



THE JOSEPHITE



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From then to now

By Valentine & Johnson

Once again I am happy to inform you that we have had a great feedback from most of you for the newsletter. While some have asked us if we can do a quarterly newsletter with more contents instead of a monthly one or a quarterly newsletter besides the monthly one others have asked us to just increase pages for the current version, we will wait to hear more before we make any changes to the present format which is successful.

Once again, we would like to use this opportunity to thank the many who have given articles and we encourage you to participate even more. We have even received an article from Rev. Father G Packiaraj who was gracious to heed our request and write a great article. Do not miss it. If you can contact faculty of your era, please encourage them to contribute as well. Also encourage friends who are in good positions to contribute their thoughts.

We have rescheduled our first picnic to accommodate the wishes of many friends who had requested for alternate dates and also have expressed desire for a change of place. We need to have more participation to make the event a fun filled one and meaningful and memorable one.

Once again we are glad to inform that we have increased our membership strength and we thank you all very much for spreading the

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word, please continue to spread and let us unite via nett even more stronger. We would appreciate if you can provide us your birthdays, anniversaries and any other special days to be remembered and we will be glad to send you a wish and even publish it in our newsletters. Just the date is enough; we do not require the years.

Some of you have traveled back to your homeland or native during summer holidays, and some of you would have visited Saint Joseph's, please provide us with some experience, update and any photos for us to add colour to our newsletter. We wish our friends and families who are sending their children to colleges and school after summer break a wonderful, blessed and successful new academic year.

As usual, we request that if you notice job opening within your organization please inform us and we will be glad to publish it which would enable any of our fellow Josephites looking for growth or other opportunities.

We wish you all a success and good health until we meet again through our ezine.

Here are some quotable quotes on success

Compiled by Arun

“I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.”

-- Bill Cosby

“The secret of success is to be in harmony with existence, to be always calm? to let each wave of life wash us a little farther up the shore.”

-- Cyril Connolly

“All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don't discover why. Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others.”

-- Danny Thomas

“Don't confuse fame with success. Madonna is one; Helen Keller is the other.”

-- Erma Bombeck

“Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must first set yourself on fire”.

-- Fred Shero

“Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time.”

-- George Bernard Shaw

“Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.”

-- Sir Winston Churchill

“Success is the maximum utilization of the ability that you have.”

-- Zig Ziglar

“When your physical environment is in alignment with your aspiration, success becomes the norm.”

-- Susan St Lawrence

Recipe for your taste

By Michelle Peter

Goan Fish Curry (hot & sour)

Ingredients

1/2 kg shark fish or sting ray
 8 red dried red chillies or peppers
 8 cloves garlic
 1" piece ginger
 10 peppercorns
 8 cloves
 1" stick of cinnamon
 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
 1/4 teaspoon turmeric powder
 1 teaspoon sugar
 2 tablespoons vinegar
 1 tablespoon oil
 1 medium onion, chopped fine
 a few curry leaves
 1 1/2 cups water
 Salt as per taste

Method:

- Clean, wash and slice fish.
- Apply salt and keep aside.
- Grind all the spices, garlic and ginger in the vinegar then add the sugar.
- Heat oil on medium flame and sauté onion till golden brown.
- Add the ground spices to this and stir fry for 1 minute.
- Add the curry leaves and the water gradually.
- Stir cook 15 minutes till the sauce is thick.
- Add the fish pieces and cook for 8-10 minutes.
- Remove and serve.

Something to laugh

By Ravishankar

A dead smile

Three dead bodies turn up at the mortuary, all with very big smiles on their faces. The coroner calls the police to show them what has happened.

A Detective Inspector is sent and is taken straight to the first body.

"A XHOSA, 60, died of heart failure whilst watching a comedy TV show. Hence the enormous smile Inspector", says the Coroner.

The Detective is taken to the second dead man.

"A SOTHO, 25, won the lottery, spent it all on Brandy. Died of alcohol poisoning, hence the smile."

"Nothing unusual here", thinks the Detective, and asks to be shown the last body.

"Ah," says the coroner, "this is the most unusual one. A SADARJI, 30, struck by lightning."

"Why is he smiling then?" inquires the Detective.

To which the coroner replies: "Thought he was having his picture taken".

Quick Wit:

A little boy went up to his father and asked: "Dad, where did all of my intelligence come from?"

The father replied: "Well, son, you must have gotten it from your mother, 'cause I still have mine."



Implementing Helmet Usage At Chennai. Look at the guy In between the autos, waiting And watching.....

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Your Letters to the editor

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Dear Valentine Paulraj, Peace! It was a pleasure to learn that you are taking efforts to bring all the Josephites in USA together. You may succeed in this to a great extent because of the media communications so easily available today. I wish you all the best in your endeavours. St. Joseph's College Tiruchirapalli, brings in a lot of nostalgic memories to all the old students of this prestigious institution. I myself did my PUC and MA there and was Warden of New Hostel and Professor of English for six years. All those who pass through the portals of this great centre of learning have dreams and visions of a bright future. And this is realized in most of the cases. The Jesuit Fathers who run this institution have carved a niche in the hearts of all those who enter this college. Their Sister-Institutions - Loyola College, Chennai, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai (where I was Principal for nine years) and Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, are also serving the student community with similar values and effects.

All these colleges run by the Jesuit Fathers have become autonomous and their services are well recognized and appreciated. There are old students well placed in India and all over the world. Mr. Abdul Kalam, the Former President of India and Mr. Chidambaram, the Finance Minister are two of the so many examples. Mr. Thirupugazh, the Secretary to the Chief Minister of Gujarat is an old student of the New Hostel and he keeps in touch with me. Every now and then I am greeted on the way by some old student or other. We are all grateful to what the Jesuit Institutions have done for us. I retired from service six years ago.

The mere fact of the old students of St. Joseph's College in USA coming together has a tremendous witnessing value and the Alumni Association of the college will be proud of your attempts to bring the Josephites together. Once you succeed in your attempts you could publish the list of all the members with their addresses. This will foster a great unity and fellowship and their memories of their college days will lead to a sense of fulfillment and constructive gestures.

You have already published two newsletters in June and July. You may devote more space to the members there and less to stories and jokes! I am sure as you grow in these attempts you will get a lot of interesting information about the members there and you may not have enough space afterwards. Your proposed get-together will lead to a lot of planning and progress in your attempts. Even if you publish the newsletter once in three months it will work out well and you can plan and come out with very interesting materials. I am sure you will get the support and help of the members there soon as this move spreads fast there among the old students. I wish and pray that your attempts will bear fruit to a great extent.

Mr. Ayamperumal Konar, the great Tamil Professor of St. Joseph's who taught me used to say that the College Church is built so high because our hearts and minds also should rise high. This requires generosity and a sense of gratefulness. I am sure your efforts in this direction of bringing all the Josephites in USA together is a very laudable attempt and I will bring it to the notice of all those who are interested here and elsewhere. May God bless you and all the Josephites in USA. My best wishes and prayers are there for you and I do look forward to hearing more about you work there in this connection. With all good wishes.

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Thanks for your input father and for your suggestions we will incorporate your ideas in our ensuing issues. Our web address is: josephites_trichy@googlegroups.com

Looking Back.....over the years

A reflection from the diaries of English Proffesor Rev. Father Packiaraj S.J

When I was a PUC student of St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli in 1961, Mr. Iyyamperumal Konar, the popular Tamil Professor and the author of the famous 'Konar Notes' told us the following two stories which had a lasting effect on my life:

1. A gentleman was walking with his young son along the cauvery river bed in Tiruchirapalli. They were very poor, struggling to keep their body and soul together. They saw the huge stretch of the paddy fields all along the river bed. They had no such properties. The green paddy fields were a big source of their anxiety as they were very poor. After having walked for some time, the son told the father, "Father, how nice it will be, if we had five acres of these paddy fields!". The father got angry, slapped boy on the face and told him, " You rascal, why are you saying five acres, why don't you say five thousand acres".

2. A beggar was begging regularly at a particular street in Tiruchirapalli. The lady in one house used to give him some food every day. But the lady in the next house would never give him anything. It went on for many days and months. The first lady will always offer something, while the second lady would never think of giving him anything. After some months one day it so happened that the first lady who always gives him something or other said for the first time 'no'. Just at that time the second lady who never gave him anything so far brought some food for the first time and gave it to him. The beggar said in Tamil: ivvalavu naalum soru bodaatha maharani innaikku soru bottaa. Ivvalavu naalum soru botte thevadiya innaikku soru bodalei.

The Flat and Transparent World

By Johnson Sab

There are currently quarter million Indians answering phones from all over the world or dialing out to solicit people for credit cards or cell phone bargains or overdue bills or customer support help desk. The call center jobs are low-wage, low-prestige jobs in America, but when shifted to India they become high-wage, high-prestige jobs. Kathy quoted some of the bizarre phone conversations that the call center people had with Americans. “Lot’s of customer asked questions not related with the product they dealing with. They would call in because they had lost their wallet or just to talk somebody. I’m like “Okay, all right, maybe you should look under the bed for your wallet or where do you normally keep it,’ and she’s like ‘Okay, thank you so much for helping””. “One of the customers asked me to marry him”. I heard from one of my friend who helping to solve computer hardware problems that she never has any question likes this. “What is the problem with this machine? The monitor is burning”. Sometime ago, there was a lady called from Texas and said in a weeping tone. She had two connecting flights and she lost her bag and in the bag was her daughters wedding gown and wedding ring and I feel so sad for her and there was nothing I could do. I had no information. Most of the customers were very rude and irate. The first thing they ask,” Where’s my bag? I want my bag now!” we were supposed to say ‘Excuse me, can I have your first name and last name?’ ‘But where is my bag!’ some would ask which country am I from? We are supposed to tell the truth, we tell them India. Some thought it was Indiana, not India! Some did not know where India is. I said it is the country next to Pakistan. The messenger noted these quotes from Kathy and said “How do you like this job”. “Really it’s a frustrating job to convince all sorts of customers. Every day is going to be a bad day if something not going well”.

The messenger realized himself ‘May be that’s the reason America dumping these kind of jobs to third world countries’. But there are many untold stories about these Call center workers. How are these people working 24/7? How do they get the cheap communication all over the world? What type of technologies they using to make this world close at hand? He tried to get an answer. What type of answer he got?

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