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BEING SVDs ... !

Our nation is gearing up for General Elections 2014. The political arena is abuzz with activities with the incumbent government making its last ditch efforts to make impression on the people by passing some of the impending legislations and the opposition going all guns blazing so that they also get a chance to be on the other side of power. As usual the mass media plays a befitting supporting role with their opinion polls, discussions and debates. But when we look deep into all these, there is something which stands out and that is the way our country conducts, organizes and evolves into being a fledgling and participative democracy. This is possible because there is something which connects and inspires all living in this land - 'a land of ancient culture, the cradle of great religions and the home of a nation that has sought God with a relentless desire' as eulogized by Pope Paul VI. That something is Indianness, of being an Indian, which is unique to all of us.

As there is something unique about our nation, there is also something unique to everything. It is this, which properly understood, nurtured, fostered and exhibited holds everything together, and gives base and clarity to all our actions. For instance, although there are many religions, our uniqueness is being SVDs. And among SVDs serving worldwide, our uniqueness consists in being the members of INH province. As SVDs and as members of a particular province, we have our Charism, our Vision and a distinct way of doing our missionary endeavours. This is what gives us identity, becomes our character and finds a special place in the hearts of the people in the midst of numerous religions.

Billy Graham, an American Baptist minister, who was a spiritual adviser to many US Presidents, once said, "When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, everything is lost." Therefore, whatever be our missionary undertaking, it should bear this stamp of SVDness. If that is not there, then, our presence becomes meaningless and loses its value. If salt loses its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?. It is no longer good for anything. (Mt 5:13).

Today we live in a period of smart phones. The very fact, the word, 'selfie' was adjusted the word of the year speaks volume for this. Every one wants to own a smart phone, whatever be the cost. With it, a culture of self-promotion, self-aggrandizement, and selfish obsessions are penetrating different walks of our life. This culture has a bearing on our ministries too. On the one hand, the emerging culture provides us with different possibilities of mission, on the other, it can also make us one among the crowd, depleted of our uniqueness.

Hence, there is no denying that we need to constantly innovate our mission methods. But, we need to also make sure that they should scent SVD fragrance. There is no doubt that we need to constantly upgrade our means of mission. But, we should make sure that those means are infused with SVDness. This is what Pope Francis emphasized recently when he interacted with the Heads of Religious Congregations that each one has a charism and that charism should be flowering. May St. Arnold and St. Joseph whose feasts we celebrated recently continually inspire us in this regard so that we become apt channels of their distinguished legacy.



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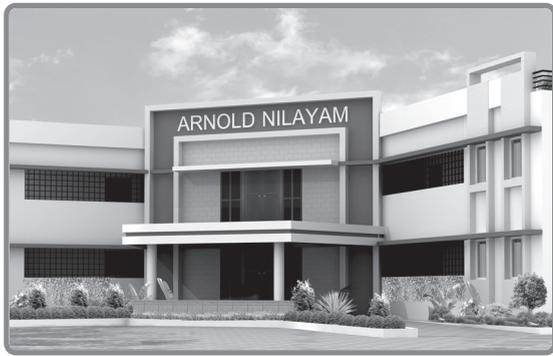


Blessing of SVD House, MIG

SVD residence at MIG Parish was blessed and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior on 15th December 2013 in the presence of many priests and faithful. I appreciate Fr. Varghese Chalamana SVD, the parish priest and Fr. Kata Karunakar SVD for their hard work and dedicated service.

Triple Celebrations at Ramachandrapuram

January 15, 2014, was a day of triple celebrations for INH Province. The blessing and inauguration of Arnold Nilayam (svd residence), the Parish Feast of R. C. Puram parish and the celebration of the 10th



Anniversary of the Canonization of our saints Arnold Janssen and Joseph Freinademetz were solemnly celebrated at Ramachandrapuram. The celebration began with a meaningful praise and worship along with the power point presentation on our Saints. Most. Rev. Thumma Bala, the Archbishop of Hyderabad blessed and Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior inaugurated the newly built Arnold Nilayam. The Archbishop shared an inspiring homily that St. Arnold Janssen was a man with a vision for mission and exhorted all of us to imitate our founder in our missionary zeal and be good missionaries following the

Divine Word. The Celebration was distinct with the presence of many of our confreres and collaborators, the religious sisters and other priests from the neighboring communities.

Parish Feast at E- Bayyaram

The Parish feast of St. Joseph Freinademetz was celebrated with much zeal and enthusiasm in a grand way on 29th Jan; 2014 at E- Bayyaram, Manugur. Rt. Rev Maipan Paul, the Bishop of Khammam along with Rev. A. Jesu, the Provincial Superior, pioneer missionary Fr. M. Luke and many other priests concelebrated the Holy Eucharist. The joy was doubled as on this occasion when 34 candidates in the parish were administered the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation and 14 children received first Holy Communion by the Bishop. 20 adults joined the parish community through baptism who were trained at their own request.

Fr. A. Jesu SVD in his address appreciated the works done by SVD Missionaries in this remote frontier mission and called upon all to educate their children and grow deep in Christian faith. The celebration was concluded with the felicitation of the Bishop, Provincial, Pioneer missionaries, sarpanch and other dignitaries, followed by a fellowship meal.

30th Annual Day Celebration of St. Claire's High School, Ramagundam.

The management, staff and students of St. Claire's High School celebrated the 30th Annual Day on 6th Dec. 2013. Sri Subhasis Ghosh, the General Manager, NTPC Ramagundam was the Chief Guest and Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior was the Special Guest for the celebration. Rev. Fr. Manoj SVD in his welcome address cordially welcomed the chief guest and the other dignitaries. Rev. Fr. Casmir D'Souza, the headmaster presented the annual report which highlighted the academic and other achievements of the school and thanked the management for its continuous support in the school administration. The General Manager, Sri Subhasis Ghosh congratulated the headmaster, staff and the students for the good results achieved by the students. Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior, in his address inspired the students by quoting the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda 'Single Minded Dedication' that we need to work hard to realize our dreams in life. He also congratulated the headmaster, Staff and Students for their collective effort to reach the vision and goal of St. Claire 'Rise and Shine'. A grand cultural program with various dances depicting different cultures and national integration was the special attraction of the day.



ZONAL SPORTS MEET-MEDARAMETLA

The 44th Addanki Zone Secondary Schools sports meet was organized from January 20 – 24, 2014 at St. Arnold's High School (E.M.) Medarametla, Prakasam District. Sri. E. Solomon Raju, the MEO of Korisapadu was the chief guest and many confreres from Guntur District were present to make this day a memorable one. Forty six schools from Addanki Zone participated in this sport meet. Rev. Fr. Bali Reddy SVD, the Provincial Councilor of INH Province, led the valedictory function which was held on 24th Jan 2014. On this occasion, mementos were presented to the winners. Our school students shined and received a good number of awards for their excellent performance in different fields along with the over all Championship. Congratulations to Rev.Fr. R.Antony Swamy SVD, the Principal of St. Arnold's High School (EM) and the Zonal Chairman of 44th Addanki Zone Secondary Schools boys and girls sports meet-2014, staff and students of St. Arnold's High School (EM), Medarametla.

Christmas and New Year Celebration of Ex-SVDs

Arnold's Association of Andhra Pradesh gathered at Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda on December 15, 2013. The aim of the gathering was to celebrate Christmas with the families of our Ex-SVD friends. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior officially welcomed the families and reflected with them the urgency and the significance of celebrating the nativity of the Lord with the lay associations. Furthermore he underlined the urgency of 'participatory mission of the Church' and the need to collaborate with the SVD missionaries for a better tomorrow. Fr. Cyril Doss SVD delivered the Christmas Message on "Jesus was on a mission from God" Later the Arnold's Association felicitated the confreres in Arnold Bhavan for their wholehearted support to the realization of the dreams and vision of the Association. With a meaningful Eucharist and festive meal the programme came to an end. We thank Fr. Lazar SVD, the mission secretary of INH for organizing it.



Christmas Celebrations at Chennai

SVD Fraternity, the active and vibrant wing of Ex-SVDs from Tamil Nadu met on 19th Jan 2014 with their families at Divine Word Centre, Chennai. Fr. Kulandaisamy, the Rector of Divine Word Centre along with Mr. Mary John, the local coordinator anchored the celebrations. Most of the Ex-SVDs residing in the city of Chennai gathered in our Seminary to celebrate meaningfully the Christmas. The SVD-Fraternity worked out a few practical action plans that will be officially ratified in the forthcoming General Body Meeting in Vadipatti on February 9, 2014. This will be the fourth General Body Meeting of the SVD-Fraternity in Tamil Nadu.

Mid-Term Evaluation of EIP - Fratres

A mid-term evaluation was organised for the Fratres of INH Province from November 18 – 23, 2013 in Shencottah, Tamil Nadu. All the five Fratres along with their moderator Fr. G Lazar gathered at Nirmala Garden, Shencottah on 18th November 2013. Fr. James preached the recollection and Fr. T. Xavier the National Formation Secretary animated the programme of sharing and evaluation that lasted for two full days. The Fratres also had an opportunity to visit most of the stations and centres of SVD Mission in Tamil Nadu. This mid-term evaluation is part of the EIP schedule. We wish to thank all the SVD confreres who inspired and helped the young confreres with their hospitality and dedication.

Anthropological Seminar in Guwahati

Congratulations to Fr. G. Lazar who presented a paper in the 7th Annual National Seminar on Endangered Cultures and Dialects with Special Reference to North East India. He presented a paper on the Study of Adi-Shaiva Priesthood: An Endangered Species of South Indian Priestly Clan. He also delivered the Valedictory Address to the gathering of over 50 eminent scholars from India. This seminar was organised by the Sanskriti – North Eastern Institute of Culture and Religion, Guwahati on November 9-10, 2013. Sanskriti is an anthropological research centre engaged in data based research on the people and cultures of North East India..

International Conference in Bangalore

"International Conference on Bounds of Ethics in a Globalized World" –was an initiative of Christ University, Bangalore to explore methodically the bounds of ethical considerations in all types of human interactions with their fellow beings, communities and with their environment which are usually interwoven with important values and norms, religious duties and practices of the globalized world. Fr. G. Lazar participated and presented a paper on: Ethics of Violence in Religions Today. The focus of the article was to penetrate into the ethics of violence in major religions of India today. Over 500 delegates around the world participated in the conference that was held from January 6-9, 2014 in Dharmaram Christ University, Bangalore, India.

Hearty Welcome to Dn. Jesuraj

Rev. Fr. Superior General has appointed Dn. Arockiam, Jesu Raj to our Province. On behalf of all the confreres, I welcome him cordially and wish him a fulfilling mission.

EXTENDED ABSENCE

Fr. Cudalane, J. Kingston SVD has taken 'Extended Absence' for personal reasons. The period of extended absence is for one year.

Pray for the Deceased

Mrs. Theresamma(65), the Mother of Fr. Arul Paulraj SVD.

Mr. Arulayya (55), the Nephew of Fr. Joseph Bandanadam SVD.

Mr. Gnana Shekar (52), the Brother of Father Stanislaus S. Maria SVD.

Mrs. Eliya Chalamana (90), the Mother of Fr. Varghese Chalamana SVD.

Let us pray for the departed souls and our heartfelt condolences to our Confreres and the bereaved family members.

Birthdays

March

Vineet Kumar	-	02
A. Siluvai	-	07
U. Alphonse	-	08
A. Jesu	-	12
Jeyaseelan	-	13
Soosai	-	15
Sanjeev Kumar (EIP)	-	20
Joseph A. (Sr.)	-	29
Kingston	-	29
Anand Nagothu	-	29
S. Arockiadoss (Jr)	-	29
Victor Jeyaraj	-	30
Joy Joseph	-	30
Ashok Kumar	-	31



April

S. Arockiadoss	-	05
A. Paul Raj	-	12
A. Anthuvan Rozario	-	21
A. John	-	23
S. Ravichandran	-	25



MY PROGRAMME

February 07 - Annual Day, St. Joseph's High School, Pattancheru

February 11 - St. Claire's High School, Ramagundam

February 20 - Ordination of Dn. Peter Thomas, Narasaraopet

February 26 - Blessing of Arnold Bala Vikasa Ashram, Nizampet

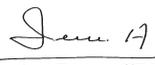
March 01 - Inter-provincial meeting, Bhopal

March 04 - APCRI Ex.com meeting, Begumpet

March 08 - Blessing of Divine Mercy Prayer Hall, Habsiguda

The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on February 24&25, 2014 at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad

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


Fr. A. Jesu SVD
Provincial Superior - INH