



Our Lady of the Way



Our Lady of Sorrows



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Towards Environmentally
Sustainable Lifestyle...

Provincial's Message



Cannot be "Lookers on from the Balcony"

A new book titled, "*Healing the World: Life after the Pandemic*" by Pope Francis, has been recently published by CBCI. It contains catechesis, homilies, messages and letters of Pope Francis during the first year of COVID-19 and the critical issues which are brought to the entire world by the Pandemic. Pope invites all of us, at this critical time, to journey together with a sense of interdependence and being in-it-together. As disciples of Jesus, we cannot be different nor mere 'lookers on from the balcony'. We are called to continue "His works of healing and salvation" in a physical, social and spiritual sense.

As Fr. Stan Swamy, our contemporary martyr says, "*we cannot be silent spectators in this unjust world*". We need to open our eyes to see the sufferings of the marginalized and be with them in the process of 'healing' the unjust world and 'salvation' of the marginalized.

Cross and Migration: One of the biggest challenges of today is the issue of migration, due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and the internal wars. Together with modern communications and transportation, the impact of globalisation has greatly increased the number of migrants. Migrants are disproportionately affected by COVID-19 often without income or shelter, risks of trafficking and exploitation through job losses, evictions and discrimination. Our Pope always speaks on their behalf and he himself had made special efforts to take care of their well-being in Rome. We are also bound by his invitation to commit ourselves to look for better ways of improving their lives. Carrying the Cross and Sufferings throughout their lives become their new normal.

- **Feasts:** As we celebrate the Nativity of Blessed Mother (Sep 8), the Feast of Holy Cross (Sep 14) and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sep 15), we are invited to respond to the call of Pope Francis by being part of His works of 'healing and salvation' and not to be 'lookers on from the balcony'. In the context of COVID-19, Cross becomes the symbol of power of powerlessness. Converting the Cross and Sufferings into power through our participation in the struggles of the suffering migrants and other marginalized is the special invitation given to us.

- **Jesuit Saints:** Among the Jesuit Saints celebrated in the month of September, two of them pull us near to their hearts. St. Peter Claver (Sep 9) and Bl. Francis Garate (Sep 10), both are Spanish Jesuits with a heart for and of the poor Lord. Peter Claver signs his name as the 'Slave of the Slaves'. After becoming a Jesuit, he spent about 40 years among the African slaves. He loved them so much that he signed in his final profession as 'Peter Claver, a Servant of the Ethiopians forever'. His heart was filled with compassion and love for the poor slaves.

- **Teachers' Day** on 5th September is actually a celebration to acknowledge the hardship, challenges and the unparalleled role that the teachers play in our lives. Bl. Garate, a man like St. Alphonsus Rodrigues, spent many years as a gate keeper in the University of Deusto, Bilbao, the birth place of our dear Servant of God Pedro Arrupe. He never

taught in any classroom but remained a teacher of life-lessons for many students with a special love for the poor and the needy. Both these saints are inviting us to love the poor always and express it in any possible ways.

On this occasion, we wish all our Teachers who are our collaborators in our Schools, Colleges and other centres in the Province to enjoy good health and pray for God's blessings on them and their families.

We, the Jesuits, teaching in formal or non-formal sectors, have the duty to play a significant role in the lives of our students to gently nudge them to become good human beings, having concern for the poor and marginalised and grow into ideal citizens of the country and to become part of the cross and sufferings of the suffering humanity. The Lord on the Cross shall lead us on!

Jebamalai Irudayaraj

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 05 GBM: Higher Education Commission
- 07 Meeting on Pay Revision of Social Centres
- 08 Feast Mass at Soosaipuram Parish, Chennai
- 09 TNCRI Executive Committee meeting, Tiruchi
- 14 GBM: Youth Commission
- 19 Meeting of Province Think Tank
- 21 GBM: Finance Commission
- 24 GBM: Formation Commission
- 27 Province Consult

OCTOBER 2021

- 01 Coordinators' Meeting
- 02, 03 Superiors and Team Leaders Meeting
- 03 pm Province Consult
- 05, 06 GBM: Social Action (including Tribal, Migrant and Ecology)
- 08 Inauguration of LIBA New Building
- 09 GBM: Pastoral Commission
- 10 GBM: Secondary Education Commission
- 14 Meeting of Province Vocation Facilitators
- 24-30 JCSA Meeting, Hyderabad

POPE'S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK UNIVERSAL INTENTION – AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

NAME	FROM	TO
Fr. Fernando Wellington G.	JMAADD: Loyola Kuppayanallur	Beschi Illam, Dindigul
Fr. Michael Pugazhendhi A.	Tertianship, Kandy, Sri Lanka	Beschi Illam, Dindigul (Editor: Thoothan, Dir: Apostolic Home, TN Dir: PWPN (Apostleship of Prayer)

WELCOME TO CEN

Fr. Mariadoss Siluvaimuthu (MDU), has taken additional responsibility as one of the Revisors of Loyola College Society, Chennai.

Fr. Jesu Raja Raju (MDU), Minister. Loyola College, Vettavalam.

Patric Leons J., a second year novice, left the novitiate on 30 August 2021.

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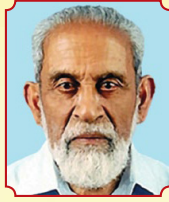
JUBILARIANS 2021

CHENNAI & MADURAI JESUITS

70 Years As a Jesuit



Fr. Moolel
Mathew J. (MDU)



Fr. Thekkekara
Andrews (MDU)



Fr. Arulanandam
Michael (MDU)



Fr. Ignatius
M. Joseph (MDU)



Br. Irudayasamy
Sebastian (MDU)



Fr. Josephraj
Savarimuthu

60 Years As a Jesuit

50 Years in the Society

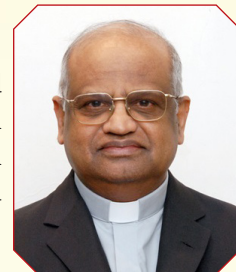


Fr. Augustine K. Antonimuthu, S.J. (MDU)

You have made significant contributions to the Communication and Secondary Education ministries of Madurai Province. Your contributions in the field of communication are noteworthy. Starting with Nasarethur Nayagan, a multi-stage sound and light drama on the life of Jesus in the 1980s, you produced a string of short sound and light dramas... You have touched many hearts and soothed many souls through more than 100 hymns and devotional songs.

Fr. Augustine Savarimuthu, S.J. (MDU)

Your specialization in the field of communication enriched your theological search and you have contributed enormously wherever you were placed. You earned a good reputation in and through your powerful ministry. When your service was required at the Gregorian University, Rome, you joyfully offered yourself to teach in that renowned institution... You have also exhibited a lot of inspiring human qualities that endear you to everybody.



Fr. Devadhas Muthiah, S.J.

You are appreciated as a very friendly, affectionate and committed Jesuit. You distinguished yourself as a teacher and Headmaster in our Jesuits schools. You motivated and counselled students when you were Hostel Director for 11 years. As Coordinator for Secondary Education, you readily implemented the Ignatian/Integral Pedagogical Paradigm (IPP)... Your apostolic availability went beyond borders. You volunteered to join the Jesuit Refugee Service at Damak, for the Bhutanese Refugees under Caritas Nepal.

Fr. Devasagayam Manickam, S.J.

As an academician, you taught Mathematics in our Jesuit colleges.... As a Jesuit, you are available for new initiatives of our Society. Your accompaniment of the marginalized is commendable. Through the founding of 'AMUTHU' at Ottenchathiram and leading it with dedication, you are instrumental in its struggle for the rights of the oppressed. You are cordial, gentle, sociable and compassionate. Your noble demeanour, in fact, has placed you in the forefront in accepting challenging situations where many hesitate to venture.



Fr. Elias Maria, S.J. (MDU)

As a young and vibrant priest, you served the marginalized being the director of PALMERA (People's Action and Liberation Movement in East Ramnad). You immersed yourself entirely in the life struggles of our Dalit brothers and sisters... Your contribution to the Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees in and through your association with the Jesuit Refugee Service has been highly commendable.... In colleges, too, you got yourself and your students involved in social outreach and extension service programmes.



Fr. Fernando Leonard Nevis, S.J. (MDU)

You dedicated yourself totally to teaching and research at Vidyajyoti, Delhi... Besides your teaching, you were very generous to accept various responsibilities at Vidyajyoti... Your role as the Principal of the college for 10 long years brought laurels to the college. Now, your service as the Rector of St. Joseph's, Tiruchi, and as Province Consultor greatly reveal your competence and the trust that the Society has placed in you.

Fr. A. Francis Sales, S.J. (MDU)

Your contribution to the fledgling Varusanadu mission will always be remembered... When appointed as the Rector of Beschi Illam, Dindigul, you served with generosity... Yet another significant contribution you made was to the Jesuit Refugee Service. You served as Director of CIS (Centre for Ignatian Spirituality) ... You served also in schools and your constant accompaniment of school students as a counsellor has enriched the lives of many.



Fr. Francis Xavier Periyannayagam, S.J.

Your academic excellence really stands out.... I am glad to note that you founded Loyola Institute of Frontier Energy (LIFE) and Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET), both of which continue to produce researchers and scientists of excellence. You continue to contribute your expertise in the fields of Physics, Religion and Science, Education, Formation and Time Management.... Your life enriches others in and through your systematic, self-assertive, friendly and jovial ways.

Fr. John Joseph B. Pragasam, S.J. (MDU)

Your humble surrender to the Lord made you faithful in your life and mission in the Society. In Loyola College, Chennai, you served sincerely in the Department of Chemistry and in various capacities in the college. As Dean of Loyola-ICAM College of Engineering and Technology (LICET), you contributed a lot to the academic excellence of the fledgling institution.... Now, as Superior of Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, you strengthen the mission of that rural institution with your administrative ability.



Br. Joseph M. Arockiam, S.J. (MDU)

You have worked very hard in our institutions, houses and farms in Tiruchi, Karumathur, Madurai, Kuppayanallur, Dindigul and elsewhere with utmost sincerity and honesty. Your heart of generosity never let you seek rest; you were ready for labour which you did without seeking any reward. Your simple lifestyle and cheerful and friendly approach make your presence in our communities a blessing.

Fr. Sekhar B. Vincent, S.J. (MDU)

Your academic calibre, research pursuits, inspiring inter-religious ministry and your soul stirring musical compositions make your ministry very special.... In a world torn apart by religious fundamentalism and divisive disharmony, you have acted as an instrument of promoting peace, harmony and reconciliation.... At Aikiya Alayam and later at the Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions (IDCR), Chennai, you have played a highly significant role in promoting dialogue with cultures and religions.



50 Years in Priesthood



Fr. Casimir Raj
Nicholas (MDU)



Fr. Irudayaraj
Maria Susai (MDU)



Fr. Xavier
Rajan

REPORTS

Ordination 2021

TO GROW MORE IN GOD'S LIKENESS... இறைச்சாயலில் இன்னும் அதிகமாக...

Among the many invaluable lessons learned in these pandemic times is one that celebrations could still be meaningfully held with a limited number of participants sans fanfare. We express our profound sentiments of gratitude to the Provincials and the PCFs of MDU and CEN Provinces for their meticulous planning and willingness to allow our parents and siblings to attend the ceremony with proper protective measures.

Due to the unexpected restrictions imposed by the government on public worship and celebrations on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, the Ordination, originally scheduled for August 28, was postponed to August 30. On that day, ten of us (4 MDU, 3 CEN, 2 CCU, 1 DEL) were ordained priests by **Bishop Stephen Antonysamy of Tuticorin Diocese** at St. Joseph's College Church, Tiruchi. We chose as our motto *To grow more in God's likeness*.

Having reminded us of the 500th anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius, the Ordaining Prelate, in his homily, dwelt on the life of Ignatius and the experiences that led to his conversion of heart. He also acknowledged the tremendous contribution that Jesuits have made to the Church in India. He advised us to carry forward the same legacy with vigour and tenacity, and asked us to walk firmly in the path of holiness, perceiving the smell of the sheep and spreading the aroma of Christ. Our family members also expressed their joy-filled gratitude to the administration of the provinces for the way the event had been organized.

From August 17, the day we arrived at Beschi, Dindigul, from our SUPAM parishes till the time we left for St. Joseph's, Tiruchi, everything went on smoothly as planned. Frs. Michael Doss, the Superior, and Dhanaraj R. (MDU), the retreat preacher, warmly welcomed us. What followed was an eight-day inward journey into the call received, nourished, relished, lived, and yet to live. We thank Fr. Dhanaraj for his insightful points which were drenched in contemplative experiences of the Gospel and the Divine. On finishing the retreat, we were invited to Maduralaya for a dinner and on 27th morning, our dear novices wished us well and saw us off as we left for St. Joseph's, Tiruchi. What followed from then on was a pilgrimage filled with warmth, solemnity and joy. We remain indebted to all those who accompanied us in this journey. In particular, we express our thanks to Fr. Leonard Fernando, Rector of St. Joseph's, Fr. Leolin Arockiadass, who prepared us well for a grace-filled Ordination liturgy and the entire St. Joseph's community for their cordiality and accompaniment.

After our Ordination, all ten of us were permitted to celebrate our First Thanksgiving Masses with our families and relatives in our native parishes. A limited number of ours from neighbouring Jesuit communities joined the celebrations making us cherish the filial affection of our Mother Society. Thank you for making it possible even in the times of uncertainties.

Doni Raja & S. Jayaraj



GBM REPORT (2021-22): SPIRITUALITY & DIALOGUE COMMISSION

On 17 August, 2021 GBM of Spirituality and Dialogue Commission (SDC) was organised at Dhyana Ashram, Chennai with the objective of reviewing the activities of SDC in the light of PAP for the year 2020-21, planning the activities for 2021-22 and fine-tuning the vision for SD commission in the context of Chennai Province.

The GBM began with a prayer by Fr. Darwin S. Michael. Fr. Maria Arul Raj A., Coordinator, SDC welcomed, and specifically pointed out the efforts of the commission in celebrating the year of St. Joseph (8 Dec, 2020-8 Dec, 2021) and bringing out the quarterly bulletin Cenkantnal. He further acknowledged that spirituality of eco-justice is yet to take off. He shared information on the progress of the initial efforts towards the canonisation of Veeramamunivar. Fr. Amaladass Anand proposed to make known the works of Veeramamunivar and establish his fame as a scholar. Fr. Joe Arun, coordinator of commissions directed the Commission to take up important outcomes of the GBM, like how SDC would impart spiritual energy, for further clarifications and decisions. Fr. Soosai Raj moderated the first session.

Fr. Raj Irudaya moderated the second session. Fr. Amaladoss Michael released the 5th issue of Cenkantnal and Fr. Provincial received it. Fr. Anand Amaladoss, the editor of Cenkantnal briefed the audience on its focus which is to highlight Tamil literature and Tamil culture with reference to the PAP. He also sought for feedback from the floor. Then the superiors/directors of Dhyana Ashram, Arrupe Illam, Aikiya Alayam and IDCR presented reports of their respective centres.

Then Spiritual Conversation was held in four groups using two questions:

i) Identify the transformative energy that I received personally from Fr. Stan's event.

ii) As a spiritual body, how could we energise our Jesuit companions, communities and institutions to credibly walk with the marginalised?

Fr. Joe Arun, emphasised that SDC is a spiritual resource for our province, and its goal is to contribute to the transformation of individuals and collaborators. He further suggested that Cenkantnal can portray Dalit culture and migrant culture in its publications.

Then Fr. Provincial thanked and appreciated Fr. Arul Raj A, for the initiatives such as three-minute videos, Ignatian novena, Cenkantnal, events for Ignatian year, Jesuit-Franciscan dialogue, webinars on St. Joseph etc. He also appreciated the activities of all four spirituality and dialogue centres and invited to

have their yearly programme prepared and made available using JEMCEN. He emphasised that the SDC needs to work on the canonisation of Veeramamunivar while making known his scholarly works; to explore the Ignatian roots of other Congregations; to focus on significant cultural interventions; to implement action plans of PAPs proposed overcoming challenges; and above all to bring all the Jesuits and our collaborators who would be given spiritual energy to understand our spiritual foundation.

The Vote of thanks given by Br. Antony Sinnamuthu was a fitting conclusion mentioning each one's name and contribution. It brought joy to everyone.

Arokia Dass J. & Viji Bose V.

IGY 21.22

The IGY team had a virtual meet on 11 August and reviewed the happenings as per the IGY – planner. Out of 135 programs planned, 34 have so far been accomplished. The team expressed its consolation over this and wished to place on record its gratitude to all the organisers and contributors. Due to lockdown - restrictions during the Ignatian Month of July, 15 programs could not be held.

The team came up with some new proposals: Former Jesuits' Meet, an MDU-CEN joint Recollection in view of commemoration of Canonisation of Sts. Ignatius and Francis Xavier, IGFA – meet, e-points for personal prayer culled out from Walking with Ignatius by Fr. Arturo Sosa, translation of the highlights of the General's book into Tamil and distribution etc. Suggestions regarding the above are welcome before finalising it by mid October.

Jerry & IGY team

CEN - REGENTS

On 24 July, Fr. Victor Roch, the Director of Regents conducted an online meeting and welcomed the first-year Regents. Frs. Antony Robinson, the PCF and Fr. Roch motivated and encouraged the regents to give their best and to learn more during the time of regency. Sch. Arokia Sundar took charge as Regents' Coordinator.

On 27 August, Fr. Justine Emmanuel preached monthly recollection to Regents, online. His insight-question "Can I be the captain of a losing team?" stole the hearts and minds of the Regents. On the following day, Fr. PCF guided the Regents through the spiritual conversation process for the implementation of UAP and PAP. Then the Regents had their personal sharing.

Sundar

CHENNAI: AICUF**33rd NATIONAL COUNCIL**

On 13 & 14 August, AICUF had its 33rd National Council with all the state executive members in online mode. Fr. Francis Xavier P., the Rector of Loyola Institutions, Chennai, gave a chief guest address on, “Youth – Be the Change that You Want to Bring in”. Then the State Advisors presented their state reports. On the second day, the National Team presented its report and Fr. Parthasarathi, House Director presented the National Secretariat report. The day ended with the sharing and discussion on preparation for the Centenary Cum Convention in 2024. A New Building and renovation of documentation centre were some of the salient features of the sharing. Fr. Jesu Benjamine (DUM), the present National Advisor thanked Fr. Emmanuel (AND) the former for his immense contribution to AICUF and the members attending in the council.

Parthasarathi

CHENNAI: ARUL KADAL

On 13 August, Frs. Baskar Antony and Sahayaraj Stanley as resource persons addressed the LICET teaching staff on the second day of Ignatian Orientation. Fr. Baskar spoke on “Ignatian Inspiration for Innovative Intervention” and Fr. Sahayaraj on “Magis Tool Box for Ignatian Excellence”. The recipients found the input useful and invigorating.

On 25 August, Sch. Raja Jesu Raj underwent ligament operation successfully and was back to the community.

Xavier Samuvel

CHENNAI: BERCHMANS ILLAM

On 31 July, the feast of St. Ignatius we had a meaningful Eucharist with our college staff and co-workers followed by lunch. Our joy increased by winning the basket-ball match with our elders at the Jesuit Residence. On 9 August, the 2nd and 3rd year Scholastics started their new academic year through virtual Mode. On 15 August we celebrated the 75th Independence Day and the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady with a concelebrated high Mass. After the Government’s announcement of re-opening of colleges, the final year scholastics of other provinces arrived at Berchmans Illam to start their regular classes in offline mode.

Vimal

CHENNAI: ICRDCE

In the month of August, ICRDCE conducted National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) Assessments for the 620 Community College students. NGOs, Congregations, Dioceses are being guided for starting of Skill Development Centres throughout India through NSDC affiliation.



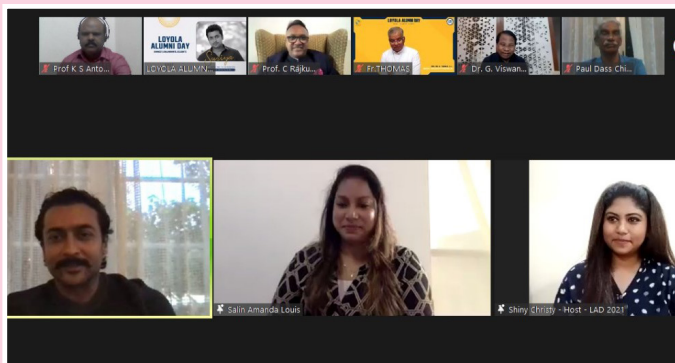
From 16 to 19 August, Fr. Xavier Alphonse conducted staff interview for Medical, Engineering, Arts & Science and International School of various units of Sona Group of Institutions, Salem.

Xavier Alphonse

CHENNAI: LOYOLA COLLEGE

LCC: Fr. Francis Xavier P. gave a webinar on, “Jesuit Education for Formation of Students” to the faculty members of St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata. He facilitated two-day pre-chapter meeting online for the Congregation of Seva Missionaries. He gave the Jesuit Webinar on, “Understanding the Jesuits” and delivered the inaugural address for the AICUF National Council.

LCAS: On 1 August, Loyola Alumni Day, Dr. G. Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT, President of Loyola Alumni Association (LAA) gave the presidential address. Dr. C. Rajkumar, Vice-Chancellor, OP Jindal Global University delivered a keynote address. Inaugural address by Fr. Francis Xavier P., the Rector, celebrity interaction with Mr. Suriya, Actor and



Philanthropist, a Discourse by Mahatria, a Spiritualist and Thought Leader on Celebrating life and the LAA Director’s speech by Fr. Thomas Amirtham, Principal, made Loyola Alumni Day a memorable one. On this occasion, the alumni who have excelled in their fields were also honoured with the Loyola Alumni Award.

On 3 Aug Dr. J. Madhavan, Dean of Research convened a webinar series on Best Practices and Opportunities to do research in Germany. Dr. Peter Comba, Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, University of Heidelberg, Germany was the resource person.

On 15 August, 75th Independence Day was celebrated with Dr. S. Pauline, Associate Professor, Department of Physics as the Chief Guest. Mr A. John Britto Kennedy, a member of the administrative staff was the guest of honour.

LIBA: On 30 July, the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated with Frs. Rector, Director, Dean – Administration, Jesuits from various units on campus, LIBA officials, Staff and Student representatives paying floral tribute to the portrait of the Saint, at LIBA Auditorium. Fr. Jerome Stanislaus D’Souza, (POSA) took part in the celebration virtually, sharing his reflections on ‘how a Jesuit Business School should look at education and form business leaders who would be responsible and ethical in their business enterprises.’

On 2 and 3 August, first-year (F21) students of LIBA had their customary orientation, through online, titled Rite de Passage. They were captivated by the presentations and expressed their eagerness to join LIBA physically.

LCE: From 27 to 30 July, online workshop on “Assessment, Reflection and Enhancement: Exploring Educator’s Role for Connected Generation through Psychological Lens” was effectively conducted for the student-teachers by Ms. Kiran Tevtiya, Child Behavioural Psychologist and parenting Counsellor, Mumbai.

On 30 July, staff had the offline celebration of the feast of St. Ignatius. Fr. Rector as the chief guest inspired the staff with his thought-provoking speech. Fr. Arockia Alton gave a special talk to our student-teachers through online mode on “St. Ignatius - A Fire that kindles Other Fires”. Independence Day was celebrated in virtual mode with a special talk delivered by Fr. Maria Arul Raj A. On 14 August, alumni association organized the annual gathering in which more than a hundred participated and a few their cherished memories of LCE.

On 17 August, to initiate our preparation for 3rd cycle of NAAC visit, Dr. Xavier Mahimai Raj, former IQAC coordinator of Loyola College enlightened our staff with the important aspects of the revised online NAAC visit. On 19 Aug, Fr. Secretary explained the 7 criteria and their key indicators in a nutshell and Dr. Caroline Maria explained various steps and dynamics of the whole process of NAAC preparation.

LICET: From 10 to 13 August, the faculty orientation programme for the academic year 2021-22 was held. The common orientation programme was conducted on the topics ‘Jesuit Education as

Leadership Formation’ by Fr. Francis Xavier P., ‘Student Accompaniment’ by Fr. Joe Arun and ‘Ignatius 500’ by Fr. Maria Arul Raj A. & his team. Department level orientation was conducted focusing on the areas of team building, professional growth and goal setting. On 14 August, the orientation programme for non-teaching staff was conducted. On 15 August, Virtual Alumni Connect-2021 was organised. On 16 August, students’ orientation programme was held across all the departments.

LICET has got the approval of AICTE for the first PG programme on ME Computer Science & Engineering and on 23 August, Anna University has granted affiliation for the course.

Zenith Lawrence

JESUIT MIGRANTS SERVICE (JMS) & LOYOLA RELIEF AND REHABILITATION SERVICE (LRRS)

On 1 August, we celebrated Ignatian day with the migrants in Shelter Homes at Chepauk and Koyambedu. Frs. Vasanthakumar, PDD and Parthasarathi, AICUF-House Director were the chief guests and addressed the residents on Ignatian theme. On 7 August, well-wishers and collaborators of JMS & LRRS were invited for a dinner in honour of Ignatian feast. Fr. Francis Xavier P., the Rector, thanked everyone for supporting the migrant ministry especially during the time of the COVID pandemic.

On 8 August, nearly 150 interstate migrants including children were treated for various illnesses like



skin diseases, Anaemia, vitamin deficiency etc. with the help of Dr. Sr. Roselin, FSJ, Sr. Marina, FSJ from St. Thomas Hospital, Chennai. Thanks to ISI Bangalore and Caritas Germany for their financial support.

On 9 August, the Koyambedu Loyola Shelter home was shifted to Corporation Marriage Hall at Jai Nagar, Arumbakkam and a medical camp was organized on 21 August. On 24 August, Fr. Jebamalai, the Provincial, paid a visit and greeted the staff and residents

On 15 August, the 75th Independence Day was celebrated in both the shelter homes; and various competitions were conducted by Greater Chennai

Corporation (GCC). Loyola Shelter Home, Chepauk won the overall trophy. On the same day, with the support of Action Aid India, dry rations were distributed to 180 interstate migrant workers at Madhavaram construction site. Also a Virtual Animation Programme was organized for them on the topic “Freedom is our Constitutional Right”. Fr. Arunmozhi A. (DEL), Advocate, Delhi High Court enlightened them on Constitutional Rights of migrants.

On 22 August, 382nd Madras Day was celebrated in both the shelters on the theme “Multifaceted Chennai”. A photo exhibition about Chennai was set up. Various competitions such as drawing, singing, debate and games were conducted. Mr. A.M.V. Prabhakar Raja, MLA of Virugambakkam constituency was the chief guest. Residents made the day a memorable one by performing various cultural events.

On 22 August, 110 dry-ration kits were distributed to Tamil Irular Migrants from Kadambathur, Arakkonam and Thiruvallangadu Blocks. On 26 August, as a collaborative venture, along with the like-minded NGOs, we met the Labour Minister and gave petitions to ensure the safety and security of the workers who come under the unorganized sector, for the registration of the migrant workers.

William

HARUR: ARULAGAM

Arulagam: The Feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with the collaborators. Most Rev. Bishop Lawrence Pius, Dharmapuri Diocese presided over the Holy Eucharist and preached the homily wherein he acknowledged and honoured the works of Jesuits in Harur.



12 August was a graceful and memorable day for us, as Fr. Paul Benedict, the Headmaster pronounced his final vows at the Sacred Heart Church, Harur. Four saplings representing the four vows were planted in the campus to mark the event. The CEN Jesuits representing various communities, parishioners, school staff and students participated in the Eucharistic

Celebration. During the Eucharist, Fr. Stan's Poor Students Welfare Fund was instituted by Fr. Jebamalai, the Provincial honouring Fr. Stan's selfless service. Fr. Paul Benedict, in his homily, referred to his vocation to the Society, his life as a Jesuit and the need to serve the people through education and thus remain grateful to God. Then the entire congregation joined in the felicitation and fellowship meal.

Schools: On 12 August, a computer lab and the renovated staff room with better facilities were opened. On 15 August, the school celebrated the Independence Day with limited number of neighbouring students by hoisting the flag followed by a short programme. Fr. Tony Markus as the Chief Guest, highlighted the importance of the Tricolour and invited the students to care for nature, our common home.

The Number of students increased from 350 (as on June 2019) to 660 (2021) which brings joy to us. On 25 August, Fr. Paul Benedict, conducted the interview for recruiting teachers to the new Loyola Nursery and Primary School (CBSE) at Kuppayanallur. On 31 August, the heaven's blessings were sought through the Holy Spirit Mass.

LIFT: From 20 to 23 August, the LIFT centre joined with Action Aid, an International NGO distributing the dry-ration kits worth Rs.1445/- each to 575 most deserving families in and around Harur. The beneficiaries include widows, single women with children, religious minorities, transpersons, gypsies, refugees, domestic workers and abandoned elders. One girl-child quipped, “My mother was worrying about managing food for tomorrow as the food-grains got exhausted. In the morning when we received the materials, we thought, understanding our need, God sent messengers through LIFT centre to help us.”

Arockia Anand A.

KASTHAMBADI: J P LEONARD ILLAM (JPLI)

Pre-Novitiate

On the occasion of St. Ignatius feast, JPLI Team had the feast day Mass at St. Lawrence Church, Kasthambadi. In the evening the religious and priests around Kasthambadi joined us in the prayer service and the cultural programme by the Pre-Novices followed by a fellowship meal.

From 6 to 8 August, Schs. John Pushparaj (MDU) and Infant Valan introduced the Pre-Novices to Guitar, Violin, Flute and Tabla. A month-long music class by Fr. Velankanni A. helped the Pre-Novices to have a sound musical knowledge. Pre-novice by They composed hymns on Sts. Ignatius and Lawrence.

On 10 August, Fr. Provincial had interaction with the Team and the Pre-Novices which brought new

energy to the Team. He blessed the Car procession of St. Lawrence in the parish on the feast day. On 14 August, Fr. Lourduraj A. preached a recollection to Pre-Novices to get rooted in their vocation.

Mrs. Queen Mary, a nurse was the chief guest for the 75th Independence Day celebration. The day was filled with number of competitions and activities and the pre-novices participated with full enthusiasm and bagged prizes. They composed a song expressing their anxiety and expectation towards the welfare of our nation. They also took part in the poetry and JAM competitions conducted by Social Action Commission and Scholastics of MDU. Fr. Viji Bose conducted a quiz on 'Basic Catechism and Bible' for the Pre-Novices.

A trip to Jawadhu hills refreshed the pre-novices and a sharing by Fr. Vinod SDB introduced them to organic farming. Group Dynamics conducted by Fr. Richard Hiruthayaraj strengthened them and helped them understand one another. Tools like Pre-Novices on Stage and Confidence Card System helped them to enhance their English learning. They are thankful to the province for the gift of jerseys.

Praveen Kumar

JMMEx

On 2 July, 2021, Hon. Mr. Gingee Masthan, Minister for Minorities and Welfare of Non-Resident Tamils organized an inter-state consultation for



establishing a Welfare Board exclusively for overseas migrant labourers in the Secretariat. JMMEx was one of the three organizations invited for the consultation! Frs. Prabu and Velankanni explained in detail the unceasing struggles, needs of migrants and the services rendered to the rural migrants in the villages of Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Villuppuram, Vellore and Kallakurichi districts.

On 10 July, 2021, an interest-free loan of Rs. 25, 000/- each was distributed to four migrants in Vettavalam MSHG to encourage entrepreneurship initiatives. This amount was realised by the repayment of last year's beneficiary who has now obtained the status of entrepreneur.

JMMEx staff identified nine deserving and women-headed migrants' families repatriated to Tamil Nadu due to Covid-19 lockdown and made studies

with necessary documents. A relief amount of Rs.1,52,000 was shared with them in view of sustaining their economic development. JMMEx thanks Migrant Forum in Asia, Philippines for their generosity, Sr. Valarmathi ICM of NDWM for her efficient co-ordination and our staff for their field-visits, case studies and documentation.

The Mortal remains of Mr. Rajkumar (39), who died on 08 June, 2021 in Malaysia was brought to Pudukottai on 7 July, 2021, and Mr. Saravanan who died in Saudi Arabia on 17 April, 2021, reached Panruti, on 21 August, 2021 after a tedious process. On 25 August, 2021, a one-day training on death interventions was conducted. Mr. Stephen Paulraj helped the staff understand the death cases of migrant workers in foreign countries.

Velankanni

KILPENNATHUR: AHAL CENTRE

AHAL: On 31 July, as per the Ignatian Year planning, the feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with the community leaders, animators, core committee of the sangams, networking partners and active



leaders of social movements. Fr. Jebamalai, the Provincial, addressed the gathering on the theme "தலித் தலைவர்களுக்கான இஞ்சூசியார் தலைமைத்துவம்" and Mr. Jakkaiyan, the founder of Aathi Tamilar Katchi presided over the function. To acknowledge the services of networking partners, active leaders of social movements, two awards titled- சமூக நீதிப் போராளி விருது and மனித உரிமைப் போராளி விருது were awarded.

AHAL team evolved a new strategy to reach out to the target people organizing training programs on the Critical View of National Education Policy at cluster levels on the weekends. On 17 and 18 August, AHAL team and the staff went on an exposure visit to PARAN, Makkampalayam.

Parish: On the same feast day in view of the IGY, umbrellas were distributed to roadside cobblers from the parish.

Jacob

PALAVAI (JESIM): TINDIVANAM

On 28 July, PALAVAI Team with the staff had annual evaluation of the ministry. Fr. Velankanni, Director, JMMEx guided us through the process, which culminated with his experiential sharing on St. Ignatius.

As part of our novena to St. Ignatius, the staff at PALAVAI shared their experiences and inspirations they drew from St. Ignatius on nine-different themes.

On 30 July, PALAVAI celebrated joyfully the feast of St. Ignatius with our neighbouring priests, religious and collaborators. Our joy multiplied to see the Provincial in our midst. Our Velicham Kalaikuzhu boys enthralled the guests with a creative mime



on St. Ignatius and passionate dance dedicated to Fr. Stan, the tribal activist.

From 3 to 5 August, PALAVAI Team planned its activities for this year. Fr. Philip, Director ARCALI led us through the whole process of concretizing our dreams for this year.

On 27 August, 18 fresh candidates from our Evening Study Centres, who volunteered to equip themselves in traditional folk dance, joined in Velicham Kalaikuzhu training.

Donic Raja

KUPPAYANALLUR: LOYOLA H S SCHOOL

Claver Illam: On the feast day of St. Ignatius, Fathers of Palliyagaram vicariate, Religious Sisters and our Staff joined us for the Eucharist and festive lunch. Along with Bishop Neethinathan, Jesuit friends from Vallam, Vadampakkam and Paramankeni joined us for a fellowship dinner.



CHEMMADAL

On 13 August, directors of our social action centres were at Kuppayanallur to collect aid-materials for their missions.

On 19 August, with the extended community members from Paathai, we gave a farewell to Fr. Wellington who is going to Beschi Illam, Dindigul. Fr. Eugene Sebastian offered a week-long course on study skills to the pre-novices at Vilangudi.

Schools: Tamizhselvan, our seventh standard student, gave a fiery speech on the Independence Day. Fr. Arockia Selvam, the Principal of Loyola Nursery and Primary School (LNPS), was the chief guest. LHSS was grateful to LIBA for the computers offered to be used for online teaching. The staff were trained through Faculty Development Programme conducted by Prof. Vimal Jerald of St. Joseph's College, Tiruchi. The Claver community thanked Loyola College Community for the benches and desks given to the new LNPS.

Senthalir: On 26 August, Senthalir organized a one-day training programme on "Hygienic Processing of Meat" for the meat vendors of Uthiramerur taluk by Professors from Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Chennai and Krishya Vidhya Kendra, Kattupakkam under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan.

Jenith

METTALA: LOYOLA COLLEGE

Community: On 31 July, the feast of St. Ignatius was celebrated with solemnity with our academic and administrative staff. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. B. Jeyaraj. Fr. James Raja gave an inspiring homily on the conversion of St. Ignatius. Salem diocesan clergy and members of CRI in Attur Vicariate joined us in the festive celebration. About 140 persons including six Headmasters of the local Government Higher Secondary Schools were invited for the festive dinner and standard operating procedures (SOPs) were observed. Frs. Poondy Rajan, Campus Minister and Infant Kingsley made this spiritual event a meaningful one.

On 9 August, we as Community met Most Rev. Dr. Arulselvam Royappan, DD, the new Bishop of Salem at the Bishop's House. He recalled his student life in Arul Anandar College, Karumathur and appreciated



the services of Jesuits in Salem diocese. He is eager to visit Loyola College, Mettala and the Jesuit community. He assured us of his support to make the Jesuit community a canonically recognised religious house.

LCM: On 15 August, the 75th Independence Day, Fr. B. Jeyaraj hoisted the national flag and Fr. Maria Joseph Mahalingam recalled the great sacrifice made by millions of Indians in his address. Representatives of teaching and non-teaching staff and construction workers were present on the occasion.

On 17 August, Fr. James Raja gave an online motivational talk on 'Youth and Social Responsibility' to the members of Youth Red Cross and other students of Loyola College, Vettavalam. On 25 August, the Jesuits of both Loyola College, Vettavalam and Mettala, came together at Mettala, to deliberate on the sustainability of these two Colleges from the point of view of NEP-2020. The proposed strategies for sustainability will be taken up in the Higher Education General Body Meeting on 5 Sep 2021, for further deliberations.

Maria Joseph Mahalingam

METTUPALAYAM: ARRUPPE ILLAM

PARAN: MAKKAMPALAYAM

Parish: On 31 July, we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius with our parishioners and local religious in a simple and meaningful way. Cannon ball moment of St. Ignatius was shared with all. On the next day we distributed to the deserving the relief materials, sponsored by Ooty diocese and local donors.

On 15 August, we sowed Ragi and Corns in our fields under the initiative of Fr. Pon Ruban. Thus we identified ourselves with the village community in cultivation.

PARAN: On 9 August, we celebrated the International Indigenous people's day at Kadambur and honoured the Tribal community leaders. At Kadambur bus stand the tribal leaders hoisted the flag of Urali Makkal Sangam.

On 10 and 24 August, with the help of LIBA, Chennai we conducted training cum meeting for the Tribal women from Gundri and Gandhi Nagar to promote entrepreneurship. PARAN Centre supports Self Help Group members to have a business unit at their village level. Thanks to Dr. Siluvai Raja and the Team for their regular trainings.

On 17 and 18 August, AHAL team with their staff from Kilpennathur visited Makkampalayam on their exposure visit to PARAN Centre and interacted with Fr. Packiaraj, staff and tribal students. On 18th Fr. Marianathan, C. addressed our staff, tribal students and Jesuits on the importance of annual plan.



On 23 August, a unit of Urali Makkal Sangam was inaugurated at Bogipalayam village with forty women members. The participants enriched the day by playing their traditional instruments and dance.

We have started renovation work in PARAN centre Kadambur, Makkampalayam. Thanks to Frs. Joseph Ignaci and Vasanthakumar for their support.

We reopened the Evening Study Centres (ESC) after a long gap. We Jesuits were happy as Chickpeas (சுண்டி) was distributed to all thus boosting our immunity level against Covid 19. We helped fifteen students to join spoken English class at Don Bosco centre at Kadambur. PARAN staff and Jesuits took efforts to get admitted our students in schools and colleges.

Vivekraj

RANIPET: LOYOLA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

On 29 July, we conducted an orientation for the students focusing on "Who is a Jesuit?" It was a great day for them to know more about St. Ignatius and today's mission of Jesuits in the world. On 30 July, we celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius and conducted a volleyball match for the students presided over by Fr. Fredrick. On 13 August, Fr. Ignacy Arockiasamy gave a motivational talk to the students to look at the future optimistically amidst all circumstances and be a master in the technical field.

On 22 August, we took part in a seminar along with the students held at Ranipet on "சுனாயகத்தை காப்போம்" organized for restoring human rights today. Fr. Jebamalai, Provincial was one of the speakers, who underlined the true meaning of democracy.

Our staff take extra effort to prepare our students for the forthcoming exams. We have initiated admission programme.

Berkmans

UDHAGAMANDALAM: St. Joseph's Industrial School

On 4 August, the department of welding had the graduation ceremony for the 2019-2020 batch students. Fr. Then Amirtharaj, the Treasurer and production manager, was the chief guest. In his message, he motivated the students to get placed in companies. Fr. Richard Lourdu Dass, the acting Superior and

Correspondent appreciated the efforts of the staff to form the students. He praised the on their getting



100% pass. The parents of the new graduates were happy.

On 15 August, Fr. Richard celebrated the feast day Mass and shared the current scenario of independent India. Fr. Then Amirtharaj hoisted the national flag and the hostel students were present.

Sundar

VADAMELPAKKAM: LOYOLA ACADEMY



On 5 August, Fr. Leo Tagore, the Team Leader and Correspondent blessed the newly installed boiler of the hostel kitchen in the presence of all co-workers, community members and engineers. Fr. Gladwin briefed the community on the newly installed modernized kitchen equipment.

On 7 August, Sch. Antony David of Vallam community gave an online motivational talk to Fr. Diedrich hostellers on “Why to Study? How to study? and When to study?” Students were enthused by his personal experience sharing. The hostellers were also formed into four houses of love, peace, joy and hope for academic and cultural activities. Fr. Leo Tagore, the Director of the hostel, encouraged the house members to grow as a group helping each other.

On 9 August, the feast of St. Teresa Benedicta, the patroness of the girls’ hostel, online competitions like video presentations were conducted on the life of the saint. Fr. Leo Tagore, announced the winners and awarded points to the respective houses. Schs. Samroy Terrence, De Nobili College, Pune and Antony David,

CHEMMADAL

Vallam offer weekly online sessions on spoken English and personality development to the hostellers.

On 15 August, Mrs. Ruby, our teaching staff hoisted the flag and gave a meaningful Independence Day speech on the responsibility of teachers and students to build a just and equal society. Fr. Leo Tagore, encouraged us to value the multicultural dimension of our country and work to better the life of others. Fr. Arockiasamy M.S., the Principal announced the school pupil leaders and urged them to be committed and responsible leaders. In the evening we had online cultural programmes with choral singing and group dance. Following SOP we are ready to reopen school for IX to XII classes on 1 September.

On 25 August, a professional team measured all the buildings in the campus for the purpose of preparing an updated and complete blue print to be submitted to the DTCP for the final approval. Fr. Diedrich Hostel building, has reached its completion. Fr. Deva A. Stephen’s consistent hard work, Fr. Gladwin’s meticulous monitoring during the last days of the project and the community’s whole hearted support and involvement have borne fruit. Jesuits along with students are waiting for the Collector’s nod to occupy the new Hostel.

Hansel

VALLAM: PAATHAI CENTRE

From 12 to 14 July, Sch. Anthony David took for our pre-novices, JPLI a basic Tamil course - speaking, pronouncing and writing. He also gave a motivational session on “Why to study, when to study and how to study?” to the Fr. Diedrich Hostellers of Loyola Academy.

On the eve of the feast of St. Ignatius the community along with the co-workers and office members planted



20 coconut saplings signifying new beginning and growth. On the feast day of St. Ignatius Fr. Yesumarian celebrated Mass. With the good amount of rain, our co-workers made our campus a new serene and lush looking with the trees and cultivation.

In the month of August, Mr. Nayagam, manager of the DHRC arranged a meeting with the animators of Evening Study Centres. We evaluated how ESCs are serving the marginalized children and planned the activities to motivate the children to come to our ESCs.

Anthony David

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VETTAVALAM: LOYOLA COLLEGE

On the feast of St. Ignatius, Msgr. I. John Robert, the Apostolic Administrator, celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Our college staff and their families were present and shared a festive meal. Msgr. I. John Robert was the main celebrant. In the evening, with the clergy and religious of our neighbourhood we had a prayer service and dinner.

On 9 August, with an online inaugural prayer meeting we began online classes for the senior students. The 75th Independence Day was celebrated in collaboration with Rotary Club Tiruvannamalai Vegan under the direction of Dr. Ramalakshmi, the Regional



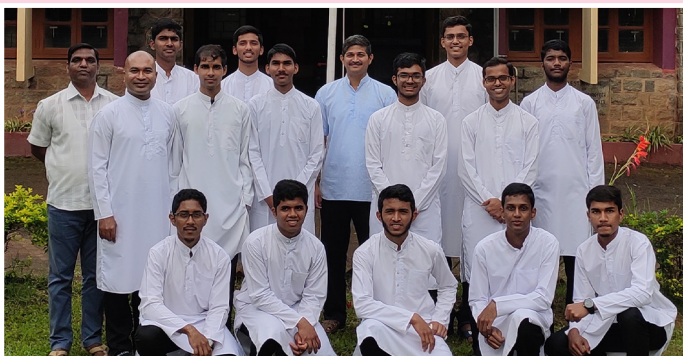
Joint Director, Vellore Region, by planting 300 saplings donated by Rotary Club at the college campus.

The college administration organised an online memorial service in honour of Fr. Rajarathinam on 16 August. On 18 August, Fr. Sahaya Philomin Raj (MDU), addressed our staff members on "Prevention of Harassment of Minors and Vulnerable Adults". On 24 August, as a preparation for accreditation by NAAC, there was an Academic and Administrative Audit of our college. On 25 August, the community members of LCV visited Loyola College, Mettala and had discussion on the sustainability of both the institutions.

Benedict Santosh V.

BELGAUM: XAVIER TRAINING COLLEGE

NOVIATE



On 31 July, we celebrated our founder's feast with a solemn Eucharist. Fr. Augustine Pushparaj was the main celebrant. Frs. Anil Pereira, Vijay Chokhar, Savio Barreto, and Vijayanand were the concelebrants. We concluded the jubilant celebration with a fellowship meal.

In the first week of August, Fr. Ronnie D'Souza (Goa) conducted a course on Pauline Letters. The course had not only class but also group discussions, presentations, movie reviews, sharing, and question and answer sessions. We also learned some hymns from Fr. Ronnie.

On 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary and the 75th Independence Day was celebrated with a Holy Mass by Fr. Savio Barreto. After that, Fr. Ethan D'Souza, graced the celebration as the Chief Guest. He hoisted the flag followed by a motivating speech. On the same day, the foundation stone for Our Lady's Grotto was laid by Fr. Savio placing the relics of St. Francis Xavier and a mantle of Our Lady of Velankanni at the foundation. Following Fr. Savio, all other priests, Sisters, novices, postulants, and masons took part in the cementing of the Grotto's foundation stone. We sang Marian hymns.

On 19 August, we organized a farewell to thank and pray for Fr. Augustine Pushparaj who has obtained admission to Loyola University, Chicago. He educated us on self-awareness, music and preservation of the environment.

Novices: Anto Ryan & Thaddeus Alfonso

DINDIGUL: BESCHI ILLAM

NOVIATE

Arrupe Bhavan: On 10 August, Fr. Wellington Fernando joined Beschi Illam community. He is improving gradually.

Novitiate: On 15 August, we celebrated the 75th Independence Day with Fr. S. Ignatius hoisting the flag and Novice Antony Francis delivering a spellbinding speech on the theme 'Freedom of expression - A caged bird can still sing'.

In the competitions, organized by Social Action Commission (MDU) and Scholastics Media Team (MDU) to commemorate the 75th Independence Day, 11 novices gave a top-notch performance and two of them pocketed prizes. Novice Jeffrin M. won the third prize and a cash award of Rs 1000 in Oratory competition and novice Terry Infanto won the first prize and a cash award of Rs 3000 in Poetry competition. This increased the income of the Community!

JRS- TN: The JRS-TN has recently started smart classrooms for the welfare of the Sri Lankan Tamil students in four camps, an addition to the two-month advance level English training programme. JRS-TN celebrated Youth Day and Humanitarian Day combined in 42 camps. The youth organized a special program and volunteered in helping the aged people and cleaning the drainages and public places of their

own camps. In the third week of August, a two-day soft skill training was conducted for 42 students of two camps. The JRS-TN has motivated five refugees to undergo a de-addiction treatment program in collaboration with JMAADD. The pilot project of reusable sanitary-pad production of JRS-TN has created awareness about the advantage of using such eco-friendly products. This production generates sustainable income for the Self-Help Group of the refugee camps.

Michael Panimaya Raj

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: VIDYANIKETAN

Keeping in mind the health condition of Fr. Wilson, on 31 July, the solemnity of St. Ignatius of Loyola was celebrated in a modest way. The day dawned with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. John Manipadam who underscored the significance of the single-mindedness of St. Ignatius. A cultural eve was spread for the delight of the community in which the juniors sang “Krishna Nee Begane” from Colonial Cousins, enacted a mime based on friendship, conducted a quiz and enthused the audience with a dance. Fr. Antony shared his inspiring Ignatian insights.

In the month of August, we were engaged in farrago of informative and exhilarating events. On 15 August, Fr. Augustine Mekunnal, Bursar, St Xavier’s College (SXC), Thumba presided over the festive Mass

of the Assumption of Mary. Soon after the Mass, he unfurled the tri-colour flag. Then we participated in the Independence Day celebration organized by the PTA. Sch. Padamattummal Rins Rappukutty (KER) delivered an elegant, enigmatic and emotive speech, calling the audience to introspect our contributions to our motherland and carry forward the democratic values gifted to us by the founding members. We sang A. R. Rahman’s “Vande Mataram” which evoked the patriotic spirit among the participants.

On 20 August, we enthusiastically celebrated Onam, the festival of equality, fraternity and prosperity. The Kerala juniors meticulously planned the events and aided us to feel and know their cultural heritage, uniqueness and richness. With the arrival of Sch. Mathew dressed as King Mahabali, Onasadya, the Onam dinner, which was a potpourri of 22 dishes, was served with delight. On a lighter note, we had *Onakaligal* (Onam games) and a Malayalam movie. At the end of the day, we had a PPT presentation on how the odious right wing modifies and mollifies Kerala’s ancient myths to suit its saffronisation agenda and to suppress the narratives of the natives.

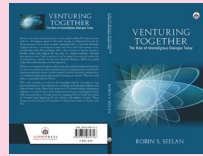
During this month, we attended webinars, on “The Cry of Our Country” and “Interculturality”, and also JCSA’s online prayer services.

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PUBLICATIONS/WEBINARS



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New Leader Publications
Chennai, 2021.



Robin S. Seelan
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The Role of Interreligious Dialogue Today*
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சமூக-இனாச்சரிப்பில் பார்வை,
வைகறை யுத்பயகம்: திண்டுக்கல், 2021.

Webinars by Fr. Francis Xavier P.

Jesuit Education for Leadership Formation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyGXHi6FZuE>

Understanding the Jesuits: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG39qVoRy9c>

Time Management as Energy Management (Tamil): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H67IDTc8nYQ>

Time Management: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fyke6Nz1_Lg&ab_channel=XAVIER%27SMEDIA

ABIDE WITH THE LORD

Fr. John Cheruparambil J. (AND 72/56), on 07 August 2021 in Alwal, Secunderabad.

Fr. Gregory Naik (GOA 88/70), on 09 August 2021 in Porvorim, Goa.

Fr. Roshan Lobo (KAR 49/32), on 13 August 2021 in Bengaluru.

Fr. Joseph Parekkattil (PAT 85/65), on 27 August 2021 in Kurji Holy Family Hospital, Patna.

Fr. Placidius Kujur (70/51 MAP), on 04 September 2021, at Ambikapur.

Fr. Jean Englebert (CCU 91/72), on 07 September 2021 in Belgium.

Fr. Amritlal Thomas Xalxo (62/39 MAP), on 08 September 2021 at Ambikapur.

Fr. Andrew Francis (CEN 60/40), on 10 September 2021 in Jalandhar

Fr. K.T. Thomas (Kaduvathookil) (87/66 DEL), on 10 September 2021 in Delhi.

Mr. Soosaimanickam (87), father of Fr. Paul Benedict, on 07 August 2021 at Susaipatti, Anantharayankottai.

Mrs. Saleth Mary (85), paternal aunt of Fr. Jeyabaskaran, on 13 August 2021 at Kodaikanal.

Mr. Joseph Soundar (65), brother-in-law of Fr. Thomas Amirtham, on 14 August 2021 at Batlagundu.

Mr. Berchmans (84), brother-in-law of Fr. Irudayaraj Regis, on 03 September 2021 at Kallal.



Ignatius has left behind the legacy which we espouse in order to tread his path in the service of God, nature and humanity. The life of Ignatius revolves around the course of discerning that helped him experience the presence of God in everything he encountered.

Cogito ergo sum (I think, therefore I am), by Descartes, is the way of doubting (thinking) that proves the existence of oneself through reasoning, whereas for Ignatius discerning proves the existence ipso facto in the light of faith as well as reason. Not only by praying, he discerns, but also by weighing the facts, feelings and emotions that encompass reasoning of the heart. Ignatius was tossed and tumbled by a whirlpool of doubts and uncertainties in his every decision. Pondering and paying attention to his interior movements, and surrendering to the will of God, he was impregnated with visions and revelations to discern not merely right and wrong but between goods.

Penetrating through Ignatius' life, one could find discernment predominantly leading to a massive change in him. Had Ignatius not discerned between his self-centred romantic chivalry and God-centred way of life while convalescing from the cannonball strike, he would not have been the knight of Christ. This was the beginning of his power of discernment as a major milestone in his life. His decision to live in a company of friends for a collective mission rather than going on a personal mission inspired him to found the Jesuit order that later flourished all over the world. Furthermore, reconsideration of his reluctance

to be the first leader of the Society of Jesus continues to be an inspirational factor for Jesuits to imitate him in carrying out the Will of God rather than clinging to one's desires. Thus, his every decision had been guided by divine interventions that involved weighing his reasons for apostolic effectiveness. As it emerges that the art of discernment crafted the very person of Ignatius, it could be appropriately stated that 'I discern, therefore I am' became the day-to-day way of life for Ignatius.

There are myriad events in which we make decisions, which ought to remind us of the discernment of Ignatius that transformed him. Our decisions at times get influenced by the present trends of the world and concur with them. Examination of Conscience is a prerequisite for discernment that helps to weigh Christ's values against the values of the world. Every decision we make determines who we are and to where we march. In the current world, employing the discernment methods of Ignatius for the laypeople would certainly galvanize them to be more God-centred. Furthermore, the process of discernment should strike a balance between faith and reason. The legacy of Ignatius is for all including the poor and the needy. Let discernment benefit every soul to be formed and transformed into a new being. Every moment we are engaged in a process of discerning, and that process becomes our way of life. Failure in proper discerning would upend our lives. Hence we could say, 'I discern, therefore I am.'

Albinus & Xavier Samuel.