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

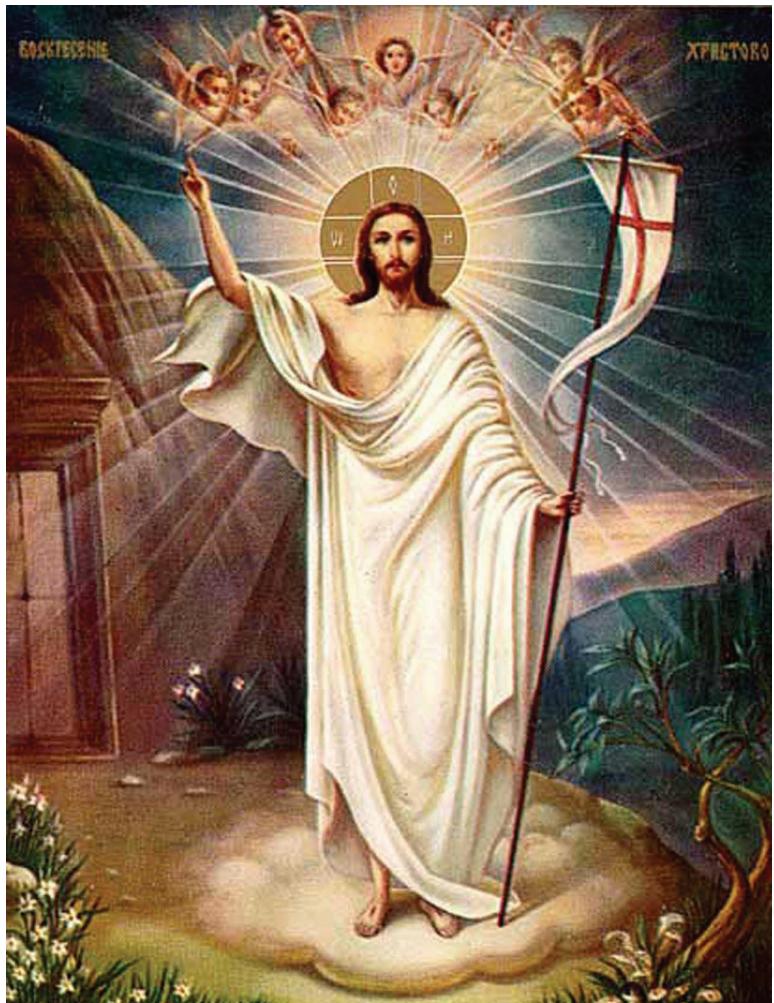


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Christ's Resurrection, Hope of Humanity



It is said that a human being can live eight minutes without air, three days without water, and about thirty days without food, but a person cannot live one second without hope. We all need to hope for something better than what this life offers. The resurrection of Christ provides the basis for that hope.

The apostle Paul tells us in 1 Cor 15:13-14 that "If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." In other words, if there isn't any resurrection, our faith is meaningless.

Resurrection of Christ is God's personal response to the Humanity. The heart of Jesus pierced on Calvary blankets us with the blood of salvation. The warmth of Christ's love touches the loose ends of our lives. Resurrection is much more than a destiny; it is the fulfilment of love. Christ's love of the Father, even to death on the cross, promises a stake in heaven when we own Christ's death. The Cross and Resurrection of Christ are our salvation and our foothold in heaven.

The resurrection is also relevant for day-to-day Christian conduct. The Risen Lord has shown the way to the people who became hopeless, directionless, meaningless standing at the cross roads. The followers of Christ found meaning in the Life. In St. John 11:25, Jesus said "I am the resurrection and life" He gives life to those who do not find it worth living. The one who understands it, will not only live happily but celebrate for being alive. It is our responsibility to promote and cherish life on this earth. If the resurrection is going to motivate our lives, then our hope of the resurrection should be expressed every day of our lives. As men of God and as religious let us share this hope with one another to make our life brimming with joy and give hope to the people whom we serve.

May the resurrection of Jesus fill us with New Life and Hope

Wish you all a Happy Easter.

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SVD Spirituality

Our SVD Spirituality is a unique and Universal one.

It is unique because it is very special of the Divine Word Missionaries. It is universal because the Word of God is universal. It embraces the whole humanity, the whole of creation, it is the spirituality of life itself as God wished and planned it to be.

It is of three dimensional Spirituality - the fullness of life.

A. Trinitarian Spirituality – Communitarian Spirituality.

God reveals Himself as a community and so, we are expected to live as one religious community though we are different individual with different background and build up one community of the people of God.

B. Incarnation Spirituality – Applied Spirituality.

Jesus is revealed to us by His Divinity and His Humanity. We SVDs are named after His Word. Be holy, be kind and live by His Word is our core value. Our Spirituality calls us to incarnate into the lives of the people, give life to people at the grass-root level. It calls us to give birth to the WORD in the World.

C. Mission Spirituality – ‘Love as I have loved you’ – Spirituality.

The first two tell us ‘His life is our life’ and the third one tells us ‘His mission is our mission’ the first two stand for the ‘Holy Church’ and the third stands for the ‘Apostolic Church’ The one holy and apostolic church.

Our Church and our congregation are revealed by the works we carry out after the model of Word Incarnate. So, keeping in mind the signs of the times we carry out the mandate dictated to us by our Congregational Directions, by our Founder and the Founding Generation.

AJS- Team

Workshop for Directors of 30-day Retreats

The workshop for the Directors of 30 – days Retreat will be held at Saint Michael Centre, Steyl, Holland from 14th January to 28th February 2016.

The confreres interested can apply for the workshop, provided.

1. He should have a working knowledge of English, enough to follow the conferences and to participate actively in the sharing sessions.
2. He should have already made a personally guided 30-day, or at least, 8 -10- day Retreat.
3. He should already have the experience of guiding Retreats (6-8 days), or even 30-days and the necessary credibility among the members of the Province.
4. He should have the interest and willingness to guide 30-day Retreats in the future.
5. He should come ready to do himself the 30-Day Retreat as part of the Workshop in Steyl.
6. He should come prepared to share from his own experiences, since the programme will be a participative one.

The proposals need to reach the Generalate in Rome by 31st May 2015.

Fifth INH Assembly and Chapter 2015

The fifth INH Provincial Assembly and Chapter 2015 from February 05-11, 2015 was very meaningful, enriching and constructive. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the confreres for their active participation in the Assembly and chapter and sharing your views and thoughts in order to drive inspiration from each other and to promote life in our missions and in the society.

DE-ADDICTION CAMP AT SASEC,



Reading the signs of the times and the need of the hour St. Arnold Socio-Educational Centre Singampunari initiated and organized a De – addiction Camp for the people. One day De- addiction camp was organised by the centre for men, women and youth on 01.02.2015. A Good number of people participated and benefited by the programme. Rev. Fr. Anbin Amalan O.F and his team animated the programme and inspired the people through their talks and other activities. They clearly explained the consequences of alcoholism in the society and in the families. We appreciate the director for his initiatives.

ARCHBISHOP OF HYDERABAD VISITS ASHA JYOTHI & JEEVODAYA SOCIAL CENTRE

It was a day to remember for Asha Jyothi and Jeevodaya when the Archbishop of Hyderabad diocese Most Rev. Dr. Thumma Bala made a visit on 21st February, 2015. Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas SVD welcomed him and explained all about the social activities undertaken by both the organizations. The Archbishop was felicitated with a shawl by Fr. Felix Roche SVD. The Archbishop was so impressed and enthusiastic in interacting with the HIV infected orphaned children living at Arnold Children Home and to know all about their wellbeing.



Being the Chief Guest of the function on 'out-reach health care program', the archbishop kindly consented to distribute the monthly nutrition-packages to the HIV infected children who are under our community based rehabilitation. He was also pleased to know that Asha Jyothi caters not only to the 30 inmates of Arnold Home, hostel-based children, but also reaching out to other Home-based HIV infected orphaned children in the entire district of Medak. He was greatly overwhelmed by their good health and the good works carried out in his Arch-diocese by Asha Jyothi and Jeevodaya. With his blessings and good wishes, the short visit came to an end.

JEEVODAYA CONDUCTS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE FARMERS

On Wednesday 25th March, 2015 Jeevodaya Social Centre, Pragnapur conducted a Training Programme for the Farmers' Cooperative Leaders of both Gajwel and Jagadevpur Mandals at Jeevodaya premises. Gajwel Mandal Agriculture-Officer, Mr. Praveen Kumar was the resource person and he dealt with the benefits of Farmers' Cooperatives and the Welfare Schemes of the Government for them. Jeevodaya Supervisor Shri K. Veerababu, Coordinators M. Latha and S. Swapna were successful in mobilizing the Farmer Leaders for the programme. Jeevodaya Director encouraged the farmers to have regular savings, Bank Linkages and benefits from the Welfare Schemes of the Government. 58 Farmer- Leaders participated in the programme and the training ended with the meals to all.



BIBLICAL SEMINARS FOR LAITY

Biblical apostolate in INH crossed yet another important milestone in its commitment to proclaim the Word of God. In line with the great enthusiasm and commitment with which all our institutions of biblical apostolate, parishes and mission stations carry out the biblical apostolate, we organized two biblical seminars on the Passion Narratives in Telugu and Tamil for the laity of our parishes in Telugu States and Tamil Nadu in the month of March. The first one was organized in collaboration with our Parish Priests and Divine Word Center, Muthangi on March 14, 2015 from 9 AM to 4 PM. More than 150 enthusiastic people who were interested to know more about the Word of God



participated and benefited from this interesting seminar which concluded with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Benny SVD, Director, Divine Word Centre, Muthangi. The second one was organized in collaboration with Divine Word Center and Arockia Annai Shrine Vadipatti, on March 22, 2015. More than 50 people who were longing to taste the Word of God attended and profited from this seminar which concluded with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, Provincial Superior – INH and Chairman of Biblical Apostolate - India. Interestingly, after both the seminars, the participants observed that they would be very happy if such seminars were organized regularly. We congratulate Fr. Lawrence Bose, the Biblical coordinator, for his initiatives.

Bro. Prakash Gnanapragasam to change his status from Brother to cleric

Rev. Fr. Superior General in his letter dated March 20, 2015 has given Bro. Prakash Gnanapragasam permission to change his status from brother to a cleric. As he is preparing himself to this state of life to become a religious priest, we congratulate him and wish him God's choicest blessings upon him.

Nemi Programme for 2016

Dates	Programme	For Whom?	Dead Line For Application
23rd February to 20th May 2016	SVD/SSpS Tertiary Renewal Programme in Spanish - Portuguese Venue: Steyl, Oies, Nemi	Confreres 40 to 60 years of age, a minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows (Const. 519.1).	23rd November 2015
1st May to 28th June 2016	SVD Formatorsí Course in English. Venue: Nemi, Oies, Steyl	Confreres who are starting in the formation ministry or who are being prepared for formation, and for vocation directors.	1st February 2016
2nd August to 29th November 2016	Tertiary 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.	2nd May 2016
6th September to 14th October 2016	SVD Third Age Course in German Venue: Nemi, Oies	Senior Confreres over 65 years and above.	6th June 2016

Note: Those confreres, who wish to participate in any of the above mentioned programmes, may send your application to the Provincial Superior before **October 30, 2015**.

New Directory

We are going to prepare a new directory of our INH Province 2015-16. I, therefore, request you to inform the Provincial Secretary, if there are any changes in your existing email Ids, Mobile Numbers and Date of Birth.

Higher Studies/ Renewal Course

Fr. Anand Nagothu – Renewal Course, Nemi
Bro. Rajesh Soreng – Renewal Course, Nemi
Fr. Joseph Michael – MSW, Chennai.

Pray for the Deceased

Mr. Antonydass (58), the brother of Fr. S. Arockiadass(Jr) SVD
Mrs. Antonamma (79), the mother of Fr. M. Bala Prasad SVD
Mrs. Amalorpava Mary, the aunt of Fr. Irudayaraj SVD
Mrs. Elizabeth (91), the elder sister of Fr. Thomas Akkara SVD
Let us pray for the departed souls and express our heartfelt
condolences to our confreres and the bereaved family members.

MY PROGRAMME

April - 7 - 8 - Medarametla
April, 21 – Provincial Council Meeting, Arnold Bhavan

April 22 - May 10 - Ordinations in Tamilnadu & Home Visit
April 24 - Arnold's Fraternity Meeting, Vadipatti

Birthdays

April		May	
S. Arockiadoss	- 05	John V	- 01 Venance Asir
A. Paul Raj	- 12	Ananda Raj	- 02 Peter Gaikwad (EIP)
A. Anthuvan Rozario	- 21	Vijay Bhaskar	- 03 V. Chalamana
A. John	- 23	A. Dominic	- 10 I. Santhuraja
S. Ravichandran	- 25	I. Varghese	- 10 Manoj Kumar
		Benny C.V.	- 15 Luke Mundackal

The Next Provincial Council meeting will be held on April 21, 2015 at Arnold Bhavan.

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


Fr. Antony Joseph SVD
Provincial Superior - INH