

INH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER - 2009

Chapter Bulletin - 2

Dear Confreres,

In INH/PC/68, October 2008, I officially announced the Convocation of the 3rd Provincial Chapter for INH to be held on 13 – 14 February 2009 at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad.

The Preparatory Committee consists of the following members: **Fr. Chalamana Varghese – Convener, Fr. I. Santhuraj and Fr. Y. Jamsraj.**

First Assembly : 03 – 04 February 2009 at Arnold Bhavan. Arrival: 2 February 2009.
Second Assembly : 10 – 11 February 2009 at Arnold Bhavan. Arrival: 9 February 2009.

All confreres are requested to attend either the first or second Assembly without fail.

Local Chapter.

Local Chapter (District/Unit) levels are to prepare for the Provincial Chapter to be held on 13 – 14 February 2009. The nature and task of the local Chapter is that **“the local chapter helps the local community to exercise solidarity and co-responsibility with the province and the entire society. In this spirit the local chapter has the task of:**

1. Examining and animating the religious missionary life and work of the community;
2. Making proposals to the provincial and general chapters;
3. Electing delegates to the provincial chapter together with a substitute for each delegate”; (c 639)

“The local chapter is an important body because it unites all confreres in the process of the joint search for the will of God. Every body, therefore, should participate to the best of his ability: (Hand book for superiors, p. 346)

Here with, I present the consolidated agenda and proposals of the Confreres, prepared by the preparatory committee to be taken for discussion in the local Chapter. I would like to remind the Conveners of District and Units that **“The local Chapter is convoked by the local superior with the consent of his council”** (Hand book for Superior No. 404, p. 346)

The local chapter has to elect delegates for the provincial chapter together with their substitutes for each delegate. **The local chapter can also come to a consensus that the first substitute can substitute any one of the absent delegate. (Please refer Hand book for Superiors, No. 409, p 347).**

The District and local communities are requested to send the report of the local chapter, the names of delegates and substitutes to the Provincial Office by 31st December 2008.

The Following are the Local Chapter Units.

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01. Formation Houses of Chennai and Trichy, Convener – Fr. Jaikumar.
02. Hyderabad District, Convener Fr. Joe Faustin
03. Gajwel District, Convener Fr. Manoj Kumar Lakara
04. Guntur District & Jyothi Niketan (NRT), Convener Fr. Bernard Mundapulam
05. Sangareddy District, Convener Fr. M. Xavier
06. Tamilnadu District, Convener Fr. Anthu Joseph.
07. Brother Formation House, Alwal and Arnold Bhavan form a unit for discussion.

07. Fr. Dominic Emmanuel - National Mission Secretary.
08. Fr. Selvam - Communication Coordinator INH
09. Fr. Felix - JPIC Coordinator INH
10. Fr. Vijay Amalraj - Biblical coordinator. INH

(Frs. Selvam , Felix and Vijay Amalraj are eligible to be elected as Chapter delegates).

Proposed Agenda and Themes for Discussion at Local Chapter.

(consolidated from the reports received from local units and districts, by the preparatory committee.)

Chapter Delegates

I Ex-Officio Members = 14

01. Provincial Superior
02. Provincial Councilors
03. Provincial Treasurer
04. Mission Secretary
05. District Superiors
06. Superiors of Formation Houses.
07. Brother Formation Coordinator

II The Elected Delegates = 16

(for every 4 confreres one delegate)

01. Formation House - Delegates 2 (Chennai & Trichy)
01. Hyderabad District - Delegates 2
02. Gajwel District - Delegates 1
04. Sangareddy District - Delegates 3
05. Tamilnadu District - Delegates 4

III Special Invitees: = 10

01. Fr. Stanislaus - Provincial Superior INM
02. Fr. Cyprian Pinto - Regional Superior ING
03. Fr. Durairaj - Provincial Superior INC.
04. Fr. Joseph Topno - Provincial Superior INE
05. Sr. Shalini SSpS - Provincial Leader INS
06. Fr. T. Xavier - Formation Secretary

Given here are the proposed agenda and suggestions for the Local Chapter. From the report of the District and Units, the Agenda for the Provincial Assembly & Chapter will be draw. Therefore feel free to add any other issue that you think is important or need to be discussed.

1. Spirituality.

- "I am faithful to my Prayer-life. My Prayer-life is very good" Is it so? How much time I spend with God? No time for God means, no time to recharge the battery – the self. Where does my energy come from? Does my genuine, intense intimacy with God reflect in the true humane intimacy and relationship with others starting with my own confrere?
- We are good organizers and crowd-pulling personalities. In the eyes of our people are we their 'Gurus' men of God, men of prayer, who reflect the "FATHER" in our action, dealings and relationships? (Ref: Province evaluation by Fr. Paul Parathazham.)

2. Community Life.

- Is community Life the priority? Is Internationality the Charism of the Society? There is very widely shared concern that casteism and ethnic bias are eroding the characteristic SVD ethos of pluralism and multiculturalism. It seems to be the most serious and intractable problem that besets the Province today.

- Can we, as leaders and role-models of the Divine Word, justify and entertain such an attitude and 'mind-set' like "I am OK, no one else is OK"?

- The **"culture of hypercriticism"** calls for a lot more introspection. (Ref: Province evaluation, Paul Parathazham.)

3. Self Reliance:

- Sale of excess land or unused land (Ranjol, Chintalacheru. Nizampet. Yeddumailaram and Shencottah).
- Building residential flats for sale or for rent in viable places.
- Starting Central Schools, Residential Schools.
- Building up Shops, community centers for rent.
- Lands available at reasonable rates along the Highways could be purchased and kept, which in turn could be resold later (eg. Kandi, Rudraram, Narsapur and Shamshabad)
- Making Mission appeal both in India and Abroad.
- Establish a local benefactor's Office to tap the local resources.
- SVD Parishes, especially the Shrines, could find sponsors for our Seminarians.
- Flats available at Begumpet House could be rented out (in reference to land development adjacent to Arnold Bhavan 7.4)

4. Specialized Apostolate.

- Centre for Street children, Drop-out Children, rag-Pickers, Old Age Homes (for lay people), Community College...
- AIDS Centers, Orphanages in Tamilnadu.
- Muthangi Mission to be continued as a specialized apostolate of SVD. Any suggestion?

5. Consolidation of Existing Stations and Institutions.

Yeddumailaram, Nizampet, Jeedimetla, Zaheerabad School, Trichy School etc.

6. Administration and Expansion work.

➤ Election Method?

The present election method to be reviewed.

➤ Expansion / New parishes and Institutions

1. Expansion of Pinapaka Mission.
2. Venturing into other dioceses

7. Miscellaneous Suggestions

01. Evaluation of Inter SVD Sports Meet.
02. Welcoming the Missionaries returning from Foreign Missions.
03. Evaluate our contracts with the 'Company' Schools.
04. Proposals for the land adjacent to Arnold Bhavan- Administrative Block with DWSSS office, Dialogue & Communication Centre with Studio, Multipurpose Hall, Basement Parking etc.
05. Evaluation of Formators by formation Secretary (once, every year)
06. Internationality of Formators in Formation Houses in all levels of Formation

8. Theme Suggested for the Provincial Assembly and Chapter.

'SVD'- A Beacon of Hope, Love and Service

Any other Theme?

HEARTY CONGRATULATION to Bishop Chacko THOTTUMURICKAL SVD.

Bishop Chacko Thottumuricakl SVD, the Bishop of Jabhua Diocese has been appointed as the Bishop of Indore Diocese by Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI. We the members of INH Province express our hearty congratulation and pray for God's Blessing upon him and on the Diocese of Indore.

BIRTH DAYS

December

- 02 Dominic Illickal
- 13 Christuraj James
- 18 Blaise A.
- 20 S. Kulandaisamy.
- 22 Ambrose Beck
- 22 Amalanathan C.
- 23 Bala Prasad

RIP - Remember the Dead

Maternal Uncle of Br. Francis,
Mr. Chinnapan - Died on 7. 11. 2008.

Aunty of Fr. Mary John,
Mrs. Louis Mary, USA - Died on 11. 11. 2008.

Uncle of Fr. Selvam,
Died on 14. 11. 2008

Brother in-law of Fr. Christuraj,
Mr Mariadass - Died on 8. 11. 2008.

Provincial's Programme:

November 2008:

- 06 - Jyothi Vidyalaya and St. Ann's School, BHEL.
- 11 - Catholic Centre, Toopran
- 12 - 13 Edulla Bayaram, Khammam
- 14 - St. Arnold's High School, R. C. Puram
- 16 - Brothers' Meeting at Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda.
- 17 - 25 Visit - Sangareddy District
- 26 - School day Celebration, Alirajpet.
- 28 - Silver Jubilee celebration of St. Claire High School, Ramagundam.

December 2008.

- 05 - Silver Jubilee Celebration of St. Joseph's High School, Patancheru.
- 08 - 09 Postulancy and visit - Divine Word Centre, Chennai.
- 10 - 11 Visit - St. Charles' Seminary Trichy.
- 13 - Parish Feast, Sangareddy.

The Next Provincial Council Meeting will take place on December 08, 2008 at DWC Chennai.

Last Word!

"Living an excellent life is a manifestation of self-love. Someone who conducts his life as if he were one of the greatest people on the planet, a true heavy weight, is someone who not only has enormous self respect but one who has deep respect for the force of Nature that created him" namely - God. Love others as you love yourself, without which you cannot Love the creator.

ASPAC Zonal Assembly.

The ASPAC Zonal Assembly was held on 26 - 30 September 2008, at Ledug, Indonesia. Fr. Tony Pernia, Our Superior General gave the key-note address challenging us to evaluate how we live out our missionary calling in ASPAC and to look forward creatively. Prior to the Assembly a meeting of the heads of SVD University also held at Ledug. It was also noted, that the SVD General Assembly on the Brother's Vocation will be held in Cebu (PHS) in June - July 2009.

During the Assembly, our Provincial, **Fr. A. Jesu** has been elected as one of the five Executive Committee members. **Bro. Rajesh Soreng** has been elected as the ASPAC Area Coordinator of Brothers. We congratulate and wish them all success in their additional responsibility.

