



Our Freedom and Assumption of Mary

From the beginning, especially in this modern age freedom has been the great dream of humanity. We are created in His own image to be free to love Him and our fellow humans. The selfish human being got enslaved to his own self and He had to come down in the form of human being to deliver us from the bondage of sin and death.

Mary, the mother of God takes the central place in the salvific history of mankind. Mary's greatness lies above all in her free and unreserved openness to God. She not only hears the Word but keeps it. In her choice of the Supreme Good, namely, God Himself, by a will unhindered by selfishness, Mary achieves the greatest freedom ever attained by a human creature. She, therefore, is the model of authentic freedom. She stands as the model for all the Christians, of what it means to be a partner with God in the work of salvation. In her song she gives an electrifying expression to the rising hopes of millions to be free from exploitation domineering and dehumanizing forces. She is the liberated and liberating woman. She showed the care and concern and generosity as she went to help her cousin, Elizabeth. We are called to emulate her example in our lives.



We are celebrating the feast of the assumption of our Lady who was taken up body and soul into God's glory and thus placed triumphant over sin and death like her Son. The gates of hell cannot withstand the power of heaven. Gates of sin melt in the presence of saving grace; gates of death fall in the presence of eternal life; gates of falsehood collapse in the presence of living truth; gates of violence are flattened in the presence of divine love.

We are also celebrating the freedom of our country. What does freedom mean to a common man in this 21st century where violence, deprivation, poverty, hunger, unemployment... goes on and on. We are called to be the impetus to liberate the people in the periphery. It is by conforming one's will to the Divine one that human beings attain the true light of freedom. True freedom lies in the ability to align one's actions freely with the truth, so as to achieve authentic human happiness both now and in the life to come. Jesus promised, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32). As Tagore prayed, "O God let my country awake to that freedom..."

**Wish you all a very happy feast day of our Lady of Assumption &
Happy Independence Day!**

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Parish Feast at Sadasivpet



It was wonderful to see such a large gathering at St. Thomas Church, Sadasivpet for the annual parish feast day of their patron saint St. Thomas, the Apostle of India, on July 03, 2016. Apart from faithful and religious sisters, there were fifteen SVDs including two brothers who added grace to the festive celebration. The Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD was the main celebrant of the solemn Eucharistic Celebration and Fr. Anand Nagoth SVD in his homily high-lighted the vital role played by the Apostle of India for evangelization. The Parish Priest, Fr. R. M. Jeyaseelan SVD thanked all the participants and wished the

parishioners God's Blessing. One of the parishioners, Mr. Joseph appreciated and expressed his gratitude to the Divine Word Missionaries for the good work being done in that area. The solemn feast came to an end with the participation of all in the festive meal.

Educational Seminar: Challenging Trends in Education Today

On July 09, 2016 the Divine Word Educational Society organized a Seminar for the SVD Schools at Arnold Bhavan for those teaching Science and Mathematics in our Schools. The theme was: 'challenging Trends in Education Today. The sessions were animated by Mr. Vijay Kumar and Team.

Fr. Casmir D'Souza, the Chief functionary welcomed the gathering. Fr. Antony Joseph, the President of DWES welcomed the resource person with a flower bouquet. Fr. G. Lazar, the Mission Secretary, introduced the speaker and his team to the gathering.

Mr. Vijay Kumar, a well-known educationist, social entrepreneur and philanthropist has done pioneering work in Adaptive Learning approaches. He has worked extensively on attitudes and capacities of children and young people.

The seminar was well attended by more than 60 teachers. It was encouraging to see many of our confreres working in our Schools also accompanied the teachers. The seminar and specially the input talk by the resource person was well appreciated by one and all. He highlighted that in this digital age there is a shift from the discipline oriented education to career oriented and skill oriented education. He underlined the importance of the language in educational institutions. After the tea break the input was given by the team members. They threw light on mathematical issues and how to manage these issues in the Schools. They explained how the management and the teachers should work in collaboration so as to mould the students and effect success with the challenging curriculum.



ST. THERESA OF CHILD JESUS, SHENCOTTAH



The new mission station at Shencottah named after St. Theresa of Child Jesus was inaugurated on July 3, 2016. Fr. Blaise SVD took charge as the priest in charge. Fr. A Joseph (Sr) represented the province in the inaugural ceremony. The mission station will be officially erected as a parish after one year as 54th parish of Palayamkottai Diocese along with sixteen sub-stations. The ceremony of taking charge of the mission station was done with the celebration of Holy Eucharist by Rev. Fr. Xavier Terrence T, Vicar General and a good number of priests graced the occasion. The celebration ended with a fellowship meal. We wish

Fr. Blaise SVD, God's blessing in his new mission.

DECENNIAL CELEBRATION OF ASHA JYOTHI

August, 2006 to July, 2016

A decade of Selfless service to the people and children suffering with HIV/AIDS



Asha Jyothi was bearing a triumphant look on 20th July, 2016. The center appeared very solemn with colorful decorations, filled with all walks of people, clients and patients from all over the district and adjoining places, well-wishers and the donors, priests and religious nuns and all assembled in solidarity to commemorate the day of 'Decennial Celebration of Asha Jyothi' and its services rendered to the people of God living with HIV and AIDS. To mark the occasion of **ten years** of its dedicated

service, **ten saplings** were planted in and outside of Asha Jyothi campus.

The Provincial Superior, **Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD**, presided over the function. **Shri. D. Ronald Rose, IAS**, the **District collector & Magistrate** of Medak was the **Chief Guest** of the celebration. Along with them, **Mr. Hanumantha Rao**, OSD-GADA, the municipal chairman, many other government officials and some of our confreres were the **guests of honor**. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp jointly by the Provincial, Collector and eminent guests.

A beautiful welcome dance was performed by the children of Asha Jyothi. The decennial report of Asha Jyothi was presented by **Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas SVD**, its **Director**, systematically enumerating all its activities to the surprise of many present, who came to know for the first time about all the services rendered by Asha Jyothi. Fr. Alwin also introduced some of the donors and about their specific contributions to the collector. The chief guest handed over the nutrition bags to our home-based HIV infected and affected children.

The collector prior to his address **released the SOUVENIR** in the presence of the provincial and guests of honor to mark the ten years of great service at Asha Jyothi. The Chief Guest admired and appreciated Asha Jyothi for its various activities and selfless services. He whole heartedly thanked the director and the entire staff, wished them to continue the good work, saying that he is very fortunate and proud of being the collector of this district where Asha Jyothi is serving to its deprived, ostracized needy people. **The provincial superior** in his message congratulated and thanked the confreres and the staff for the excellent service at the centre and for their dedication. Several guests of honor took their turn and delivered their messages congratulating Asha Jyothi on its Decennial Celebration. Asha Jyothi children performed some wonderful dances to express their happiness and gratitude on this occasion. With a vote of thanks, followed by a sumptuous fellowship meal to all present, the function was concluded with a happy note! We express our gratitude and appreciation to all those confreres who served at Asha Jyothi and especially the present director Fr. Alwin and Fr. Felix for their dedicated service.

Activities of Sanskruti

In a significant move, around 300 Islamic and non-Islamic scholars from India, Saudi Arabia and South Africa met in Hyderabad on June 18 and took umbrage to the terror unleashed by ISIS, describing it as a “terror outfit not even remotely associated with the idea of Islam”. Fr. G. Lazar SVD representing the Indian Christian Scholars’ Forum presented a paper on “Islam and Violence Today” on this occasion. “The deeds and actions of ISIS are absolutely un-Islamic and against humanity” a resolution adopted by the congregation at the end of a three-day international seminar on “Life and ways of Prophet Mohammad”. This international seminar was organised by AI Mahadul Aali AI Islamic, a centre for training and preparing graduates of Islamic seminaries for higher learning. Scholars from Saudi Arabia like Dr. Alghamdi (World Islamic League, Saudi Arabia), Dr. Sheikh Mohammed Abdal from Ummul Qura University, Mecca, Maulana Abbas Ali Jeenah and Maulana Ibrahim Bham from South Africa, Maulana Syed Mohammed Wali Rehmani, secretary, All India Muslim Personal Law Board, Maulana Rafi Qasmi, general secretary of the Jammah-e-Islamic Hind were among those who participated in the seminar.



The Ramzan spiritual conference has been an annual feature for the last few years, attracting faithful from different parts of Hyderabad. The prayer meet held on July 3 at Nizam College grounds, billed as one of the largest Ramzan congregations of the twin-cities, This prayer meeting was led by Sayyid Ibrahim Khaleel Al Bukhari, chairman of the academy. In his message to the congregation, Sayyid Bukhari called upon the faithful to restrain from all activities that smack of terrorism and extremism and strive for unity and social harmony of the country. He also said believers should act as the ambassadors of peace and tolerance which are the basis of Islam and urged them to use social media for good causes. Fr. G. Lazar SVD while addressing the congregation said that every Ramzan festival must be a tool to unite people, not to divide them, a way to love and bring harmony in the country. He also urged the youth not to become tools in the hands of anti-social elements in society.

Appointments

As per the recommendation of the Visitor General, the following confreres are appointed as in charge of our SVD properties in our province:

1. Fr. Anand Nagoth ---- Andhra and Telangana
2. Fr. Paul Jeyakumar ---- Tamilnadu

Congratulations to Bro. Rajesh Soreng SVD for being appointed as the ASPAC coordinator for brothers for the remaining part of the Triennium.

Seminary Statistics

Name of the Seminary	Orientation	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Brother Formation House, Alwal	2	5	5	-
Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet	14	10	6	-
St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy	19	8	2	-
Divine Word Centre, Chennai		18	19	11

STRENGTH PARTICULARS OF OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Name of the School	Boys	Girls	Total
St. Arnold's H. School, Medarametla	907	806	2286
St. Arnold's H. School, R.C Puram	937	895	1832
St. Arnold's H. School, Sangareddy	308	253	561
St. Arnold's H. School, Toopran	246	196	442
St. John de Britto H. School, Kadavendi	470	225	695
St. Joseph's H. School, Addanki	411	312	723
St. Joseph's H. School, Patancheru	1395	1210	2605
St. Mary's H. School, Zaheerabad	150	90	240
St. Mary's H. School, Sadasivpet	724	532	1256
Vidya Jyothi H. School, Raigir	390	215	695
St. Arnold's H. School, Trichy	268	172	440
St. Clare's H. School, Ramagundam	1199	1087	2286
Jyothi Vidyalaya H. School, BHEL			740
St. Ann's H. School, BHEL			1900

Happy Birth Day to you

August

03 – R. Antonysamy
 09 – Lawrence Bose
 10 – Joseph Babu
 15 – Paul Jeyakumar
 21 – Thumma Thomas (Dn)
 23 – S. Jeyaraj
 30 – Felix Roche

September

02 – Bernard M
 10 – Bandanadham Jojappa
 18 – P. David (EIP)
 19 – Martin Sabbas
 19 – Maxim Fernandes
 28 – Joe Faustin
 28 – Wenceslaus
 28 – S. Valan



Retreats in Different Provinces

Province/Region	Place	Dates	Preacher
ING	Reginal House, Guwahati	17.08.2016 to 23.08.2016	Fr. Arul Susaimankckam, SJ
INC	St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore	02.10.2016 to 07.10.2016	Fr. Jaison Thundathil CSsR
INH	Our Lady of Good Health, Velankani, Tamilnadu	09.10.2016 to 14.10.2016	Fr. Mariadass (Claretian)
INM	Batch I: Prarthana Nikethan, Kaduthuruthy	09.10.2016 to 14.10.2016	Fr. Joseph Kaduppil
	Batch II: Ishvani Kendra, Pune	03.11.2016 to 08.11.2016	Fr. Charles Pinto SVD
INE	Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda	09.10.2016 to 14.10.2016	Fr. Alwyn Noronha, OFM (Cap)

My Programme:

31 July	: Parish Feast, MIG
10 August	: Provincial council meeting, Arnold Bhavan
13 to 15 August	: Parish Feast, Madhanagar, Chennai
25 August	: Missionary Meeting & DWES General Body Meeting, Arnold Bhavan
7 to 8 September	: Feast Day at Vadipatti and Kottapatu, Trichy
15 to 16 September	: Indian provincials' meeting with General Visitators, Mumbai
17 to 18 September	: Formation Board Meeting, Arnold Bhavan
19 to 20 September	: Inter-Provincial Planning Forum, Arnold Bhavan
21 September	: VIVAT India International, Arnold Bhavan

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