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FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I still remember my visit some years ago to a replica of the Auschwitz concentration camp in Dachau, Germany, Please note that it was the most dreaded Nazi concentration camp. There was a powerful replica of an emaciated person along with these words: "In memory of the dead and a warning to the living." Daily reports bringing vivid images of funeral pyres and the lined up bodies of the dead waiting for their turn make me wonder if we have failed to read the warning signals. The old saying has truth in it: "God always forgives, we forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives." The tragedy of Covid-19 repeats the call for conversion, both personal and structural. Does it not resonate with the call of the Ignatian Year? As we are all set to open the Ignatian year this month, Fr General insightfully reminds us to learn from the wounds of St Ignatius. Our hearts need to become stronger than the wounds. May the celebration of the Ignatian Year be a time for conversion and renewal.

E.P. Mathew, SI

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PROVINCE CONGREGATION 2021

Fr Provincial has convoked the Province Congregation 2021 to begin at 6 pm on 14 October 2021 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode. He has already posted a letter to all eligible members of the Province with the guidelines, lists of active voice and passive voice and ballot paper. The Province Congregation is likely to conclude by 18 October.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

IGNATIAN YEAR PRAYER EVENT

General Curia in Rome informs that a prayer event for the Ignatian Year will be held on 23 May 2021 (Pentecost Sunday). Indian time 11.30 am. You are welcome to join in

LEFT THE SOCIETY

Sharath Nellinilkumthadathil left the Society on 21 April 2021.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

SARVODAYA, EACHOME

We in Wayanad received some good showers as a relief in this summer season. Sarvodaya gave a warm send off on 31 March to **Fr Wilson Puthussery** who has served as Manager of the school for the past one year. He left for Kanjirapally on April 15th evening to take up his new mission at AKJM School. **Fr Dominic Madathaniyil** took charge as the new Manager of Sarvodaya on the same day. Sr Mary John FCC who served as a teacher in the School for the last 29 years was given a simple and meaningful farewell. An ST Camp for the SSLC and Plus Two students were well organized and monitored by the school staff in collaboration with TUDI. The Wayanad Jesuits came together with **Fr Provincial** on 10 April for a Planning Meeting on our Mission in Wayanad. All

the community members including the newly assigned ones participated. **Fr Anil Kochumethikalam** gave one-month Spiritual Exercises to five novices of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Congregation at Kanjoor in March-April.

Anil Kochumethikalam

SAMEEKSHA, KALADY

Fr Xavier Tharamel organised a webinar `Significance of Ignatian Spirituality for South Asia' with Fr George Pattery as the main speaker. Frs Sebastian Painadath and Xavier Tharamel attended Indian Theological Association (ITA) webinar from 25 to 27. As part of the Dharmasameeksha series in April Sri Rajeev gave a talk on Agamananda Swam, who was prominent in the spiritual and social fields of Kerala in 1940s and 50s. The community had a fruitful faith-sharing session after Easter. We, together with the Atmamitra staff, were privileged to commemorate the gift of life of Fr Toby. The Atmamitra summer programmes got cancelled due to the covid restrictions. The community gave an affectionate send-off to Sch Ivin Tomy who was with us for past several months. He left for Loyola, Trivandrum, to take up his internship. Deacons Lijo and **Steevensen** are busy with the preparations for the final comprehensive exam in theology.

Steevensen

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

During a concelebrated mass on 17th April, Fr Joseph Kallepallil assumed charge as Superior of St Michael's community. Fr Dominic Madathaniyil had a long stint of 7 years here as superior, manager of the school, and director of the pre-primary section. Apart from the initial hiccups, he had a smooth sailing here. All the stakeholders - the students, teachers, parents, the O.B.A - gave him an affectionate send off. On 19th April, all the teachers had a two hour session with him. They were vying with each other in showering encomiums on their mentor and manager. He left for the greener pasture of S.M Farm on 20th April accompanied by the community and some members of the staff. He has left an indelible mark on St Michael's as a solicitous guide and an able administrator.

Fr Joseph Kallepallil reached here on 8th April in the company of the staff of Loyola, Mukundara. This long trip offered them an opportunity to have firsthand experience of the hospitality of the people of N. Kerala. **Fr T.M Joseph**, after spending four years, left

for Edathuva on 11th April. **Fr Joseph Edassery**, who has crossed his 80th birthday last January, landed at St. Michael's on 18th April accompanied by **Fr Philip** and **Fr Ramlat**. He has joined the rank and file of the veteran Jesuits whose virtual assignment is "spiritual ministry". **Fr Bastin** and **Sch Jaison** are at Pattuvam Illam, holding the fort in the absence of **Fr Rajesh** who is convalescing after a surgery at Nirmala hospital. St Michael's O.B.A. annual general body meeting was held on 11th April. Plus Two and SSLC exams went on smoothly and these days online admission procedures are being followed for the 1st standard admission.

Joseph Edasserry

LUMEN-JYOTHIS, KOCHI

The community bid farewell to **Fr Roy Thottathil** on his transfer to Santhinilayam, Kottayam. He was here for more than a decade and served the mission in various capacities – as Superior, Editor of Ezhuthu magazine, Director of Arnos Padiri Academy, etc. We wish him many more years of fruitful service in His vineyard. May the good Lord bless you, Fr Roy, in abundance!!!

On 24 April, Lumen-Jyothis Hall was host to the Kochi Corporation's vaccination drive where 250 persons in and around Ponoth Road took the jab under the able leadership of our Ward Member. They have promised one more day of vaccination that had to be postponed because the area became containment zone. **Fr Sheise** guided the Oblate Sisters of Sacred Heart, Chullimanoor, through an Ignation retreat.

Devassy

AKIM/SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPPALLY

The Easter celebration of the community was combined with the diamond jubilee celebration of Fr P.T Joseph, with an enriching sharing followed by a sumptuous Easter Dinner. Because of the rising number of Covid cases, the regular Mass for outsiders was suspended. Fr Jose Jacob and **Jose Kadankavil** rejoined the community. Schs Rosan and Nikhil were here for a day on their way to Shembaganur for Pre-ordination Programme (POP). **Schs Dileep** and **Albin**, after four months of stay at Samanyaya Jesuit House, completed their Semester exams and left for Calicut for their summer programmes. Fr Antu Xavier moved to the Samanvaya community while Frs Wilson Puthussery and Linto Kanichai have joined the school community. Fr Wilson is the new minister of the house and Fr Linto is the new Vice Principal of the school. The SSLC students and Plus two students have successfully completed their exams.

The Centre for Ignatian Spirituality is organizing a webinar on the topic 'Syrian Tradition and Spirituality' in honour of **Fr John Vattanky** on Saturday 8 May 2021 at 6.00 p.m. **Prof. Sebastian Brock**, Oxford University, **Bishop Elevanal**, Chairman Syrian Central Liturgical Commission, **Bishop Jose Pulickal**, Kanjirappally Diocese, **Fr Jiji Joseph Puthuveetilkalam**, Oxford University are the resource persons. The link and further details will be sent later.

Albin

LOYOLA, POOVAR

Our Jesuit novices from Loyola, Aluva - David Mathew, Charis Xavier and Thomas Philip - were with us for one month as part of their socio-pastoral experiment. They were actively helping out in the Poovar parish and were part of a youth group in conducting a summer camp for about 75 students for 18 days. We thank them for their service. Fr Sony Thazhathel was coordinating everything meticulously with the help of a youth group of Poovar. Our College was closed for the summer vacation after completing the syllabus for the academic year. Our Novices, along with Frs Sony and Binu, had a beautiful and memorable experience of going out to the sea and getting a firsthand experience of fishing in the sea.

Binu Kaduthalakunnel

ST MARY'S SCHOOL, JAMPUIJALA

In the beginning of the month, soon after Easter, **Sch Dijin Jose** left for the Province. The teachers and the students expressed their gratitude. He had been a great help both in the school and in the hostel. Thank you very much, Dijin. We began our new academic year on April 12th with two days of orientation for the teachers by Fr Pradeep W.K. from Kohima region. On 15th we opened our school and the hostel with great enthusiasm and Fr Pradeep was our chief guest of the day. We had our regular classes and it went on for a week but the corona virus began affecting the state and we were asked to switch over to online classes. Now it is slowly picking up. Fr Joti from Culcutta Province, was with us for some days to get acquinted with the Tripura situation and our work here.

Babu Paul

IGNATIAN YEAR CELEBRATION IN THE PROVINCE

Province-level preparation for the Ignatian Year celebrations has been progressing. The following are the highlights:

Inauguration of the Ignatian Year Programmes:

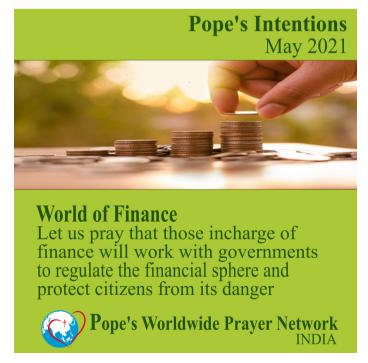
Given the Covid conditions, the inauguration of the Ignatian Year programmes at the Province level will be held online on 20 May 2021. The details will be sent to everyone a week in advance. All are requested to join the programme without fail.

Ignatian talk series lasting one year: This is meant for Jesuits and Jesuit collaborators, and was was planned in collaboration with the Service of Faith team of the Province. The first talk was organised on 7 March, 2021 with the theme "Lent: A Call to Conversion". The talk was given by Fr Francis Pudhicherry, SJ, HOD of Spirituality at JD, Pune, and it focused on St Ignatius' conversion and its implications for us today. The second talk, "Significance of the Spiritual Exercises in South Asia: Preparing for Ignatian Year", was delivered by Fr George Pattery on 21 April. It was attended by Jesuits and collaborators from India and abroad.

Workshops on the Ignatian Spirituality: Two workshops have been planned, one in August and another in December 2021. These will be organised in collaboration with the Ignatian team and the Psycho-Spiritual commission.

For the Kerala State CLC (Christian Life Communities):

A one-year online training programme in the Ignatian Spirituality. The Ignatian Team, in collaboration with the commission for PWPN and EYM, is organizing it. Three programmes have already been conducted. The first was inaugurated by Cardinal Mar George Alencherry, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, on14 February,



2021. **Fr Prince Clarence** and Bro Giby Joseph, the EYM coordinator in India, introduced Ignatian Spirituality to the group. The second training programme took place on 13th March and Rt. Rev. Dr. James Anaparambil, the bishop of Alleppey, delivered the keynote address. **Fr Deepak Edattu** gave a talk on "discernment of Spirits" which was appreciated by the participants. The third training programme was on 13 April, and Mar Pauly Kannookadan, Bishop of Iringalakuda, gave a message to the CLC youth. The next training is scheduled for 12 May.

Videos on different Ignatian themes: A series of videos on Ignatian themes have been prepared in Malayalam for the general public. It was done in collaboration with the Province media commission and Province Development Directorate, and will be launched in June 2021.

19th annotation retreat programme: The Ignatian team has planned a year-long 19th annotation retreat programme for those interested.

Retreat for CLC Youth: Three retreats are planned for the Kerala State CLC youth - in June, September and December 2021.

The Ignatian Year team kindly requests all Jesuit communities, institutions and other apostolic centres to plan and organize appropriate Ignatian Year programmes in their respective places.

Ignatian Year Team

OURS IN MEDIA

Fr Thomas Karimundackal, "Mk 7:24-30: An Inclusive, Liberative Paradigm for the Church's Mission," *Ishvani, International Journal of Mission Studies*, Vol. 1, No.1, January-June 2021, 32-47.

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Phillip Crotty (HAZ), 89/71 on 06.04. 2021 in Sydney, Australia.

Fr Varghese Paul Chollamadam (GUJ), 77/56

on 10.04.2021 at Vadodara.

Fr John Joseph Amaladoss (AND), 75/58 on 14.04.2021 at Guntur.

Fr Jesuraj Arputham (GUJ), 60/39 on 16.04.2021 at Dindigul.

Fr Erwin Lazarado (GUJ), 58/37 on 17.04.2021 at Vadodara.

Fr Jerry Sequeira (GUJ), 73/54 on 18.04.2021 at Ahmedabad.

Fr Sylvester Kerketta (DUM), 62/42 on 18.04.2021 at Dakaita, Jharkhand.

Fr Francis Guntipilly (KAR), 72/54 on 18.04.2021 in Bengaluru.

Fr George Karamayil (PAT), 75/53 on 21.04.2021 at Patna.

Fr Praveen Hrudayaraj (KAR), 41/22 on 22.04.2021 in Bengaluru.

Fr Panoor C. Joseph (MDU), 85/66 on 22.04.2021 at Dindigul.

Fr Srinivasan T. Joseph (MDU), 89/69 on 22.04.2021 at Dindigul.

Fr Severius Ekka (RAN), 82/60 on 22.04.2021 at Mandar.

Br Clestus Baxla (MAP), 53/30 on 24.04.2021 at Ranchi.

Fr Augustine Peedikamala (DEL), 82/60 on 24.04.2021 in Delhi.

Fr Samuel Marandi (DUM), 56/32 on 24.04.2021 at Dakaita, Jharkhand.

Fr Sushil Kujur (DUM), 58/35 on 24.04.2021 at Dakaita, Jharkhand.

Fr Royce Wenceslaus Macedo (AND), 89/71 on 25.04.2021 at Secunderabad.

Fr Sushil Sah (PAT), 67/47 on 24.04.2021 at Patna.

Fr Peter Terrence Jones (HAZ), 90/66 on 25.04.2021 at Sitagarha, Hazaribag.

Br Modestus Tirkey (RAN), 72/53 on 25.04.2021 at Namkum.

Fr Mangal Kerketta (DAR), 46/23 on 25.04.2021.

Fr Hilary Lobo (JAM), 80/59 on 26.04.2021 at Jamshedpur.

Fr Joy Karayampuram (PAT), 66/41 on 29.04.2021 at Patna.

Fr Thomas Thekkethala Joseph (HAZ), 74/56 on 2904.2021 at Ranchi.

Fr John Tirkey (RAN), 59/35 on 29.04.2021 at Ranchi.

Fr Christopher Kerketta (HAZ), 68/45 on 29.04.2021 at Ranchi.

Fr Gyan Prakash Minj (RAN), 46/25 on 30.04.2021 at Ranchi.

Fr Saju Bastian (HAZ), 59/37 on 3.04. 2021 at Ranchi.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

06 Rojas Thomas Kalathil

09 Joseph Chiraparambil

10 James Robert Morais

14 Syriac Panjikaran

17 Sunny Kokkaravalayil

18 Jomon Chappanthadathil

19 Rubil Martin Mampuzhackal

20 Binu Kaduthalakunnel

22 Sebastian Thengumpallil

25 Reji Kunnatheth

29 Rachans Lukose

30 Devasia Kuzhuppil

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01 Deslin Paulson Chelatt

03 Sabu Palathanadil

07 Thomas Kappiarumalayil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

MAY

03 (2001) Lawernce Puthenpurackal

04 (2005) Dominic Puthenpurackal

04 (2017) Joseph Inchakal

04 (2019) Mathew Nampiaparambil

06 (2020) Thomas Anthraper

09 (1990) John Kurichiaparambil

12 (2011) Mathew Pallikizhakethil

14 (1974) Kuncheria Ettuparayil

16 (1987) George Perumpra

17 (2013) Abraham Madathiparambil

19 (1981) Abraham Manayanikal

21 (1988) Joseph Taffarel

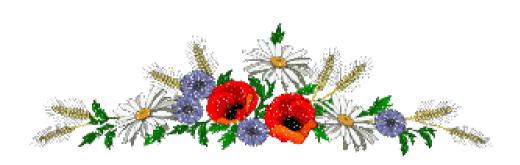
22 (1982) Luke Uralil

23 (2017) Varkey Mampilly

26 (1966) Peter Caironi

28 (2009) Joseph Kizhakedom

29 (1992) Joseph Elanjipuram



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