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**APPOINTMENTS BY FR GENERAL**

Fr Brian Mac Cuarta of the Irish Province, Director of the *Archivium Romanum Societatis Iesu* (ARSI).

**APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL**

Fr Mathew Nampiaparambil	Acting Superior, Lumen-Jyothis, Kochi
Fr Jose Mathew Vayalikalapura	Acting Superior, Santhinilayam, Kottayam
Fr Joye James Karimathil	Prov. Coord. Jesuit Higher Education
Br George Vattukulam	Loyola, Aluva
Fr Philip Vattamala	Treasurer, Loyola Jesuit Residence, Tvm.
Fr Binoy Pichalakatt	Coordinator, Vocation Promotion

**PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME**

**AUGUST 2010**

4-6 Mariapuram & Pariyaram  
8 - 11 Visitation, St Xavier's Trivandrum  
12 Eachome, Inauguration of +2  
14 Jesuit Family Gathering – Christ Hall  
15 Trivandrum, get-together of Old boys  
18 DSS Generalate blessing, Pattuvam  
21- 29 Retreat Christ Hall – Fr Rex Pai  
30 Consult, Christ Hall

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

3 Vocation Promoters' Meeting, Christ Hall  
4 Jesuit Family Gathering–Sameeksha, Kalady  
5 -9 Sri Lanka, Southern Provincials' Meeting

**HEALTH BULLETIN**

Fr C.M. Cherian had a fall and suffered fracture of the hip bone. He underwent surgery to set the fractured hip bone right. He is back in Christ Hall and is bed-ridden. Mr Thomas, a home nurse, attends to him. Kindly pray for him.

**PROVINCE RETREAT**

Fr Rex Pai (MDU) will be directing the retreat which begins on 21 August 2010. More than 20 of ours have registered their names. This is the last of the Province Golden Jubilee retreats. Fr Provincial would like that those who did not join the other retreats to participate in this Jubilee Retreat. Kindly inform the Minister, Christ Hall regarding your participation (Mob: 9447856755).

**SUPERIORS' MEETING, CHRIST HALL**

A joint meeting of the Superiors, Consultors, and members of the Council of Coordinators of Apostolates took place in Christ Hall on 10-11 July 2010. Twenty eight Jesuits participated in the deliberations. The meeting commenced with an hour of adoration, keeping in mind the intention of the Jubilee of the Province. Fr Provincial in his introductory remarks dwelt on the role and function of the Superiors in the Society. After sharing some pieces of information with regard to our life and ministry in the Province, Fr Provincial highlighted various issues for discussion.

Among other things, the development of Attappadi property, consolidation and development of Neyyattinkara mission, new construction at Loyola, Aluva, planning for the visit of the Asst. Treasurer General, etc. featured in the discussion. The final session of the second day was set apart for reporting significant aspects of Communities and apostolates. The meeting concluded with tea at 4.30 p.m. on the second day.

### **PROVINCE GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR**

A souvenir of the Province Golden Jubilee is planned and a committee under the leadership of Fr Jose Thachil is working on the same. You all are welcome to contribute short pieces of interesting anecdotes, reminiscences of persons and places in relation to ministry, etc. Kindly get in touch with Fr Jose Thachil at ICTA, Kochi.

### **SOCIETY IN NUMBERS**

As of 1 January 2010 there are 18,266 Jesuits in the Society of Jesus of which 12, 887 are Priests, 1, 589 are Brothers, 2, 818 are Scholastics and 972 are Novices--a net loss of 237 members from 1 January 2009. These figures show a small decline in relation to the previous year. South Asian Assistency has 4, 045 Jesuits which is 22% of the whole Society.

### **NEW MOBILE NUMBERS**

Binoy Pichalakatt           9605728447  
Minister, Christ Hall       9447856755

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Fr Baby Chalil, the Manager, and all the Jesuits of Sarvodaya High School for obtaining the Minority Status Certification for the School from the National Minority Education Commission. It is a historic achievement! The Province felicitates them as they are awarded Higher Secondary Status by the State Government with a batch each in Humanities and Science.

### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

The Superior and Community of Sarvodaya School invite all the members of the Province to the formal inauguration of the Higher Secondary section at 11.00 a.m. on Thursday 12 August. Mr M.A. Baby, Honourable Minister for Education, Government of Kerala, will be the Chief Guest.

### **PRE-NOVICES**

At present we have 15 Pre-Novices in Christ Hall of which 3 have completed plus two and 12 have completed 10<sup>th</sup> standard. They belong to the dioceses of Tellicherry (3), Mananthavady (1), Thamarassery (2), Calicut (1), Kottayam (2), Irinjalakuda (1), Kothamangalam (1), Idukki (1) and Trivandrum (Latin) (3).

### **FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS**

#### **CHRIST HALL**

The month of July was an eventful one in Christ Hall. Fr Sunny Kunnappallil, Fr Joseph Chiraparambil and Sch. Augustine Peedikamalayil along with fifteen pre-novices joined the Community. Fr Abraham Pallivathukkal underwent bypass surgery and is recovering at a fast pace. Meanwhile Fr C M Cherian had a fall in the toilet and fractured his hip bone. Fr Thomas Anthraper returned to Samanvaya, Kanjirapally after consultation and treatment for his heart ailment. In the last quarter of the month Bro. Philip Panjikanan arrived from Edathua accompanied by Fr C T Jose. The Feast of St Ignatius was celebrated on a grand scale. The

priests and religious of the locality gathered in the evening of the Feast for a prayer service followed by dinner. Bishop Joseph Kalathiparambil and Bishop Maxwell graced the occasion by their presence.

Vibin

### **ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT**

Along with the staff and students the Community celebrated the Feast of St Ignatius in both the Junior and Senior Schools in a meaningful and splendid manner. Fr Sunny Kunnappallil, the guest of honor of the day in the Senior School, addressed the school assembly and inspired the students with his thought provoking sharing on the life of St Ignatius. He was also the main celebrant at the special Feast Day Mass offered in the Cathedral along with the Jesuits, the staff and students. The candidates stirred the hearts of everyone present with their melodious singing. After the grand meal a meeting was organized by the staff to honor and felicitate the Jesuits for their dedicated service to the school. Meanwhile Fr Wilson Mulackal gave the Feast day message to the little ones at the Junior School. A two day seminar was conducted for the Upper Primary teachers of our school by Frs. Ephrem Thomas and C. P. Varkey. Fr P. S. Antony led a two day workshop for our U. P students. St Joseph's bagged the best library award in the Kozhikode Education District.

Sooraj

### **SARVODAYA, EACHOME**

We had three important achievements, viz. Minority Status to the School, approval for the Higher Secondary (Plus Two) section and the approval by the Public Director of Instruction of the appointment of the former Headmaster. Thus all our hurdles have been removed. Fr Baby Chalil deserves special appreciation for having gained all these achievements for the School. We gratefully acknowledge the efforts of Fr. Kuriakose Puthanapra who initiated this process.

We have got two batches, viz. Science and Humanities, in the Plus Two stream. Applications for the teaching posts are flowing in. Frs. Salvin and Sony Thomas have been appointed Administrator and Bursar of the Plus Two sections respectively.

All are invited to the inaugural function on Thursday 12 August 2010. Various committees have been formed to make the historic function a great celebration of the entire village.

The Feast of our Founder St Ignatius was celebrated on a grand scale. Our present and former members of the staff, friends, well-wishers, neighbors, parish priests and sisters were present.

Schs. A.J. Rizzo (MAR) and Kensy Joseph (BRI) were with us for two weeks and their presence in the House as well as in the School have made a remarkable difference. We thank them for their warm company.

Salvin

### **RTC/SAMEEKSHA, KALADY**

Kudos to Fr Samuel Rayan who turned 90 and continues his lively march as a luminary! Many dignitaries from across the State such as his students, colleagues and AICUF alumnae came together to honor him at the AICUF Centre, Trivandrum. The media covered the event well and highlighted his contribution to the Church and society.

Fr Provincial's visitation was a grace-filled occasion for us. Those days expressly helped us rediscover our appreciation of and sense of belonging to the Society. We celebrated the Feast of our Father Ignatius along with our collaborators, co-workers and friends.

The RTC was enriched by the scholarly presence of Fr Joseph Xavier from Gregorian University, Rome, who taught Christology to the third-year students.

Fr Henry was away for a month at JDV, Pune offering a course on the Gospel of Matthew to the B.Th students. July, being the Ignatian month, was a busy time for the RTC men. They were called to disseminate the spirit of 'magis' as they were in demand for Ignatian seminars and talks to AICUF and CLC students far and near.

The Archdiocese of Ernakulam sent the seminarians of the Spiritual Initiation Year to Sameeksha to learn the methods of meditation under the guidance of Fr Painadath. The novices of the CST Congregation joined them. Fr Sebastian also gave such an initiation to the first year theology students of Mary Matha Seminary, Thrissur.

Ramlal

### **AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY**

An enriching Community recollection was organized on 24 July in view of the Feast of St Ignatius. Thanks to Fr Terence Lobo for the thought-provoking points. Sch Binu organized an audio-visual Quiz competition on the world Cup 2010. As usual the Feast of St Ignatius was celebrated with piety and fervour. Binu gave the Feast Day message to the staff and students. We had a half-hour prayer session followed by a delicious lunch for invited guests from the neighboring religious communities and the teachers of our school.

Binu

### **LUMEN/JYOTHIS, KOCHI**

The past month was filled with sentiments of gratitude at the transfer of Fr Jose Mathew from our Community. A series of informal but touching farewell was given to him recognizing his meaningful presence in and around Lumen Institute. Various families invited him to register their gratitude and sentiments of love. The Residents Association of our neighbourhood specially honoured him with a shawl in appreciation of his generosity and availability for the people of the locality. Lumen became greener and warmer during his term. The entire Community joined to thank him for his wonderful presence.

Arnos Padiri Academy has announced a literary seminar on *the Contribution of Arnos Padri to the Literary Culture of Kerala* on 14 August at Lumen. Dr Kurias Kumbalakuzhy and Dr Thomas Mathew are presenting scholarly papers. Adv. Jayasankar (Media Critic) is giving an introductory speech. Bishop Joseph Kariyil will be present. Fr Adappur is the chief organizer of the seminar along with Fr Roy Thottathil, the Director.

The Newman Association discussed the recent document of KCBC clarifying the official stand of the Church in Kerala on certain important issues. Mar Sebastian Adayanthrath was present. There were hundreds of participants for the competitions announced in Snehasena. Winners are given colourful prizes in special functions organized at their schools.

The Jesuit Community and our friends around Lumen are waiting to see Fr Pallivathukal back here healthy and cheerful.

Vincent

### **PIUS X, EDATHUA**

The examinations of the ITC trainees are over and the classes for the next batch will begin on 11 August. This year too we don't have students for Electronics. A new generator of 25 KW capacity has been installed as stand-by. The Golden Jubilee year of the ITC is fast approaching. The foundation stone was laid by Archbishop Mar Mathew Kavukatt on 25 March 1961, and in October 1962 the training of students began. Br Philip Panjikanan has gone to Christ Hall after his many years of service at Pius X, Edathua. The people of Kuttanad expressed their gratitude

for his services. On 28 July the priests of the Edathua Forane and the religious gathered together to celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius. It was also an occasion to thank Br Philip for his yeomen service. The next day it was the turn of the staff to cherish their longstanding association and friendship. At present, the effective strength of the Community is reduced to two as V. C George is away at XLRI, Jamshedpur on teaching assignment.

C.T. Jose

### **LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM**

Loyola College is getting ready for the admissions to the new batch as the classes of second years are over. The IGNOU B.Com programme was started at Loyola, Poovar, an extension service of our College. All Departments of the College have been provided with LCD projectors. The youth festival was conducted in our School and students actively participated in all the cultural activities. Three one day seminars were conducted by LES for the students of CET College. Our Feast Day celebrations began with the holy hour and novena. Nearly 160 people of all walks of life participated in the celebration. The entire function was organized under the leadership of Frs Sabu and Philip.

Tinu

### **ST XAVIER'S COLLEGE, THUMBA**

The month of July was a month of joy and celebration for the Community. The main event was the Jubilee celebration of Br Jacob Pazhanilam on 18 July. Besides his friends and collaborators, about 40 members of his family were present for the function. We had a solemn High Mass followed by a meeting and lunch to felicitate the Jubilarian. Fr Dasappan welcomed the Community to his presbytery at Fathimapuram parish for a Dinner on the occasion of the birthday of Fr Sunny. Fr Pulikodan, the veteran Parish Priest who has the experience of serving in about 15 parishes to his credit, acknowledged and honoured the new parish priest Fr Dasappan by adorning him with a shawl. On the Feast of St Thomas the Community welcomed the Juniors from Vidyaniketan and they conducted a prayer service followed by supper. Fr E. J. Thomas preached a retreat to 56 Priests of Quilon Diocese. Fr E. J also attended the one day workshop for the Rectors and Spiritual Fathers of the Latin Dioceses of Kerala, held in Carmelgiri Pontifical Seminary, Aluva. The UGC aided 'Course for Entry in Services' in order to prepare students for various competitive exams was inaugurated in the College.

Prince

### **VIDYA NIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM**

We had an auspicious beginning to the academic year 2010–11 on 25 June 2010, followed by a three-day orientation programme by Fr Jose Thachil. Fr Joye James inaugurated the academic year by lighting the lamp. In all we are 36 juniors, three for Kerala, five for Andhra, eleven for Karnataka and seventeen for Madurai. In his inaugural address, Fr Joye presented the various challenges for our mission and the need to prepare well to face the challenges.

Vidyaniketan gave a fitting farewell to Fr Joe Pulickal as he is transferred to Raia, Goa to be a Tertian Instructor. A solemn Mass was celebrated by him followed by a farewell function and a delicious moonlit Dinner. We also welcomed Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy, the new Spiritual Director, Fr K.J. Thomas, the Minister of the House and Sch. John Thomas, the regent from Karnataka.

When Spain made history in world cup, Fr Rachans seemed very pleased for it is the country he is going to live in for a few years. He left for Spain on 29 July. We are grateful to Fr Rachans for his wonderful service to our Community as the Minister of the House and member of the teaching faculty for past two years. As the rains are widespread all though the state we the juniors are trying to keep ourselves warm with our studies.

Alex Joseph

**ASHA KIRAN, MANGLORE**

We began the month with the retreat arranged for all the Catholic students of St Aloysius College. It was a rejuvenating experience for all the students to start the academic year in a prayerful atmosphere. The classes are in full swing. There was inter-class football and basketball tournaments and we both actively participated. It was indeed a thrilling experience to come to the top position in soccer. We are now in the quarter final of the basketball tournament as well. Sharath had a minor leg injury and he rested for three days. The highlight of Asha Kiran last month was the Golden Jubilee celebration of Fr Victor D' Silva. A few selected guests joined him to praise the Lord for his fifty years of service in the Society of Jesus. We were happy to meet Sch. Sajit and Kensy when they paid us a visit. Sharath goes to visit old age home on Saturdays and Adhul goes to teach catechism on Sundays.

Adhul

**DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE**

The month of July witnessed many memorable events both in JDV and DNC. We celebrated the jubilee (60 years of Religious Life) of Fr Kurien Kunnumpuram at the papal Seminary and at DNC exclusively with the Kerala Province members. We celebrated the birthday of Fr John Vattankky on 3 July. Fr Socius was here to attend the Socii meeting convened by the POSA. Fr Henry Pattarumadathil was here to teach in JDV. Our young professor, Fr Thomas Karimundackal, joined the DNC Community. Scholastics Rajesh together with two of his companions has gone for slum-living experience. We specially remember the day when the ADF and the Provincial of Calcutta joined the gathering of the Kerala Province members with their witty dialogues. Our well wishers from various walks of life joined us for the celebration of the Feast of St Ignatius. The rainy weather has affected some scholastics adversely.

Manish

**FR G. NEDUNGATT**

After three weeks of Ayurveda treatment, I was discharged on 10 June from Keezhillam Hospital with a lot of medicines (pills, capsules, tablets, potions, oils, etc.) for a period of *patthyam* lasting thirty days, when I was to avoid travel, physical or mental strain, and exposure to rain and sun. At the scheduled check-up on 12 July, the same prescriptions were renewed, but I was encouraged because of perceptible, though slight and slow, improvement in my health condition. The doctor assured me "hundred percent cure" after repetition of treatment in 2011 and 2012. This is more than what the Roman doctors offered, who said in April that I had already reached the plateau of recovery. My *patthyam* period was no chrysalis rest but an occasion for the exercise of what has become my hobby, helping in different causes of beatification and canonization. With the blessing of Rome, I had started a kind of information centre at Kuzhikkatussery, the Pilgrim Centre of Bl. Mariam Thresia, where needed resources are made available to inquirers. During my stay there I have been able to help people busy with five such causes in their various stages of development. I was the resource person for the opening, on 18 July, of the Diocesan Inquiry about the Servant of God Mgr. Joseph Panjikaran, at Kothamangalam, and delivered the keynote address explaining the real meaning of beatification and canonization as the participation of the Church in the honour which the Father accords to those who have served the Son (Jn 12:26). Panjikaran, founder of the Medical Sisters of St Joseph, was a scholar, apostle of evangelization, especially of the poor and the sick, a journalist

(he started Sathyadeepam) and above all a holy person. A student of the Jesuits at Trichy and Kandy, he had wanted to join the Society of Jesus to dedicate his life to the missions, but was told by his bishop that he could be a missionary also as a diocesan priest. And he was.

Fr Nedungatt

### **ARNOS PADIRI ACADEMY**

There will be a literary seminar in Lumen Institute on 14 August 2010 organized by Arnos Padiri Academy. The topic of the seminar is: 'the Role of Aronos Padiri in the Socio-cultural Renaissance of Kerala.' Eminent scholar Dr Kurias Kumbalakuzy and writer and literary figure Prof. M. Thomas Mathew are the main speakers. Rt. Rev. Dr Joseph Kariyil, Bishop of Cochin will be present. A documentary film on Arnos Padiri made by the Kerala State Film Development Corporation will be screened on the occasion. Kindly make it convenient to participate in this seminar.

### **FROM SHEMBAGANUR**

The Shembag Tertianship began on 2 June 2010 with a Eucharistic celebration. We are 21 Tertians hailing from 15 Provinces of the South Asian Assistency. Classes are going on well though the mercury level fell to 12 degree Celsius. The Long Retreat began on 28 June and got over with the Feast of St Ignatius in sight. The Tertians moved from the state of being with the Lord to being in the Lord. The Ignatian Feast was celebrated with a solemn Eucharist. The Golden Jubilarian, Fr Michael Alosanai, our Tertian Master, was the main celebrant. The religious communities of Kodai hills joined us to thank the Lord on this wonderful day. The grand celebration with our workers, neighbours, students of Community College and the children of Inigo Illam added joy to the occasion.

Gracious

### **FROM JAIPUR**

St Xavier's College, Jaipur began the academic year 2010–11 on 12 July. There are 285 students in 5 disciplines. Bishop Oswald Lewis of Jaipur blessed the staff and students on that day. The Higher Education Minister of Rajasthan, Dr Jitendra Singh gave the message. The official inauguration of the College is scheduled for 27 August. Many important dignitaries of Rajasthan will be present on that day.

K.P. Mathew

### **VIDYA JYOTI, DELHI**

The Kerala contingent reached Vidya Jyoti, Delhi on 9 July after a tedious journey lasting 46 hours. It was a shift in every sense, having been in the rain-clad Sameeksha Campus for a month, the sun-baked terrain of Delhi made us nostalgic for our land back home. Fr George Keerankeri, the last of the veterans from the Kerala Province to be left in V.J, though away when we arrived, wasted no time, when he returned to make us feel at home with his cheerful presence and encouraging words.

Before heading to Delhi, we spent a fruitful month at RTC, Kalady, doing a course on *Kerala Culture through Malayalam Literature*, guided by Dr Scaria Zacharia and team. Besides this Frs. P.T Mathew and Henry initiated us into the vast ocean that is theology. It was both a time of great intellectual awakening in many fields and a time of experiencing the fraternal care of Sameeksha.

On 10 July we began our life in Delhi with an orientation programme in the Community. The following day the new academic year was inaugurated by Archbishop Vincent Concessao of Delhi Archdiocese. The theme of the inaugural liturgy was '**Launching out in to the deep.**' In the evening, Prof. Zoya Hassan, former member of National Minority Commission gave a lecture on minority-related issues.

As we are here after more than two decades we had to begin from scratch. We are well looked after under the able and seasoned leadership of Sch. Raju, our Province Coordinator. We made our presence felt in the basketball match between the newcomers and the old-timers of V.J, with three of our agile men Sanil, Linto and Shin giving anxious moments to the opposition with their excellent game, and thereby helping the newcomers emerge victorious.

Active involvement with peoples' movements is a way of life in V.J and we have already taken part in a *Dharna* organized for the inclusion of Dalit Christians and Muslims under the Scheduled Caste list. There was a good crowd at Jantar Mantar drawing people from many parts of India. The Kerala presence got noticed with placards written in Malayalam. Four of us are going to Syro-Malabar parishes in Delhi as part of our pastoral involvement. Frs. Baby Chalil and Salvin were with us for a few days as they stayed back in Delhi to carry out their mission of getting Minority status to Sarvodaya School, and when they accomplished it we shared their joy in a fitting manner. Fr George Keerankeri took part in the annual colloquium of Bishops and Theologians organized by the Doctrinal Commission of the CBCI at NBCLC Bangalore from 8–10 July. The general theme of the colloquium was "**Office and Charism within the Understanding of the Church as a Participatory Communion.**" Fr George presented a much appreciated paper in the colloquium on "**Charisms and their Discernment in the local Church.**"

Dominic

## FROM GERMANY

I have started the language program at the Akademie Klausenhof on 5 July and it is designed for two months. The Akademie Klausenhof is an International Institute for the German language studies run by the Diocese of Munster. The first year results of Heythrop College have been announced and I have progressed to the second year. It has been a wonderful experience for me to spend a couple of days in the J.R.S Community in Berlin. Fr Beckers, the Chaplin, presided over the solemn Mass on the Feast of St Ignatius in the Akademie Chapel. I was invited to join the celebrations on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Carmel followed by a sumptuous Dinner prepared by the C.M.C sisters. The get-together of the Keralites at the Akademie stirred up the spirit of enthusiasm. Hectic preparation is on for the Frankfurt University and the Akademie exams on 26 and 27 August.

Xavier

## FROM SPAIN

I left for Spain on 29 July. My flight from Trivandrum took off half an hour late and so there was only a short time in Doha to board the connecting flight to Madrid. I was fortunate to have Fr Christi from the diocese of Quilon next to my seat. I reached Madrid on time and Frs Justin (MDU) and Jossy (KAR) received me at the airport. In my Community there are three Indian Jesuits. I took a train from Madrid to Salamanca on 30 July and we celebrated the Feast of St Ignatius with a solemn Eucharist in the local parish. I made it a point to pray for the entire Province in this Jubilee year from this hallowed place so dear to St Ignatius. We began the

Spanish course on 1 August and there are 18 participants of whom 3 are from India. I will be back in my Community in Madrid on 31 August.

Rachans

### **FROM IRELAND**

I have begun my diaspora life very well in this Green land. My flight to Ireland was very pleasant and was energized by the warm reception of Fr Fergus O'Keefe, Superior of the John Sullivan Community, where I am staying till the end of August. I am impressed by the hospitality and generosity of the Irish Jesuits. The conversation at table is always leavened with a little humour that puts me at ease. I hope, by the end of this month, I will have a better understanding of the Irish culture, Hiberno-English and the world of literature by exploring Ireland through my intensive orientation programme. Fr John Dardis, President of the European Conference of Provincials, gave me good support and inspiration to do my regency fruitfully at the Clongowes Wood College. I was with the Milltown Community in Dublin for the Ignatian Feast. Here in Ireland it is summer season and the temperature is just 15–18 Degree Celsius!

Santhosh

### **FESTAL GREETINGS from XIAMEN, P.R.C.**

Once again the participants at the SUMMER COURSE FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS (100 Primary School English Teachers for 2 weeks and 90 Middle & High School English Teachers for another 2 weeks) expressed their appreciation with gifts. Some of them have come year after year and said that they benefit from our Teaching. This time my team mates were Bob Stephan and Joe Frias of California. It looks like the Invitation will be sent to me again next year. The Director of the Xiamen Academy of Educational Science also thanked us profusely and presented us with gifts. Since I had a 60-day Business Visa (Educational Consultant), I had to take the 1-hour boat ride to JINMEN (an island belonging to TAIWAN) because before 31 days were over I had to leave the country and then return -- I fulfilled the requirements with an afternoon and evening round-trip, crossing Immigration Officials on both sides. I will be joining a Group Tour which will take me to Hunan Province -- Changsha (Capital), Shaoshan (birthplace of Chairman MAO Ze Dong) and Zhangjajie (where there are beautiful hills and forests). On August 14, I will return to Taipei and I will preside at one of our two city parishes on the 15th. We will have 5 new International Scholastics -- one each from Spain, France and Colombia and two from India (Madurai and Goa). More are welcome.

John Manipadam

### **GONE FOR THEIR REWARD**

Fr Amalraj Selvaraj (MDU 83/63) on 24 July in Dindigul.

Fr John Almeida (BOM 51/29) on 24 July in Mumbai.

Mrs Mary Esthapan (94), mother of Fr Stephen Chundanthadathil, on 3 August at Manikadavu.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### **AUGUST**

- 13 Ephrem Manikompel
- 14 Phinto Wilson Eluvathingal
- 15 Tinu Francis Pondichery
- 16 Thomas Karimundackal
- 18 Nikhil George Paruvananickal
- 19 Abraham Mannamkary  
Devassy Ponthempilly
- 21 Joseph Maliekal

23 Joseph Inchackal

27 Mani Manimala

**SEPTEMBER**

01 Roji Nelson Karuthanvila

06 Sunny Kunnappallil

**IN CHRIST WITH GLORY**

**AUGUST**

07 (1983) Thomas Nadar

08 (1962) John Sequeira

09 (2005) Sebastian Inchody

15 (2006) Francis Kannikal

