



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR- INH

*"In Your light we see light, light leading to life"*

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## BEING LEADERS !

Dear confreres

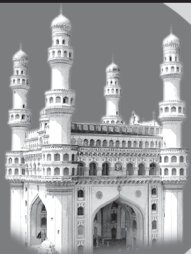
We have got the new provincial team for the next triennium. Once again let us thank God for his choicest blessings and his inspirations during the time of elections and work together as leaders in the church for the growth of the province and for the furthering of God's kingdom.

One of the most popular definitions of a leader goes, "a leader is the one who leads the way, who shows the way, but never goes away." We don't repeat the turning points in our chequered history for the struggles the people endured, but, for the optimism they generated, the hope they elicited, and above all, for the towering personalities they produced. Often, great leaders shape and direct the course of the history. What define these great leaders are their noble characters and life-promoting ideologies which they hold as their lives. Today, this is what makes a difference between Mahatma Gandhi and Adolf Hitler, Mother Teresa and Princess Diana, Nelson Mandela and George Bush. Therefore as missionaries earnestly involved in establishing God's Kingdom and seeking transforming experience in the lives of the less privileged, we need to be good leaders ourselves and promote life enhancing leadership among those whom we serve. This should be also a major dimension of our mission as the leaders of the church.

The world we live in, is fast evolving. In the macro-analysis of our world today, we can still say that the basic human quests remain the same as it was some centuries ago, although the ways to achieve these quests have become pluralistic. The reason behind this broadening of hope is not the technological explosion or information revolution; rather it is the result of human beings realizing their potentialities. Today, we have greater awareness of our own abilities and the abilities of the nature around us. This changed context also offers different kind of leadership to mould its course. At this juncture, as leaders of the church, belonging to a missionary congregation, we need to also articulate ourselves of being Christian leaders by promoting servant leadership epitomized by Jesus himself.

Servant leadership is basically giving up one's own self to lead others towards fullness of life. It is value based and what adds credibility to a servant leader is that he walks the talk and that his authority has its roots in the person of Jesus. As a servant leader, one needs to incorporate the Christian values in all his efforts. Therefore, for us, the leaders in the church, it is mandatory that our life becomes a witness. Leading others towards the fullness of life itself will reward us with the fullness of life.

As missionaries, we have a better way and a greater freedom of being leaders in our own communities and in the church by sharing our vision and pooling our resources together. When we are true to our religious life, it also gives us the necessary strength to opt for good and progress of the community we live in and also to get rid of the unhealthy elements. Old Yiddish saying goes, "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans." This implies that as leaders in the church, we need to entrust our endeavours to God and not so much dependent on our own strengths for as St. Paul would say, "it is God who gives the real growth." Let us continue to trust in the growth that God gives us and be charismatic leaders in our apostolic efforts.



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## ANNUAL FEAST

**Holy Family Church – Kadavendi** celebrated the annual feast with solemnity on February 05, 2011. **Fr. Jerome**, the Director of Pastoral Centre, Warangal presided over the Holy Eucharistic celebration and preached an inspiring homily. People as one family with relatives and friends flocked to participate and to thank for the past year and to pray for the year ahead with various intentions. The people gathering in good number for the feast is a conspicuous witness of the powerful presence of the Lord. *I take this opportunity to congratulate and give a special word of appreciation to Fr. Antony Samy for his tireless and dedicated service at Kadavendi mission.*

## SPORTS DAY

**St. Ann's Primary School-BHEL** celebrated the Annual Sports Day on Saturday, February 5, 2011, on the sprawling sandy grounds of the school campus. The theme for the sports day was "Challenges of Little Wonders". Children from Nursery to 5th Class participated in the different items based on different vibrant colours with loads of enthusiasm, zeal and displayed true sportsmanship.

The gala celebration got to a flying start with the traditional torch lighting which was followed by the march past. The opening ceremony of lighting the lamp, releasing of pigeons and balloons with chanting of Vedic mantras, Bible reading and Quranic recitals was both varied and incredibly meaningful, truly portraying St. Ann's spirit of all-roundedness. The meet was declared open by **Sri. A. Victor** the General Manager of B.H.E.L. Keeping in mind the spirit of a true sportsmanship the School Pupil Leader led the oath taking ceremony by all participants. The event was marked by exuberance of the students from Nursery Class to V Class about 1400 students in all put up a fantastic performance. The day saw an array of track

and field events with spectacular drills and folk dances both by the Primary School and by the Special Care School children of the campus. Of the seven drills the umbrella formation hogged the lime-light.

The chief guest **Sri. Nandeshwar Goud**, M.L.A., of Patancheru constituency invited the parents and well wishers to reflect upon the importance of primary education. **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior presided over the function. While applauding the school management and teachers for the extraordinary event appreciated the primary school children for their spectacular display of talents. He furthermore highlighted the importance of value-based education in the increasingly consumerist world. **Shrimati Usha Krishnan** the First Lady of B.H.E.L Township hailed the sports event as an instrument for the over-all development of children. Shri. A. Victor the General Manager, who was the distinguished guest of the event, propelled the view that discipline and determination will only win the race in the highly competitive world. "The lost glory is regained by the SVD Fathers in St. Ann's" was the comment made by Sri. Shankaraiah the Additional General Manager of Human Resource Department of B.H.E.L. Kudos to our SVD Fathers working in St. Ann's Schools. *We appreciate the initiative and hard work of Frs. Lazar and Thomas for making it a great success.*

## SPORTS' MEET

**St. Arnold's High School, Medarametla** received all round championship award in Addanki Zone boys' sports meet organized from December 26-31, 2010 at Martur, Prakasam district. Twenty six schools participated in the meet. Junior and senior individual championship was also backed by our school. In district level, our boys shined and received a good number of awards in different fields. *Congrats to Fr. R. Antony Samy and all the staff for their able.*

### ANNUAL DAY

- **St. Paul's School, Siddipet** celebrated its annual day with lots of fun and proficiency on February 16, 2011. **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior was the chief guest for the function. The guest of honour was **Fr. Casmir D'souza**. All the programmes were well performed. A large number of parents and well wishers from near and far graced the occasion. This day was marked as a red letter day in the History of St. Paul's School for the standard maintained in every sphere. Parents, friends and well wishers appreciated the way the school has been achieving its goal in reaching out to all sections of the people. *We congratulate and appreciate the hard work and dedication of Fr. Robert and Frt. Richard in bringing up the school and organizing a very grand annual day celebration.*
- **St. Arnold's Matriculation School, Trichy** celebrated its fourth Annual Day on March 04, 2011. **Fr. A. Jesu**, Provincial Superior presided over the function. **Fr. Paul Jayakumar**, the Rector and correspondent of the school welcomed all. The function commenced invoking God's blessings by saying a prayer and singing the prayer song. The winners who excelled in studies were honoured by our dignitaries. **Fr. Jeyaseelan**, the Principal presented the Annual Report of this academic year 2010 - 2011. The scintillating and exhilarating exhibition of the hidden talents of the tiny tots and the enthusiastic and exuberant students exhibited the potentiality and the calibre in stock for the future and presented wonderful cultural performances which attracted the attention of Mr. kannaiyan, the Chief Guest, dignitaries and parents. The evening which was full of joy and cheer will be a memorable one for our hearts. *Congrats to Fr. Jeyaseelan for organizing a glamorous annual day and a word of appreciation for bringing up the school.*

### SERVING GOD IN SERVING HUMANITY

**St. Claire's High School – Ramgundam** celebrated the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Fr. Casmir D'souza, the Headmaster on February 07, 2011 in a solemn manner. It was a day long celebration. In the morning, the staff and students felicitated the Silver Jubilarian for his dedicated service to God and to his people. In the presence of **Fr. A. Jesu**, the Provincial Superior, **Fr. C. Paul**, the Vice Provincial of INM Province and **Shri. Thomas Joseph**, the General Manager – NTPC, Fr. Casmir celebrated the

concelebrated thanksgiving Holy Eucharist in the evening. SVDs, priests, and religious from far and wide amidst teachers, students and NTPC officials thronged to the school to participate in this solemn event. His hard work and commitment to the education ministry was recognized and well appreciated. *I thank and appreciate Bro. Vargheese and all the teachers who efficiently organized the programme and honouring the dedicated service of Fr. Casmir.*

### TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS IN THE CULTURAL LANGUAGES OF INDIA

The CBCI Commission for Education & Culture is organizing a three day research seminar for Bishops, Religious Superiors, Seminary Professors, Priests, Sisters and Laity on the theme "Telling the Story of Jesus in the Cultural Languages of India". The seminar intends to study folk, tribal and other traditional forms of communication along with the more modern ways, not ignoring the processes of reception to which we often give too little attention. This may be an occasion also for reflecting for a while on the relationship between art, faith and spirituality in cultures. The seminar will further consider the situation of the young in our country who are caught in the middle of the cultural transformation that is taking place in our society and stand between tradition and change, the local and the global, science and religion, technological progress and spiritual traditions, the process of secularization and religious rootedness, media impact and personal convictions and how to be of assistance to them in making their choices responsibly. I highly recommend confreres to participate in the seminar and benefit from the same. You may inform **Fr. S. M. Michael SVD** about your participation at the earliest.

**Date : October 12-14, 2011**

**Place : Ishvani Kendra, Pune**

### NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CUTTACK - BHUBANESWAR

Pope Benedict XVI on Friday February 11, 2011 appointed **Most Rev. John Barwa**, the Bishop of Rourkela to head the Archdiocese of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar and church in Orissa. He succeeds Archbishop **Most Rev. Raphael Cheenath** who has stepped down on having reached the retirement age of 75 in 2009. In 2006, 55-year old Bishop Barwa was appointed Co-adjutor bishop of Rourkela and in 2009 succeeded Bishop Alphonse Bilung. Archbishop Raphael Cheenath has retired after heading Orissa's only archdiocese for 25 years. Congratulation to **Most Rev. John Barwa SVD!**



### NEW PROVINCIAL TEAM (2011-2014)

Very Rev. Fr. Antonio Pernia, the Superior General in his letter dated February 25, 2011 confirmed the new administrative team of the Province for the triennium 2011-2014.

- Fr. A. (Arockiam) Jesu** - Provincial Superior  
**Fr. D'souza Casmir** - Vice - Provincial  
**Fr. Antony Joseph** - Admonitor  
**Fr. Chennuru, Bali Reddy** - Councillor  
**Bro. Sammanasanathan Francis** - Councillor

Our sincere thanks to **Frs. Kulandai Samy, Devadass, Bala Prasad** and **Bro. Rajesh** as they leave the council and best wishes to **Frs. Casmir D'souza, Antony Joseph, Bali Reddy** and **Bro. Francis** as they begin a new term of service to the confreres of our Province. As we are aware that the triennium of this Council begins on **April 02, 2011**, the team will take charge at 6 p.m during the concelebrated Eucharist at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad. You are cordially invited to participate in this meaningful celebration. We congratulate the new team and pray that the Lord be with them in their service to continue the mission.

### INM Team

- Provincial Superior : Fr. L. Stanislaus  
Vice - Provincial : Fr. Paul Vattathara  
Admonitor : Fr. Joaquim Fernandes  
Councillor : Fr. Ittoop Panikulam  
Councillor : Fr. Antony Menezes

### INC Team

- Provincial Superior : Fr. Martis, Nicholas  
Vice - Provincial : Fr. Emmanuel Dominic  
Admonitor : Fr. Thirukudumbam, Xavier  
Councillor : Fr. Alackal, Jomon James  
Councillor : Fr. Bhuriya, Basil

### INE Team

- Provincial Superior : Fr. Bilung, Telesphore  
Vice - Provincial : Fr. Pereira, Louis Ronald  
Admonitor : Bro. Surin, Bipin Kishore  
Councillor : Fr. Surin, Valentine  
Councillor : Fr. Varanathu, Thomas

### ING Team

- Regional Superior : Fr. Augustine P.A.  
Vice - Regional : Fr. Maxim Rodrigues  
Admonitor : Fr. Roy Joseph  
Councillor : Fr. Jaibu Mathew  
Councillor : Fr. Ivan Vas

### NEW ASPAC MISSION SECRETARIES' COORDINATOR

**Fr. Dominic Emmanuel** has been appointed as the ASPAC Mission Secretaries' Coordinator. We extend our congratulations and best wishes in his new responsibility.

### MAY THE SOULS REST IN PEACE

- ❖ Mrs. Lourduamma, Grandmother of Fr. Joseph Babu expired on February 13, 2011.
- ❖ Mrs. Santhamma, Aunt of Fr. S. Jeyaraj expired on February 16, 2011.

### BIRTHDAYS

#### April

- 05 S. Arockiadoss  
12 A. Paul Raj  
21 A. Rozario  
25 S. Ravichandran

### MY PROGRAMME

- March 03 – 04 - Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatty  
March 04 - St. Arnold's School Annual Day, Trichy  
March 07-08 - Seva Sadan, Indore  
March 10 - Inter-Provincial meeting, Bhopal  
March 14 - Governing Body Meeting, Jyothi Vidyalaya, BHEL  
- Governing Body Meeting, St. Joseph's School, Patancheru  
March 24 - Church Blessing, Addanki  
April 02 - Installation of New Provincial Team, Arnold Bhavan  
April 03 – 04 - Provincial Council Meeting, Arnold Bhavan.  
April 27 - Holy Spirit Feast, Chintalacheru

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

*Jesu. 17*

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