



## PROVINCIAL'S DESK

### FINDING GOD TOGETHER IN THIS PANDEMIC

There's no denying the extent of the crisis that we are living through. The pandemic has many of us very anxious and worried, uncertain about what is going to happen next, uncertain about what to do, how to act. As a country, with lack of vision from the political and religious leaders: loss of jobs and hunger, indefinite closure of the schools has created even more uncertainties and anxieties. In one sense, life continues as normal – and yet it's not normal at all. Should I take the bus? How long will it last? Are we going to have a recession? Will we ever get back to real normality again? These are the questions that bother us. The anxiety surrounding the publicity is as contagious as the virus itself, spreading fear and nervousness among the community. Our securities no longer seem so secure, and many don't know where to turn.

It was also a pain, during these days of uncertainties, to lose two of our senior Jesuits; Fr. Peter Kurukula Aratchi and Fr. Anton Weerasinghe who have contributed to the vision of the Kingdom. In this moment of sadness and pain, there can be for some a tendency to behave in a selfish or irrational way, where emotion can often override good decision making.

St. Ignatius Loyola, whose feast we celebrate



this month in the Ignatian year of conversion, was a survivor. He survived a major life-threatening injury, convalescence, life begging on the road and times of great uncertainty. He developed an approach to 'living through difficulty' based on his experience and using certain rules of thumb. The first thing is to accept this new reality as it is. The Ignatian catchphrase 'Finding God in all things', challenges us to find peace in inhabiting this new, unasked for reality. The primary thing therefore is to accept the new reality or 'new normal'.

Though fear, anxiety, and worry are normal responses to the current situation, it's important not to let them take over. Ignatius recommends acting directly against unhelpful forces such as fear that can motivate us to make poor decisions. His term for this is '*agere contra*', which means 'to act against'. Ignatius is urging us to push back, to be proactive and not to give up. This could be summed up as: 'feel the fear and do the best thing anyway'.

Above all Ignatius Loyola provides us with wonderful opportunities for *Cura Personalis* in times of COVID 19 looking after one another in whatever way we safely can. We need to care for each person and for each other, paying attention to the needs and challenges of each person, cultivating respect for individual circumstances and concerns, in these confusing times.

In his book, *Let Us Dream*, Pope Francis writes: "I see this time as a reckoning.... To enter into crisis is to be sifted. Your categories and ways of thinking get shaken up; your priorities and lifestyles are challenged.... The basic rule of a crisis is that you don't come out of it the same. If you get through it, you

come out better or worse, but never the same... In the trials of life, you reveal your own heart: how solid it is, how merciful, how big or small.... You have to choose. And in making your choice you reveal your heart... When people's hearts are tested, they become aware of what has held them down.

Therefore, as the Pope himself noted in his *Urbi et Orbi Homily*, delivered on March 6th, 2020, "Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them... This is God's strength: ... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies." WISH YOU A HAPPY FEAST TO ALL OF YOU.

## APPOINTMENTS

**Fr. Eustace Fernando:** Spiritual Director at Daham Sihila, Kelaniya.  
**Sch. Mark Dinoshan:** Staff member of the Pre-novitiate, Trincomalee.  
**Sch. Arulseelan Manoharan:** Minister of Daham Sevana, Kurunegala.  
**Sch. Sithum Fonseka:** JRSS, Vavuniya.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following seven new novices entered the Novitiate at Daham Sevana, Kurunegala on 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2021;

**Sachintha Randeera (Hendala, Wattala)**  
**Sanjaya Mario Lawance Peiris (Bopitiya, Pamunugama)**  
**Trevelion Leo Andrado (Dutchbar, Batticaloa)**  
**Sahayam Niroshan (Laxapana Estate, Maskeliya)**  
**Praneeth Nilusha Fernando (Thoduwawa)**  
**Anod Sebastiyampillai (Parappankandal, Mannar)**  
**Anslem Himaranga Silva (Kanuwana, Ja-Ela)**

The inauguration of the Juniorate Program for the new batch of Juniors took place on 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2021.

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION July - 2021

#### Universal Intention - 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  
SRI LANKA



### Musing & Voicing” of a Sri Lankan Scholastic in Regency on the Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intention

The Pope's worldwide Prayer Network - Sri Lanka, is grateful to Sch. Sithum Chinthaka Fonseka SJ, who graciously agreed to reflect on the Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July - SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP. The Prayer intention is as follows

*“We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship”.*

According to Pope Francis, Social Friendship is “A love capable of transcending borders in every city and country.” Further, genuine social friendship within a society makes true universal openness possible,” (*Fratelli Tutti*, <sup>33</sup>). In today's context, being universally open has become an

unimaginable task as most of us attempt to constitute an exclusive society or community where one-third of the population considers that nationalism, fundamentalism, chauvinism, and fanaticism are the back bone of a stable society and makes the other feel as an outcast or not worthy enough to be called a social being and share the love and happiness as fellow human beings.

The diverse cultures, distinct languages, different religions enrich humanity and give profound meaning to human life. God has created everyone equally without any partiality. In God's eyes, we all are His beloved children regardless of our colour, race, caste, and social strata. He loves everyone unconditionally and without any expectations. No religion or culture or race has got the absolute truth rather every culture, religion, and race has got partial truth and when we all unite as children of a true living God we will be able to know the truth. God's unconditional love is being reflected in every human being. If we fail to see God's presence in His creation and if we think that we have the absolute truth, pathetically we will end our lives without experiencing the unconditional love of the creator. Indeed, the unity in diversity helps us build a healthy society and enlighten our hearts and minds so that we will be grateful to the heavenly father who is the master of all creation. Our aversion towards the diverse cultures, races, and religions hinders our search for the ever living God because God is not the monopoly of a particular religion or culture or race instead He is a universal God.

It is painful to witness how people are being persecuted because of their language, religion, colour, and even for their political views. In Sri Lanka, there are different religions and different languages and races. This island is known as the pearl of the Indian Ocean. However, nowadays, people are being intimidated and punished because of their faith and ethnicity. People are being divided into different fractions based on their political and religious views. Freedom of speech is getting gradually restricted in the country. The majority tries to dominate the minority. We have reached a point where our voice is not heard anymore, and we begin to moan for the death of de-



mocracy. We have been conditioned to accept the monotonous lifestyle, the mechanical way of life. Each one of us tries to elevate the standard of our language, religion, and race. On the other hand, we mercilessly try to eradicate or wipe out the otherness of the other. Because of our narrow selfish mentality, we slowly destroy the beauty of diversity and we are unreasonably scared of the other.

Pope Francis invites us to be a Good Samaritan. We as Christians are called to develop social friendship irrespective of caste, religion, language, ethnicity, and race. We ought to have a radical change in our perspective to give life to humanity. It is our responsibility and Christian virtue to love everyone because we believe that God has created each one of us in His image. The world needs to learn to accept diversity and respect the differences, so that we could boast about ourselves saying we are a civilized society. The true sign of acceptance should be shown in our lifestyle that reflects the unconditional love of the Creator. We have been called to share the love of Christ with the outcast, downtrodden and marginalized. Diversity was God's plan. Even the study of science reveals an amazing variety of plants and animal life. Human beings are the diverse yet supreme creation of God. He did not create us as clones or robots. He

created two different genders (Mark 10:6). The creation of male and female is diversity at its most basic—the sexes are very different, yet complementary. Human differences such as race, temperament, and culture are to be celebrated, tolerated, and incorporated in our goal of being “one” in Christ (John 17:20–23).

We as Jesuits also have a beautiful history. Our forefathers belonged to different backgrounds and cultures but they did their mission under the banner of the Cross. They lived exemplary lives as brothers in the Lord despite all their differences. So it is our responsibility to carry out the same spirit and make the world a better place where everyone can live in harmony with others and can experience God's love, mercy and kindness in His creation.

(Sch. Sithum Chinthaka Fonseka, S.J., is the eldest in the Family. He is blessed with two brothers and a sister. He hails from Habarana. Sithum has successfully completed his basic degree in BSW (Social work) in Mangalore and M.A in Philosophy at the Sacred Heart College, Satya Nilayam-Chennai. At present, he is doing his first year of regency as minister of the Novitiate in Kurunegala. Sch. Sithum can be contacted via *sithumchinthaka89@gmail.com* )

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## JESUIT COMMUNITY - WELLAWAYA

The WW duo reached their destination (virgin territory for Jesuits) on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The mission house of the parish priest was vacant as he was stuck in Covid-Canada. With the permission of the Local Ordinary we began to reside at the mission house. We had already found a suitable place for rent.

The Holy Angel sisters next door were happy for they were getting daily mass and our company. We went around with a Sister who had been a teacher there and knew the people. On the day we were to sign the lease agreement for the house, tragedy struck. The owner backed off. Desperately we started house hunting again. Finding another residence we signed the lease agreement on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. After furnishing the house we occupied it on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Slowly our ministry began to take shape. A few boys and girls came to Loyola Campus for English and just one boy for IT. The Social Centre opened its office and began to get organized. Covid second wave struck the country and all our work got suspended. We are still in suspension. Thiranjala is teaching online the girls in A50 and a smaller group of post A/L students from Wellawaya. He extended it to some girls here as well. Again tragedy struck. One girl got pregnant. Since traditionally girls get pregnant On Bed and not On Line, Thiranjala is saved.

Our future is linked with the future of the country and we pray: Lord, save us from the savors of the country! In the meantime we are looking out for a more permanent place. An ideal place is available, a little costly. So we storm Heaven and the Administration. Please pray for us. Thank you.

## DAHAM SIHILA - JUNIORATE



Completing the first year of Philosophy in Mannar and second year of college studies via online, Sch. Kingsley and Sch. Niroshan have joined the community to continue their studies from Daham Sihila. The adjoining property of Daham Sihila, Dias House has been transformed into a house for Scholastics in Transit. The house was opened with the ceremonial boiling of a pot of milk. Fr. Superior, the Juniors and the co-workers participated in the opening ceremony.

Daham Sihila welcomes the Odd semester with freshers from the Novitiate. After three months of break, the community is active once again with four Juniors and two Scholastics in transit. The second year Novices namely Thivindu Jude, Wishal Ilyas, Bilal Younas and Delaxan completed their retreat in Mannar and came to the Juniorate to continue their next stage of formation under the Junior master Fr. Aniston SJ. Since the Novitiate was shifted to Kurunegala, the campus was quite empty only with the Dean and the co-workers to guard the place. The Juniorate program for the year 2021-2022 was officially inaugurated by the Provincial, Rev. Fr. Dexter Gray on 1<sup>st</sup> of July with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. And the usual classes began on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Fr. Ashley celebrated the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his priesthood on 21<sup>st</sup> of June and he treated us with a delicious cake.



Daham Sihila community went out to help our neighbors who are going through a hard time due to Covid19. With some assistance from Fr. Provincial, we helped 30 families with dry rations. Under the guidance of Fr. Superior 30 poor families who live in and around Dalugama area were given necessary dry rations and they were happy that we reached out to them when they were in need.



## DAHAM SEVANA - NOVITIATE

In the beginning of June, we started playing volley ball in the new court we made and more beauty was added to the game when the whole community played together. It helped us to grow more in love and spirit. As we started our month Fr. Master introduced some new events to the novitiate, they are: monthly self-evaluation, weakly self-evaluation in the form of thanksgiving prayer during Friday adoration and feedback session. The weakly self-evaluation is really helping us to grow in our spiritual life.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June we attended an online talk by Fr. Jerry Rosairo, SJ on the topic "Having a conscience as that of Jesus". We are grateful to Fr. Master for giving us this great opportunity.

Fr. Master started to explain to us the letter of Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach, on "Spiritual formation in the novitiate" in his classes and

he also started to conduct classes on the vows for the second years. Both classes were very profitable to us. Fr. Socius started to take some Hebrew classes apart from the English classes that he has been giving. He has started teaching us catechism also which helps us to know about the Catholic Church. Our minister Sch. Sithum is rendering selfless service to the community by providing us with everything we need even during this critical situation. We are privileged to have him in our community.



Apart from the academic and spiritual side of the novitiate we novices have been busy in field work too. The second year brothers were busy in their group project, making a lovely pond and the whole community took part in beautifying the inner compound. We planted grass there and we are still making the pathways in it. On the 13<sup>th</sup> the second year brothers journeyed to Adampan to start their annual retreat for the vows under the guidance of Fr. Emil SJ.

20<sup>th</sup> of June was again another important day for our community. The new novices were welcomed to their new home. Frs. Provincial, Thushara, Lawrence, Schs. Dinoshan, Randil, Dinesh, a few candidates and the family of one novice were present with the new novices as guests. All joined us for lunch and enjoyed the delicious food cooked by Fr. Socius and the novices. We also got some new cupboards for the novitiate from Fr. Provincial. We are grateful to Fr. Provincial who is al





ways concerned about us and provides us with whatever we need.

The following day Fr. Master went to bring back our second years and the new novices started their probation by officially entering the Society of Jesus. After the arrival of the 'would be juniors' they were accommodated in the guest rooms. After the hard work of several months with patience Bro. Jude NSJ presented an eco-friendly monstrance made by him. We have placed it in our adoration chapel, which is really bringing beauty and reverence for Jesus. We also got a new computer for the novitiate on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. On 24<sup>th</sup> night we had a farewell for our loving second year brothers Delaxan, Wishal, Jude and Bilal. It was a sad moment for us but we were also

happy that they are moving forward in their life. We shared our feelings and emotions towards them and prayed for them. We had festive supper followed by a small farewell function. They left the novitiate on 25<sup>th</sup> morning and began their Juniorate life.



Now here at Daham Sevana community we are 17 members; 7 first years and 7 second years, Bro. Minister, Fr. Socius and Fr. Master. The first years are still under probation under the guidance of the guardian angels, Gayashan and Raheel.



## BATTICALOA

### COVID19 RELIEF WORK AT ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH - DUTCH BAR



Around 56 families, HMSP Sisters and myself were quarantined on May 7th, 2020 for two weeks because there was a person found to be Covid Positive who came with us to Pullumalai on April 25th, 2021. When we were quarantined, two parishioners who are in Canada and France helped all the 56 families with dry rations. Fr. Dexter Gray, our Provincial Superior immediately messaged me about my parish community situation. He assured me of his prayers and promised to help me. I also requested him to support me financially at this critical time. Because of his financial support I could provide soap, masks and samran for nearly 100 families. The pack consisted of things worth Rs. 500.

The surprising thing was, the PCR test was taken just in front of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. The miracle was that everyone who went to Pullumalai was found negative. 109 parishioners had the PCR test, including me and the Sisters.

Though the celebration of Mass for the public was terminated from 2<sup>nd</sup> May, I continue to celebrate daily mass at the beautiful chapel and it is telecast live via FB. Every Sunday Mass is relayed by Holy Mary (Dan TV) at Ignatius Church. While I reflect about all the experience, I started to worry about the people who are daily wage earners and are struggling to put food on the table. I prepared an sms message and sent it to all my friends in Batticaloa requesting help at least for

three to five families (dry rations worth Rs. 1500 worth of dry rations). That is how I reached many families in the parish irrespective of their religion. More than my expectation some friends of mine were generous and they encouraged me to carry on my relief work with my parish team. I have provided more than 400 parcels in my place and more than 100 parcels to St. Sebastian's Parish. Dr. Nimalraj is from my parish and is now living somewhere else. I personally sent him a message and called him and asked for help. He was generous enough to give me 70 packs of nutritious food for the children. Mr. Stanislaus who lives in France and is from my parish called me and asked me to help the people of Aithiyamalai and Karadiyanaru. That was the first place I went outside my parish. I sent the same message via FB messenger to my friends who are abroad and many responded positively. They started sending me money and I reached many places and churches and helped the poor people or daily wage earners that you see in the photos.

Actually, it was God who is using me as an instrument to help the needy at this critical time of Covid19 pandemic. Thanks to the parish covid relief team who is working day and night. It is impossible for me to do it alone without their support and encouragement. I have reached more than 20 places including Ampara and Punani. If God wishes it I may move to Trinco soon. I think so far, I have given away more than 1000 parcels of dry rations to poor families. I would like to continue this work till Covid19 is over. I received nearly Rs. 6 lakhs from local friends who are abroad and a lot of dry rations from many people in Batticaloa. Still there are many more families that are in need of food. I am able to carry out this work because of the generosity of those who came forward to help me. God will surely bless them all.

Fr. T. Lawrence Loganathan SJ  
Parish Priest of St. Ignatius Church, Kallady,  
Dutch Bar.



## COVID19 RELIEF WORK AT ST. SEBASTIAN'S CHURCH

The whole country came to a halt with the lockdown, and people are undergoing innumerable struggles to make ends meet. When the lockdown was imposed, I along with a few volunteers went round to look for a few benefactors both Catholic and Hindu to provide dry rations for their sustainability during this time.

Since there were many people who are affected in various ways, we were forced to prioritize the most affected people. In view of this I called a meeting with likeminded people who helped me to sort it out. This project is all in



view of commemorating the 500 years of Ignatius conversion. Ignatius is a person who was spiritually oriented and socially committed and acted always according to the signs of the time. Since this is a Jesuit parish we too need to inculcate this quality of Inigo's acts. This is an opportunity to be active in social life and extend our support to those who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The distribution of food parcels began on 28th of May. The first category of beneficiaries were our parishioners who were well informed in advance. Each group was given time for collection in order to avoid jamming. The second set of beneficiaries, received their rations in their respective homes. Third group of beneficiaries were completely outside the parish, we called up the Parish Priests of particular areas from different places through them we have distributed some and handed over the rest to the Parish Priest.

I met the Bishop on 08 June 2021 and informed him about the COVID relief project. He appreciated it, and told me that he heard and saw it on Dan TV. Moreover he encouraged me to extend the good work to other places too. Further he

said that, "since you are doing God's work, Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink", so Fr. Richard you carry on the work without fear." He also referred me to submit all the planned projects to the EHED Director who would also give his support. I requested that we need to open the SEAT project officially, he agreed. He also told me to inform him of the date in advance of the opening ceremony.

The places we distributed the goods are as follows;  
Sebastain Parish, Sinna Urani, Puliyadikudah, Sinna Uppodai, Periya Uppodai, Amirthagali, Puliyantheevu, Paalameenmadhu, Nochimunai, Pannicheyadi, Veechukalmunai, Nawakudah, Karuvapankeni, Mamangam, Thannamunai, and Aythiyamalai.

We are planning to move into other areas as well, namely; Thirukkoil, Poththuvil, Aligame, and Vagarai.

Fr. Richard SJ  
St. Sebastian's Church - Batticaloa

## LOYOLA CANDIDATES' HOUSE (LOCH)

On 6th of June 2021, Frs. Nicholas and Ranil the newly ordained priests from the diocese of Batticaloa celebrated a thanksgiving mass at LOCH. Due to Covid19 crises, they could not celebrate their First thanksgiving masses in their home Parishes. They both are working as missionaries in Netherlands. We were happy to have the blessings of the newly ordained priests and we thanked and felicitated them for their graceful presence.

On 24th of June, Fr. James directed a Day of Recollection to Franciscan Brothers and to the children at the Assisi Home at Kurukkalmadam, Batticaloa. Seventeen people participated in it. It was a wonderful experience to promote an interreligious atmosphere, where a Muslim boy was alter-server and many Hindu boys were among the participants. The five Christian participants were leading the prayer service and were assisting in the Eucharistic celebration.





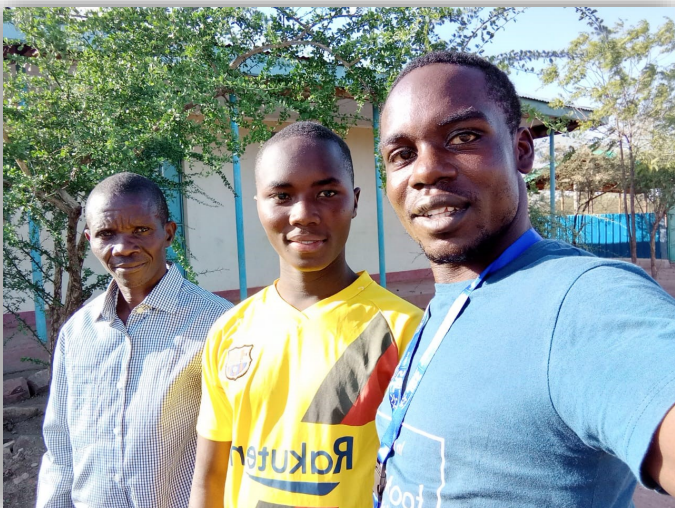
## JRS - KAKUMA



*Fr. Lasantha - JRS Kakuma, Kenya*

### **EMPOWERMENT – News from JRS Kakuma**

During the Month of June we had many activities and visitors to the JRS Projects in Kakuma. The Country Human Resource Officer, Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed, was here for HR trainings for the staff and listened to the challenges of the staff on the ground. The Regional Director, Andre Atsu



visited our activities and had the great opportunity to meet the heads of agencies and some of our collaborative partners in the field: DRC, HI, LWF and the Don Bosco Fathers. All of them attested in one voice to the qualitative change in JRS Kakuma; “We see a great difference”. JRS had the privilege to host the Unified Football games for children both with and without disabilities with the blessing of Special Olympics Kenya and strong collaboration with our Educational Partners in Kakuma & Kalobeyei. The Games were organized to celebrate the World Refugee Day and we had a short span of time to organize them with the pandemic restrictions. The Head of Agency of UNICEF of Kakuma, Ali Dualle was the chief guest. It was a great success and a boost for JRS. With the Regional Director’s visit we celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary of Fr. Bill, my beloved Jesuit companion in Kakuma. The Don Bosco community was in attendance. Bill is a GREAT Example of Service; leaving his restful academic retirement (from USA) decided to come and serve the refugee community with hard conditions.



What is the common theme that emerges in our JRS activities during the month of June? – **It is EMPOWERMENT- How is this empowerment achieved?**

Charite is one of our staff in the Inclusive Education Centre 3. His firstborn daughter, Palmedi, suffered meningitis and cerebral malaria as an infant in Congo before they fled to Kakuma as refugees. Now she is 10 years old with a high visual impairment. Several times JRS referred to various clinics for medical assessments to get the correct medical opinion of the state of her eyes. Two years ago, she had a surgery but the doctors did not give a conclusive recommendation to Charite. He was desperate. With his continuous pleading, I arranged with a visiting ophthalmologist from Eldoret to examine Palmedi. On a Monday we had an appointment in a clinic in the town and Palmedi was accompanied by her father. We were waiting for her turn. After a few minutes, Dr. Charles walked up to the visitors bench, took the hand of Palmedi and walked to the consultation room saying, “Palmedi, what do you want to become in the future?” She answered, “I want to become a Math teacher” All of a sudden Charite started crying and all in the parlor were astonished. Dr. Charles left the child in the consultation room and rushed to Charite, held his shoulder and inquired very softly, “Why are you crying?”.

Charite responded, “I do not cry because of sadness but because so much of joy in my heart”.

Then he continued, “In all of my daughter’s life, no doctor has ever spoken to her by name. No doctor has taken her for consultation by hand. I am thrilled to see how precious my daughter is”. Again he added, “I have worked for JRS so long. In my life no Project Director has ever inquired about my daughter. No Director has accompanied us to a doctor. Fr. Lasantha arranged everything for us and now is standing here with us. How precious we are?”.

Yes, Dr. Charles finally decided that there is no surgery possible but Palmedi needs to get into a Primary School with the facility for children with visual impairment. Palmedi and Charite were so happy with the final words of Dr. Charles, “She will have the eye of the mind to be a great Math Teacher”. **(Personal Accompaniment is a step for EMPOWERMENT)**

JRS was blessed and honored to host the Unified Sports under the patronage of Special Olympics Kenya to celebrate the World Refugee Day. I appointed young Victor Mbaabu our physiotherapist to be the Chairperson of the Organizing committee for the tournament. Victor had to coordinate with other educational partners: Lutheran World Federation, Fin Church Aid for school participation, UNHCR, County Department of Education, Humanity Inclusion for organization, FilmAid for media presentation, Radio Attanayece for the radio-report of the event, Peace Primary school authorities for the venue, food – transport arrangements, training of referees (virtually







from Nairobi), invitees and so many other minute details. We had the football games for two days with eight teams. There was a lot of appreciation and commendation by the guests of honor from partner agencies and especially from Dually. Indeed Victor did a wonderful job; methodically and proactively. I was so happy to see Victor from JRS shining as a leader. **(Grooming leadership is a step towards EMPOWERMENT)**

Sch. Stanislaus Kanenje SJ from AOR Province just pronounced his first vows and was on his home visit. Stan is scheduled to join Arrupe University in Harare for his studies in Philosophy.

He volunteered to visit JRS Kakuma for a week.

This is the appreciation I wrote.....

***Thank you Stanislaus .....***

***Soon after your vows as a Jesuit you were at home***

***Time to spend with your family***

***You remembered Kakuma where part of your heart lies***

***Before joining the Jesuits, you served students from the refugee camp and the host community in Kakuma as an effective teacher***

***You took time from your family to us***

***Rarely we JRS have visitors with gifts .... But....***

***You as a poor young Jesuit carried a big bag full of red-onions***

***Our JRS cooks; Anne and John always remember the gift.....***

***From the first day till you departed from JRS you were part of us***

***You asked so many questions ABOUT JRS.... But you never forgot to VISIT JRS in Action... (many only ask)***

***Stan, with great enthusiasm you visited our Centres to meet our children with disabilities, the teachers, VijanaT-waweza youth group, families***

***You even met Fred, our Burundian Boy who would love to be a Priest... and his father... Listened to Fred's aspirations and Spiritual life...***

***Oh!!!! You were so effective in Spiritual Conversation (Surely St. Ignatius will be so proud)***

***You had time to energize the PMS children in Kakuma Host Community Parish with songs***

***You enjoyed the company of JRS staff as a small brother to them.... Made them laugh***

***You listened to Fr. Bill as a grandchild .... Ears and Eyes open for WISDOM***

***You were constantly observing my active steps ... one day to be a Jesuit JRS Project Director in Kakuma.....***

***Thank you, Stan.... JRS appreciates your visit and presence Pray for us.... We too pray for you... to be a companion of Jesus who is still crucified....***

***(Appreciation is another step of EMPOWERMENT)***

## REMINISCENCES ..... !

Fr. Peter Kurukula Aratchi

Fr. Anton Weerasinghe



Frs. Anton Weerasinghe and Peter Kurukula Aratchi have been together through many years. Anton was seven weeks ahead of Peter by birth; Peter was senior in the Society by three years. But they were formed by the same Master of Novices. For most stages of their formation they were together in Pune - Philosophy, Galle - Regency, and Manila - Theology and specialization.

Upon their return to the island Anton got busy with Media apostolate. He produced the Catholic Half Hour over Radio Ceylon, reflections and articles in the newspapers, until he was picked by Bishop Oswald Gomis to inaugurate the South Asian services at the Radio Veritas. Returning from Manila, he taught media at St Xavier's College, Mumbai. Then he took up the South Asian broadcasting services of Radio Vatican. Thus, many had heard him over the air. Besides, he also served as the secretary to the South Asian Assistant of the Jesuits, Socius to the Provincial and chaplain to Sri Lankan ex-patriates in Naples. He has many compositions

in liturgical music to his credit and the setting of Gitanjali into Sinhala music.

Fr. Peter joined Fr. Stefanizzi for rural development at Dehiowita. He approached the little people in the villages and tried to bring up their lives with little projects. His contact were at a lower smaller level. For many years he was involved with people of Trincomalee, Nilaveli, China bay, Kantale, Gantalawa and the Sugar Factory. As a member of the local peace committee he worked much for reconciling different races, cultural and religious groups. He was a well recognized citizen of a town where all three races were equally represented.

He kept in touch with the Alumni of St Aloysius' College Galle as the Jesuit in Attendance. He was involved with their families and lives as a mentor. A similar service he rendered to the diocesan priests and the religious of Kandy. Besides he also served as Provincial of Sri Lanka.

Fr. Baylon Perera SJ





## Peter Krukula Aaratchi SJ

### Remembered in the context of three other Petrine encounters

By Aloysius Pieris SJ

Peter K was one of four Jesuits ---the other three being Basil Silva, Lourdu Daniel (both RIP) and the present writer--- who were drawn to the Ignatian family already in their teens thanks to their providential acquaintance with the visibly saintly and warmly human Jesuits who staffed the Papal Seminary in Ampitiya (Kandy), particularly the mystic mentor, Fr. Michael de Give SJ, who later joined the Cistercian Contemplatives and continued to guide Peter and me spiritually through letters.

Add to this the name of another humble and holy Jesuit, Fr. Peter de Silva, the venerable Parish Priest of Ampitiya and a relative of Peter K from the paternal side. This Peter, too, obeyed the Master's mandate, "Feed my sheep, feed my lambs" and undertook arduous missionary journeys to remote hilly places to shepherd the flock scattered in the diaspora. I was not yet in my teens when I received his call to join him in those apostolic ventures. I rejoiced when I came to know later that (after I had left Ampitiya to join the minor seminary in Galle) Peter K had succeeded me in assisting this same Fr. Peter de Silva in his ministry to the souls dispersed in the peripheries. This Peter, the apostle, had kindled in our hearts a spark of pastoral fervor when we were just 12 ---the age when Jesus "got lost" in His Father's business.

It is, nevertheless, surprisingly true that Peter K and I have never been contemporaries during our Jesuit formation. The first real encounter was in Manila in 1973 the year I started giving annual lectures at the East Asian Pastoral Institute. He was there in Manila doing further studies after finishing theology. He took me for a lunch to a restaurant where we had a long chat for the first time. I never really met him at close quarters since then ..... until he became my Provincial Superior in 1992.

#### **Sensitivity towards the Poor**

Peter K's success in uplifting the poor without making them perpetual beggars is now a legend. No wonder he had a soft corner for Sr. Greta's

Centre for the Education of Hearing Impaired Children (CEHIC) which Tulana helped to set up with the knowledge of Sr. Greta's then Superior General. Here the hearing-impaired children receive auditory-verbal training which enable them to enter the normal stream of education, some even graduating from universities. Knowing it was a time-consuming, energy-consuming and money-consuming process of education, which is nevertheless given free of charge, Peter K arranged for CEHIC to receive regular financial contributions during his tenure as the Jesuit Provincial.

At the CEHIC's silver jubilee mass celebrated at the Dalugma church, Peter K stood at the altar on my left side with the Oblate Provincial Fr. Clement Waidyasekara on my right, joined also by the former Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Anton Pieris. If Peter K appreciated this apostolate so much, it was because **those whom St Ignatius identified as *rudes ac pueros (poor rural children)* are given free education as the same St Ignatius had ordained.** For education is a human right; to charge fees for it is a violation of natural justice. After all Peter K and I had our early education in the one and only non-fee-levying school in our country, a Jesuit run educational institute in which his father had served as the Principal (as did my Father earlier). How can we forget that experience?

And Fr. Pedro Arrupe, that other Peter of holy memory, made that Ignatian policy of "free education" quite clear to our Province when he sent Fr. Emil Pin to conduct a Province Discernment about our schools.

I steal this opportunity from the readers to parenthesize here that this same Pedro tolerated my intrusion into the Generalate demanding an emergency appointment to discuss the case of a misunderstood and misjudged Jesuit. Availability (his word for obedience) was a distinct quality in him; for he attended to the matter immediately, made inquiries over the phone in my presence and instructed relevant parties how to proceed with the case.

It was again this same Peter..... a Basque like Ignatius..... who commissioned me (through the then Provincial Bill Moran) to serve the international academy as an Indologist-cum-Theologian and also provided (through another Provincial, Tom Kuriacose) the money required to buy the property on which Tulana, our Apostolic Centre is located today. For me, as for many, he was Peter the Great; soon he will be called Peter the Saint.

### **Peter K as my Provincial**

Just one episode, to begin with. After I constructed the Western Wing of the Tulana building complex with money generously provided by various donors, I still had a deficit of about Rd 200,000/= and I casually mentioned it to Peter K who was the Provincial and asked whether I could borrow that money from the Province promising to pay the debt later; and the money was in the Tulana Bank account within a day! But when I thanked him with the promise to repay it in course of time, he simply reminded me that the Province had an obligation to support Tulana and rejected my offer to reimburse the money as something improper for Jesuit superiors to expect or demand from me.

Now there is a fourth Peter in the picture. Peter K Senior (Peter Hans Kolvenbach), who was also very supportive of our work in Tulana, and had great admiration for and confidence in Peter K Junior when the latter was our provincial. I wonder how many know this. I recall how our Peter K conveyed to me that the other Peter K (Fr. General, of course) was appreciative of the stand I took in the Press when John Paul II's howler about Buddhism was publicized during his visit to Sri Lanka; for the Vatican Secretariat for non-Christians was allegedly embarrassed by the Pope's unfounded and unfair criticism of Buddhism; it violated the norms of dialogue recommended by that secretariat, with which Fr. Kolvenbach (who had been a missionary in Lebanon, a Muslim country) was very much associated as a consultant. We have in our archives a letter which I received from the Jesuit Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini regretting that he was not in time to intervene in the matter as my appeal reached him after the Pope had returned to the Vatican. Those were days of airmails, not emails!

Thus the message Peter K Senior conveyed through Peter K Junior brought a load of consola-

tion to me since some locals (including a Jesuit) who did not have this background knowledge to understand my action, severely condemned me as a traitor.

In one solitary instance, however, Peter K Senior expressed his uneasiness to Peter K Junior and it was about an interview I had given to a prestigious European Journal. He asked Peter K Junior to persuade me to do something about it out of love for the Society of Jesus. It was a 'distress call' referring to my contribution to a worldwide debate on the unjust condemnation of Fr. Tissa Balasuriya. Here below is a highly condensed version of the episode.

This General's communication to his namesake in Sri Lanka hinted at a threat to the Society of Jesus from powers that be unless I retracted my assertion. Our Peter K simply forwarded to me the General's letter without comment, trusting in my discretion. And I did not disappoint him. I gave Fr. General carte blanche allowing him to write anything in my name -with the proviso that I am ready to substantiate theologically what I stated. As a specialist in linguistics Peter K Senior knew the art of appeasing enemies without compromising the truth. I have recorded this episode elsewhere in great detail as it revealed an Ignatian finesse in Peter K Senior's mode of government; a charism which Peter K Junior had also imbibed.

This same Jesuit General (the fourth Peter in our list) arranged for me to have a very long private conversation with him (during one of my many visits to Europe) and it was followed by lunch at a separate table only with him and the Assistant, Fr. Michael Amaladoss, who it was that organized that event. That day during my long private chat with Fr. Peter K Senior I came to realize the fraternal concern that prompted him to send me that red signal through Peter K Junior. The consolation I experienced was uplifting and I felt deeply loved and appreciated.

I have very fond memories of all the four Peters, memories drenched with gratitude. Their nearness to me was empowering no doubt; but Peter K Junior's nearness to me was also consanguine as his maternal grandmother was my Father's sister; and his mother, therefore, was a first cousin of mine. He was my nephew though only five years younger to me.



# The Covid-19 Hurdle

Think of the waves of the sea. The waves constantly hit the shore, trying to conquer the land. Each time the waves, big or small, dash upon the surface, it emits unwanted matter from the depth of the sea and cleans some part of the face of the shore. The new Corona virus pandemic has been behaving and having an effect like that of a sea. The pandemic has had a number of waves, each proving to be fatal, and deadlier than the other. The phenomenon of evolution forms each Covid-19 variant, a hurdle, seemingly an unfathomable jump for the innocent victims.

When the claws of the pandemic clasped the life of the Jesuit community, at Lewella, Kandy, the surge of fear, anxiety and worry engulfed us. It seemed the dark clouds of catastrophe had overshadowed us. Those were the days, where we more and more succumbed to the ways of the Lord. In solitude we began to encounter our Lord, who no matter what, never leaves. In fact our trust in God the Emmanuel, became a vital aspect of a tangible experience. What follows will be tiny fragments of the vast sea of experiences, the rough Covid-19 waves one has encountered and survived. I hope this sharing will uplift our spirit to surrender to the constant presence of the Lord and to keep our eyes on Him, all the days of our lives.

I was taken to Kandy hospital suspecting Covid-19 on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. On the same day evening they took a *RT-PCR* test. After the test result, the medical officer informed me that I am Covid-19 virus positive and transferred me to the restricted Covid-19 ward. 'The doctor asked me whether I had any symptoms such as cough, anorexia, diarrhea, throat pain or abdominal pain. I said I had throat pain for the last few days and now I am recovering from it. They started medication immediately.

I was there at that ward for three days and on the third day evening after the doctor's inspection, a nurse told me that they would transfer me to Akurana base hospital. So it happened. At Akurana hospital, the nurses told me this place is meant for those who are recovering from Covid-

19. So, I stayed at Akurana for another three days and on the third day I was discharged from the hospital and Bro. Lalith brought me back to Lewella. It was on 21<sup>st</sup> of May. Then, I heard that Fr. Angelo was also found Covid positive and subsequently taken to the hospital. After a couple of days, he recovered and got back home. I really appreciate the support given by Brothers Lalith, Patrick, Francis, Fr. Sanjeeva and Mr. Sylvester who is serving the community at Lewella. Moreover, they all attended tirelessly to take care of various needs of two fathers (Peter K and Anton W) who were also discharged from the hospital. Especially, Fr. Anton who couldn't even move an inch without being supported by two or three persons at a time. The community members at Lewella were good Samaritans in all respects. "There is no greater love than this: that a person would lay down his life for the sake of his friends".

As a matter of fact, the most painful and agonizing experiences of life are the very key stones that elevate us to be our best versions. During a time of ease, like the ebb of the Sea, life can be placid and docile. Hard times, in my opinion, cause us to go deep. Irrespective of what status we possess, life is terminal. No matter how long we get to live, we are all headed for the same end. When you realize that before you know it, we will all be dust and in some cases, ashes (I think of Frs. Anton W and Peter K), and the things that currently limit you (fear, disappointment and frustration) just fall away. In the same way, you will discover that it is time to arise and shine and be a light in a world with far too much darkness as is now.

This whole episode for me was a miracle. I experienced fear of death and anxiety. It was no less than the resurrection experience of Easter. As my body became weaker and weaker, I felt only Jesus can help me and strengthen me. And He did it. I also received information that many were praying for me. I really thank them. The prayers were pillars of strength. I felt that God hears the cry and the plea of His people in anguish always. Further, what I saw in the Covid wards was really pathetic. The patients have to suffer all day

long and no visitors are allowed. In fact, the patients themselves helped one another. It was like the first community of the believers. Moreover, the loneliness was thrashing every soul. Even the Medical staff is really busy and doing their best to give medicine and administer oxygen for the needy. Many patients had been suffering from a kind of suffocation and inability to breath normally. We all, at the Covid-19 ward came to a deeper appreciation of the air, the oxygen we

breathe. Later, I understood that the hurdle that everyone had to jump was not so much of being sick, but the social stigma, the phobia of the Virus that could snap one's life in a fraction of a second. Eventually, for me, it was a far greater appreciation of the gift of life that God has given. Well, at my age a hurdle jump seems to be impossible, yet, with God, everything is possible.

**Fr. Stephen Perera SJ**

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## REMEMBERING OUR BROTHERS GONE BEFORE US

**Rev. Fr. Carmelo Iannaccone, S.J.  
True Missionary and Witness of Christ  
(07.01.1915 - 11.07.2002)**



Rev. Fr. Carmelo Iannaccone, the indefatigable Italian Jesuit Missionary, who came to Sri Lanka in the late 1930s and served in many parishes of

the Galle and Kandy Dioceses was called by God to his eternal reward on 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2002 at the age of 87 and was laid to rest at Lewella, Kandy two days later.

Born to an affluent family in Avellino, near Naples in Italy. on 7<sup>th</sup> of April 1915, he joined the Jesuit Congregation at the age of 15 and then came to Ceylon to continue his seminary studies. He was ordained a Priest at the Galle Cathedral by the late Bishop Joseph Van Reeth, S.J., on 21<sup>st</sup> of November 1943. He was the last Mission Superior of Galle. He had to step down as Mission Superior when the two Missions became a Vice province in 1962 and Fr. Emmanuel Crowther was appointed the first Provincial of Sri Lanka Vice Province. Fr. Iannaccone served in several parishes of the Galle and Kandy Dioceses until 1992 with much commitment and love. He never rested.

One could describe him as a workaholic who toiled joyfully and willingly to make others experience the love of Jesus. Fr. Iannaccone was an ardent lover of the poor irrespective of their religion. He lived an exemplary life of witnessing to the love of Christ. He used all his wealth and funds collected from his friends and family members in Italy to uplift the living conditions of the



poor and the downtrodden, irrespective of their creed or race.

Fr. Iannaccone was a man with a vision who made sure that his dreams became a reality. The well-known **Fatima Retreat House** at Lewella, Kandy is his brain child which was built in 1950 when he was the Superior of the Galle mission. Numerous are the projects he carried out in various parishes where he served. The projects he carried out at Nawalapitiya, which was the last parish he served are worth mentioning.

After the ethnic riots of 1983, he built houses with donations received from Rev. Fr. Giuseppe Jasso and parishioners of Mercogliano, settled 60 families belonging to different ethnic/religious groups (Sinhala, Tamil, Muslim, Buddhist and Christian) and aptly named his multi-ethnic, multi religious village "*Samagi Gama*". (**PEACE VILLAGE**) Through "*Samagi Gama*", he wanted to show the world that we can live as one Nation, in spite of religious and ethnic diversity.

Later, he built houses for 20 poor families at Irudayapuram. In addition to the housing projects, he also started a scholarship fund to help poor children to continue their education, by requesting his many relatives and friends to sponsor the needy families. One of his main ambitions was to help boys from poor families who have failed the G.C.E Ord. Level. Examination (school dropouts).

He was dreaming of starting an orphanage for the poor boys (school dropouts) of the town where such boys could get shelter, love and care coupled with sound, over all training in technical education, such as motor mechanism, air conditioning, electrical wiring and also computer studies, that would ultimately help them to be fully employed. This idea eventually was transformed into boys' town, which has now emerged into Cholankanda Youth Training Center.

While serving at the Nawalaitiya Parish he identified a block of abandoned land from a tea estate at Cholankanda, and after relinquishing his duties as Parish Priest, commenced the construction of the Boys' Town in 1993. This gigantic project was started when he was 78 years of age and was completed in 1998, mainly from the financial assistance he received from his family and

friends in Italy. The motto of the Boys' town was, "**AB IMO AD ASTRA**". The motto of the Centre has four separate words: **Ab (from) Imo (depths) ad (to) astra (stars)**; (from the depths to the stars) is a true reflection of the dream for the school drop outs. Today, the Cholankanda Youth Training Center - CYTC helps hundreds of students from poor families. It stands as a great monument to the dedicated life of a true Christian Missionary who spent more than 60 years of his life in Sri Lanka.

Despite reaching the age of 85, even with failing health he wanted to continue his work at the CYTC, but in the year 2000 he was transferred to Van Reeth Memorial Home for the Aged in Galle where he was looked after by the sisters of Charity. Having been an indefatigable worker for nearly seven decades he used to often ask "*Why am I in the Home for the Aged? I can still do something for the Church*".

The Sisters of Charity looked after him with much love until the morning of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2002, when he breathed his last peacefully to join in heaven his Lord and Savior whom he served so joyfully, willingly and untiringly. After a touching service at the Galle Cathedral on the following day, his mortal remains were brought to CYTC, Cholankanda, Nawalapitiya, where several grateful people paid their last respects to a foreigner who made Sri Lanka his home and worked zealously to bring peace and joy to thousands of poor people.

On 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2002, after the offering of Holy Mass presided over by Rev. Fr. Baylon Perera, Provincial of the Jesuits, his remains were interred at the Jesuit Cemetery Lewella, Kandy, in the presence of a very large gathering of priests, Seminarians, reverend sisters and brothers, friends and beneficiaries.

We thank God for the exemplary life of Fr. Carmelo Iannaccone a true missionary, lover of the poor and down trodden and true witness of Jesus Christ and His Gospel message of love, compassion and service.

Angelo Ponniah, S.J.

## **Bishop Charles Lavingne, S.J.**

**06.01.1840 - 11.07.1923**

### **First Jesuit Bishop of Trincomalee Diocese**

Charles Lavingne was born at Mervejols (Lozere-France) on 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1840. He studied in Mende, in one of the first Colleges established by the Jesuits after the 1850 law, allowing freedom of Education. He then studied at the Seminary conducted by the Jesuits in the same city. After ordination in 1864 he taught for a while in Langone before he entered the Society of Jesus on 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1866. His intellectual gifts, his talents for science, and his astonishing memory were greatly admired during the eleven years he taught at the Minor Seminary Mountauban, at the College 'Cauousou' in Toulouse. In 1881 he was called to Rome to be the Secretary to the French Assistant, and then to Very Rev. Fr. P. Beckx, Superior General. When Fr. Beckx turned the Government of the Society of Jesus over to a Vicar General, Fr. Anderledy, Fr. Lavingne remained with Fr. Beckx as his personal secretary and devoted confidant.

On the death of Fr. Beckx (1887), Pope Leo XIII, appointed Fr. Lavingne, the Titular Bishop of Milavius, and vicar - apostolic of Kottayam (Kerala, south India) with an explicit purpose of forming the local Clergy of the Syrian rite and preparing them to take over the Diocese. He was sent to work immediately, promoting Catholic Education, fostering religious life for men and women. (He founded two Congregations for women); the reunion of the Syrian Orthodox; the conversion of non-Christians (20 Catechumens). Above all he paid special attention by raising the standard of the Clergy. Having prepared his own successor, he resigned from his office in October 1895.

Bishop Lavingne was the appointed Coadjutor to the Bishop Jean-Baptiste Cazet in Mad-



agascar, but the French Government opposed his nomination. On 27<sup>th</sup> of August 1898 he was appointed Bishop of the newly erected Diocese of Trincomalee (Ceylon) which in 1895 was entrusted to the Jesuits of the Province of Champagne. In mid-January Bishop Lavingne came over to Batticaloa, his place of permanent residence.

Though nearly 60 years of age he took over the diocese and built it up with great vision and vigor. Soon after the new Bishop got started to acquaint himself regarding the condition of the Diocese. He first listened to what his Fathers (Jesuits) on the spot, had to say. "Many of the Fathers were not quite



pleased about the presence and activities of the Wesleyans Mission in the District, and narrated some of their bitter experiences with the Wesleyans, some of them even considered them as their bitter enemies. Bishop Lavinge made his own investigation and drew up his own conclusions and priorities. He found it too unchristian to brand the Wesleyans or for that matter any men or women as enemies.

In this he was very much influenced in his dealings with other Christians in Malabar and realized the need and importance for cultivating friendly relations with other Christians. The bishop then began to admonish the fathers for a change of attitude, of tolerance towards other Christians.

Secondly, the Bishop concluded that the root cause for all these problems with our flock was due to ignorance of Faith hence he himself began to organize meetings and public lectures in English on dogmatic, scriptural and historical questions, and he himself delivered many of the lectures.

Having learnt Malayalam in India he found it easy to learn a sister Language Tamil, spoken by most of the people of his Diocese. To raise the standard of religious knowledge and depth of the Catholics, he himself preached and lectured regularly in the local language. He fostered education, helping the Jesuit Fathers to open schools for boys and inviting the sisters of Cluny from India to open schools for girls. He fostered cordial relations with the Wesleyans, who in the work of evangelization, were ahead of the Catholic territory of the Diocese of Trincomalee.

The bishop in his desire to foster indigenous vocations to the Priesthood, on 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1902, started St. Charles Minor Seminary, in Batticaloa, with three students. The bishop himself set the rules and timetable for these seminarians and placed them under the care of the Parish Priest- Batticaloa. Besides he, himself taught them Latin.

It had been the dream of the bishop, that Batticaloa should have a school second to none. This dream and expectation began to show fulfillment when on 16<sup>th</sup> of July 1912, Sir Henry McCullum, the then Governor of Ceylon, laid the foundation, for the new St. Michael's College. In 1913 a new Science Lab was added, but unfortunately, before the construction of the proposed St. Michael's College could be completed, Bishop Lavinge was called to rest in the Lord on 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1913, while in France.

He celebrated his Episcopal Silver Jubilee on 10<sup>th</sup> of November 1912. Pontifical High Mass was presided over by His Lordship at 7.00 am. At 9.30 am, at the Bishop's House, the Papal Brief appointing Dr. Lavinge, Domestic Prelate to His Holiness Pope Pius X and Roman Count was read out: the Committee of the Jubilee Celebration presented his Lordship with a valuable pectoral Cross and a chain in Gold on behalf of the Catholic Community. The Superior General of the Society of Jesus recalled the works of zeal of Dr. Lavinge and his constant kindness to the members of the Order. Having gone to Europe for the *Ad Limina* visit, he died at Montpellier (France) on 11<sup>th</sup> of July 1913.

Fr. Lange reports that his death was a personal loss to every soul in the Eastern Province, to the Clergy, Priests, Sisters and Brothers. Bishop Lavinge has been a true father, wise, strong, gentle and affectionate. He was an elder brother to his Priests, never standing on ceremonies. He was not merely interested in their problems, but made them very much his own and while never making the slightest move to interfere or impose his own solutions, he was a tower of strength in every crisis, great or small.

Angelo Ponniah SJ

# REMEMBRANCES

## JULY

07/1919	Fr. Paul Cooreman	56/37
07/2013	Fr. Thomas Kuriacose	93/69
11/2002	Fr. Carmelo Iannacone	87/72
11/1913	Bp. Charles Lavigne	73/47
13/2018	Fr. Nilan Fernando	35/13
14/1988	Fr. George Raywood	74/55
18/2001	Fr. Pio Ciampa	74/60
19/1996	Fr. Richard Pieris	66/37
20/1903	Fr. Louis Biendine	41/18
22/1945	Fr. Charles Bonnel	87/67
24/1974	Fr. Salvador Pezza	75/61
26/1917	Fr. Peter D'Herde	63/41

# MANY HAPPY RETURNS

## JULY

01/1972	Mariyathas Thambiaiah
02/1976	Elil Rajan Rajendram
09/1958	Jeyaraj Rasiah
11/1985	Rajitha Sudarshan Waas
23/1996	Dilaxsan Pius
26/1959	Sebastian Thevarasa
27/1961	Gabriel Alfreds
29/1996	Delaxan Peter
30/1987	Masilamany Solomonraj

## AUGUST

01/1939	Peter Kurukula Aratchi
08/1978	Lawrence Loganathan
09/1998	Dinesh Arulanandam
17/1983	Thiranjala Weerasinghe
18/1973	Sumeth Perera
19/1989	Arulseeelan Manoharan
20/1998	Aman Aslam
25/1965	Kamal Andradi

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