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"In Your light we see light, Light leading to Life"



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MOTIVATION AND MISSION

Dear Confreres,

The FIFA WORLD CUP -2010 tournament that kicked off in Johannesburg on June 11, being held for the first time in Africa, is the biggest event on the calendar of the world's most popular sport. It has drawn hundreds of thousands to South Africa and attracted an even bigger television audience. This World Cup Football overshadowing the rest and remaining a hot topic whether in a partially sky-clad tea-shops in the villages or in the multi-cuisine restaurants of metros. The extravagant soccer tournament undoubtedly is a special attraction of all eyes and a spectacular show on the earth. In the heat of these events, there was one phrase repeatedly spoken by most of the captains or by those players deputed to give interviews which goes as, 'to remain motivated and to make winning a habit'.



Pentecost day at Divine Word Centre, Muthangi

Many things associated with this event of Football may not be of any avail to us other than providing a bit of entertainment but this pearl of wisdom spoken by players can awake us to ponder for a while. In any field, if we want to enjoy what we do and if we want to grow in what we do, we need to remain motivated and make, accomplishing the task before us, a habit. All the more, as missionaries, we need to possess this aptitude and it has to become our attitude in the course of time.

One of the renowned writers of our time, Spencer Johnson, in his book, *The Present*, writes, "When you live and work with purpose and respond to what is important now, you are able to lead, manage, support, befriend and love". Hence, as we aspire to be bridge builders in the broken world and promoters of love, peace and harmony, each step we take should be motivated towards our purpose. This motivation should find its source in our Lord Jesus himself whose mission is our mission. This will enable us to have greater commitment in all our missionary endeavours and reward us with a meaningful and contented missionary life.

As this new academic year is ready to unfold itself holding a lot of promises and pleasant surprises at its bosom, let us embrace it as persons propelled by our missionary motives. As we sail along with each other, let us realize our worth and make those around us realize their worth. Let us feel we can do something concretely for others and let others feel that they can also do something concretely for ourselves. Henry Ford, once said, 'My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me'. Let us strive to become true friends of each other and the world around us by bringing out the best in each of us, for Jesus himself has called us to be his friends. Let this remain our motivation and mission.

GENERAL VISITATION

Visitor	: Rev. Bro. Alfonso Berger SVD
Date	: July 26 to August 19, 2010
Assembly	: August 17, 2010 at Arnold Bhavan



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"FOCUS" FOR THE GENERAL VISITATION

Rev. Fr. Superior General with the consent of his Council proposes the focus for the General Visitation of INH Province as follows: "Our Missionary Life and Service in the Light of Prophetic Dialogue in the ASPAC Zone." In addition, he proposes the following 'Particular Concerns' as helps to a better understanding of the focus for the Visitation:

1. Our missionary life:

- 1.1 Our missionary spirituality - to be with Him and to be sent out in His name.
- 1.2 Our community life - facing individualism and groupism
- 1.3 Fostering SVD Interculturality
- 1.4 Finances - transparency and accountability in religious life
- 1.5 Financial self-sufficiency of the Province - ways and means
2. Our missionary service:
 - 2.1 Our missionary service as Prophetic Dialogue
 - 2.2 The Characteristic dimensions in all of our missionary activities.
 - 2.3 Consolidation and expansion of our Apostolates
 - 2.4 Contract with the Archdiocese of Hyderabad and relationship with the local church

3. Other issues:

- 3.1 Common orientation of our Education ministry in India
- 3.2 Animation for worldwide mission
- 3.3 Sub-zonal collaboration
- 3.4 National Mission Office

Rev. Fr. Superior General along with his Council offers the best wishes to all the confreres as well as their prayers that the Visitation be a moment of grace for the entire Province. May the Lord send his Spirit upon all the members of the Hyderabad Province in a special way during this most important exercise of community discernment. Together may we listen to what the Spirit tells us during the Visitation and have the courage to renew our missionary response.

SEVENTEENTH GENERAL CHAPTER

Rev. Fr. Superior General has officially announced the theme of the 17th SVD General Chapter by evoking an eloquent image from the Book of Revelation (7:9): 'FROM EVERY NATION, PEOPLE, AND LANGUAGE' Sharing Intercultural Life and Mission. He has also sent a questionnaire to serve as springboard for the communal reflection of confreres at the local level (districts and houses). Part 1 starts by explaining what biblically inspires the thematic focus of the next General Chapter. Part 2 directs communal reflection toward helping design an Action Plan ad extra for our Society. Part 3, on the other hand, orientates the sharing of experiences, insights and suggestions toward helping to produce an Action Plan ad intra. In part 4 confreres are invited to express what they feel as serious concerns -other than those directly within the focus of the central theme of interculturality. For the organization of the process and phases of communal reflections, the Superior General advises:

- (1) That the Chapter Statements of the 15th and 16th General Chapters be re-read,
- (2) That every confrere be urged to take part actively in the local discussions,
- (3) That sufficient and optimal time be given for fraternal exchange of ideas,
- (4) And that the ideas shared be the fruit of prayerful reflection.

Hence, I request the district superiors to convene a district meeting and discuss on 'Guide Questions for Communal Reflection' and send the report to the Provincial Office on or before August 08, 2010. 'Guide Questions for Communal Reflection' is sent to all the confreres.

ON-GOING FORMATION

A two days seminar is being organized by the Mission Secretary for our confreres belonging to the Ordination Batches from 1959 to 1988 at Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda, Hyderabad.

Arrival : November 7, 2010
Seminar : November 8-9, 2010
Departure : November 9, 2010 (after Supper)
Facilitator : Fr. Ittoop SVD

May I request all the confreres who were ordained between 1959 & 1988 to participate in this seminar without fail and benefit from it. You may inform Fr. Joy Joseph or Fr. Rozario about your participation in the seminar.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Jubilee is a time to thank God for the gifts, blessings and opportunities. The following confreres will celebrate their Sacerdotal Golden and Silver Jubilee during this year.

Golden Jubilee

Fr. Augustine Karamel : 03-10-1961

Silver Jubilee

Fr. Sabbas Martin : 27-12-1985
Fr. Casmir D'souza : 06-05-1986
Fr. A. Blaise : 14-05-1986

We appreciate and acknowledge their generous service and contribution to the Province. We are grateful to God for their presence and pray that God may continue to bless them abundantly. The Province level celebration will be on October 15, 2010 at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti.

ANNUAL RETREAT

"We make an annual retreat of at least five full days."
(Con. 409.2)

"For their own growth and development as religious missionary priests and brothers, confreres are encouraged to make a retreat annually." (Handbook for Superiors: B4, 1.3)

INH PROVINCE

Date : 10 - 15 October 2010
Preacher : Most Rev. Susai Manickam,
Bishop of Sivagangai
Place : Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti

INM PROVINCE

Date : 11 - 16 October 2010
Preacher : Most Rev. Valerian D'souza,
Bishop Emeritus of Pune
Place : Ishvani Kendra

INC PROVINCE

Retreat I

Date : October 3 - 8 , 2010
Place : St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore
Preacher : Fr. Fredrick Santhumayor

Retreat II

Date : October 31 - Nov 5 , 2010
Place : St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore
Preacher : Most Rev. Valerian D'souza,
Bishop Emeritus of Pune

INE RETREAT

Retreat I

Date : 10 - 15 October 2010
Place : Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda
Preacher : Rev. Fr. John Kusumalayam OP

Retreat II

Date : 17 - 22 October 2010
Place : Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda
Preacher : Rev. Fr. John Kusumalayam OP

TERTIATE RENEWAL PROGRAMME

Date : 23rd March to 16th June 2011
Programme : Combined SVD-SSpS Tertiate Renewal Programme in English

Venue : Steyl, Oies, Nemi
For Whom : For SVDs: Usual Tertiate age bracket - up to 60 years of age.

For SSpS : Their usual Tertiate age bracket.

Deadline for application : 31st October 2010

Those confreres, who wish to apply for this course, may send your application to the Provincial Superior before **AUGUST 31, 2010**.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW TREASURER GENERAL

On May 07, 2010, with the consent of the General Council, Rev. Fr. Superior General has appointed **Fr. STEPHAN GERDES** Treasurer General of the Society of the Divine Word until the end of the current sexennium (2012). Fr. Gerdes takes over from Fr. BERNHARD RUDOLF, who has decided to resign from office for health reasons. His latest medical check-up has revealed a metastasis of the cancer that was discovered two years ago. He will, however, continue to assist the finance department of the Generalate with his invaluable experience and expertise. As we accompany Fr. Rudolf with our prayers, we wish also to thank him sincerely for his 16 years of service as Treasurer General. We wish Fr. Gerdes God's blessings and accompaniment as he begins to take on new responsibilities.

ADIEU TO MALAYANKULAM PARISH

Viyagula Annai Church, Malayankulam was handed over to the Diocese of Tuticorin on May 12, 2010. During the thanksgiving Holy Mass, the Vicar Forane on behalf of the diocese thanked SVD Congregation for their valuable contribution towards the welfare and development in all the aspects such as spiritual, social, and economical life of the people for the past seven years. Indeed, a small parish has been developed to be a major shrine in the diocese by the Divine Word Missionaries. I thank all our confreres who have generously contributed for the growth of the local church. We too thank and appreciate the bishop, priests and lay faithful of the diocese for their constant support and guidance.

DIVINE WORD CENTRE - MUTHANGI

Divine Word Centre celebrated the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday May 23, 2010 at Muthangi in the esteemed presence of INH Provincial **Fr. A. Jesu SVD**. The concelebrated High Mass was presided over by **Fr. C.V. Benny SVD**. **Fr. A. Joseph SVD**, Director, DWC Muthangi preached the homily. There were 8 priests who were participants of the Holy Mass. The number of people that assembled to praise and worship the Lord on this beautiful day was around sixteen thousands. A CD comprising devotional songs was also released on this auspicious day. Mr. G. Bali Reddy who was a lay guest was also honoured for his contribution towards sponsoring and organizing the food arrangements for the last 10 years consecutively. The team at Divine Word Centre Muthangi was in an explicable joy that the celebrations passed off peacefully with no hindrances whatsoever. Having received the gifts of the Spirit, the

people went back rejoicing. We appreciate and congratulate all our confreres at Divine Word Centre, Muthangi for their commitment and dedication to develop the Centre.

ST. ANTONY'S CHURCH - AGARAKATTU

The annual feast of St. Antony of Padua at Agarakattu was inaugurated on June 1, 2010 by **Fr. Dominic Illickal SVD** by hoisting the flag in the presence of Mr. Peter Alphonse MLA, priests from the neighbouring parishes and a large number of people from different villages. Fr. Anthu Joseph SVD the parish priest was the main celebrant of the day and Fr. Jayabalan a claretian priest preached an inspiring homily on the simplicity of St. Antony.

During the Novena days, the Holy Mass was celebrated and at the end of which benediction with homily by different priests of the area were the high lights of the festival. Our confreres **A. Joe**, **M. Arockia Samy** and **Vino** were the main celebrants and preached good homilies in other novena days. **Fr. Mary John SVD** along with his team conducted two days of 'Good news Convention'. June 12, 2010 was an important day for our school. The new class room financed by Mrs. Jayathi Nadarajan M.P. was blessed by **Fr. A. Jesu SVD** the Provincial Superior and Mrs. Jesintha the wife of Mr. Peter Alphonse MLA cut the ribbon and opened the class room. The day's Eucharistic celebration was presided over by the Provincial and forty children received the Holy Communion. June 13, 2010 was the peak of the feast. **Most Rev. Jude Paulraj**, the bishop of Palayamkottai was the main celebrant of the feast and 150 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation. On June 14, 2010. **Fr. Paul Jeyakumar SVD**, the rector of St. Charles' seminary celebrated the Holy Mass thanking God for all the blessings and favours and after the Holy Mass the lowering of the flag took place to mark the closing of the annual feast. We appreciate and congratulate **Fr. Anthu Joseph** the Parish Priest for the meticulous planning, preparing and organizing the feast in a solemn manner.

FATIMA MATHA CHURCH - MAZEEDPALLI

Fatima Matha Church, Mazeedpalli of Toopran parish celebrated its annual feast on May 13, 2010. Fr. S. M. Stanislaus SVD, along with the villagers had made all the arrangements for the feast. **Fr. Manohar Jyothi PIME** was the main celebrant. Our confreres and priests and religious from the vicariate joined the celebrations in good number. We congratulate the Parish Priest **Fr. S. M. Stanislaus SVD** for all the hard work in arranging and making the day very meaningful.

BROTHER FORMATION HOUSE - ALWAL

The academic year 2010-11 at SVD Brother Formation House, Alwal began with the solemn Eucharistic celebration on June 01, 2010 by the Provincial Fr. A. Jesu SVD. He in his homily stressed upon the purpose and goal of this formation house. The academic performance of our Brother Candidates in the Intermediate Exams in 2010 was very excellent and eight out of ten secured first class marks. All the ten candidates are promoted to Palda which is a record number from our Brother Formation House. We appreciate and acknowledge **Bro. Rajesh SVD** and **Fr. Joy SVD** for their dedicated service in forming and promoting the Brother candidates.

Renewal of Vows

On June 4, 2009, **Bros. Varghese** and **Paulus** renewed their vows at St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy and Nithaya Sagaya Matha Church, Medarametla respectively. We wish them God's choicest blessings in their religious missionary life ahead.

CONGRATS AND WARM WELCOME

Hearty Congratulation to **Fr. R. Soosai SVD** who has completed his studies in Pastoral Management. INH Province is truly proud of him and extends a warm welcome!

SCHOOL RESULTS

School	Appeared	Passed	Percentage	Highest mark
St. Joseph's H. School, Patancheru	160	159	99	575
St. Arnold's H. School, R. C. Puram	118	115	97.46	565
St. Arnold's H. School, Medarametla	47	47	100	546
St. Arnold's H. School, Medarametla (T/M)	18	17	99	528
Vidya Jyothi H. School, Raigir (E/M)	15	15	100	507
Vidya Jyothi H. School, Raigir (T/M)	52	51	98	558
St. Mary's PSM High School, Sadashivpet	41	40	97.5	557
St. John De Britto H. School, Kadavendi	35	34	97	554
St. Arnold's H. School, Toopran	22	17	77	489
St. Claire's High School, Ramagundam	106	106	100	570
St. Ann's H. School, BHEL	153	143	93.46	558
Jyothi Vidyalaya, BHEL	138	126	91	560

We congratulate all our confreres and teachers who serve in the schools for the excellent results and appreciate their hard work and commitment.

REPORT ON St. ANN'S HIGH SCHOOL - BHEL

A committee consisting of **Frs. Joe Faustin, Antony Joseph and Bala Prasad** was constituted by the Provincial Administration in the month of October 2009 to study and review the contract regarding St. Ann's High School, BHEL as per the recommendation of the Provincial Chapter 2009. The Provincial Council meeting held on June 09, 2010 endorses the following opinion of the study committee:

1. There isn't a grievous situation in St. Anne's which compels us to withdraw from the School.
2. The Provincial Administration could meet the highest authority of the BHEL and discuss the issues concerning the maintenance of the school as early as possible.
3. If we are going to renew the contract at the end of ten years period (2013), we must demand for a better treatment and attention to the school.

The Provincial Administration appreciates and very grateful to the study committee for presenting an objective report.

CONGRATS...ASHA JYOTHI!

Asha Jyothi Community Care Centre excels pretty well in spite of the stringent assessment carried out by the evaluation committee from National AIDS Control Organization. The NACO team of experts has categorized our centre as "B" and this certification is given for its excellent implementation of targeted performances and dedicated services in its Social Apostolate for the well being of the people living with HIV/AIDS in Medak district. It is to be noted that the Government has been supporting the centre for ten beds since 2006. With this certification, Asha Jyothi's contract has been renewed and extended by NACO up to March 31, 2012 with the financial and technical support. We congratulate **Fr. C. Bali Reddy, SVD** for his excellent and meritorious services, reaching-out to the people living with HIV/AIDS through his able leadership with the cooperation of his dedicated staff members and pray to continue the good work in the years to come.

FR. GEORGE MUTHANATT AT SHENCOTTAH

After having spent about four months in the Provincial House, **Fr. George Muthanatt SVD** has left for home holidays and then back to Nirmala Gardens at Shencottah on June 09, 2010. Fr. Muthanatt thanks all the confreres for the prayers and support. We wish and continue to pray that he enjoys sound health in the days to come.

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

01. Fr. Mary John,

Co-Pastor, St. Antony's Church, Agarakattu

02. Fr. Varghese Chalamana,

PRO, INH Province.

● It was decided in the Inter-Provincial Planning Forum - 2009 to appoint a PRO for every Province. The PRO will be the official spokesperson of the Province.

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS

With the consent of the Provincial Council at its meeting on June 09, 2010, I am pleased to appoint the

following confreres as House Council Members.

01. Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet

Fr. Bala Prasad, Fr. Joseph Babu and Fr. Maxim Fernandes

02. Divine Word Centre, Chennai

Fr. Kulandai Samy, Fr. George Mepurath and Fr. Florence Minz

NEWS IN BRIEF

- The construction of the first floor at St. Mary's School, Zaheerabad has been completed in May 2010.
- The new KG building at St. Joseph's High School, Patancheru was blessed and inaugurated on June 21, 2010.
- The construction of the new KG building at St. Arnold's High School, Ramachandrapuram is nearing completion.

We thank and appreciate **Frs. N. Anand, A. Dominic, Faustin, Wenceslaus and Santhuraj** for their hard work and generous contribution to complete these small projects.

- The construction of St. Thomas Church at Sadashivpet and the multipurpose hall at Our Lady of Good Health Church - Kottapattu, Trichy are in progress.

MAY THE SOULS REST IN PEACE

- **Mr. Raymond Fernandes**, Uncle of **Fr. Maxim Fernandes** expired on April 02, 2010.
- **Mr. Charles D'souza**, Nephew of **Fr. Felix Roche** expired on May 16, 2010.

BIRTH DAYS

JULY

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| 04 | Thomas Akkara | 20 | Dominic Ekka |
| 22 | Alwin | 30 | Y. James Raj |

AUGUST

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| 03 | R. Antony Samy | 09 | Lawrence Bose |
| 10 | Joseph Babu | 15 | Jeyakumar |
| 23 | S. Jeyaraj | 30 | Felix Roche |

MY PROGRAMME

July 01 - Golden Jubilee of JMJ Sisters, Hyderabad
 July 05 - Inauguration of the new academic year, Chennai
 July 07 - St. Arnold's High School, R.C. Puram
 July 10 - A.P. CRI meeting, Begumpet
 July 11 - Parish Feast, Janagaon
The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on July 21, 2010, at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad.

May the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all

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Fr. A. Jesu SVD

Provincial Superior - INH

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