care of by **Fr Dominic**. The campus is cleaned up, Coconut trees are manured, Rubber plantation is well cared for. All our workers are on duty everyday. All are safe too. I.R.C is still having volunteers for Health Work, and hope to get it back soon. **Fr Midhun** and **Sch Sinesh** struggle with the learning of Italian language.

K.P. Mathew

LOYOLA NOVITIATE, ALUVA

The month of June began with the annual retreat for the first year and second year novices respectively. The novices were gladly accommodated by the Santigram community and guided by **Frs Sheise** and **Devassy Paul**. **Fr Tom Varghese** from Kohima region and **Sch Christy J Peter** were with us for quarantine. We celebrated birthday of **Rins** on 10th June. We were happy to welcome **Frs Baby Chalil, Deepak Edattu and Prince Clarence** on their way to Trivandrum. June 18 was a joyful day for us as six young men **Babatto, Bazil, Benny, Alfin, Joel, and Joffin** began their probation. Other two **Alex** and **Alen** joined us on 22 and

28 June respectively under the guidance of **Fr Jacob Kumminiyl**.

Schs Abbey, Praveen and Rins professed their First Vows. Due to Covid protocols we had only limited guests. The celebrations were simple and graceful. Thank you all for your prayers and support. We gratefully remember the presence of **Fr Provincial, Frs Salvin, Deepak, Jose Jacob** and Jesuits from Sameeksha, Lumen and Santigram. **Schs Nikhil and Vyshak** helped



generously for the choir. Our junior scholastics were out for their home visit. We wish them a prosperous life ahead. First year novices started their retreat and will join our community on July 3rd.

David & Thomas

LUMEN-JYOTHIS, KOCHI

Newman association had its monthly discussion on a much debated topic; "Administrative Reforms in Lakshadweep: Challenges and Concerns." Dr Fousiya A.A., a resident of Minicoy Island/Lakshadweep and project scientist at IIT Kanpur, presented the topic with reference to the recent developments in the islands. Adv. TPM Ibrahim Khan (Senior Advocate, High Court of Kerala) and Sri. George Varghese (Former Director of Fisheries, Lakshadweep) were the other resource persons. All the three speakers emphasized the need for scientific and systematic study of the region prior to any developmental reforms.

Dr. John F. Shea, SJ (Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Creighton University, USA) was the resource person for LIPI Science Talk on Parasitology. He shared his research experience in the lab, in the field as well as on the internet.

Fr Binoy gave an orientation talk to the members of the faculty of both St.Mary's College, Trissur and Vimala College, Trissur on "Contemporary Education as a Collective Responsibility."

Snehasena & Tik Tik Life in collaboration with JEA conducted Art Workshop for the 3 batches of Children. **Frs Robert Athikkal SJ & Saju George SJ** interacted with the participants.

Frs Sheise and Devassy directed the Annual Retreat to the First and Second Year Novices respectively.

Devassy Paul

SNEHASENA/TIK TIK LIFE DURING COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic has posed great challenges to Snehasena and Tik Tik Life, children's magazines. Both the magazines were highly dependent on schools and therefore the impact is great. At the same time, we believe and experience that crisis is also a strong driver of creativity and innovation. Indeed, if examined closely, one can already observe Snehasena and Tik Life got a major paradigm shift from the print platform to a wider interactive and dynamic online platform. We had been working for this shift from even before the pandemic. Interestingly, the current COVID-19 crisis has suggested we can develop innovative and quick responses to the changing scenarios without waiting for the most appropriate time. It has also showed that creativity can actually thrive under these conditions.

The Creative Ventures of Snehasena / Tik Tik Life

1. Art Workshops/ Inspiring personalities Interacting with participants
2. Art of Meditation and Mindfulness Workshop
3. Creativity Workshop
4. Grand Quiz - Jesuitica

1. Art Workshops

- As we strongly felt the importance of the role of creativity and innovation in the fight against COVID-19, as well as their relationship to resilience and coping; we conceptualized an Online Art Workshop for children. When we passed around the invitation to join the workshop we realized the parents and children were waiting for such an intervention. The response was so immense that we had three subsequent Art Workshops for children. Two more groups are waiting for the workshops. Each workshop was for 10 days consisting of 10 sessions for 2 hours each day. The workshops involved several hours of preparation and interactions with the participants apart from the online sessions. Since family is the only physical

community experience many have in the Covid situation, each participant is encouraged to involve his/her family to be active participants in our Art Workshops. Resource persons for these workshops are Blaise Joseph and Sheise Thomas SJ

Activities & Objective of the Art Workshops we conducted:

- Imparting experiential understanding of Non-Judgmental and No-Competitive engagement with oneself, with other human beings and the ecosystem around through a creative pursuit.
- Perspective building by introducing participants to a variety of activities involving observation, documentation, recording, image making, remembering and story-telling, illustrating, etc.
- Introducing the participants to their living contexts/ everydayness (surroundings of their residence, people in their house, various spaces, and objects in their living space, food and food-related memories) through the lens of creativity.
- Introducing participants to a wide variety of perspectives and techniques from art history to contemporary art practices

Apart from Art Workshops we have announced a Creativity Workshop and Art of Meditation and Mindfulness Workshop for July 2021.

2. Art of Meditation and Mindfulness Workshop

This workshop is meant for parents and teachers. This is developed from a belief that for children's happiness it's important for nurturers to be nurtured and caregivers to be cared for. Through this workshop we intend to help the participants by enhancing their focus, productivity and creativity; reducing their stress, anxiety and unhappiness; and cultivating joy, compassion and meaningful relationships.

The workshop includes breath work, awareness and meditation techniques. Resource persons for this workshop are **Frs Stephen Chundanthadam, Sunny Kunnappallil and Baiju Varghese**

3. Creativity Workshop

This is exclusively for children (9-14 yrs)

This workshop provides an inspiring, nurturing and fun based virtual platform for children to be more creative and focused. In the workshop we engage and focus each student's innate curiosity and imagination to

foster a lifelong love of learning.

Methods used:

Unlocking creativity through art, memoir, creative writing, music, photography, storytelling and mindfulness.

4. 'GRAND-QUIZ JESUITICA'

Tik Tik Life announced a national level GRAND QUIZ on August 4th, 2021. We have started sharing daily quiz buzz from 1st July onwards to help the participant to prepare for the quiz.

Sheise

SAMEEKSHA/ATMAMITRA, KALADY

Trees and birds of Sameeksha welcomed the monsoon with much gaiety. Sameeksha also welcomed **Schs Nikhil, Rosan, Vysakh, Dasan (Andhra), Ivin and Deslin** to the community. The community had a faith-sharing session on 19th June. On the *Dharmasameeksha* series Sr Dina (Atmamitra) gave an inspiring talk on the problem of depression in Corona times. **Fr Sebastian Painadath** gave online meditations and talks to people in Malaysia and Germany. **Fr Xavier** has been very active in the ministry of vocation promotion. After the lockdown, he visited houses of some aspirants. He also started using online platforms to meet the families of some of them where he could not go. Jeevika under the able leadership of **Fr Immanuel Koyan** reached out to many migrants by helping them during this crisis. Atmamitra is continuing their good work among the youth even during this troubled times. **Deacons Steevenson and Lijo** did very well in the comprehensive exams. We bade farewell and thanked them for their service and presence in the community. They left for Delhi on 26th after a long time in diaspora. They will begin their diaconate ministry in the month of July. **Frs Provincial, PCF, Jose Jacob and Deepak** made a day's visit to the community. Thank God, all the scholastics at Sameeksha were vaccinated by the month end.

Deslin Chelatt

AKJM & SAMANVAYA JESUIT HOUSE, KANJIRAPALLY

The highlight of the month was the Community building programme. We could come together and share on our consolations and Desolations, interior movements of the spirit during last one year. We reflected on our Apostolate, Community life, and all other aspects of our life.

We commenced the new academic year on June 01, 2021. Poster competition for students and Photography competition for teachers were conducted on World Environment Day. The Reading Week was celebrated from June 19 -25. Various literary personalities from different walks of life addressed the students through the online mode. The Yoga Day celebrated on June 21, was memorable with a demonstration by **Fr Stephen C Thadam**, the Manager. House visits were conducted with Covid protocols, monthly assessments, online PTA meetings and staff meetings were the other major highlights.

Antu and Linto

AADI, ATTAPPADI

Fr Rephin Kamal reached AADI on 10th June 2021 after the pastoral ministry. He was given a warm welcome by AADI and Lok Manch staff. AADI with Lok Manch partners distributed 400 medical kits and 150 food kits among tribal corona patients in all the three Panchayats of Attappady. The kits were given as part of Emergency Relief Support by Lok Manch and MAIN, a wing of JRS. Thanks to the organisations and particularly to **Fr Shin Kallungal**, Assistant Director MAIN. **Fr Mathew Aerthayil** made an on line presentation on the 'National Blue Economy Policy' for the fishworkers and Lok Manch partners of Trivandrum District organised by Sneharam.

AADI has started a virtual 30-hour skill training including Excel and Tally for SC/ST youth spread out in two months with two classes a week, sponsored by Stella Maris College, Chennai. Over 150 people are participating in this certificate course. Four M.S.W trainees from St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda are being guided by **Fr P.S. Antony** for their virtual placement. AADI and Lok Manch organised four Webinars in June: on 'Eco-system restoration' in connection with World Environment Day, organised in collaboration with Tarumitra, Patna, in which Jesuits from half a dozen Provinces and others participated, on 'rights of the differently abled' organised in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai and St Thomas College, Thrissur and Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPSW), and on 'third wave and children's health' organised in association with KAPSW, and 'atrocities against women and legal rights' in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, St Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda and KAPSW.

Mathew Aerthayil

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE, PACHILAKAD


Fr Baby Chalil bid adieu to the Wayanad mission on 10th June. His services to the tribals for two decades are unparalleled. Many religious and non-religious circles appreciated Fr Baby for his long selfless service. **Fr Xavier Veliyakam** joined the community as an English Teacher for prenovices on 11th of June. **Fr P.T. Mathew** joined XTC (*ad tempus*) on 14th June. On June 21st, 11 prenovices arrived at XTC. **Fr Xavier Tharamel, Sch Albin Paul** and **Sch Sooraj Sebastian** conducted a five-day orientation programme for prenovices. All the Jesuits in the Wayanad Mission contributed generously to this programme. Many other

Pope's Intentions

July 2021



Social Friendship
We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
INDIA

young men are expected to join the prenovitiate after the completion of their exams. Kudos to Fr Xavier Tharamel and the team for their hard work. Fr Xavier Veliyakam was hospitalized for a few days because of a bacterial infection on his feet. He is back in the community and has started taking classes for prenovices.

Jaison

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL, JAMPUIJALA

The summer holidays are over and we have begun the school and opened the hostel for the far away students. We had online classes in the beginning and now we are slowly moving towards regular classes. Our new hostel building is blessed and ready for use. We have got 110 hostel students (67 boys and 43 girls). The school is allotted 7.7 acres of land by the government and we along with the Tribal society have decided to pay the 50% of the premium. Then the land becomes the school property which would later come to the ownership of



Xavier Educational and Charitable Trust. Christ Hill, the place where the school is, going to be a Kokborok speaking Jesuit parish in the coming years and we are getting rooted at the second place of our mission. We are getting familiar with another tribal language – Kokborok in order to communicate with the people around and be active in the mission.

Babu Paul

XIDE, JAMTOLI BARI, TRIPURA

All the remedial education centers are reopend after a small break due to COVID19 restrictions. Though the number have gone down, there are around 250 students in eight centers. Sr Sandukta SJA who was in charge of nursery was transferred and left XIDE on 10-06-2021 and on the same day Sr Saroja SJA joined the community. On 18th June **Fr Jothi** from Calcutta province joined XIDE and he took charge as Director of the Social Apostolate. He also will help the mission



as the Mission Development Director. He has already began the work in full swing.. A simple Jesuit residence is nearing completion and might be blessed by July 15. For the first time three young people from Tripura joined Kohima pre-novitiate and one is from Jamtailbari. It is due to the hard work of Fr Pradeep, vocation Promoter of Kohima region. This year they have 30 Pre-novices. Congratulations to Fr Pradeep. St Ignatius Loyola Parish church is reopend last sunday after a break of one

month. St Joseph health care centre at Jamtailbari has an average of 30 Patients a day. Some days the number crosses fifty. So many poor people from different



villages come here for treatment. Sr Annie Joseph SJA is available day and night to treat the patients. A new building for healthcare centre was blessed by **Fr Babu Paul** on first June 2021.

James Morais

IGNATIAN YEAR

The sixth training programme for the Kerala State CLC in the Ignatian Year will be held on 5th July. Mar John Nellikunnel, Bishop of Idukki, will give the message and Fr Binoy's Jacob will speak on "The contemporary significance of the

Spiritual Exercises: A Scientific Perspective"

The second event related to the Ignatian Year will be a talk by Guy Consolmagno, SJ, director of Vatican Observatory, on "Trinitarian Gaze Upon the World: Astronomical Significance of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises." This is the 5th Ignatian Year talk organised by the team

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GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Sr Grace FCC (90), sister of **Fr Abraham Pallivathukkal**, on 04.06.2021 at Changanassery



Mr. Mathukutty, younger brother of late **Fr Joseph Inchakal**, on 19.06.2021

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

04 Manesh Thottathuvilakom

07 Sunny Jose Puthenpurayil

09 Thomas Vattakunnel

16 Sunny Padinjarevarikattu

23 Antony PS

24 Shibu Malekunnel

24 Jose Pittappillil

25 Albin Namattathil

25 Mathew Aerthayil

26 Francis Paracka

27 Ivin Tomy Thottappallil



27 George Karuppallyil

28 Salvin Kachirayilm

28 Stephen Chundanthadam

August

01 Mathew Kaniyamparambil

03 Joseph Thakadiyel

03 Joseph Jose Kadankavil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

July

03 (2007) Joseph Mekat

03 (2015) Abraham Mannamkary

08 (1982) Antony Ponvelil

14 (1971) William Lonardi

14 (1996) John Paliathil

16 (2008) Stephen Chethipuzha

26 (1984) Joseph Pallithanam

26 (2005) Lazarus Edattel

27 (2011) Philip Panjikanan

28 (1978) Paul Kunnunkal

31 (2016) Ambrose Parappuram



Let us think of nothing but serving God: he will readily provide whatever else we need.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

*Fr Provincial & the Curia team wish you all
A Happy Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola!*

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