



PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR-INH

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



- INH Vision

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"Star" of Discipleship

In these months (August - October) of devotion to Mary, we reflect on the life of Mother Mary who lived her life doing God's Will - she is the best example for us to truly be a disciple of Jesus. Mother Mary is the "Star" of discipleship. What is a star? A star is the most luminous light in the horizon and Mother Mary is the most privileged of all the disciples of Jesus. She was the Mother and she was truly a devout disciple too. A star also shows us the way and Mother Mary leads us on our way to become true disciples of Jesus. That is why Vatican II speaks of Mother Mary as the first believer and the best believer. When God wanted to save the world, it was to Mother Mary that God turned to because as soon as man and woman sinned, the Paradise was lost. Life was to become a valley of tears for humankind. At that very moment, God promised a Saviour to be born in the world to save humankind and restore back the Paradise. In the plan of God, the Saviour was to be the Son God becoming man. For the Son of God to become man, God needed a woman in whom the Son of God could be conceived as man - for this, God chose Mary of Nazareth.



Mary's whole life and existence was and is centred around Jesus, her Son: At the Annunciation, she responded "let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1: 38), and Jesus the Eternal Word took flesh in her womb. In the John's Gospel, Mary's last recorded words are "Do whatever He [Jesus] tells you." (Jn 2: 5). At Pentecost, she who intimately knew the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation, prays with the apostles for the coming of the Holy Spirit so that Christ's work might be continued through His Church. (Acts 1:14ff). By looking at the life of Mary, we will see time and again how God reaffirmed His specific will to Mary. We, like Mary, can expect God to periodically restate His will for us so that we can also know His ways and plans for the mission to which He has called us.

Provincial Visitation was a time of grace and blessing to all of us. It was a God-given opportunity. It was a time to reaffirm our discipleship. Thus, I am suppose, all of us made use of the gracious occasion to share and dream for the future. I take this opportunity to thank all the Confreres for your active participation. I also thank the provincial leadership team for spending enough time with the confreres. Let us strive together and walk in the light of the Lord as Mary our Mother did by following the Word of God. Let us also continue to pray for the success of the General visitation that would take place in the month of January-February 2016.

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ST. ARNOLD SOCIO- EDUCATIONAL CENTRE - SINGAMPUNARI



It is another mile stone for our St. Arnold Socio- Educational Centre, Singampuneri because Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph our INH Provincial Superior had visited our centre on Sept 06, 2015 and issued the certificates to the outgoing Montessori Teacher Training Students and Tailoring students. The event was witnessed by the local panchayat President Mr. Sundarrajan and Mr. Thirumaren (Municipal Councilor) the local politicians and parents of the Students. The cultural program was organised and performed by our Tuition children.

TREASURERS MEETING AT JHARSUGUDA

The Treasurers of SVD Provinces and Region in India came together for a meeting to share and discuss on the common concerns and issues related to finances, accounting, reporting etc. on 13th and 14th Sep., 2015 at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda, Orissa. Fr. Donald D'Souza SVD was the resource person and animator at this meeting. The highlight of the meeting was issues related to Professional tax, Income Tax, TDS, Service Tax, and FCRA regulations etc. There was also open sharing by each one as and when required to bring clarity of thought in budget preparation, reporting and way of functioning. There was also half a day session with Provincials and Regional of SVD, India, to discuss on the common concerns and management of school resources and funds.

The challenges are faced in the Provinces and Region are similar, if not identical. The demands for proper accounting, reporting, documentation etc. are more important now than ever before. Educating the local treasurers and confreres and seeking their cooperation is an integral requirement for the smooth functioning and financial management in the Provinces/Region.

PARISH FEASTS

OUR LADY OF VELANKANNI – SINGAMPUNARI

The feast of Our Lady of Velankanni was solemnly started by hoisting the Marian flag by Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph our Provincial Superior on Sept 06, 2015 followed by Holy Eucharist. During the novena days people participated and received the grace of God through the Blessed Mother. The feast on 8th of September was well organized and attended by hundreds of people of different faith.



ANNUAL FEAST OF AROGYAMATHA - ZAHEERABAD

The Annual Feast of Arogya Matha church at Zaheerabad was celebrated on 8th September, 2015 by Rev. Fr. Soosai SVD, the District Superior of Sangareddy and Rev. Fr. Joseph Bandanadam SVD, the parish priest preached the homily. In his homily, he stressed upon the importance of Mother Mary in our lives and the aspect of 'praying Mother'. A good number of people participated in the Eucharistic Celebration which was followed by a fellowship meal.

AROCKIA ANNAI SHRINE, VADIMANAGAR



'Amma' is a lovely word that echoes in everyone's mouth as sweet as honey. Vadimanagar Arockia Annai embraces everyone under her mantle irrespective of caste and creed. Nine days novena for the celebration of nativity of Mother Mary began pompously on August 29, 2015 with flag-hoisting by Rt. Rev. Peter Remigius the Bishop of Kottar. The liturgy was meticulously organized by the Religious communities of the Parish. Around ten thousand people devotedly participated in the solemn Eucharistic Celebration. The bishop released a hymn book prepared by Fr. Valan SVD.

The themes of the novena days were explicit expression of the characteristics and the qualities of Mother Mary. People from different walks of life came by foot /vehicles from far and wide.

The three-fold celebrations viz. the nativity of Mother Mary, foundation day of the Society of Divine Word and the origin of the 'Yesuvin Arumarunthu' spring were scenes of beauty for the sight. On the feast day, the Concelebrated Eucharist was celebrated at 11 am led by Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph the Provincial Superior with SVD Confreres. In the evening the Solemn Eucharist was presided by the Most. Rev. Peter Fernando the former Archbishop of Madurai. He released the new DVD prepared by Fr. Valan SVD. Fr. A. Joseph the parish priest thanked the entire parish community and all the well-wishers for their generous contribution, donations and for their cooperation.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH CHURCH - KOTTAPATTU

The Annual feast of Our Lady of Good Health Church at Kottapattu was celebrated amid fervent prayers, rosary and novena to Our Lady of Good Health with the hoisting of the flag on August 29, 2015 followed by the Holy Eucharist. On this day people of different religions flocked in large numbers to witness the ascending of the flag and to experience the descending of the blessings of Our Lady. During the nine days of Novena, Holy Eucharist was celebrated by various priests sharing meaningful reflection on the life of Mother Mary. The presence of a good number of SVD confreres and the students from our seminary also added colours to the festivity.

I take this opportunity to appreciate and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our confreres who tirelessly worked to make the festive days more meaningful and helped people to go closer to God through our Beloved Mother.

WE FEEL VERY SAD.....



Fr. Mennekanti Anil Kumar SVD who was ordained on 2nd March, 2011 was appointed to Hungary Province. He had gone there with full zeal and enthusiasm to continue the mission of Jesus but the climate was not conducive to his health, due to which he was transferred to INH province. After assisting in the school for a few months in Ramagundam, he was appointed as assistant Parish Priest and Procurator of the School at Ramachandrapuram. His two years of presence made a difference and his contributions were remarkable one. He captured the minds and hearts of all and specially the youth. He was then transferred to Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet as Youth Co-ordinator and Vocation Promoter.

On 27th Sep. 2015 early in the morning, he had gone to Sankavarapadu to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist. On his way back he had gone to Addanki and joined our confreres for lunch. After spending some time with our confreres, he was returning back to our seminary. Unfortunately, he met with an accident and died on the spot. We feel very sad at the loss of an young confrere and express our hearty condolence and prayers to the grieved family members and relatives.

MIGRATION MINISTRY

I was a stranger and you welcomed me. (Mt.2:35)

Welcoming strangers as guests and to make them feel at home through our hospitality is part of SVD missionary curriculum. As Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd went in search of the lost sheep, the signs of time invite us to go in search of migrants who are to be brought together and motivated. The globalised modern world forces the poor to move to cities for their livelihood. Thus, every city is filled with migrants.

It is a new endeavour in INH that needs a long journey to build it up. To begin with, Fr. Florence Minz SVD has taken the initiative to meet the factory workers, domestic workers and construction workers of Nacharam locality. On their request and with the permission of the parish priest, he officiates in the sacrament of baptism, marriage and Holy Eucharist in the language of Sadri and Hindi. They are happy with his visitation and presence which gives them social and psychological support and security.



INH PROVINCE - JPIC MEETING

Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas SVD, JPIC Coordinator, convened the INH Province 'JPIC MEET' on 29th July, 2015. It began at 9-30 a.m. with a prayer. Fr. Alwin extended a special welcome note to those new entrants and to all other confreres who came to attend the meeting. He presented his short JPIC-PROVINCE report for the year 2014-15 and appreciated everyone for playing an active role in JPIC activities with their specialized apostolate. Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph, the Provincial Superior delivered the key note address, congratulating every participant for rendering their commendable services and reasonable achievements in their assigned tasks. He also praised and appreciated everyone for creating a meaningful history in the province, by discovering the love of Christ in the poor, the sick, marginalized and the downtrodden in order to bring peace, justice and integrity of creation in our day to day mission.

The members of the forum presented their reports and highlighted the achievements in their specialized apostolate. They also proposed their future plans and explained their difficulties and sought solutions. The JPIC Coordinator added that the next thrust in our JPIC activities would be to focus our attention to safe guard the welfare and the interests of the Migrants, with a special focus on the domestic and construction workers which is the growing need of the changing times!

STATE LEVEL EVALUATION MEETING AT ASHA JYOTHI



ASHA JYOTHI has several project-activities in hand in the field of HIV/AIDS and out of which **“PREVENTION PARENT TO CHILD TRANSMISSION” (PPTCT)** is one of the most prestigious, rewarding and ever satisfying. HIV prevention program is being implemented for children born to the HIV infected parents. This program is funded by **NACO** and managed by **IL & FS** Organization, in which Asha Jyothi is one of the implementing partners. After having completed the program for 5 years, IL&FS planned for a state level evaluation meeting on 12th September, 2015 at Asha Jyothi, inviting all the project coordinators of the program and some of the outreach workers from every

district of Telangana State, under the leadership of Mr. Ranjeet Babu, the IL&FS State coordinator. Prior to the starting of the evaluation meeting, **a tree was planted** at Asha Jyothi premises by both the state coordinator and the director of Asha Jyothi, Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas SVD to mark the occasion while all the members, inmates and children witnessed the scene enthusiastically with a good round of applause! The meeting was started with a welcome address by Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas SVD and he felicitated the state coordinator, Mr. Ranjeet Babu for his commendable services in the implementation of the project. 'Asha Jyothi Memento' was presented to all the coordinators of PPTCT who attended the meeting. An evaluation was conducted and the meeting was concluded with a fellowship meal.

CONGRATS TO Fr. A. JOHN

We congratulate Fr. A. John SVD for completing successfully B. Ed course with distinction in Pondicherry University.

PROVINCE INTERNAL AUDITING

Dear Confreres, This is to inform you that the following confreres are appointed to be the members of the financial committee for our province:

Fr. S. Davidraj, the Provincial Treasurer, the coordinator

Fr. R. Soosai, St. Arnold's High School, Sangareddy Dt.

Fr. Lawrence Bose, Divine Word Centre, Chennai

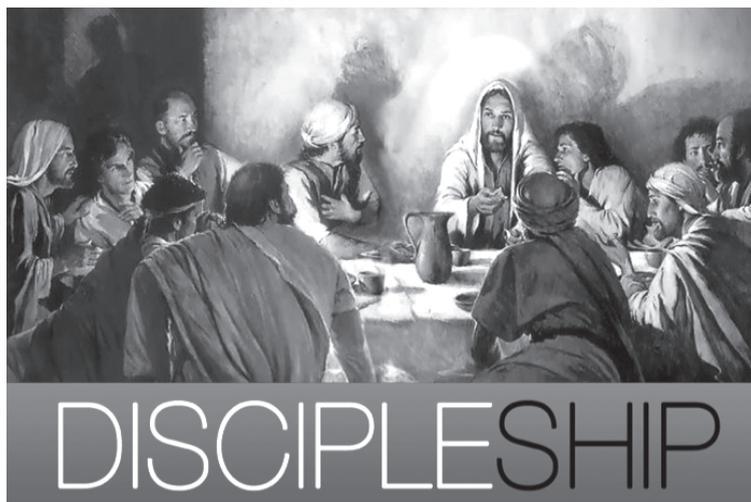
Fr. Casmir D'Souza, DWES Secretary

Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas, Asha Jyothi, Pragnapur

The duties of the committee are to do internal auditing of all the units in our province, work audit, suggest ways and means for self-reliance and better utilization of our lands. Hence, I am enclosing the dates of each unit for the internal auditing and you are requested to keep the accounts ready for April, 2015 to September, 2015. (6 months). Kindly cooperate with them.

INTERNAL AUDITING 2015 – 16

NAME OF THE PLACE	DATE	PERSONS
Pinapaka,	26-10-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Alwin
Kadavendi, Madhapuram,	27-10-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Alwin
Janagaon, Raigir, Bhongir,	28-10-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Alwin
Toopran, Asha Jyothi	29-10-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Alwin
Divine Mercy Centre, Communication centre	30-10-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Casmir
Medarametla, Addanki	01-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Soosai
Sankavarapadu, Narasaraopet	02-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Soosai
Alwal, Miyapur, BHEL, MIG	03-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Casmir
R.C. Puram, Patancheru,	04-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Casmir
Muthangi, Yeddumailaram	05-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Soosai
Jogipet, Nizampet	06-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Soosai
Sangareddy, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad	07-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Soosai
Ramagundam	09-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Alwin
Divine Word Seminary, Madha Nagar	13-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Bose
Manalmedu	14-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Bose
St. Charles' Seminary, Kottapattu, Malayadivaram	15-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Bose
Singampuneri, Oothu	16-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Bose
Vadipatti shrine, Divine Word Centre	17-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Bose
Agarakattu, Shencottah	18-11-2015	Fr. David, Fr. Bose



We have revived our website as **www.svdinh.in**. You can find that each station has one each page, it contains the history of the place and the programme of the year as well. Any change in your programme list, kindly inform the province communication coordinator. We thank Fr. Selvam for reviving the website.

Fr. Robert Fernandes is appointed as the counsellor for SVD Schools. He resides at St. Arnold's High School, Sangareddy. The confreres incharge of schools kindly contact him for any guidance and counselling for the school. His Ph. No. 9491952190.

Happy Birth Day to You

October

Thuruthimattom	-	8
Rajesh Soreng	-	10
Stanislaus S.M.	-	13
Antony Joseph	-	15
Minz Florence	-	19
Jose George (EIP)	-	26



November

Dn. K. Anthoniswamy	-	01
A. Jesuraj		
Joseph A. (Jr)	-	02
Paulus Topno	-	11
M. Xavier	-	12
A. Selvam	-	30



MY PROGRAMME

October 01 - 02	Eddula Bayyaram mission
October 04	Parish feast, Our Lady of Rosary Church, Miyapur
October 11- 16	Province Annual Retreat, Arnold Bhavan
October 19 - 20	Provincial Council Meeting, Arnold Bhavan
November 10-11	Seminar on consecrated life, Arnold Bhavan
November 14	DWES General Body Meeting.

The next Provincial Council Meeting will be held at Arnold Bhavan on 19th & 20th Oct. 2015.

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


Fr. Antony Joseph SVD
Provincial Superior - INH