

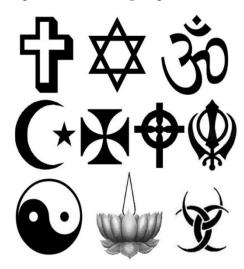
#### From the Provincial's Desk

Ecology also holds the attention of ecumenical and interreligious dialOgue



The group of advisers to Father General on Ecumenism and Interreligious Relations met in Rome from  $2^{nd}$  to  $5^{dh}$  September. Its job is mainly to alert and inform the General and his Council on issues, processes and involvements of Jesuits and the Church in the field of ecumenical dialogue and interreligious relations. Besides, the advisers share their thoughts and expertise on a particular topic that Father

General asks them to consider. For this year and in view of the coming Synod on the Amazon, the topic was ecology or the relation with nature and creation according to Christian denominations and religions (spiritualities or ways of wisdom) that are represented in the group.



The meeting started first by listening to Father General, then by personal prayer and finally by spiritual conversation. Father General's address focused on three main points: the profound meaning of the Universal Apostolic Preferences (2019-2029), a "job description" of the Secretary for the service of the faith, and some questions to be addressed by this group of advisers about its way of proceeding. More precisely, we had to clarify the link between ecumenism, interreligious relations and the special call for the mission of the Society, finding ways of better working and helping the Society to embody the Universal Apostolic Preferences, and the consequences to be drawn for this group from being now integrated into the mission of the secretariat for the service of the faith.

An extract from the article of Mpay Kemboly, SJ (Adviser to Fr. General for African Traditional Religions)

#### COLOMBO DISTRICT

#### Daham Sihila - Novitiate

The month of September has been a blessing for us novices. We had a workshop on Intensive Journal Writing for the first years given by Fr. Aloy Vanderwall. Fr. Master went to India in the last week of August to attend the Annual Novice Masters' Meeting held in Anand Jyoti Retreat House of Andra Pradesh Province. The second year novices returned to the novitiate after having a successful immersion program in the fishing village of Kokilai near Mulaitivu. The whole community was once again reunited after a couple of weeks of separation. In the days following, the second years wrote their reflection papers on the exposure program, while the first years continued their own Autobiographies which they started along with the classes on the Autobiography of St. Ignatius.

Fr. Master introduced to us the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) of the Society of Jesus proposed for the next ten years. He showed us some multimedia presentations on UAPs and we were enriched by the discussion we had thereafter with regard to the future mission of the Society of Jesus.

On September 19<sup>th</sup>, the mother of Leokanth, passed away. It was sorrowful news for us. The following day, Fr. Master, Fr. Socius and a few of his novice companions attended the funeral in Hatton.

Fr. Provincial's Annual Visitation of Daham Sihila Community, Kelaniya was on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. On 19<sup>th</sup> evening, at a celebration of the Eucharist Fr Provincial gave us insights and encouragement to prepare ourselves for our future mission.

In the last week of September, our first year novices went to the Vipassana Meditation Center in Kanduboda, Delgoda for a week's experience of Buddhist Meditation. This is in preparation for their Long Retreat which begins in the second week of October.

During their absence the second years had some lessons on Enneagram with Fr. Master. They were very helpful in understanding the nine personality types and the dynamics that take place in our interactions with one another. Afterwards they had a couple of sessions on Spiritual Conversation in view of building communal harmony.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, the second year novices were sent out in groups of two to various places namely the Home for Elders, Kegalle, Home for Elders, Vavuniya, Home for the Orphans and differently gifted children, Gonapinuwala and Marksri, Kalutara. Novice Leokanth was sent to the parish of Matugama for pastoral exposure. They will return to the novitiate after the Long Retreat of the first years in the first week of November.

#### DAHAM SIHILA – JUNIORATE

Every month brings an array of brand new experiences here at the Jesuit Juniorate. The month of September was not an exception. The 8<sup>th</sup> of September offered us an experience of joy of two birthdays since it was the birthday of our **Blessed Mother Mary** and the youngest member of the community, **Bro. Radnaf.** He went on to say that he was impressed for he had good celebrations both in the Parish where he does his ministry and in the Juniorate with the community members.

We the juniors and the staff members organized a farewell to **Fr. Dilan Perera**, **S.J**; since he was getting ready to leave Sri Lanka for Rome to continue his higher studies.

Dear Fr. Dilan, we are immensely grateful to God for the gift of you. In fact we had a great time with you and do appreciate your contribution as a formator. We wish you God's blessings.



On 11 September, we got an invitation to play a basketball match with O.M.I juniors at Kohuwala, Nugegoda. It was organized at St. Joseph's Seminary Kohuwala. As the whistle was blown and the match

commenced, we faced a tug-of-war at the beginning. The Jesuit juniors fought valiantly and gained the victory. It was our maiden achievement, which provided us with tremendous encouragement and joy. We are grateful to **Fr. Tharanga** who went out his way to organize an event such as this.

It was on  $16^{\text{th}}$  September that we began our block course based on *Social Analysis*, by **Fr. Sarath Iddamalgoda.** The course continued throughout the week and was successfully brought to conclusion on  $20^{\text{th}}$ September. It was a very useful exposure for us, as we were able to analyze most of the salient dimensions so as to have a clearer picture about the present problems prevailing in our country. We are really grateful to Fr. Sarath Iddamalgoda for his guidance and expertise. In the meantime **Fr. Dean** was away attending the annual meeting of the Juniorate Deans and staff members held in Trivandrum- Kerala from  $16^{\text{th}}$  to  $19^{\text{th}}$  of September.

We were privileged to meet **Fr. Provincial, Dexter Gray, S.J**., on 20<sup>th</sup> of September for the 'Annual Visitation', which was followed by the Exhortation to the Colombo district Jesuits. We had a short discussion with Fr. Provincial, and he explained to us in-depth about the Universal Apostolic Preferences. We are truly grateful to Fr. Provincial for his visit.

Since the *First Term Exams* are soon to begin the juniors seem to be fully immersed in their studies. Well begun is half done; we have had the homiletics exam conducted by **Fr. Dean**. The other written exams will follow soon. All we ask of you dear Fathers and Brothers is to remember us in your fervent and earnest prayers so that we may be able to do our best a.m.d.g.

#### KANDY DISTRICT

#### **Cholankanda Youth Training Ccentre (CYTC)**

During the month, Cholankande area received heavy rainfall, frequently disrupting the normal life of the people. However, the routine activities at CYTC were not unduly disrupted.

Fr. Peter Kurukula Aratchi as the Co-Patron of St Aloysius' College, OBA, Colombo Branch was invited to be the Chief Guest when the outgoing President of the Association, Mr. Tissa Gunawardena donated a new 25 seater Nissan Civilian Bus to the College to transport students for various events. Fr. Peter was also the Chief Guest when the newly opened St. Aloysius' College Sports Complex at Kandewatte (Galle) was named as the *"Morelli Stadium"*, *"a Dedication to the Jesuits"*, in the presence of distinguished old boys from OBA, Colombo Branch and the College authorities. Celebrations were held on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

On 8<sup>th</sup> Sept., the 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Aloysius' College, Galle, OBA, Colombo Branch was held in Colombo. Fr. Peter Kurukula Aratchi was conferred with the Honorary Membership of St. Aloysius College, Galle, OBA, Colombo Branch, in recognition of his dedicated services to the Alma Mater and to society. The celebrations were held at Sasakawa Hall, Colombo 3.

On 19<sup>th</sup> September a seminar was held for our students by a selected group of young experts, on communications' media and its relevance to modern society. The seminar was sponsored by the Divisional Secretariat, Pasbage Korale, Nawalapitiya.

Fr. Ranjan Jayamanne attends weekend classes in Psychology & Counselling at Aquinas University College leading to a Diploma.

#### Centre for Social Concern (CSC) & LOYOLA CAMPUS, HATTON



**Special training on tailoring**: CSC has been conducting tailoring in three places: Mount Jean, Tientsin and Aluthgama. Around 40 women come regularly for the training. The capacity of the local trainers in all the centres is weak and so periodically all the trainees come together to CSC centres to receive training from Ms. Maria, a well trained trainer in Hatton. Such a training took place on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

Inauguration of Children's day celebration and seminar on child rights: We had the

inauguration on 13<sup>th</sup> of September with the seminar on child rights. Each year the winning estate gets Bro. A. T. Alphonse Trophy. Bro. A.T. Alphonse was the pioneer of Social Action for the plantation community. Last year Mount Jean estate won the trophy and the students of Mount Jean brought the trophy back to the centre on the inauguration day. Fr. Premkumar started the seminar with an input at the convention on the rights of the child. Mr. Karunakaran, the programme coordinator of PREDO NGO discussed with the



students the issues of child right violations in the plantation community.



**Micro financing and its impact on the plantation community**: Kalam organized the seminar on 14<sup>th</sup> September. Mr. Nehru Karunakaran, the advocate from Hatton was the resource person. He explained that it is unfortunate that the money lenders have legal protection to collect the money whereas the people who borrow money do not have any legal protection. Earlier Mr. John, the social activist showed a case study video on the families who are affected by micro financing. UN report says that 2.2 million women in Sri Lanka are trapped in micro financing menace and 170 women have committed suicide. Finally the forum suggested that we need to create women self-help groups and facilitate sharing the resources within the community instead of borrowing from rapacious money lenders. In addition, the need to have proper data available on this issue to know the reality was emphasized.

**New students at CSC Loyola Campus:** A staff meeting was held on the  $2^{nd}$  of September. The director oriented the staff to be responsible as well as to do their duties accurately and efficiently in the new term. On  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  the staff completed the library work such as registering all the books in the computer and keeping them in order. We started to recruit new students on  $5^{th}$  onwards and



conducted the Bridge Course from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12th September. They learned basic grammar and had some motivational sessions during the week. As time passed by the number of students increased gradually. The students were asked to do the placement test and we divided them into two levels, such as Elementary and Pre-Intermediate. Among the 45 students who joined the September – December 2019 batch, 30 are for A2 and 15 for B1 level classes and 32 for computer classes.



**Computer exam, new batch and Microsoft course:** Tertiary Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) conducted the final NVQ exam for the previous batch of 15 students with Pre Assessment by Miss. Disanayake from Kandy from 12.30 to 3.30 p.m., on 9<sup>th</sup> September and final assessment by two assessors on 16<sup>th</sup> September. On 18<sup>th</sup> classes were started for the new batch. We

have 23 students in the morning batch and 8 in the afternoon one, totaling 31. Ms. Guna, our computer facilitator completed teaching typing and Module 1 (Manage files with folders) for the new students and started Module 2 (Perform word Processing) on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Ms. Guna is the facilitator for both CAA and Microsoft courses and also a student of Microsoft. She attended 3 zoom meetings this month. Zoom meetings are helpful to know how to use the course materials and how to facilitate the students. Fr. Director has appointed Ms. Udaya as the assistant facilitator to reduce the workloads.

**Sinhala Class:** Sch. Shiran takes classes on Sinhala on Saturdays from 2. 30 pm to 4.00 pm. This is open to all. The students of the last batch came in large numbers. The students of the new batch are yet to know the importance of learning Sinhala. Happy to note that the students who come for the class without knowing any Sinhala, leave the class with light conversation in Sinhala with their colleagues. This speaks well of the teacher.





**Competitions for Children's day:** The staff in the 10 units namely Tientsin, Aluthgama, Dickoya, Panmur, Danbar, Broadoak, Lonak, Diyagala, Halloowella, and Mount Jean organized the students of their respective villages and conducted the competitions and selected the best three in the events planned. The winners came to the centre on 21<sup>st</sup>

and  $22^{nd}$  of September and had the competition among the units and the best three were selected. Group competitions of all ages will be conducted on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October and we plan to have a children's day celebration on 13<sup>th</sup> of October. All are cordially welcome.

#### <u>Satyodaya</u>

#### Education of the children through the education of the parents.

After so many years of work experience with the people of the plantation sector, Satyodaya has realized that the inalienable responsibility in educating the children falls on the parents with their school teachers. The children and teachers in schools do their



best in their studies and teaching respectively. However, without enough support and inspiration from the parents at home, children lose interest and desire for studies. Children need love, affection, understanding, inspiration and a push from the parents as well as a conducive home environment to continue their studies. Having realized the importance of educating the parents, Satyodaya developed a parallel program for the parents to be initiated with the support of the school teachers in many Satyodaya centers around Kandy.

#### Parents' educational program in Bopitiya and Pattiyagama

The educational program for the parents of Bopitiya and Pattiyagama was held at the Bopitiya Tamil School in Deltota. More than one hundred parents, mostly mothers,

participated. Ms. S. I Anthony, the resource person, clearly highlighted the need to have a conducive environment and healthy relationship at home for the education of children. An indifferent relationship between children and parents in education has been one of the reasons for educational backwardness of the plantation community. She further requested the parents to get the maximum benefits out of Satyodaya programmes that are carefully designed to motivate the children in eduction.



#### Achieving success through collectivity

Satyodaya organized an awareness creation programme in Ambanpitiya estate to get its community think anew about their children's educational development. The Principal and a teacher from St. Mary's Tamil School, Kegalle together with Fr Kamal Andradi

and the staff of Satyodaya were warmly welcomed by the Ambanpitiya community. The main speech was delivered by Mr M. Gunadeepan, a teacher from St. Mary's Tamil School, Kegalle convincing the parents of their vital responsibility in the education of children. Fr Kamal Andradi, SJ, said that the best investment the parents could make would be to educate their children. He further said that the love, care and concern shown in their education would be reciprocated later in many ways.

#### The most powerful tool of education



A discussion was arranged by Satyodaya for parents of the children in Gevilipitiya area in the Kegalle district with the help of the school teachers in the school premises. The teachers were the resource persons for the programme. The discussion was geared towards convincing the parents of their role in the education of their children. Further, it was also stressed that the drug menace prevailing in the area could be averted through education.

#### Monitoring session of the Satyodaya Scholarship Program

For the first time all the scholarship receivers were called to the Satyodaya Centre for a one-day monitoring session. The main purpose of gathering them together at the

Satyodaya Center was to evaluate the progress of their education, to give them an opportunity to know more about Satyodaya and the Society of Jesus who support them financially for their education. It is also to allow them to share with one another the challenges and difficulties that they face in life. Fr. Kamal started the session with a meditation and explained to them the value of education as the only way to raise the poor standard of their life situation in the estate and rural



village and be successful in life. He encouraged the students to make maximum use of the opportunity given by making sincere efforts and sacrifices to study well and pass their examinations.

#### Languages for peace

Peace and reconciliation among all peoples has become a national effort and Satyodaya in a small way has also planned to bring peace and reconciliation among the children of different communities through a tri-lingual educational program. The purpose of this program is to help the children to acquire some knowledge of all the three languages used in the country so that they can at least begin to converse with each other and thus build relationships. The first tri-lingual program for children was held at Kithulmulla.

The importance of respecting each other's language in order to make Sri Lanka truly a peaceful country was stressed. There should be a mechanism for everyone to learn the other's language easily. Satyodaya carries out a model programme which can be replicated by anyone who is interested in motivating children to learn all three languages (Sinhala, Tamil and English).

#### Many Workshops attended

During the month of September, Satyodaya staff members participated in many workshops, meetings and discussions on different topics and issues organized by the government and non-government organizations.

Some of them were:

- "The Value of Reconciliation and Prevention of Drugs"
- "Safe way for foreign employments"
- "Reconciliation"
- "Inter Religious Dialogue"
- "To develop a National Action Plan on Women, Peace and security"

#### **Retreat for the students of the Colombo University**



A group of 52 Catholic students from the University of Colombo made their annual three days retreat with Fr. Kamal, S, J., from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September at the AC retreat house, Ampitiya, Kandy. They were accompanied by their chaplain Rev. Fr. Chrishantha and Rev. Bro. Kokila OSB. The theme of the retreat was "Knowing God and our true identity within"

that would help them to bear witness to the love of God and to their Christian vocation as students in the university. Emotional problems, challenges, difficulties, hardships and temptations affecting their studies and future were meditatively and prayerfully shared and discussed.

#### Lanka Centre for Ecology & Justice (LCEJ)

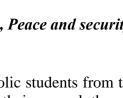
#### Goodbye and Welcome.....

The community bid farewell to Fr. Aniston with a grateful heart for all his services to Campus the Lovola and the Pre-Novitiate.We wished him all the best for his Tertianship programme in US. He left Trinco for US on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We also gladly welcomed Fr. Robert to our community. On 1<sup>st</sup> September he took charge as the director of the Pre-Novitiate. We wish him a fruitful ministry his first after his ordination.We have nine young and lively



Pre-Novices for this academic year and three are yet to arrive. The academic year began with the Eucharistic celebration. We prayed that all of us persevere in our Jesuit vocation till the end. Fr. Provincial celebrated mass for the pre-novices and laid emphasis on unity in diversity.

We gratefully remember our Vocation Promoters Frs. Thusara, Emil and Jeevan and Frs. James and Rashmi who took initiatives to recruit candidates for the Pre-Novitiate.



#### At the periphery

We have started our extension programme of Loyola Campus Trincomalee in Mutur. We are very much aware that Mutur was one of the most affected places during the war. As we felt it to be a need of the hour, we planned out along with the Capuchin Priests to start setting up a Loyola Campus. The Bishop of Trincomalee has given us the EHED center to be used as class rooms. Though admissions were very few, we hope to get a good number of students for the next intake. We gratefully remember Fr. Poy. the Country



intake. We gratefully remember Fr. Roy, the Country Director, for his support and contributions at all levels to initiate this new venture for the marginalized. We also remember Fr. Prem who very much supported and gave the background idea to initiate this process.

#### **Double Century – Loyola Campus**



The recruitment process for the Loyola Campus went on well. The alumni of Loyola Campus played a vital role in bringing students for the Global English Language Programme. They have advertised the programme in the other schools too. We also met nine Principals from the rural schools to encourage students for the GEL course. Now we have 40 percent of students from rural areas. The fruit of the hard work is visible now as we have got 228 students for GEL,

79 students for Computer Application Assistance and 47 for Basic Sinhala Course. We have recruited four temporary staff members to meet the needs of the students.

Fr. Robert conducted the orientation for the students. The points given by him instilled in the hearts of students a sense of oneness and determination to strive hard to learn English.

The construction of the first floor for the Loyola Campus is going on. It would be completed by the end of October. Fr. Provincial paid a visit to the construction work site. Once it is over, we will have enough space to run the programme.



#### **Children Programme**

Missionaries of Charity sisters have initiated the process to conduct the children's programme for the students in and around Trincomalee. Fr. Robert and Fr. Rajeeva, a diocesan priest organised the programme meticulously in the Loyola Campus premises

for two days. Children were motivated and strengthened by the talks given by the resource persons. The gathering was very fruitful and meaningful. The service done by the Missionaries of Charity sisters was well motivated. We had a fruitful day.

#### Lanka Centre for Ecology & Justice (LCEJ)



Ecology center organised a series of programmes for the trainees in different places such as Sampur, Nilaveli and Trincomalee. These programmes helped the trainees to become aware of the ecological crisis in their home towns. Competitions like drawing, composition and writing poems on ecological themes, were conducted in two schools. Three hundred students actively participated bringing out all their talents.

LCEJ organized a three day training programme in Trincomalee in collaboration with JRS. 33 Pre-School teachers came forward to help out with the

trainees. We also thank Frs. Lazar, Benny and Elil who meticulously planned this programme and executed same excellently.

#### ENCOUNTERS & CELEBRATIONS (Fr Lasantha from JRS, Kekuma, Kenya)

The month of September was filled with so many **encounters and liturgical** celebrations.

I started joining the assembly of the children with Special Needs every morning in their

respective centres, by turns. They too eagerly wait for me and as they see me getting down from the van, they start shouting "Good Morning Mr. Elephant". The most enjoyable item of the assembly has become the songof "Good Morning dance Mr. Elephant". We dance together and it has become a very energizing act for them.



I had the opportunity to meet with the parents of these children and discuss the issues connected with their lives. I was also blessed to meet the parents of the children with Cerebral Palsy who are homebound, to help educate them on the value of nutrition and special care needed for these children.

The Parents' Support groups are a very powerful platform which enables us to meet the parents and to listen to the challenges and the sufferings connected to in having these children.

I also meet the teachers of these children once a month, to listen to their stories of success and failure in their encounters.



Then I had the opportunity to meet with our JRS Counseling department at the "Reception" during the in-service training sessions and the programs of awareness for barefoot counselors, conducted for the newly admitted refugees from different countries.

The Post-Secondary Education Unit of JRS invited me to speak to our Teacher Trainees on "Ignatian Pedagogy". I thoroughly enjoyed talking on the topic and the interaction was a very touching one. They left

the hall saying "Teacher does not teach, but questions oneself and encourages the student to question themselves, **Why**?"

It was also enlightening to hear one beneficiary after an encounter, exclaimed, "Yes, Now I understand the difference between the JRS and other Agencies..... JRS treats us as brothers and sisters, not only as human persons"

# All these encounters paved the way to bring out the Values of JRS, Jesuits, Christianity and JESUS Himself

This month was filled with so many pastoral activities. I had the opportunity to baptize 52 infants and children at St. John Bosco centre on the Birthday of Our Lady. The whole celebration had a very personal touch. A time for anointing, prayers said very



very personal touch. A time for anointing, prayers said very meaningfully, personal blessing of parents and God-parents and also making the community aware of their responsibility in the formation of these children in the Christian Faith. I took each child imparting a kiss as a symbol of welcome into the community.

As the Holy Cross Parish celebrated the Feast and Family Day, I

had the opportunity to hear their confessions for a few hours at their different centers. I also had the opportunity to help at St. Peter's Basic Christian Community mass of the Good Shepherd Parish, that is, from the host community.



The Sunday Liturgies of this month had very powerful parables of Jesus and I took time to explain the contexts of these parables.

The parables were also acted out with the children, the parables of the Lost Sheep and



that of the Prodigal Son. In the Lost Sheep, what it is to carry the strayed sheep on the shoulders of the Shepherd and in the Prodigal Son, what it is to be a Compassionate father who runs to the son and embraces him though he had wasted all his wealth, but also to run to the eldest son to help him reconcile with his younger brother – were all acted out.

I discovered the Grace of Priestly Life more and more during these celebrations and how I become an instrument in the Hands of the Powerful God, broken for humble service of these suffering ones.

#### OUR TERTIANS WRITE.....

#### News from JCAP Tertianship



It is already a month since I began my tertianship in Manila, Philippines. I came to the Philippines on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Sch. Sachintha received me at the airport, picked me up, and took me to the Loyola School of Studies (LHS) where my tertianship program is held. LHS is in the campus of

Ateneo de Manila University. We are ten tertians from ten different countries. Our tertian instructors are Rev. Fr. Priyano Marwan, SJ from the Indonesian Province and Rev. Fr. Ramon from the Philippines' province. We had a formal welcoming on 02<sup>nd</sup> September with a Community Eucharistic celebration and dinner. The president of Asia Pacific Conference, the Provincial, the rector and other community superiors were also present at the occasion and welcomed us with a big smile and open heart.

We started our program with a small introduction about ourselves. Before entering into the program we read the directives on tertianship written by Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach,SJ in the formation of Jesuits. He explains the purpose, significance and the need of tertianship in the life of every Jesuit. It created a right atmosphere to enter into the program. The first week was spent in understanding the history of Christianity and culture of the Philippines. The second and third weeks were very significant because we shared the history of grace. We shared with each other how God has worked in our personal life before joining the Society and in our religious life after joining the Society. It was really an enriching experience for me. The deep sharing helped us to understand one another more. It also broadened our horizon and the worldview. While recalling our own experiences of graced history we reflected on the life of St. Ignatius by reading his autobiography and the history of the first Jesuits. The fourth week was a practical experiment of Filipino Life experience. Though the tertianship is given different names such as second noviceship, third year of novitiate, and third probation above all it is the School of the Heart (Constitution 516).

News from Portland (USA)



#### T. Lawrence,S.J.

I landed in Portland having touched down in Singapore, Tokyo, and Los Angeles. Rev. Michael Weiler, S.J. the instructor, JCCU Tertianship Program received me at the Portland Airport. I had enough time to settle down and make myself familiar with the place. The campus has the Curia office for the

US West Province, St.Ignatius' Parish, the Great High School and the Tertians' House. We are eight Tertians from different parts of the World. We are still waiting for two more to join the group. Along with Michael, S.J., there are two more to assist us, Pat Lee and Steve. We have started the program and from 1st of October we will begin our long retreat. May I kindly request your prayers for all of us and be assured of ours for you.

Aniston Morais, S.J.

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#### NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANCY

Programs scheduled by the Centre for **Ignatian Spirituality and Research** (CISR) at De Nobili, Pune. The details are given below.

**1. Ignatian Principles for Priestly Ministry:** (5<sup>th</sup> Dec to 20 Dec. 2019) The two week program aims at offering young Jesuit priests an in-depth understanding of specific Ignatian Principles that are relevant to their identity as Jesuit priests and which will aid them in their priestly ministry. (*This program is only for young Jesuit priests who have not yet done their tertianship*).

**Modules:** Introduction to the priestly character of a Jesuit vocation; Priestly ministry of St. Ignatius – Constitutions, Spiritual Diary & Letters; Priesthood in the documents of the GCs/Generals; Discernment in one's priestly life & ministry

**2. Ignatian Sources:** (5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2020 to 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020). The 10 week program on Ignatian Sources will primarily focus on the fundamental texts that constitute Ignatian Spirituality. The modules will familiarize the participant with the texts, help one to analyze and interpret them in accordance with the changing times and contexts. The program ends with an 8 day retreat (*This is for Jesuits as well as the wider Ignatian family*. Both the programs can accommodate only 20 participants.

**Modules:** Introduction to Ignatian Sources, the Autobiography, Discernment, Spiritual Exercises, Constitutions, Spiritual Diary, Letters, Writings of the Early Companions, Ignatian Prayer, History of the SJ in India, Vatican II and Mission Today

Those involved with lay groups, other religious and the members of the Ignatian family please communicate the information about the second program. Both the programs can accommodate only 20 participants.

## REMEMBRANCES

	OCTOBER	
05/1980	Fr. F. X. Grasso	74/59
09/1939	Fr. J. B. de Geradon	67/49
09/1947	Br. Joseph Wright	78/58
11/1968	Br. Lambert Van Lierop	87/71
13/1985	Fr. Domenico Scaldarella	77/58
20/1938	Fr. Maurice Lemaitre	72/53
24/1965	Fr. Raymond Vandenbussche	82/63
25/1947	Fr. Julian Theisen	45/23
26/1978	Fr. Joseph Angele	76/58
31/1978	Br. Arokiam Saverimuttu	59/29
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### MANY HAPPY RETURNS

#### OCTOBER

05/1996 Michael Croos (Junior)
16/1944 Aloysius Vanderwall
18/1945 Ranjith Abeyasinghe
22/1951 Veerasan Yogeswaran
24/1977 Jose Silveira
25/1972 Anil Kumar Minj
25/1995 Rahul Nokrek (Junior)
25/1997 Sudipto P. Rozario (Novice)
27/1982 Emil Lucien

#### 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





What Our Provincials Think We Do



What Our Spiritual Directors Think We Do



What We Really Do

James Martin, SJ

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