

APPOINTMENTS BY FATHER GENERAL

Fr Miguel Cruzado Silveri as the Provincial of the Province of Peru

Fr Arturo Ernesto Peraza Celis as the Provincial of Venezuela

Fr Benjamín Crespo of the Province of Peru as the Regional Secretary for Latin American Assistancies

Fr J. Thomas McClain of the Detroit Province as the General Treasurer of the Society of Jesus. He will replace Father Gerardo Aste, the present General Treasurer, on July 1, 2010.

Fr Jorge Serrano of the Province of Colombia as the Assistant to the General Treasurer for Development

APPOINTMENTS BY PROVINCIAL

Rayan Samuel Sameeksha, Kalady

Erinjery Thomas Sameeksha, Kalady (Ad Tempus)

Vachaparambil Pious Province Development Director, Christ Hall, Calicut

Chalil Baby Manager, Sarvodaya School, Eachome

Kachirayil Salvin Pastoral Ministry, Christ the King Church Chemboor

Vattamala Philip Pastoral Ministry, St Antony's Parish, Naduvattom (Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly)

Kuravanveliyel Thomas AKJM School, Kanjirapally (Ad Tempus)

Mecheril Varkeychan Assistant Vicar, Christ the King Church, Chemboor

P.S. Antony Social Action, Attappadi

Vadakkumchery Biju St Mary's School, Mukumthara

**PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME
JANUARY 2010**

16-17 Meeting of Superiors, Principals, CCA & Consultants, Christ Hall, Calicut

18 Consult, Christ Hall

20-24 Visitation, Pune

FEBRUARY 2010

5-8 Visitation, Satya Nilayam, Chennai

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

As informed earlier, there will be a meeting of Rectors, Superiors, CCA, Consultants and Conveners of the Province Golden Jubilee Committee on 16-17 January 2010 at Christ Hall, Calicut. Kindly inform the Minister, Christ Hall, Calicut about your arrival.

HEARTY WELCOME FR SAMUEL!

A hearty welcome to Fr Samuel Rayan who has joined Sameeksha, Kalady on 27 December 2009! He has been at Vidya Jyoti, Delhi for the past 37 years and has served in various capacities as Dean and Professor. His contribution to the universal Church as a leading Asian theologian is well recognized. He had been a Member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches. We are happy

that he is back in the Province. We wish him all success in carrying on his contribution to contextualized theological thinking.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Sch Raju Augustine conducted a three-day retreat for the youth of Mananthavady Diocese in the third week of December 2009 helped by Frs Pallivathukal, Sabu Malayil and Baby Mulloparambil. The retreat was well-appreciated and the details of which were published in the Diocesan bulletin.

ORDINATION-2009: A BRIEF REPORT

Amidst the presence of a large congregation of Priests, Religious, Jesuits, relatives, well-wishers and parishioners, Deacons Salvin and Philip were ordained priests by Mar George Valiamattam, Archbishop of Tellicherry on 28 December 2009. The solemn ceremony began at 2 pm in the tranquil ambience of St George's Forane Church, Chempanthotty with the procession. The ordination ceremony was followed by the First Mass. Even though the unexpected rain created some inconvenience, the whole programme went off very well. A good number of Jesuits participated in the programme and a special thanks to the Jesuits of St Michael's, Kannur for taking care of the guests admirably well.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Fr Mathew Moozhiyil has improved considerably and the swelling on his hands and legs are reduced. He is likely to be discharged one of these days.

Fr Sebastian Painadath returned to Sameeksha, Kalady from Bangalore in the

third week of December 2009 and he is down with chicken pox.

Fr Benny Chiramel is admitted to Lourdes hospital, Ernakulam due to viral fever and continues to be under observation. Please remember them in your prayers.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

A week of Christmas celebration with a number of competitions like carol singing, painting, star and poster making made this year's Christmas memorable and extraordinary. The local dailies and the FM Radio gave a wide coverage to our Christmas celebration. The chief guest Fr Jose Edappadiyil, CMI, Manager of St Joseph's College, Devagiri, gave an inspiring Christmas message on the concluding day. The various cultural programmes and the carol singing were appreciated by one and all. Frs Devasia and Thadeyoos took part in the Alumni gathering in St Joseph's College, Trichy.

Sooraj Dominic

SARVODAYA, EACHOME

Fr Provincial's visitation was enriching to the Community as well as to the School. Our students bagged several first prizes at the District level work experience and Science Mela. The U P section secured the overall championship in Wayanad District. The merriment of Christmas was found throughout the celebration in our School. Our School choir went around singing carols in the neighbouring parishes and it was appreciated by all. The Eco club of our School attended a 3-day nature awareness camp at Begur forests. It was a rare opportunity for our students to admire and

experience nature. The whole program was sponsored by the Forest Department.

Raju Augustine

TUDI, EACHOME

After one and a half years of continuous effort we could get the post metric scholarship sanctioned for our tribal students studying in Gandhigram Rural University, Dindigul. In many ways it is a historic achievement as it would be helpful to many Adivasi students in future. During the month of November–December five different groups of University students, including a group of students from Netherlands, visited TUDI for their field education and exposure programmes. Sabu Malayil and Baby Chalil along with eight tribal youth participated in the Adivasi Utsav organized by South West Zone of JEMAI held at Talasari, Maharashtra. There were many tribal groups from Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. It was an enriching experience for us and for our tribal youth. We realized the importance of working together for the rights of Indigenous Peoples. Br Maxim D'Mello of Bombay Province was the main organizer and he made all efforts to make it a success. He also arranged a one day Bombay Darshan. All have requested TUDI to organize the next JEMAI (south west zone) gathering of 2010 at Wayanad. Talasari is known worldwide for its Warli arts. We had an opportunity to encounter the worldview of Warli art culture.

We had our Christmas, New Year, and Harvest Festival celebrations on 22 December with a participation of more than 250 people consisting of our neighbours, tribal friends and well-wishers. Rev. Dr Baby Sebastian, Principal, Pazhassi Raja College, was the chief guest of the program and he gave a meaningful message fitting

to the occasion. Fr Kuriakose, Superior of Sarvodaya Jesuit Community, and Mr Narayanan extended their felicitations followed by grand cultural fiesta by TUDI cultural troupe and a sumptuous vegetarian *sadya*.

Baby Chalil

LOYOLA, ALUVA

Our life in Loyola, Aluva was made memorable by the visitation of Fr Provincial. On that day the Pre-Novices presented a cultural programme. They enacted two short plays on the life and mission of St Francis Xavier. They got a big round of applause for their creative presentation. A three-day workshop on Self Development was conducted by our budding psychologist Sanil. Fr Jose Mathew enlightened the Pre-Novices on environmental issues and as a result they have decided to promote eco sensitivity in their life and surroundings. Despite the busy schedule of classes and second term exams they added lot of cheer to the Christmas celebrations. Frs John Vattanky, P.T Joseph of XIMB, Bhubaneswar, and Sch Learoy of Bombay Province graced us with their presence. Our Regents and the second year Theologians found this place ideally suited for their annual Triduum guided by Fr Joseph Pulickal.

Joseph Mathew

LUMEN, KOCHI

In an extremely cordial and warm Christmas gathering, the Newman Association celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Ordination of their beloved chaplain Fr Adappur. Justice Cyriac Joseph and Justice Kurien Joseph were the honourable speakers along with many other dignitaries. Fr Adappur was a distinguished guest speaker when Swami Ramdev (the Head of Patanjaly Yogapit, Haridwar) visited and addressed a huge gathering of devotees in

Ernakulam. A series of articles by Fr Adappur appeared in journals and newspapers. *Thoolika*, a weekly published by the Muslim League, carried his article on *Vimochanasamaram* as the lead article. The Arnos Padiri Academy observed a memorial of the arrival of Padiri in India by organizing an *Arnos Padiri Souhrda Sadass* (Friendship Circle of Arnos Padiri) at Velur. People who were interested in the tradition and heritage of Arnos Padiri participated in the lively discussion. Fr Roy Thottathil led the discussion while Fr Adappur initiated the process. Fr Jose Mathew is appearing in various Christian journals with articles connected with environment and theology. Fr Pallivathukal is busy giving programmes for Jesus Youth as well as retreats to various groups in Kerala and other parts of India. Fr Vincent has been busy giving value orientation programmes to different groups of students and parents. Snehasena gathered its summer camp members for a follow-up programme in Sameeksha during Christmas holidays. Our Theologians at RTC and Fr Saji supported the programme wholeheartedly. The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, held recently, had a film in the short-film section the script of which was written by Fr Vincent Pereppadan. Only three films were selected from Malayalam in this section.

Vincent Pereppadan

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

Our students bagged 16 first prizes in the sub-district Youth Festival held at St Ephrem's, Chirakadavu, The High School students won the first and second places in the science and IT exhibition and IT quiz competition. A special career guidance programme was conducted for the Plus

Two students. Mr Shijo Zachariah, a well known success trainer led the sessions. The annual visitation of Fr Provincial was a grace-filled occasion for all of us. He addressed both the staff and the students and exhorted every one to make this institution a real Jesuit School carrying on the Ignatian ideals. Fr Provincial blessed the newly added class rooms of the School building. Christmas was celebrated with great festivity on 18 December. The Junior School students went on an enjoyable trip to Silver Storm accompanied by Fr K. P Mathew. During Christmas holidays Fr Babu Paul conducted a five-day workshop for the DST sisters in Palai. The reunion of the old boys of AKJM on 26 December was eventful and many reminisced their good old days at AKJM.

Tomson Antony

SAMEEKSHA / RTC, KALADY

The Sameeksha-RTC observed the season of advent with varied activities and programmes. The Sameeksha Day was celebrated with much vigour and enthusiasm on the eve of Christmas with our neighbours and a few foreign visitors. A prayer meeting using scriptures from different religions, multi-lingual cultural programs and sharing of Christmas cakes were the highlights of the day. Fr Henry preached the ordination retreat to the deacons of Carmalagiri Seminary and to our own deacons. Fr P. T. Mathew conducted a seminar on the sources of Social Work Philosophy for the MSW students of Vimala College and St Thomas College, Thrissur. Sch. Antu Xavier gave an orientation program on ecology to the students of AKJM School. Fr Samuel Rayan has joined our Community after many years of teaching at Vidya Jyothi,

Delhi. Br Varkey Mampilly underwent a successful cataract surgery of his right eye.

Ramlat

LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

Fr Pious Vachaparambil handed over his mantle of Rectorship to Fr Joye James on 11 December during a Community Mass. LES is starting three PGD courses of IGNOU with the help of Loyola College in Jan 2010. Fr Joseph Edassery attended the South Indian Alumni Congress in Trichy. The Jesuit residence is being protected with a light roof.

M.J. Augustine

ST XAVIER'S, TRIVANDRUM

The feast of St Francis Xavier, our heavenly patron, was celebrated on 3 December with a concelebrated Mass. Friends and well wishers of St Xavier's College and Xavier Institute of Management joined us on that day to add to our joy. Fr Dasappan wrote the script for a Light and Sound show on the life of St Francis Xavier, which was staged on 29 December before a cheering crowd in the premises of St Ignatius Church, Puthenthope. It was a fitting tribute to the great missionary saint. The staff and students of St Xavier's' College and Xavier Institute of Management celebrated Christmas with much gaiety and fanfare. Department-wise Crib-making and carol singing competitions were the chief attractions which culminated in sharing cake and wine and the exchange of Christmas gifts. Fr Sunny Jose and Br Jacob, in spite of their busy schedule, managed to find time off to be alone with the Lord as they both made their annual retreat at Kanyakumari and Vettuthurai respectively. The construction work of the much awaited Ladies' Hostel has finally started having had to face many hazards of

various nature. The hostel is expected to function by the next academic year.

Fr Benny, after having rendered his services to the community in his capacity as the Coordinator of XIM, has moved out to AICUF Centre to continue his research project.

Dominic

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

We had a hectic schedule during the month of December. Fr Jerome Manyahi, an African Jesuit and a research student at Loyola College, Chennai awakened our curiosity in science through his course on current issues in modern Science. Fr Francis Guntipilly of Karnataka Province, a social activist in Bangalore, shed light on the social realities of our time through his course on social analysis. We concluded our second term examinations before the Christmas vacation. The Community-Day immediately after Christmas was a time of fun and frolic for all. Most of the Juniors acted in the spectacular light and sound show on St Francis Xavier, *Kadal Kadannethiya Sanchari*, staged in the premises of St Ignatius, Puthenthope on 29 December 2009. It was a revised version of Fr Dasappan's earlier light and sound show on the saint. Our activities of 2009 were concluded by a picnic to Kanyakumari on 30 December 2009.

Tom Jose

SATYANILAYAM, CHENNAI

The cool weather of December is a welcome change for all of us. We had an enjoyable Christmas celebration with singing of carols and a variety entertainment programme. Soon after Christmas we were immersed in the celebration of the Community days. This year the Community days were made

memorable with food items from the four zones of our country. The musical drama, 'JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICAL COLOUR COAT,' was a grand success. Schs Jijimon and Deepak of our Province were on the stage.

Roy Alex

LOYOLA COLLEGE, CHENNAI

Loyola College campus witnessed the second Chennai Mission Assembly from 29 –31 December 2009. Binu is busy with his final year project and the International Conference conducted by the Commerce Department in the first week of January. Prince was privileged to listen to Dr. Venkataraman Ramakrishnan, The Nobel Laureate for Chemistry–2009, in the University of Madras. In fact it was his first talk in India after winning the Prize. Prince is fully involved in the fourth semester project in Entomology Research Institute under Fr Ignacimuthu SJ.

Prince Clarence

BERCHMAN'S ILLAM, CHENNAI

We were happy to get good results in our semester exams. We also had an enjoyable trip to Mysore. As there were 14 days of Christmas holidays, we were allowed to participate in the ordination of our deacons in the Province. We are grateful to St Michael's, Kannur for their warm hospitality. The cool weather in Chennai keeps us hale and hearty.

Rephin Kamal

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

In preparation for the Province Jubilee celebration, the Kerala Province members of De Nobili continued to spell out their dreams and aspirations about the Province.

Frs. Kurien and Stephen accompanied us in our search. We were extremely happy to have Fr Binoy Jacob with us for a few weeks. The Christmas break began with the completion of the mid-semester exams. Schs Rajesh and Saji completed their first semester exams in LLB. This year the Christmas celebration at De Nobili was quite different. The Community members joined the working class of Adivasis of Pune City for the Christmas Mass. It was followed by an indigenous Christmas dance. As usual the house was decorated well. Sch. Anil Joseph represented us at the ordination of our two deacons. Sch Ginish is the new Province Coordinator. The theologians will be attending the IISSR seminar at Lonavla which takes place in the first week of January 2010.

Saji Joseph

CHAI, HYDERABAD

I am getting ready to say goodbye to the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) and to join XIMB, Bhubaneswar. The experience at CHAI, though only a little more than one and a half years, was an enriching one. I was able to develop a conceptual frame work on the environment-health interface and develop a few practical methods to control communicable diseases through proper sanitation. Moreover, I was able to develop a few nutritional guidelines for ensuring healthy nutritional practices for the economically disadvantaged population. I gave a three day seminar on Evangelization to sixty participants.

K.T. Chandy

FROM AFGHANISTAN

December brought in memorable moments. Christmas was celebrated with gaiety and grandeur. Many of our friends, students and teachers turned up to greet us. The English training programme has begun in seven

different centres. Fr Santiago, one of the pioneers of Afghanistan Mission, has left for India. Fr James is back in Herat. Frs Stan, Jimmy Dabhi and Maria Joseph are in India right now. The presence of Fr George Pattery, the Provincial of Calcutta Province, was an encouragement to us. The celebration of Muhram was an enriching experience for us. Winter is slowly reaching its peak during these days.

Linto

FROM TAIWAN

New Year greetings from Taiwan! Rubil, Kuriakose and I participated in the Silver Jubilee of Sister Chiara M.C. (from Rachi) and were happy to meet the Sisters from Kerala. Thanks to the efforts of Fr Edward (POSA) and Fr Peter Raj (Socius) I received the required Authorized Document from the *Taipei Economic & Cultural Centre* in New Delhi. On the same day I also received an excellent Report on my Medical Check-up. There is now no hurdle to clear before getting the 1-year Missionary Visa. I have been to our Jesuit Parishes in Taipei City (Holy Family and Sacred Heart) for Sunday and Christmas Eucharist and for a 1-day Retreat. People from many different countries come to these parishes. One Malayalee (Jorphin Joseph) is completing his Doctorate in Chemical Engineering. He is a very active parishioner and he hails from Mala, having studied at Christ College, Irinjalakuda. Two weeks ago at 9.05 p.m. there was a 20-second rather strong earth tremor. Fortunately no harm was done.

John Manipadam

FROM LONDON

Though the northern hemisphere experienced its shortest and the darkest day followed by the longest night on

21 December, the Advent candles burned brightly to dispel the darkness. We began our Triduum on 21 December in Douai Abbey, a Benedictine Monastery. Fr Antoine Kerhuel, the General Assistant for Formation for Eastern Europe, visited our Community and was impressed by the multicultural dimension of the formation in London. A grand English Dinner was prepared in honour of Fr Kerhuel followed by an interactive session. 'The Sacred Made Real,' an exhibition on Spanish Painting and Sculptures of the 17th century Catholic Church, at the National Gallery ignited the spiritual thoughts of hundreds. I was invited by the Kerala Catholic Association of UK for their silver jubilee and Christmas Celebrations in Eastham Town Hall. It was amazing to see a large group of Malayalees in London. The Scholastics in London had Christmas celebrations on 18 December in the Provincial House. There was a traditional English Christmas Dinner followed by Mass presided over by Fr Michael Holman, the Provincial. The Brixton Community had the Christmas celebrations with a prayer service followed by a delicious lunch and exchange of gifts.

Xavier Tharamel

FROM ROME

Before leaving the shores of India for Rome last September, I was kept busy with the publication of a book: *Digital CCEO with Resources and Studies*, Dharmaram Canonical Series 6, Dharmaram Publications, Bangalore, 2009. It was released in October. It consists of a book in part I, and of an optional CD-Rom in Part II. The book contains four studies two by me, one by Sunny Kokkaravalayil and a fourth by Ivan Žužek, translated by Sunny. The CD is a collection of resources on the Eastern code (with its text in six languages)

assembled by Yoannis Lahzi Gaid, a former student of mine.

As I was recovering from the shock of the car accident on 16 October 2009, I was surprised to see my lot cast with that of Pope Benedict XVI, who reportedly had two strokes before he became pope. I had a stroke in the left brain on 19 December and was immediately taken to Salvator Mundi International Hospital. Under the expert care of Dr. Vincenzo Giulio Bilotta, who was the personal physician of Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, I gradually regained much of the use of my right hand and right leg. With the help of an excellent physiotherapist I have been making rapid progress. I can now walk about using a walking stick. I wrote these lines by my own hand and gave them to Sunny Kokkaravalayil to be e-mailed to *Tidings*. He will be in the Province from 1 to 11 January and can complete and confirm all this with an eyewitness' account. I hope to be back at the Oriental Institute before his return, but with no danger of being "papabilis".

George Nedungatt SJ

AROUND THE ASSISTANCY

Invitation to XTTI Alumni: Fr Abe Puthumana, Rector writes: "We will be very happy to receive from you any anecdotes, humorous memories of your life at XTTI, Patna that could become part of the souvenir we hope to bring out at the time of the closing of the Jubilee year. Kindly send the same by e-mal at the latest by the end of February 2010. My e-mail Id is: abeputhumana@gmail.com

We are planning the closing of the Jubilee Year at the end of the Province Days on 29 May 2010. There will be three days of Province Days prior to the closing of the

Jubilee. We will be most happy to have you all with us on 29 May. It will be a whole day programme with some time for reminiscing old times, liturgy at mid-day and some time for games followed by two hours of cultural programme and closing dinner. It will be nice if you can arrive on the evening of 28 May and then join the closing day celebrations on the following day. If you like to stay some more time after the Jubilee Day you are most welcome to do so.

Kindly let me have the information about your participation in the closing day function at the latest by 20 April 2010."

Calcutta Then and Now: On 28 November 1859 seven Jesuits landed on the banks of the Ganges in Calcutta. It was the beginning of an inspiring narrative at the service of the Church in this eastern part of the country. 150 years later the Bengal Mission, now Calcutta Province, rejoices at the labour of the pioneers of yesteryear. Today it comprises 3 Archdioceses, 16 Dioceses and 7 Jesuit Provinces with more than 1500 Jesuit priests, brothers, scholastics and novices at work in the vineyard of the Lord together with thousands of priests, religious men and women, of other congregations and a vibrant believing community. (Courtesy: Calcutta Jesuit Newsletter)

Orissa Citizen's Initiative: It is a secular forum coordinated by the Jesuits working with the victims of violence in Orissa, is engaged in the documentation of Trauma Narratives as well as Narratives of Hope consisting of the people's own efforts at conflict resolution and peace building. The video documentation began in June 2009 and was completed in September. All Jesuit working in Orissa and their collaborators were part of this effort. Watch the three

Kerala Tidings
videos at: <http://tinyurl.com/y8cw77p>
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NEW BOOKS

Sebastain Painadath, *Wir alle sind Pilger*, Gebete der Welt, Koesel, Munich. Pages, 136, 2010. (This book contains 100 prayers from 3500 years of human history. The selection of the prayers, with proper introduction shows the spiritual convergence of religions.)

The Claretian Publications, Manila, Philippines, has brought out a new edition of Fr Sebastian Painadath's book, **The Power of Silence**. There is great demand for the book in Philippines.

New Courses

JESA organizes the following courses: International Workshop on "Jesuit Advocacy: Better Governance of Natural Recourses."

Dates: 13–23 February 2010

Venue: XISS, Ranchi

National Conference on "Resurgence of Religious Identity and Violence: Causes, Consequences and Response."

Dates: 25–28 February 2010

Venue: ISI, Bangalore

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Fr Joseph Neuner (PUN 101/83), on 3 December 2009 in Pune.

Fr Gerald (Jerry) Rodrigues (GOA74/52), on 23 December 2009 in Belgaum.

Fr Lionel Mascarenhas (GUJ 89/73), on 28 December 2009 in Pune.

Mrs Rosemary Thachil (68), the younger sister of Fr John Manipadam, on 1 January 2010 in Ernakulam.

Mr Antony (53), brother of Fr Dasappan, at Vadakkal, Alleppey, on 2 December 2010.

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY JANUARY

06 (2007) Cecil Veliath
07 (2006) Kurian Padapurackal
15 (2007) Antony Manipadam
18 (1967) Thomas Kalam
19 (1977) Joseph Koilparambil
21 (2003) Chandy Varickamakal
23 (2007) Dominic Gomez
26 (1963) Fortunatus Cutinho
31 (1986) Cherian Karippaprambil

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY

11 Thomas Erinjery
Varkey Chalissary
12 Varkey Mampilly
13 Rabin C
16 Tejson Nedumparambil
18 Joseph Edassery
20 Jacob Kumminiyil
Jijimon Puthuveettilkalam
21 Thomas Mulanjanani
22 Augustine Kallunkal
25 Antu Xavier Kalamparambil
26 James Pullokar
Thomas Panikulam

FEBRUARY

01 Anil Kochumethikalam
04 George Varangalakudy

- 05 George Vattukulam
Joseph Thekkekara
- 08 Chandy Kumblankal
Linus Zucol
- 09 Dasappan Vattathil
- 10 Shelton Robert
Thomas Kuravanveliyel

