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“In your light we see light, light leading to life”

- INH Vision



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“SVD – THE SOCIETY DREAMS THROUGH ITS CHAPTERS”

“Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a historic speech when he stated, “ I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.’ I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character. **I have a dream today!**”

“Mahatma Gandhi dreamt of free India at a time when the country was already enslaved and in the clutches of foreign rulers for well over three centuries. At a time when India could not even build world-class aircrafts, the man popularly known as the Missile Man of India, **APJ Abdul Kalam**, dreamt of India- 2020, a powerful Nation, and a nation to reckon with.”

Our Father, Founder and Leader, Fr. Arnold Janssen, dreamt of a Missionary Society, having nothing in his hand, not possessing the necessary leadership qualities or the imposing or attractive personality. Yet that dream has grown into north, south, east and west, spreading to all continents and race, embracing all cultures and languages.

“What is significant here is that all these great dreamers processed great dreams not just during the best of times but even during the toughest of time, during very difficult times, during times when the collective social consciousness wasn’t optimistic. Yet, dream they did, and on the sheer strength of their dreams, organization, congregations, nations and humanity as a whole stood up.”

The Society of the Divine Word has been striving hard to actualize the dream of our Founder. As an organization and a distinct institution it continues to dream, by way of self evaluation, collective reflection and wisdom and making action plan for every six years. That is what we had for six weeks, putting together all the heads of PRMs and the delegates in one place, discerning the will of God and promising to carry it out in the actual missions. The society, with all its humility and awareness of its weakness, but with all determination and all the strength has decided to do the following.

1. *“We will try to live according to the ordinary manner of our people in all that concerns, food, means of transport, and related matters.*
2. *We renounce forever the appearance and the substance of wealth, especially in clothing and in our way of presenting ourselves and the way we relate with people especially to the simple ones.*
3. *The movable goods and patrimonies owned by our institutions will always be opened to and at the dispositions of our dialogue partners.*
4. *As far as possible we will entrust the financial and material running of our PRMs to our confreres and assisted by a commission of competent lay persons who are aware of their evangelical role.*
5. *We do not want to be addressed verbally or in writing with names and titles that express prominence and power.*
6. *In our communications and social relations we will avoid everything that may appear as a concession of privilege, prominence, or even preference to the wealthy and the powerful.”*

As a committed SVD, as a member of this great organization, as a member of INH it is our bounden duty to put into practice these dreams of the chapter. There are more to follow. Individually and collectively in our small communities we shall give shape to these dreams.

- From the Leadership Team

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PARISH ACTIVITIES OF THE PROVINCE

Blessing of a New Chapel 'St. Arnold Janssen' at Jaggaram, Edulla Bayyram



A new chapel was inaugurated in the name of our Founder St. Arnold Janssen at Jaggaram Village which is also a new mission station of Edulla Bayyram Parish. On 07-01-2019 the new church named St. Arnold's Catholic Church was blessed by His Excellency Rt. Rev. Maipan Paul, the Bishop of Khammam and inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, the Provincial Superior – INH in the presence of many Priests, Religious and faithful.

Fr. Suresh Madhavaram writes, "The village called Jaggaram is the new substation to our Edulla Bayyram Parish. In 2011 one baptism was administered and until

recently she was the only catholic. As our founder wished to reach out to people where the good news is not reached, in 2016 we formed Evangelization groups and started organizing regular prayer meetings in the families on Sundays by inviting people for prayers. People began to invite us to pray for the sick in the families. With the help of the Holy Spirit, our efforts to bring them to the church were successful and six families were willing to join the Catholic Church. After one and half year of preparation 15 people belonging to six families were baptised on 19-02-2017 and confirmed on 20-03-2017 by Rt Rev. Maipan Paul, Bishop of Khammam. Another five families from a neighbouring village called Venkatarao pet received baptism after a year of preparation. At present we have 25 Catholics in the village and many devotees are joining the prayer service. We were conducting our Sunday services in the families and Government school premises which were not very conducive to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. By seeing our need a family donated a small piece of land for the construction of a small chapel. A long awaited dream of having a church is fulfilled now and we are very sure that the new church will bring many more people to the catholic faith. We thank the donors and the Provincial Administration for the support". We congratulate and appreciate Fr. Suresh Madhavaram, the parish priest, for his missionary Zeal in the footsteps of our Founder.



Parish Feast of Holy Spirit Church and Blessing of the Foundation Stone, Narasaraopet



The Parish feast of Holy Spirit Church, Kakatiya Nagar was celebrated on Sunday, 13th January 2019 at Narasaraopet. Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD the Provincial Superior celebrated the festive mass and Rev. Fr. Maria Dass from Guntur Diocese preached an inspiring homily on seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. On this joyful occasion Rev. Fr. Anand Nagothu SVD the Vice Provincial and the priests from the neighbouring parish participated and prayed for the budding parish. On the same day Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD blessed the Foundation Stone for the Holy Spirit Church, Kakatiya Nagar. On this occasion many faithful in and around Narasaraopet participated and received the blessings.

JPIC ACTIVITIES

Various JPIC Activities in the Province

1. 28-12-2018 – Free Medical health camp conducted at Venkatapur village of Siddipet District for the benefit of poor, sick and the aged. Medicines, Tonics and Spectacles were freely distributed to the beneficiaries.
2. 29-12-2018 – Blankets, Food grains and Tonics were distributed to 20 Differently Abled people at Jeevodaya Social Centre, Pregnapur.
3. 04-01-2019 – Free Medical health camp was conducted in our mission at Rudrasamudram in Nellore Diocese for the benefit of poor, sick and the aged. Medicines, Tonics and Spectacles were freely distributed to the beneficiaries.
4. 05-01-2019 – Clothes and Blankets were distributed to 42 families of BD Colony at Gajwel in Siddipet District.
5. 05-01-2019 – Free Medical health camp was conducted in our mission at Bodmatipalli in Prakasam District for the benefit of poor, sick and the aged. Medicines, Tonics and Spectacles were freely distributed to the beneficiaries.
6. 09-01-2019 – Rice, Grocery, Clothes and Bed-sheets were distributed to 35 migrant families living in the slums of Ramanthapur, Hyderabad.
7. 15-01-2019 – Sports and Games were conducted at Arnold Bhavan for the street children, the children of the migrants and HIV infected children on the occasion of our Founder's Day celebration and prizes were distributed to the winners. Meals were provided for all those who participated in the Programme.
8. 21-01-2019 – Liturgy in Hindi language was organized at Divine Mercy Centre, Hyderabad for the benefit of migrants from north India. Meals were provided for all those who participated in the Programme.
9. 21-01-2019 – Two Differently abled persons were helped with Artificial legs and Tricycles by Jeevodaya Social Centre, Pregnapur.
10. 23-01-2019 – Free Medical health camp was conducted at BD Colony at Gajwel in Siddipet District for the benefit of poor, sick and the aged. Medicines, Tonics and Spectacles were freely distributed to the beneficiaries.
11. 25-01-2019 – 24 Differently abled persons were helped in obtaining disability certificates in order to get monthly pension of Rs. 1,500 from the Government.



EDUCATIONAL APOSTOLATE

ANNUAL DAY AT VIDYA JYOTHI HIGH SCHOOL, RAIGIR

Vidya Jyothi High School, Janssen Nagar, Raigir celebrated its 30th Annual Day with unprecedented fanfare on January 10th, 2019 at the school premises. The school was decorated elegantly. A grand stage had been set with professional sound and light system. Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph SVD, provincial superior and Mr. Shankar Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district TRASMA president had been invited as guests. They were given a floral welcome before they inaugurated the programme.

The talented students presented mesmerizing cultural events such as dances, skirt, ballets etc. with a message. The school leaders presented the annual report in a creative manner. They made the audience aware of the school's achievements in academics and co-curricular arenas.

Prizes were given away to the toppers in SSC and other students who had brought laurels to the school in various competitions and contests. Addressing on the occasion the guests lauded and praised the school for its all-round success and wished a better future for the students.

At the end, a staff member thanked the guests and parents for having spared their time to attend the function; she also thanked students, teachers, warden and the principal for organizing the function successfully.



YOUTH APOSTOLATE

YOUTH FEST



The Youth Convention was organized from 16th to 17th January at St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy. There were about seventy youths participated in the event. It is for the 4th time that youth from all SVD parishes in Tamil Nadu came together as one SVD family. Rev. Fr. Santhu Raja SVD, Provincial councilor of India Hyderabad Province and Rector of St. Charles' seminary inaugurated this beautiful event on 16th January by lighting the lamp followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Jeyakumar SVD. **Making a Difference** was the Motto for the event. The purpose of choosing this theme was to guide the young generation in the

right path who are constantly drifted away by mesmerizing media, entertaining internet, polarizing politics and scintillating cinematic heroism. The youth were encouraged to use their talents, qualities and hobbies to make a difference in the changing modern world with a pledge to shape the youth for better tomorrow. Various talks on relevant topics such as **People who made difference with the Bible, SVD Congregation's participation in making a difference in the world, Youth's responsible participation in the Indian politics, Media's impact on young minds and healthy interactions with group sharing** were given for two days. Resource persons were called to address our young minds based on these topics. After each talk action songs and indoor games were conducted to energize the youth. The evening cultural items on different themes, gave an excellent platform for youths to shine. **Dances, mimicry, skit, solo singing, group dances, singing and on the spot competitions** were also conducted in the evening. The concluding mass was celebrated by Fr. Eugene Densingh SVD and homily was delivered by Fr. Rosario SVD. During the evaluation everybody invariably appreciated the organizers for the event. On behalf of provincial administration Fr. Santhu Raja SVD, the Rector of St. Charles' Seminary appreciated all the participants and organizers. Fr. Pushparaj SVD, the Youth Coordinator for Tamil Nadu thanked everyone, especially INH Provincial administration and Staff of St. Charles' Seminary for their relentless support and cooperation.



“Women Among the Marginalised Communities of India: Issues and Challenges”



Fr. Lazar. G, the Director of Sanskruti, reports, “India’s future is interlinked with the lives and empowerment of the marginalised women of the country” was the buzz word of the 6th Annual National Seminar conducted by SANSKRUTI – Institute of Dravidian Culture and Research at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad on February 1 and 2, 2019. The main theme of the Seminar was on: **‘Women among the Marginalised Communities of India: Issues and Challenges.’**

In the web of alternate realities women’s Studies have been a landmark in a united drive by scholars, students, social activists, and allies of the women’s movement in India to advance the agenda of gender equality. Many conferences have provided an important platform for studies, debates, and clarification of perspectives on a wide range of issues and questions that impact the lives of women. The present National Seminar constituted one more step in this journey of ideas.

Fr. Antony Joseph, SVD, Provincial Superior and the President of SANSKRUTI while seated among a coterie of high-ranking officials formally invited the participants with a message that research and discussions on culture need not be a functional play around the museums and archives, but a performance, with and for the poor and the marginalised at the peripheries. Fr. G. Lazar, SVD, Director of SANSKRUTI introduced the theme of the seminar and extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and the participants. In her inaugural address powerful and dynamic Smt. Tejdeep Kaur Menon, IPS Director General of Police, Telangana Special Protection Force – TSSPF, invited the seminar participants to include three dimensions in their empowerment of marginalised women of India: comprehensiveness of the understanding of gender-justice, scrutiny of suppressive structures and the need of inner freedom to free others. This first woman Director General of Police of South India challenged the participants to go beyond a narrow and insufficiently critical approaches of suppressive society and to transcend the post-truth attitude which has become popular in current discourse to empower the marginalised women.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Padmashri. Shanta Sinha, former chairperson National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, India and also the recipient of Magsaysay Award (2003). Focusing on the emancipative potential of Indian culture – capable of a healthy empowerment of marginalised women, she opined that no body of ideas can remain a challenging one unless you change the social structure. Prof. Dasari Sreenivasulu, IAS (Retd), guest of honour, Member, Executive Council of University of Hyderabad highlighted the struggle of shifting the paradigm of empowerment of marginalised women from orthodoxy to orthopraxis in the context of the persistent dualism, in the praxis of the modern digital age in general, and in caste-based culture in particular.

The book published this year was titled, ***Exploring Indigenous Knowledge System in India***, edited by Dr. G. Lazar SVD, and Prof. Kamal K. Misra, Vice-Chancellor of Utkal University of Culture, Odisha. It was released by Smt. Prof. Shantha Sinha. The volume features papers which were presented at last year’s research seminar in SANSKRUTI. The book highlights the relevance and the significance of indigenous knowledge system in Indian culture. We were also happy to have Shri Stephen the local M.L.A as a dignitary demonstrating the support of the government for the promotion of culture and values. There were 27 papers presented by the University professors and research scholars. One of the most significant features of the seminar was the presentation by four women Telugu research scholars from the grassroots. St. Francis College for women, St. Pious College for women and Little Flower College participated and presented 15

research papers. Prof. Raja Mohan, University of Hyderabad chaired the Valedictory function along with Prof. Malli Gandhi of University of Mysore. Prof. S. M. Maria Michael, Mumbai University (Retd) delivered the Valedictory address. He highlighted the evolution of male female dualism from Anthropological perspective and congratulated the telling contributions of SANSKRUTI in the area of research. At the end of the seminar the participants agreed on a well-formulated concluding statement: ***Empowering the weaker sections is the only way to***



empower India and to bring it up to the top among the comity of nations. Over 320 participated in the inaugural session and around 200 participated on the second day of the seminar. This seminar will turn the attention of many policy makers and research scholars to work for the cause of the poor and marginalised”. We express our appreciation and gratitude to Fr. Lazar for effectively organizing the 6th annual seminar in the name of Sanskruti.

ONGOING FORMATION PROGRAMME

Religious missionary formation begins formally in the seminary context, it does not end there but it is a life-long process. It is a process involving every aspect of our religious missionary lives and ministry. We grow into our religious vocation progressively, just as we grow into our personal holiness with divine grace. The ongoing formation programme is not just for one's own spiritual wellbeing but is directed towards one's role as the Divine Word Missionary in a specific context and mission frontiers. Hence, considering the pressing need and the importance of ongoing formation programme, we have had three days of ongoing formation programme for the confreres below 50 years of age on February 6 to 8, 2019. The programme was facilitated by Fr. Luis Ronald Pereira SVD, INE Provincial Superior. The programme provided an opportunity to delve deeper into our personal life, call experience, religious commitment and our unique role as Divine Word missionaries. The dynamics of the sessions revolved around; vocation, human response, conflict between ideal self and actual self, clash of values, peer group and the worldly pressures, attitudes and daily consciousness of vocation and personal spirituality. The facilitator oriented us to consciously and deliberately create a space for God's grace to expand into all aspects of our personality through our prayer, our celebration of Eucharist, prayerful reading of the holy scripture, bible sharing, and our fidelity to our personal prayer based on our 18th general chapter's clarion call for renewal. We ought to create this space also by our missionary care for our people, our matured relationship with our superiors,



confreres, lay collaborators and friends. This space needs to be enlarged consciously everyday through our fidelity to the gospel values. The common sharing and group discussions preceded by inputs sessions were a platform to open sharing and we grew in trust and confidence in one another. This was truly a time of togetherness, renewal, reorientation and rejuvenation. We are grateful to Fr. Ronald Pereira SVD, the facilitator of the programme, Fr. Antony Joseph, SVD, our Provincial Superior, Fr. Maxim Fernandes, mission secretary and the organizing team for this meaningful ongoing formation programme. We move to live, share and manifest the fruits of this programme.

Biblical Seminar

A biblical seminar will be held on “Biblical response to the current Indian socio-political frontier/situation” on 23rd and 24th Feb. 2018, at Divine Word Center, Vadipatti. Confreres are very much encouraged to participate in the biblical seminar, organised by Fr. Adaikalasamy Wilson Sahayaraj SVD, Sub-zone Biblical Co-ordinator.

Seminar for Parish Priests

At the recommendation of the provincial forum, a seminar is being organized for all the parish priests of India Sub-zone by Fr. Jose Kollemkunnel, National Mission Secretary in Arnold Bhavan on March 19 to 21, 2019. The resource person will be Fr. Freddie Santhumayor SVD. All the priests working in our parishes are encouraged to participate in the seminar.

Permission to Travel Abroad

At the invitation of our Mission House, St. Gabriel, Austria, Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas SVD has been given permission to go to St. Gabriel, Austria, from 3rd to 19th February, 2019. We wish him pleasant journey.

Submission of Parish Budget

I request all the parish priests to send your parish budget by February 28, 2019. Social Fund is available for the coming year. Those who want, kindly apply along with parish budget.

A Hearty Welcome

We are grateful to Rev. Fr. Superior General for assigning two new confreres Dns. L. Kulandhai Yesu Doss and Raja Sekhar to our province. A hearty welcome to both and wish them God's blessing in their mission journey in our province.

Rev. Fr. Superior General has transferred Fr. Arulandu, Arockiasamy SVD from Colombia to INH province for three years on his request. A hearty welcome to him.

CONGRATULATION

We are very happy to congratulate Gaikward, Satish (Peter) SVD, Fr. Gadidam, Anil Kumar SVD, and Barwa, Samir Kumar SVD who got ordained to priesthood on January 19, 26 & February 3, 2019 respectively. We happily welcome and wish them God's blessing for the mission work in our INH Province.



FIRST CANONICAL WARNING OF DISMISSAL FROM THE SOCIETY

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Dear Father Valles Joseph SVD,

Although I have made repeated attempts, both personally and through other confreres, to have you regularize your present situation and return to community life, you have elected to disobey this clear and unequivocal directive from me, your Provincial Superior, and my council. You are thus **guilty of deliberate disobedience**.

Hence, in accordance with the provisions of canon law and the proper law of our own Society, you are hereby given the **first canonical warning** required by canon 697 #2 prior to being dismissed from our Society. Having heard the advice of my provincial council, I now declare that you will be dismissed from the Society of the Divine Word unless you return to our Provincial Headquarters within fifteen days.

The reasons leading to your being dismissed, in addition to your deliberate and serious disobedience, are the fact that you have been unlawfully absent from the Society for nearly eight years and the fact that you have refused all previous requests and admonitions to return to community life.

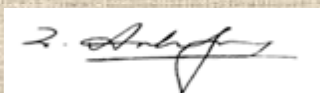
If I do not hear from you, within fifteen days after you have received this warning, that you are willing to comply with my directive that you return to community life, I will give you a similar second canonical warning. If you fail to comply with these two warnings, you will have given me no choice but to proceed with the process of your dismissal from the Society.

At all stages in this very serious matter you have the right, under both Church and Society law, to self-defense, including legal canonical counsel (advocate). You have the right to present your defense to me, in person or in writing, against this first canonical warning and the threat of your dismissal within fifteen days upon your receipt of this first canonical warning. You also have the right to communicate directly to our Superior General in Rome and to offer your defense to him (canon 698).

Father Valles Joseph SVD, please be advised of the seriousness of the matter and the gravity of your situation. I urge you to take to heart this first canonical warning. The choice is yours: either return to our community and be welcomed with open arms or fail to comply and be subject to dismissal from the Society.

My heartfelt prayer is that God, our loving Father, will give you the necessary docility of mind and heart and an openness to His grace so that you will have the grace-inspired readiness to obey me, your lawful Superior, so that I will not be forced to take decisive action against you.

Sincerely and fraternally yours in the Divine Word,



Fr. Antony Joseph SVD
Provincial Superior INH



Fr. I. Santhuraja SVD
Provincial Council Secretary
Given at: Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad



February 11, 2019

My Programme:

Mar. 04 Provincial Council Meeting at Arnold Bhavan

Mar. 13-16 Inter Provincial Forum Meeting at Bhopal

Mar. 19-21 Seminar for parish priests at Arnold Bhavan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH

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08 U. Alphonse

12 A. Jesu

13 Jeyaseelan

15 Soosai

29 A. Joseph (Sr)



29 N. Ananda Raju

29 S. Arockiadoss (Jr)

30 Victor Jeyaraj

30 Joy Joseph

31 Ashok Kumar



NEW EMAIL ID OF INH PROVINCIAL TREASURER

The new email id of INH Provincial Treasurer is **inhprocuresvd@gmail.com**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Antony Joseph SVD".

Fr. Antony Joseph SVD
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