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



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Dear Confreres,

It is Advent again. It's a time of special grace – a time to think of one another in a special way and thank God for the gift of the other, a time to await Christmas. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation, preparation and longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite slaves in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world under the curse of sin, and yet who have the hope of deliverance by a God who has heard the cries of the oppressed slaves and brought deliverance! While Lent is characterized by fasting and a spirit of penitence, advent's prayers are prayers of humble devotion and commitment, prayers of submission, prayers for deliverance, prayers from those walking in darkness who are awaiting and anticipating a great light (Is. 9).



In their simplicity, the shepherds trusted in the angel's message. In their steadfastness, watching over their flocks, they watched the splendour of the shining star. In their sagacity, they located the manger in David's city. In their sensibilities, they recognised the Shepherd of souls wrapped in swaddling clothes. Subsequently, fear gave way to peace and anxiety lost to jubilation. They worshipped in solidarity and gave astonishing accounts of the messianic arrival to others.

The culmination of this awaiting is found in the great celebration of Christmas. Christmas is not a time or a season but a state of mind, to cherish peace and good will, to be gracious in mercy. On the first Christmas, in the fields above Bethlehem, as they sat in the cold night watching their sheep, the local shepherds must have had no shortage of time for reflection. Suddenly all this was to change. These humble shepherds were the first to hear and ponder the wondrous news of the birth of Christ - the first noel - the joy of which we celebrate.

We are awaiting the forthcoming Provincial Chapter. It is the time of prayer and commitment to our service. As we are preparing and having our local chapters during this holy season of Advent and Christmas let us spend more time in prayer and reflection to make the Chapter resolutions and recommendations, realized in the days to come through our committed and selfless service in the Kingdom of God. Let us all together begin our prayers for the success of Provincial Chapter 2015. May our prayers and reflections make us experience the warmth and joy of coming together in preparation for the Provincial Chapter during this Christmas season.

Wish you all a Happy Christmas and Grace Filled New Year 2015

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SUPERIOR GENERAL'S VISIT TO OUR PROVINCE

Our Superior General Rev. Fr. Heinz Kuluke, visited our Province from November 01-6, 2014. His visit to our Province was indeed a blessing. Fr. General was received with a traditional welcome to our Province. During his short stay with us he visited most of the mission stations and met the confreres. His short visit has surely left us with a lasting impression with his often repeated question, what does God want me to do at this time, or what does God want us to do at this time.



Rendezvous with Fr. General by SVD Partners

What does “mission work” actually mean for the church in this day and age? We know that our mission as followers of the Divine Word means that we give witness to God’s love, and in a special way as SVD Partners we give witness to the inclusiveness of the Reign of God proclaimed by Jesus. But, “how do we give this witness in our contemporary context as SVD- Mission Partners” was the call of Fr. Heinz Kuluke, the Superior General of the Divine Word Missionaries when he addressed the Lay Associations of Andhra Pradesh-Telangana and Tamil Nadu.

Two extraordinary meetings were organised by the Province Mission Secretary for the lay associations of our Province in Hyderabad and Chennai respectively on November 1 and 6, 2014. About 65 members attended the meetings. Fr. Superior General overwhelmed by the increasing response of the lay participation in our SVD mission gave a short message in both the meetings. He called the lay missionaries to be Partners in Prayer, Partners in Work and Partners in Reconciliation. “For every Ex-SVD, missionary work consists in witnessing to God and proclaiming the Good News in families and parishes. This is done with the awareness that we are but “earthen vessels” who can only proclaim God’s love in our inadequate ways. The contemporary context of the many divisions in our world today calls for a mission of reconciliation. This can be effectively carried out only by the lay-mission partners. Furthermore, the four SVD Characteristic dimensions must serve as bridges leading our lay sympathizers from the secular roles and tasks into sharing our mission charism and enterprise.” concluded Fr. General.

To mark this historical occasion the SVD-Fraternity (Lay Partners) of Tamil Nadu donated a cheque of Rs. 45,000 to St. Charles Seminary, Trichy.

Mid-Term Evaluation of EIP in our Province

It was wonderful for all the four EIPs of our Province to have come together for the mid-term evaluation in JyothiNiketan, Narasaraopet, on November 17 -20, 2014. On the first day a brief recollection was given by Fr. Maxim Fernandes. Later, Fr. Anbu Pushpa, the National Formation Secretary introduced the dynamics of the mid-term evaluation and emphasized that the focus of the sharing be based on the insights that the EIPs have received through experiences. He also spoke about the components of EIP and its importance in the formation of a candidate to missionary life. The EIPs shared their experiences and worked out vision-mission statements for the remaining part of their stay in the missions. The young EIP brothers also visited all our missions in the District of Guntur and interacted with the local missionaries. We sincerely thank Fr. Maxim, the Rector and the confreres in JyothiNiketan who hosted this formation programme with generous heart. A word of heartfelt thanks is due to all our confreres in Guntur District. Their life and messages were a clear sign of edification for our younger missionaries. Of course, Fr. George Pasala the District Superior accompanied the group and encouraged them all the way. Kudos to the Mission Secretary who coordinated the programme.



Annual Retreat

The Province Annual Retreat was held from October 08 to 13, 2014 at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti. Fr. Joe Antony SJ, the retreat preacher dealt diligently on different themes facilitating us to have a journey to Emmaus, to recommit ourselves with awakened spirit and zeal for God and His Mission. The retreat was indeed a memorable spiritual experience. I thank all the confreres who participated in this annual spiritual exercise.

Jubilee celebration

The Jubilee celebration of Fr. Kulandaisamy SVD and Fr. Ashok Kumar SVD was celebrated on 13 October at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti. The solemn Holy Eucharist was presided by Fr. Kulandaisamy. Both the Jubilarians recalled and thanked God and the Confreres for accompanying them for 25 & 40 years of incredible journey in the service of God. A short and sweet felicitation programme was also organized. I, once again congratulate and thank them for their committed services to our Society and to our Province. May God continue to bless them.



Mission Sunday and Swachh Bharat at Janagaon Parish

The community of Janagaon parish celebrated the Mission Sunday and Swachh Bharat (Clean India) program on 26th October. They joined the universal Catholic family praying for the Mission of the Church during the Eucharist. At 3 pm the members gathered in the Church premises with spades, sickles and brooms to clean the campus as part of the Swachh Bharat program which went up to 5.30pm.

A number of Creative Programmes and games were conducted for the children and people. The women prepared tea and snacks for the people to purchase, in order to raise funds for the missions. Men also actively participated by conducting games and putting up separate stalls for soft drinks. Deacon Vinod and Br. Rahul prepared a mission tree with variety of gifts on it. At the end, St. Ann's sisters prepared a home theatre program with beautiful dances and skits with the children of the Parish. The presence of the Municipal chair person, Smt. Premalatha Reddy added to the celebration.

SUMMONS DECREE

Fr. Louis Stephen, S.V.D. is herewith ordered to contact his Provincial Superior, Father Antony Joseph SVD, at the Provincial headquarters at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad, on or before 30.01.2015 concerning his prolonged unlawful absence since 2002 which is reason for dismissal from the Society.

Anyone aware of the whereabouts of Fr. Louis Stephen, is kindly asked to contact the Provincial Superior.

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On: 25.11.2014



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Fr. Thayil, Mathai Anandkumar, S.V.D. is herewith ordered to contact his Provincial Superior, Father Antony Joseph SVD, at the Provincial headquarters at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad, on or before 30.01.2015 concerning his prolonged unlawful absence since 1997 which is reason for dismissal from the Society.

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Fr. Thomas, Jude Thaddeus Joseph, S.V.D. is herewith ordered to contact his Provincial Superior, Father Antony Joseph SVD, at the Provincial headquarters at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad, on or before 30.01.2015 concerning his prolonged unlawful absence since 2002 which is reason for dismissal from the Society.

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Fr. Valles, Joseph, S.V.D. is herewith ordered to contact his Provincial Superior, Father Antony Joseph SVD, at the Provincial headquarters at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad, on or before 30.01.2015 concerning his prolonged unlawful absence since 2010 which is reason for dismissal from the Society.

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New Mobile Numbers:

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Fr. Siluvai – 9618347761

Pray for the Deceased

Mrs. Barbarammal(75) the sister in law of Fr. Sabbas Martin SVD passed away on November 01, 2014. Our heartfelt condolences to Fr. Sabbas Martin and the bereaved family members.

MY PROGRAMME

December	04	Local Chapter, Arnold Bhavan
December	05	Annual Sports Day Celebrations, Ramagundam
December	07	Jubilee Celebrations of SSpS, Pattancheru.
December	08	Jubilee Celebrations of SSpS, Velvarthy
December	10	Provincial Council Meeting, Arnold Bhavan
December	11 & 12	Ongoing Formation Seminar, Arnold Bhavan
December	13	Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sangaeddy
December	13 – 20	Sangareddy District
January	06 – 12	Class mates gathering, Guwahati
January	17 – 21	Hyderabad District
January	24	Seminar, Arnold Bhavan
January	25 - 30	Provincial Chapter – INE, Jharsuguda

Birthdays

DECEMBER

Wilson Sagayaraj - 17
Blaise A. - 18
M. Anil Kumar - 18
Kulandaisamy - 20
Ambrose Beck - 22
Amalanathan C. - 22
Bala Prasad - 23
Lawrence,D'souza - 30



JANUARY

G. Prakash - 05
M. Antony - 14
PrabhuJeyaraj(EIP)- 14
G. Lazar - 15
Y. Arockiadoss - 15
A. Antonysamy - 16
A. Arockiasamy - 18



The Next Provincial Council Meeting will be held on December 10, 2014 at Arnold Bhavan

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

Fr. Antony Joseph SVD
Provincial Superior - INH