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

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From Different Nations and Languages

Sharing Intercultural Life and Mission

The XVIIth General Chapter of our Society is in the offing. Extensive preparations are being carried out throughout the Society to make this event inspirational and truly significant in the life of the Congregation. As an ultimate preparation at the Province level, we will be making our best contributions through the ensuing Provincial Assemblies and the Chapter. At this juncture, it is imperative that we spend adequate time in reflecting on the theme of the Chapter and the issues related to the Chapter so that each one of us feel and become part of this great event in our Society.

The theme for our General Chapter is something connected to the core, the identity of us as Divine word Missionaries. It calls each one of us for a deeper reflection and realization of our call through concerted efforts in our mission. This theme also calls us to celebrate the gift of international character of our Society, for, this in itself is a momentous witness to Jesus, our brother in today's globalized world. Consequently, we also need to become aware of the task that assumes before us, because we have cherished this gift of internationality for long as a Society. The task is to give the world the joy of living and sharing together despite our varying linguistic, cultural and ethnic origins. It requires of us to leave our boats and baggage behind on the familiar shores and follow the Lord realistically.

In India today, we find the increasing exodus of people towards cities. Our cities are upgraded to metropolitans and our metropolitans have gradually become cosmopolitans. It is projected that within the next few years, India will have 500 more cities. In the world at large, we find the imperial, feudal, colonial and dictatorial socio-political systems have almost become obsolete and in their place democratic, egalitarian and free societies are emerging. Our Superior General, Rev. Fr. Pernia describes that demographically, even the active church, in terms of numerical strength, is moving towards the geographic south from geographic north and today, the mission inter gentes has become equally important as the mission ad gentes. (Arnoldus Nota, Nov. 2010).

All these trends worldwide, however, have once again directly or indirectly brought our missionary call to the centre stage. This is the signs of the time and we need to pay attention as Divine Word Missionaries as we prepare for our General Chapter, not ignoring the negative side of these mass migrations especially, the plight of the poor, the rampant corrupt practices, rising rate of unemployment, inclement weather patterns and increasing sectarian tendencies even in our living situations.

Internationality is the defining mark of our Society and today, cross cultural mission is possible in the home mission. Our Province consists of basically of two states and we have confreres from different states of India. Now, coming from these diverse backgrounds, what efforts we make so that our communities become the primary witness to our missionary call, is the basic question, all of us need to answer, as we prepare for the Provincial and General Chapters.



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Arockia Annai Church, Vadipatti Declared Shrine

Arockia Annai Church, Vadipatti, one of our vibrant Parishes in Tamilnadu, has been catering to the spiritual thirst of thousands of people of different walks of life from the year 2000. The fame of the church and the power of the intercession of Arockia Annai began to spread across the country from the miracles inception of 'Yesuvin Arumarunthu'. Tremendous efforts of Fr. Vijay Amalraj, Fr. Mary John and many of our confreres, people's faith and the grace of God has raised the church to the present status of honour and glory. Thousands of people flock to this church daily to receive the blessings of Mother Mary irrespective of religion, language and ethnicity. The devotees have witnessed several instances of miraculous healing and showering of abundance of blessings after having consumed 'Yesuvin Arumarunthu' and prayed in this church. Hence, it has grown to be the special place of God's favour and devotion to Mother Mary. As the fame of the church grew in leaps and bounds, Fr. Blaise and his team in consultation with the Provincial initiated the process to make it a shrine dedicated to Arockia Annai. The auspicious day dawned, December 18, 2011, Most. Rev. Peter Fernando D.D. Archbishop of Madurai, officially declared Arockia Annai Church as the Shrine of the Arch Diocese of Madurai in a con-celebrated pontifical high mass. He, during the Holy Eucharistic celebration handed over the ecclesial declaration certificate to Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior, in the presence of many of our confreres, priests, religious sisters and a few thousands of pilgrims. It was truly a grace-filled day. We raise our hearts in gratitude to God the Almighty for the mighty deeds done through this shrine. *I congratulate Fr. Blaise and his team for their assiduous effort in spreading the good news and the devotion to Mother Mary.*



50 years of Incredible Journey in the Service of the Lord

"My soul magnifies the Lord, For He has done great things" (Lk 1: 47).

Priestly vocation is a gratuitous gift of God. Rev. Fr. Augustine Karamel SVD, one of the highly regarded priests of our province celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination anniversary on December 03, 2011 at Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti. It was a splendid day of celebration as Fr. Augustine raised his heart in gratitude to God by presiding over the solemn con-celebrated Holy Eucharist marking the golden jubilee of his ordination day. Fr. Augustine, the jubilant recalled and thanked everyone who accompanied him in this 50 years of incredible journey in the service of God. He was filled with innate gratitude to God for His marvelous providence and blessing of a fulfilling priestly vocation in the Society of the Divine Word. Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior preached an insightful homily, where he highlighted the importance of vocation to priesthood and the faithfulness of Fr. Augustine Karamel to this precious gift of vocation. A good felicitation programme was organized followed by the Eucharistic celebration, many of our confreres, religious sisters and lay people honored the jubilant. I am grateful to Fr. Augustine



Karamel SVD for his dedicated service to our Society and in particular to our Province. He continues to be an inspiration for many of us. *I thank Fr. Blaise and his team for making this day a memorable one.*

Parish Annual Feasts

The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy- Sangareddy

The annual church feast of OUR LADY OF MERCY Church, Sangareddy was celebrated with great devotion and religiosity on December 06, 2011. In the atmosphere of reverence and gratitude, the jubilant faithful sang glory to God and paid rich tribute to Mother Mary for blessing them with health and prosperity in the last year. The festive mass was concelebrated and presided over by His Grace Most. Rev. Thumma Bala, the Archbishop of Hyderabad. The presence of Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, our Provincial Superior and many of our confreres multiplied the joy of the feast day celebrations. In his inspiring homily he exhorted all catholic families to recite the Rosary and say family prayers every day to grow in God's love and build up relationship with God. He highlighted the role of a mother in our society. The meaningful feast day celebration brought together all the people of this parish and the feast was concluded with a sense of satisfaction and gratitude to God.

Nithya Sahaya Matha Church, Medarmetla

The annual feast of Nithya Sahaya Matha Church, Medarmetla parish was celebrated from December 06 to 08, 2011. Fr. S.M. Stanislaus SVD inaugurated the feast with the Holy Eucharist followed by flag hoisting. Fr. P. Sahayaraj, the parish priest of Kalasapadu presided over the novena mass on the second day and he preached a thought provoking homily on Mother Mary. Fr. James SVD, the biblical coordinator of our Province was the main celebrant of the Feast day Eucharistic celebration and he preached an inspiring homily on the importance of the feast and devotion to Nithya Sahaya Matha. Fr. R. Antonysamy organized a good choir for the festive mass. The

feast day celebrations were concluded with a colorful car procession of Nithya Sahaya Matha around the village preceded by a delicious common fellowship meal. These days were truly days of heavenly blessings and graces.

St. Joseph's Church – Patancheru

St. Joseph's Church – Patancheru celebrated its parish feast with great solemnity on January 14, 2012. His Grace Most. Rev. Thumma Bala, presided over the concelebrated festive Holy Mass. Arch-Bishop in his homily exhorted the faithful to live a life modeled after St. Joseph inculcating the virtues of hard work, simplicity and faith in God. He advocated St. Joseph's life as an exemplary Christian life to be followed by the parishioners who are mostly migrant workers. This year's feast day celebration is indeed a memorable and joyful event as many children of the parish received first Holy Communion and Confirmation. The parish council along with the parish priest planned meticulously the proceedings of the feast day celebrations. The youth took active participation in the various preparations for the feast and the liturgical service. The culmination of the celebration was the sumptuous fellowship meal that brought the whole parishioners together in unity and joy.

I appreciate and congratulate Frs. Vijay Bhaskar, A. Arockiasamy and Antony Joseph for their committed service in their respective parishes.

St. Arnold's School, Medarmetla

® St. Arnold's High School, Medarmetla is growing by leaps and bounds not only in academics but also in sports and games. Arnoldians clinched the over all championship title in the Addanki zone sport's meet in which nearly 34 schools participated. Our students in good number participated in all the events and excelled optimum.

® Another feather added in the history of St. Arnold's High School. A survey was conducted by the Little Champs Talent Academy among 337 schools in the district of Prakasam and our school was awarded as one of the best management schools for the year 2011-2012. Fr. R. Antonysamay received the commendation certificate and was felicitated in grand gala function organized by the Academy.

® On the same stage a senior teacher of our school, Mr. Ramnath Sastri, mathematics teacher for the past 19 years was awarded the best teacher award in the state level. He was honored for his committed service. *Hearty congratulations to Fr. Antonysamay and Mr. Ramnath Sastri.*

Founder's Day Celebrations at Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda

May the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all. January 15, was a day of triple feast for INH province, Pongal for the people of Tamilnadu, Sankranti for the people of Andhra Pradesh and for us SVDs our founder's day. To mark this memorable day, we had a multihued celebration at Arnold Bhavan. This year's celebration was distinct with the presence of many of our confreres and collaborators, the religious sisters and other priests from neighbouring communities. The celebration began with a meaningful prayer service and Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior shared an inspiring message that St. Arnold Janssen was a man with a difference, with a unique vision for mission, when everything was collapsing in Germany, he dreamt for a missionary congregation and God led him to found three world wide international congregations. Fr. Provincial exhorted all of us to imitate our founder in our missionary zeal and be missionaries with a difference like our founder. It was truly a day to rejoice and thank God for all his magnanimity towards our Province and our people. The celebration was concluded with luscious fellowship meal.

Specialized Apostolate Meeting

The first meeting of all the newly appointed social activists of our Province was held at Arnold Bahavn, Habsiguda on January 05, 2012 in the presence of Fr. Provincial. The members - Fr. LukeMundackal, Fr. Felix Roche, Fr. Michael, Fr. Chalamana, Fr. Pious, Fr. Xavier, and Fr. Bali Reddy shared their present activities and each one's plan / vision for their mission for the coming years. Everyone expressed the need for revitalizing the running activities and to venture into new fields whereby we can bring about a radical transformation of our attitude towards human rights of all, especially that of the marginalized and the neglected. We hope to come out with a clear vision / goal in our next meeting in June, 2012. *I thank Fr. Chalamana for taking initiative to organize this meeting of all the social activists of our Province to evaluate and to devise effective ways and means to reach the most neglected people in the society.*

Coordinators Meeting

How can we more efficiently organize our Province to more effectively realize our Action Plans *ad extra*? was the guiding question of the meeting of our province coordinators held at Arnold Bhavan on January 10, 2012. Initiated by Fr. Provincial, the Mission Secretary animated this meeting for the Biblical, Communication, Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation, and Arnold Janssen Spirituality coordinators. Individual and collective vision-mission statements were drawn to set the stage for our forthcoming Provincial Chapter. One of the significant recommendations was to organize an All-India colloquium basing the emerging trends in the context of our mission today. This planning by the coordinators reinstates our Province to be always in the earnest for excellence in our apostolates for the people. *Thanks to Fr. G. Lazar, our mission secretary for organizing the meeting of all the coordinators, for this meeting has brought in clear perspective and has provided clarity of ideas for the mission endeavours of all the coordinators.*

Three Day Seminar for the Formators

A three day seminar for all the SVD formators and all who aspire to work in formation will be organized from August 21 to 28, 2012 at Ishvani Kendra, Pune. Fr. Jose Mannarvelil will be the resource person for the seminar. "Wholistic Formation", will be the theme of the seminar. The seminar will be held in two batches to enable maximum participation. The seminar for the first batch will begin on August 21 and end on August 23, 2012. The second batch will begin on August 26 and end on August 28, 2012. The new SVD formation manual will be introduced during the seminar.

Fr. Balaprasad to Nemi

Fr. Madanu Balaprasad is granted permission to participate in the forth coming formators course at Nemi from March 10 to May 3, 2012. We wish him all the best.

Hearty Welcome to Fr. M. Anil Kumar

Rev. Fr. Superior General has transferred Fr. Mennekanti Anil Kumar to INH from Hungary Province (HUN) on health ground. Hearty welcome to Fr. Anil and we wish him all the best for his mission work in our Province.

Elected Delegates for the Provincial Chapter

Arnold Bhavan unit

1. Fr. S. Devadoss (Sub: Fr. Kingston)
2. Fr. A. Wilson (Sub: Fr. J. Vattamattom)

Hyderabad District

1. Fr. R. Soosai (Sub: Fr. Varghese Chalamana)
2. Fr. Thomas Kavumkattayil (Sub: Fr. Faustin)

Sangareddy District

1. Fr. S. Jeyaraj (Sub: Fr. Banda Joseph)
2. Fr. B. Sathish Kumar (Sub: Fr. Joseph Michael)
3. Fr. Felix Roche (Sub: Fr. Arockia Doss)

Raigir District

1. Fr. Pious Thomas (Sub: Fr. Joseph Babu)
2. Fr. A. Antonysamy (Sub: Br. Alphonse U.)
3. Fr. Robert Fernandes (Sub: Fr. Pasala George)
4. Fr. Vineet Kumar (Sub: Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas)

Guntur District

1. Fr. Ambrose Beck (sub: Fr. Maxim Fernandes)
2. Fr. P. Sahayaraj (Fr. Francis Thuruthimattom)

Tamil Nadu District

1. Bro. Prakash (Sub: Fr. Blaise)
2. Fr. Anthu Joseph (Sub: Fr. Augustine Karmel)
3. Fr. C. Irudayaraj (Sub: Fr. Dominic Illickal)

Trichy Unit

1. Fr. Anand Raj (Sub: Fr. A. Joseph)
2. Fr. A. Dominic Fr. (Y. James Raj)

Chennai Unit

1. Fr. Venance Asirvadam (Sub: Fr. George Mepurath)

NEW MOBILE NUMBERS

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Fr. Thomas Monteiro - 9167969190
Fr. Dominic Illickal - 9585230125

Birthdays

February	March
04 - Ravi Kumar Reddy	02 - Vineeth Kumar
07 - Joseph Michael	08 - U. Alphonse
11 - Vijay Amalraj	12 - A. Jesu
11 - Casmir D'Souza	13 - R.M. Jeyaseelan
15 - C. Irudayaraj	15 - R. Soosai
17 - Sathish Kumar	29 - A. Joseph (Sr.)
21 - Devadass	29 - Kingston
23 - Anthu Joseph	29 - N. Anand
24 - George Muthanatt	30 - Victory Jeyaraj
25 - Arul James	30 - Joy Joseph
26 - Thomas Kavumkattayil	31 - Ashok Kumar

MY PROGRAMME

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| February 01 – 02 | - Provincial Assembly I, Arnold Bhavan |
| February 06 – 07 | - Provincial Assembly II, Arnold Bhavan |
| February 09 – 10 | - Provincial Chapter, Arnold Bhavan |
| February 11 | - School Annual Day celebration, Kadavendi |
| February 12 | - Ordination of Dn. Ravikumar SVD, Mariapuram |
| February 21 | - Blessing of new Block, Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet |
| February 22 – 26 | - INM Provincial Chapter, Mumbai |
| February 28 – March 03 | - ING Regional Assembly, Guwahati |
| March 10 | - APCRI meeting, Jeevan Jyothi, Begumpet |
| March 17-18 | - St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy |

The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on 11th Feb. 2012 at Arnold Bhavan.

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Jan. 17

Fr. A. Jesu SVD
Provincial Superior - INH