

## Death That Gives Life:

"A few years ago, the television and print media carried the story of a seven-year-old boy who died in tragic circumstances while on vacation with his family in Italy. Armed thieves, attempting to take the family's car and valuables, waited in ambush in the Italian countryside. As the car passed, the thieves sprayed a shower of bullets at the vehicle. Although the family was able to escape, some of the bullets had hit the young boy, while he slept in the back seat. A short time later, the child was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital. People were shocked and outraged as the sad news was reported. But public outrage was soon replaced by wonder and admiration. The boy's family arranged that all of their son's vital organs be harvested and donated. As a result, the lives of eight Italians, each of whom received one or more of the child's healthy organs, were forever changed. For some it meant being able to see again; for others death was postponed because a young vital organ had replaced an aged, defective one. Because organ donation was such a rarity in Italy, the gift of life was all the more remarkable".

This story reminds us of the death of another Son, whose dying brought life to so many. It is the life-giving death of this other Son, namely, Jesus, which is the focus of the special season called Lent

"Pope Francis tells us that Lent is a new beginning, a path towards continual conversion of heart. Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer)" will enable us to come closer to God as well as to our neighbours.

Dear Confreres, we are called to live a life of believing, hoping and loving. "The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father".

Let us join hands with our Holy Father and say this prayer during this Season. "Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass. Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

**From the Leadership Team**

SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD  
INDIA – HYDERABAD (INH)  
Provincial Superior

ARNOLD BHAVAN  
H. No. 1-8-11/1/A Ravindra Nagar  
Colony, Street No. 8, Habsiguda,  
Hyderabad – 500 007. T.S., India.

Phone: 040 – 27154741, 85,  
E-mail: inhsvd@gmail.com  
Website: www.inhsvd.in

## Keep Oneself and the house in Order:

Dear Confreres

These days all our procurators and administrators are frantically running from pillar to post, receiving signatures, updating the administrative files and preparing for the demanding process of opening a new FCRA account. There is still a lot to do. At this juncture I would urge all the confreres to keep your house in order- maintaining the day-to-day accounts meticulously, paying the TDR returns, PF payment, ESI payment, following the instructions that comes day in and day out from the government and other related agencies, being in touch with the auditors, paying attention to the directives from the Province Treasurer and the respective Trust functionaries. Even one person's lapse or carelessness can and will lead to tremendous difficulties and unwanted sufferings to everyone. Can you recall a saying- "Adam ate the apple and we have the stomach-ache". Let us be more vigilant and concerned about in all aspects especially in accountability. Thank you.

## Lent: A reminder to share in the poverty of the poor people:

*We are well into the second week of Lent. We might have made some resolutions to make some sacrifices and penance to purify ourselves. I urge everyone to make a personal sacrifice to share in the suffering of the humanity. I am sure the seminaries and formation houses have drawn a bigger plan of inculcating these age-old practices of cutting short something and sharing the same later with the marginalized and the poor. At times there are lots of reservations from the formandis. The formators are expected to dialogue with them and make them to understand the spirit with which we undertake such exercises. Our lay faithful with whom we interact on a daily basis make tremendous sacrifices during this period. How much more we need to do as religious and close followers of Jesus? I am sure many are silently doing. Others who haven't started can do so in the coming weeks. God bless you.*

## The Founder's Day celebrations and Archbishop Poola Antony makes his maiden Visit to Arnold Bhavan



a garland. The entire gathering proceeded to the Hall with the "Veni Creator Spiritus" hymn.

It was a red-letter day in the history of SVD INH province. Confreres and Sisters of Arnoldus Family came to "Arnold Bhavan", the Provincial house for the Feast day celebration of our Founder, St. Arnold Janssen after a long break due to the pandemic. The celebration was enriched with the arrival of **Most Rev. Poola Antony, the newly appointed Archbishop of Hyderabad.** The entire SVD and SSpS family welcomed the Archbishop at the entrance. Rev. Fr. Santhuraja SVD, the Provincial Superior of India Hyderabad Province, welcomed him with a bouquet. The Archbishop then honoured St. Arnold Janssen with

All our confreres with great devotion and piety involved themselves in singing and in prayer service. Without any delay Fr. Anil Kumar SVD and Fr. Samir Barwa SVD conducted a meaningful prayer service emphasizing St. Arnold's spirituality. A brief introduction of India Hyderabad province via a power point programme was presented to the Archbishop. After the prayer service we had a short Felicitation Program for the new Archbishop, Most Rev. Poola Anthony. **Fr. Santhuraja, the Provincial Superior** welcomed and felicitated the new Archbishop on behalf of the all the SVDs present there. The Archbishop addressed the gathering speaking about the vastness of our Society and the reputation of our saints, St. Arnold Janssen and St. Joseph Freinademetz. He appreciated all our SVD confreres for their dedicated service to the Telugu-speaking states and all over the world, especially our thrust of proclaiming the Word of God to all and the different services to the marginalized and poor. We had a group photo with the Archbishop and then began the delicious meal. The archbishop was very contented with the prayer service and joyful with our disciplined behaviour of our confreres. He enjoyed the meal listening to the light music songs sung by our provincial and other young confreres. All our confreres and sisters, with the Spirit of St. Arnold Janssen, cherished the presence of each other and expressed their love and support to one another. Congratulations to Fr. Rector and the members of the Arnold Bhavan Community for efficiently and elegantly organising the twin celebrations.



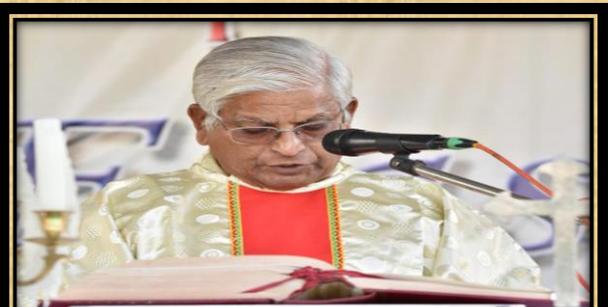
## Hearty Welcome to the newly assigned Confreres to INH:

It's a time of Joy for us, when new confreres are assigned to our province. INH province extends a warm and hearty welcome to the newly appointed confreres **Dn. Adaikala Raj, SVD, and Dn. Kasu Anthony Reddy, SVD.** We appreciate them for their willingness to work in the INH Province. We welcome them cordially to our Province and wish them an enriching time in our missions. We wish them all the best and God's plentiful blessings. We are grateful to Very Rev. Fr. Paulus Budi Kleden, our Superior General, for assigning these talented confreres to our Province.



## Parish Feast at St. John's Church, R. C. Puram:

**St. John's Church, R. C. Puram** celebrated its Parochial Feast on 10-01-2021. All the parishioners including the young and old, numbering about 700 participated actively in the feast day celebrations. **Fr. Santhuraja**, the Provincial Superior of India Hyderabad Province was the chief celebrant. In his multilingual homily he compared both the Johns (John the Baptist) as it was Baptism day of the Lord and John the evangelist (the patron saint of the parish) and highlighted their roles in the salvation history. He appreciated the Parish priest, his companions and the parish community for their active and vibrant roles in spite of the restrictions and challenges in organizing various life-giving activities including the Parish Feast. Congratulations to **Fr. Casmir D'Souza, Fr. Faustin and Fr. Pushparaj** for animating and leading the parish community.



## Parish Feast Celebrations at Addanki:



9th February, 2021 was a great and blessed day, as the Holy Family Church, Addanki celebrated its Parish feast with the great vigour and eagerness. The day was witnessed by the Holy Eucharistic celebration, procession and followed by the sumptuous fellowship meal for all. The celebration began with the Adoration followed by the holy Eucharist. **Fr.**

**Arockia Doss SVD** was the main celebrant for the Mass and the concelebrants were Fr Robert SVD, Fr Jayaraj SVD, Fr Rajashekar SVD, and Fr Arul Stephen SVD. The main celebrant in his homily stressed and insisted on the significant role of the Christian family in building up the Church today and how to bring up the children in Christian faith. People were actively involved in the praise and worship and benefited from it. In spite of the corona affected situation and the Election Day, many faithful made it to be part of the feast. Fr. Robert SVD the parish priest had meticulously planned and systematically organized and thus the parish feast was grand and successful. The sisters, Parish youth and the parishioners were cooperative and collaborative and rendered their service for the success of the feast. Their participation and presence are highly appreciable. We are indebted to all who helped us for the success of the celebration of the feast. Congratulations to Fr. Robert and to the Parishioners.



## Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sangareddy celebrates its Parish Feast:

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sangareddy wore a colourful look on 6<sup>th</sup> of February. After a long thought process due to Covid, the parishioners along with their Parish Priest decided to celebrate the annual parish feast on this day. Fr. Ramesh, the Rector of Aliabad Shrine was the main celebrant along with many SVDs and other diocesan clergy. The main celebrant focused, on the homily, the humility of Mary in carrying out the will of God in all circumstances. The parish Council members, Bro. Varghese and the sisters actively took part in the preparation and in the celebration.

After the Eucharistic Celebration, a fellowship meal was served to all the parishioners. Congratulations to **Fr. Sagayaraj**, the parish priest and to **Bro. Varghese**.



### Postulancy Programme in Divine Word Centre, Chennai:

In any religious Order, a postulant is a person who seeks admission into a religious Congregation both before the actual admission and for the period of time preceding his admission into the novitiate. January 29<sup>th</sup> was a red-letter day for the Society of the Divine Word when 20 young men from Divine Word Centre, Chennai made their request to Fr. Santhuraja, SVD, and the provincial superior of India-Hyderabad to kindly admit them as a mark of a serious preparation to commit themselves in following the Lord. “I have called you, and you are mine” was the theme befitting for this occasion. In his homily the Provincial Superior insisted the need for a deep intimate relation with the Lord and also to be imbibed by the charismatic zeal of St. Joseph Freinademetz. He further called the community of Divine Word Centre to be enveloped by the spirit of our Founder so that we may aim at the establishment of life-giving relationship with all.

This year Divine Word Centre, Chennai enjoys the vibrant community of 59 students with three staff members. On June 18, 1997, the new Divine Word Centre in Chennai was blessed by Most. Rev. Aruldas James the then Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, and inaugurated by Fr. Augustine Kanjamala, the then Provincial Superior of India-South (INS) with Fr. Ashok Kumar SVD as the first Rector. We are glad to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of this SVD- House in the month of May 2022. **Congratulations to Fr. Lazar, Fr. Arockia Doss and Fr. Thumma Thomas Reddy.**



## Youth Directors Meeting by TCBC Youth Commission:

Youth Commission of **TCBC (TELUGU CATHOLIC BISHOPS' COUNCIL)** organized a day of seminar for all the regional youth directors along with some Religious Congregation's youth directors. Fr. Anil Kumar SVD, the youth coordinator of Telangana attended the meeting on behalf of Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu youth directors. The day began by inviting the Bishop and SDB Provincial and regional youth director Fr. Praveen for the meet.

Rev. Fr. Vijay Bhaskar, the SDB provincial gave the keynote address, highlighting the exuberance of the youth and their problems. Following the talk there was a fruitful discussion among the youth directors. Most Rev. P. Jaya Rao, the Bishop of Eluru and the chairman of the TCBC commission for Youth, addressed the gathering and encouraged all the youth directors to merge themselves with the youth and to be an inspiration to the youth. The bishop also shared various problems involved in the youth ministry, sharing his own experiences and enriched us with his reflections.

**Fr. Anil Kumar SVD** presented all the activities of youth in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamilnadu. He also presented youth activities of "Arnold Janssen Youth" (AJY) in SVD parishes in the city of Hyderabad on behalf of INH province. Sincere thanks to Rev. Fr. Santhuraja SVD, provincial superior of India Hyderabad province for encouraging me to attend the meeting. The Bishop in charge and many diocesan priests appreciated the presentation of Fr. Anil Kumar SVD and youth activities done by SVD priests. Bishop also appreciated Rev. Fr. Santhuraja, Provincial superior of India Hyderabad province for being very active in the youth ministry of the province. The bishop also promised to be available for forthcoming events of the youth in the province, especially in collaboration with the dioceses.



## UNIFEST 2021:

UNIFEST 2021(a union of all the youth groups in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad) was organized in St. John's Church (SVD Parish), R.C.Puram, Hyderabad. It was a great event and a common platform for all the youth to exhibit their talents. Around 500 youths from various parishes of Hyderabad City participated actively in the event. There were so many cultural activities and competitions like solo singing, instrumentals, group singing, comedy show, group dance, Biblical enactment, Bible quiz, etc.

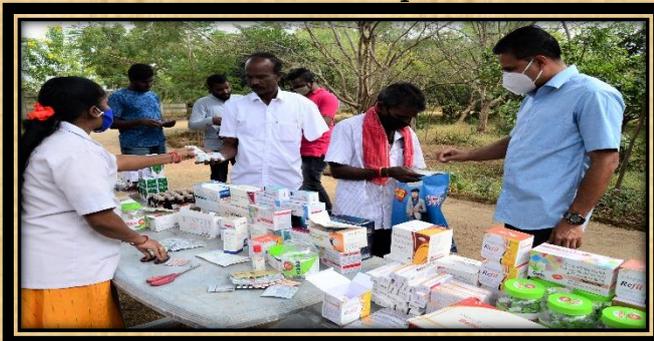
So many other online competitions were also conducted. UNIFEST 2021 began with the hoisting of the flag by Rev. Fr. Casmir D'Souza SVD, Parish priest, and Rev. Fr. Richard, Diocesan youth director. Rev. Fr. Pushparaj declared the "UNIFEST 2021" open. Along with many SVD priests, Rev. Fr. Anand SVD, the vice provincial, and Rev. Fr. Ambrose Beck SVD, the Provincial Admonitor, Rev. Fr. Sagayaraj SVD, the Dean of Sangareddy, and Fr. Anil Kumar SVD, the SVD youth director of Telangana were present. The event was blessed with the arrival of Most Rev. Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad. The archbishop was invited with a bouquet and a garland by the parish priest and other priests who were present there. The archbishop was a witness to some of the youth events and distributed prizes for the winners. The archbishop addressed the youth with an inspiring speech, encouraging and motivated them. The archbishop also promised that he and his diocese would be of great support for the youth. The bishop encouraged the youth and made them aware that they are the Future Church and that should flourish.



### Various JPIC Activities in the Province:

1. 10-01-2021 – Free Medical health camp conducted at Kamala Nagar colony in Hyderabad for the benefit of the migrants. Medicines and Tonics were freely distributed to the beneficiaries.
2. 12-01-2021 – DWSSS in collaboration with Asha Jyothi freely distributed Nutrition packets, Tonics, Blankets and Clothes to 24 HIV patients and 42 HIV infected and affected home based children at Asha Jyothi, Pregnapur.
3. 13-01-2021 – Jeevodaya Social Centre freely distributed Nutrition, Blankets, Tonics and Clothes to 52 physically challenged persons at Pregnapur.
4. 13-01-2021 – Artificial limbs were freely made available to 12 physically challenged persons of Siddipet District by Jeevodaya Social Centre.
5. 26-01-2021 – Free Medical health camp conducted by DWSSS at Pregnapur in Siddipet District for the benefit of HIV and TB patients. Medicines and Tonics were freely distributed to the beneficiaries.

6. 27-01-2021 – Jeevodaya Social Centre freely distributed Nutrition, Blankets, Tonics and Clothes to 65 physically challenged persons at Pregnapur.
7. 28-01-2021 – DWSSS in collaboration with St. Antony's Leprosy Health Centre freely distributed Nutrition, Blankets, Medicines, Tonics and clothes to 55 leprosy patients at Jogipet.
8. 31-01-2021 – Free Medical health camp conducted at Hanumansai Nagar colony in Hyderabad for the benefit of the migrants. Medicines and Tonics were freely distributed to the beneficiaries.
9. 05-02-2021 – Jeevodaya Social Centre freely distributed Nutrition, Blankets, Tonics and Clothes to 45 physically challenged persons at Sangareddy.
10. 05-02-2021 – Hearing Aids were freely made available to 14 physically challenged persons of Sangareddy District by Jeevodaya Social Centre.
11. 09-02-2021 – Free Medical health camp conducted by DWSSS at Pregnapur in Siddipet District for the benefit of differently abled people. Medicines and Tonics were freely distributed to the beneficiaries.
12. 10-02-2021 – DWSSS in collaboration with Asha Jyothi freely distributed Nutrition packets, Tonics, Blankets and Clothes to 48 HIV infected and affected home based children at Asha Jyothi, Pregnapur.
13. 14-02-2021 – Free Medical health camp conducted at Satya Nagar colony in Hyderabad for the benefit of the migrants. Medicines and Tonics were freely distributed to the beneficiaries.
14. 20-02-2021 – Jeevodaya Social Centre freely distributed Nutrition, Blankets, Tonics and Clothes to 58 physically challenged persons at Pregnapur.
15. Sensitization and awareness programs on protection of Girl children were conducted by DWSSS in six different villages of Siddipet District. Nutrition packets and Blankets were also freely distributed to 180 poor girl children in those villages.
16. 20-02-2021 cultural awareness programs on protection of physically challenged persons were conducted by Jeevodaya Social Centre in the rural areas of Siddipet District with the help of qualified artists.
17. 20-02-2021 cultural awareness programs on COVID-19 and vaccination, health and hygiene, girl child empowerment were conducted by DWSSS in the rural areas of Siddipet and Bhongir-Yadadri Districts with the help of qualified artists and resource persons.





## My Programme:

- March** 10: Provincial Council Meeting  
12: Meeting with the Bishop of Nellore  
15: First Death Anniversary of Fr. Arul James SVD, Trichy  
16: Visit to Singampunary  
17: Visit to Punitha Perianayagi Annai Church, Manalmedu  
19: Blessing of the renovated Chapel at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti  
20-21: Arnold Amaidhiagam, Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti  
22: Arul Oli Illam, Oothu  
23: Our lady of Good Health Church, Anaimalai  
24: Meeting with the Bishop of Coimbatore  
25: Feast of the Mother of the Divine Word, Annunciation, Pachampalayam
- April** 15: Provincial Council Meeting

## Happy Birthday

### MARCH

- 2- Vineet Kumar  
5- Sijo Anthony  
8- U. Alphonse  
12- A. Jesu  
13- Jeyaseelan  
15- Soosai  
29- N. Anand  
29- S. Arockiadoss  
30- Victor Jeyaraj  
30- Joy Joseph

### APRIL

- 5- S. Arockiadoss (Sr)  
12- A. Paul Raj  
21- A. Anthuvan Rozario  
21- Frt. Valesh Prajwal  
23- A. John.

**Wish You All Happy Easter**



*Happy Easter!*



**Fr. I. Santhuraja SVD**

**Provincial Superior – INH**