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

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## MODELS OF GOSPEL INCULTURATION



"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news". This is how our sacred scripture adorns the indomitable spirit and the life promoting saga of the missionaries. Unlike the normal patterns in this world, the roads less travelled and the terrains which have not experienced the fragrance of the word of God, often becomes the fertile field where the spirit of God leads us, the missionaries. This was true in the case of St. Joseph Freinademetz, our first missionary to China

St. Joseph Freinademetz, while musing on his missionary life, humbly uttered the following words, "I do not consider missionary life as a sacrifice I offer to God, but as the greatest grace that God could ever have lavished upon me". Thus, for all of us, Divine Word Missionaries, he remains an epitome of missionary spirit. As we have just celebrated the feast of this great saint of ours, it is indeed worth that we take time to recollect and reflect for ourselves on the missionary voyage of this great missionary. I am confident, it will surely be a refreshing tonic, as we stretch our every sinew in our missionary efforts.

St. Freinademetz left for China with an open mind and heart like that of Jesus. He never went among them with a superior mentality; rather he treated them as equals. Above all, he promoted a vibrant church by forming local men and women as catechists and as living witnesses to Christ. His missionary spirit was such that he often repeated, "even in heaven, I want to be a Chinese", which was recognized by Pope John Paul II when he called St. Freinademetz as an 'Exemplary Model of Gospel Inculturation' on the day of canonization.

Vatican II document on 'mission' describes missionary activity as nothing else and nothing less than the manifestation of God's plan, its epiphany and realization in the world and in history. Today, this epiphany takes place concretely through the wide range of our ministries where we transcend our comforts to give 'God-touch' to the tribal people, to the leprosy affected and AIDS patients, to the people suffering from various diseases, to the children as we impart knowledge, and through our pastoral and formation activities. When we do these, we too become models of Gospel inculturation as St. Freinademetz was.

Let us be inspired humbly by these great efforts, we do in His vineyard. Let the fruits of our labour and our first missionary be our motivation. Let our spirits not be sagged by the sporadic fruitlessness or any sort of discouraging elements that unavoidably creep on our way. May we continue our great spirit of mission as one family following the footsteps of St. Freinademetz and assuming the spirit of our Founder.

**"The language that all people understand is that of love" -St. Joseph Freinademetz**



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### NEW CHURCH BLESSING

- **St. Alphonsa Church – MIG :** The long cherished desire and dream of the catholic faithful of BHEL to have a place of worship in their vicinity has come true with the blessing of the new chapel at MIG. The management committee of MIG allotted admeasuring 751 sq. yards for the catholic community. On February 22, 2004, **Fr. Dominic Ekka** the then parish priest blessed and erected a cross. In the year 2008, the foundation stone was blessed and laid by the late **Archbishop Marampudi Joji** for the construction of the Chapel. The Archbishop declared that BHEL and MIG Colony will be a MISSION on the same day (INH Circular, Feb. 2008, INH/PC/63). On December 19, 2010 was a historical and blessed day for the people of BHEL. **Msgr. Swarna Bernard**, the Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad blessed the newly built chapel and **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior inaugurated the same. The concelebrated Holy Eucharistic celebration was presided over by the Apostolic Administrator. A good number of priests, nuns and faithful participated to witness the blessing of the sanctuary of God. On this auspicious occasion, 24 of our parish children received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. We thank **Mr. Bhishapathi Yadhav**, MLA of Seri Lingampally who helped a lot to complete the project. **Fr. Pious Thomas** the parish priest took a lot of interest and keenly pursued the project of building up this chapel. His hard work and perseverance in realizing this project has been tremendous.
- **Sadashivpet Mission** was erected a parish on July 03, 1994 with St. Thomas the Apostle of India as its patron saint. All catholic families of the parish are migrants from other parts of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala who are working in the industries. **Fr. Joseph Puthumana**, the first parish priest of the parish purchased the land for the construction of the church. The dream of the veteran and the pioneer SVD became reality by blessing and laying of the foundation stone in the month of November 2006 by **Fr. Casmir D'souza** then Provincial Admonitor. **Fr. S. M. Stanislaus** then parish priest began the construction of the Church and was continued by **Frs. Vineet** and **Bhasker**. And finally it was left to **Fr. Dominic Ekka** to complete the construction of the beautiful Church. With full of vigour and enthusiasm, he keenly pursued and completed the construction of the parish church. The long awaited dream of the faithful was realized on January 26, 2011 with the blessing and inauguration of the newly built church. The ceremony began with the a word of welcome by **Fr. M. Xavier**, the district superior to all present and a prayer dance by the school children. **Msgr. Swarna Bernard** the Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad blessed the newly built church and **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior inaugurated it. The Apostolic Administrator presided over

the concelebrated Holy Eucharistic celebration and preached an inspiring homily. The presence of priests, religious and faithful added vigour and colour to the celebration. The celebration ended with a fellowship meal.

*We thank sincerely and appreciate **Frs. Pious Thomas** and **Dominic Ekka** for making the dreams come true in the lives of the people at BHEL and Sadashivpet.*

### ANNUAL FEASTS

- **St. John's Church – Ramachandrapuram** celebrated its annual feast on December 27, 2011. **Fr. Y. Ignatius**, the Rector of Our Lady of Grace Shrine, Aliabad was the main celebrant who preached an inspiring homily. Though it was a simple celebration, people flocked to participate in the celebration and prayed for the parish and the all the families of the parish.
- **St. Joseph's Church - Patancheru** celebrated its parish feast with great solemnity on Sunday, January 16, 2011. **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior was the main celebrant of the concelebrated festive Holy Mass. He encouraged and appreciated the parishioners for their collaborative support and involvement in the parish activities. **Fr. S. Devadass**, the Admonitor of the Province shared the Word of God. He shared about St. Joseph the worker who is the patron saint of the parish and advocated his life as an example to be followed by the parishioners who are mostly migrant working class families from different states of India and living in small rented houses. A dozen SVD confreres concelebrated the Holy Mass. The parish council planned meticulously the event and entrusted the responsibilities to different committees. The Youth of the parish decorated the church very beautifully to give an atmosphere of prayer and celebration to all the people. The parish choir led by Mr. Ambrose sang melodiously in leading the people to experience God's presence during this feast. Miss Praveena Mary and Miss Sucharitha, organized the liturgy in a prayerful and devotional manner. After the festive Holy Mass, a sumptuous and delicious fellowship meal was served to all, which brought the whole parish together in unity and joy.
- **St. Joseph Freinademetz' Church – Jogipet** celebrated the Annual feast with solemnity on January 29, 2011. **Fr. A. Antony Samy** presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebration in the presence of a good number of SVD priests, religious priests and nuns and faithful. During his homily, he invited everyone to have the similar commitment and dedication in our missionary endeavours. The feast of first SVD missionary to China ended with a fellowship meal where all shared love, joy and fellowship with one another.

*I take this opportunity to give a word of appreciation to **Frs. Pious, Wenceslaus, Xavier** and **Michael** for making the feast very meaningful and relevant and solemn.*

### ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

- **St. Arnold's High School - Toopran** celebrated the Annual Day on January 07, 2011. **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior was the Chief Guest who gave an inspiring message for the students. The local Sarpanch and the Sub Inspector of police were the guests of honour. The prizes were distributed during the programme for the rank holders as well as for those children who excelled in extra-curricular activities. The cultural programme was well organized and the school children presented it with an extraordinary enthusiasm. It was encouraging to see the large number of people, very specially the parents being present for the programme.
- **St. Claire High School – NTPC, Ramgundam** wreathed in passion and excitement celebrated their annual day on January 27, 2011. **Shri. Thomas Joseph**, the General Manager – NTPC was the chief guest for the event. **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior presided over the function and congratulated the students and staff for their hard work and fantastic performances. The students of St. Claire celebrated the Annual Day by putting up a wonderful performance and mesmerizing the audience. The cultural events have once again proved their high quality of education and extra curricular activities. Two ex-students of the parents have offered a scholarship of Rs. 1000/- and a dictionary as a gratitude to the school for the benefit of the students of rural areas. The wife of the General Manager said that it was the best programmes that she has seen in the campus. The chief guest and others appreciated the hard work of the Headmaster and all the staff for their generosity in imparting knowledge to the children of Ramgundam and in particular to the children of NTPC campus.

*Congrats to Bro. Alphonse and Fr. Alwin, Fr. Casmir and and Bro. Varghese for organizing a glamorous annual day.*

### ANNUAL YOUTH SEMINAR

The Annual Youth Seminar for our SVD parishes in Andhra Pradesh was organized on January 13 & 14, 2011 at St. Joseph's Church – Patancheru. On January 13, 2011, **Fr. A. Jesu**, Provincial Superior inaugurated the Annual Youth Seminar. In his inaugural address, he addressed the youth on '*Inter-personal Relationship and Leadership*'. **Fr. Raja Reddy** SDB was the resource person who addressed and led the youth on the theme '*personality Development, Career Guidance, Love and Friendship*'. The seminar was concluded with the solemn thanksgiving Holy Eucharist on January 14, 2011 by **Fr. Praveen**, the Regional Youth Director of Andhra Pradesh. During the homily, he stressed upon '*the life of youth in the modern society*'. There were about 85 youths from our SVD parishes who participated actively and benefitted for their future life. I thank all the parish priests who encouraged the youth to participate in this seminar. I appreciate **Frs. Wenceslaus** and **Joe Faustin** for providing all the facilities, support and encouragement to make this seminar a successful and relevant in the lives of the youth. *A word of appreciation and encouragement to Fr. S. Arokiadass, the youth coordinator of our Province for organizing the annual seminar more effectively during this year of Youth.*

### FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Both regions (Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu) celebrated its harvest festival on January 15, 2011. During this festival, people gather in their respective families to thank God and celebrate the festival in a grand manner. It was a fitting day for INH Province to celebrate our family feast. About 45 confreres gathered together at Arnold Bhavan to celebrate the feast of our Founder as the family feast of our Province in a meaningful way. The young confreres **Frs. Alwin, Wilson, Michael and Dn. Nelson** organized the exhilarating family feast with lots of fun. Everyone old and young participated with verve. We then had the feast day Holy Mass, celebrated by **Fr. Casmir D'souza**, the Silver Jubilarian. He preached an inspiring homily from the spirituality of our Founder. A word of thanks and appreciation to **Fr. Devadass**, the rector, his team and the organizers for making the day very colourful and meaningful. Thanks to all who participated in our Founder's Day celebration. Let the spirit and the vision of our Founder live in our lives and communities.

### DIVINE FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION

God the Father entrusted the mission of evangelization and redemption to Jesus Christ our Lord and Jesus has passed on that responsibility to his disciples and to all of us. While some are directly involved some others contribute their might in different ways for the continuation of the same mission. The members of the 'Divine Word Family' are shouldering a part of the responsibility of mission of God by supporting the evangelization work of Divine Word Centre - Muthangi. 'Divine Word Family' is a supporting unit of the Divine Word Centre. The members of the 'Divine Word Family' are our lay helpers, supporters, associates and well-wishers, who magnanimously assist DWC to carry out all its programmes successfully and make known the liberating name of Jesus. It is customary that the DWC sets a day apart to celebrate 'Divine Word Family Day' to express our gratitude and to pray for the special intentions of Divine Word Family members. On January 26, 2011, we celebrated 'Divine Word Family' day and in large number people participated in this grace-filled celebration. The celebration was marked by a meaningful Holy Eucharist, sharing of Word of God and special prayers for the needs and intentions of the family members. All the families present were given a promise card (vakdhanam) and a small spiritual gift as a token of our gratitude and appreciation. **Fr. A. Joseph**, the director thanked all the family members for their generous support and urged them for their continuous support and bring many more people to Divine Word Family so that all of us can work together to realize the mission of God. The culmination of the celebration was the family meal that every one shared together, which actually strengthened our bond of unity and our commitment to God's mission. It was truly a day filled with a sense of gratitude and God's blessings. *I acknowledge and appreciate Fr. A. Joseph and his team for their dedicated service for the people and very specially for organizing this Divine Family Day to honour our partner in evangelization.*

### PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2011

I am pleased to announce the official list of candidates for the new Provincial Administration. According to the procedures for Method I-B listed in the "Norms for the designation of Superiors and Councilors", and with the consent of his council Fr. Superior General has established the following list of candidates for consideration by the confreres of the Hyderabad Province in the election assembly. There are three names for the office of Provincial Superior and six names for the Councilors here below in alphabetical order.

**For Provincial Superior : Fr. A. (Arockiam), Jesu, Fr. Antony, Joseph, Fr. D'Souza, Casmir**

**For Provincial Council : Fr. Chennuru, Bali Reddy, Fr. Jayakumar, Paul, Fr. Madanu, Balaprasad, Fr. Nagothu, Ananda Raju, Fr. S., Kulandaisamy, Br. Sammanasunathan, Francis**

The two candidates who are not chosen for the office of Provincial are to be added automatically to the list of candidates for the Provincial Council, making a list of eight (8) candidates for the council.

**The Election Date : Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

**Moderator : Rev. Fr. G. Lazar SVD**

**Venue : Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad**

**Time : 09.30 a.m.**

Postal votes are generally discouraged, however, for unavoidable reasons you can ask for it. Please inform the Provincial Superior as soon as possible for this provision. A postal vote by individuals with valid reasons is allowed in the election of a provincial superior but not for the councillors or of the vice-superior (Handbook for Superiors, Page 360, No. 34). Let us approach the election with the spirit of one family for God's loving grace has gathered us from various cultures into one religious community dedicated to the Divine Word.

### NEMI COURSE

**Fr. C. Bali Reddy** is granted permission to participate in the forth coming combined SVD-SSpS Tertiate Renewal Programme in English at Nemi from 23rd March to 16th June 2011. We wish him best wishes for a fruitful spiritual renewal.

### BIBLICAL COORDINATORS' MEETING

Biblical Coordinators of all Indian SVD Provinces and Region gathered on January 24, 2011 at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad to discuss and formulate the guidelines for National Biblical coordinator.

### HEARTY WELCOME TO OUR NEW JAWAN

Rev. Fr. Superior General has appointed **Dn. Yaram, Fathima Ravikumar Reddy** to INH Province. Hearty welcome to this young and energetic confrere to join in the Society's missionary activities of our Province!

### SVD ASPAC WEBSITE

ASPAC Zonal Communication meeting from October 25-29, 2010 in Taipei – Taiwan decided to launch a website for all the apostolate of ASPAC zone and Kingston was given charge as ASPAC Zonal Web Master. January 15, 2011 was remarkable day for the ASPAC zone. As INH Province was celebrating its family feast on the Founder's day, amidst confreres of INH Province, **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior launched the new website ([www.svdaspac.com](http://www.svdaspac.com)). *We congratulate and appreciate the hard work of Fr. Kingston in bringing out the new website.*

### A BOOK BY FR. DOMINIC EMMANUEL

**Fr. Dominic Emmanuel** has written a book titled: "Christianity, Hindutva, Conversion: FAQs". 'FAQs' stands for Frequently Asked Questions. This book is very useful for all those who wish to clarify the allegations made by Hindutva against Christians. This book costs Rs. 125/- including postage. If you wish to get this book, you may immediately place your order in the INH Provincial Office.

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### MAY THE SOULS REST IN PEACE

- ❖ Mr. Showraiah, Grandfather of Fr. Anand Nagoth expired on December 14, 2010.
- ❖ Mrs. Anni James, Sister In-law of Fr. Francis Thuruthimattom expired on January 22, 2011.

### BIRTHDAYS

#### **March**

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| 02 Vineet Kumar                | 08 Alphonse                       |
| 12 A. Jesu                     | 13 Jeyaseelan                     |
| 15 Soosai                      | 29 A. Joseph, N. Anand & Kingston |
| 30 Victor Jeyaraj & Joy Joseph |                                   |
| 31 Ashok Kumar                 |                                   |

### MY PROGRAMME

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| February 01 | - Singampunary Mission                              |
| February 05 | - Annual Sports Day, St. Ann's Primary School, BHEL |
| February 07 | - Silver Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Casmir, NTPC    |
| February 10 | - Provincial Council Meeting, Arnold Bhavan         |
| February 12 | - DWES Governing Body Meeting, Arnold Bhavan        |
| February 22 | - INH Province Election, Arnold Bhavan              |
| February 23 | - Ordination of Dn. Prasanth, Bhimavaram            |
| March 02    | - Ordination of Dn. Anil Kumar, Ismainpally         |
| March 24    | - Church Blessing, Addanki                          |

*May the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all*

*Jesu. 17*

**Fr. A. Jesu SVD**  
Provincial Superior - INH