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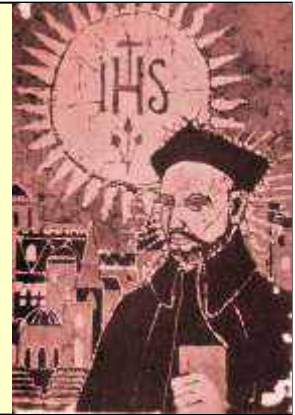
FROM PROVINCIAL'S DESK

On June 21, the Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, our Province witnessed six generous young men offering themselves to God's service in Bengal, Bangladesh and beyond..., by setting out on a new pathway - the Ignatian pathway to love and serve God. The newly professed are **Vijaya Raju Gopanaboina**, **Rakesh Mondal** (Dhyan Ashram Novitiate), **Rocky Thomas Biswas**, **Jeffrey David Finny**, **Mithun Solomon Rozario** and **Collins Lawrence Purification** (Daham Sihila, Sri Lanka). We welcome them and wish them every blessing !

“ Dear Brothers, as you set out on this new pathway let me share with you what actually is awaiting you on this pathway; the first thing you would be experiencing all through this new pathway is plentiful opportunities. Yes, the Society will give you ample opportunities for personal growth and literally your 'blossoming'; opportunities to know and love diverse cultures and peoples, to learn various languages and skills and to study and specialize in subjects and fields where you will likely make a mark in future.

Besides, you will have no dearth of opportunities to learn more about the Society you are choosing to belong to from now on, about its all-encompassing spirituality, about its gripping pages of history and wondrous lives and sacrifices of countless missionaries, martyrs, blessed and saints, and finally about its world wide networks of missions, institutions, and ever novel enterprises. Coming to Jesuits' inner world, you will have this rarest opportunity to share companionship with hundreds of great, yet simple and saintly men whose sole obsession is: how to love Christ more, how to serve

Fr. Provincial
and the CJNL
Wish you a
Very Happy Feast
of St. Ignatius
on 31 July.



humankind better and how to make the world more just, more humane and more inclusive!

Secondly, Brothers, from now on you will have no job to do, no career to pursue but only a Mission to accomplish. Each of you will receive and realize the 'Mission' that would be chosen for you by the Society. Yes, as Jesuits, you will always be entrusted with specific missions, either on a long term or a short term basis; be it studying or training, gardening or sweeping, teaching or administering, research and writing; from now on, all activities for you are 'Missions' coming from Christ Jesus; therefore, every mission, small or big, demands the maximum of yourself, your service and your sacrifice. That is why for Jesuits, Mission and 'Magis' go hand in hand. And mediocrity should now find its way out.

Thirdly, from now on, you will also have a lot of freedom to use or misuse and plenty of distractions to test the ground under your feet. This is a big challenge in Jesuit Life. No sooner have you made your vows of poverty, obedience and chastity, you find yourself literally catapulted onto a high, rich living conditions with 'the best of everything' available within your reach. But the freedom to choose or not to choose a personal living standard that is worthy and supportive of the commitment you are making today, is in your hand.”

(Summary of the homily given on the Vows Day at Dhyan Ashram . The above picture of St. Ignatius is from an original 'batik' print made for Dhyan Ashram.)

- Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy

PROVINCIAL'S PROGRAMME**July - 2013**

- 01 - 14 : Visit to China, Macau, Sancier & Manila
 21 : CRI Reg. Executive Council meeting
 22 : First Day of Ignatian Novena
 25 : Meeting at Archbishop's House
 27 - 28 : Workshop: MSMHC Animators
 30 - 31 : Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola at Chamrusai
 Festive fellowship at St. Xavier's, Kolkata

August - 2013

- 01 - 03 : Visitation: Xavier Sadan
 06 - 07 : CONSULT
 09 - 11 : Visitation: Shantinir, Kalahrdaya
 21 - 27 : Visitation: KGP
 28 : Live-in Groups Animators Meet

APPOINTMENTS/TRANSFERS IN THE ASSISTANCY COMMON HOUSES/WORKS FOR 2013-14**Appointed by Fr. General**

Gabriel Tirkey (DAR)
 Albert Muthumalai (MDU)

Socius to POSA, Jor Bagh, Delhi
 Rector, Satya Nilayam, Chennai

Appointed by Fr. POSA**Vidyajyoti, Delhi**

Leo Fernando (MDU)
 Patras Minj (RAN)
 S.P. Lourdusamy (PAT)
 Valan S. Anthony (CCU)
 Alla Stanislaus (AND)
 Joseph Puthenkulam (PAT)
 Anil D'Almeida (KAR)
 Chandu Kumbblankal (KER)

Acting Principal, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
 Minister/ Administrator, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
 Faculty Member, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
 Faculty Member, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
 Faculty Member, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
 Faculty Member, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
 Faculty Member, Vidyajyoti, Delhi
 Librarian, Vidyajyoti, Delhi

Indian Social Institute, Delhi

Joy Karayampuram (PAT)
 Paul D'Souza (GUJ) (From Jan 2013)

Superior, Indian Social Institute, Delhi
 Research Unit, Indian Social Institute, Delhi

Indian Social Institute, Bangalore

Terence Farias (KAR)

Acting Superior, Indian Social Institute, Bangalore

Satya Nilayam, Chennai

Thomas Arulappan (MDU)
 Elanjipuram (EP) Mathew (KER)
 Lawrence Fernandes (KAR)
 Murala Marianus Jagadish (AND)
 Robin Sahaya Seelan (MDU)

Minister/Treasurer
 Acting Dean/Principal, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
 Director, Research Institute (Additional Responsibility)
 Faculty Member, Satya Nilayam, Chennai
 Librarian (Additional Responsibility)

Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth - De Nobili College, Pune

Thomas Kattathara (DUM)
 Varghese Malpan (KER)
 P. T. Joseph (JAM)(from Jan 2013)
 Konrad Joseph (BOM)

De Nobili College, Faculty Member, JDV- Pune
 De Nobili College, Faculty Member, JDV
 De Nobili College, Faculty Member, JDV- PG Block
 De Nobili College, Faculty Member, JDV

Sadhana, Lonavla

Joseph Parakad (DAR)

Director, Acting Superior, Sadhana, Lonavla

To be Assigned to POSA's Residence, Jor Bagh, New Delhi on completion of the Building

Norbert Menezes (PAT)
 Gratian Carlo (KHM)
 Gabriel Tirkey (DAR)
 Stanislaus Fernandes (PUN)
 Claudius Tauro (DUM)
 John Messiah (BOM)
 Thomas Kozhamthadam (PUN)
 Stanislaus Jebamalai (GUJ)

Acting Superior
 ADF
 Socius to POSA
 Regional Director, JRS-SA,
 JRS, Residence, Jor Bagh, Delhi
 JRS, Residence, Jor Bagh, Delhi
 JRS, Residence, Jor Bagh, Delhi
 Secretary JESA, Residence, Jor Bagh

Afghanistan-Regency

Xavier Anthony Selvam (MDU)

Regency

Reallocation of Responsibilities:

Stephen Kulandaisamy (MDU)-

Fulgence Ekka (MAP) -

Legal Rights- ISIB (Responsibility relinquished-Act.Sup
Treasurer, VJ,(Responsibility relinquished-Minister)

The South Assistency is deeply grateful to the following who have reverted / will revert to their Provinces after their dedicated service to the Common Houses:

Rui de Menezes (GOA), Francis X.D'Sa (GOA), Francis Pereira (BOM), John Vattanky (KER), Kurienn Kunnumpuram (KER), Jose Elampassery (PAT) John Chathanatt (DEL), T.K. John (DEL), Mlakuzhyil George (DEL), Jeevan Prabhu (KAR), Anthonidoss (GUJ), Dudley Mendonca (BOM), Amalanathan Vincent (AND), Jestin Vidhyathil (GUJ), Peter Raj (AND)

CALCUTTA JESUITS :: NEWS & VIEWS

SCHOLASTICS' SUMMER MEET

Our scholastic's summer meet 2013 was a remarkable one, as it was well planned and co-ordinated by **Fr. John Rogerse**, our PCF, and the coordinators **Schols. Anil, James and Jinesh.**

Fr. Aelred Gomes, Mrs. Ruby and Banani gave us four days of Bangla classes from 13 to 16 May at Dhyan Ashram. As the classes were very creative we became more effective in our reading, writing and speaking in Bangla. **Fr. Sajeev Painunkal** conducted a 2 day Ignatian spirituality on "Imagination Creates Reality" on 17 and 18 May at Dhyan Ashram. Those were thought provoking sessions for us, says **Sch. Felix.**

On 20 May, we left for Premanjali in Siliguri for a one night stay. The following day, we visited some of the Jesuit communities nearby, under the guidance of Fr. Xavier Alangaram SJ, the director of Premanjali.

Then we set out on 22 May for St. Joseph's School, Darjeeling. Fr. Santy Mathew SJ, the Rector welcomed us with great cordiality. In the chill weather, we roamed around the surrounding places.



We did our annual retreat at Prarthanalaya, Kurseong from 23 to 30 May. "It was a very unique experience for each one of us," expressed **Sch. Suresh** to **Fr. Benoy Lama SJ**, our retreat guide from Darjeeling. We had our sharing with **Fr. Provincial** at Prabhu Jisur Girja on 1 and 2 June. We concluded our summer meet with the celebration of Berchman's Day at St. Lawrence. We had interesting games and sumptuous meals thanks to

St. Lawrence community. The whole programme helped us to build companionship with Jesus, others and our province members.

- Sch. Oscar Daniel

ST. XAVIER'S, HALDIA

With the arrival of **Frs. E.S. Joseph and P.C. Mathew**, Haldia Jesuit Community has witnessed a phenomenal three-fold growth, both numerical as well as sapiential, if I may say so. The entire township was gathered to accord a hearty *green carpet* welcome (thanks to the monsoons) to ESJ when he landed here on 12th evening, accompanied by the effervescent and ever youthful **Fr. Amulya** and a bevy of bubbly damsels

draped in guileless simplicity from idyllic Gurap. They brought with them a bewildering variety of exotic preserves and pickles and other home-made delicacies. They were treated to a simple repast of purest milk from their own dairy farm. Soon it was time for them to leave their beloved Father.

What happened next was most poignant and heart rending. No more laughter and mirth; no more jokes and chatter. Gone were the luster of their eyes and the radiance of their countenance. They looked more and

more distraught and dejected as the fateful moment was drawing closer; spontaneous lachrymal streams began welling up from the corners of their doleful eyes. Uneasy calm hung heavy in the air. Not a word or whisper was heard. Only the pounding of hearts and long spells of silent gazes – sometimes interspersed with the sound of subdued sobs and stifled sighs. Seeing this, the bystanders were moved to tears and they said to one another: See how much they loved their Father! And blessed indeed was

he among such women !

A storm was brewing outside. Huge masses of dark clouds were fleeting across the sky. It looked ominous. One could hear the distant rumbling. A flash of lightning lit up the distant horizon. A crash of thunder warned it was time to go. With a heavy

heart and sweet memories of bygone days, they walked into the gathering gloom with the benediction of their benevolent Father.

Joe has a new flock to tend now and he has started in earnest. All the best to you, Joe. Fr P.C. is expected to join the community early next month.

Our school children now look smarter and more elegant in their new uniform. The school auditorium is ready for inauguration. We are all set to get the CBSE affiliation in the coming academic year 2014-15.

- Fr. K.T.Thomas

CHRISTO SEVA ASHRAM, KALNA

The months of May and June were packed with various programs: the house blessings, village ministries, catechism classes for first Holy Communion and the summer holidays for the boarding boys. The 72 young children were intensively prepared for twelve days to receive Holy Communion and to be firm in their

faith. Fr. Arulappan helped the children to understand the meaning of the Sacraments in their Christian life. Sr. Roshany and Mr. Bernard Marandi, the Catechists told them how to talk to God through vocal prayers. Mr. Babulal Hembrom, one of the Parish Council members, took a special interest to share with the children the meaning of prayers and difficulties of family life and prayers.

Thus 26 May was a significant day for all the faithful of Kalna, when such a big number received Holy Communion in the year of faith and Golden Jubilee of the Parish. The Holy mass was presided over by Fr. Pandab Hansdak with four other priests. On 27 May Fr. Devasy joined the Kalna community and Fr. Cyriac left for Gurap.

- Fr. Sebastian Xalxo

RAGHABPUR SCHOOL AND PARISH

Raghampur St. Paul's School celebrated *Rabindra Jayanti* on 18 May with a one-hour cultural programme. During the Summer Vacations 60 students accompanied by 6 teachers including Frs. Arul Raj and Roshan Tirkey went for a "Five-day Educational Tour" (22-25 May) to Darjeeling. It was a wonderful experience for both students as well as for teachers. Our Secondary and Higher Secondary students fared quite well in their exams with pass percentages of 93.70 and 96.80 respectively.

From 23-30 May, Fr. T. J. Thomas preached a retreat to DSA sisters at Burdwan. Frs. Augustine and Roshan went around to preach the Gospel during the Novena to St. Anthony. Sch. Bijoy Mardi joined the community on 7 June. He teaches various subjects in our school and helps out in parish activities.

On 9 June, 87 boys and girls received their First Holy Communion at the Parish Church. Fr. Augustine and Sr. Benedicta, DSA had trained and prepared them for the occasion.

Raghampur Mission bade farewell to its great missionary Fr. Augustine on 16 June in a short felicitation programme. On the same evening 25 Altar Servers came together to welcome Sch. Bijoy to the parish. They organized 'Baw Basanti' game between boys and girls and dined and danced together.



On 18 June morning, Fr. Provincial inaugurated our three-storey Jesuit Residence and Bishop Salvadore Lobo blessed the building. Some priests and religious of the neighbouring parishes graced the occasion. The members of the Parish Council too were present for the function.

32 senior students belonging to our parish attended the 9th Prayas Camp (NSS) at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata from 20 to 22 June. This camp encouraged our youth to dream big in their lives.

- Fr. Roshan Tirkey, SJ

KALAHRDAYA AND SHANTI NIR

Fr. Saju George, together with some of the Bharatanatyam exponents of Kolkata, organised from May 17 to 27 a lecture demonstration (an interactive session) on Tala and

Abhinaya at ITC Sangeet Research Academy, Tollygunj; a week long workshop for the dancers and dance teachers of Kolkata at St. Xavier's Collegiate School (A.V. Room) from 10 am to 6 pm daily; and a solo Bharatanatyam performance at Gyan

Manch by Fr. Saju's Bharatanatyam guru, 'The Living Legend', Padmabhushan Prof. C.V. Chandrasekhar from Chennai. We received an overwhelming response from the Kolkata dancers. Around 100 participants took part in the

workshop.

Prof. C.V.Chandrasekhar is a globally known Bharatanatyam dancer, teacher, choreographer, composer, scholar and author. He served as the H.O.D and Dean of the Faculty of Performing Arts at the Banaras Hindu University and M.S. University, Baroda. He is honoured with the Padmabhushan, the Kalidas Sanman, the Central Sangeet Natak Academy award, and the Nrityhoodamai, to mention a few. The Bharatanatyam dancers of Kolkata are very grateful to **Frs. Boris D'Santos, Benny Thomas,**

Joseph Mani and Br. Naike Marandi of St. Xavier's Kolkata for their wonderful support and cooperation.

Fr. Probal Gomes has left for Shembaganur for the Tertionship and we wish him a grace-filled time at the 'School of the Heart'; and **Fr. Shyamal Makhal** is attending a short course in Vocology and Classical Music at Chetana Dance and Music Academy, Thrissur, Kerala, under the guidance of the 'singing priest', Fr. Dr. Paul Poovathingal, CMI. **Fr. K. Thottam** is expected at Kalahrdaya in mid-July. We wish

Fr.Thottam a pleasant stay in the USA and Canada.

Fr. Saju George conducted his regular Ph.D. supervision work at Bharathidasan University, Trichy, from 3 to 11 May. Currently there are 8 Ph.D. scholars working under Fr Saju. **Sch. Emmanuel Mathew** of Kerala Province will spend a year at KALAHHRDAYA to learn Bharatanatyam under Fr Saju George. Calcutta Province welcomes Emmanuel and wishes him all the best.

- Fr. Saju George

DHYAN ASHRAM, KONCHOWKI



After the summer slumber, Dhyan Ashram has come back to life with people and noise as the monsoon rains have steadily raised the water levels in our ponds.

The first year novices returned after their street children experiment on 2 June. In the mean

time the second year novices had spent a busy month reflecting on the vows. On 7 June, the novitiate community went for a picnic to Diamond Harbour, to relax and to prepare for the busy days ahead. On 8th evening the novices started their annual retreat.

21 June was the eagerly awaited day when two of our companions, **Rakesh Mondol** and **Vijaya Raju Gopanaboina**, pronounced their first vows. Two days prior to that, the new batch of probationers arrived from Barasat - five of them from five different states. It was surely a big help for the other novices to arrange and decorate the chapel and the refectory. The vows' liturgy was in the evening, presided over by Fr Provincial, and about 65 guests, including 27 of our brand new pre-

novices. The singing, conducted by **Fr. Shyamal Makhal**, was a big hit. At a short felicitation programme immediately after the liturgy, the newly professed expressed their gratitude to all who walked with them in the Society, starting with their Novice Master, **Fr. Jerome**. (View pictures of the Vows celebration in the photo gallery on our website) (<http://saje20.wix.com/dhyanashram>). Visit the novitiate blog to read some reflections on novitiate life by our newly professed (<http://danovitiate.blogspot.in/>).

Juniors from other provinces have started arriving. The inauguration of the academic year is on 26 June. Fourteen juniors from four provinces and regions are expected this year. June was a pretty busy month for the retreat house, with two

groups of Cluny sisters attending different courses

and making retreats, organised by

Fr. Peter.

Local

Servants of

MC Brothers

also made an

8 day retreat

here directed by

Fr. Jeyaraj

Veluswamy.



- Nov. Rintu Mondol

UDAYANI SOCIAL ACTION FORUM

In spite of uncomfortable weather intense training and workshops in our operational areas kept the staff engaged the whole of May and June. Along with the social wing of the CNI churches, four Catholic dioceses joined the Regional Right To Food (RTF) Convention with RTF National Team on 8 June.

102 activists and representatives of various movements and NGOs involved in RTF, from Assam, Chatishghar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal met at Pragolaya, Barasat to reiterate that they opposed any 'Ordinance' on the impending National Food Security Bill '13.



Besides the Archdiocese of Calcutta, Asansol, Baruipur and Darjeeling, Directors of social centres, Sisters from Apostolic Carmel, Cluny and Loreto



Congregations participated actively in the convention. Such participation says a lot about the stand of the Church on this important Issue.

The resource persons of the day were: Harsh Mander, the Supreme Court Commissioner on RTF and Kavita Srivastava the National Convener of RTF.

After the presentation and discussion, State wise plan of action were drawn up. They decided to oppose any attempt by the Central Government to issue an 'ordinance' on this important bill and take it to the people once the Comprehensive National Food Security Bill is passed.

Udayani activists participated in the Citizen's Rally to protest on increasing 'Violence Against Women' on 21 June in the Streets of Calcutta. As a 'Core Team' member of the 'Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan' **Fr. Jothi** actively participates in the strategic planning of this 'Faith renewal' in the Archdiocese at various levels with faithful, clergy and religious.

- Fr. Irudaya Jothi

HEYTHROP COLLEGE, LONDON



This summer has been a time of a great moment for Calcutta Province here in London. The St. Xavier's College Alumni Association met at the British Museum, where they were

addressed by **Fr. Felix Raj** in the presence of **Fr Dermont Preston**, the

Provincial and **Christopher Boles**, the Socius of the British Province. There was a musical performance and a mega reception hosted by Lakshmi Newas Mittal, a Xaverian and Steel Tycoon, at the Museum Gallery.

After we finished our classes and exams of the first year, we were busy bidding fare well to the out-going members of each community, organizing common

barbeque (social get-together) for all the scholastics in the Province. This being a long summer vacation until September second week, we scholastics will be

going to different places in the U.K. for our summer apostolate for the next couple of weeks.

We have been reaching out to Bengali Catholics here on different occasions making our pastoral presence felt among them all. Indeed the London based Bengali Catholic Association makes us feel at home inviting us to attend any programme it organizes. Bishop Bijoy of Sylhet Dioceses of Bangladesh made it more homely by celebrating a mass for the Bengali community here.

Schols. Milton and **Francis** took part in a protest rally with the Bangladeshi Christian Community to express their solidarity for the victims who were recently attacked by a group of Muslim mobs at Bholakipur in Dinajpur Diocese of Bangladesh. **Sch. Probash** has left for Bangladesh to see his ailing father.

- Sch. Francis Does

BANGLADESH

The 'academic year' of the pre-novitiate concluded on 15 May with a solemn eucharist, presided over by **Bishop Linus**, during which he conferred the sacrament of Confirmation to two of the pre-novices, followed by a short cultural programme and agape. The parish clergy and the 2 local community of Sisters joined us for the occasion. After their holiday, the 5 young men admitted to the novitiate returned to Dhaka on 14 May to complete the preparation for the journey to Colombo. On 20 June they flew to Colombo, accompanied by Fr Charles, in time to attend the first vows mass of their seniors at the Daham Sihila House of Formation.

Our 4 second year candidates finally completed their H.S.S. exams on the 13 May. On 13 June, the 3 of them who are applying for the pre-novitiate were sent for an

'experiment' pending the publication of the H.S.S. results, working with physically challenged children under the Sisters of the 'John XXIII Community' in Chalna in Khulna Diocese. This year the results may not be published before mid-August.

Vocation Promotion : besides the 3 Monipuripara candidates, **Fr. Pradeep** hopes to finalize the application of 5 or 6 candidates who have been in regular contact with us over the past year. We continued our regular ministries amidst days of hartals, heavy rains and power-cuts : Bishop Linus often held the fort alone in Dhaka, while other community members were out on retreat ministry. Besides regular masses for Sisters, Bishop Linus takes up occasional recollections, funeral masses and masses in the neighbourhood for families of the deceased.

After his return from his Zen experience in Kodaikanal, **Fr.**

Ignatius animated a Marriage Encounter (M.E.) week-end and is now preparing to join the M.E. Movement International Meeting in Manila.

Fr. Eric made a trip to India to bless his niece's marriage and make his annual retreat in Dhyana Ashram.

Fr. Joseph held the fort alone in Bhobanipur and its substations, while providing for the furnishing of the new floor of the residence.

Fr. Jerry, taking advantage of the presence of **Pierre Jacob** in Mothbari, took time off from his thesis writing and students' hostel chaplaincy to make his annual retreat in the last week of May. In May-June, our apostolic team was strengthened by the presence of Frs. P. Jacob and **Julian**, coming to direct retreats.

Retreat Apostolate :

17-24 May : Fr. Pradeep Perez, 24 Sisters of Charity in Kellabari.

24 May : Fr. Pierre Jacob, seminar to PIME Sisters' Provincial Team & Superiors in Mirpur.

The following were conducted in Navjyoti Niketan, the Jesuit Retreat House :

22-30 May : Fr. P. Jacob, annual retreat of 2 S.J. Juniors.

24-30 May : Fr. C. Pollet, retreat to 3 candidates of O.L. of Sorrows Sisters.

25-30 May : Fr. Pradeep CSSR (Kol), retreat to 13 Sisters (Bambinas & O.L. of Sorrows).

25-31 May ; Fr. Srijon, pre-disposition workshop (for 30 days retreat) for 7 Sisters.

01-08 Jun : Fr. P. Jacob, retreat to 3 'Daughters of Jesus' Sisters.

1 Jun-1 Jul : Fr. Srijon, thirty days retreat to 3 Bambina Sisters.

06-07 Jun : Fr. C. Pollet, recollection to 4 S.J. candidates.



- Fr. Charles Pollet

SRI LANKA JUNIORATE

The fullness of joy came down to us on 21 June, when four of us, **Mithun Rozario**, **Collins Lawrence Purification**, **Jeffrey Finney** and **Rocky Biswas** of Bangladesh Mission, along with three other Sri Lankan companions, pronounced our first vows, here in our Sri Lankan Novitiate. Our gratitude goes first and foremost to our Novice Master, **Fr Stanley Phillips**



and to **Fr Jeyaraj Rasiah**, the Provincial and to all other Fathers and Brothers of the Sri Lankan province who had a hand in bringing us up to this stage of dedicating ourselves freely to God's service in the Society of Jesus. We celebrated this joyous occasion with much delight in our hearts, in the presence of some family members of our Sri Lankan companions and a

few local Jesuits.

The presence of **Fr. Charles Pollet**, along with five new novices from Bangladesh, added much joy to our celebration. Fr Charles spent a few days with us, encouraging and supporting us as we get integrated into the Society. He made quick visits to a few places like

Kandy and Nigambo before returning to Bangladesh. We are now straight into the Juniorate programme, with an introductory course based on the IPP. We look forward to a fruitful year of studies that will equip us to cope with the long academic formation that is awaiting us in our beloved Society.

- Jeffrey Finney

INSTITUTE OF DIALOGUE WITH CULTURES AND RELIGIONS (IDCR)

Loyola College, Chennai – 600 034

IDCR invites RESEARCH PROPOSALS on the THEME “Inter-religious Mixed Marriages in India: How They Affect Relations in Religion and Life.”

Following are the sub-topics:

- 1.. How the Couple live their life together: Difficulties, Challenges, and Solutions?
- 2.. How do the Children Face This Situation? What is Their Religious Identity and Experience?
- 3.. How do the Religious Institutions - Christian, Hindu, Muslim, etc. - Look at such Marriages?
- 4.. How does it Impact Wider Society in an Interreligious Setting like India?

Eligibility: Those who have completed Ph.D. or those who have submitted their Ph.D. thesis in any discipline.

Procedure: Interested scholars may apply for the project on any one of the above sub-topics, proposing the project in 3 to 4 pages (explaining the research problem, research method(s), intended outcome, etc.). Proposals will be scrutinized by a team of experts and the best in each sub-topic will be announced for award by mid-August.

Duration & Remuneration: The project is for one year. If the proposal is approved, a remuneration of Rs. 50,000 will be offered per project in 3 installments.

Last date for Submission of Research Proposal: 31st of July 2013

For details, contact IDCR Office: Phone +91-44-28178384/8385 Email: idcrlo@gmail.com

Dr. Vincent Sekhar SJ, *Executive Director & Dean of Research (sekharsj@rediffmail.com)*

GONE TO THEIR REST

Br. Abraham Madathiparambil (KER 71/51) on 17.05.13

Br. Linus Minj (RAN, 73/49) on 18.05.13 in Gumla.

Fr Maurice Dullard (HAZ, 84/64), on 26.06.13 at Sitagarha.

Fr.Luis Arza Erasu (GUJ,66/92) on 02.07.13 in Baroda.

Mrs. Sahila (47), elder sister- in-law of Fr. Peter Durairaj, on 14.06.13
