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

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LIVING TOGETHER

Community life is the fulcrum of religious life. It is community living which nourishes and strengthens our missionary call. Our communities are the potential wellsprings where we receive and affirm divine revelations through our caring, supportive and healthy interactions. One should never forget that Jesus is Immanuel, 'God with us' and not 'God with me' and the Holy Spirit hovers over the communities refreshing them and giving them life, as the Genesis account of creation intimates us and the day of Pentecost confirms it. Therefore, as religious missionaries, community life should be very dear to us.

Living in a community is a blessing for a missionary, as living with our biological families. As a missionary, each of us is called to make our communities a home. When we live in a community, we have the practical experience of how to build a family of believers as parents would do to build a family. Also, we become aware of the obstacles involved and the ways, we can overcome them in order to build a community of love. This first hand experience is very essential for us as we are called to build, renew and reform the community of believers. It is said, "Charity begins at home"? Hence, our communities should be the seed-bed of our missionary activities.



Today, a harmonious community living in itself is understood as a practice of rich form of spirituality. In other words, community life is an embodiment of our prayer life. Our missionary witness is not restricted to our missionary endeavours outside our communities, rather it actually begins in the religious communities, we live in. Therefore, an affable atmosphere should prevail in our communities, where there is openness to discuss the issues together, stand by one another, understand each other's difficulties, appreciate the richness of one another and work in unison inspired by our common religious missionary vocation.

Of course, the above things are easy to be said, written than to be lived. No doubt, often in our communities the experience of tower of Babel may dominate and a sense of inevitability may force us to live together. But as SVDs, we should remind ourselves that it is the choice we make to live in communities that are mostly either intercultural or international. Therefore, the demand to make efforts to move from the experience of tower of Babel to the experience of Pentecost is intrinsic to our call and the sense of inevitability should give way to a sense of humility, for by living together in communities, we find the rich source of fulfillment of our call. Hence, each one of us should take sincere efforts to make our community lives meaningful.

Further, community is the union of persons. As the honey bees which gather honey from the pollens to form a single, delicious honeycomb, as the birds collect sticks and hay to build a single, marvelous nests, our communities should be built by all the stake-holders with their inimitable and inexhaustible talents to become homely and lively. Hence, let us never fail to contribute our share of goodness in building up communities. May Mother Mary intercede for us in our efforts.

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ANNUAL FEASTS

ST. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, JANAGAON

The annual church feast of Janagaon, was celebrated with great solemnity. Devotees poured in for the celebration from all the substations. Rev. Fr. Cyril presided over the festive Eucharist. He highlighted the indomitable spirit of Sts. Peter and Paul to preach the Gospel of Christ to the world.

There were also mixed emotional feelings during this celebration as it was also an occasion to bid farewell to the Parish Priest, Fr. Vijay Bhaskar SVD. They applauded his leadership qualities for conducting various religious and pastoral activities successfully, for forming Apostolic Youth for men and Chaitanya women group in the parish. The new incoming parish priest Rev. Fr. George SVD was welcomed and handed over the responsibility to shepherd the flock on the same day.

MULTI-FARIOUS EVENT AT MADHA NAGAR PARISH

The Feast celebration of St Francis Xavier Church commenced on August 13, 2011 evening with the flag hoisting by Rev. Fr. Antony Raj of St Joseph Church, Porur. He preached an insightful homily on the dedicated life and service of St. Francis Xavier. He stressed on the three following points that marked the life of St. Francis Xavier;

1. His Prayer life
2. His Service to humanity
3. The Friendly nature that he extended to all

On the second day, Rev. Fr. Martin Joseph of Ramapuram Parish celebrated the Holy Eucharist and in his powerful homily, he emphasized on Mary's call to serve the Lord and the humanity. The car procession that followed the mass was participated by majority of the parishioners with piety and devotion, singing hymns and praying rosary.

The final day of the feast celebration was made distinct by solemn Holy Mass presided over by Rev. Fr. Kulandaisamy SVD, Rector of Divine Word Centre, St Thomas Mount. This year's feast was memorable as on this day we formed a steering committee to work towards building of a new church. We named the committee MADHA NAGAR CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

COMMITTEE. There are totally 10 members including Rev Fr. Vijay Amal Raj SVD, the parish priest and Fr. Kulandaisamy SVD, the unit leader. People contributed a handsome amount of money on the first day of the inception of the steering committee. The response of the people is encouraging and motivating to work towards the noble cause of building a new church at Madhanagar, Chennai. I appreciate *Fr. Vijay Amalraj for his devoted service to the faithful and initiatives towards building new church.*

FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA MIG, BHEL, RAMACHANDRAPURAM

The Annual Feast of St. Alphonsa, the first Indian woman saint who has the patronage against all sorts of suffering and evil, was solemnly celebrated on July 31, 2011 at St. Alphonsa's Church, MIG, BHEL, substation of St. John's Church, Ramachandrapuram. This was the first annual feast celebrated after the inauguration of the new Church. The concelebrated festive mass was solemnized by Rev. Fr. A. Joseph SVD, the Director of Divine Word Centre, Muthangi. He preached well about the saint and our need to seek her powerful intercession. Rev. Fr. Joe Faustin SVD preached the homily in Telugu and it was appreciated by all. The Feast was concluded with a delicious fellowship meal shared by around 850 devotees. The whole event was well organized by the parishioners with commitment and enterprise under the leadership of the pastors of the parish. *I congratulate and appreciate Fr. Wenceslaus and his team for their committed service in building up the parish community.*

VIVAT INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

Around 120 missionaries representing five Religious Congregations gathered together at Indore from August 07 to 12, 2011. It was a very homely gathering of people actively involved in various social actions. The following confreres from our province participated in the workshop: Fr. A. Jesu, the Provincial Superior, Fr. Felix Roche, Fr. Pious Thomas, Fr. M. Xavier, Fr. V. Chalamana and Fr. Alwin.

The sessions were packed with discussions, sharing, inputs, and deliberations, etc. On the whole there prevailed a religious atmosphere. A comprehensive report of our social work in INH Province was presented by our JPIC Co-ordinator Fr. Varghese Chalamana. The resource persons from Vivat International in Newyork, Rome, Geneva, made the objectives very clear that every SVD is a member of Vivat International and there is a

need for creating its branch in India and how actively all of us can contribute our mite to a successful advocacy and follow up at the U.N., etc.

ASPAC BROTHERS' ASSEMBLY AT ARNOLD BHAVAN, HYDERABAD



It was a pleasant privilege offered to INH province to host the ASPAC Brother Coordinators' Assembly. This august assembly was organized at Arnold Bhavan, INH Provincial House from August 23 to 26, 2011. The theme of the assembly was "SVD BROTHERS' ROLE IN TODAY'S CHURCH." There were twenty two participants from ASPAC Zone including Fr. Bill Burt (Zonal Coordinator) and Bro. Alfonso Berger (Generalate Representative). Congratulations to Bro. Rajesh Soreng, the ASPAC Area Coordinator for Brothers and all the confreres at Arnold Bhavan for making the assembly a grand success.

MISSIONARY MEETING & ARCH BISHOP'S MAIDEN VISIT TO ARNOLD BHAVAN



As SVDs we are a community on mission, mission of building kingdom of God empowered by the Word of God and motivated by the charism of our Society. Discussion, meetings and deliberations provide us an opportunity to appraise our mission work and ensue ahead with renewed commitment and expanded horizon. In this regard, August 31, 2011 was undeniably a day of coming together, to appreciate and encourage one another. Our missionary meeting was truly a day of collective thinking with innovative ideas and fore-sighted proposals. The meeting was graced by Arch Bishop's maiden visit to our Provincial House and solemn Holy Eucharist presided over by him. I am sure this meeting has enriched and enlivened our missionary zeal and commitment. *I am thank all of you for your active participation and contribution.*

FORMATION HOUSES AT A GLANCE

SEMINARY	1st YEAR / ORIENTATION	2nd YEAR / XI STD	3rd YEAR / XII STD	TOTAL
Brother Formation House, Alwal	03	07	06	16
Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet	21	10	07	38
St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy	09	-	11	20
Divine Word Centre, Chennai	19	18	12	49

**CONCLUDING CELEBRATIONS OF THE
YEAR OF YOUTH**



Heeding to the call of the UNO to observe 2010-2011 as international Year of Youth, Fr. Arockiadoss, the youth director has been organizing various programmes for the youth of SVD parishes from June, 2010 onwards. The concluding celebration of the year of youth was organized at Sangareddy in a fitting manner. Besides the year long programmes, the concluding celebration was very colourful and meaningful. Fr. Arockiadoss, the youth director and Fr. George Pasala, the then parish priest of Sangareddy, together with the youth leaders had planned and executed this celebration. The celebrations began with a solemn Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. Arockiadoss and he preached an inspiring homily on the theme "Jesus, the Leader." Mr. Sunil gave a insightful talk on 'the role of youth in the present world.' Sports, cultural programmes and a sumptuous lunch strengthened the bond of unity among the youngsters. The visit to the near by government hospital and distribution of clothes and sweets to the poor patients marked the event memorable. This is certainly a move to make the youth to work towards better tomorrow. I appreciate Fr. S. Arokiadoss for active involvement in serving the youth of all our parishes and motivating the younger ones for better future.

SABBATICAL YEAR

Fr. Irudaya Raj has been given sabbatical leave on compassionate ground to take care of his ailing parents. He is attached to Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti. We assure him of our support and prayers.

REMINDER

PROVINCE ANNUAL RETREAT

Date : October 02 – 07, 2011

Preacher : Rev. Fr. Arul Sivan SJ

Place : Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda, Hyderabad

As announced earlier, I highly encourage all the members of our Province to participate in our province retreat. Kindly inform Fr. S. Devadass, the Rector or Fr. Wilson, the Provincial Secretary about your participation in the Retreat before September 20, 2011.

**ARNOLD JANSSEN SPIRITUALITY
COLLOQUIUM**

Theme : Pathways of Our Spiritual Journey
and Mission Today

Date : 17 - 21, November 2011

Place : Atma Darshan, Andheri, Mumbai

Participants : SVDs and SSpS - 6 each from all the
Provinces

Coordinator : Fr. Gregory Arockiam (INM)

**HEARTY WELCOME TO
FR. BANDANADHAM, JOJAPPA SVD**

Rev. Fr. Superior General, with the consent of his council has transferred Fr. Bandanadham, Jojappa from Hungarian Province to Hyderabad Province. We extend a cordial welcome!

ASPAC FORMATOR'S MEETING, MANILA

Fr. S. Kulandaisamy is given permission to participate in ASPAC SVD Formator's meeting in Manila from October 15 to 21, 2011.

FR. KINGSTON AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

The Provincial Administration has given permission to Fr. Kingston Cudalane SVD to teach Mass Media and Journalism at St. Joseph's Degree College, Hyderabad for one year. As he heads the department of mass communication, we wish him all the best in his teaching ministry.

NEW NATIONAL MISSION SECRETARY

Fr. Superior General with the consent of his Council has appointed Fr. Baptist D' Souza (INE) the National Mission Secretary for the triennium 2011-14. We congratulate and assure him of our support and prayers.

INH TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Vijay Bhaskar - Parish Priest, Correspondent & Head Master, Sangareddy.

Fr. Pasala George - Parish Priest, Sts. Peter and Paul church, Janagaon.

PLANNING COMMISSION

As per the recommendation of the Protocol of the General Visitation, the Council has appointed a planning commission each for Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu.

PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ANDHRA PRADESH

1. Fr. N. Anand Raju (convener)
2. Fr. Bali Reddy
3. Fr. Luke Mundackal

PLANNING COMMISSION FOR TAMILNADU

1. Fr. Kulandaisamy (convener)
2. Bro. Francis
3. Fr. A. Joe

This planning commission will design proposals to properly utilize our land in different missions for income generation and they will also draw a realistic action-plan (short term & long term) towards financial self-reliance of all our communities in the province.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As per the recommendation of the Protocol of the General Visitation, an Education committee has been appointed consisting:

1. Fr. Antony Joseph (Convener)
2. Fr. Casmir D' Souza
3. Fr. I. Santhuraja
4. Fr. Joe Faustin

5. Fr. Robert Fernandes

The Committee will carry out a comprehensive study on the restructuring of educational apostolate in our Province and 'Quality education and better financial performance of our schools' in particular the growing schools.

DISTRICT SUPERIORS AND COUNCILORS

District of Hyderabad

- District Superior : Fr. I. Santhuraja
First Councilor : Fr. Thomas Kavumkatayil
Second Councilor : Fr. S. Wenceslaus

District of Raigir

- District Superior : Fr. M. Xavier
First Councilor : Fr. Manoj Kumar
Second Councilor : Fr. Robert Fernandes

District of Sangareddy

- District Superior : Fr. Luke Mundackal
First Councilor : Fr. Felix Roach
Second Councilor : Fr. S. Jeyaraj

District of Guntur

- District Superior : Fr. Bernard Mundapulam
First Councilor : Fr. P. Sahayaraj
Second Councilor : Fr. R. Antony

District of Tamil Nadu

- District Superior : Fr. Y. Arockiadoss
First Councilor : Bro. Prakash
Second Councilor : Fr. M. Arockiasamy

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS

With the Consent of the Provincial Council meeting on August 21, 2011, I am pleased to appoint the following confreres as House Council Members of St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy.

Fr. Paul Jeyakumar, Fr. Anandraj and Fr. Paulraj

FR. THOMAS MANTEIRO IN MUMBAI

Fr. Thomas Monteiro is studying M.A. (Sociology) in the University of Mumbai. He is residing at Institute of Indian Culture, Andheri.

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RIP

Mrs. Santhamma, aunty of Fr. Jeyaraj died on July 20, 2011.
Mr. Manickam, uncle of Fr. Jeyaraj died on August 14, 2011.
Mrs. Maria Felicia Monteiro, aunty of Fr. Robert died on August 07, 2011.
Mr. Maria Sundaram Uncle of Fr. Jayaseelan died on August 23, 2011

Birthdays**SEPTEMBER**

02 Bernard M.
10 B. Jojappa
19 Martin & Maxim
27 Faustin
28 Wenceslaus
28 Valan

**OCTOBER**

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

**MY PROGRAMME**

- September 06 - St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy
- September 07 - Novena Mass, Kottapattu Parish, Trichy
- September 08 - Feast Mass, Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti
- September 12 - 14 - Formation Board and Inter-Provincial Planning Forum meetings at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad
- September 18 - 23 - Visit Raigir District
- September 20 - APBC- APCRI joint meeting, Ramanthapur
- October 02 - 07 - Annual retreat, Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad
- October 09 - 12 - Visit – Guntur District
- October 21 - 23 - ASPAC Exe.Com. Meeting, Manila, Philippines
- October 24 - 31 - ASPAC Zonal Assembly, Baguio, Philippines

Next Provincial Council Meeting - September 15, 2011

“May the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all !”

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Fr. A. Jesu SVD
Provincial Superior - INH