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ST. JOSEPH FREINADEMETZ: A SAINT EVER RELEVANT

“The husband gifted a new car to his wife for her birthday. He first handed over the keys, then a pouch with all necessary documents, including her driving license, and followed it up with a long hug. He then offered to take care of the children and asked her to go on a long drive. She thanked him with a kiss and she was gone with her auto-baby. Hardly a kilometer into the drive, she hit a median. She was safe, but the car was dented. She was consumed with guilt, “What will I tell him? How will he take it?” thoughts and feelings ran amok. The police were quick to arrive at the accident scene. “Can we see your license? They demanded. Her hands still shivering, she reached for the pouch that her husband had given her. With tears rolling down her cheeks, as she picked the license from the pouch she noticed a ‘Post’ with her husband’s handwriting, “Honey, in case of an accident, please remember, it is you that I love and not the car. Loving you”.

“Blessed are those who have understood that and not loving things and using people”. comprehended by Joseph Freinademetz, volunteered to pioneer the missionary Arnold Janssen to China. Those of us, the birthplace of our missionary saint, such a cool, clean, comfortable and adverse China. It was his love of him to go to China to love the people who loved ‘People’ more than the ‘things’. That *language understood by people everywhere is the language of love*”.



they should be loving people and using things, This was deeply understood and a century and a half ago when he journey envisaged by our Founder who have made our pilgrimage to Oeis, will wonder how Joseph could just leave serene place to an unknown, hot, sultry God, in and through Christ that impelled were created in the same image of God. He is why he was even able to say, “*The only*

His close companions and biographers note these finer elements in him, “*He was tenderhearted and gentle by nature but remained firm at decisive moments and expressing his opinion.*” He had an “*open, clear and sober judgement, good common sense, a natural ability to evaluate situations and objective grasp of things*”. Cardinal Thomas Tien SVD said, “*Josef was always there for others and then he was totally there just for them, completely selfless and forgetful of himself*”. What a privilege for us to have him as our first and model missionary. Every privilege entails a responsibility. As we honour him, let us resolve to emulate and follow him in every way.

Happy feast to all of you.

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Medarametla



The Annual Parish Feast at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Medarametla, was celebrated on 8th December, 2016. Three days of charismatic preaching and healing services were conducted preceding the Feast. The festival flag was hoisted on 5th December 2016 by Rev. Fr. Benny SVD and he helped the people to reflect on the Word of God with his powerful preaching. Along with our parishioners, faithful from the neighbouring parishes and villages attended the service. The beautifully decorated statue of

Our Lady of Perpetual Help was taken out through the streets of the town in the evening in a peaceful and prayerful procession. We thank Fr. Varkey, Fr. Joseph Babu and Fr. John for making the feast day celebration very meaningful and solemn.

Feast of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sangareddy

The annual Feast of Our Lady of Mercy Church Sangareddy was celebrated on Saturday, the 10th December 2016. Rev. Fr. Benny SVD, the Director of Divine Word Center, Muthangi was the main celebrant. In his homily, he stressed upon the role of Mother Mary in the lives of the faithful. A good number of priests and religious sisters along with faithful from within and other parishes attended the festive Holy Mass. A cultural programme by the students of Karuna High School, Sangareddy, added colours to this graceful event. Mr. E. Anthony Reddy, the parish council member



expressed sincere gratitude to all the people who attended the festive Holy Mass and the feast was concluded with the fellowship meal. We appreciate and congratulate our confreres Arokiadoss, Soosai and Thumma Thomas Reddy for their efforts to make the day more meaningful.

JPIC ACTIVITIES OF THE PROVINCE

1. Seminar for Women at St. Arnold Socio-Educational Centre, Singampunary.



A seminar was organized for women by St. Arnold Socio-Educational Centre, on November 26, 2016 at Singampunary. The programme was inaugurated with a prayer and lighting of the lamp by Fr. Joseph SVD and FSJ Sisters followed by *Exhibition by Tailoring Students* and *Food Mela by Montessori Students*. Fr. Pushparaj SVD, was the chief guest and Mr. Anbarasu, the principal of the kids School, Singampunary was the guest of honor. Rev. Sr. Fatima FSJ and Sr. Angela FSJ were the resource persons to present

talks on the topic '*the women and education*'. A common meal was arranged for everyone attended the function. There were about hundred women and children participated on that day. The participants were so much delighted by the innovative arrangements made by the students and staff. We thank Fr. Ananda Raj, Fr. Joseph and the staff for their meticulous planning and execution.

2. World Aids Day at Asha Jyothi:

World Aids day is held world wide on 1st December each year from 1988. **ASHA JYOTHI** is very much in forefront to unite itself in the fight against HIV. This year the programme was scheduled on **2nd December, 2016** which began with a rally along the streets of Pragnapur exhibiting their solidarity and support to people living with HIV and AIDS with a specific purpose to bring in HIV awareness to the public. Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph, SVD the Provincial Superior presided over the function that was arranged soon after the rally. Fr. Felix Roche SVD welcomed all the dignitaries for the function and Rev. Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas SVD presented the annual report. Several Guests of honour gave the 'World Aids day message appreciating the role of Asha Jyothi for the people living with HIV and AIDS. The Arnold children performed a few colourful dances in appreciation. The chief Guest in his message appreciated the exemplary work and dedicated services of the Asha Jyothi team. The Provincial Superior in his 'World Aids Day' address appreciated Asha Jyothi's involvement and dedication, being ever-ready to serve the suffering poor and the downtrodden which is the priority of SVD society. World Vision sponsored the prizes for the competition that were held for the children. Mr. A. M. Anandhan thanked one and all in brief and the entire gathering of the participants joined the fellowship meal. We thank Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas and Fr. Felix Roach for organising the World Aids Day.



3. Child of Today is the Leader of Tomorrow:

As on today, the world is advancing drastically in terms of science and technology. At the same time, it is surprising that many in today's world are losing the moral values. The girl child abuse has become the order of the day catching the headlines of every news paper! The crime against this atrocity is increasingly mounting day by day. This has to be checked and controlled totally. Therefore, the Divine Word Social Service Society (DWSSS) has adopted a firm step to eradicate this menace by giving awareness to sensitize the students of this young generation. However, the teachers would be the right persons to educate and implement this noble concept to their students. Therefore, DWSSS has taken initiative to go to every school of ours to sensitize the students and the teachers on **"Prevention of Girl Child Abuse & Juvenile Justice Act"**.



The first awareness program was held on December 16, 2016 at St. Arnold High school, R. C. Puram. All the teachers and 10th class students of the school about 180 in numbers attended the session. The resource persons of the program were Mr. Rathinam, the child protection officer, and Mr. Venugopal, the Advocate to explain the legal aspect of it. Both of them spoke about various incidents of abuse and violations occurred upon innocent children. They also explained how one should safe guard during such situations and in what way others could help to save the child. Mr. Venugopal also explained the Juvenile Act for care and protection of the Child. It was firmly affirmed that the first change should start from our own family. Many of the teachers and students clarified their doubts. We thank Fr. Alwin for the initiative taken in this regard and encourage him to continue to do so.

YOUTH APOSTOLATE

St. Arnold Youth Fest, Trichy – 2016

Youth Fest – 2016 was celebrated with much fervor and enthusiasm from December 26th to 27th at St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy on the theme EXPLOSION, organised by Fr. Pushparaj SVD, Tamil Nadu youth coordinator in collaboration with Arnold Social Service Centre and INH Biblical coordinator for all the youth of SVD parishes in Tamil Nadu. Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph, the Provincial Superior of India Hyderabad Province inaugurated this event on 26th December by lighting the lamp and presiding over the inaugural Holy Mass. During the course of the two days program many useful talks were given such as **Self Esteem** by Fr. A. Jesu SVD, **Media's positive and negative impacts on young minds** by Fr. Selvam SVD, **Bible and Youth** by Fr. Valan SVD, and **Leadership** by Professor Arul. Other than the input sessions many indoor and outdoor games were conducted. The highlight of the seminar was the evening cultural program called **Kalakalam Vanga**, which was an excellent platform for the youth to express their talents. The youth fest concluded with Holy Mass which was presided over by Fr. Paulraj SVD, and an inspiring homily was given by Fr. A. Jesu SVD. At the end, all the participants thanked Fr. Pushparaj SVD for bringing them together as one family and acknowledged that it would be useful for their future. We thank Fr. Pushparaj SVD for the successful conduct of the youth fest – 2016.



Report of SVD Parishes' Youth Fellowship

On January 14, 2017 SVD Parishes' Youth Fellowship was held at Divine Word Centre, Muthangi in which about 200 youth from different SVD Parishes participated. The day began with praise and worship followed by the inaugural session with a welcome dance by our youth and lighting of the lamp. Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, Provincial Superior of INH encouraged the youth to take up more responsibilities in life for the betterment of the society. There were sessions conducted on the first 4 Commandments in which emphasis was laid on honoring God and being obedient to parents, on abuses and inner wounds and some suggestions to how to overcome them and on modern communication and media and its great impact on the youth by Bro. Christopher, Fr. Benny and Fr. Selvam respectively. A few games were conducted to keep the youth active. Finally adoration to Blessed Sacrament was conducted in which many of the youth experienced God's presence and healing touch. It was a very good initiative by Fr. Anthoniswami SVD, youth coordinator for SVD Parishes in Andhra and Telengana and thank him for bringing the youth of our parishes to interact with each other. We thank the confreres at Muthangi for their support and guidance.



EDUCATION APOSTOLATE

Science Exhibition at Vidya Jyothi High School, Raigir



For the first time a "Science Exhibition" was organized at Vidya Jyothi High School on January 10, 2017. About 200 exhibits were put up by the students. In the morning Miss. Madhavi, the Sarpanch of Jammapuram Village inaugurated the event and she appreciated the efforts of the students. There were many excellent exhibits on various themes in science. Many parents and neighbouring school students visited the science exhibition and appreciated the efforts taken by school management. It was an event with full of experiential

knowledge for the staff and students. We thank Fr. Joe Faustin SVD and Fr. Dominic Ekka SVD for organizing the science exhibition to encourage the students to grow more in scientific knowledge

Golden Jubilee of St. Ann's High School, BHEL

ST. Ann's High school, BHEL had the great pleasure of celebrating Golden Jubilee on December 17, 2016. It was the first school in BHEL Township to celebrate 50 glorious year of dedicated service in the field of education. The celebration was marked by the presence of the District Collector, Mr. Manick Raj, as Chief Guest, Mrs. Chandrakala DEO Sangareddy, Rev Fr. Antony Joseph SVD the Provincial Superior, Mr. D.K. Thakur E.D, BHEL, Principals of neighbouring schools, ex-teachers, ex-students, parents and well-wishers. The pleasant evening of 17th Dec. made an everlasting memory in all those 6000 people who attended the programme. The District Collector highlighted the point that almost one-third of the students of the school were on the stage participating in one or the other items presented on the occasion. The staff was well applauded and praised by the distinguished guests for their commitment and hard work. Fr. Varghese Chalamana released the souvenir on the occasion of Golden Jubilee later on Sankranti day celebration. We congratulate Fr. Varghese Chalamana, Staff and the students on the occasion of golden jubilee of St. Ann's High School, BHEL.



Annual Sports Day at St. Joseph's High School, Patancheru



"Never give up – The more you practice, the more perfect you become" – said Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, Provincial Superior INH, while speaking on the occasion of Annual Sports Day celebration at St. Joseph's High School, Patancheru on December 21, 2016. He emphasized that only through hard work, commitment, dedication and perseverance, one could achieve the Olympic medals. Sri. G. Mahipal Reddy, MLA, Patancheru too urged the parents to pay attention to holistic developments of the students – not only in studies but also in physical and in extra-curricular activities. Hence games and sports are equally important

in the character formation of the students – he said.

A colourful display of varied sports drills and dances, arrays of designs and formation by students marked the events that started at 2.45 pm with the processional dance. Thousands of parents and well-wishers enjoyed the students' exciting performances. About 972 students from primary and 800 students from high school took part in the event. It was a sports day with a difference – no track and field – only the orderly display of the sports drills and rhythmic dance drills in the glittering and colourful attires were the highlights of the event. We congratulate Fr. Ambrose, Fr. Casmir, Fr. Rosario and the staff of St. Joseph's High School for organizing the sports day.

Annual Day at St. Arnold's High School, Trichy



St. Arnold's Matriculation School, Trichy celebrated the 10th ANNUAL FIESTA on 25th January, 2017. Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, the Provincial Superior, was the Chief Guest and Dr. Fr. Sagaya Raja, the Director of Kalaikaveri College of Fine Arts, Trichy, was the Guest of Honour. It was a colourful celebration having the theme – **Have a heart, lend a hand and Make a difference**. There were many cultural items among them the highlights were a creative Skit on organ donation, a ballet on the impact of social media on youth and a shadow play on St. Arnold Janssen- a man who made a difference at the time of Kulturkampf. All the

programmes were centered on the theme. Arnoldians were awarded with the certificates and prizes for their performance in the academic excellence and co-curricular activities. The Chief Guest Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD acknowledged and appreciated the services of St Arnold's Matriculation School in the life of the students of this vicinity and encouraged the students to learn to excel as per the motto of our school. We thank Bro. Varghese, Fr. Y. Jamesraj, Fr. Paulraj and staff for the excellent conduct of the annual day.

St. Arnold's High School – Medarametla, Zonal Level Champions

St. Arnold's High School, Medarametla have won a number of medals and trophies in the Addanki Zonal sports and games competitions. There were 57 schools which participated in the competition. Out of these 57 schools, St. Arnold's High School have won the **OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP**. St. Arnold's School teams in basketball, volley ball and baseball were selected for the district level and the basketball team was the champion in the district level. One of the boys, named Naveen Kumar from volley ball team was selected for the state team. I congratulate Fr. Joseph Babu and all the boys and girls for bringing great honour to the school through their active participation in sports and games.



Arnold Family Counselling Centre (AFCC)

It gives us great joy to state that one more apostolate has been officially added to India Hyderabad Province. On 18th December, 2016 Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph, the Provincial, in a solemn Holy Mass at 5pm inaugurated Arnold Family Counselling Centre headed by Fr. S. Kulandaisamy, SVD at Brother Formation House, Alwal. A website www.afccsvd.in was also launched on the same day to facilitate online counselling ministry. It was well attended by our confreres and a good number of families.



In line with the priorities of our Congregation and of India Hyderabad Province, Fr. S. Kulandaisamy, with the approval and support of the Provincial administration began exploring possibilities and was conducting counselling and guidance in a humble way since two years. His association with the Divine Word Retreat Centre, Muthangi and his pastoral and psychological counselling services in about eight parishes under Trimulgherry deanery of the Catholic Archdiocese of Hyderabad have paved way to launch a full-fledged ministry to cater to the issues and concerns of families today – couples, children, youth, singles, differently-abled and the aged.

Besides conducting regular short programmes at our premises, AFCC also aims at training lay counsellors from different parishes of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad to make counselling accessible to many people. Eventually efforts would be made to make our services open to people of all creed and social background. It is visualized that by making good use of our website with relevant articles and online counselling, the services of AFCC would reach a wider audience across the globe.

Vision: Wellness of Families Abounding in Wellness of Human Society.

Mission: Empowering individuals in the family by identifying and reinforcing their inner resources and by nurturing human values and relationship enhancing skills, AFCC strives to facilitate transformation of the society.

AFCC is committed to achieving its vision-Mission by conducting individual/family counselling, seminars and workshops and print media. We thank Fr. Kulandaisamy for taking forward the family counselling apostolate.

Blessing of the Grotto, Alwal

On the same day 18th December 2016, the blessing of the renovated grotto by Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, the Provincial Superior, took place at our Brother Formation House, Alwal. It was totally sponsored by the Catholics who come to our Brother Formation House for liturgical celebration. We thank Fr. Siluvai, Bro. Paulus and Fr. Kulandaisamy for encouraging the faithful to support financially to renovate the grotto.



Congratulation & Welcome

We are very happy to congratulate Fr. Thumma Thomas Reddy SVD who got ordained to priesthood on December 29, 2016 in his native parish Rentachintala by the Bishop of Guntur. We happily welcome and wish him God's blessing for the mission work in our INH Province.

We are happy to inform you that Deacons Eugene Densingh and Ponnapati, Rajesh Kumar Reddy are appointed to our province by Rev. Fr. Superior General. A hearty welcome to them!

Fr. Anthu Joseph is given permission to participate in Third Age Renewal programme at Nemi, Rome from March 22 to April 30, 2017.

My Programme:

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| 29 th Jan. | - Holy Mass at Muthangi |
| 31 st Jan. | - Leprosy day celebration, Jogipet |
| 23 rd Feb. | - School meeting at. St. Claire's High School, Ramagundam |
| 26 th to 2 nd Mar. | - Treasure General Visit to our Province |
| 4 th to 7 th Mar. | - Meeting at Bhopal (Inter Provincial Governing Body) & Indore (Common Meeting with Treasurer General) |
| 13 th Mar. | - Provincial Council Meeting (Parish Budget), Arnold Bhavan |

Visitation of Treasurer General:

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| 26 th Feb. | - R.C. Puram, Muthangi, Nizampet, and Jogipet |
| 27 th Feb. | - Asha Jyothi, Bhongir, Raigir, Kadavendi, and Madhapuram |
| 28 th Feb. | - Brother Formation House, Alwal and Travel to DWC, Chennai |
| 1 st Mar. | - Trichy, Singampunary |
| 2 nd Mar. | - Vadipatti, and Travel to Hyderabad |
| 3 rd Mar. | - Travel to Indore |

Happy Birth Day to you

February

04 – Ravi Kumar Reddy
07 – Joseph Michael
09 – Cyril Doss
11 – Vijay Amalraj
11 – Casmir D'Souza
14 – Pushpa Raj
15 – C. Irudayaraj
17 – Satish Kumar
21 – S. Devadas
23 – Joseph Anthu
25 – Arul James
26 – Thomas Kavumkattayil

March

02 – Vineet Kumar
07 – A. Siluvai
08 – U. Alphonse
12 – A. Jesu
13 – Jeyaseelan
15 – R. Soosai
29 – Joseph (Sr)
29 – Anand Nagothu
29 – S. Arockiadoss (Jr)
30 – Victor Jeyaraj
30 – Joy Joseph
31 – Ashok Kumar



Fr. Antony Joseph SVD

Provincial Superior – INH

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Antony Joseph SVD', is written on a white rectangular background.

