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From the Provincial's Desk

A CULTURE OF VOCATION PROMOTION

The JCSA held its online meeting of Provincials in the midst of the pandemic on 26-29 October 2020. Fr General addressed the gathering. He spoke about Vocation Promotion, a theme he has been taking up with Jesuit Conferences the world over. How do we generate and rekindle a culture of vocation promotion was the key question he posed. He perceives this as integrally linked to our life-mission - the way we live consecrated life energized by the Ignatian vision and commitment. Fr General urged the Provincials to devise creative ways of disseminating our life-mission, and to make the theme of vocation promotion a part of our conversation in the account of conscience. Dwelling on the importance of vocation sustenance and accompaniment, Fr General reminded us that we are primarily companions to one another in life-mission.

How do we cultivate a culture of vocation promotion in our Province? Fr General's call, dear friends, is an occasion for introspection. How well do we live our life-mission as joyful companions to one another? Ultimately it is our witnessing that attracts and inspires the young to embrace our way of life. Let us work together to promote a culture of vocation promotion in our Province.

EP Mathew, SJ

APPOINTMENT BY FR GENERAL

Fr Agnelo Mascarenhas, SJ (GOA): Provincial of Pune Province.

APPOINTMENTS BY POSA

Fr Paul D'Souza (Guj) : Acting Superior ISI-Delhi Jesuit Community.

Fr Siji Chacko (PAT) : Coordinator of Conference Secretaries.

APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Sch Adolf Johnson: BSc Botany, St Joseph's College, Trichy

Sch Poly Martin Narikuzha: BA English, St Joseph's College, Trichy

Sch Tomson Thattaparambil: BSc Physics, St Joseph's College, Trichy

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Fr General has appointed **Fr Danis Ponniah** (MDU, South Zone), **Fr Melvil Pereira** (KHM, North Zone), and **Fr Santosh Minj** (HAZ, Central Zone) as Consultors to the President JCSA and ex-officio convenors and chairs of their respective zones.
- **Fr E.P. Mathew**, Provincial, will be making his personal retreat from November 2 even to 10 even. Kindly keep him in your prayers.
- **Final Vows**: Fr General has approved **Fr Antu Xavier Kalamparambil** and **Fr Xavier Tharamel** for Final Vows in the Society. They will pronounce

their Vows on 21 November 2020 at St Xavier's Church, Sampaloor.

- **Diaconate: Sch Stevenson Maliekal and Sch Lijo Antony Pathickal** have applied for their diaconate ordination. If anyone has useful information to help Fr Provincial to take a discerned decision, kindly write to him before Nov. 15, 2020.

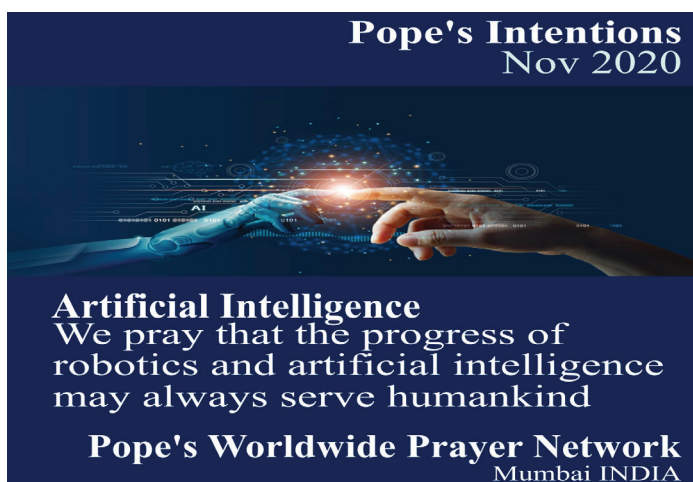
FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, KOZHIKODE

Two of our beloved men, **Frs Joe Thayil and Paul Vadakel**, left us suddenly leaving a vacuum in our community. We thanked God for these adorable men and their prodigious life example. Fr Provincial blessed the renovated office of the Treasurer on October 5. It looks elegant and fitting, thanks to the painstaking supervision of the Province Treasurer **Fr Baby Mulluparambil**. Fr Provincial gave us a recollection talk on 20th October, delving upon the insights of the new Encyclical of Pope Francis, *Fratelli tutti*. He highlighted the imageries of 'the Dark Cloud', and the 'Image of Light' and invited us to go beyond our favored views and to make us literate on a culture of caring for the frail.

Fr Provincial and **Fr Raju**, the parish priest, took the lead in organizing a protest against the arrest of **Fr Stan Swamy** on 10th October in front of Christ Hall and the Parish church. Fr Raju aired ten days of Holy Rosary on YouTube in collaboration with the parishioners. It was well produced and appreciated. Fr Raju was admitted to Nirmala hospital with mild fever and body pain on 25 October and subsequently, he was tested positive for COVID-19. He has returned after spending a week in the hospital and has no other health issues at present.

Sinesh



SAMEEKSHA/ATMAMITRA, KALADY

The online academic programme of the theologians stationed at Sameeksha are going on in full swing. The theologians of Pune got a brief respite from their hectic academic sessions during the Puja holidays. However, Vidyajyoti continues the online classes uninterrupted. The Sameeksha community celebrated the birthday of **Sch Rosan Roy**. **Fr Jacob Kummminiyl** guided the scholastics from Kanjirapally and Sameeksha through their annual triduum in preparation for their renewal of vows. **Sch Ivin Tomy** rejoined the community after a gap of two months.

The Dharmasameeksha series of inter-religious dialogue has been resumed on the platform of Google-meet. On October 10, Fr Martin Puthussery spoke on the effects of the Covid-induced crisis on guest-workers. Three SKD novices are making their long retreat here under the direction of **Fr Xavier Tharamel**. **Fr Sebastian Painadath** has been giving talks on Zoom on different themes: 'Inner Peace' for the students of Peace Studies under LIPI, "Dialogue" for the JCSA Dialogue commission, "Christology" for the Second-year theologians of Vidyajyoti, and "Spirituality and Religion" for Loyola College, Trivandrum.

Ivin Tomy

ATMAMITRA

Atmamitra launched its YouTube channel for the benefit of teenagers and the general public on the 1st of October. We hosted a core team meet of 'Kerygma' twice in the preparation for an online support programme for preachers across the state. **Fr Toby** gave two parenting programmes for the Indian Dental Association, Nedumbassery and Kakkanad chapters. The summit of the month was an online session on *Sthreekalude Chakravalam* for CIGI women's collective, Kannur in which about 480 women participated with members of their families. Our services also reached the freshers of Sarvodaya HSS, Eachome, the Seminarians of LF Seminary, Aluva and the MBA students of Amrita Institutions, Nagercoil. Atmamitra also gave a two-day orientation programme for the Counselling Diploma students of Remind. Despite all these, Fr Toby had the privilege of a long rest and relaxation in semi quarantine in connection with a primary contact. Atmamitra facility is kept open for live counseling sessions and for

teens and youth who require respite from their home environments. It is becoming a 'home away from home' for many such students.

Toby

LUMEN-JYOTHIS, KOCHI

Ezhuthu is entering the sixth year of its journey. The **Ezhuthu** family is extremely grateful for all the support and encouragement received from all. **Fr Biju George** has been appointed member of **Ezhuthu** Editorial Board and its core team. Welcome, Fr Biju!

LIPI (Loyola Institute of Peace & International Relations) organised two Webinars. The first one was about the amazing world of Nanotechnology by Dr Sabu Thomas, the Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University. And the second one was on Machine Learning by Dr Achuthsankar, HOD, Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, University of Kerala. Besides, LIPI organised another webinar, in collaboration with KCLA, bringing together eminent ecclesiastical and cultural leaders including Cardinal Cleemis and Dr C. Radhakrishnan. The Newman Association held a webinar on the latest encyclical **Fratelli Tutti** exposed by Justice Kurian Joseph and Mr Binoy Viswam, M.P. It was well attended and much appreciated.

Devassy

AKJM/SAMANVAYA, KANJIRAPALLY

We began this month with ten days of special rosary to mother Mary. **Fr Stephen** gave a two-credit online course on Methods of Prayer to the MTh spirituality students at JDV Pune. Four second year novices along with **Fr Jacob Kumminiyl** paid a short visit to our community. They have started their month-long hospital experiment at Bethlehem Ashram. **Fr Jose Jacob** left for Bangalore for three months to equip himself for his next mission in the Tertianship at Kandy. **Schs Savy, Sooraj, Jaison, Nibin** and **Christy** along with the Theologians had their Triduum at Sameeksha guided by Fr Jacob Kumminiyl.

The School conducted a virtual Special Assembly to commemorate the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. The first-term assessment was done online; regular online monthly assessment for classes LKG to Plus two has been going on. In solidarity with **Fr Stan Swamy**, the community participated in various silent protest meetings in Kanjirapally. A special Online

Assembly was organized to remember Mar Mathew Kavukattu, the patron of our school. Mar Thomas Tharayil, auxiliary bishop of Changanacherry, gave an inspiring message on this occasion.

Christy J. P.

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikkatu lost his father recently, and our community went to pay our respects at home before the funeral. **Fr Pulickal** spoke recalling the hospitality and concern Jesuits have received from him and the whole family. **Fr Sunny Jose** was here with us for a week as he and Fr Pulickal are giving final touches to a book on the history of our Province, soon to be published. Thanmaya was inactive since the outbreak of Covid-19, but it hosted two short programs recently. Liji, the only offspring of Mr. Joji, Thanmaya Adinistrator, is getting married on 5th November. (Mrs. Joji passed away a year ago).

Jithin

ST XAVIER'S, THUMBA

St Xavier's community gathered together to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of **Br Jacob's** entrance to the society on 1st November. The simple but elegant function was a fitting tribute to the octogenarian who devoted nearly 30 years in building up this campus. He played a key role in transforming this sandy desert into an oasis of lush green garden through his dedication and hard work. We began the day with a concelebrated Eucharistic celebration presided over by **Fr Pious Vachaparambil**, our Rector accompanied by **Fr Sunny Kunnappallil** and **Fr Xavier Veliyakom**. Fr Sunny in his introduction highlighted the significance of Br Jacob's life and service to St. Xavier's in particular and Kerala Province in general. Fr. Xavier preached a moving homily focussing on Br Jacob's contributions as



a builder, manager and architect of a 'green revolution'. The gracious presence of all the Jesuits in and around Trivandrum was a visible sign of the deep appreciation Br Jacob commands in the Society. **Fr Joseph Kallepally** felicitated Br Jacob reminiscing their times together in Christ Hall. The Mass was followed by a sumptuous agape prepared under the leadership of our minister **Fr Augustine** and his efficient Aide de Camp **Fr Biju**. We thank the Lord for the gift of a loyal son of Ignatius to this community. May he live long and be a blessing to many more who pass through this campus.

Dominic palakeel

AADI, ATTAPPADI

AADI and Lok Manch jointly organised a series of Webinars during October. The first one was an International Webinar on 'Human Rights Responses in the Context of the Arrest of **Fr Stan** and other Human Rights Defenders'. Ms Dayamani Barla, an Adivasi journalist from Jharkhand inaugurated the function. **Fr M.K. George** from Rome presided over the Webinar. **Fr Cedric Prakash, SJ**, well known human rights activist, was the main speaker. **Fr Benny Chiramel**, State Coordinator of Lok Manch, and **Fr Mathew Aerthayil** also spoke. About 300 people from all over India and abroad participated in the three hour webinar. The second was a National Webinar on 'Role of Social Workers in Rebuilding Society in the Post-Covid Era'. The third was on 'Forest Rights Acts of the Tribals', and the fourth on 'Prevention of SC/ST Atrocities Act'. We also organised a protest campaign through the social media against the arrest of Fr Stan Samy. Fr Mathew Aerthayil, published an article in Deepika daily with the title, 'Challenges raised by the custody of Fr Stan Lourdasamy'. The AADI-Lok Manch collaboration also helped in the distribution of Covid-relief materials to 500 tribal families in different hamlets in Attappady. Lok Manch, Delhi, provided the kits.

With the health department of Sholayur Panchayat, we conducted a campaign class for the youth on child rights, Pocso and health related topics. The staff of AADI and Lok Manch participated in a Zoom seminar on 'Preamble of the Constitution' organised by ISI, Bangalore, as part of 'cadre formation'. Two MSW student trainees of Kerala University completed one month virtual placement at AADI. **Fr Antony** helped five Adivasi students to get

admission in different colleges like Assumption College, Changanacherry and Mercy College, Palakkad.

Mathew Aerthayil

AICUF CENTRE, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM



In solidarity with **Fr Stan Swamy**, Kerala Aicuf in collaboration with Trivandrum Jesuits organised a protest in front of the Secretariat. In spite of the heavy shower, Jesuits and Aicufers actively participated in the protest following the Covid-19 protocol. AICUF, both at the national and state levels, is preparing for the next stage of campaign for the same cause.

Prince

LOYOLA, MUKUNDARA

Loyola School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti and Milad-i-Sherif online. Students actively participated in both the programmes. The School also conducted PTA meetings to know the response of the parents regarding the new way of teaching online. Parents were quite happy and appreciative of the new venture of the school. We had a surprise visit by **Mar Joseph Perumthottam**, the Archbishop of Changanacherry Diocese. In the community we celebrated the birthday of **Br Mathew Puthiedom**.

Libin Mathew

XAVIER INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION, TRIPURA

The month of October saw prayer groups conducting rosary prayers in every family in our village and at the Institute. XIDE (Xavier Institute for Development Education) has started a nursery school and 44 children are already enrolled. A meeting of the parents was held before beginning the nursery school. After a long gap, we began celebrating the Holy Mass in the Church. It is the Jubilee Year for the diocese of Agartala



Sch Vysakh is the Administrator of the community along with his other responsibility as warden. He teaches English and EVS in the high school classes. Harvesting from two acres of paddy field (Five tonnes of grains) was done by 21 of us who live in the campus during the last week of October. We have a convent with three Nirmala sisters, and one of them is our Headmistress. The grand finale of the month was the rosary procession in which all the Catholics around participated.

Vysakh Titus

OURS IN MEDIA

- **Fr E J Thomas**, അജപാലനത്തിന് ഒരു രീതി ശാസ്ത്രം, കോഴിക്കോട്: ആത്മ പബ്ലിക്കേഷൻസ്, 2020.
- **Fr Thomas Karimundackal**, *Empowered Women, Ennobled Humans: Enabling Dignity and Equality* (co-ed with Sony Chundattu, CMI), Christ College Pune & Written Words, Delhi, 2020.
Fr Thomas has one article in the above book: "The Social Status of Woman in the Hebrew Bible," 183-202.
- **Fr Thomas Karimundackal**, "What does the Bible Teach about Global Pandemics?," in: *VJTR* 84/10 October 2020, 744-762.
- **Fr Sebastian Painadath**
 - "ക്രൈസ്തവ - ഇസ്ലാമിക സംവേദനത്തിന്റെ മിസ്റ്റിക് മാനങ്ങൾ", : വിൻസെന്റ് കുണ്ടുകുളം (എഡി) ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ - ഇസ്ലാം സംഭാഷണം, ജീവൻ ബുക്സ്, 2019, 69 - 78
 - "മറക്കാനാവാത്ത ആചാര്യവചസ്സ്" വി.ജി. തമ്പി (എഡി), നിത്യചൈതന്യത്തി അനുരാഗപൂർവ്വം, പുസ്തക പ്രസാധകസംഘം, കോഴിക്കോട്, 2019, 151- 152
 - "പ്രവാചക ആത്മീയതയും കേരളസഭയും", മൈക്കിൾ കാരിമറ്റം (എഡി), പ്രവാചകശിഷ്യത്വം, തൊണ്ടിപ്പറമ്പിൽ ഫാമിലി ട്രസ്റ്റ്, പാലക്കാട് 2020, 287 - 303
 - "കൊറോണാനന്തരസഭയിലെ ആത്മീയത" ജോയി അയിനിയോടൻ (എഡി), കൊറോണക്കാലത്തെ അനുഭവപാഠങ്ങൾ, സെന്റ് പോൾസ്, എറണാകുളം, 2020, 130 - 140

as well as the Bishop. So we invited the **Bishop Most Rev Dr. Lumen Monteiro, CSC** for a Jubilee celebration in the Jesuit community. The Bishop came and presided over the Holy Mass in the Xavier Institute Hall. The Jamtailbari Catholics felicitated the bishop. The GDA (General Duty Assistant) course students' meeting was held in the Institute and twenty students have been admitted to the course. Our Parish priest **Fr Lancy, CSC** was hospitalized since he was tested Covid positive. He is slowly recovering. **Sch Dijin** spent one week in our community during the Dhurgapooja holidays. The dispensary is functioning well. Construction of the new house is in progress.

Frangle Xavier

ST XAVIER'S SCHOOL, MOIRANG, MANIPUR MISSION



In the month of October, we had rosary and house blessings in the catholic families during the weekends. **Fr Syriac** celebrated Holy Mass in two Manipuri families. Manipuris (Meitei) are quite different from the tribal communities. We have four pre-novices in our community and they are guided by Fr Robert. Fr Pradeep, whose roots are

in Kerala, celebrated his First Mass in our community. He was ordained in Bangalore after completing his Theology in Paris

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Louis Francken, SJ (RAN), 82/63
on 05.10.2020 at Mandar, Ranchi.

Fr Paul Vadakel, SJ (KER), 91/71
on 08.10.2020 at Kozhikode.

Fr Wilson Arockiasamy, SJ (MDU), 56/36
on 17.10.2020 at Nagercoil.

Fr Joachim Dungdung, SJ (RAN), 73/48
on 19.10.2020 at Mandar, Ranchi.

Fr Gregory D'Silva, SJ (JAM), 56/37
on 25.10.2020 at Jamshedpur.

Mr Mathew Padinjarevarikattu (95), father of **Fr Sunny Padinjarevarikattu, SJ**, on 05.10.2020 at Kattachira.

Mrs Elsey Francis (67), mother of **Fr Tinu Francis, SJ**, on 15.10.2020 at Ernakulam.

Mr P.P. Augustine (89), father of **Fr Wilson Puthussery, SJ**, on 21.10.2020 at Varapuzha.

Mrs Gracy (76), elder sister of **Fr Jose Thachil, SJ**, on 28.10.2020 at Meloor.

Mrs Aleykutty (80), mother of **Fr Jose Choorapoikayil, SJ**, on 02.11.2020 at Kolayad.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

09 Joseph Puthenpurackal

13 Raphael Thottan

16 Philip Vattamala

17 Jose Valuvettickal

19 Sebastian Painadath

19 Rajesh Punchathalackal

21 Jose Jacob Maruthukunnel

22 Emmanuel Puthuvalveetil

24 Thomas Njaralamkulath

28 Raju Vattaparambil

29 Baby Chalil

29 Sunil Padannamakkel

29 Xavier Tharamel

DECEMBER

03 Linto Kanichai

05 Xavier Veliyakam



IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

NOVEMBER

02 (1998) Mathew Pulickal

07 (2011) George Kandathil

09 (1970) John Kizhakethayil

09 (2017) John Mialil

22 (2008) Varkey Cheruvallil

23 (2016) Sabu George Malayil

25 (1997) Ignatius Chackalakal

30 (1991) Antony Palakunnel

30 (1993) Sebastian Kappen



Obituary

Fr Joseph Thayil left us on 30 Sept at the age of 90 at Christ Hall Kozhikode. But he leaves behind fond memories in a large number of people who had associated with him.

Fr Joe Thayil, as he was affectionately called, was indeed a guru known for his skill in counselling and guidance. He was trained in spirituality and counselling from the Gregorian University, Rome and Sadhana Institute, Lonavla. Hence, he spent most of his life in the twin fields of religious formation and Psycho-spiritual counselling. For nearly 20 years, he was engaged in the training of young Jesuits - as Director of Juniors, Novice Master, Spiritual Guide to the philosophy students at Shembaganur, and Tertian Instructor. He was a much-appreciated Retreat Director too. His work in the field of Counselling went hand in hand. While being the Rector of Christ Hall, he was also on the staff of the Socio-Religious Centre (SRC). When he moved to Lumen-Jyothis in Kochi in 2000, he continued his ministry of counselling and retreat direction. Many women's congregations looked upon Fr Joe as a reliable guru and an amiable guide. Many Sisters give testimony to his guidance sessions and personal growth workshops, and they kept visiting him when he became less mobile. Fr Joe had an uncanny talent to untangle even the most twisted knots in human hearts.

As a Jesuit, he also took up responsibility as Superior of different Jesuit houses. He was Rector of Christ Hall Kozhikode twice, and Superior of Sameeksha & RTC Kalady. He functioned as Socius to the Provincial from 1978 to 1984. He has to his credit two books on Ignatian spirituality, '*Adyatmika Sadhana*' and '*Antharika Swathatryam*', both in Malayalam.

I met Fr Joe first in 1962 in Christ Hall when he took over as the lone Jesuit staff for us, the first batch of six Juniors of the newly-formed Kerala Vice Province. Just fresh from his theology studies, it must have been easy for him to understand the youngsters, and that may be one reason why all of us have happy memories of our time with him. I have a vivid memory of another occasion too; that was when he



FR JOSEPH THAYIL, SJ
16.05.1930 - 30.09.2020

came to Shembaganur where I was doing my first year of philosophy. I remember sitting in his room in tears while narrating a hurtful experience of mine during my regency. There I could experience the understanding and caring person in Fr Joe, and I came out of his room consoled and in peace.

In 2018, when he reached 88, he withdrew from active ministry and moved to *Sangamam*, the house for senior Jesuits. He was concerned about his failing memory, but continued as a voracious reader. When I met him in *Sangamam*

recently, I was pleasantly surprised to notice that his very presence radiated joy and contentment. "It is time to move out and so here I am", he seemed to be saying. No regrets, no complaints.

Fr Joe was Programme Director of SRC, Kozhikode, a work he continued for 15 years. There I had the privilege of working with him for over eleven years. Anyone was welcome to his room anytime. I have seen even senior Jesuits coming and meeting him regularly seeking his guidance. Many younger Jesuits would swear that Fr Thayil was their most trusted guide all through their life. They would get refreshed and energized after spending time with him. Both of us worked together as a team in conducting group therapy sessions. I used to marvel at his gentle but firm ways of challenging the participants to look at life differently. He had no hesitation to express his disagreement too when the need arose. Fr Joe was soft-spoken with smiling eyes and a caring face, and always gentle in his ways. He was a real guru but with no external trappings of greatness. That is why people felt attracted towards him. But he was no weakling either. He could express his disapproval when the need arose. He was such a marvel to deal with, and more, to live with. And the wonder is that he maintained a hidden youthfulness till he reached 90. That gave him energy to perform his favourite snuffle dance at age 87 in an assembly of Jesuits. Thank you, Joe, for leaving many good memories behind for our nourishment.

Ephrem Thomas, SJ

Obituary

Father Paul Vadakel left us on 8 October, 2020 after a few months of agonizing struggle with life at the ripe old age of 91, to join his forefathers and fellow Jesuits who preceded him to accept the crown of glory from his creator and Lord. He had spent 71 years in the Society of Jesus as a committed and dedicated noble son of St Ignatius.

He hails from Vadakara, a village 3 km west of Koothattukulam. The Vadakel family has rendered yeomen service to the Church and the civil society. Fr Paul's uncle Msgr Abraham Vadakel (Pala diocese) was a literary genius; he was a teacher by profession and retired from service as the headmaster of St. Peter's high school at Elenji. His cousin Adv George Vadakel was a judge of the Kerala High Court. Of the six siblings of Fr Paul, the only surviving member is Fr Mathew S.D.B. who has been working among the slum dwellers of Bangalore. He had the unique privilege of officiating at the funeral Mass of his elder brother. The untimely death of the youngest brother Mr Abraham who was an officer in the Indian Navy was a real shock to the family. But Fr Paul was there to comfort and support the bereaved family. Hence, we could aptly say that the Vadakel family lived '*pro Deo et Patria*'.

Fr Paul joined the Society in 1949 at Christ Hall, Kozhikode. After going through the various stages of formation in the Society he was ordained in 1962. After the Tertianship at Kodaikanal, he plunged deep into the pastoral and administrative services of the Society. GC 36 speaks of the 'audacity to go for the unexpected'. All the posts he held in the Society required real courage and determination. He was the Provincial of Kerala for six years and two months. Thrice he was the Acting Provincial. Whenever the Province was direly in need of combating any serious situation or facing a tricky problem, Fr Vadakel was there to shoulder the unpleasant burden. He was formed in the old Jesuit mould that enabled a young Jesuit to accept any mission whether pleasant or unpleasant. This audacity to venture into challenging and risky situations seems to be in the blood of Fr Vadakel. His philosophy companions used to narrate his adventure of killing



FR PAUL VADAKEL, S. J.
30. 06.1929 – 08. 10. 2020

a leopard with one stroke!

The Society can never forget the services rendered by him for the development of St Xavier's College, Thumba. He spent nearly 15 years there, twice as Rector and Manager of the institution. He put his heart and soul into developing this college into a centre of excellence. During this period, he had to put up with untold hardships and personal affronts. But, in spite of all the opposition and uncertainty, he stood for the Jesuit ideal of 'magis'. With proverbial courage and optimism and absolute trust in God, he was able to face any problem that

confronted him. Facing challenges with courage was his forte.

He considered poverty as the strong wall of religious life and insisted that others follow it strictly. He was hundred percent sincere and honest in the observance of religious vows. He never made any adjustment or compromise in following all the rules of the Society. He was ever willing to take up any work of the Society, and was never given to publicity and fanfare. He was methodical and systematic in work. He was seldom ruffled or annoyed – a reflection of his inner peace, calmness and equanimity. With his demise, we have lost a committed and responsible son of St Ignatius.

I have never worked with him. But I have enjoyed his paternal solicitude and encouraging support in the early years of my priestly service.

What he has been and what he did for Kerala province will be marked in golden letters. He has left an indelible mark on all those who got a chance to work with him. Like St. Paul, his heavenly patron, he could say, 'I have fought a good fight; finished my race; kept the faith; and the crown of justice awaits me.'

What we do for ourselves will be buried with our body. What we have done for others will ever remain with them. The sweet memory of Fr Paul Vadakel will ever remain alive in our hearts and minds.

'Non omnis moriar.' Horace.

'Mrityo ma amrtam gamaya'.

Joseph Edassery, S.J.