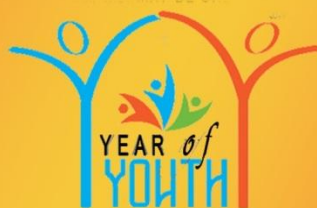


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NEWS LETTER OF ANDHRA JESUIT PROVINCE

JANUARY - 2020

**PROVINCIAL AND MEMBERS OF CURIA
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INFORMATION

Fr. Koppala Abraham Stanislaus, SJ will assume charge as Provincial on 26th January 2020 during the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration to be held at 10.30 AM in Satyodayam, Secunderabad.

Novice Pentakota Anil left the novitiate on 21st December 2019.

New Phone number of Fr. Joachim Raja is 9704810135

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME JANUARY 2020

- 03-04 ISI, Bangalore
- 05-06 Visitation, DNC, Pune
- 07-08 Visitation, VJ, Delhi
- 11 Church blessing – Mogalamodu, Amalapuram
- 13-14 Visitation- Satyanilayam & Berchmans Hall, Chennai
- 15 Meeting young priests, Anandajyothi, Nambur
- 16 Church Feast, Sivapuram
- 19 Handing over charges to the New President of ATRCRI
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ANANDAJYOTHI NOVITIATE:

We had a great start in the month of November with many feasts, namely, 'All Saints Day', 'All Souls Day' and 'All Jesuit Saints'. On 5th December, we made our pilgrimage to St Francis Xavier Shrine at Oleru. Our hearts were filled with joy and happiness. We felt a sense of pride as Jesuit Novices, as we witnessed the great work done by our forefathers, the Jesuits in the year 1770. Fr ISF

Jeyaraj and Fr Thambi celebrated mass for us. It was a great spiritual experience to all of us, especially for the first year novices as we were about to start our Long Retreat. On 9th December all the first year novices went to Gunadala along with Fr ISF Jeyaraj to take the blessings of our Blessed Virgin Mary before we began our Long Retreat.

The first year novices began the Long Retreat, on 15th November with special blessings from our Jesuits from ALC and LPS as they were there to bless us on the feast of St Stanislaus Kostka. We profoundly thank all the Fathers, Brothers and Scholastics of our Province for their sincere prayers during our 'Long Retreat'. We finished our Long Retreat fruitfully and experienced God in a unique and personal way with a bunch of Fruits of the Spirit. This has given us a lot of commitment and zeal to do the will of God for the greater glory of God.

While the first year novices were in retreat, the second year novices went for their 'work experiment' at VRO campus at Perecherla. Two each from the group for the duration of ten days, took turn to be at the Novitiate to take care of the household works and especially our needs. We are thankful to them. Fr Peter Daniel and Fr Velangani took good care of them. They successfully completed their experiment and returned to the Novitiate on 17th December.

We started to practice our Christmas songs for various cultural events, on the day of our arrival from the work experiment. On 17th December we participated and performed dances and singings for a Semi-Christmas celebration organized by the Catholic youth at ANU (Achariya Nagarjuna University) at the Pastoral centre, Guntur. It was well attended by 500 students from different religions. Fr. ISF Jeyaraj gave the Christmas message to the

youth on social challenges found in the Christmas celebration. The event concluded with a special prayer and blessing by Fr Thambi. The following day, Fr Chinnayya, the director of Pastoral Centre, Guntur, invited all the 'Nagarjuna religious family' to a prayer service conducted by the novices and to a dinner for the great success of the event.

On 19th December we, the Anandajyothi Jesuit community celebrated semi-Christmas for our co-workers and shared our joy and gratitude for the service they render to us. Our Jesuit Community was blessed by our Fr Provincial as he was here for the canonical visitation on 21 and 22 December. It was a grace-filled event. We are grateful to you, Fr Provincial, for your care and concern, especially for the novices.

-K.TEJA, NSJ

SSC JUNIORATE, SITAGARHA :

Jai Jesu! We, the three Juniors of Andhra Province in the Hazaribag Juniorate are happy and send you the greetings of the Seasons!

On 26th November, the feast of St. John Berchmans was a grand celebration for all the Juniors in the SSC community. We were lucky to have Fr Geroje Pattery, the POSA, with us; he offered Holy Mass for the juniors. In the evening, we enjoyed a scrumptious meal cooked by Southern Juniors with the collaboration of the Northern friends.

The SSC campus in Hazaribag, which is known as the Mini-Vatican has 13 men and women congregations. On 30th November-01st December we had campus formees mega-tournament. Volleyball was conducted for brothers and throwball for the sisters. In this mega-event, the Juniors were the runners up and Gabriel brothers the champions. We witnessed good companionship with each other.

We, the Andhra Juniors jumped with joy and happiness because Fr. C.Wilson, PCF came to visit us on the feast day of St Francis Xavier. It was a grace-filled moment for us.

07th December was a great day for the Juniors for we put up a beautiful and meaningful drama based on '**Caring for our Common Home**', taking the theme '**Close the Factory**'. We were very much indebted to our professors for giving us this wonderful opportunity to exhibit our talents. The next day we had a farewell Mass for the Tertians and wished them good luck in their missions. From 10th to 14th December, we had the Psycho-Sexual Integration Course. Sr. Mari Anne SCN was the resource person. We had campus formees Christmas Gathering on 14th Dec. We came together to share the joy with each other. We were busy with our 2nd Semester Exams from 18th-21st December and at present busy with Christmas preparation. We wish you **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!**

- D. VAMSHI, SJ

SICJ- TRIVANDRUM:

We, the scholastics of Vidyanikethan, are joyful with various activities in our community. We celebrated the feast of St Francis Xavier with the college community on 2nd of December. We had Course on media Education by Fr. George Sebastian from December 2nd to 4th. We were taught about the importance of Media in our day to day life. During this month we were intensely involved in our academic matters. We finished our 2nd term exams on the 20th of this month. Christmas celebrations began with preparing ourselves spiritually and externally. We shared our joy of Christmas with our neighbouring communities and with the laity through our cultural activities. As we are all enjoying our life here we also feel bad as our

friend Vijay Sunand left for making his discernment under Fr Jeyaraj. We wished him all the best for his future.

- PAUL VISHAL, SJ

SANJEEVAN NIWAS:

The end of December was filled with surprises and joyful events for our community. On 26th November, the new Sanjeevan building was inaugurated by Fr PS Amalraj, our provincial, and then we had a short felicitation programme appreciating the marvelous work of Br Thomas and the work force. On 9th December, the Scholastics actively participated in the college Ethnic Day department wise and won prizes. Fr.C.Wilson, PCF, visited our community on 14th evening which doubled our joy as we moved to the new Sanjeevan building on the very next day. He met all of us personally and spent his time listening to us patiently and guiding us with his valuable words. We the scholastics were requested to take up the choir for the college semi - Christmas programme on 18th December which we did joyfully. We also joined the people of our ministries in their semi-Christmas celebrations and shared our joy with them.

Besides decorating our house with stars and Christmas crib, we are also sticking to our desks preparing for our exams which are commencing from 27th December.

- SUNIT, SJ

VIDYA JYOTI, DELHI:

The winter has completely limited our movements. People rush from the office and work place to home in search of warmth. Life has slowed down. A great silence is felt in VJ too. Recreational walks and talks have become rare. On the first of December, we had province get-together, celebrating the birthdays of our men and the appointment of the new provincial. Under the leadership of

Sch. Bulla Peter on 7th December we celebrated Christmas with street children. Sch.Saji, the leader of hospital ministry shared the joy of Christmas with the inmates of MC Sisters. Right now Sch. Praveen and his team run the VJ kitchen. He is fully active in buying provision to feed us. We had the second semester exams from 16th -19th. VJ College began its Christmas vacation from 20th December by hosting semi-Christmas celebration. Different congregations both men and women demonstrated their talents. As you know, VJ is a family reflecting the culture and colour of the whole country. Staff and students experienced the togetherness of brotherhood and sisterhood on that day. It was a rare and real occasion of Christmas. Back in VJ residence the days were fully packed with activities. On 21st we celebrated Christmas with our co-workers and on 22nd with VIPs (rickshaw pullers and homeless people) and on 23rd with poor neighbours and finally on 24th Christmas with community. Prior to the celebrations, the house was decorated by scholastics. Some of us were busy in sharing our joy and peace of Christmas with our neighbouring communities in the evenings with carols and cakes. In spite of the biting cold, our community is filled with life and joy. All of us are eagerly waiting for and preparing to receive the King of Peace at this troublesome time of our nation. Let us keep the hope alive and pray to the Lord. Our third year brothers will start their diaconate retreat on 27th December. We, the second and first years, will have our triduum before the College reopens on 6th January. Wish you a merry Christmas and a blissful New Year.

- SAJI GEORGE, SJ

COLLEGIO DEL GESÙ, ROME:

At the outset we wish you all Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. We along with Fr Ravi Sekhar, reached safely in Rome on 20th June. Thanks to Fr. Amalraj, the Provincial, and the Satyodayam community for their love and support during our stay there. At Rome, we were glad to come into contact with scholastics coming from all over the world. The first-year scholastics, 11 of us Collegio del Gesù are mostly from Asia and one from Kenya and one from Brazil. As soon as we reached, we were put under two-month meticulous training in learning the Italian. Finishing the training for the first month in Rome, we went to Genova for the second month. We stayed in the Novitiate of the Euro-Mediterranean province. Having spent two months, July and August, in learning the language, we enriched our soul with an eight day retreat in September. Fr Lopez Barrio Mario, SJ, the rector of Collegio S. Roberto Bellarmino, guided us. After the retreat, we registered ourselves in the Pontificia Università Gregoriana. In the first week of October, we as a community had the community orientation, to break the ice and we began to create a warm familiarity or acquaintance with each other. On 7th October we began our classes in the Gregorian. We found it difficult, in the beginning to follow the theology classes in Italian. But soon we have acclimatized ourselves to not only the culture, food and the place but also the theology lessons as well. In the month of November, we wrote the Italian test and came out with flying colours. We are indebted to Fr Provincial for laying the foundation of Italian course in Hyderabad itself. It was very much helpful. As a community we have visited Viterbo, a city historically and ecclesiastically well known. The season of Advent brought us the festive

mood and we have prepared spiritually for the Nativity of the Lord by renewing our vows during the Triduum from 13th to 15th December. We were enriched by the JRS International Director Rev. Thomas H. Smolich SJ, as he shared with the Gesù community the yeoman service of the JRS in the world.

We were glad to receive the Jesuits from Andhra Province like Fr Victor Immanuel, Fr Paul Amal, Fr. P.R. John. We also had fellowship meetings and dinners province-wise and South Asia-wise. We are happy to have the company of Jesuits in Rome like Frs Joe Sebastian, Peter Raj, Ravi Sekhar and Dominic Sundar. They share with us their care and love. We feel strengthened with their guidance and support.

- KRUPA RAO, SJ

NEWS FROM DOMINIC SUNDER:

Every year, as Christmas draws near, our hearts naturally begin to be filled with sentiments of gratitude for the many blessings, together with a hopeful expectation of a Spirit-accompanied New Year. 2019 has ushered in its own share blessings—both academic and otherwise.

Braving the Roman summer this year, nearly 1000 biblical scholars from around the world converged in Gregorian University and Pontifical Biblical Institute in the first week of July, to exchange their research findings. With Prof. Benedetta Rossi, I had a chance to put together three Isaiah sessions on the theme of “Unity”—a theme that has gained considerable scholarly currency in the recent years. With 6 senior Isaiah scholars and 4 emergent voices from the same area, the presentations led to some lively (even, intense) discussions. The same are now invited for a collected volume, tentatively titled: *Isaiah and Its Unity(s): Promises and Challenges*

(<https://tinyurl.com/IsaISBL2019>). Given the lively discussion, we have been invited to run a sequel session at the next conference! My paper at this session was the result of a five-month Research Fellowship at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, made possible by the kind consents of our Provincial, the President of JCAM and PIB, Rome.

With the arrival of Fr. Dusi Ravi and Schs. Krupa Rao and Vijay Surthani, the size of the Andhra presence in the eternal city has grown larger and the smiles, broader. We had some occasions to come together to share our stories, over some delicious meals, put together by our expert chefs!

With my course on Isaiah (“Trito-Isaiah: Text, Themes and Theology”) now complete at PIB, I leave for Nairobi in the first week of January, 2020. As usual, some basic OT courses, together with a module at the Theology for Laity sessions, would be my happy lot. Our own sch. Naresh Panithi’s company at Hekima College, Nairobi would obviously be an added blessing!

-DOMINIC S. IRUDAYARAJ SJ

BROTHERS’ COORDINATORS MEETING - NAMKUM- RANCHI.

The South Asian Brothers’ Coordinators meeting was held from 4th to 6th December 2019 in the Retreat house, Namkum, Ranchi. 37 Brothers attended this meeting. The meeting began with invoking God’s blessings; and Br. James Garla, Coordinator of Ranchi province and the administrator of the house, welcomed us. Then Br. Siluvainathan, South Asian Brothers Coordinator welcomed the gathering and explained the time table in detail.

The first session was handled by Fr. Sunny Jacob, SJ from Delhi on “Universal Apostolic

Planning, Community Apostolic Planning and Province Apostolic Planning". He clarified the questions raised by the Brothers. In the Afternoon we were divided into six groups and the following questions were given to us for group discussion:

1. How can we Brothers help in implementing the UAPs in our community/province?
2. How far do you see the possibility of making UAP our priority in the province?
3. What concrete measures do you propose to act upon to make the UAPs in our mission?

In the evening the report of the group discussion was presented and clarified. Fr. Marianus Kujur, SJ the provincial of Ranchi, celebrated the Holy Mass in the evening. During the dinner, the novices welcomed us and felicitated us with the traditional tribal scarf.



The second day started with the Holy Eucharist by Fr. K. C. Philip, the superior of the community. The session was purely dedicated for our business session. Bro. Siluvainathan was reelected as the coordinator for Brothers in SA. We discussed the release of the book and after a brief discussion it was decided to go for printing by the end of January 2020, since life of some of the Brothers has to be included by some provinces. Then we decided to have the retreat in the province level in 2020. Also we decided to have our next

meeting in Mumbai in October 2020. We visited the agricultural centre in the evening and proceeded to Manresa House at the request of the Provincial of Ranchi for dinner. The dinner was very rich and our Brothers enjoyed and thanked Fr. Provincial and the community.

On the third day we had our Holy Mass with the pre-novices in the agricultural training centre and they hosted a delicious breakfast. Later the coordinators gathered and after prayerful reflection we suggested the names for the next POSA in writing. This we did on the request of POSA through Siluvainathan the envelope containing the names was sealed and sent to the Socius to POSA. Then we all visited the dam, the newly constructed beautiful Church and went to the regional theologate of Ranchi for lunch. It was very well prepared and Brothers enjoyed the hospitality of the theologians. In the evening we departed for our provinces.

Everything was meticulously arranged and executed by the different communities in Ranchi and the brothers enjoyed and cherished the hospitality of the province. My sincere thanks to the organizer Bro. James and Siluvai, and the provincial of Ranchi, Fr. Marianus.

- M. XAVIER AMAL, SJ

GUDLAVALLERU PARISH:

The Christmas season began with the arrival of Advent on the 1st of December. All the 18 villages and 5 local centers got ready to celebrate the arrival of the Saviour. I visited nearly 1000 families of our parish in these 24 days. All the villages celebrated Semi-Christmas with joy and hope. The New Year calendar was given to all the families. The calendar contains the photos of all the churches and grottos of the parish. The whole

year Mass plan along with the feast in each village is indicated in the calendar.



During the Semi Christmas celebration there were many cultural programmes in the villages. The villagers cooperated well. We had a wonderful Christmas celebration with Fr Chiranjeevi and Fr Prashanth being present to share our Joy.



The celebration was a joy filled one. About 1000 people participated in the Christmas celebration at the parish.

- N.SHOWRI KISHORE, SJ

KD PETA:

"Where is the Saviour?" This was the theme for our school Christmas celebration. All the students were encouraged to be the part of the programme. It was just a proclamation of our search for meaning in all the ways along with other faiths.

The science exhibition on the same day was a thrilling experience for our children. The small Catholic flock showed some more

enthusiasm in the ceremony and shared the joy of Christmas. The Bala melas in the tuition centres were conducted and the students were able to get their share of joy in their own way.

Our novices are enjoying their stay in KD Peta. A lot of hardships are met to fulfill the requirement of Amma Vadi and the tenth class examination preparation. Children are freely and easily learning the values of Jesuit education and trying to understand the present problems of education. We hope and pray that the New Year will be the best time for our future. May we all be blessed by our Lord. Let peace prevail in our land.

- A.SIMON SJ

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL, VINUKONDA:

We celebrated Br. Xavier Amal's birthday on 28th November. We had a prayer service along with the Jesuits of Vinukonda Mission in the evening conducted by Fr. Joseph. On 14th and 15th December Zonal level games were conducted in our campus. Fr Ravi along with Fr Joseph and students made the ground beautiful and ready for the games. Many of the players expressed their joy of playing in a spacious and clean ground. Our students Siva Nagaraju and Ambaram Singh bagged the first and third prizes in athletics. The ball badminton team of our school was selected for the semifinal.



We celebrated semi-Christmas in the hostel in a grand way and distributed Christmas gifts to everybody. The Christian students were given a special gift.



On 23rd semi-Christmas in the school was celebrated in a very grand way. The cultural programmes by our students enthralled the audience. We distributed clothes to the poor students.



Fr Joseph organized the event well and Fr Peter Peram gave the Christmas message. With the announcement of a three-day holiday students went home. Our community members went for Christmas ministry to different places like Attaluru, Darsi and Sivapuram.

- ASEER,SJ

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL, SECUNDERABAD:

It was a graceful month for the students of St. Patrick's. Fr. Provincial blessed the New Block named after Pope Francis and it was inaugurated by Fr S Antony on 16th December

2019. The new block has been installed with science Labs and well-furnished library. Fr. Provincial and Fr. Antony encouraged the students addressing them in the assembly to learn by doing. On 17th community had Christmas meal with THARA children. It was a day filled with sharing of joy and peace with the students. We had a day of recollection preached by Fr S. Antony and he inspired us to be at the service of others. We had Christmas celebration for the students on 21st December. The play on the Nativity of Jesus highlighting the theme God loved us was presented well.

- NAVEEN XAVIER, SJ

LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, PULIVENDULA:

Degree College:

On 1st Dec – World AIDS Awareness Day, our YRC, NCC, NSS and WEC units joined together carried out an awareness rally. In collaboration with APSSDC, the Department of Computer Science had organized a two-day workshop in interview skills for B.Sc and B.Com students. On 10th Dec, the Department of ARTS celebrated Human Rights Day. Loyola Awareness and Cultural Team staged a cultural programme in A.P.Residential School and R.S.Kondapuram.



Fr Amala Arockiaraj, Principal, went to Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, to participate in the consultation process of reorienting academic life of ISI.

On the request of Boga Parvathamma Blood Bank, a blood donation camp was organized by YRC on 23rd December.



Both YRC and LS GEMS went to St. Ann's Mano Vikas to donate mattresses as Christmas gifts to differently abled children. NSS Special Camp programme is going on in Komanuthla village. We had Christmas Celebration on 24th December. It was celebrated by non-Christians!.



POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

The month of December saw many good things happen at Loyola Polytechnic. At first the first years had their II Unit test in December 5-7, 2019. The results of III and V Sem were announced. The third years did very well while the second years have to improve. The highest marks being 872/900.

The IPSGM games took place in December 16-17, 2019 at Prodattur. The Loyolites won the Best in Sports, Best in Games and the Overall championships of the meet. A total of 27 students will be going for the state meet; we

wish them all the best. Two girls attended this meet held in Kadapa separately for them. They won four prizes and both of them are selected for the state meet. We wish them all the very best.

This time the Christian and Catholic staff members took keen interest to celebrate this Christmas in a meaningful manner. A play depicting the birth of Lord Jesus lasting for 45 minutes was enacted in front of a packed audience. The music and the dialogues were recorded with the minimum facility that we had. Indeed it came out very well. Kudos! to Fr B.Joji who contributed in every way to the success of the play.

The final year EEE & ECE students had week long training in IIIT, Iddupulapaya. The hands on experience has given them a lot of confidence in the practical outlook.

The second year and final year EEE students had the educational tour to Chennai. They did enjoy the outing and made it a memorable one.

SHOWRINATHASWAMY HOSTEL:

Tuitions were arranged for the first years for two weeks in the subjects of Mathematics and Physics. With vigorous studies and the tuitions I hope they did well in their second unit test. Christmas celebrations commenced with decorations. The students took active part in putting up Massive stars, Cribs and enacting in the play. The students are very vibrant in all the college related activities like NCC, NSS, Scout, Games etc. The student named SaiVishnu of second year diploma topped with the highest mark of 872/900 and followed by Gopi Krishna with 871/900. Congratulations to both of them.

We had a meaningful Christmas celebration on December 20 with a lot of music, joy and happiness. Looking forward for the same in the New Year too.

LOYOLA ACADEMY JUNIOR COLLEGE:

Loyola Academy Junior College was abuzz with a lot of activities. For the first time we got the permission to start an NSS unit in the college, and as many as 100 students enrolled. We inaugurated the NSS Unit on 08-11-19. On 09-11-19 we had parents-teachers meet and conducted a Medical Camp. Three of our students were selected for 'Metamorphosis' Idea Pitching Contest Finals. Two of our students have been selected for RDC Parade at Delhi. We had 'Resonance' (Cultural Competitions) for two days followed by College Day Celebrations. Shri. Saroj Kant Mallick, DIG of Central Industrial Security Forces was the Chief Guest.



Our College has been awarded as the Best College for Cultural and Various Club Activities for the Students at Intermediate level. We won the award among 300-odd schools and Junior Colleges in the city.

LOYOLA ACADEMY DEGREE & PG COLLEGE:

The annual cultural festival of Loyola Academy is one of the most awaited events on the college campus. Resonance 2k19, is themed as 'Sailing into freedom', witnessed a plethora of events which included a total of 12 group events and 16 solo events in which 1810 students participated. A fest of such magnitude would not have seen the light of day without the planning and execution of an efficient team of staff and student coordinators who worked relentlessly for 15 days to make it a grand success.

Resonance 2k19 was formally inaugurated on 18th December, 2k19. It was graced by well-known actor Mr Sandeep Madhav who portrayed the character of George Reddy and Mr Bunny along with fashion designer Ms Kritya Sudha Karda. This year Resonance witnessed spectacular performances of the students. All the events were diligently organised. Marking the silver Jubilee of Resonance, this year this cultural festival was organised in collaboration with Alambana, an NGO known as the GRACE cancer foundation, which was founded in 2013, to spread an awareness on cancer and to support and to reach out to people who cannot afford treatment of cancer, and counseling. As this year Resonance was organised with a social cause, an amount of Rs.43,800 was raised from the participants and the amount was donated to the GRACE cancer foundation.



The cultural fest was concluded on the 20th December 2019. The valedictory function was graced by Sri Talasani Srinivasa Yadav, the honourable minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Cinematography of the govt of TS. There were also other distinguished guests like actors Raj Tarun, Rakesh Varee and anchor Ravi Kiran. Their messages and interaction with the staff and students made the gathering active, lively and colourful. All the prize winners were given prizes. Prize distribution was followed by a splendid cultural show by the students. Resonance 2019 came to an end on a very joyful note.

-D.BALASWAMY, SJ

LOYOLA INSTITUTIONS, VIJAYAWADA:

Like every other year, this year too, the month of December brought along with it an atmosphere of celebration and jubilation into our campus. Already with the Advent season the campus wore a festive look to create a Christmassy feel.

ALC: The NSS coordinators of ALC participated in their 50th year of celebration on 7th of December and got the overall championship. On 9th December we had the foundation day of our college and it was celebrated as the Ethnic Day of our college. There are a few remarkable milestones that we have crossed this month: One million plants were planted in our campus which was started by the Governor of AP. All India Council for Technical Education gave us a certificate of appreciation for the significant contribution made by the slogan "one student one tree." Mr Sri Rangam represented the symposium organized by NASCOM held in Hyderabad. We thank the Bajaj Company for giving courses on banking and soft skills to our students. This resulted in a good number of students getting placed with a good salary. There was a job Mela for the differently abled persons and eight students of our college were selected. Semi-Christmas celebration was held for various levels: students, staff and co-workers.

ALIET: We are immensely happy to announce that a good number of our second year MBA students have already been placed in various companies with a promise of a handsome salary: 9 students were selected for SIOT Technologies Private Limited, 10 students for Avenue Super Markets Limited (D Mart), 11 students for State Street HCL Services and 5 students for Spandana Spoorthy Financial Limited.

We had the celebration of Christmas for various groups on different days. On 17th

December we organized a carol competition and it was open to all the catholic educational institutions. Though it was the first of its kind in ALIET, the response of the institutions was remarkable. Our sincere appreciation to Fr Francis who conceived the idea and to Fr Ravindra who took upon himself the implementation and organisation of it. On the same day we welcomed a group of visually challenged people from Tejas foundation to our Institute for raising fund for their organisation. They moved our students with their beautiful singing for an hour and our students responded by contributing generously to them. We appreciate our students. We are sure that this event reminded our students of their social responsibility. We had the Christmas celebration for the students of ALIET on 18th December. Our Christian students enthusiastically participated in the celebration. They made the best use of the opportunity to praise and glorify the infant Jesus through their angelic singing and energetic dancing. Fr ISF. Jeyaraj who was our Chief Guest delivered a soul-stirring message. On the following day the ALIET celebrated Christmas for the staff members of both ALC and ALIET. We had Fr. Govindu Rayanna of Guntur Diocese as the Chief Guest. His apt message for the occasion enlightened the staff members. On 21st December the grand finale of the annual cultural fest VENTURA was held. It was a perfect culmination of a series of cultural programmes organised over a month. More than 700 students took part in these different cultural events and 228 of them received prizes on the final day. Such a grand programme indeed needed meticulous planning and a systematic execution and Fr Chiranjivi the coordinator of 'Ventura 2019' did that job perfectly well.

- MOTRU ANAND, SJ

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

01 P Ashok Kumar B
 01 P Yesurathnam K
 01 P Anil Kumar K
 04 S Namadi Rex Kumar
 08 N P.Velangani Karuna Kumar
 09 P Victor Emmanuel GM
 11 P Antony Prabhu A
 13 P Amala Arockiaraj T
 14 P Prasad MA
 14 P Avinash G
 14 S Arika Ashok Kumar
 15 S Ch David Poul Raj
 15 S Kodiganti Kiran
 20 P Thomas Koyipuram
 20 N Kondru Vijay Kumar
 21 P Antony S
 23 P Jeyaraj Ghattamaneni
 25 P Philomin Raj S
 25 P Bujji Babu N
 27 S Paul Donald Joseph
 28 P Ravi Sebastian S
 28 P Vijaya Kumar J
 30 P Amal Raj PS



FEBRUARY

01 P Jose Mathew K
 01 P Kishore GAP
 02 P Ramesh Bosco B
 07 P Lourdu Raj I
 08 P Augustine K
 10 P Shailendra BJ
 10 P Prashanth BD
 10 N Parra Srikanth
 11 P Thumma Sunil Ch.
 14 P Joachim Raja S
 15 P Jojaya Pudota
 19 P Joji Boyapati
 19 S MV Anantha Abhinay
 19 P George Stephen J
 21 S Singavarapu Anil
 27 S Eeda Naveen
 27 P Vana Chinnappa Ch
 27 P Vidya Sagar P
 28 P Inna Yeruva



OUR BROTHERS IN GLORY

Fr. Francis Xavier Mani	13.01.2011	ALC
Fr V.T. George	15.01.2007	ALC
Bro. Soosai Arul	16.01.1994	ALC
Fr. V. Lourdusamy	27.01.1995	ALC
Fr. Chandy	28.01.1984	ALC
Fr. S.P. Satur	06.02.1979	Secunderabad



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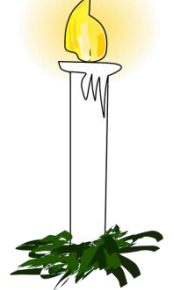
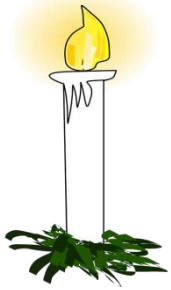
30.11.2019	Fr Joseph Zerafa SJ (DUM, 85/67) in Malta.
08.12.2019	Fr Felix Gonsalves SJ (GUJ, 71/53)
09.12.2019	Fr Louis Menezes SJ (BOM,85/66)
18.12.2019	Fr Edwin Menezes, SJ (PAT,68/47)
25.12.2019	Ms Alla Karuna, sister in law of Fr Alla Stany SJ
26.12.2019	Fr PF. Jayabalan SJ (AND,71/55)
28.12.2019	Fr Civiack JoaquinSJ (GUJ, 87/68)



OBITUARY

BIRTH: 28.01.1948

DEATH: 26.12.2019



FR FIDELIS JAYABALAN PACKIAM SJ

Profile

1979-1982	B.A., in Telugu from Andhra University, Vizag
1984-1985	M.A., in Telugu from S.V.University, Tirupathi
1989-1990	M.Phil. in Telugu from Madurai Kamaraj University
1994-1997	Ph.D. in Telugu from P.S.Telugu University (Thesis: Tobhya Charitramu – Oka Pariseelana)
1994-1997	Editor, Bharatha Mitram (Telugu Magazine)
27.06.1988	Joined as Lecturer in Telugu at ALC
01.01.2005 to 30.09.2005	Principal, ALC
31.06.2006	Retired from aided service
2006-2009	National Director, Eucharistic Crusade, Dindigul
2009-2019	Retreat Ministry and Writing
Languages Known	Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, Kannada, Sanskrit and English
Books written	25 in Telugu, Tamil and English

Fr Fidelis Jayabalan died unexpectedly on 26th December because of severe heart congestion. Ordained in 1977 his active life as a priest has been in both Madurai and Andhra provinces. A multilingual person, he was good at Tamil, Telugu and English. With a Ph.d in Telugu he had a chequered career as a lecturer in Telugu and a Principal in Andhra Loyola College Vijayawada.

Fr Jayabalan contributions are in what he preached through retreats and seminars and in what he wrote in three languages, English Tamil and Telugu....His recent works were a novel in Telugu. **Na Thone Nuvvu**, book on Meditation **Dhyanam** in Tamil, and a researched work on **Lamb of God in Bible** which may be published postumously in Tamil.

Geographical boundaries did not hinder his apostolic mobility. After his retirement from the college he has been a pan India, pan Andhra and pan Tamilnadu person covering many places with his ministry. As he is laid to rest in Beschi College Cemetery he reminds us of our universal vocation to the Society and our identity as dual and multiple in mission and ministry. May his soul rest in Peace.

-MV.AMALANATHAN, SJ

CONDOLENCE MESSAGES:

All of us share in the profound grief of our province over the untimely passing away of our dear Father Jayabalan.

He was rightly considered as one of the most creative, dynamic and gifted individuals particularly in languages. A streak of constructive restlessness always impelled him to undertake new ventures in writing books and articles, besides animating various groups of religious and laity, men and women, Christians and non-Christian brothers and sisters in a variety of situations and seminars. He was disarmingly even daringly outspoken and critical on many issues and this was an essential component of his zestful and charming personality. Innumerable students, admirers and friends, across many groups, states and congregations had benefitted by his services and example would miss him.

He had many talents and competencies. Perhaps very few know that he was an excellent Tabla player. May his soul rest in peace.

- PETER RAJ, SJ, ROME

Jayabalan is no more! It is very very sad. That he left us so unexpectedly is really shocking. For us ... yes. But for him, he is happy to have gone home to his God.

He had so much of Ignatian Magis in him. His constant refrain was: we can do so much more. All his achievements were nothing to him. So much more to be done, he would say.

I will miss this wonderful Mystic! He used to talk about simply dissolving and disappearing into the Divine. He was so passionate about his Friend Jesus. He would talk to me about Jesus with so much enthusiasm and passion. He would unravel the parables of Jesus to me with much unction and insight. I wish I had listened to him more often!

I do hope someone in our Province saves his Good News Bible. He carried it with him everywhere, used it so much to pray, to reflect upon and to preach.

Rest now in the Arms of your dear Friend Jesus, Jayabalan.

-J. PACKIARAJ, SJ, GUYANA

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