



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR-INH

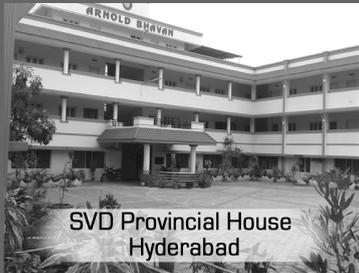
*"In Your light we see light, light leading to life"*



- INH Vision

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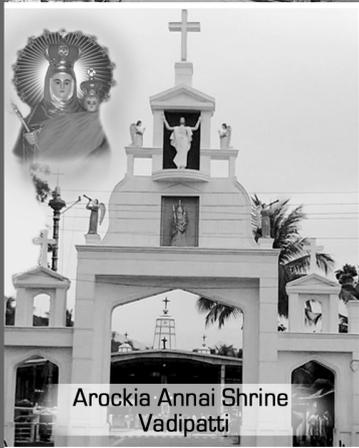
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SVD Provincial House  
Hyderabad



Divine Word Centre  
Muthangi



Arockia Annai Shrine  
Vadipatti



Holy Family Church  
Addanki



Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet  
St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy

## COMMUNITY LIFE

*"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst" (Mt 18:20)*

Community is the place where we share the faith that is the focus of our lives, and we know that "in community" we can live and grow. From the moment we stepped into our "house of formation" we learned what it meant to "live in community". We quickly realized that our vow of poverty calls us to live as if "ALL IS OURS" and "NOTHING IS MINE". We have whatever we need, but it is not OURS. Community life is a "value for us"; one which resonates deep within us.

Community life for a SVD religious missionary ministering in INH has a unique challenge!

In order to overcome the challenges of today:

- ◆ Religious must give life-long PUBLIC WITNESS to Christ by imitating Him in His perfect Poverty, Chastity and Obedience.
- ◆ Religious must live their lives IN A COMMUNITY whose spirituality and life-style are approved and governed by the authority and laws of the Church.
- ◆ Religious must give themselves totally to the PUBLIC WORK of the Church.
- ◆ Religious must be a PUBLIC HOLY PRESENCE, witnessing to the Kingdom of Heaven by their unworldly way of acting, dressing and living.
- ◆ SPIRITUALLY - by sharing together friendship and the special family spirit and spirituality of the community.
- ◆ Unity in community life is a clear witness to the presence of Christ and the power of His grace.

It is true that the best way to learn is from experiences; this is an undisputable way in the community life of religious. However, the discovering of what is true, sacred and right doesn't necessarily demand only experiences, but also knowledge, discernment and the ability for the one to choose and perform what is good and right. The aspect of community life in our community is the most difficult one, but also the easiest one depending on how one takes, or understands it. The important components which are mostly forgotten while developing community life are: Being together in charity, giving quality time for the community, spending time in community prayer, having community meals, sharing and putting together "your talents, views and good intentions, your devotedness to your work, your rest and your prayers, your words and your silence, your good will despite your shortcomings".

As we are getting ready in preparation for the missionary meeting of our province, I request you to reflect upon our community life as we have begun new life in new communities or with new members in our communities. Let our reflections lead us to find meaning and relevant in today's world. Let us begin to put our reflections into practice. It is indeed true that

*'Much of the quality of community life depends on the quality of our spiritual life especially liturgy and prayer. Fraternal life building demands also human cares and skills. Community life is a schola amoris where we learn to love, to love God, the neighbour and the humanity'.*

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## MIRACULOUS ACTIVITY OF ASHA JYOTHI (HIV INFECTED MOTHERS DELIVER BABIES FREE FROM HIV)



Asha Jyothi, a Centre for HIV infected and affected people of INH Province has been progressing well in the right direction with its 20 bedded in-patient treatment facilities, creating an hall-mark in terms of HIV awareness by reaching-out to the common public, rehabilitating the most deserving 25 HIV infected orphan children in 'Arnold Children Home' and heading towards record breaking achievements in the district by bringing forth 373 new born babies free from HIV, born to the HIV infected mothers through the project known as, "Prevention Parent To Child Transmission" (PPTCT).

On 12th July, 2014, we organized a gathering for these HIV saved babies and mothers. 27 outreach workers along with 2 coordinators attended the meeting. The topics on personal hygiene, breast feeding and the existing welfare schemes of the Government for people living with HIV/AIDS were discussed. We also organized a general medical check-up for the mothers and babies by our Medical Officer Dr. G. Mallaiah and distributed medicines. A few games and sports were also conducted and prizes were distributed by Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas to the winners. Finally, the meeting ended with the fellowship meal which was shared by all and they went home happily with their HIV-FREE children. Thus Asha Jyothi performs miracles too through its dedicated services.

## A HISTORIC INAUGURATION OF MANALMEDU MISSION



The birth of the new Mission Station took place on July 8th 2014 at Manalmedu, in the Diocese of Thanjavur near Myladuthurai. A long awaited day of inauguration of the mission station of INH Province came into reality on this auspicious day. Very Rev. Fr. Titus Antoniraj, the VG of the diocese represented the Bishop and Rev. Fr. Antonysamy SVD, the admonitor of the province represented the Provincial Superior. A grand reception was organized to welcome Fr. Arokiasamy, the priest in charge of the mission. After the reception the concelebrated Holy Eucharist was celebrated and Rev. Fr. Blaise SVD highlighted the theme, "Precious is the life given to the mission" in his homely. After the Holy Eucharist a colourful felicitation was arranged by the people of Manalmedu mission, after which a delicious meal was provided for all. Manalmedu mission is bifurcated from the parishes of Atukudi and Myladuthurai comprising of eighteen villages to the mission, nine each from both the parishes. Good number of SVD confreres and priests & religious graced the occasion. We Congratulate Fr. A. Arokiasamy SVD the Manalmedu mission in charge and wish God's abundant blessings upon the new mission.

## Madhapuram Parish – A true witness to our SVD Charism



The vision of our founder St. Arnold Janssen and the charism of our society is carried out with true spirit among the Lambadi tribals in a remote tribal habituated village surrounded by hills and hillocks. Among the many activities carried out to bring them to our Catholic Church, we witnessed an inspiring celebration on 27th July in this parish.

The parish celebrated the rectification of marriages of the converted tribal families, first Holy Communion to a child and baptism to two new entry to the Church. All the families of this new parish were converted during the last three years. Their marriages were in their own customs and previous religious practices. In order to be the members of the Church, their marriages were rectified on July 27th, 2014.

All the 34 couples were given a guidance and preparation for a week by the parish priest and entered the Church as new couples with joy and happiness. All the priests, nuns and visitors who were present for the celebration were in Great appreciation of this kind of celebration for the growth of the Church. This celebration was a kind of eye opening for the non-Christians who are already in the process of appreciating and thinking of joining our Catholic Church. We appreciate Fr. A. Antony samy SVD, for his spirited activities among the tribal communities in our province.

### St. Alphonsa's Feast at MIG



St. Alphonsa's parish at MIG BHEL celebrated its Patroness feast on July 27, 2014. Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, the Provincial Superior – INH, celebrated the festive Holy Eucharist. Fr. Suresh SVD and Fr. Pushapraj SVD, the Assistant Parish Priest, preached an inspiring homily on St. Alphonsa, the first Indian Saint, elucidating her saintly life and the spiritual values she lived. They focused on her personal devotion to Christ, her desire for sanctity and to face the suffering of life with joy. There were good number of Priests present on this occasion. The celebration was concluded with a cultural programme and competitions for the children. A Festive meal was arranged for all. Hearty congratulations to Fr. Varghese Chalamana the Parish Priest and Fr. Pushparaj for the well-organized celebration.

### New Collaborators at Nizampet Mission

At our invitation and with the consent of the Archbishop of Hyderabad, the CONGREGATION OF THE CATCHIST SISTERS OF ST. ANN, have agreed to collaborate with SVDs in our pastoral, educational, health and social apostolates at Nizampet Mission. As the sisters arrived on July 28, Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph, the Provincial Superior celebrated the Holy Eucharist and welcomed them to our mission and thanked them for accepting our invitation. Fr. Luke, the Vice Provincial & Director, Fr. Soosai, the District Superior and many other confreres were present to grace the occasion.

## REMINDER: PROVINCE ANNUAL RETREAT

Date : October 08 – 14, 2014  
 Preacher : Rev. Fr. Joe Antony SJ (Ex - Editor of New Leader)  
 Place : Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti

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 10, 2014. 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 04- 09, 2014  
 Preacher : Bp. Francis Serrao SJ  
 Place : Divine Call Centre, Mulky  
 Arrival : October 04, 2014 (Evening)  
 Departure : October 09, 2014 (Morning)

### Retreat – INC

Date : October 05 – 10, 2014  
 Preacher : Rev. Fr. Packiaraj SJ  
 Place : St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore  
 Arrival : October 05, 2014 (Morning)  
 Departure : October 10, 2014 (Afternoon)

### Retreat – ING

Date : October 13 – 18, 2014  
 Place : Regional House, Guwahati  
 Preacher : Rev. Fr. Mathew Nirappel SVD  
 Arrival : October 13, 2014 (Morning)  
 Departure : October 19, 2014 (Morning)

### Retreat – INE

Date : September 28 – October 03, 2014  
 Place : Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda  
 Preacher : Rev. Fr. Bosco SJ  
 Arrival : September 28, 2014 (Evening)  
 Departure : October 03, 2014 (Evening)

## INFORMATION:

- ◆ ASPAC Formation Assembly: From August 11 to 15, 2014 in Cebu City Philippines.
- ◆ ASPAC Brothers Assembly: From October 9 to 14, 2014 in Pune (Ishvani Kendra), India
- ◆ ASPAC Provincial Zonal Assembly : From November 12 to 18, 2014 in Mumbai (Atma Darshan), India

## Appointment of the New District Superiors and Councillors

The Provincial Council confirmed the election of the new District Superiors and Councillors and appointed them for the next Triennium. We congratulate them for accepting the responsibility.

### Hyderabad District:

District Superior: Fr. P. Sahayaraj  
Councillors: Fr. Ambrose Beck & Fr. Thomas Kavumkattiyil

### Sangareddy District:

District Superior: Fr. R. Soosai  
Councillors: Fr. Bandanadam Jojappa & Fr. Thomas Monteiro

### Raigir District:

District Superior: Fr. Bala Prasad  
Councillors: Fr. Joe Foustin & Fr. Manoj Kumar Lakra

### Guntur District:

District Superior: Fr. George Pasala  
Councillors: Bro. Prakash & Fr. Joseph Babu Pasala

### Tamilnadu District:

District Superior: Fr. Blaise A  
Councillors: Fr. Amalanathan & Fr. Valan

## Members of Planning & Finance Commission for Telangana, Andhra Pradesh & Tamilnadu.

### Telangana & Andhra Pradesh

1. Fr. Anand Raju N. (Convener)
2. Fr. Soosai R
3. Fr. Maxim Fernandes

### Tamilnadu

1. Fr. Bali Reddy ( Convener)
2. Fr. Joe A
3. Fr. Y. Arockiadoss

## FORMATION HOUSES AT A GLANCE

SEMINARY	1st YEAR / ORIENTATION	2nd YEAR / XI STD	3rd YEAR / XII STD	TOTAL
Brother Formation House, Alwal	03	05	06	14
Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet	13	07	13	33
St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy	20		08	28
Divine Word Centre, Chennai	16	09	07	32

## Birthdays

### AUGUST

R. Antonysamy - 03  
Lawrence Bose - 09  
Joseph Babu - 10  
Paul Jeyakumar - 15  
S. Jeyaraj - 23  
Felix Roche - 30



### SEPTEMBER

Bernard M. - 02  
Bandanadham Jojappa - 10  
Martin Sabbas - 19  
Maxim Fernandes - 19  
Samir K. Barwa(EIP) - 21  
Joe Faustin - 28  
Wenceslaus - 28  
S. Valan - 28



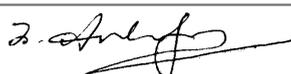
As we are celebrating the Independence Day of our Country and Assumption of our Blessed Mother Mary on August 15, 2014. I wish you all a Happy Independence day & the glorious Feast of Assumption. May our Mother keep our country, our missions and all of us under her loving care and protection.

### My Programme:

August 9-12 – Guntur Dt.	August 29 – Kottapattu Parish
August 27 – Provincial Council Meeting	September 06 – Annai Velankanni Church, Singampunary
August 28 – Missionary Meeting	September 08 – Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti
August 29 – Sept 11 – Tamilnadu	September 15 – 22 – Inter Provincial Meeting, Guwahati.

The Next Provincial Council meeting will be held on August 27, 2014 at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad.

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

  
**Fr. Antony Joseph SVD**  
 Provincial Superior - INH