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APPOINTMENTS BY FR PROVINCIAL

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PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

NOVEMBER 2010

- 12 – 14 Ignatian Seminar – Christ Hall
- 15 Meeting with Fr Grim – Trivandrum, Loyola Consult
- 16 – 18 Visitation, Neyyattinkara Mission
- 20 Domestic Staff Gathering (2) – Lumen
- 21 Youth Com. Meeting
- 22 – 24 Visitation, Lumen & ICTA
- 25 – 26 Visitation- SICJ, Trivandrum
- 27 Domestic Staff Gathering (3) AICUF House, TVM
- 28 – 30 Visitation, AKJM, Kanjirapally

DECEMBER 2010

- 3 – 6 Satya Nilayam, Berchmans Illam
- 7 – 10 Visitation, Guntur

ORDINATIONS -2010

In this Jubilee Year the Province is blessed with four ordinations. Kindly note the dates of ordination.

Ranjit Irattil on 26 December at 9.30 a.m. (St John the Baptist Church, Manjuvayal, Pulloorampara)

Dolichan Kollarath & Shibu Malekunnel on 28 December at 2.30 p.m. (Christ the King Church, Malaparamba, Kozhikode)

Antu Kalamparambil on 30 December at 9.00 a.m. (St Joseph's Church, Mambra, Angamaly)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Schs Kunnappallil Biju George, Manivelil Aneesh and Mekkulathil Ramlat have been approved for the Diaconate. They will be ordained Deacons on 22 December 2010 in Sanathana MCBS Seminary, Thamarassery.

NOVICES IN LONG RETREAT

The Novices in Ananda Jyothi, Guntur begin the Long Retreat on 10 November and those in Sadhanalaya, Nashik on 7 November. Say a prayer for them that they may profit from their Manresa experience.

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMME

As announced in the previous Tidings, there will be a workshop on Ignatian Spirituality at Christ Hall, Calicut on 13-14 November. Kindly inform the Minister/Socius regarding your participation.

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Kerala Province JESA Annual meet- 2010

The Province JESA Annual Meet was held at TUDI, Wayanad on 8 and 9 October. There were 55 participants from 8 Social Centres and 10

Jesuits. The meeting was inaugurated by Fr Provincial. Fr M.K. George conducted the session on 'Right based approach to Development.' It was inspirational and informative to the group.

Two leaders from the social field namely Ms C.K.Janu and Fr Augustine Vattoly shared their views and experiences in the field of Social Action. Their voices from the field were very inspirational and the group was really enriched by their presence.

The class on Media activism by Mr. Robin paid homage to media activist Sri. Sarath Chandran. It was followed by the video show, *Kaipu neeru*, produced by Sarath on Plachimada struggle led by Adivasi leader late Ms. Mylamma.

On the second day the group visited *Uravu*, the Indigenous Science and Technology Study Centre at Thrikkaipetta and Karapuzha project area where tribals are displaced due to the dam project. The visit was an eye-opener to the participants. It made us aware of the phenomenon of 'development induced

displacement' which is taking place all over India.

Some of the major area of focus for the coming year would be:

- ❖ Start study centre, having 3-5 people, at each Social Centre.
- ❖ Study the pro-poor Policies and Act such as RTI, RTE, RTF, NREGA, etc.
- ❖ Start net-working with like minded groups and movements.
- ❖ Beginning field- based Research activities
- ❖ Mobilize local resources for the Social Centre
- ❖ Have staff-training programme at each Centre

JESA group enjoyed the stay at TUDI and thanked TUDI Director Fr Baby and team for their warm hospitality and beautiful entertainment programme.

Georgekutty

SARVODAYA, EACHOME

This year the tribal students' percentage has increased to 33% of the total strength in the school. Among the many tribal groups 'Paniyas' are the most backward group. We have begun a boarding house exclusively for them in the school. There are 85 students belonging to this group from standard 5 to plus one. It was a Herculean task to bring them to the boarding house. Though it is a challenging initiative we are greatly supported by the staff and parents. We also look forward to generous hands who can help us in some way or other in running the boarding house. The Annual Meeting of the JESA was hosted by TUDI. Many Jesuits and our lay collaborators participated in it. October,

being the month of Rosary we organized special rosary service in our chapel. Our neighbours attended it in large numbers. Our Community along with the FCC sisters made a pilgrimage to Bharananganam and Ramapuram. Fr Sony completed his MBA course with high first class. We arranged Sarvodaya Fest in the school where many students demonstrated their skill in science and other subjects. It was a grand success.

Salvin

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

The Community wholeheartedly welcomed Fr Joseph Kottukapally who joined the Community towards the end of October. The annual sports and games were conducted with full dynamism and spirit. The colourful march past and the various games made it remarkable. The two days event was marked with the active participation of students in various items. Under the leadership of KCSL, the catholic students of our school gathered every day in the month of October in the Cathedral to recite the rosary. Our school is one among the 112 schools in Kerala selected to take part in a 'Reality Show' organized by the Department of Education to select the best schools in the state. Frs. Devasia and Anto worked as polling officers in the recent election to the Local Self-government. Having selected to take part in the Sub – district Youth Festival, the candidates are busy preparing an English skit.

Sooraj

RTC / SAMEEKSHA, KALADY

October is a month of Marian devotion and Sameeksha was privileged to organize the Rosary for ten days for the Parish. Yet another batch of Jnana Sameeksha scholars received their diplomas in Theology conferred by JDV, Pune. Fr Wilson Mulackal conducted a course on family counselling for the new batch of students of the same course. Around twenty people who are members of different ashrams in Kerala gathered here for two days as part of the annual meeting of *Ashramaikya*. Fr Sebastian returned from Philipines after giving a retreat program.

We bade adieu to our four deacons, Antu Xavier, Dolichan, Ranjit George and Shibu Joseph. The Community gratefully remembers them for their lively presence and valuable service and we congratulate them on their commendable performance in the Comprehensive Examination. Fr Stephen Chundanthadathil was with us for a course on 'Indian Theology'. Fr Binoy was away in Satya Nilayam, Chennai, to take some classes in Philosophy of Science.

LUMEN INSTITUTE, KOCHI

Snehasena gathered many of its animators in two regional meets at Kottayam and Kochi. The participants felt motivated and committed to the mission of value inculcation through Snehasena. Superiors of the respective places gave away gifts to the participants in commemoration of the Jubilee of the Province. To motivate children in good manners, Snehasena conducted a workshop for the students from the city schools. Dr. Alexander Jacob was the chief resource person and Prof. Mary Matilda was an associate. *Golden Team* contest announced in every issue of Snehasena catches much attraction among children. Hundreds of students from various schools participate. Every month four teams are declared *Golden Teams* and they are given prizes in their own schools during school assemblies.

Fr Roy conducted a course on art for the juniors at SICJ, Trivandrum. The 31 October issue of *Kalakaumudi* carried a thought provoking article by Fr Adappur on Jesuit contribution. He maintains that the activities of the Portuguese missionaries weakened the caste system and brought in many things that have become part of our food items. The *Mathrubhumi* has published a feature on Fr Adappur in its metro edition in

Kochi. The Community and the neighbours are happy that Fr Pallivathukal is back healthy and cheerful.

Arnos Padiri Academy organised a trip to Arthunkal. It had a good Jesuit presence which was known as *Moothedath* mission. The tomb of Jesuit father Fenicjois who worked there for 33 years is preserved in the old church. There are many legends about him which shed light into the Jesuit mission in Arthunkal.

Roy

AKJM, KANJIRAPALLY

The first week of October witnessed the inauguration of the Debate Club and the Quiz Club in A.K.J.M. Sch. Binu took the initiative to form the clubs. Fr Babu Paul and Fr Polson attended the training programme in Dhyanasram, Chennai organized by the JEA of Madurai Province. It was a rich and refreshing experience for them. Fr Anthraper, in spite of his old age, has made himself available to be a fulltime counsellor to the A.K.J.M students.

Binu

ASHA KIRAN, MANGALORE

When the people around were immersed in the celebration of Dussera, the Asha Kiran scholastics were glued to their desks as the semester exams commenced in the beginning of the month. The season of semester exams lasted here for a whole month. There was an outbreak of conjunctivitis and many of us were affected. We were privileged to have the presence of Fr Jose Jacobe for a few days and a quick visit of Fr Sabu Palathanadil. The first semester is over and we have already begun the hectic vacation programmes giving an orientation programme

and a retreat. We now look forward to the cultural tour, Community days and village exposure.

Satya Nilayam

The Satya Nilayam campus is rather cool during these days with the good showers of blessings that we have in Chennai. We were glad to be with two young priests from Kerala, who came to Chennai for a Seminar at Dhyanasram. They shared with us some of their nostalgic memories about Satya Nilayam and they were very glad to meet some of their old and veteran professors here. The philosophers were busy with their second internal and end semester exams. We have completed our first and third semesters respectively and now getting ready for the annual retreat. We will begin the second and the fourth semesters by mid November. Satya Nilayam Community welcomed many Provincials and PCFs this month who came for visitation. The Kerala scholastics in Chennai had some lovely moments of fellowship at Satya Nilayam.

SADHANALAYA, NASHIK

We, the first year Novices of Sadhanalaya, are beginning our Long Retreat on 7 November. We have already started preparation for the retreat with a course "Drawing from the Depth" based on the Intensive Journal. The resource person was our Socius, Fr Philip Terrasa. On 27 October all the Novices of various religious congregations in Nashik came to Sadhanalaya, for a seminar on Ecology. There were 57 Novices attending this seminar guided by Mrs Pamela Fernandes from Mumbai. She works successfully at the grass-roots level with various environmental groups and engages in many environmental issues. The seminar increased our awareness of ecological concerns. Moreover it

was a matter of joy for the various Novices to come together.

The next day we had a wonderful picnic to “IGATPURI” on the Western Ghats . We climbed a big hill and there we sang various folk songs including some of our *nadan pattukal*. We experienced the hospitality of the Dominican Fathers. A swim in the adjoining lake was very refreshing indeed. The misty weather in the morning points to the winter season.

DE NOBILI COLLEGE, PUNE

The month of October witnessed the extremes of intense preparation for exams and fun and frolic. A week of first semester exams were followed by ten days of holidays. The first year philosophers went to Ajanta and Ellora while the second years went to Goa. The third year theologians were making their diaconate retreat in Goa. The Deacons completed their comprehensive exams and are back to their Provinces for diaconate ministry. On 31 October we had the Final Vows of Fr Jesu Raj (DUM), Fr Henry (KAR) and Fr Francis (JAM). Fr Thomas Karimundackal was away in the RTC of Gujarat Province for conducting the comprehensive exam. Fr Binoy is here taking classes for the M. Th students. Fr Keith Abranches, the newly appointed Rector of DNC, will assume office on 6 November.

Ginish

VIDYA JYOTI, DELHI

After a week of holidays and relaxation we are back at our desk as we began the second term. It was really an occasion of grace and happiness when our Provincial came for visitation. His loving and caring deeds and the inspiring words boosted our life. Recently, we had a trip to

Haridwar and Rishikesh as part of our course on Popular Hinduism. It was really an enriching experience for us. Dominic organized a one day youth animation programme for the youth of Rohini parish. Sanil assisted him in his endeavours as the chief resource person. The visit of Fr Sabu Palathanadil for a few days added to our joy. The month of October was something memorable for Delhites in the presence of participants from 71 countries coming together for Commonwealth games. Despite controversies the CWG Committee and the Delhi Government managed to successfully launch the event as planned.

FROM LONDON

Many European countries moved their clocks back one hour when Daylight Saving Time (DST) ended on 31 October. Fr Michael Holman has been appointed the new principal of Heythrop College. He will assume office once he completes the term as Provincial of the British Province in July 2011. Fr John McDade has been the distinguished principal for last thirteen years. Heythrop College had a dramatic improvement and reputation during his tenure. Leonard Michael of the Sri Lankan Province has been ordained priest at St. Anselm's Church by Rt. Rev. Dr. Alan Hopes, the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Fr Leonard is missioned to Pakistan after his studies in London. Fr Damian Howard, the Superior of our Community, took part in the special assembly of the Synod of the Middle East in Rome. Being a scholar in Islam, Damian had a major role in guiding the discussions and the formulations of the documents. His response to an interview was aired in the Central and Western European section of the Vatican Radio. The second year theologians had an enriching experience of faith sharing and prayer at the Owen villa in Boscombe. The London

scholastics get-together at Mount Street was organised by the Wimbledon Community, and Fr Tim, the Director of the Jesuit Missions presided over the Mass.

FROM IRELAND

The autumn in Ireland is simply gorgeous and we take cover in our winter jackets as the winter season is cathing on. During the month of October there were many festivals around the country and various activities were held in the College. The Australian Jesuit Bishop Greg O'Kelly visited the College. It was a time to remember gratefully the lives of St. Mary MacKillop and her brother Jesuit priest who devoted their time to spread catholic education. The open day of the new admissions in 2011 was a memorable experience for the students and their parents.

The Rhetoric retreat 2010 was another important event in the School. The theme of the retreat was God in all things. I was privileged to take part in this retreat as a retreat director. I gave a talk on Reflective Meditation and guided a meditation and the group appreciated the value of silence in the fast changing western world. We had an autumn meeting of 'Jesuits in Colleges' in Manresa Retreat Centre, Dublin. The meeting focused on how we could advance our professional growth and development rooted in the Jesuit characteristics of Education. The Halloween break was relaxing time for us and during the break I explored the south west of Ireland. At the end of this month, we commemorated the Irish Jesuit Martyr Bl. Dominic Collins and St. Alphonsus Rodríguez with a special Mass in our Community chapel.

FROM SPAIN

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My Licentiate studies in Spiritual Theology at the University of Comillas progress well. The University is situated in the city of Madrid. But my Department is around 30 km away from the main Campus. I stay in a Jesuit Community of Professors which is situated close to my Department. There are 23 students in my class of which 12 are Jesuits form different parts of the world. All the Professors lecture in Spanish but students are allowed to take the examination in English. I continue to learn Spanish language and take a Spanish course which is offered by the University. Twice a week I have to go to the main University to attend class. The Community which consists of thirty members is very understanding and supportive. There are 12 students doing doctorate and licentiate. The oldest member of the Community is 89. But it is surprising to see him serving at table with youthful enthusiasm. Though they are highly learned they are very humble and approachable. One of the priests helps me to improve my Spanish. This month we had a jubilee celebration of two of our Community members.

Rachans

FROM ROME

On Saturday 25 September, Sunny unloaded his charge as Pro-Rector of PIO during a concelebrated Mass presided over by Father Joseph Daoust, Delegate of Father General. Sunny continues to keep his office as Superior of the Jesuit Community of PIO, now numbering 26 with an increase of population by two, not an insignificant figure when numbers are falling in the two other sister institutions, the PUG (Gregoriana) and the PIB (Biblico). The least numerous of the three institutions, PIO had a tradition of coupling the offices of Rector of the institute and Superior of the religious Community, except once when PIO reached the

peak population of 36 members in the seventies. With the present division of labour Sunny felicitously expressed his relief and gratitude.

The new Rector is Father James McCann of the Chicago Province, till now Director of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops Office to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (Washington). With a rich background of studies at the Universities of Yale and Princeton in political sciences and specialization on Eastern Europe and Russia and with his experience of teaching at Chicago Loyola University and at Cincinnati Xavier University, Father McCann is a providential papal choice to further the mission of the Orientale to promote the knowledge of the Christian East, of which the Byzantine tradition (including the Russian) occupies pride of place.

As for me, I returned to PIO on 9 September after Ayurveda treatment, which has done me some good. I continue with pills and potions I was given to take along. Perhaps better results could have been obtained, if I had kept more strictly the *patthyam* forbidding all strain both physical and mental. But it was difficult to ignore the many pressing calls for help in starting, conducting or concluding diocesan inquiries for beatification and canonization. I was kept busy till the last week of my stay when on certain days two or three groups of enquirers had to be accommodated. The Lord alone knows if the gain outweighs the loss. On another front, a few scholars have thanked me for an article which I have just published in the September issue of *Theological Studies*. The editor-in-chief has praised it as “a blessing to the Church and the academia.” On his word then, but listening also to the counsel of Antony Mechery, I am sharing it by sending a PDF copy by email attachment to the Socius.

FROM TAIWAN

Every year, the last Saturday of October, is set apart for the Province Celebration of all the Jubilarians here. This time we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of our Provincial (he is in his final year) and three other Companions, as well as other Jubilees of Entrance and Ordination. Some years ago, when I was present for Fr Balaguer's 70th Anniversary as a Jesuit, I thought that that would be an unbeaten record. Well, this year we have just celebrated Fr Luis Ruiz's 80th Anniversary as a Jesuit ! As a Regent he taught Fidel and Raul Castro in Cuba and then was missioned to China. He had to leave Mainland China and has been living and working in Macau, but he is running over a hundred Leprosy Centres in China and some schools for the children of the lepers. In Macau he runs several homes: for Old Men, Old Women, Disturbed Women, the Physically and Mentally Challenged and so on. He says that his greatest joy is to see other people happy ! That is his secret of a long life ! At the age of 97+ he is still visiting some of his centres in Mainland China.

John Manipadam

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Shaffi (45) brother of Fr Sunil Padannamakkel, on 9 October in Saudi Arabia in a road accident

Angelus Tudu (HAZ 57/26) on 5 October in Hazaribag

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

13 Raphael Thottan

14 Ambrose Parappuram

17 Jose Valuvettickal

19 Sebastian Painadath

Rajesh Punchathalackal

21 Jose Jacob Maruthukunnel

22 Emmanuel Puthuvalveetil

24 Thomas Njaralamkulath

26 Ginish Cheruparambil

28 *Raju Vattaparambil*

29 Baby Chalil

Sunil Padannamakkel

Xavier Tharamel

DECEMBER

03 Linto Kanichai

Amal Sebastian Karithadathil

05 Xavier Veliyakam

09 Sanil Mayilkunnel

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

NOVEMBER

02 (1998) Mathew Pulickal

09 (1970) John Kizhakethayil

22 (2008) Varkey Cheruvallil

25 (1997) Ignatius Chackalakal

30 (1991) Antony Palakunnel

30 (1993) Sebastian Kappen

