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**HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF GOD
SAINT THOMAS PROVINCE, INDIA**



YOUTH MEET.



The School of Hospitality of the Indian Province has organized a Youth Meet on 9 October 2011 at St. John's Auditorium Kattappana. Around 475 youth attended the meet. The participants were given a badge and a head-shade. In his inaugural address Bro. Baiju Valuparampil, the Director of St. John's Hospital, spoke about the importance and benefit of this meet. The youth were introduced to the national and international family of John of God and the vision, mission and values of this family. Fr. Joseph Kadupil gave a class on "Ideal youth in the modern world". The talk was very inspiring and well appreciated.



Bro. Prior General and other guests from Rome were welcomed with the Band set of the College of Nursing for the concluding ceremony. Bro. Pius Manithottiyil, in his presidential address appreciated the youth meet and invited the youth to take benefit from it. Prior General in his key note address spoke about John of God Family and the need for the School of Hospitality. He appreciated the various programmes of the Family Year. St. John of God Sister General encouraged the youth in the healing ministry and appreciated the various activities of the School of Hospitality. Two participants shared their experience of the meet. A lucky youth boy and a lucky youth girl were selected and given prizes. By 18.30 the Youth Meet came to a beautiful conclusion. It was a truly memorable affair.

- Bro. Joseph Kattackal returned to India on 12 October 2011 after putting in long years of loyal and dedicated service at Vatican Pharmacy and in various centres of the Order in Italy.
- Bros Raphael and Pius Augustine left for Philippines to participate in the Asia Pacific Region Formators' Meeting.

Conclusion of Canonical Visitation & Midterm Conference



The first gathering of all the Brothers of the Province of St. Thomas the Apostle after the Provincial Chapter, the concluding session of the Canonical Visitation and Midterm conference took place at Poonamallee on 12- 13 October 2011. Almost all the Brothers except few attended this two days gathering. On both programmes seven Co-workers including two sisters of St. John of God participated. Fr. Mathew Vallipalam OFM was the facilitator. The highlight is that of the presence of our Prior General Bro. Donatus Forkan, the Second Councillor Bro. Jesus ETAYO, the third General Councillor Bro. Vincent Kochamkunnel, General Secretary Bro. Jose Maria CHAVARRI and Bro. Gian Carlo Lopic. The meeting was inaugurated with Holy Mass at 8: 30 am Fr. Mathew Vallipalam presided over the Eucharistic Celebration and Rev. Bro. General delivered the Homily.