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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PROVINCE RETREATS

This year 2 retreats are organized for the members of Kerala Province.

1. April 13 eve to 22 morn: Director
Fr Joe Thayil
 Venue : Christ Hall, Calicut
2. April 29 eve to May 7 morn: Director
Fr Joe Pulickal
 Venue : Sameeksha, Kalady

Besides, there are retreats offered in IRC by **Fr Tom Panikulam** and **Fr M.J. Thomas**.
 Dates: **April 2 – 10**

Also a training programme is organized at Christ Hall on 8, 9 and 10 May 2013 for those who wish to develop their skills in directing retreats. Resource person is **Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy**. All are welcome to join any of these retreats or the retreat training programme

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY 2013

06-10 Visitation Christ Hall, Calicut

17 Consult, Calicut

22-24 Visitation, SN and Berchmans Illam, Chennai

25-28 JCSA – Dyanashram- Chennai

MARCH 2013

2-3 Christuraja LPS, Jubilee Celebration

05 Aluva, Novitiate

06 Visitation ICTA, Kalamassery

09 ISI Bangalore, General Body

SEMINAR FOR BROTHERS

A seminar for the brothers will be organized at Dhyana Ashram, Chennai, from 8 - 11 April 2013. The history of 200 years of the Restoration of the Society with special emphasis on the contribution of brothers and managing life transitions are dealt with during the seminar. Frs Thamburaj and Joe Arun will be resource persons. **Br A. Thomas**, the Assistency coordinator, is the contact person. Cell: 9444939444

DISTANCE EDUCATION IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi, has launched a programme of distance education in theology (DEPTTh) in the year of faith, primarily for the lay faithful. It is available in two modes: correspondence mode and online mode. Completion of two phases of 30 credits each leads to a Diploma in Theology. Minimum qualification is 10 + 2. Details are available on the

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FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

The Christ the King Church was packed, drawing crowds from far and near, as the relic of Sr Faustina was brought here for veneration. For the third successive year, our Jesuit parish stood first with 26 points in the CYMA inter-rite cultural and literary competition conducted in St Joseph's School. All are welcome for the Platinum Jubilee celebration and the blessing of our Christuraja new school building (March 2nd and March 3rd). Republic day celebrations of the school included drills and a message by Sch. Rubil Martin. Sahrudaya Club celebrated its 53rd anniversary with cultural programs performed mostly by the people of the immediate locality.

The two newly ordained priests, **Fr Rajesh and Fr Anil**, celebrated Holy Mass for the community and expressed their gratitude to the community for organizing their ordination. Sch. Jose is slowly befriending his indisposition at the Nirmala Hospital. He is expected to return to Sangamam in the near future. **Fr John Mialil** went through burr hole surgery to drain chronic blood from the right brain. **Fr CP Varkey** is making steady improvement

and is now able to walk rather steadily. **Fr Anto Dioneceius**, Fr Rajesh Punchathalackal and other guests in the Christ Hall community are of great help in accompanying the sick in the hospitals.

Rubil Martin

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

St Joseph's Boys' HSS made its presence known in the State youth festival. Our boys bagged first prize for orchestra in the state. Besides in two other items we got second prize and one A grade. In the Bicentenary Interschool Football Tournament our school won the championship and St Michael's, Kannur, got the fair play award. The tournament was well organized by the St Joseph's Alumii Association. The annual day of the School was very impressive. **Mr Kalpetta Narayanan** was the chief guest on the occasion. The building work of the Junior school is in great progress. Junior school had its sports day celebrated in a splendid way.

Shise Porunnakattu

LOYOLA, ALUVA

We, the novices, welcomed the New Year enthusiastically, with great resolutions & goals, as we are still in the afterglow of our Long Retreat. We concluded our Christmas holidays with a mini cultural evening with the inmates of the S.D. Home for the aged at Chunangaveli. The evening was equally nourishing for us as well as the grandparents at the Home.

On 5 January we were privileged to attend the Ordination of **Fr Xavier**. On 7 evening, just a few hours before emplaning for London, the new priest offered his first Mass for the Loyola community. A couple of days later the other new priests, **Frs. Anil, Rajesh and Saji**, too, blessed us by offering the Eucharist for us. All these events were deeply inspiring spiritual experiences for us. The other new priest, **Fr Biju Joy**, has not yet offered Mass for us due to time constraints, but nevertheless did manage to pay us a short visit along with his parents and brothers. We are immensely grateful to all these our elder brothers.

The New Year also saw the ushering in of a new service-team under the beadleship of **Amal Thomas**. As we offer best wishes to Amal and team, we also place on record our deep appreciation and gratitude to the **Anjo-cabinet** which had served the community with great generosity and cheerfulness for almost seven months. We celebrated the Republic day with a flag hoisting ceremony together with the

children from our immediate neighbourhood. **Sebin Joseph** gave a short message on the occasion. Since our cook, Mr. Kunjumon, was away for almost two weeks, we had a special kitchen experiment. Under the expert guidance of **Fr Saji**, who himself served as the Chef, we did manage the crisis quite brilliantly! In addition to serving as the acting headcook at Loyola, **Fr Saji** also served as the acting Parish Priest of SS Peter & Paul Church for three weeks, becoming in the process quite popular in the parish and surrounding areas! **Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy**, whose health condition has become almost normal, was at Kanjirappally to welcome the New Year, and then went to Thiruvananthapuram to direct the annual triduum of the Juniors there. Our guests in the month included a group of teachers & students from the US under the leadership of **Fr Binoy Pichalakkatt**, **Frs Joe Thayil**, **Antu Xavier** and some sisters who made their annual retreat under the guidance of Fr Jacob.

Sebin Joseph

PIUS X ITI EDUTHUA

The concluding ceremony of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Pius X ITI was an occasion to thank the Lord Almighty for guiding the institution for the last 50 years. It was also an occasion for us to remember the stalwarts who toiled hard for shaping up this great institution with the constraints of inadequate resources. The concluding ceremony was blessed with the presence of spiritual and political leaders and a good number of parents and local people. **Fr Joseph Kallepallil**, our provincial, presided over the function and the Minister for water resources **Sri. P.J Joseph**, inaugurated the function. In the inaugural speech the minister mentioned about the great contributions of Jesuits in the education field, particularly the contributions of pious X ITI for the development of Kuttanadu region. Archbishop **Thomas Mar Kurilose** of Tiruvalla Arch diocese inspired the audience with his powerful speech. The inaugural function of the concluding ceremony was followed by a magic show and cultural programmes by our students. We express our gratitude to our fellow Jesuits who joined us for the celebration amidst their busy schedule. Congratulations to **Fr C.T Jose**, **Fr Sunny** and **Fr James Morais** and the Jubilee Celebration Committee for making this event a memorable one. Fr Provincial's visit to our community was an occasion of grace and we had our community meeting with Fr Provincial in which we discussed about the various possibilities for upgrading the institution in the future. **Fr Anil** celebrated his first Mass in Edathua parish along

with the other new priests of our province on December 31.

Roy Alex

SAMEEKSHA & ATMAMITRA, KALADY

Sameeksha Centre and Atmamitra together hosted a group of students including three Jesuits and two sisters from the United States under the leadership of Binoy, for a whole week.

The month was also eventful for Atmamitra. The number of students and parents coming to Atmamitra is on the rise. The Atmamitra team made entry in 6 new schools this month. The breakthrough entry of the month was the Govt. Girls' Higher Secondary School, Kodungalloor, which may be a forerunner of Govt. Schools getting into the kitty of Atmamitra. Another remarkable entry Toby enjoyed was the invitation to Mangalapuzha Seminary. Nothing could be more enjoyable than the revelation that a group of about forty of them are coming for Youth Animators' Training to Atmamitra Centre in March 2013. The first anniversary of Atmamitra was celebrated in the presence of about 35 people. The crowd represented our stakeholders well.

Special Request from Vocation Promoter

If there is any boy of class X or class XII or with any higher education qualification among your kith and kin interested in joining the Society / Priesthood / Brotherhood, please notify me: **08547597883**

Toby

SAMANVAYA-AKJM KANJIRAPALLY

The month of January offered us a number of memorable events. First of all, our young priests, **Frs Rajesh** and **Anil** made a visit to Kanjirapally where they spent their initial year of formation and celebrated Eucharist both for the candidates and also for the faithful of AKJM chapel. **Fr Anto Muringathery** came here as part of his visitation. Our candidates are getting ready for their final exams. The construction work of the Spirituality Centre in Samanvaya premises is in progress.

Many students from AKJM participated in different items during the Revenue District Youth Festival in Kanjirapally. Considering the conveniences, we had our Annual Day Celebrations this year in the Jubilee Memorial Hall. The celebration went on well and **Fr Jose Kannampuzha**, the principal of Amal Jyothi College of Engineering, delivered the presidential address.

Shibin Joseph

SANTHINILAYAM, KOTTAYAM

As usual the Snehabhavan Day was celebrated on 30 December 2012. **Fr Joy John Arackal** of Delhi province was with us for a week to make his retreat. Two groups of catholics, one from Hazaribag and the other from Darjeeling stayed with us as they came down to make their retreat at Muringoor and to visit Bharananganam, Kudamaloor etc. **Fr Sebastian Thengumpally** was honored by the Kudamaloor Karunya Deepthi Pubic Charitable Trust on December 27, presenting a Memento for his services to the physically challenged people, at its inaugural function. **Super Star Bharath Suresh Gopi** was the Chief Guest of the Day.

K.P Mathew

LOYOLA, TRIVANDRUM

Fr M M Thomas had to undergo an orthopaedic surgery on a fractured hip after a fall during his usual morning walks. He is back in the community and learning to walk with the aid of a walker.

As part of its Golden Jubilee Celebrations, Loyola College is enthusiastically rolling out events one after the other. His Eminence **Cardinal Cleemis** delivered the keynote address at the 'International Symposium on Religion, Culture, & Society.' Many eminent leaders from other religions participated. Another memorable event was *Guruvandhanam*, when teachers and students – past and present - came together for a nostalgic relish. **Fr Aneesh Joseph** together with students of the MA Sociology participated in a seminar at the ISI Bangalore.

Loyola School celebrated its Annual Day on 12 January followed by a solemn farewell on 28 January.

Devasmy Paul

LOYOLA SCHOOL, MUKUNDARA

We ushered in the New Year welcoming the priests **Biju, Rajesh, Saji** and **Anil**, all of the Society of Jesus. All the Loyolites lined up with all pomp and glamour accompanied by the Loyola Band gave the Band Salute, the Shinkaarimelam, Hula Hoops, False legs, Thalappoli and a host of other exquisite dance forms, performances and formations to welcome the newly ordained priests who were garlanded by the Principal and the representatives of the Loyolites at the school gate. Later, in the Holy Family parish church at Mukundara that overlooks our school, fully packed with students and teachers, a Solemn Mass was celebrated.

Fr Rajesh delivered a very moving homily and the children sang full throated and yet keeping up the mood of prayer. Thank you, dear new priests for coming over to Loyola Mukundara at the wake of your busy Spiritual honey moon.

Just before the DEO's historic inspection in view of the recognition (NOC) of our school Father Provincial dropped in to evaluate the progress of the preparations in view of this important visit of the DEO. The canonical visit of the Provincial was also very enriching, encouraging and supportive. On January 30, the DEO made a surprise inspection and we were fully prepared. He was pleased with the infra-structure, the atmosphere within the campus and with all the documents which were fool proof and prepared meticulously taking care of the minute detail. **Fr. Xavier Veliakam** was giving us every guidance and advice at the nick of time.

This year we are celebrating the Nursery School Day and School Day separately so that many more children can take active part. **Fr E.J. Thomas** took initiative to get his most worthy student **Dr Alexander Jacob IPS** as the Chief Guest for the School Day. You are all most welcome to watch the fantastic and scintillating performances of our children.

SRISHTI CENTRE

In early 1999, when *Ayalkootams* were unheard of in these villages, we started Self Help Groups. They gained popular support and over 4000 women were enrolled and organized in over 200 SHGs. A great degree of empowerment of women has been achieved down the years. The women around here now have a 'name and local habitation'. They have also gained financial stability and social status to a considerable degree.

After 15 years of work for the social uplift of the very poor of this area, the life and life style of the people have changed and altogether a new social scenario has emerged. Our thrust is now on superior quality education of the children of the women whom we have empowered down the years. At this juncture we welcome the suggestion of Fr Provincial to make a serious on the spot study of the impact and relevance of the Srishti *Ayalkootams* in the current situation, before coming to a final decision regarding the future activities of the Srishti Centre.

Syriac Panjikaran.

LOYOLA, POOVAR

The Annual Day celebrations of Loyola Poovar were held on 25 Jan 2013. The District Collector

Sri. K.N. Satheesh, IAS, was the Chief Guest. Fr Provincial was one of the distinguished speakers. The visitation of the institution also took place on the same day. A well appreciated cultural programme was staged by the degree students. The arts festival of the degree students was held on 15 Jan 2013. A Navadharshan camp was conducted in Loyola for the neighboring school students, on 5 January 2013. 120 students participated in the programme and value education was the main topic for the camp.

Shelton

ST XAVIER'S, THUMBA

The presence of newly ordained priests is an occasion of divine grace and joy. We thank and congratulate the newly ordained priests of our Province, **Frs Anil Joseph, Biju Joy, Rajesh Jose** and **Saji Joseph** for coming over here and celebrating Mass with us. **Fr Biju Joy** formally joined the College as a Guest Lecturer in Latin in the place of Fr Dasappan who has taken leave for his doctoral studies from January 19. Congratulations to **Fr Dasappan** who edited the book 'Latin Language and World Cultures' published by Media House, Delhi. The book which was released in Trivandrum by Hon. Home Minister Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan on January 3 is a compilation of the scholarly articles presented in an International Seminar on Latin held in March 2010. We celebrated the 73rd birthday of our Rector, **Fr E.J. Thomas**, with the Jesuit staff of Vidyaniketan

Biju Vadakkumchery

VIDYANIKETAN, TRIVANDRUM

In January our community was full of vim and vigour with various activities. The triduum given by **Fr Jacob Madukakuzhy** helped us to re-commit ourselves. Thanks to Fr Jacob for his guidance and help. Our newly ordained priests Frs Anil, Biju, Saji and Rajesh came over here and celebrated Holy Eucharist for us. Their presence was indeed inspiring. On 12 November, we celebrated Balamela. We brought 220 children from six different parishes. The children showcased their talents in various forms, with verve and vitality. We had the Pongal celebration with a Eucharist in Tamil, presided over by **Fr Williams**, our dean. The Pongal special breakfast gave us the taste of traditional Tamilnadu menu. We had a one-day trip to Kanyakumari. We joined the three-hour long queue to visit the Vivekananda memorial. We were enthralled to see

the Sangamam of three oceans and the statues of Vivekananda and the great Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar. We also visited the place of martyrdom of Devasagayam Pillai, in Kattadimala and celebrated Holy Eucharist there. It was a spiritual experience for all of us. We celebrated the Republic Day by hoisting the flag and a fiery speech by **Sch. Calvin**. **Fr Thomas** is working hard for the construction of the new basket ball court. And we are busy with the preparation for our academy day.

Jithin Joseph

CRI, DELHI

Greetings and love from Jose Thachil. These lines come to wish you all the very best in this New Year. After the YRC (Young religious convention) in New Delhi in which 230 persons attended, we had a mega event of Leadership Conference 2012 in which 524 major superiors (Provincials and Generals) gathered together to deliberate on matters of great importance, at Leonia Holistic Destination, Hyderabad. After that we had a training session for regional secretaries of CRI followed by CRISEC formation seminars at Patna and Agra for the 4 states. It is indeed a moment of great joy as a Jesuit to say the inaugural Mass in the chapel at Agra Bishop's House that was built by the great emperor Shajahan for the sake of two Jesuits who were his guests in his court.

I am busy designing and conducting CRI unit executives training programmes together with the National Secretary Bro. Mani in 13 regions of national CRI. This programme is scheduled in February, March and April and after which we are planning for consultations for formators. I am also putting together a hand book of Leadership Conference 2012. I am also invited for some programmes at Faridabad and for Delhi diocese and some congregations.

Jose Thachil

VIDYAJYOTI, DELHI

The biting cold continues to unleash untold havoc throughout North India, particularly Delhi. The national capital witnessed the coldest day on January 3rd, the coldest in the last 44 years. Life in Vidyajyoti continues to be vibrant in spite of the adverse conditions. The third year theologians found the chilling weather a convenient time to make their retreat in preparation for the Diaconate scheduled for February 23. During the same time **Fr P.T. Mathew** guided the second and first year theologians through their Triduum.

Another major event of the month was the annual visitation of the POSA & the ADF. The Vidyajyoti family made use of the occasion to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of **Fr Edward Mudavassery**, the POSA, along with three other Delhi Jesuits, **Frs P T Augustine, Varkey Perekkat and Br John Purackal**, on January 18.

The announcement of **Bishop Anil Couto**, an alumnus and visiting professor of Vidyajyoti, as the new Archbishop of Delhi was received with much delight. We conducted an Ecumenical Prayer Service, as part of the unity octave, on the theme "that they may all be one" with leaders of various Christian denominations presided over by the newly installed Archbishop. A lecture by **Fr Orabator**, the Jesuit provincial of East Africa and an internationally renowned theologian, on 'Contextual Theology in Africa' was another attraction of the month.

Raju Vattaparambil

FROM INNSBRUCK (AUSTRIA)

Greetings from Innsbruck, the Alpen City! On 2 February 2013 I took my final vows during the Eucharistic celebration held in the community Chapel. **Fr Edward Mudavassery**, the Provincial of South Asia received my vows and he thanked the Rector and community on behalf of the Kerala Province, and particularly for training many Indian Jesuits in theology and philosophy. For me personally, it was a grace-filled occasion to remember and thank the Province for what I am today. I felt close to the Province; although away from the Province. I take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the support and encouragement of the province which I have experienced over the years.

Thomas Karimundachal

FROM CHINESE PROVINCE

GREETINGS from TAIWAN!!! After my return here from my 7-month ASEAN mission, I have become like the "Tutors" of the good old times in St Joseph's, Trichy, and Loyola, Madras, who used to spend their time correcting English Compositions. Written assignments from former students in Mainland China, from the University here, from some of our Fathers, from Mainland Chinese and Vietnamese students in the Philippines and recently from Indonesia are keeping me busy during this 1st semester holidays. I have also been directing the 8-day Annual Retreat

of 11 Mercedarian Sisters in their nearby Convent. The so-called lucky Year of the Dragon -- I am a Dragon baby and this year has been one of multiple blessings for me! Deo Gratias! -- will come to an end on February 9 midnight and the new Lunar Year of the Snake will begin. On the 9th evening, former Provincial (86-year old Fr Mark Fang) and I have been invited to our Catholic student's family for their WEI YA dinner and on the 12th I have been invited to another one of the Chinese Filipinos. At these joyful and elaborate Chinese dinners I cannot but recall the Table Fellowship of Jesus with all kinds of people and their joy and happiness because He was with them. Here the word is not "CHEERS!" but "GANBEI!" which means "Bottoms up" or "Empty your glass"! The drink is always during the dinner, never before, and always very little is poured into the very small glass! The stuff is strong, from 48 to 52% alcohol, but the remarkable thing is that I have never seen anyone drunk during my 8+ years in Mainland China and Taiwan. Actually in this cold weather the drink is quite good to keep us warm! God always provides appropriate and good things! Deo Gratias!

John FJ Manipadam

FROM LONDON

The Christmas Celebration in London was a wonderful experience for all of us, especially those who celebrate X'mas for the first time in London. The incredible X'mas celebration organized for the homeless and old people by Sacred Heart parish was successful and was highly appreciated by the Parishioners where Deepak played the amusing role of Santa Claus. New Year celebration in London began with a spectacular show at the banks of Thames River. Hundreds of thousands of people gathered on the banks of the Thames in London to watch a spectacular firework display to mark the New Year. Rockets fired from the London Eye and the capital's riverside landmarks were lit up in a display which lasted 11 minutes and featured 12,500 fireworks. It was a fabulous show. We, Tomson and Deepak and all the Scholastics studying in London began our New Year with a three-day seminar on Jesuit Identity beyond "finding God in all things" by **Fr Philip Endean**, a well known British Jesuit professor in Boston College.

After 15 days of X'mas holidays we began our classes with eagerness and Zeal. The main event at Heythrop College in the beginning of the New Year was the Holy Mass celebrated by our Newly

Ordained Priest **Fr Xavier Tharamel**, the student of Heythrop College.

We had a wonderful province get-together on 19 January. It was a great experience of coming together as Kerala province to celebrate the New Year with our new priest. The first Solemn Mass for Fr Xavier Tharamel was organized at Corpus Christi parish in Brixton, concelebrated by **Fr Tom** (parish priest), **Fr Nich Austin** (BRI) **Fr Jean Paul** (Rwb) and **Fr Joseph Briffa** (MAL). **Sch Joseph Mathew** has reached London after his short visit to Kerala. Now he is staying at Mount Street Community. **Sch. Tomson** attended a seminar organized by Mr Jack Kagan, a survivor of one of the death camps, as part of the International Holocaust and Genocide Memorial Day. As part of the Ignatian Guided Retreat Course, **Deepak** and **Tomson** are directing pilgrims through the Spiritual Exercises.

Deepak

FROM FRANCE (PARIS)

Both of us spent our Christmas holidays in the Eternal City, Rome, participating in the annual European meeting of *Taizé*, a popular ecumenical youth movement in Europe, along with other 40,000 young people from different European countries, coming together to pray, reflect and share their faith and dreams. During these days, prayers, pilgrimages and workshops were organized by *Taizé* in the tombs of the apostles, in different Basilicas and other important monuments in Rome. The high point of the programme was that we had a special audience with Pope Benedict XVI in St Peter's Square along with an evening filled with prayerful chanting and an inspiring message by the Pope. During these days **Sooraj** rendered his service to *Pietre Vive* (Living Stones), a European network of Ignatian volunteers born from an Italian experience of evangelization through the artistic treasure. In order to transform the historical and artistic visiting of the *Taizé* participants into a spiritual experience the *Pietre Viv* volunteers were placed in different Roman monuments as guides after three days of artistic, historical and spiritual formation. It was also an occasion for us to visit the various Jesuit heritage sites and other historical Roman monuments. We were also privileged to experience the hospitality of **Frs Henry, Sunny** and **Antony**. January, being the month at the end of the first semester, we were busy with *relecture* and *reprise* in groups, writing propositions and attending seminars and courses.

Sooraj

FROM USA (INDIA EXPOSURE 2013)

Santa Clara University, Berkeley Campus, in California organized an India Exposure Program in January for the students of theology as part of a course offering the students the opportunity to explore the worlds of Hinduism and Indian Christianity, in view of incorporating into their theological reflection an adequate cultural and theological understanding of the issues arising from the encounter of Christianity and Hinduism. In the first part of the trip, after a brief stay in Chennai and a visit to Aurobindo's Asharam in Pondicherry, participants experienced four days' retreat at the Santivanam Ashram, a Benedictine monastery in Trichy, established in the 1930 to be a spiritual and cultural bridge between Christianity and Hinduism. In the second part of the trip, the group based mainly at Sameeksha Jesuit Spirituality center in Kalady and was exposed to the rich heritage of Hinduism and local Christianity which included international seminars at Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum, and Sree Sankaracharya University, Kalady, Indo-American Cultural Exchange Programs at Newman College Thodupuzha and St Thomas College, Pala. The participants, 12 in number, were privileged to meet the two newly appointed Cardinals and the Provincial of Kerala Province which enabled them to get acquainted with the rich spiritual and theological heritage of the Malabar, Latin and Malankara Churches.

The group owes great debt of gratitude to many of our Jesuit brethren including **Fr E.P. Mathew** who meticulously planned and organized the events in Chennai, the members of the Loyola Community, Trivandrum, Sameeksha Community, Kalady, Lumen Community, Kochi and the Novitiate in Aluva. **Fr Roy Thottam's** course on 'Art and Spirituality' was highly appreciated by all. The group is back to Berkeley after gaining broader and deeper theological and cultural understanding of Hindu-Christian traditions in India.

Binoy Pichalakkatt

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS OF LEO XIII, ALEPPEY

The concluding events of the Quasquicentennial (1888-2013) Jubilee celebrations of Leo XIII Higher Secondary School took place on January 31, February 1 and 2, 2013. On Friday, February 1 at 10.30 a.m. there was the Thanksgiving Mass at the Leo XIII auditorium. The main celebrant was **Bishop Stanley Roman** of Kollam

diocese. Along with several other priests, who were former students of the illustrious institution, Jesuit Fathers **Xavier Veliyakam**, **George R. Kandathil** and **C.J. Joseph** concelebrated. On Saturday, February 2 at 5 p.m. the concluding meeting was held in the open playground of the school. In the 125 year history of Leo XIII, the significant role of Jesuits from its beginnings to almost 1970 came up for acknowledgement and sincere praise. **Fr Xavier Kudiayamsseril**, the Chairman of the Jubilee Committee and Corporate Manager of all schools of Alleppey diocese, spoke of the nurturing role of Jesuits in the initial life of Leo XIII till it was handed over to the young diocese of Alleppey. The Bishop of Alleppey mentioned by name several Jesuits who made great contributions to the education of Christians and others in the district of Alleppey. The school was well known as one of the premier educational institutions of the state. Other speakers including the Chief Minister of Kerala, **Sri Oommen Chandy**, Central Government Minister **Sri. K.C. Venugopal**, the Cultural Minister of Kerala Government, **Sri. K.C. Joseph**, who was a former student of Leo XIII, spoke highly of the contribution of religious priests in the field of education in Kerala, particularly of Leo XIII. **Fr Joseph Kallepallil**, Kerala Jesuit Provincial, gave the blessing and felicitation address. He traced briefly the story of Jesuits in education from the time of St Ignatius, then from the arrival of St Francis Xavier till today. He mentioned of the characteristic of Jesuits to go to places and apostolates others are unwilling to undertake or places others do not want to go. The educational effort for the children of the coastal regions was one such. In remembrance of the Jubilee 3 projects are being undertaken: They are: 1) Leo Mess Hall and Cultural Centre, 2) Leo Open Stage and 3) Leo Heritage Centre. It is good to recall that the main old building of Leo XIII will be looked after and maintained as a state heritage building. Sri K.C. Joseph, the Minister of Culture, Kerala Government gave his word. The Jesuits can be proud that the architecture of the heritage building clearly shows the hands of Jesuit Brothers.

C.J. Joseph

GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

Br. Devadiraviam Maria Antony (MDU) 79/57 on 27 Jan. 2013 at Dindigul

Fr Beni Alphonse Ekka (RAN) on 01 January 2013, in Ranchi

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

- 10 Shelton Robert
Thomas Kuravanveliyel
- 13 James Thottakath
- 14 *Vincent Pereppadan*
- 18 Lijo Antony Pathickal
- 25 Gijo John Kochuparambil
- 26 Sebin Joseph Vellamaruthunkal
- 27 Deepak George Edattu
John Thottupattu

MARCH

- 02 Thomas Madathiparambil
- 03 Libin Mathew Puthukadath
- 05 Henry Pattarumadathil
- 09 Roy Mathew Thottathil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

FEBRUARY

- 05 (1987) Joseph Edamaram
- 07 (2006) Jose Murickan
- 09 (1958) Aloysius Spinelli
- 11 (2011) Cherian Curiyicad
- 20 (2002) Antony Vachaparambil
- 22 (1982) Philip Veliath
- 28 (2008) Antony Manjil

KINDLY PRAY FOR MANY GOOD VOCATIONS

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