



From the Provincial's Desk



JCSA in Ranchi-October 21-28, 2019

Travels Aboard

Fr. Benedict Saverimuthu to Rome to attend the 50 year celebrations of the Social Action Ministry of the Society of Jesus.

Appointments

Fr. Thushara Sampath -Superior of the Jesuit Community, St Xaver's Residence, Negombo. This appointment was confirmed by Fr. General in his letter dated October 17th 2019.

Fr. Benedict Saverimuthu- Superior of the Jesuit Community in Vavuniya District. This appointment was confirmed by Fr. General in his letter dated October 17th , 2019.

Fr. Mariathas Thambiaiah Director of the Novices at Daham Sevena, Jesuit Religious Training Centre, Hereliyawala, Alakoladeniya, Malkaduwwa, Kurunegala-60000, Sri Lanka. This appointment was confirmed by Fr. General in his letter dated October 3rd 2019. This appointment will be effective from **Mid June 2020 once the New Novitiate in Hereliyawala is inaugurated.** Fr. General also insisted that **Fr. Mariathas Thambiaiah** visits some novitiates in the Assistancy to expose himself to other ideas, other ways of doing things and, in general, to broaden his horizon. This will take place during the first six months of 2020.

Fr. Francis Jeyaraj Rasiah will be appointed as the new Director of Fatima Retreat House Lewella effective from January 01, 2020.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT

St. Ignatius' Parish, Kallady, Dutch Bar

On 22 September 2019, the feast of Our Lady of Good Health was celebrated in Arokia Matha Church, Kallady. About more than 800 faithful participated in the Eucharistic celebration and common meal. People belonging to other religions actively participated



and contributed to the common meal. The feast was a symbol of inter religious unity. Fr Roshan S.J., the parish priest took initiative to build compound walls on two sides of the church campus to safeguard the property. Thanks to his efforts and hard work to get the financial support from the government and the local people. On 5th October 2019, nearly 200 people went on pilgrimage to the shrine of our Lady of Rosary, Pullumalai. Two buses were arranged to transport the pilgrims from

Dutch Bar. Fr James and the Mexican sisters accompanied the pilgrims. Fr James celebrated the Novena mass at the Shrine and preached about the Unity and the power of reciting the rosary.



On 6th October 2019, about 60 women from Anbiayams (BCC) participated in a one-day retreat organized by Rev. Sr. Mirna. The retreat started with the Sunday liturgy and ended with high tea in the evening. On the same day the Parish Pastoral council (PPC) members went on a day out to Pasikuda, Kalkuda. A team of 25 members actively took part in sea bathing, play and singing. A sumptuous meal was prepared by the PPC members themselves. The outing united them all together to commit themselves for more involvement and the development of the Parish.



On 18th October 2019, St Ignatius' parishioners celebrated the Novena mass at St Anthony's Shrine, Puliyanthivu. About 80 parishioners from Dutch Bar and around 75 from other parishes took part in it devoutly. Fr James S.J. was the main celebrant of the Eucharistic celebration and he preached about the life of St Anthony and how the Patron Saint builds inter religious

harmony in a multi religious context of our nation. The Catholics of Sammanthurai celebrated their annual feast of Christ the King from 25th to 27th October 2019. It is a substation of Sorikalmunai Parish. Fr James S.J., was the main celebrant for all the three days. He led the people in a triduum of reflexions on Ignatian themes beginning the



1st day with the hoisting of the flag followed by vespers. The following day was the ending and the festive mass was celebrated with around 200 faithful partaking devoutly. The feast was a good occasion for the laity to know the way to God through the spiritual exercises and discernment.

Loyola Campus - Batticaloa

October has been an active month for everyone in Loyola Campus Batticaloa. Our numerous students have eventually settled down in their respective levels and have shown great interest in the pursuit of their English challenge. A mixture of enjoyment and seriousness fills the centre as our students make new acquaintances and partners in their English learning process but at the same time show effort to keep up the hard work. On October 7th our center celebrated Teachers' Day, an event that gave our students an opportunity to show love and appreciation for their teachers. A celebration with balloons, cakes, gifts, cards and smiling faces took the teachers by surprise. It was a show of gratitude and kindness although the time spent working together was short.

Unfortunately, one of our precious staff members, our Pre-Intermediate teacher, met with an accident and will not be able to continue work with us. This incident was greatly felt by our Pre-Intermediate students. They sent a card with prayerful wishes for a speedy recovery.



This month we also had the privilege of a visit by Dr. Saraswathi Samusarma, Chief Information Officer and Global Registrar of Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) on 24th October. Her visit was a great opportunity for the students to have a break from their everyday schedule and listen to a new voice full of life and passion. Her



encouraging words and her energy have encouraged the youth, and we are looking forward to a positive response regarding the JWL online courses. We are now facing our monsoonal rains which affect regular attendance. It is hope that commitment to work will thereby not suffer. We look forward to a fruitful season.

COLOMBO DISTRICT

DAHAM SIHILA – JUNIORATE

The month of October was filled with a lot of different activities which kept us all enkindled to be at the service of God in every possible way. At the beginning of the month we were busy with the 1st Term Examination. Since our **Dean, Fr. Sanjeeva** was away in India attending a meeting, **Fr. Ahilaraj, S.J.** came to our rescue to give us a helping hand. Dear **Fr. Ahil**, we are



immensely grateful for your availability.

We had a day out on 5th October to refresh ourselves having gone through a very busy schedule during the exams. Thereafter, we began the 2nd Term following the usual classes. We received the marks of our performances at the exams and had discussions based on the test papers with our teachers.



A block course on *Intensive Journal Writing* was conducted by **Fr. Jeyaraj Rasiah, S.J.**, from 10th to 12th October at Daham Sihila. It was a very effective and beneficial course for all of us to discover our hidden potential in the art of writing.

A much awaited four-day 'Cultural Tour' was given to rejuvenate our dormant spirits in the middle of the month. The tour was to the Northern parts of the island. Our first destination was Madhu Church-



Mannar. We also utilized the same opportunity to pay a short visit to the Adampan Community. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to **Frs. Emil and Joel, S.J.** Highlights of the tour: *Suspension Bridge, Dutch*

Fort, Baobab tree and the Cathedral. The next day, we paid a visit to Loyola Campus-Mannar and two of our juniors; Britto and Arun along with Fr. Dean, shared some inspiring thoughts with the students, which enlightened their hearts and minds profoundly. The next destination awaited was **Delft** the former Dutch island in Jaffna where we stayed the next two days. We indeed had a memorable time there. Moreover, we visited some historical places in Jaffna. Some among them were the Public Library and the Fort. On our way back we paid a short visit to Loyola Campus-Vavuniya. We are immensely grateful to **Fr. Santhose, S.J.** who took care of our day-to-



day needs. Then we concluded our tour taking part in a vespers service at **St. Bruno's Church** - Thambakanda, where **Fr. Stanley Pieris** is the present Parish Priest and he had invited Fr. Dean to be the chief celebrant of the service. It was really a wonderful way to conclude our first Cultural Tour. We are extremely grateful to God Almighty and to all those who supported us in making this event a success.

We also bade farewell to **Sch. Randil, S.J.**, who worked as Minister of Daham Sihila Community for the last 4 months. We are extremely grateful for his dedicated service to the community. Now, with the new assignments we are moving in our journey with the Lord while engaging in our studies. We desire your prayerful support to make our second term a fruitful one.

AKKAPANAHA – JESUIT COMMUNITY

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

"Love ought to show itself in deeds more than words." – St Ignatius of Loyola



The past few months were significant in a number of ways. We Jesuits at Akkarapanaha were privileged to celebrate and share the joy of our Founder's feast with the children and families of St Sebastian's Church, Katuwapitiya, affected by the deadly suicide bomb blast on Easter Sunday. Nearly 375 people took part in our celebration. On that day, we had a special programme for the children followed by festive Mass, celebrated by **Fr. Dexter Gray**, Provincial of Sri Lanka and Pakistan at **St. Xavier Residence Chapel with the Jesuit Community participating. All invitees were treated to a** sumptuous dinner. Special thanks to all the members of the community who gave their full support to make the event memorable.

Spark English Group 2019



As the Spark English group is making a gradual progress in their holistic formation, the director and his team conducted a parents' meeting in

order to update them with certain matters pertaining to their children. The meeting was held on 27th of October. The director posed a few challenges to the parents so that they in turn form their children to encounter the problems facing them in a healthy and humane manner and equip them with character and morale to face a new phase of life after their A/L results are received.

We appreciate and offer our sincere gratitude to our teachers **Ms. Shalini and Wijai** who spent valuable time with our students. Moreover, there is a curriculum in JYC to invite a few visiting professors to address the students on different subjects and furnish them with various useful skills.

Exhibition and Fair at St. Francis Xavier Preschool:

For the first time an exhibition and a fair was organised by the director, preschool teachers and parents on 03rd October and 17th October respectively at St. Francis Xavier Preschool, Kandawala. The Jesuits at Akkarapanaha who visited the school were in

appreciation of the creativity and innovation budding forth from the little ones of St. Xavier's Preschool.

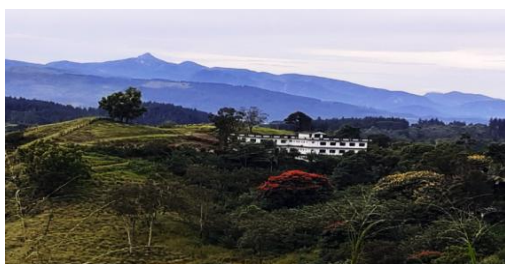


St. Xavier Candidate House

This year three young men expressed their willingness to join the Society and they were sent to the pre-novitiate, Trincomalee, in the month of September. We have ten candidates with us at present and they are fully immersed in their studies. Moreover, the director is regularly calling on the homes of candidates who show willingness to join the Society of Jesus in the future. On 20th October a special meeting was held with the parents of candidates to make them aware of our policies and their responsibilities towards candidates. We were happy to welcome **Sch. Randil** to St Xavier as a member of the Jesuit community. He is presently pursuing his studies at the Vocational Training Academy. He will also be helping the candidate house during his stay.

KANDY DISTRICT

Cholankanda Youth Training Centre (CYTC)



Afternoon thunder showers with lightning continue to prevail in the area causing floods and earth slips in Gampola and Nawalapitiya. However, the clear morning sky creates a scenic beauty with Adam's Peak majestically towering the entire region.



The main event of the month was the visit of Ms. Nora Termorshuizen of the Rainbow Foundation in the Netherlands. A formal reception in her honour with dances, songs and speeches was held on October 8th. Fr. Peter Kurukula Aratchi in his speech formally thanked Mr. Jos Busscher and the





Rainbow Foundation for the generous financial support being extended to the Cholankande Youth Training Centre (CYTC) over many years. Ms. Nora Termorshuizen, in turn, in her speech exhorted the students and the staff to continue the forward march of CYTC with

renewed vigor and enthusiasm.



During the month, several international days: World Children's Day, World Elders' Day, World Teachers' Day, World Animal Day were meaningfully celebrated during General Assemblies, with well-prepared speeches by staff members and students.

Satyodaya

Safety and Security, the prime concern of the country and so of Satyodaya too

We would like to share with you some important information that, in our opinion, has not been adequately done so far. As in the past few decades, Satyodaya Centre has been working hard to ensure that all its functions are carried out in an orderly and extremely safe manner in order to continue its mission by respecting the feelings of all the three communities in this historical city of Kandy. In today's circumstances, safety has become the most important area of concern even in our routine work. The geographical, historical and religious importance of Kandy City with all the distinct and dignified religious places regularly attracts so many local and foreign VIPs. The topography of Kandy has made it a basin and Satyodaya Centre is situated on the upper edge of a hill overlooking the city.

Because of the panoramic view of the whole city, Satyodaya has become a very popular centre among NGOs and corporate sector institutions for accommodation, training programs, workshops, meetings, etc. Satyodaya organizes its own programs for the disadvantaged plantation worker and rural peasant communities. Additionally, it provides accommodation for local and foreign guests as its main income source that helps to continue Satyodaya's community development work. Whatever the area of involvement, Satyodaya has been asked to look into the matter of security. Police intelligence officers often visit Satyodaya not to enjoy its panoramic view but to collect information about people who come there and the meetings, training programs and discussions that are conducted.

In the last few years, Satyodaya has had no problems since it maintains a good rapport with the religious leaders, government servants and the security personnel in the area by sharing relevant information about visitors, resource persons and programs conducted there. Very often security personnel come to know the visitors and programs held even before we inform them. That shows how good and efficient the intelligence service is in the city of Kandy today.

CENTRE FOR SOCIAL CONCERN LOYOLA CAMPUS, HATTON



CSC: Children's day celebration: CSC celebrated International Childrens' day on 13th October in a grand manner. Around 500 students and their parents from 10 estates participated in the celebration. The celebration started with "Addition Awareness Rally". The rally started at CSC Loyola Campus centre, went through the main streets of Hatton and finally ended at Manicka Pillaiyar Cultural Hall where we had the cultural programme. Mr.

Gajendrakumar, the deputy commissioner, Municipal Council, Badulla was the chief guest and **Rev. Fr. Dexter Grey SJ**, the Provincial Superior of Sri Lanka and Pakistan Mission was the guest of honour. The rally started with the opening prayer by Rev. Shajahan, Jumma Mosque Hatton and felicitation by Mr. H.M.C.C. Herath, Head Quarters Inspector, Hatton. The students of Loyola Campus enacted a street drama in front of the clock tower, Hatton.

The Manicka Pillaiyar Cultural hall was full and there was joy and enthusiasm among the children. The children performed dances, drama, villupattu, Thirukural, group songs and speeches with thundering applause from the crowd. Ms. Mohana Rani, Programme coordinator for drug prevention, Ambugama Predeshiya Sabha gave an awareness talk on drug prevention. Fr. Dexter made the audience sing along with him with his creative singing performance. Mr. Gajendrakumar warned the students to be aware of mobile phone addiction and encouraged the students to read regularly and achieve greater heights in their life as he himself passed the SLAS exam in spite of many hurdles having been born in a tea estate. Some of the guests, staff, estate leaders, and parents distributed the certificates to the students who won the first three places in the competitions conducted in previous weeks. Finally the children of the Tientsin Estate who came first in the competitions came to the stage jumping and dancing to receive the coveted Bro. Alphonse trophy.



Loyola Campus: Saraswathi Pooja. The students of Loyola Campus, Hatton celebrated Saraswathi Pooja on 7th October with cooking of the Pongal rice in front of our centre, followed by the common prayer with recital of devotional hymns and performing cultural programmes. A few of the alumni were part of the celebration.

CSC: New preschool at Welioya: CSC with the help of another NGO inaugurated a preschool at Welioya on 4th October. Though the NGO and the parents wanted a preschool at Welioya, CSC hesitated since there was a crèche nearby where preschool education also takes place. After due discernment and consultation, CSC started the preschool on condition that it will conduct its programme only for six months. The preschool will assume permanent status only after proper evaluation. The preschool building which is in need of renovation will receive funds from both CSC and the NGO for its restoration.



CSC: Entrepreneurship training for tailoring students and CSC staff: On 15th October, around 22 tailoring students and 13 CSC staff went to Nuwara Eliya for a one day educational tour thanks to the support of **Save the Children Agency**. They visited the Potato seed farm and Ambewela dairy farm. Fr. Premkumar talked to the participants on career guidance. It was a great relaxation for the CSC staff as they had worked hard for the children's day celebration for more than a month.

Loyola Campus: Parents' meeting: It was held from 2 to 5 pm on 25th October 2019. Fr. Prem started the programme with video clips which helped good interaction on parenting. He also shared about the courses and purpose of CSC Loyola Campus. The students performed a group song and a skit in English and the parents were thrilled to see the performance of their children in English. Three students shared what they learn at CSC Loyola Campus and two staff members shared how the children perform in their studies and other activities. The meeting ended with tea and snacks and happy interactions of parents with the staff members and the director.

Loyola Campus: Alumni meeting:

The Alumni Association meeting was held on 20th October, 2019 with 20 students. The meeting started around 11.00 am with ice breaking and motivational games.



After the tea break, an audio clip on positive thinking and imagination was played and the students were asked to respond to the audio through various forms. To our astonishment, all the students came on the stage and shared their opinions connecting with their

life experiences. From their sharing the students were motivated that silence or prayer in the morning, hard work, planning, self- confidence, dreams for a bright future are the important keys for success. After lunch the students discussed the vision and mission,

purpose and plan, organizational structure of the Alumni association and its support to CSC Loyola Campus. The meeting ended around 5 pm pledging that they would continue to gather regularly and be a support to the plantation community.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT

PRENOVITIATE

The construction of the toilets and the kitchen was over and we have started using them. We gratefully remember Fr. Aniston who toiled hard to complete the work successfully. We thank Fr. Provincial who has been a pillar of strength right along backing us from behind the scene from start to finish.

The Jesuits working in the Trincomalee district came together at the Pre-Novitiate for a welcoming service. Fr. Robert, our leader, introduced all the Jesuits present to the Pre-Novices and in turn the Pre-Novices introduced themselves. It was a grace filled moment for all of us. The veterans of the community inspired the Pre-Novices with their services to different people. Fr. Elil celebrated the Eucharist and prayed for the whole society.



As part of the Pre-Novitiate programme, the Pre-Novices have come forward to make presentations on the life of our Saints to their companions. They prepare a presentation in their respective study groups and present it to the whole community once in a fortnight. St. Bellarmine study group members presented their work on the life of St. Francis Borgia. It was very inspiring.

Fr. Eustace was admitted to the Trincomalee hospital with a swollen leg. He was discharged after four days. Fr. Anton Pieris, Socius to the Provincial paid Fr. Eustace a visit witnessing to the Society's love and care. We are very grateful to the Pre-Novices who took special care of their spiritual father with utmost love and concern.

Sch. Zenith went to Kandy for a two day recollection guided by Fr. Baylon. It was very meaningful and prayerful was his comment.

LOYOLA CAMPUS

We, the management and members of the Staff, conducted a reading competition for our students in order to encourage them to read English fluently. All the students actively participated in the competition. Now we are very happy to see most of our students talking in English with their friends and with the members of the staff.



Our students celebrated Teachers' day very meaningfully. They remembered the goodness and service of all the teachers and wished them good health so that they could continue their good work...



Visit of Dr. Saraswathi

Dr. Saraswathi, Chief Information officer and Global Registrar, JWL, made a visit to our campus and addressed our students on online courses offered by the JWL. Our students had a fruitful interaction with her and came to know about various online professional certificate courses and degree programmes. Her target was to help the students who do not have enough opportunities to enroll in Universities. The

students were very happy and enthusiastic to make use of this offer.

Online Education

Twelve of our students are preparing seriously to appear for the MS office certified exam. We have a good number of students for September to do online professional certificate courses. Though the online education is new to them, most of them find it very useful and at the same time very interesting. They share the confidence they get by going through these courses. At present we have the following courses: MS office, Peace Leader, Liberal studies and Teacher Training.

Children's Programme

Fr. Robert has been appointed a member of the EMM team in the diocese of Trincomalee. Fr. Rajeevan, a diocesan priest and Fr. Robert conducted an EMM programme for the children in the Loyola Campus. We were greatly impressed by the faith and active participation of the children. Fr. Lazar and Fr. Robert conducted one more EMM programme in Irudayapuram, Mutur, on an ecological theme.



Loyola Center for Ecology and Justice (LCEJ)

LCEJ has distributed cash awards and certificates to the winners of Drawing, Poem and Composition competitions on the day of ECO-WALK organized by St. Mary's College. Fr. Lazar was invited as one of the chief guests of ECO-WALK. He addressed the gathering on the importance of ecological matters and how it affects the world in different ways.

Greetings from Pre-Novices from Pakistan!

We, the pre-novices from Pakistan, landed safely and was accompanied by Fr. Provincial to the Pre-Novitiate. The Pre-Novitiate community welcomed us wholeheartedly. We had a holy mass presided over by Fr. Provincial. Unity in diversity was given importance. It was very motivating as we stepped into the first stage of our formation.



We have found it very difficult at the start to move into a new culture, customs, languages and especially food. After a month's stay we now feel quite at home in Sri Lanka. People are very friendly and hospitable and they welcome us with love. We enjoy the warmth of companionship. We have begun our English classes at the Loyola Campus as well in the Pre-Novitiate.

We make use of each moment in a meaningful way. We are happy here. We request you to pray for our vocation and for our family members. We hope that the Lord will guide us and strengthen us in our vocation to the Society of Jesus.

Rizwan and Raheel

Kakuma Camp-Kenya Fr Lasantha writes.....

My activities in JRS – Kakuma Camp, during the month of October could be summarized as **“Meeting the God of surprises”**



One day I was paying a visit to the beneficiary community suffering from cerebral palsy the therapist who accompanies me being late. I walked up to his home, who is a bachelor and so living with one of his tribe folk in a small hut. They are from Rwanda. As he was getting ready to accompany me, I got an opportunity to have a chat with the householder. Within a few minutes, he began his story of woe. His only daughter, who is 6 years old, has been

abused a year ago and the perpetrator is wandering around the place. The little girl has some behavioral changes which seem to be scary. The perpetrator continues to threaten their lives as he has money and power. Hence, this father is full of anger, sadness and fear. He continuously blames the girl saying, “Because of you we too will lose our lives”. With the help of our coordinators of Psycho-socio counseling and social animators we attended on the girl and the father and they now continue to live more peaceful lives.

This time, I was on a field visit and doing an assessment on a child with special needs and our therapist was documenting it. All of a sudden a young man appeared. He was 18 and was the maternal uncle of the child. He pleaded and started crying saying, “Do you want to help me. I am eagerly waiting to continue my studies, but my sickness does not allow me to go to school.....” We were then made aware that he was a child who gets

epileptic fits. They had gone to the clinic several times, but did not get the proper attention and medication. The young man used to fall down frequently and get hurt. The mother who is a widow was afraid to send him, her only son, to school. Again, with the help of our Social animators we were able to accompany him to the hospital and get his diagnosis done correctly and the youngster is now able to restart his high school career. I visited the family recently and they were all overjoyed, especially the mother. They are extremely grateful to JRS.

The day I arrived from Nairobi, one of the members of the staff of Children with Special needs had lost his stepmother. John's stepmother was washed away by the tidal waters of recent rains in Kakuma. They had been looking for the body for several days. When I got the news, I rushed to John's home. All were sad and crying as she had left five girls behind. They are Methodists and according to their South Sudanese culture, the family members must bury the dead. Therefore, they were anxious to find the body. I spent time and prayed with them. My prayer was for their consolation – if God so wills that the body be found and they get the opportunity to see their mother's body and then bury her". A few hours later they had found the decomposed body under a bush far away from where she had been washed away. They had the family rituals at the same place and did the burial. Then lastly they organized a memorial service for the mother. There was a very large gathering from the South Sudanese community. The JRS was given the main place and repeatedly mentioned that "JRS family and the father prayed with us and we had the blessing to have the body". I had a grace-filled opportunity to address this large gathering and share the Spirit of the JRS family and our solidarity which makes miracles happen. It was a great moment to make aware of the Spirit of Jesus which animates JRS. It was also MISSION SUNDAY.



Lastly, I wish to say that I did meet the God of surprises in Nairobi. Every time I return from Kakuma, I have had long chats sharing my experiences and future endeavors with my Superior of the Jesuit community, Peter Otieno. I was telling him of my plans for



Catechism and Bible illustration Program for the children in our Safe Havens. At the end of our conversation, Peter said, "Our Community will support you with 10,000 Kenyan Shillings. Do not

spend your money". In my mind, I had planned to buy these materials using my own

pocket money. With that gift, I was able to buy all the materials needed, the hymnals, prayer books and also enough lollipops for all the children with special needs in all our centres. The kids were thrilled not only for the sweets, but also as they were specially brought all the way from Nairobi.

Our God is a GOD of Surprises

News from JCAP Tertianship .. Fr Lawrence writes from Manila

The tertianship program includes a number of exposure programs which helps a Jesuit to relish or relive the novitiate exposures in a deep and profound way. The first exposure



program was the Filipino life experience. Our set of ten tertians was divided into two groups and sent to two different places, namely, Navotas and Tontos where the urban poor folks live in the city of Manila. Each one was assigned to a family to live with them for 8 days. I was with the Sison family in Navotas. It was a real direct experience of life in a poor family. It was hard, demanding and full of challenges for me. But, the experience helped me realize what struggles, challenges and hardships the poor have to go through. However, though they are materially poor they are spiritually rich since they are always happy, hospitable, welcoming and friendly. Definitely God is present

among them. GC 34, Degree 9: 15, highlights it: “The lived experience of poverty and marginalization should accompany each Jesuit during his life even if his main occupation will not be work with the neediest”. It further says that direct personal and profound experience is what changes us. For Ignatius the material poverty of a Jesuit is a grace.

This month was full of reflection and discussion on the spiritual exercises. The input sessions on the exercises deepened and enhanced our knowledge of various concepts found in the exercises. The personal readings on Ignatian Spirituality is a good preparation for our 30 day long retreat which we start on 28th October, 2019. We are all called by the Lord to cut ourselves off from our daily schedule and plunge into serious prayer, silence and solitude.



I would like to request all the members of the province to remember us in your humble prayers as we journey towards the quiet desert experience of 30 days encountering Jesus. I assure you all that you will be in our intense prayers too. Before we started our retreat we had a 4 day break at the Villa of the Jesuits in Baguio. It is a lovely place, pleasant and cool. While we were at Baguio I cherished memories of Boragas, our Villa House.

Province Commission Activities

The Annual meeting of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN), Apostleship of Prayer (AOP) and Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM)

Fr. Sanjeeva Fernando, writes.....

The league leaflets

The Apostleship of Prayer is a way of life in the Church that promotes the Spirituality of self-giving for the Service and Mission of the Church through Prayer. Some dare say this is the only Commission that has *Prayer* as priority mission. This apostolic mission expands across Sri Lanka and in a small way to other countries where Sri Lankan expatriates live. Our main mode of action is to publish the Apostleship Prayer League leaflets. We publish them in Sinhala, Tamil and English. Every month around 5000 leaflets are distributed across the country and in *diaspora*. The leaflets help the faithful to pray the Morning Prayer (offering) and to pray for the intention of the **Holy Father** for the month. The Prayer leaflets also carry an inspirational story that has been much appreciated by many subscribers over the past years. We also have included in it, the Liturgical calendar- Mass readings of the day which are of great benefit to our subscribers to constantly read and ponder the Word of God.

The Face-lift

It is noteworthy that both the South Asian Regional Coordinator and the Country Coordinators have taken many efforts to revamp and upgrade the presentation of the Pope's monthly intention. **Sch. Chamika, S.J** was highly instrumental in creating the new web-page, popularly known as *Wix* free domain and league leaflets in multi-coloured formats, giving a face-lift to its outlook. The webpage has attracted many viewers and it has been in the limelight of youth and adults alike. This site shares the contents of the leaflet in all three languages and the 'Pope's monthly video', fostering a desire in the members of Apostleship of Prayer to become the Apostles in Prayer.

The Annual Meet



The annual meeting of the Directors, Coordinators, and Secretaries of Apostleship of Prayer, also known as the Pope's World-wide Prayer Network was held at De Nobili College, Ramwadi, Pune from 28th September to 3rd October, 2019. The first 3 days were dedicated to coaching and training sessions for the new-bees and the rest of the days were devoted to business matters.

The keynote address was delivered by the Provincial of the Pune Province. In his speech, Fr. Provincial aired his concerns on our '*being human in the Mission of Reconciliation and Justice*'. He further said that in this **Extraordinary Mission of every Month**, we need to pray for missionary ardour and fervour. The South Asian regional Director, **Fr. Jagdish Parmar, S.J.** organised the symposium with the help of **Fr. Selva, S.J.** from Madurai and **Mr. Gibby Joseph** from Kerala who are his close associates and

collaborators in this mission. There was a good turnout, including **Mrs. Julia Bianchi** from the International office of APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER/POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK/EUCHARISTIC YOUTH MOVEMENT (AOP/PWPN/EYM) in Rome. This year, there was also a significant number of Diocesan directors present. On the final day, we were so blessed to have **Fr. George Pattery, S.J.**, the Provincial of South Asia to convey his hopes and aspirations for the betterment of AOP/PWPN/EYM. The meeting was brought to completion with a short evaluation, and a spearhead proposal to gather in Bangalore next year.

JEPASA Coordinators' meeting was held at the Darjeeling Province of the Society of Jesus, from 18th to 22nd September 2019. Twenty-two Province Coordinators actively



participated presenting their PAP action plans. I presented our own province action plans. It was well appreciated for its accuracy and systematic plans. The presentations motivated and encouraged the participants to collectively focus on implementing the PAP. During the meeting days, we were exposed to different parishes and mission stations

of the Darjeeling province, which enlightened and broadened our horizons of multi-cultural and linguistic contexts. It was a very enriching and spiritual experience.

REMEMBRANCES

NOVEMBER

01/1984	Fr. Martin D'Archangelo	86/71
02/1932	Fr. Arthue Van Kasteren	66/49
02/1949	Fr. Francis de Hert	52/34
06/1952	Fr. Ernest Bastenier	78/59
06/1976	Fr. Joseph Casalaro	84/68
07/1942	Bro. Theophilus Roelandt	70/47
07/2016	Fr. Derrick Mendis	79/50
10/1955	Fr. Peter Silva	56/35
11/1949	Bro. Polydore Verbrugge	79/62
16/1934	Fr. A. Marie Evard	75/48
18/1968	Fr. Joseph Morisco	74/58
25/1960	Fr. Dominic de Giorgio	60/36
26/1950	Bro. Paul Bouvier	78/56
28/2012	Fr. Jacob Fernando (Jr)	71/48
29/1922	Fr. Peter Wallyn	62/43
30/1937	Fr. Albert Stache	74/57
30/1962	Fr. Gregory Van Austin	84/67
30/2008	Fr. Louis Cramer	84/65

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

NOVEMBER

03/1995 Nimesh Devthilina (Novice)
07/1980 Tharanga Saminathan
09/1953 Theodore W. Fernando
10/1997 Arun Arudpragasam (Novice)
11/1934 Guy F. Rajendram
12/1991 Amir Yaqoob
22/1946 Joseph Anthony Pillai
23/1963 Ranjan Jayamanne
23/1993 Asim Shaukat
24/1943 Chryso Pieris
24/1994 Udara Madusanka
26/1988 Dinoshan Mark
27/1988 Chamika Nipun

DECEMBER

02/1966 Ajith de Silva
10/1970 Angelo Sujeewa Pathirana
15/1991 Priyan R. Fernando
16/1983 Rashmi Fernando
16/1996 Petras M. George
24/1975 Imran John
26/1948 Stephen Perera
27/1980 Suvakeen Roshan
29/1981 Noel A. Jayanathan

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