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



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MOMENT OF GRACE

Human interactions, which remain the foundational fabric of the civilized life on earth, have been the actual thrust and catalysts behind the concrete transitions along human history. Even, all of us belong to a religion that takes pride and traces its foundation to an event, when the Son of God took human form and interacted with human beings in their daily living. It has been a common human experience that whenever such interactions take place, they open up innumerable possibilities, and have paved the way for revolutionary ideas. Even in the cyber world today, when the electronic equipments have almost shrunk the physical distance between human beings, the value and the matchless significance of a private conversations or the face to face talk is upheld. Such is the wonder, often, human interactions can elicit. They at least have the potentiality to open the windows when all the doors are closed. To express in religious terms, the moments of human interactions have testified to themselves to be the moments of divine grace.

I am sure, we too experienced similar intensified moments of grace during the period of the general visitation followed by the provincial assembly. It indeed turned out to be an effective platform to express our personal and common concerns and evolve clear policies in the best interest of our province and the society at large. I extend my sincere gratitude to all the confreres for making this general visitation a fruitful event by way of genuine exchange of views and ideas and by sharing a strong resolve to progress in our missionary endeavours, carrying and caring for each other as members of one family.

Lord Chesterfield once said, "It is not possible to discover new ocean, unless one is willing to lose sight of the shore." Having identified our common concerns and difficulties, it is time to launch ourselves towards making sincere efforts for the accomplishment of our worthwhile goals. It is also a time for us to give shape to the insights we obtained during this visitation. This may demand from us to leave our familiar shores like Mother Mary, as she went to meet her cousin Elizabeth. Let us not forget that only when we do so, we can also sing a magnificat of our own like Mother Mary.

This is also a festive season for all of us as we near the feast of the nativity of Mary and the foundation of our society. As our province is also named after Mother Mary, during this great season, let us be inspired by her character and that of our founder both of whom risked everything, believing in the providence of God. Walking in their footpaths, let us realize as Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam would say, "God's providence is our inheritance; many things may change but His grace will never end, for it is eternal."

FESTIVE WISHES TO YOU ALL



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SUDDEN DEMISE OF ARCHBISHOP M. JOJI

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Archbishop Marampudi Joji of Hyderabad was Born at Bhimavaram (Eluru Diocese) on October 7, 1942. He was ordained a priest at Gunadala (Vijayawada) on December 14, 1971. He was consecrated bishop of Khammam on March 19, 1992. Later he took charge as the Bishop of Vijayawada on December 18, 1996. And on March 17, 2000 he was appointed the Archbishop of Hyderabad. He passed away on August 27, 2010 due to massive cardiac attack.

The Shepherd of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, His Grace M. Joji was secular to the core and who fought all his life for the poor and the oppressed. He was a man of the Church. His fight for Dalit Christian reservation was commendable. At the time of his death, he was the Secretary of the AP Bishops' Council, Standing Committee member of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, vice-president of the AP Federation of Churches and national chairman of the SC, ST Commission CBCI. INH Province expresses deep sentiment of sorrow and our hearty condolence to the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. We are ever grateful to him for his support and guidance in all our missionary endeavours. Let us pray for the departed soul of our late Archbishop. May his soul rest in peace.

ANNUAL FEAST

STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, JANGAON

Colors of light and joy of festivity rocked St. Peter and Paul's Church at Jangaon on July 11, 2010. The presence of Priests and Religious added vigor to the celebration. Faithful thronged from all substations and near by towns to participate in the Eucharistic celebration. The Festive mass was presided over by **Most. Rev. Thumma Bala**, the Bishop of Warangal and **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior. The Bishop highlighted the faith and commitment of Sts. Peter and Paul, the pillars of the Christianity. His inspired homily powerfully touched the lives of the faithful. Fr. Vijay Bhaskar, the Parish Priest with the support of the Council members, the Apostolic Youth Association members, sisters and the faithful worked hard for the success of the day. The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation were administered by the bishop to the children and adults of the parish. The congregation specially prayed for the welfare and

wellbeing of priests and the faithful through the intercession of Sts. Peter and Paul. *Congrats to Fr. Vijay Bhaskar for making the day very meaningful and prayerful.*

ST. ANTONY'S CHURCH - JEEDIMETLA

The feast of St. Antony was celebrated in a simple way at Jeedimetla on July 18, 2010. **Fr. J. C. Kingston** presided over the Holy Eucharist. A good number of faithful participated in the annual feast and they shared their joy through the fellowship meal with one another. *We wish Fr. Devadass for his dedicated service to the people of Jeedimetla.*

MULTI-FARIOUS EVENTS OF MADHA NAGAR PARISH

August 15, 2010 witnessed a manifold celebration in Madha Nagar parish Chennai, unfolding many spiritual gifts in honour of Mother Mary 'Maadharasi' and St. Francis Xavier. A Gala three-day celebration organized by twenty one basic Christian communities exhibited unity and spiritual thirst for the Word of God. The main attraction in this spiritual mela was the car procession attended by the Catholics in full strength praying and singing on the highways and by-ways of Madhanandapuram locality. Our beloved Bishop **Most Rev. Dr. Neethinathan** was appreciative of the growth of the parish and gave a pat to the parish priest and the people.

Madha Nagar parish is filled with the spirit of youth, as Tamil Nadu catholic church celebrates the year of the youth. We have four youth groups: Arnold youth, Maadharasi youth (for girls), Don Bosco youth and Divine youth - totaling 65 young ones, fully active and fully alive to take the parish many steps ahead in the years to come. There were 134 youth from neighbouring parishes attended the youth fellowship on July 18, 2010 and this type of youth camps are conducted on every third sunday of the month. Praise and worship, group discussions, debate, expert guidance given on personality development, soft-skills, communication skills and career guidance are important events of the youth fellowship. It is indeed wonderful to see the youth taking part actively in this camps where they become aware of themselves and their responsibilities to shoulder their yoke in leading the church.

The concluding celebration of the year of priests was celebrated meaningfully wherein the faithful took a vow during the eucharistic celebration that they would consider the priests as their fathers and brothers and accept them as one of their family members. The parishioners of Madha Nagar proved this promise by adopting *thirteen SVD seminarians* from Divine World Centre, St. Thomas Mount, Chennai who would be guided and helped both spiritually and materially till their ordination. The adoption ceremony was celebrated on August 01, 2010 during the sunday liturgy with an atmosphere of happiness and fulfilment. We are proud to say that our parish stands as a roll model in adopting the SVD seminarians. A special thanks to **Fr. S. Kulandai Samy** for making this possible.

With the very long struggle and constant prayer, we could move the mountain; Dr. Peter, the owner of the land around our church to donate 1110 sq. ft, costing Rs. 25, 00, 000/- (Twenty Five Lakhs) for the extension of the church. We keep continuing our prayers to acquire some more land from him, so that we start re-building of the church at Madha Nagar. We whole heartedly thank and appreciate the generous people who have come forward to be the benefactors of our seminarians. *We appreciate and congratulate Fr. Vijay Amalraj the Parish Priest for the meticulous planning, preparing and organizing the feast in a solemn manner and for his hard work in taking the parish to the next phase. KUDOS!!!*

COMMUNITY HALL



Our Lady of Good Health Church, Kottapattu is just 10 years old parish. It was a felt need of the people for a multipurpose hall to organize catechism classes for children, parish council meetings, youth gatherings, meetings for all pious associations, evening tuition classes for the poor children, preparing the catechumens and for the prayer services of the groups. Through constant efforts of the Director of DWSSS **Fr. Devadass**, we received some fund to build a community hall. On the feast day of our founder St. Arnold Janssen, in the presence of the parishioners, **Fr. Jeyakumar**, the Rector of St. Charles' seminary blessed the foundation stone. The community hall was blessed by **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior and inaugurated by **Bro. Alfonso Berger**, the Visitor General on August 10, 2010. *We thank and appreciate Frs. A. Joe and Thomas Monteiro, for their hard work and dedication to build up the community hall.*

YEAR OF YOUTH

This year is declared as the 'International Year of Youth'. Fr. Arokia Dass, the Youth Director is organizing various programmes and activities during this year of youth. ICYM decennial celebration and the inauguration of the year of youth were celebrated in Nellore on June 26, 2010 and three of our youth leaders participated in the programmes and witnessed the role and presence of SVDs in the lives of youth. He is planning to organize SVD parish level programmes and seminars for our parish youth groups. To mark the beginning of the year of youth, **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior presided over the Holy Eucharist and inaugurated the Year of Youth in SVD Medak Region on August 22, 2010 at St. John's Church, Ramachandrapuram. The parish youth participated very

actively in the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. The youth were acknowledged of their active role and participation in all the activities of the parish. On the same day, a seminar on 'Leadership' was organized and they ended the celebration of the day with a fellowship meal together and shared their joy with one another. We thank **Fr. Pious** the parish priest for making the day very meaningful and relevant for all the youth of the parish. *We appreciate Fr. S. Arokia dass for active involvement in serving the youth of today in all our parishes and motivating the younger ones for the better future.*

LAND IN SINGAMPUNARI

At Singampunari mission, we have purchased 4.04 acres of land to start our missionary activities. A very big thanks to **Fr. Y. Arockia Doss** and all those who were involved in the purchase of the land.

HIGHER STUDIES

The confreres who are interested to go for studies in the next academic year (2011-12), may send the formal application to the Provincial by September 30, 2010.

CONGRATS

Fr. Bala Prasad has successfully completed M.Ed. and **Frs. Joseph Babu, Vijay Bhaskar** and **Bro. Varghese** have secured B.Ed. this year. We appreciate their hard work and congratulate them for the good results.

FORMATION HOUSES AT GLANCE

SEMINARY	1st yr	2nd yr	3rd yr	TOTAL
Brother Formation House, Alwal	03	08	05	16
Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet	16	09	05	30
St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy	12	10	-	22
Divine Word Centre, Chennai	19	18	17	54

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. We appreciate and acknowledge the generous service and contribution of

Jubilarians 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

Kindly inform Fr. Rozario, the Provincial Secretary about your participation

INM PROVINCE

Date : 11 - 16 October 2010
 Preacher : Most Rev. Valerian D'souza, Bishop Emeritus of Pune
 Place : Ishvani Kendra
 Date : 02 Bernard
 Date : 27 Faustine
 Date : 08 Thuruthimattom
 Date : 13 Stanislaus
 Date : 19 Florence

INC PROVINCE

The First Retreat Date: 3 - 8 October 2010
 Place : St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore
 Preacher : Fr. Fredrick Santhumayor
 The Second Retreat Date : October 31 - Nov 5, 2010
 Place : St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore
 Preacher : Most Rev. Valerian D'souza, Bishop Emeritus of Pune.

INE PROVINCE

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

Fr. VICTOR JEYARAJ AT NEMI

Fr. Victor Jeyaraj arrived at Nemi on August 30, 2010 for the renewal course. Though late, he was full of vigor and enthusiasm to be part of this year's renewal programme. We wish him best wishes for a fruitful spiritual journey. On the other hand, Fr. Bali Reddy could not join the renewal course due to visa problem.

REQUEST

All those who wish to apply for the renewal courses at Nemi, must have the passport in hand which is valid at least for one year.

B. ED. AT NARASARAOPET

Bro. Paulus Topno will be residing at Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet during his B. Ed. Studies this year.

MAY THE SOULS REST IN PEACE

- Mr. Ambrose Fernandes, Uncle of Fr. Maxim Fernandes expired on July 20, 2010.
- Mrs. Showamma, Grandmother of Fr. Bala Prasad expired on July 28, 2010.
- Mr. Parthivan, Brother in-law of Fr. Selvam expired on August 09, 2010.
- Mrs. Prashanti, Cousin Sister of Fr. Anand Nagoth on August 18, 2010.
- Mr. Hilary D'souza, Uncle of Fr. Thomas Monteiro on August 20, 2010.
- Mrs. Veronica, aunt of Bro. Francis Sammanasu on August 26, 2010.

BIRTHDAYS

September

02 Bernard 19 Martin & Maxim
 27 Faustine 28 Wenceslaus & Valan

October

08 Thuruthimattom 10 Rajesh
 13 Stanislaus 15 Antony Joseph
 19 Florence 24 Mepurath

MY PROGRAMME

- Sept. 03 - Flag Hoisting, Singampunari
- Sept. 05 - Nirmala Gardens, Shencottah
- Sept. 06 - Visit, Agarakattu
- Sept. 07 - Novena Mass, Kottapattu
- Sept. 08 - Feast Mass, Vadipatti
- Sept. 10 - DWES meeting, Arnold Bhavan, Hyd.
- Sept. 11 - Council Meeting, Arnold Bhavan, Hyd.
- Sept. 15 - Provincials - Visitors Meeting, Mumbai
- Sept. 18-21 - Formation Board, Commissions and Inter-Provincial planning Forum meetings at Jharsuguda, Orissa.
- Sept. 28 - APBC - APCRI joint meeting, Hyderabad.
- Oct. 10-15 - Annual Retreat, Vadipatti.
- Nov. 08 -09 - On-going Formation, Arnold Bhavan, Hyd.

The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on September 11, 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