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The Message of Incarnation

It is Christmas time. Once again, our rooftops are aglow with stars and our homes are adorned with either traditional or innovative cribs revealing how we understand 'Emmanuel' in our cyber age today. Besides, there is the Santa Claus, the darling of everybody during this season, the jingle bells and the heavenly carols permeating the grace-laden ambience. Above all, there is joy, happiness and a sense of hope all around, in the hearts and minds of the people. Often, there is a tendency in all of us to term these sentimental extravaganzas as external and try to subdue the emotions, this benign season evokes. However, none can deny that in these external symbolisms, lie a fact that a savior is born for us and he is born like any one of us, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1: 14).



This unique event of incarnation, if we can grasp its nuances, brings to the fore, God, the indescribable and unfathomable mystery, can be found and experienced in someone entirely like you and me. It affirms that the love of God for humanity, in its most pristine form, was made flesh in the person of Jesus Christ and being born a human being suggests that we, each and every one of us too, are nothing but an embodiment of God's love. This is the message of incarnation.

Further, the Word incarnates in a specific, historical situation. Infant Jesus, as the evangelist Luke narrates, was born in a manger in the midst of cattle surrounded by Joseph and Mary, a common life situation. Gabriel Marcel, an existential philosopher says, "There is only one way of being faithful to the incarnation and that is to become an embodied testimony to the living Word." Therefore, this event of incarnation calls us, first of all as Christians and secondly as religious missionaries, to have a deep and personal awareness of the context in which we live in order to continue the mission of Jesus, thus being a living witness to God's love. Perhaps, the core of our missionary task then should be created by our lives rather than our words.

This event of incarnation also has several pastoral implications in our lives as missionaries. This demands of us to have a deep reverence and respect for human persons amidst whom and with whom we work. It invites us to love our environment. Especially with the issues of climate change and global warming becoming a cause of concern for life in the world, the understanding of incarnation necessitates an urgency of safeguarding our cosmos and promoting ecological awareness.

A French proverb goes as, "God often visits us but most of the time we are not at home." If we try to understand this proverb from the perspective of incarnation, we can say, today the prominent way, God visiting us, is through our fellow human beings. Are we able to realize this in our daily lives? This is the challenge the Christmas poses, that is to love and respect all, without discrimination and spread this message in and through our missionary efforts. May we be blessed by Infant Jesus as we strive to live the meaning of incarnation in our lives as missionaries.

"Joyous Christmas and Grace-Filled New Year 2011"



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FAMILY FEAST

01. **Jyothi Niketan-Narasaraopet** celebrated the Family Feast with much pomp and noise from November 12-14, 2010. The community was divided into three groups and they were named Sun, Moon and Star. The motto of the Family Feast was *“Live to Liberate”*. On the morning of 12th November, Fr. Thomas Akkara celebrated the Holy Eucharist in which he explained to the community the rich tradition of celebrating the family feast in our society and its purpose. The three days of the hectic program brought out the hidden talents of the students. At the end the SUN group stood first while MOON AND STAR stood 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Our confreres from Medarametla, Addanki, Shankavarapadu and Kalasapadu were also included in different groups. We concluded the family feast with a sumptuous love meal on November 14, 2010.
02. **Divine Word Centre-Chennai** celebrated a week long Family Feast. The community was divided into three groups, namely, Galaxy, Symphony and Rainbow. The Head Senior, Class Seniors and the Representatives of all the three Classes under the able chairmanship of Fr. George Mepurath organized this year's Family Feast keeping *“Melt to Mould”* as the motto. The celebration began on November 21, 2010 morning with a grand Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Kulandaisamy, the Rector. The activities kicked off with March past after breakfast.. It was indeed a week of great fun, celebration and togetherness. It provided ample opportunity for the members to put their heads together and to bring out the best in each of them. It was amazing to witness a lot of creative and impressive performances by our young seminarians. They have clearly proved that they have creative mind, persevering spirit, and enormous talent to excel in outdoor and indoor games and in literary items. Amidst a high sense of competitive spirit, there was also a feeling of oneness and concern for each other. On November 28, 2010, we had a grand Holy Mass presided over by Fr. Augustine Karamel. The Family Feast was declared closed in the evening followed by a community get-together.
03. **Brother Formation House-Alwal** celebrated the Family Feast from November 12-14, 2010. The motto of the feast was *“One Heart Many Faces”*. There were two groups 'Sun and Moon' who competed with each other in as many as seventy activities which included sports, games and literary items. Keeping the tradition of the Society, our young men showed creative and impressive performances. It was also a time of experiencing the family spirit. On the last day, SVD communities in and around doubled our joy with their presence. The Family Feast was declared closed in the evening with the fellowship meal.
04. **St. Charles' Minor Seminary-Trichy** celebrated the traditional Family Feast of the Society of the Divine Word with an extraordinary enthusiasm from November 1 - 4, 2010. Fr. Jeyaseelan presided over the inaugural Holy Eucharist. It was really an extraordinary event because all the students of St. Charles are new comers this year. The motto of the family feast was *“All for one and one for all”*, which carries a deep meaning of care and concern for one another. Confreres from our missions joined us to show their family union. The participation of all the

members of the team, students and confreres created a comfortable family zone to the students to express themselves without any reservation. Their participation in and outdoor competitions helped them to learn, to explore, to co-operate and to appreciate the talents of one another. On the final day games were also conducted for the domestic workers and winners were awarded. Fr. A. Joe celebrated the concluding Eucharist and Fr. Ashok preached the homily. Two teams namely Rose and Lilly prepared all the three days very meaningful liturgies. Finally Fr. Jeyakumar, the Rector distributed the prize for the winning teams and appreciated everyone for the fullest participation and officially closed the family feast 2010.

We appreciate and acknowledge the hard work and commitment of all the formatters for their dedicated services in guiding our young seminarians in the respective formation houses. Kudos!!!

ANNUAL FEAST

- **St. Andrew's Church-Siddipet** celebrated its parish feast on November 28, 2010. The preparation of the feast began with the hoisting of the flag, November 26, 2010 by Fr. Robert, followed by Holy Mass. November 28, 2010 could be seen with a festive mood of celebration. In the evening, the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by Fr. Ignatius Yeruva (MoC), who preached an inspiring homily on life of St. Andrew the Apostle of Christ. A good number of people belonging to other faith too had participated in the celebration. The parishioners' participation and co-operation to celebrate the great event of the parish was praise worthy. A good number of SVDs and religious were present to pray for God's grace and to join the celebration.
- **Nithiya Sagaya Matha Church-Medarametla** celebrated its annual feast on December 08, 2010. On December 05, 2010, the Novena began with the hoisting of the flag by Fr. Joe Faustin. During the novena days, people from all walks of life participated and prayed to God through our Blessed Mother. December 08, 2010 was a remarkable day for the parish. The newly built Our Lady of Good Health Grotto was blessed and inaugurated by Fr. A. Jesu, the Provincial Superior and presided over the concelebrated Solemn Feast Mass. Fr. S. Devadass preached an inspiring homily. It was also an occasion for the parishioners to share and enjoy the day.
- **Our lady of Mercy Church-Sangareddy** celebrated the annual feast on December 05, 2010. The concelebrated Holy Mass was presided over by Msgr. Swarna Bernard, the Apostolic Administrator of Archdiocese of Hyderabad. He stressed on to renew the power of the Holy Spirit to live our Christian faith. On this auspicious day eight children and three Adults received Confirmation & First Holy Communion. The main attraction was the New look of the Church, Grotto & Presbytery. The faithful of the parish along with their relatives participated in large number and co-operated to celebrate the great event of the parish very meaningfully. A good number of Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters participated in the festive mass and prayed for the parish.

I take this opportunity to give a word of appreciation to the confreres in Siddipet, Medarametla and Sangareddy for making the feast very meaningful and relevant and for their dedicated services and commitment to the mission work.

SCINECE FAIR AT R.C PURAM

Arnold's Fest-Arts and Science Exhibition, was held in the premise of St. Arnold's High School at R. C. Puram from October 29 - 30, 2010. **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial superior inaugurated and appreciated the children for their hard work and creativity. It was an open exhibition covering all disciplines and faculty. More than 600 projects were displayed by students. They were ably guided and motivated by the efficient and creative teachers of our school. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the children, teachers and parents. Team work was at its best. More than ten neighbouring schools had brought in their students to witness and learn. Two eminent scientists from ICRISAT had also come on the 2nd day. They addressed the students and personally visited and interacted with them. Their visit was a great encouragement for our students. This was primarily organised to bring out the creative talents of our children and mark the presence of our school for the last 35 years. Everyone enjoyed and appreciated our students. *Congrats to all the staff and students. Kudos to Fr. I. Sathuraja*

SEMINAR FOR SENIOR FATHERS

A two days seminar of ongoing formation with the theme 'Onward Graceful Journey' was organized by Fr. Joy Joseph, the Mission Secretary for our confreres belonging to the Ordination Batches from 1959 to 1988 at Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda. **Fr. Ittop Panikulam** led the confreres with his inspiring and provoking thoughts on SELF. We thank him for spending his time with our confreres and leading them onward. I thank sincerely **Fr. Joy Joseph** for organizing the seminar for our confreres.

ARNOLD SPORTS DAY

"Sports is human life in microcosm" says Howard Cosell. The 11th Janssen Sports Meet was organized by DWES on November 12-13, 2010 at St. Joseph's High School, Patancheru. On November 12, 2010, the 11th Janssen Sports Meet was inaugurated and declared open by **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior in the presence of Mr. V. Nagaiah, the Sub-Inspector of police - Patancheru, **Fr. Venance**, Education Secretary of DWES, Headmasters of various schools and students. Ten of our schools participated in the sports events. All schools participated with full of vigor and enthusiasm. At valedictory function on the evening of November 13, 2010, the Education Secretary declared St. Joseph's High School - Patancheru the Champion of the Sports Meet 2010 and the Provincial Superior gave away the award to the team amidst round of applause of the gathering present to witness the event. I thank and congratulate all the schools who participated in the Sports meet and very specially the champion. *I give a special word of appreciation to Frs. Joe Faustin, Venance, Wenceslaus and all the teachers & students of St. Joseph's High School for their hard work and dedication in making the event a grand success.*

YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION

'International Year of Youth' was celebrated on November 14, 2010 at St. Joseph's Church, Patancheru. About forty five energetic and active youths participated in the day long celebration with full vigor and enthusiasm. The day began with the Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. S. Arokiadass SVD, the Youth Director. During the homily, he addressed the gathering with the theme: 'Leadership qualities and what kind of leaders we need to be in the church, society and at large in the nation'. The youth were addressed by different resource persons, on the themes like: 'Gospel Values, Time Management and

Family'. The celebration ended with the sharing of their joy and happiness with one another through a fellowship meal. *Kudos to Frs. Wenceslaus and Faustin for making the day very meaningful and joyful for all the youth of the parish. A special word of appreciation to Fr. S. Arokiadass for his active role in moulding the young generation.*

ARNOLD CHILDREN HOME

Asha Jyothi has crossed another mile stone to add on its achievements to love and serve the people living with HIV/AIDS, by establishing an elegant and a beautiful home for the children in the campus of Asha Jyothi, to rehabilitate exclusively the HIV infected and affected orphan children under its wings with the name and style, 'ARNOLD CHILDREN HOME' to accommodate around 50 children with every facility that a child would love to have for an homely atmosphere! The construction of the home was funded by Manos Unidas, dedicated for the welfare of the HIV infected and affected orphan children, living in and around Medak District of Andhra Pradesh. The inauguration of this Children Home was on November 11, 2010. The Children's day was celebrated at the centre along with the inaugural function of the Children Home, to which Ms. Mercedes Pineiro, the representative of the donor agency added colour and beauty to event.

Hundreds of HIV infected and affected children were present to celebrate the occasion. The celebration began with the prayer dance by the team of Jana Chaitanya headed by **Fr. Felix Roche**. **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior - INH blessed the newly constructed building. **Ms. Mercedes Pineiro**, cut the ribbon and inaugurated the 'Arnold children Home' by unveiling the inaugural stone symbolically and declared it open. Fr. C. Bali Reddy, Director of Asha Jyothi gave a brief report on Asha Jyothi and thanked the team of Manos Unidas for their continued support and encouragement to carry on this special social apostolate for the welfare of the people living with HIV/AIDS. Ms. Mercedes Pineiro expressed her happiness for the involvement and dedication with which Asha Jyothi is carrying out its services meticulously for the down trodden people affected with HIV/AIDS. The Provincial Superior also acknowledged the services of Asha Jyothi and thanked the team of Manos Unidas for their timely cooperation and help. *Hearty congratulations to Frs. Bali Reddy and Stanislaus and all the staff for their tireless work and dedicated service to the children, poor and unwanted people in the society.*

KINGSTON IN TAIWAN

Kingston J. Cudalane participated in ASPAC Zonal Communication meeting from October 25-29, 2010 in Taipei - Taiwan. The meeting was about inter-zonal, sub-zonal collaboration among the communication coordinators. It was stressed that communication as characteristic dimension should collaborate with other three (Biblical, JPIC & Mission Animation) characteristics of our mission and life. He is given charge as ASPAC Zonal Web Master. *We congratulate Fr. Kingston who participated in ASPAC Zonal communication meeting and wish him every success as zonal web master.*

ST. GABRIEL'S TEAM VISITED THE PROVINCE

Mrs. Ruth Steiner and **Mrs. Groll Marion** from St. Gabriel Mission House visited our Province from November 18-30, 2010. They were very happy to see the

confreres committed to the mission and the dedicated services rendered to the poor people. I thank all the confreres and communities for your warm welcome and hospitality. I appreciate and acknowledge the presence of Mrs. Ruth and Mrs. Marion in our Province.

EXCOM MEETING AT HYDERABAD

ASPAC Executive Committee meeting was held at Arnold Bhavan from November 23-26, 2010. The Exe. Com. members are the Provincials: Fr. Dennis Callan - (KOR), Fr. Felix Sunartha - (IDJ), Fr. Jozef Roszynski (PNG), Fr. Nielo Cantilado (PHC), Fr. A. Jesu - (INH) and Fr. William Burt (Zonal Coordinator). The meeting was very fruitful. I thank all of them for their active participation and planning for the ASPAC Zonal Assembly to be held in August 2011.

PROCLAMATION MINISTRY THROUGH T.V. PROGRAMME

Divine Word Centre-Muthangi has begun the proclamation ministry through T.V. programme from December 2010. You could watch the programme on every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. in Shubavaartha channel. I appreciate the dedication and commitment of **Fr. A. Joseph and his team** in reaching out to all God's people through the proclamation ministry.

RENEWAL COURSES AT NEMI

Date : 14th September to 9th December 2011
 Programme : Dei Verbum Biblical Course
 Venue : Nemi
 For Whom : Lay, Religious and Clerics - Ministers of the Word
 Deadline for application : 30th April 2011

 Date : 1st October to 30th November 2011
 Programme : On-going Formation for Third Age Confreres in English (65 and above)
 Venue : Nemi
 For Whom : SVDs 65 years and over - who can still travel to Nemi
 Deadline for application : 31st May 2011

*Those confreres, who wish to apply for the above mentioned courses, may send your application to the Provincial Superior before **January 31, 2011.***

FOUNDER'S DAY

The feast of our Founder St. Arnold will be celebrated on January 15, 2011 at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad. I cordially invite all of you to participate in the celebration as one family.

RESTRUCTURING OF TAMIL NADU DISTRICT

As the Protocol of the General Visitation recommends, the restructuring of Tamil Nadu District comes into effect from December 01, 2010.

01. Divine Word Centre - Chennai and St. Francis Xavier's Church - Madha Nagar
02. St. Charles' Seminary - Golden Rock and Our Lady of Good Health Church-Kottapattu
03. Tamil Nadu District: The remaining SVD communities, parishes and institutions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRO. PRAKASH

Bro. G. Prakash has completed his B.Th. studies successfully. We congratulate him for coming out with flying colours. He would be residing from December 15, 2010 at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti.

INH TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Fr. Dominic Ekka**, Head Master
 St. Mary's PSM High School, Sadashivpet.
Fr. Venance Asir, Correspondent
 St. Mary's PSM High School, Sadashivpet.
Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas, Parish Priest
 Fatima Matha Church, Toopran.

CHANGE OF MOBILE NUMBERS

Fr. George Mepurath : 94455 04624

MAY THE SOULS REST IN PEACE

- ❖ Mr. Edward Paul, cousin of Fr. Amalanathan expired on November 04, 2010.
- ❖ Mr. Lourdu Vellaisamy, Brother in-law of Fr. Jeyaseelan expired on November 26, 2010.
- ❖ Mr. Michael, Father of Fr. M.Arockiasamy expired on December 05, 2010.
- ❖ Mr. Soosai, Uncle of Fr. Arul James expired on December 05, 2010.
- ❖ Mrs. Annammal, Aunt of Fr. S. Jeyaraj expired on December 08, 2010.
- ❖ Mrs. Anne Kutty, Mother of Fr. Francis Thuruthimattom expired on December 08, 2010.

BIRTHDAYS

January

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| 05 | G. Prakash | 14 | M. Antony |
| 15 | G. Lazar & Y. Arockiadoss | 16 | A. Antonysamy |
| 18 | J. Puthumana & A. Arockiasamy | | |

February

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| 15 | C. Irudayaraj | 17 | Satish Kumar |
| 21 | S. Devadass | 23 | Anthu Joseph |
| 24 | George Muthanatt | 25 | Arul James |
| 26 | Thomas Kavumkattayil | | |

MY PROGRAMME

- Dec. 19 - Church Blessing at MIG, BHEL
- Dec. 24 - 25 - Christmas, Pinapaka
- Dec. 31 - Holy Mass, Khairatabad
- Jan. 02 - Perpetual Vows, DWS, Pune
- Jan. 04 - 05 - Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti
- Jan. 07 - St. Arnold's School Annual Day, Toopran
- Jan. 15 - St. Arnold's Feast, Arnold Bhavan
- Jan. 16 - St. Joseph's Parish Feast, Patancheru
- Jan. 28 - 29 - St. Claire's School Annual Day, Ramagundam

The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on January 27, 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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