



PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR-INH

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



- INH Vision

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--- Visitation ---

Our human interactions have been the actual thrust and catalysts behind the concrete transitions along human history when the Son of God took human form and interacted with human beings in their daily living. It has been a common human experience that whenever such interactions take place, they open up innumerable possibilities, and have paved the way for revolutionary ideas. Even in the information and technological world today, when the electronic equipments have almost shrunk the physical distance between human beings, the value and the matchless significance of a private conversations or the face to face talk is upheld. Such is the wonder, human interactions often can elicit. To express in religious terms, the moments of human interactions have testified to themselves to be the moments of divine grace. For example, we can recall the visitation of Mother Mary to her cousin Elizabeth in which both recognized the wonders the Lord has done to them. I am sure, we too would be experiencing similar intensified moments of grace during the period of the Provincial and General visitations during this academic year.

General and Provincial visitations are an important means of exercising religious leadership, of promoting the religious-missionary life and activity of the members of the Province. The provincial visitation must be held at least once in every three years by the provincial superior or his delegate. The provincial superior may appoint a member of the provincial council to make the provincial visitation. The provincial council held on June 24, 2015 decided to have the provincial visitation of the province in July - August 2015. The Provincial visitation is also done in preparation for the General Visitation. Next year we shall have the **General Visitation** of the province by **General Councilor Bro. Guy Mazola from 21st Jan.2016 to 11th Feb.2016**

The Provincial Visitation is an opportunity for the Provincial administration:

01. To minister in a pastoral way to the needs of individual religious, to deal with their fears and anxieties, with their lack of hope and sense of discouragement or frustration, to enable them to have courage and confidence in who they are and in what they are doing as Divine Word Missionaries.
02. To help heal those confreres and communities which have been wounded or disoriented as a result of changes in the Church and in the world; both individuals and communities may need help if their sense of self-worth and confidence is to be restored.
03. To renew the sense of spiritual purpose of both members and communities by animating them to accept in an ongoing way the unceasing call of God to a deep union with Christ.
04. To remind the members that they are called to serve the Church through our Society as committed religious by placing their gifts and talents at the disposal of the Society and the Church for the good of others.
05. To challenge both individual members and communities by raising questions that need to be raised, in the light of general chapters and of the last general visitation.
06. To look ahead creatively and cooperatively to the future of the province: its future needs, its future concerns, its future directions.

(Handbook for Superiors SVD, D 20, p. 161)

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NUTRITION AND STATIONARY DISTRIBUTION - AshaJyothi

One of the most alarming concerns about HIV/AIDS in India today, is the presence of number of HIV infected and affected orphaned children living in constant struggle for their very existence! Realizing the fact, Asha Jyothi had come forward to rescue such children, by making **'Arnold Children Home'** as their own home. 30 children live here with optimum care and concern from the year, 2012. Yet, there were many HIV orphans who required our help. Hence, Asha Jyothi started helping another 60 such children under **"Home-based Care"** from June, 2014 by giving them nutritional help, health care, and educational support every month which was inaugurated



by our Provincial Superior **Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD**. This project activity attained its first anniversary on 24th June, 2015 and Dr. Padma, ADM & HO was invited on that day to preside over the celebration as Chief Guest and plant a tree as memorial. Several other government officials were also invited as guests of honor. Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas SVD, the director of Asha Jyothi in his welcome address, explained all about 'HOME-BASED' project activity and assured to increase the number of children from 60 to 100 in the future. The chief guest distributed the nutritional packages, school bags and other stationery items to all the 60 children on its anniversary mela and appreciated the good work done by Asha Jyothi. Fr. Felix Roche, thanked the gathering and invited every participant to join the fellowship meal. We appreciate and congratulate Frs. Felix and Alwin for their care and love towards poor and the needy!

Exposure visit to ICRISAT - Jeevodaya

On 20th June, 2015, **Jeevodaya Social Centre** organized an exposure visit to ICRISAT for its 40 newly established **'Farmers' Co-operative Society'** members from Gajwel and Jagdevpur Mandals. They



were accompanied by their four animators and two supervisors of the project, under the guidance of its Director, Fr. Felix Roche, and the facilitator Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas. In order to get first-hand information on sustainable farming practices and appropriate technologies evolved by the institute suitable for our agro-ecosystem of Telangana State, the team was guided by the research centre to see all around the international centre. The farmers were also exposed to model demonstration units on Integrated Farming System. The knowledge and innovative ideas they gained would be of very useful and relevant in the field of agriculture. We acknowledge the initiatives taken by Frs. Felix and Alwin in reaching out to the farmers with

the helping hand!

PRECIOUS IS THE LIFE GIVEN TO MISSION - MANALMEDU

The words of St. Joseph Freinademetz "Precious is the life given to mission" finds appropriate meaning at Manalmedu mission as it is progressing towards the fullness of the vision of our founder St. Arnold Janssen. Manalmedu mission which was formed and nurtured in the early years of 1970s, consists of 18 substations with 300 catholic families under the pastoral care. For many years, this catholic community could not enjoy the full pastoral care due to insufficient transport facility and long distance from the main parish. The people of God were thirsty for the word of God and looking for pastoral care. Finding the real hunger and thirst for the Eucharist and the love for the Word of God, Divine Word missionaries were invited by the Bishop of Thanjavur to serve the people of



God and take care of the pastoral needs from July 8, 2014. After serving the mission for a year, their long awaited dream of having a parish came true on 10th June 2015. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr .Devadass Ambrose, the bishop of Thanjavur, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, the Provincial Superior of INH Province, erected Manalmedu as a parish and appointed Rev. Fr. A. Arockiasamy SVD as the first parish priest. A good number of priests and religious graced the occasion. The Bishop in his homily praised the activities of the SVD missionaries and wished the catholic community God's choicest blessings. Fr. Provincial in his address welcomed and appreciated the active participation of the people and specially thanked Fr.Arockiasamy for his hard work with missionary approach. We wish him the choicest blessings of the Almighty God in his missionary endeavors.

ANNUAL FEAST Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle - Sadasivpet



The feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle was celebrated at Sadasivpet parish on July 03, 2015. Rev. Fr. P. Sahayaraj SVD, the dean of Sangareddy, was the main celebrant. In his homily, he stressed upon the importance of the Word of God in the lives of the every human. He called the people of God to follow the example of St. Thomas the Apostle, the patron of the Church, in proclaiming Jesus as Lord and God. A good number of priests and religious along with the faithful participated in the Eucharistic celebration and concluded with the fellowship meal. We appreciate Fr. Jeyaseelan, Fr. Vijay Bhaskar and the parish community for their efforts to make the day very meaningful.

Feast of St. Antony of Padua - Agarakattu

The annual feast of St. Antony of Padua at Agarakattu was inaugurated on June 01, 2015 with flag hoisting. During the Novena days, the Holy Mass was celebrated and at the end of which benediction with homily by different priests of the area were the high lights of the preparation for the festival. On June 13, 2015. Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph, the Provincial Superior was the main celebrant and the homily was preached by Fr. Eugene SVD. He exhorted the people to follow in the footsteps of St. Antony to be closer to Jesus and his Word. We appreciate and congratulate **Frs. A. Joseph and Amalanathan** for the meticulous planning, preparation and organizing the feast in a solemn manner.



The Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul - Janagaon



The annual feast of Sts. Peter and Paul was celebrated with great solemnity on the 5th of July this year. As per the convenience of the faithful of Janagaon town the feast day was celebrated on July 5, 2015 with flag hoisting on June 26th and followed by Novena days. For 9 days priests from different places prepared the people by sharing the word of God during the Holy Mass. The solemn festive Eucharist on July 5, 2015 was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Ambaty Bala, the Principal of degree college, Ghanpur and Rev. Fr. R. Innareddy, the principal of Bp.Thumma Bala School broke the word of God. About 30 priests and as many number of sisters and a large number of faithful from within and other parishes attended the festive

Holy Mass. While Fr. Balaprasad SVD, the parish priest whole heartedly welcomed the special invitees and guests for the celebration, Mrs. Innasiamma, a parishioner, thanked all those who made this day a blessed one. The presence of Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, the Provincial superior of INH was an added colour to this graceful event.

INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-16

St. Charles' Seminary - Trichy

The inauguration of the academic year 2015-16 at St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy was on June 11, 2015 with the Holy Eucharistic celebration. It is the birth and death anniversary day of Fr. Karl Ritz. Fr. Antony Joseph, the Provincial Superior was the main celebrant. Fr. A. Jesu preached the homily and stressed upon the strong foundation for the younger people at this beginning stage. There are twenty one students for the orientation course, six are studying in 11th standard and nine students are promoted to Palda.

Jyothi Niketan – Narasaraopet

June 25, 2015 was an auspicious occasion for Jyothi Niketan as it had its inauguration of the academic year 2015-16 and wishing the Palda going brothers God's choicest blessing in their next stage of formation. Fr. Antony Joseph, the Provincial Superior, was the main celebrant. In his message he invited them to be grateful to the gift of vocation and wished each one of them to be a great missionary. He wished them God's choicest blessings during the academic year. There are eighteen students for the orientation programme, seven for the 11th, six for 12th standards and ten students are promoted to Palda.

Brother Formation House – Alwal



The Academic year 2015-16 was inaugurated and blessed by Fr. Antony Joseph, the Provincial Superior on June 22, 2015. He, in his homily, told them about the importance of brothers in our SVD missionary activities. Bro. Paulus mentioned that Brother candidates had begun the New Year with lots of zeal and dedication. There are five students for the orientation course, five in 11th, five in 12th standards and 6 students are promoted to Palda.

Divine Word Centre - Chennai

The academic year of Divine Word Centre, Chennai was inaugurated on June 17, 2015 by Fr. Lazar, the mission secretary of INH, after 5 days of intense and meaningful retreat preached by him. Fr. Bali Reddy, the Rector, presided over the Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Lazar, in his homily, shared about the significance of formation at Chennai and the opportunities that are provided for all round growth. There are twenty one brothers in 1st year, twelve in 2nd year, seven in 3rd year and five postulants are promoted to the Novitiate.

We wish and pray the God's abundant blessings and His grace upon all our formators and the candidates in our respective formation houses.

Deacon G. Prakash SVD

The long awaited day in the life of Rev. Bro. G. Prakash SVD arrived on July 18, 2015. It was a red-lettered day in his life as he was ordained deacon by Most Rev. Gali Bali, the Bishop of Guntur at Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet. We congratulate and wish **Dn. G. Prakash** to have a fruitful diaconate ministry in the days to come!



General Body Meeting of DWES

The General Body Meeting of DWES was held on July 18, 2015 at Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda. Rev. Fr. Gnana Deva SJ was the resource person for the day. He spoke in particular about ESI and RTE. The auditors spoke about the new government laws and regulations. Fr. Davidraj, the treasurer, presented the financial situation of DWES. Fr. Santhuraja was elected as one of the governing body members in the place of Fr. Thomas K. Fr. Casmir D'Souza thanked all the members for the active participation in the general body meeting. We thank Fr. Casmir D'Souza for efficiently organizing the DWES General Body Meeting.

National Seminar for Formators

Dear Formators, the National Seminar for Formators is to be held at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad (SVD Provincial House) in two batches.

First Batch

Arrival: August 09, 2015

Seminar: August 10-12, 2015

Second Batch

Arrival: August 14, 2015

Seminar: August 15 - 17, 2015.

The seminar will begin with Eucharistic Celebration on the first day of the seminar and conclude by 4.00 pm on the last day of the seminar. Formators are requested to participate in any one of the seminars.

ANNUAL RETREAT

“We make an annual retreat of at least five full days”. (Con. 409.2)

“For their own growth and development as religious missionary priests and brothers, confreres are encouraged to make a retreat annually.” (Handbook for Superiors: B4, 1.3).

Date : October 11 – 16, 2015

Preacher : Rev. Fr. Frederick Santhumayor

Place : Arnold Bhavan - Hyderabad

Fr. Peter Thomas to INH

I would also like to inform you and welcome Fr. Peter Thomas who is transferred from ARS to INH. He is already in our Province and being in charge of the school at Zaheerabad. Welcome dear Fr. Peter Thomas.

Fr. George Meppurath Dinil to INM

I would like to inform you that Fr. George Meppurath Dinil is transferred from USW to INM. We thank him for all the service rendered in our Province. We wish him God's blessing in his mission work in INM.

Welcome back Fr. Robert Fernandes

We are indeed happy to congratulate Fr. Robert Fernandes after the successful completion of his studies in Educational counselling in Manila. Fr. Robert Fernandes will be back in our Province on August 04, 2015.

Bible Seminar on Consecrated Life

Sub-Zonal Bible Co-coordinator Fr. Lawrence Bose informs that a **National Biblical Seminar on Consecrated Life** is being organized on November 10 and 11, 2015 at Arnold Bhavan. I encourage all the confreres to actively participate in the seminar.

New Bishop for the diocese of Jhabua

Rev. Fr. Basil Bhuriya, SVD present Parish Priest of Thandla, has been appointed as the Bishop of Jhabua Diocese. We the members of INH Province congratulate Fr. Basil Bhuriya. May God bless him in his new responsibility as the Bishop of Jhabua Diocese.

Kindly contact Fr. Vijay Amalraj in “iraiarasuretreatcentre@gmail.com”

Birthdays

August

Antony Samy.R.	-	3
Lawrence Bose	-	9
Joseph Babu	-	10
Paul Jeyakumar	-	15
S. Jeyaraj	-	23
Felix Roche	-	30



September

Bernard.M.	-	2
John Bosco	-	5
Bandanadam Jojappa	-	10
Martin Sabbas	-	19
Maxim Fernandes	-	19
Joe Faustin	-	28
Wenceslaus	-	28
S.Valan	-	28




MY PROGRAMME

August 7	Provincial Council Meeting, Janagaon
Aug.9th to 15th	Formators' seminar at Arnold Bhavan
Aug 22 nd to 11 th Sept.	Provincial Visitation T.N.
Sept.14 th to 22 nd	Provincial Forum meeting, Jharsuguda

The Next Provincial Council meeting will be held on Aug 7, 2015 at Janagaon.

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


Fr. Antony Joseph SVD
Provincial Superior - INH