



Little John from Andhra Pradesh is looking very pleased with himself as he plays “Carom Board”.

Dear Friends & Benefactors,

The dreariness of Lent and the drama of the Passion are now past. Christ is risen and now awaits our conversion to Him. The objective redemption is achieved; all that remains is our subjective redemption. **This is not an exercise in “becoming conscious that we are automatically saved,”** but a love story that ends in death—death to self, death to the world. May we receive of the treasury of grace won for us by our Lord in His Passion through the hands of His and our Mother.

Thank you to all our benefactors. Please forgive me for being late with my thank you notes.

In Jesu et Maria,
Father Robert Brucciani

CHRONICLE (extract)

January 2012

10th : Rev. Fr. Albuquerque of Goa died this morning. He helped the mission by offering Mass at the Goa Mass Centre from 2002 to 2007 until his growing blindness made it impossible for him to continue. *Requiescat in pace.*

14th: Rev. Fr Emmanuel du Chalard, “Cardinal Protector” of the Consoling Sisters, arrived for his annual visitation. .

February 2012

7th : Fr. Couture dropped by for a week of whirlwind activity.

8th : Fr. Emerson Salvador, who is helping the Indian mission for six months, arrived half a day late to the priory after

falling asleep in the bus and waking up in Trivandrum which is 4 hours after his stop in Palayamkottai. The bus conductor and fellow passengers were most amused.

29th : Savari Raj, our star pupil from Singamparai, was accepted by the illustrious N.D. de la Salette Boys School in the U.S. This is causing a sensation in the village of Singamparai. All we have to do now is obtain a passport and a visa, but this will be much more difficult than passing the La Salette entrance exam.

March 2012

4th : Amalan, our pre-seminarian, flew from Chennai to try his priestly vocation at Holy Cross Seminary, Goulburn, Australia. He will be our only Indian seminarian, but we have two very promising young men who will be ready for seminary next year.

30th : School finished today with 8 boys and 6 girls reaching the end of Standard 10 which is the last year of Veritas Academy. During the holidays they will sit state exams and their results will determine their future. Most of the children have been pupils at Veritas since it was **founded in 2006.** Ω



Fr. du Chalard on the beach. Most fishing villages along the south coast are still Catholic.