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



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GRATITUDE !

Filled with gratitude to God and to you, my dear Confreres, I write these few lines, acknowledging God's abundant blessings on me and on our Province in the past six years, and thanking you all for your prayers, support, encouragement and cooperation. As I am about to hand over my responsibility as the Provincial of this youthful Province, in my heart and mind resonates the mystical lines of the renowned English poet, Elizabeth Barrett Browning:

"Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he, who sees, takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck black berries."



This has been my experience. Whatever be the responsibilities given to us, if we are ready to remove our sandals and be grounded, we shall see burning bushes everywhere. In spite of our busy schedule, if we make space for God to accompany us, we can feel His hand guiding us and leading us through His ever- inspiring Spirit in all our highs and lows.

As the leader of the Province, I needed God's hand in my life and I experienced it in all my endeavours and the missionary efforts of the Province. Being a religious leader today, poses challenges of different degrees and various kinds. It is like living inside a glass house. Those outside can view it from different angles and opine things differently with a greater freedom. But, only those who are inside, may realize that the mathematics which we are normally used to, fail us in carrying forward the responsibilities of inside and one needs to take recourse to the arithmetic of Jesus where five loaves and two fishes were plenty enough to feed the multitude. As a leader, I always surrendered to God to discern His will.

As I write this swansong of my term, I can confidently say, we have progressed as a Province in bringing God's Kingdom here on earth and our missionary efforts have borne fruits. In my capacity as the Provincial, I have visited many Provinces of our Society and I can proudly say that ours is one of the most vibrant and multifaceted Province with variety of ministries. We have taken significant steps in giving pastoral care to the people through Parishes, Shrines and Retreat Centres. We have brought new life to many people especially tribals and the marginalized through our frontier missions. We continue to expand the horizons of our social ministries with our service to lepers and HIV affected people. We are venturing into new areas in the field of education. Besides, we have grown considerably in financial transparency and self reliance by our concerted efforts. Whatever we could achieve as a Province, especially in the past six years, was because of God's grace and mercy; and whatever we think, we should have done, may be, God has better plans.

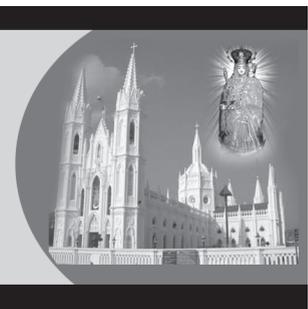
All these are possible, because of our collective efforts. Therefore, at this juncture, I thank all of you, because, we together make these things happen in our Province. My special thanks and appreciation to the Provincial Team of my two terms in the office. They always assisted me with their suggestions and solidarity. I also offer my sincere apology, had I hurt the feelings and sentiments of anyone. Nothing was done intentionally.

Finally, with a sense of satisfaction and joy, I happily pass on the baton to the newly elected Provincial Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph and his Council, and wish them God's choicest blessings and the spirit of Sts. Arnold and Joseph.



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Fr. C. Bali Reddy SVD
Councilor



Fr. Casmir D' Souza SVD
Councilor

Hearty Congratulations and best wishes for the New Administration

Rev. Fr. Superior General has appointed the new Administrative Team for INH for the triennium 2014-2017. I on behalf of all the Confreres wish them all the best and pray for God's abundant blessings. In a special way, I would like to thank Bro. Francis Sammanasunathan for his services to the Province as Councilor for the last three year.

Provincial/Regional Superior and Council for the Triennium 2014-2017

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INC - Province

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Regional Superior : Fr. P.A. Augustine SVD
Vice-Provincial Superior : Fr. Maxim Rodrigues SVD
Admonitor : Fr. Roy Joseph SVD
Councilor : Fr. A. Jeevan Kennady SVD
Councilor : Fr. Jaibu Mathew SVD

Hearty Congratulations to Fr. Bernard Mundapulam

The Prestigious RASHTRYA JEWEL AWARD & GLOBAL EXCELLENCE AWARD along with the GOLD MEDAL (Certificate of Excellency) is presented to Fr. Bernard Mundapulam SVD by Global Brotherhood Forum, New Delhi. This award is presented to only one excellent individual from all over India, for their great achievements and contributions in their chosen field of work. Fr. Bernard as a pioneering missionary to Andhra Pradesh has done a lot for the growth of the Church and to the people of Andhra for their social and spiritual upliftment. On behalf of the Province, I wish to congratulate him for the wonderful work and for the prestigious awards he has received.

AWARDS FOR ST. ARNOLD'S HIGH SCHOOL (E.M.), MEDARAMETLA-2014



Students of St. Arnold's High School (EM), Medarametla exhibited their academic excellence at State level Maths and Science Olympiad Test, conducted by Little Champs Talent Academy on 28th Jan, 2014. Students reaped a rich harvest and our hard work paid off with rich dividends. Our students bagged several awards from the State, District and Mandal level. The programme was held on 16th Feb. 2014 at Ongole, Prakasam District. On this occasion, Dy. DEO E. Salomon Raju and senior civil judge of Machilipattanam Mr. Ram Gopal felicitated Rev. Fr. R. Antony SVD the Principal, for the best management of the school in the district for the year 2014. Miss. Martina and Mrs. Jameela received best teacher award for the year 2014 at District level. Congratulations to the Principal, staff and students of St. Arnold's High School (EM), Medarametla.

Blessing and Inauguration of Arnold Bala Vikasa Ashram at Nizampet



On 26th February, 2014 many SVD confreres, religious and the people of Nizampet witnessed fulfillment of the long cherished dream of starting a frontier mission in Nizampet. It was on this day the new SVD Centre, Arnold Bala Vikasa Ashram (ABVA): Home for the School Drop-outs and Child Laborers, was blessed by Rev. Fr. Casmir D'Souza SVD, the Vice Provincial and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior. It is a hostel-cum school for the drop-out children and child labourers. The new computer centre named as Arnold Institute of Computer Training (AICT) was inaugurated by the local panchayat president Mr. Sai Reddy.

There are already 19 children staying in the hostel and attend classes in the school. These children together with the tuition children performed splendid cultural program with attractive dances and songs. All the missionaries worked in this place were felicitated. We congratulate Rev. Fr. Luke Mundackal SVD & Fr. Thomas Monteiro SVD under whose able guidance and supervision the new centre was built and for all the arrangements in making the day a memorable one.

Blessing and inauguration of Divine Mercy Prayer Hall



March 8, 2014 was a historical and a joyful day for the Divine Word Missionaries of INH Province and to the members of “Divine Mercy families.” After many years of prayer and planning for a Divine Mercy Prayer Hall to be built at Habsiguda, the long cherished dream of fathers, sisters and DMC family members and well wishers had come true when the blessing and inauguration of the Divine Mercy Prayer Hall took place on Saturday, 8th March 2014.

Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior inaugurated the prayer hall and Most Rev. Dr. Thumma Bala, the Archbishop of Hyderabad, blessed the prayer hall and presided over the Holy Eucharist in which a good number of SVD fathers joined to concelebrate. All through the celebration, solemnity, joy, peace and devotion prevailed. Fr. Cyril SVD preached an inspiring homily during the mass. Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior acknowledged the efforts, the spiritual and material contributions of the well wishers for the success of the construction. He also appreciated and thanked the Archbishop and fathers for their constant support and prayers.

Blessing and Inauguration of Annai Bhavan

Annai Bhavan, residence for pilgrims of Vadimanagar Arockia Annai Shrine was inaugurated on 16th March 2014 by Rev. Fr. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior of INH Province, in the presence of councilor Rev. Fr. Bali Reddy. The house is located at the entrance of Divine Word Retreat Centre. The pilgrims have expressed their gratitude to the Society for making 14 rooms available in Annai Illam. For years the pilgrims were looking for rooms to stay and pray and this was realized by the Provincial and Shrine



administrations. We sincerely thank Fr. Arockiasamy, the administrator and Fr. M. Antony for giving their time to get it completed in due time.

Blessing of Allanganallore Villiage Chapel

16th March 2014 was a gracious occasion for Arockia Annai Shrine and its Sub station Allanganallore where Lourdu Annai chapel was blessed and inaugurated. Allanganallore sub station has 40 families, most of them were scattered due to lack of place for liturgical services. It was Society’s interest and shrine administration adventure to have a chapel. The newly constructed Chapel was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior, Hyderabad and blessed by Rev. Fr. Joseph Selva Raj, Vicar General of Madurai Archdiocese;



followed by concelebrated High Mass. Good number of faithful and religious were present. During the Homily the Vicar General highlighted the importance of Lourdu Annai and insisted the local community to use the chapel regularly for prayer. We sincerely thank the shrine administration, the Parish Priest Fr. A. Blaise SVD, Administrator Fr. M. Arockiasamy SVD, Asst. Parish Priest Fr. S. Valan SVD, Spiritual Director Fr. Augustine Karamel SVD for giving their time for this noble task.

The Release of the Telugu Mass DVD at Muthangi on 2nd March 2014

Divine Word Centre, Muthangi released the first ever Telugu Mass DVD on 02nd March 2014. Rev. Fr. A. Jesu the Provincial Superior in the presence of Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph the Provincial elect released the first DVD and presented it to the dignitaries. The Telugu sung mass has been prepared according to the new roman missal, and it will be a



help to the priests and deacons to learn and celebrate Telugu mass with new tune and ragas melodiously and meaningfully. Subsequently, the newly constructed Dining Hall was blessed and inaugurated by Fr. Provincial. A good number of priests, lay preachers, invitees and faithful were present.

New Missions!

INH Province is blessed with two new missions. Keeping in mind the charism of our Society, it is a good opportunity to expand our Missionary activities and serve with dedication with True missionary spirit. The Bishop of Guntur has already erected Kakatiyanagar Parish in Narasaraopet and entrusted it to the pastoral care of the Divine Word Missionaries of Hyderabad Province. At the invitation of the Bishop we are extending our missionary services at Manalmedu of Thanjavur diocese in TamilNadu.

The work shop for the heads of the High Schools on girl child abuse and Nirbhaya Act on 1st February 2014.

For the first time, after the International Declaration on Human Rights, The Government of India has promulgated two complementary policies on Protection of Children.



We, the Divine Word Missionaries have taken this concern with great diligence; and conducted a workshop for the stake holders of SVD mission schools. To sensitize them about child rights and their challenges and to make of our education centers “child friendly spaces”.

The workshop on Child protection was convoked at



Arnold Bhavan on 1st. Feb.2014; the Directors and other Administrative personal of the 14 targeted schools participated in the one day work shop in order to assimilate the implications of the Legal Acts, and to plan for further action. Rev. Fr. Casmir SVD, the Vice Provincial of INH- Province, presided over the function. The Director of DWSSS, Fr. Bali Reddy being the organizer and animator of the Work shop led the participants into the opening prayer, lighting of the lamp. The resource person Mr. David Raj, State Program Manager in Women Development and Child welfare, displayed the implications of the Act., making the assembly aware of legal obligation of implementing a law that has been promulgated at national level; he led the participants into a profitable interaction stressing on the transcendence and force of the legal Act. There was a review of the summary of Child rights as for articles: 1 to 54 of the Act.

Superior General’s Visit to India

Our Superior General Rev. Fr. Heinz Kuluke, is visiting India from October 11, 2014. His visit to our Province is from November 02 - 07, 2014. After having visited all the Provinces and Region, he will participate in the ASPAC Zonal Assembly at Atma Darshan, Mumbai.

Hearty Welcome

Fr. Vijay Amalraj SVD, who was on voluntary exclaustation, has returned back to the Society of the Divine Word. We welcome him back to INH Province.

Rev. Fr. Superior General has transferred Fr. Kata Karunakar SVD from ESP (Spain) to INH Province. We welcome him and wish him a fruitful ministry in INH.

Summer Ministry

The deacons and the fraters from Divine Word Seminary, Pune are assigned to the following places for pastoral and mission experience for a month. I wish them a fruitful experience in their respective places.

Fr. A. Prince Arockiyam	-	Guru Nilayam, Bhongir
Fr. Vincent Robert	-	Holy Family Church, Kadavendi
Fr. Infant Vinoth Kumar	-	Asha Jyothi, Pregnapur
Fr. Andugula Sunil Kumar	-	Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet
Dn. Albert Arockiam	-	St. Anthony's Church, Agarakattu
Dn. C. Augustine	-	Our Lady of Good Health Church, Kottapattu
Dn. Gnanaoli	-	Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti
Dn. B. Sagayaraj	-	St. Francis Xavier Church, Madhanagar
Dn. Jesuraj	-	Arogya Matha Church, Madhapuram
Dn. Gopu Vinod	-	Janssen Social Centre, Pinapaka

Birthdays

April

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



The new Provincial Council meeting will be held on April 03, 2014 at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad

“May the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all !”

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Fr. A. Jesu SVD
Provincial Superior - INH