



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR- INH

*"In Your light we see light, light leading to life"*



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## Living Our Missionary Call Today

Life, be it the life of the universe, or that of human history, or that of nations, or that of an individual, is enriched by what we call, 'the defining moment'. This moment could be, the origin of life itself in the case of the universe, the birth of Jesus in the case of human history, the day of independence in the case of any country and the day of consecration in our case as religious missionaries. This defining moment is always singular, unique, qualitative, inspirational and self-sustaining that it automatically becomes the reference point for the rest of the events in life. This defining moment is the fire within and an inexhaustible source of resources, which motivates all our actions and flows into all our endeavours.



Inherent to this moment, there is a call to live this moment continually, by expressing the inspirations associated with it suitably. We can't treat this defining moment on par with other events in life. If we do so, then, we might become directionless. For instance, if ordination is the defining moment in our lives, all our efforts should be aimed at bringing into fruition the call we received during our ordination. The way to make it happen is through our missionary endeavours. Therefore, our missionary methods should be the embodiment of our call to missionary life which should be in tune with the changing times. Otherwise, our lives as missionary priests would be mired in more problems than solutions.

The Church is basking on the positives of the recently concluded world youth day celebrations at Rio de Janeiro. The credit for this goes to our Pope Francis. He simply took the ocean of youths by storm by his simplicity, frankness and his heart-driven expressions. Actually, he did not do or tell anything new or out of the box. He spoke the same old things, but in a new language, necessary for our times. His influential address, 'We need Saints' illustrates this and his concluding command, 'Go, do not be afraid, and serve', summarizes everything.

Today, as missionaries, we too need to emulate the example of our Pope. We might be greatly committed to our call. But, to make real impact today, we need to talk the language which touches the people and which resonates with the imaginations of the people. The innovative methods of mission which we talk very much today, should not just confine us within our fortified structures. Rather, they should take us and our message close to the people. Then, we can live our defining moments continually and do things differently. As we approach the celebration of the foundation of our Society, may the founding moments, a defining moment in the life of our society, re-energize our missionary Zeal.

**WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY FEAST**

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## Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet

The inauguration of the new academic year, farewell to the Palda going students and welcome to the new students was held on June 22, 2013. The celebrations commenced with the solemn Holy Eucharistic celebration presided over by Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior, concelebrated by Fr. Balaprasad SVD, Fr. Arockiadoss SVD and Fr. Francis Thuruthimattom SVD along with the good number of priests and religious from the neighboring communities. Fr. Provincial preached an inspiring homily and invited the students to focus on their vocation as the gift of God. The new students were officially welcomed and 6 Palda going students were given a fitting farewell on the same occasion.

### Brother Formation House, Alwal

The new academic year at Brother Formation House, Alwal began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration on June 26, 2013. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior along with good number of confreres presided over the con-celebrated inaugural Holy Eucharist. On this occasion he preached an inspiring homily inviting the students to have a goal in life and work with dedication to accomplish the goal, by using the formation programme in the best way. He also stressed on the importance of Brotherhood in our Society. The Brother Formation House has three confreres and 15 students. Ten new students were given an official welcome on this day.

### Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Janagaon

The parish feast of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Janagaon was celebrated on June 29, 2013 with great solemnity. Most Rev. Udumula Bala, the new Bishop of Warangal presided over the con-celebrated festive Holy Mass and Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH and good number of priests and religious graced the occasion. This year's feast will remain unforgettable for the parishioners as the new bishop had visited the parish for the first time. He was given a grand welcome with a motor bike rally. Bishop administered the sacraments of confirmation and First Holy Communion to 50 of the parish children. The Bishop in his homily highlighted the virtues that guided Sts.

Peter and Paul in their missionary journey. He encouraged the people to live a good Christian life and make difference in the society. The celebrations were concluded with a fellowship meal. We congratulate Fr. George Pasala the parish priest for the good arrangements.

### The Feast of St. Alphonsa, MIG

St. Alphonsa's Church at MIG BHEL celebrated the parish feast of its Patroness St. Alphonsa on July 28, 2013. Fr. P. Sagayaraj SVD, the parish priest of Ramachandrapuram was the principal celebrant of the concelebrated festive Holy Eucharist. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior – INH preached a meaningful homily on St. Alphonsa, the Indian Saint, explaining her life and values she lived. He focused on her prayer life and her humility. Hearty congratulations to Fr. Varghese Chalamana the Parish Priest for the well organized celebration.

### Report on Mission Seminar

The first ever Mission Seminar organised by the Dialogue cum Research Centre of the Province (INH) was held in Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad on August 6 - 7, 2013. The main objective of this seminar was to look into the concerns of *Ad Extra* propelled by the XVII General Chapter of the Society of the Divine Word with the lens of New Evangelization. The focal point was on "Intercultural Life and Challenges of Mission in the Era of New Evangelization: A New Look at the Province



of India-Hyderabad." This seminar addressed mission *Ad Extra* as witness to the Reign of God through New Evangelization marked by Four Characteristic Dimensions. Fr. A. Jesu, the Provincial Superior inaugurated the seminar with a meaningful holy Eucharist at 6.45 a.m. on 6th August 2013. Later as the seminar

unfolded, the local ordinary Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the Arch Bishop of Hyderabad, outlined the urgency of the missionary mandate of Christ in the light of New Evangelization particularly for the Divine Word Missionaries of INH Province. Fr. Prof. Roger Schroeder SVD, the International Coordinator of Anthropos Institute, Chicago, delivered the keynote address on “Intersection of Interculturality and Prophetic Dialogue”. There were 10 research papers presented from different perspectives along with a Panel Discussion, short presentations on “Revisiting of Missionary Methods”, “Education as Mission” and reports on the four Characteristic Dimensions of the Province. On the second day the participants were divided into 7 groups according to the ministries that they are involved in. Congratulations to the coordinators of four characteristic dimensions, and the animators of Pastoral, Education and Formation who guided the group discussion to arrive at some pertinent Action Plan for the Province. In fact, this exercise gave a realistic end to the whole seminar. Finally, in the plenum the Action Plans were mooted and discussed which will serve as a manifesto for the Province for the coming years. A record number of over 74 SVD confreres, SSpS Sisters, SVD-Fraternity, Arnold Association (Ex-SVDs), and well-wishers participated in the seminar. Three books edited by Fr. Jose K (ING) and one book authored by Fr. G. Lazar (INH), (“Beyond Religion: Towards a New Theology of Dialogue”) were released to mark the propitious occasion. At the end the Mission Secretary thanked the administration of the Province and the other participants for their wholehearted support and cooperation to the seminar. Let us be reminded that a collective reflection such as this will help us to seek to respond to the call for renewal and personal conversion, especially by committing ourselves to the action plans so that we might better respond to the invitation to participate, even in a modest way, through our activity *Ad Extra* to the fulfillment of God’s promise.

### **Missionary Meeting**

The annual Missionary Meeting of our Province was held on August 08, 2013 at Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda. The missionary meeting was a memorable occasion for us to

come together and share our missionary activities the District Superiors and the Unit Leaders presented the reports of the various ministries and missionary activities in their respective Districts & Units. The Rectors of the formation houses presented the new developments and the formation programmes that are taking place. As a whole, the meeting was enriching and has enflamed our missionary zeal to continue our service in the footsteps of our founder St. Arnold.

### **‘Eid Milap’ Programme**

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind an Islamic Organisation of Andhra Pradesh organised an inter-faith dialogue meeting on Sunday, August 25, 2013. Fr. G. Lazar SVD was one of the main speakers on the occasion in which 500 Muslim scholars and religious leaders participated. He spoke on “Islam and World Peace today”. This centenary EID MILAP programme that is sponsored by the UNICEF (Culture Wing) has spread its wing in almost all the major cities of India. Mohammed Rashadduddin Sahab, the General Secretary of JIH, Hyderabad has invited Fr. G. Lazar to be a permanent member of this Association. The Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University gave a brief appraisal on Beyond Religion: A Theology towards Inter-religions Dialogue, the latest book written by Fr. G. Lazar on the auspicious occasion.

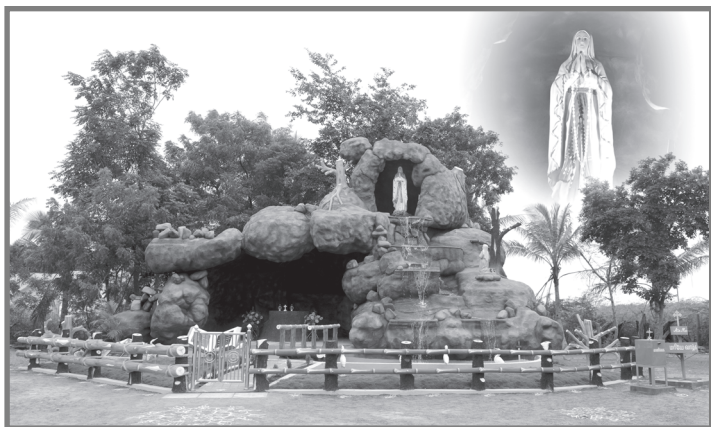
### **New Administrative Block at Vadipatti**



August 15 is an auspicious day for the Catholics all over the world and for every Indian. Mother Church solemnly celebrates the feast of the Assumption of Mother Mary and the Indians celebrate the Independence Day.

It was on this splendid day of joy, Rev. Fr. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior presided over the Holy Eucharist, hoisted the National Flag, blessed and inaugurated the new Administrative Block. Good number of religious and faithful participated in the celebration. I congratulate and appreciate Fr. Michael Arockia Samy SVD, the administrator, and the other confreres in the Shrine for their dedicated service and commitment.

**New Grotto at Our Lady of Good Health Church, Kottapattu**



Our Lady of Good Health Church, Kottapattu in Trichy gets a new & beautiful Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. The blessing and inauguration was held on August 15 on the feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary. Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Devotta DD, the Bishop of Trichy, in the presence of Rev. Fr. A. Jesu the Provincial Superior blessed it. There were good number of priests and religious were present to grace the occasion. Hearty Congratulations to Fr. A. Joe, the parish priest and the parishioners.

**Medical Insurance for the Confreres**

Fifty eight confreres have received medical health Insurance in Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company. The confreres with the insurance can claim reimbursement up to two lakhs from the Company. The claims have to be intimated to Bajaj Allianz within 7 days of discharge and have to be submitted for reimbursement within 30 days of the date of discharge of the patient.

NOTE: Policy id card: Policy id number is to be informed to the Insurance Company at the time of admission.

Toll free number to inform: 18002095959

Any one of the following ID proof is to be kept ready along with the policy card (xerox)

1. Aadhar Card
2. Pan Card
3. Election ID
4. Driving Licence
5. Pass Port

In case the hospital that you get admitted is not covering this insurance, the following method is to be adopted to claim the amount.

1. The discharge summary from Hospital
2. Diagnostic report
3. Money receipt
4. Detailed hospital bills
5. Doctors' prescription

**15th ANNIVERSARY OF JEEVODAYA SOCIAL CENTRE,**

The Jeevodaya Social Centre (JSC) founded by late Rev. Fr. Varghese Eraplackal, svd in July 1998, celebrated its 15th Anniversary on August 11, 2013 at St. Arnold's High school premises, Sangareddy with pomp and splendor. The entire handicap beneficiaries were invited for the occasion, sports and games were conducted, and prizes were presented to the winners.

The District Handicap Welfare Officer, Shri Laxmanachari was the chief guest for the function. Jeevodaya Director, Fr. Felix Roche svd presented a well prepared report of the past activities and mentioned that in the past 2 years, 71 handicaps were helped in various ways. Wheel-chairs, hearing aids and special shoes were presented to some beneficiaries during the function.

The Chief Guest in his address appreciated the good work done by Jeevodaya Social Center and praised the Director Fr. Felix Roche and the coordinator Shri H. Bhaskar for their tireless services to handicaps saying, "Service to handicaps is the service to humanity." He elaborated the Government's Welfare Schemes that are available for the handicaps and extended his whole hearted cooperation to Jeevodaya Social Center in all spheres and invited JSC to avail the facilities to run the old age home, hostel cum school for the handicaps for which government funds are available for the maintenance. At the end all the beneficiaries were awarded with one bed sheet each and shared the goodwill meal provided by JSC.

## VII National Assembly for SVD Brothers



The VII National Assembly of SVD Brothers in India was held at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad on August 23 - 24, 2013. The theme of this Assembly was, "SVD Brothers: Mission and today's Challenges." The two days assembly was inaugurated by Most Rev. Jaya Rao Polimera, the Bishop of Eluru and he challenged the brothers to use the gift of life for love and service. Fr. A. Jesu, the Provincial Superior of INH in his welcome address extended a warm welcome to all the participants. The other eminent speakers were Fr. Lazar Stanislaus, the General Mission Secretary, Fr. Telesphore Bilung, the chairman of inter provincial forum, and Bro. Varghese s.g., a social activist. On the second day Bro. Swaminathan SVD presented a well prepared paper on 'vocation to brotherhood and Paradigm Shift'. The brothers are encouraged to concentrate on innovative ways of promoting Vocation to Brotherhood, effective formation and to become visible signs by collaborating in the ministries of justice and peace, primary evangelization, retreat preaching, etc. There were 32 brothers present for the assembly along with the four SVD Provincial Superiors, the Regional Superior, General Mission Secretary and the Formation Secretary Fr. Xavier T. Congratulations to Bro. Rajesh Soreng for organizing the assembly very systematically.

## PROVINCE ANNUAL RETREAT

Date : October 13 – 18, 2013  
 Preacher : Rev. Fr. Raja Donthi SDB  
 Place : Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda

As announced earlier, I highly encourage all the members of our Province to participate in our Province retreat. Kindly inform Fr. M. Suresh, the Provincial Secretary about your participation in the retreat before September 20, 2013. Confreres who wish to go to other Provinces or any other Center for retreat must seek prior permission from the Provincial Superior.

### Retreat – INM

Date : October 21, 2013  
 Preacher : Fr. Gilbert De Lima  
 Place : Atma Darshan, Mumbai

### Retreat – INC

Date : October 06 – 11, 2013  
 Preacher : Rev. Fr. Joe Francis SVD  
 Place : St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore  
 Nature: Guided Retreat

Date : October 20 – 25, 2013  
 Preacher : AJSC Team  
 Place : SSs Provincial House, Indore

### Retreat – ING

Date : October 07 – 12, 2013  
 Place : Regional House, Guwahati

### Retreat – INE

a) Retreat cum Seminar on Internationality and Interculturality

Date: October 06-12, 2013

Venue: Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda, Odisha.

Resource Persons: 1) Rev. Fr. Maria Michael, SVD, 2) Rev. Fr. Ignatius Thotapallil, SVD, 3) Rev. Fr. Joseph Daniel, SVD.

Arrival: October 06, 2013 (Evening), Departure: October 12, 2013 (Afternoon)

## FORMATION HOUSES AT A GLANCE

SEMINARY	1st YEAR / ORIENTATION	2nd YEAR / XI STD	3rd YEAR / XII STD	Mission Experience	TOTAL
Brother Formation House, Alwal	05	06	04	-	15
Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet	12	14	13	02	41
St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy	14	08	09	-	31
Divine Word Centre, Chennai	12	09	05	02+05	33

## Nemi Programme for 2014

DATES	PROGRAMME	FOR WHOM?	Dead Line for Application
April 08 to May 16, 2014	Trianing Seminar for Bibliodrama Guides. Venue: Nemi <i>Joint programme of Pastoral Biblical Team of Munich and Centro Ad Gentes- Nemi</i>	For Religious, Priests and Lay in the Biblical Apostoalte who are willing to prepare themselves for Bibliodrama facilitation	December 15, 2013
June 03 to July 12, 2014	Third Age Course English Venue: Nemi	Senior SVD Confreres over 65 years and above	February 15, 2014
August 08 to December 05, 2014	Tertiate Renewal Programme in English Venue: Steyl – Oies, Nemi	Confreres 40 to 60 years of age, a minimum of 10 years after perpetual vows (Const. 519.1). This programme is also open to non - SVDs, religious or diocesan clergy.	April 30, 2014
September 02 to November 27, 2014	Dei Verbum Biblical Course in English Venue: Nemi	Lay, Religious and Priests both men and women engaged in biblical-pastoral ministry	April 30, 2014

**Note:** Those confreres, who wish to participate in any of the above mentioned programmes, may send your application to the Provincial Superior before **October 15, 2013**.

**Pray for the Deceased**

Mr. Savariappan, father of Fr. S. Jeyaraj SVD, passed away on July 16, 2013.

Mrs. A. Arputhamani, mother of Fr. A. Joseph SVD passed away on July 21, 2013.

*Our heartfelt condolences to our confreres and the bereaved family members.*

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### Birthdays

September	October
02 - Bernard M. 10 - Bandanadham Jojappa 19 - Martin Sabbas 19 - Maxim Fernandes 28 - Joe Faustin 28 - Wenceslaus 28 - S. Valan	08 - Thuruthimattom 10 - Rajesh Soreng 13 - Stanislaus S. M. 15 - Antony Joseph 19 - Minz Florence 24 - George Mepurath

### MY PROGRAMME

- August 29 - Flag Hoisting, Our Lady of Good Health Church, Kottapattu
- August 30 - Blessing of Socio-educational Centre, Singampunari
- September 03-05 - Agarakattu & Shencottah
- September 07-08 - Feast, Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti
- September 15-20 - Formation Board and Inter-Provincial Meetings, St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore
- October 13-18 - Annual Retreat, Arnold Bhavan
- October 20-26 - Visit, Sangareddy District

**The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on September 19, 2013 at Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore.**

*"May the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all !"*

*Jan. 17*  
**Fr. A. Jesu SVD**  
Provincial Superior - INH