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FROM THE PROVINCIAL

Communication as an Act of Love

As 'Friends in the Lord' and 'Companions of Jesus', we have the duty and the privilege of communicating with each other. The more we communicate the better we are as companions. We communicate small happenings, big events, confidential things, depth experiences and the trivial too. We communicate formally and informally. And in the act of communicating is the building up of a community.

In a recent interview Fr. Adolfo remarked: *"our communities have improved ... in hospitality. Even our tables are more open than before to people.... That means, among other things, that the quality of our community life, the depth and joy of our conversations and exchange, are now transparent and, as such, a service or a scandal to the laity. Consequently, to build community and to care for the members of the community can be a service of much worth in our apostolic life."*

We are blessed with an unbelievable growth and sophistication in technology. We can communicate, in a fraction of a second, across the continents.

The big question is whether we have changed our mindset. Do we believe that communication is indeed an act of love? Do we realize that gossip is not communication?

Shall we build in the province a culture of open and genuine communication?

*M K George
Provincial*

TRANSFERS BY FR PROVINCIAL

Fr Varghese Malpan: Christ Hall, Calicut

Fr Jacob Karthanam: Christ Hall, Calicut

Fr Joseph Kottukapally: Christ Hall, Calicut

Fr Paul Vadakel: Christ Hall, Calicut

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY- MARCH 2016

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| 01 | : | Curia meeting |
| 03 | : | Mangalore |
| 04 | : | Mangalore |
| 05 | : | Kochi - KCF Seminar at POC |
| 08 | : | Kannur - Seminar |
| 20 | : | Travel to Hyderabad |
| 22-27 | : | JCSA, Hyderabad |
| 29-March 02 | : | Vidya Jyoti, Delhi |
| 06 | : | Superiors' & Consultants' Meeting |

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DEATH ANNIVERSARY of Br. Michael Thannivelil will be held on 09 Feb. 2016. Memorial Mass will be at 11.30 a.m., followed by Office for the Dead at the cemetery.

JECI MEETING : A meeting of the JECI coordinators of all the units will be held on Sunday 14 February

2016 from 09.30am to 04.00pm at Christ Hall, Calicut. All the coordinators are requested to attend the meeting.

PROVINCE COMMON RETREAT: 2 to 10 May 2016 at Prasanthi, Pachilakad.

PROVINCE JUBILEE CELEBRATION: 06.30 p.m. on 10 May 2016 at Christ Hall, Calicut.

PROVINCE ASSEMBLY: 11 and 12 May 2016 at Christ Hall, Calicut. Fr Julian Fernandez has kindly agreed to moderate the sessions.

PROVINCE HOLIDAYS: There will be common province holidays at Prasanthi, Pachilakad from 13 to 19 May 2016. All of ours are welcome to join and relax on these days at Pachilakad.

HEALTH BULLETIN

Fr Thomas Anthraper is hospitalised due to breathing difficulties and seemed to be weaker. But, he will be discharged in a day or two.

Fr Joe Mathew Kunnathoor experienced chest pain and after initial treatment in medical college, Pariyaram, he underwent angioplasty in Nirmala Hospital on 31 Jan. 2016.

FROM OUR INSTITUTIONS

CHRIST HALL, CALICUT

We had the privilege of hosting a gathering of former Jesuits of Kerala Province on 22 January in which 20 of them participated. Some of the participants turned up with their families. Hats off to **Fr. Thomas Panikulam** for his initiative and the meticulous organization of the event. We had two hospital cases last month. We had the joy of receiving **Frs. Paul Vadakel, Varghese Malpan** and **Joseph Kottukapally** as our new community members. Ten second year novices were with us for eight days attending the personal growth workshop in SRC. Sahrudaya Reading Club and Library celebrated its 56th anniversary on 26 January in a grand manner. **Rev. Dr. Varghese Chakkalal**, Bishop of Calicut, was the chief guest. Joy Mathew, notable actor, playwright and director, inaugurated the event and offered his full support for Sahrudaya in all its future activities. The cultural programme put up during the occasion was highly appreciated by one and all. Kudos to **Fr. Reji Kunnatheth**, President of Sahrudaya

Club, for meticulously planning and executing the mega event.

ST JOSEPH'S, CALICUT

After the Christmas vacation, the schools reopened to welcome the New Year 2016 with new expectations and enthusiasm. In the HSS, all were busy with planning and preparing for the annual day. The staff and the students were all the more thrilled as five of their cultural items were selected for participation in the State Kalolsavam. Out of the five three secured first prizes and two A Grades. Congratulations to the staff and students of the HSS for their sustained hard work!. We also would like to thank the AICUF centre for arranging our students' accommodation during the days of competitions in Trivandrum. Amidst all these, the students from other states who are participating in the National School Athletics Championship are accommodated in the HSS. While all these significant events were going on, the school celebrated its Annual Day on January 29th in a grand manner. Students put up excellent performance on the stage. Mr. T.P. Rajeevan, a noted writer, inaugurated the function.

The newly constituted Innovation Club in our school produced a short film named TRALOT (The Real Life of a Teenager). **Master Febin Martin**, a plus one student, wrote the script and directed the film. The film was entirely shot in and around the school. And the actors were the students and the staff of the school.

The NSS wing of the school produced a CD on the theme of Solid Waste Management. It was prepared by **Mr. Tomy Mathew**, a high school teacher of our school. This CD includes various topics related to waste management.

St Joseph's ICSE School: Preparations are on in the ICSE School to celebrate its Annual Day. Admission process is going on for the next academic year. The school conducted a special check up camp for the benefit of our sports students in association with the physical medicine department of the Medical College, Calicut. Our students also participated in chess competitions, coloring competitions and scholarship examinations and secured many prizes. Master Abhiram (Std X) has been selected by the OISCA International to do his intermediate in Japan for two years. Master

Abith Jerry (Std X) secured a scholarship of 1.5 lakhs to study his Plus Two in the Brilliant entrance coaching centre, Pala. Master Abhinand (std VIII) secured 3rd place in all Kerala ICSE scholarship examinations.

Fr Anto was the main celebrant in the opening day liturgy of the feast in the Mother of God Cathedral parish. All the members of the community went for an outing to Alleppey and Trichur. We were happy to spend time with the families of **Frs Xavier** and **Anto**. During our trip it was a heart-filling experience to visit our Jesuit heritages of yester years like Leo XIII, Alappuzha, Arthunkal parish etc. **Fr Devasia** is back in the house with his full enthusiasm after a short break of three months. Meanwhile, **Fr Thadeyoos** has been appointed the director of the school. We bid farewell to **Fr Kottukapally** who has been with us for four years. We thank him for his presence and the services he has done to the community by way of helping out in the ministries, giving the community valuable suggestions and encouragement at all times. We pray for his good health and wish him all the best in Christ Hall.

Ramlal Thomas

SARVODAYA, EACHOME

The whole campus was in a festive mood almost for over a week preparing for the School Day celebration. The venue of the celebration was the newly constructed multipurpose Auditorium of the School. The formal blessing and inauguration of the Auditorium is still to take place. The School Day celebrated on Thursday, 28 January also witnessed the touching farewell accorded to the four retiring staff of the School - **Sri K.J. Jose, Principal, Sri P.A. Joseph, Smt Santhakumaryamma and Sr Jina, FCC**. We gratefully acknowledge their long years of dedicated and exemplary service in the School. **Smt. Lissy Thomas**, President, Panamaram Grama Panchayat, inaugurated the celebration. **Sri P. Ismail**, District Panchayat Division Member, delivered the keynote address, while **Fr Sunny Thomas Kunnappallil** felicitated the retiring staff, the staff as well as the students and their parents on the occasion. The colorful performance of the students on the stage was masterly and captivating. It is remarkable that more than 300 students participated in the stage

programme. **Frs Wilson and Biju George** spent long hours in the planning and preparation for the celebration, while **Fr Baby Chalil** saw to it that the Auditorium was ready for use well in advance. Kumari P.J. Arundhati of our School who was awarded A Grade in the recently concluded State Kalotsavam for *Chambu Prabhashanam* (Sanskrit) in H.S. section was felicitated on the occasion. The School honoured and felicitated **Fr Wilson Puthuserry** on his appointment as Wayanad District Commissioner of Scouts in July 2015. Twelve Scouts & Guides who secured *Rashtrapati* Award and 25 of them who secured *Rajyapuraskar* Award were specially honoured on the stage on the occasion. It is a very rare achievement the School can always be proud of, and the School Scouts & Guides have been adjudged the best in Wayanad District. Congrats to Fr Wilson and Sr Grace Maria, C.M.C on this achievement. A hundred and twenty seven students of Std. X and 103 students of +2 are preparing to appear for their respective State Board Examinations. The special camp study programme is getting them ready for the exams.

V.T. Jose

XAVIER TRAINING CENTRE PACHILAKAD

Fr. Sanil Mayilkunnel engaged the pre-novices with a variety of psychological tests with a view to their growth in self awareness and the pre-novices found these sessions to be really helpful to realise what they are. **Fr. Reji Kunnatheth** made his annual retreat here. At present **Fr. Varghese Malpan** is with us. The pre-novices are now warming up for their upcoming discernment retreat, National English Test, and their annual day. **Fr. Rachans** is away in Secunderabad attending a workshop for the Pre-novitiate Directors. 'Pater Noster' **Kuriakose Puthanapra** is trying his best to make the Prasanthi farm yield better results.

Abdul

ST MICHAEL'S, KANNUR

The valedictory function of the Sesquicentennial celebration and the School Annual Day celebration was held on 2 January 2016. **Rev. Dr. Alex Vadakkumthala**, the bishop of Kannur, presided over the function and the **Hon. M.P Mrs. P.K. Sreemathy** delivered the inaugural address. **Fr M.K George**, our Provincial, said the words of blessing. **Fr. John**

Francis, Principal of the School, welcomed the gathering while **Fr. Gracious Stephen**, Headmaster, presented the School Annual Report. **Prof. Richard Hay, Hon. M.P., Mr. Ajith Balakrishnan, CMD, Rediff. Com (Ex. Michaelite), Ms. E.P. Latha, Mayor, Kannur Corporation, Mr. A.P Abdullakutty, MLA, Kannur; Mr. P. Balakiran IAS, District collector, Kannur, Col. Yudhvir Singh, Station Commandant, DSC Kannur and Fr. Dominic Madathaniyil, Manager, St. Michael's School** were the guests of honour. The Jubilee celebration report was presented by **Mr. C. Jayachandran, Chairman, Sesquicentennial Organizing Committee.**

There was a combined meeting of the PTA executive and the staff in order to plan out the year ahead.

The School began the result improvement test for the SSLC and the Higher Secondary students from the second week of January.

The school facilitated an exhibition organized by the NSS on "Understand Diabetes, Prevent Diabetes".

K.J. Mathew

LOYOLA, ALUVA

The highpoint of our New Year celebration was the solemn midnight Mass presided by **Fr. Tomson**, our new priest. As part of the Christmas holidays we had four days of "community celebration", designed and managed by the novices themselves. It was certainly an exciting and enriching experience for us. In the last week of the month our second year novices were in Kozhikode attending the much-awaited *Personal Growth Workshop* at SRC. They are just back, and the rest of us are keenly watching for the marvellous results! During the absence of the 2nd years, the first years got a unique opportunity to run the house all by themselves. And we claim that under the dynamic leadership of Amal Babu we did a good job!

In the first week of January, **Fr. Jacob Madukakuzhy** directed the triduum for the Juniors at Vidyaniketan, Trivandrum. In mid-January **Fr. Sanil** was away in Wayanad for almost a week, taking a course for the Pre-novices and attending a Seminar on *Early Formation* at Xavier Training Centre, Pachilakkad. Sanil Achan presented a Paper at the Seminar on the early stages of

Jesuit formation. According to reliable sources, his Paper was well-appreciated. Congratulations, **Fr. Sanil! Fr. Santhosh** was very busy during the month with vocation promotion work. After making sure that his *Vocation Calendar* has reached all the destinations, he has brought out a new set of brochure and book marks.

On the 19 January we gave a reception to **Fr. Binu Kaduthalakunnel**, our community member and Asst. Vicar of Ashokapram, and his Vicar **Fr. Joseph Kallarakaal**. After a couple of days Fr. Binu, in turn, treated us to a high tea in his parish. And on 30 Fr. Binu returned to Loyola after successfully completing his pastoral year. Welcome back, Binu Achan! We celebrated the Republic Day with a flag hoisting ceremony, together with our immediate neighbours. Novice **Rejoy Johny** gave a short and sweet message on the occasion.

Fr. Sunny Padijarevarikkattu has made remarkable progress in his health condition. Now he is able to walk all by himself. Congratulations, Sunny Achan, for your grit and determination!

Amal & Sinesh

SAMEEKSHA, ATMAMITRA AND JEEVIKA

At the outset of the New Year, Sameeksha was filled with grace by receiving lots of our friends and collaborators, particularly **Subash Palekar**, the founder of Zero Budget Spiritual Farming in India, **Fr. Christian Ruetishauer S.J.**, the Provincial of Switzerland, **Prof. Emidio Vergani** from the Oriental Institute of Cannon Law, Rome, the German Provincial of the Capuchins and his team, the Italian Provincial of the Franciscans and his team. The community celebrated the birthdays of **Bro. Varkey Mampilly and Fr. Joseph Pulickal**. We joined Bro. Mampilly's family members at Eloor to thank the Lord and rejoice with them for Br. Mampilly's life. On behalf of the Province Dialogue Commission, **Xavier Tharamel** gave a talk each on "Jalālu'ad-Dīn Muhammad Rūmī: Spiritual Experiences and Insights" and "Understanding Raimon Panikkar's Cosmotheandric Vision in the Light of *Laudato Si*, the Ecological Catechism of Pope Francis" at Dharmasameeksha and Jnanasameeksha Seminars respectively.

Atmamitra had a dream run in January reaching out to three new schools at Pizhaku, Kanjirappally

and Thalakkottukara and catering to six other client schools. Atmamitra team gave a three-day residential camp at Mount Tabore School, Meppadi run by Orthodox Sisters. Atmamitra conducted the fourth Inter-school India Quiz and Republic Day Message competition and was attended by more than a dozen schools on the Republic Day. Sameeksha became the venue for a Basic NLP course in Malayalam guided by **Toby**, which was attended by 35 trainers / counsellors from various parts of Kerala and abroad. All of them, majority from other religious denominations, appreciated the ambience of Sameeksha.

Atmamitra has appointed a full time accountant cum office staff and Jeevika is appointing a lay staff to assist Fr. Sabu.

Toby

LOYOLA SREEKARIYAM

Loyola School, Sreekariyam, celebrated its 56th Annual Day on 16 January. Her Highness Princess **Aswathi Thirunal Gouri Lakshmi Bayi** was our chief guest. Her erudite address as well as the cultural items kept the audience glued to their chairs all through the colourful evening. Soon after that memorable day the school bid farewell to the Std XII boys – 163 in number.

Loyola College Students' Union was inaugurated by **Shri Thomas Isaac**, former minister. He had a meaningful interaction with the audience. **Fr Sabu Palathanadil** has joined back after the Tertianship and the University Staff Refresher Course.

Thirty students and three teachers from Sweden are staying in L.E.S. for a three-week exposure programme.

A street play staged by the youth of our Vailankani Matha Parish at Cheruvikal to commemorate the Year of Mercy, under the able guidance of **Fr Linto Anto**, received a lot of appreciation and applause.

Four young regents of our Province made their Tridium here under the guidance of **Fr Saji Marianad**.

Devassy Paul

AICUF CENTRE, TRIVANDRUM

The AICUF Centre has got a new office staff in the person of Ms. Rani J. who will look after all the matters concerning the Centre including communications. We began the year 2016 with

a gathering of all the family members of those who work at the Centre and some of our close friends. It was a friendly gathering with a good dinner. **Fr. George Sebastian** gave workshops on Media and the present cultural scenario for two groups at Kottayam and Changanachery. He gave a renewal and refresher programme for the DST Sisters at Pala and a retreat for the Salesian Fathers of Andhra Province at Hyderabad. **Fr. Babu Paul** had aicuf programmes at Mary Matha College, Mananthavady, Christ College Irinjalakuda and St. Albert's College, Ernakulam. He gave a three-day retreat for the junior sisters of DST Congregation at Pala. The Aicuf centre has launched a new initiative called "Organic Theatre" for children, combining both theatre workshop and organic farming. Twenty students are selected from the neighborhood and they come for training as well as cultivation for a period of three to four months. This programme is done in association with an NGO called WIWA (World Inspiration World Aspiration). The endosulphan victims are here for their strike at the secretariat to demand their rights, and we are with them in their struggle. We joined hands with a protest organized at the secretariat for the cause of the dalit boy Rohith Vemula. The sudden death of Col. D'Souza, one of the members of *Jnanasameeksha* was a terrible shock and the whole group participated in the funeral.

Babu Paul

ALPHONSA COLLEGE, THIRUVAMBADY

Our Chief Minister, **Sri Oommen Chandy**, inaugurated the newly constructed college building on 22 January at 9 a.m., **Bishop Remegiose** presided over the function and **Bishop Emeritus Paul Chittilapally** felicitated. Local Political Leaders and the Vice-Chancellor of Calicut University inaugurated various departments. All the parents of our students participated and the presence of our parishioners made the event colourful.

The College started functioning in the completed part of the new building on 4 August 2015.

K. P. Mathew

FROM VARANASI

"Greetings from Varanasi! We, five members of Vidya Niwas community, are yet to come together

after Christmas holidays. **Fr Peter Ignatius** of Patna province is away for taking classes at Morning Star Seminary in Calcutta. Rest of the community members came back by the end of the second week of January and was pleased to see each other. We resumed the community functions with a community Mass followed by a fraternal table. Winter is slowly giving way to the spring and we see more of the sun these days. Generally, Varanasi experienced a very light winter this year compared to previous years. Classes have resumed at the university after the Christmas break and we are introduced to four new topics in the field of philosophy.”

Vilim Padayadan

FROM FR JOHN FJ MANIPADAM

“Since I was away for 11 years, the weeks before and after CHRISTMAS saw me shuttling between TRIVANDRUM and ERNAKULAM five times for the following: Instruction of an American Methodist bride marrying in the Catholic Church, CHRISTMAS Masses, Weddings, Infant Jesus Parish Feast, Jubilees, a Baptism and Reunions. I concelebrated with Cardinal Alencherry at the Golden Jubilee Mass of the Superior General of the Brothers of St Gabriel (Bro. John Kallarackal) in his home Parish at ELAVOOR. I concelebrated at the Infant Jesus Parish Feast day Mass with Archbishop Francis Kallarackal in ERNAKULAM. I participated in the Montfort School Old Boys’ Reunion at Saj Hotel, near COCHIN Airport. Around 400 Old Boys and a number of Brothers also participated. On the eve of the Reunion, I was requested to celebrate a Sung Mass in Latin at Stella Maris Church, WILLINGDON ISLAND, for Montfort Old Boys and their families. Around 50 turned up and we sang the old familiar hymns of Missa de Angelis, as well as Veni Creator Spiritus, Panis Angelicus, Pater Noster, Adoro Te Devote, Salve Regina and Te Deum. All were so happy that they asked for more. This year is the Centenary Year of Montfort School (founded on June 1, 1917). It is also the 3rd Centenary Year of the Birth of St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort.

I was the only Jesuit who participated in the Birth Centenary Celebration of my friend, the late Benedict Mar Gregorios, in the Cathedral in Pattom, Trivandrum. The Papal Nuncio (Archbishop

Salvatore), Cardinal Gracias of Bombay, Retd Archbishop Powathil, all the Malankara Bishops, many Malankara Priests and many persons of different Religions were also present. Again, I was the only Kerala Jesuit who was happily present at the Silver Jubilee Celebration of the CHENNAI MISSION in Maduralaya, Dindigul. It was providential that we had accompanied our Juniors on the 4-day ECOTOUR to Shembaganur. I was able to leave early for Dindigul where I participated in the 2-day Meeting and met many of my old friends (among them my co-novices) and also other old friends in Beschi College. It was for me a very good occasion for a wonderful journey of gratitude down Memory Lane. All of us met again in Madurai and boarded the train back to Trivandrum. DEO GRATIAS!!!”

FROM FR. BINU KADUTHALAKUNNEL

“My pastoral year in St. Sebastian’s Church, Ashokapuram, Aluva concluded on 30 January. It was really a fruitful year and it was indeed a time of experiencing the providence of God in a special way. It was also an occasion of cherishing my priestly call. As I look back I feel that God helped and guided me to initiate some new things in the parish. I could help the faithful to understand the spirit of the Syro Malabar liturgy and to actively participate in the celebration. I could inspire the parishioners to make an ecological garden named after Pope Francis. It is a symbolic gesture of a counter culture based on the encyclical Laudato Si. It is also a reminder of our “Clean and Green Church premises” project initiated with help of pious organizations such as C.L.C, women’s welfare etc. I take this opportunity to thank my parish priest **Fr. Joseph Kallarackal** and the officials of the Archdiocese of Ernakulam and our Provincial and the Loyola novitiate community for being part of my formation.”

PASTORAL – CORNER

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, MALAPARAMBA:

Christ the king church had the privilege of hosting the get-together of the religious of the parish on 20 January. There were 65 participants from 7 religious houses in our parish. There was a solemn Eucharistic celebration presided by **Fr. Anto**, the parish priest, along with 7 other priests from the

Christ Hall community. **Fr. Kurien Kunnumpuram** gave an inspiring homily. Soon after the Mass the parishioners honoured the religious and presented them with gifts for their valuable services to the parish. The talk on "The Role and Challenges of the Religious" by **Fr. Mathew Nirattel SVD** was thought provoking and inspiring to the participants. At 11.00 a.m., there was an hour-long adoration in the Christ Hall chapel, followed by a sumptuous agape at 1.00 p.m. for the religious and the parish council members. At 1.45 p.m. an evaluation of the various activities of the parish during last year was conducted followed by some planning for this year. The programme ended at 2.30 p.m.

Anto Dionecius

ST MARY'S PARISH, PARIYARAM: "For the past few months the whole parish was busy in view of silver Jubilee celebration of the parish. The main focus was on spiritual and cultural renewal. Different sections of the parish had monthly and bimonthly programmes by **Fr. Thomas CR, Fr. Jose Pulintham, Fr. Antu Xavier and Fr. Mathew Asariparambil** for children, youth and parents. The annual retreat was from 13 to 18 December. The actual celebration started with Mass on 27 December. **Fr. Sunny Kunappallil** was our main celebrant. The former parish priests who served in the parish were invited to the celebration and honoured. On 3 January, the actual day of the celebration, our bishop was the main celebrant. There were cultural programmes prepared by our parishioners and staged on each day of the celebration.

On the day of our diocesan retreat a very sad incident took place in our parish. Two children of our parish met with an accident and the elder one died on the spot. The younger one, Robin Roy, who is the leader of 'thirubalaskyam', is still in the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

P.T. Augustine

THINGS ARE MOVING

PEACE INSTITUTE, KOCHI

The first meeting of the Jesuit core group for promoting the activities of Loyola Institute of Peace and International Relations (LIPI) was held at Lumen/Jyothis on 17 January. 24 Jesuits including the members of the Lumen community attended

the meeting. The role of the core group is manifold: (1) Help to plan the concrete activities for the Peace Institute. (2) Initiate networking among ministries within the province. (3) Pool the resources of our respective institutions/organizations. (4) Provide creative ideas and to build team work in implementation. (5) Be a mentoring group for the activities of the Peace Institute.

The meeting began with a silent prayer. **Fr. Mathew Nampiarambil** welcomed the gathering. **Fr. Provincial** delivered the keynote address in which he proposed how peace can be an overarching concern for all the ministries in the Province. He emphasized the significance of strategic planning for the next 10-15 years. Fr. Binoy responded to Fr. Provincial's proposal portraying the academic nature, the spiritual vision and the interdisciplinary approach of the institute. **Mr. Joseph Therattil, I.A.S.**, with his experience of serving the UN Peace Organization for four years, gave further inputs regarding the global possibilities ahead.

The second session of the meeting was meant for a constructive evaluation of *Ezhuthu Masika*. **Fr. Roy Thottam** presented the methodology of the proceedings of the editorial team. While appreciating the new initiative, the group made suggestions to improve the content and the style of the magazine. **Fr. Binoy** provided an update regarding the promotion and subscription of the magazine.

The total number of subscriptions has crossed 5000. The core group recommended the strengthening of the subscription campaign at the community/institutional level to widen the circulation and thereby to make our prophetic presence felt all over. The group also suggested that we discuss the content of the magazine in all our communities once a month. An inner core team consisting of 10 members was constituted to further enhance the activities of the Institute.

Binoy Pichalakkatt

WORKSHOP FOR FORMATORS

The formation commission of the province organized a one-day workshop for those engaged in early stages of formation at our Pre-novitiate in

Pachilakkad on 21st January 2016.

30 delegates from about 13 religious congregations of Men and Women attended the workshop. **Fr. V.T. Jose**, the Superior of Jesuits in Wayanad, welcomed the gathering and explained the rationale behind the workshop. **Bishop Joseph Mar Thomas** of the Malankara Diocese of Bathery inaugurated the event and shared a credible account of personal witness by the life of the formators in shaping the formees. **Fr. Provincial** who was the chairperson shared similar sentiments in his keynote address. Delegates from seven congregations presented papers prepared as per the guidelines provided by the conveners of the workshop, **Fr. Anto Muringathery** (PCF) and **Fr. Joseph Mathew** (Vocation Coordinator). Most of the papers were very insightful and informative on the various processes and strategies adopted by each of the congregations. They also mentioned the various challenges they were facing in the formation process and the need for creative and innovative renewal in the formation programme that is demanded by the socio-economic and cultural background of the young who are coming into the formation programme today as well as the winds of change which are blowing all around us in attitudes, lifestyle and behavior.

Fr. Sunny Kunnappallil, our Socius, summed up the discussion and responded to the papers presented and offered some of his valuable observations in the formation process, based on his many years of expertise in the same field. What followed was a group discussion about the Characteristics, Challenges and Solutions in the early stages of formation. The reports of the group discussions were presented and clarifications were made. The final session of the day was devoted for an evaluation and planning the future course of action. All were highly appreciative of the programme and suggested to have more of this kind. One major suggestion that came up was to form a regional formators' forum in Wayanad that can arrange periodic gatherings and jointly organize various formation related events and effect networking among formators. There was also a suggestion to rework all the papers presented towards publishing them as a book.

We gratefully appreciate the Pre-novitiate community who did a commendable job in arranging

the place for the event to the satisfaction of all who participated. Cudos to the organizing team of Frs. Anto, Rachans and Joseph Mathew for the novel and productive venture! May many more of these follow to enrich the formation programme of our Holy mother, the Church.

Sanil Mayilkunnel

TARUMITRA ECO- FEST-2016

Every year hundreds of school and college students assemble at AADI under the banner of Tarumitra eco-fest to protect and preserve mother Earth. Many environmentalists are invited and students are given awareness on various ecological issues and thus they become ecologically sensitive and socially humane. On this day a variety of competitions are conducted.

This year the theme of the Eco-fest was 'Global warming and climate change' and on the first day of the fest there was an Eco-Seminar.



Three papers were presented by three experts on these related topics. **Mr. Shoukathali**, the state secretary of the Green Community, **Fr Antu Xavier** and **Fr Augustine Kallunkal** presented papers on Pope Francis's encyclical 'Laudato si', the 'Global Warming and its consequences' and the 'Issues and Challenges faced by eastern Attappady' respectively. This was followed by a group discussion and a panel discussion led by **Mr. Kalloor Sreedharan**, Chairman of Nallabhoomi. Students from IHRD, Govt. College, ITI, Poly Technich and ecologists from different parts of the state actively participated in the Eco-Seminar.

On the second day, more than 800 students from 42 educational institutions and NGOs

actively participated in the Fest. Our MLA **Adv. N. Shamsudeen** inaugurated the Fest. Block and Grama Panchayath presidents were present. **Mr. Balatten**, who has planted more than five lakhs of sapling, was the centre of attraction and **Mr. Saravanan** who has turned 100 of acres of dry and desert land into a thick forest was also present with his group. Seven competitions related to 'Global Warming and Climate Change' were held during the fest and all were given certificates. The 5th Eco-Fest was a great success in terms of the participation of the variety of students, even from the interior places of Attappady.

P.S. Antony

JECI INITIATIVES IN KOTTAYAM

Under the initiative of JECI, Kottayam, we started a Family Counselling Centre and a Legal Aid Centre at Santhinilayam. These Centres were inaugurated on 3 January 2016 by our honourable minister **Sri.ThiruvanchoorRadhakrishnan** and **Municipal Chairperson, Dr. Sona P.R.** in the presence of **Fr. M.K. George**, our Provincial and a good number people. We have already established offices for these centres. Many are seeking advices and guidance on legal and family matters from the very first week itself.

We are organizing awareness seminars on legal aid and family counselling in the nearby villages with the support of Kottayam municipality. The first one was well appreciated and attended by more than 100 representatives from various groups.

Sony Thazhathel

NEW AUDITORIUM AT SARVODAYA



On the occasion of school annual day and the send off function of four teachers, Sarvodaya school

team made yet another achievement in the history of the school, making school auditorium functional. It is one of the largest auditoriums in Wayanad and it can accommodate more than 2000 people. The total area of the auditorium is 10420 square feet; 44 meters length and 22 meters width.

FORMER JESUITS MEET

A get together of former Jesuits of Kerala Province was held in Christ Hall, Calicut on 2 January 2016. Twenty of them participated and several others could not join due to other commitments, ill health and difficulty to travel. Some of the participants turned up with their families.

Welcoming this new step, **Fr provincial** invited those who have been with us, to join hands with the Jesuits in its various ministries. 'You have been with us, you have imbibed the Ignatian Charism, let us join hands now, together we can make a difference'.

What came out powerfully and repeatedly during the sharing was that though they have chosen other paths, they all cherish and live the ideals of Jesuit Charism which they had imbibed. Many recalled with nostalgia the time they had spent in the Society, cherish the values they had imbibed, and that at the depth of their being they are still 'Jesuits' and always speak of the society as a 'home' they still belong to. Almost all shared with gratitude how the training they had received has moulded them and that it does make a difference even today in their behaviour and those who live and work with them notice that they are different. Many expressed the desire to collaborate with the Jesuits in their ministry.

All appreciated the initiative taken by the Province and the hard work done by Fr Panikulam to organize this get together. They suggested having a meeting every year, preferably an over-night programme. They proposed the names of **Fr Tom Panikulam** and Pauly Manakil to be the Co-ordinators to do the follow up.

Tom Panikulam

OURS IN MEDIA

Prince Clarence: Articles in Sathyadeepam

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CONGRATS TO OUR MEN

Fr Binoy Pichalakatt: Appointed as Member of Board of Studies in Mathematics of Vimala College (Autonomous), Thrissur, for a period of two years.

Fr Prince Clarence: Presented a paper on Phytochemistry in an international conference on Life science held in St Joseph's College, Trichy. He is invited to give a talk to the Chennai Jesus youth on the theme, "Laudato Si: an invitation for an ecological conversion" at Santhome Church.



GONE FOR THEIR REWARD

FR. Vito Perniola: (SRI 87/102) in Negombo on 07 January 2016

Br Santiago Arul Maria (MDU, 88/65) in Dindigul on 12 Jan. 2016

Fr Florent Jonckheere (RAN, 90/71) in Ranchi on 28 Jan. 2016

Fr Louis Maria Bermejo (GUJ, 86/68) in De Nobili College, Pune, on 30 Jan.2016

Fr Eliseus Richard Ashish: (PAT, 65/47) in Patna on 30 Jan. 2016

Fr. Xavier Diraviam: (HAZ 79/58), in Sitagarh, Hazaribag on 30 Jan. 2016

Mr Joseph Kumminiyil (80), paternal uncle of Fr Jacob Kumminiyil at Paisakkari.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY

- 08 Chandy Kumblankal
- 09 Dasappan Vattathil
- 10 Kaniganti Prabhudass
- 10 Robert Shelton
- 10 Thomas Kuravanveliyel
- 13 James Thottakath
- 14 Vincent Pereppadan
- 18 Lijo Antony Pathickal
- 25 Gijo John Kochuparambil
- 26 Sebin Vellamaruthunkal
- 27 Deepak George Edattu
- 27 John Thottupattu

MARCH

- 02 Thomas Madathiparambil
- 03 Devadoss Mudiappasamy
- 03 Libin Mathew Puthukadath
- 05 Henry Pattarumadathil

IN CHRIST WITH GLORY

FEBRUARY

- 05 (1987) Joseph Edamaram
- 07 (2006) Jose Murickan
- 09 (1958) Aloysius Spinelli
- 09 (2015) Michael Thannivelil
- 11 (2011) Cherian Curiyicad
- 20 (2002) Antony Vachaparambil
- 22 (1982) Philip Veliath
- 28 (2008) Antony Manjil



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