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

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The Season of Grace

We are in the season of lent, a season which we call grace-filled, not only because God fills us with His grace abundantly during this season, but also because we dispose ourselves ever more open to receive His grace by our various spiritual observances. At this juncture, let us reflect on the following questions which we commonly discuss in the circle of our friends: How often do we compare our own depth of faith with that of our own family members, our parents, brothers and sisters? How many times are we positive about ourselves, when we make such comparisons? Why do we view our faith to be too shallow, although people look at us as the holders and promoters of faith? Is it because we have poor image of our own faith or we are so much involved in organizing and attending spiritual activities that the case of our faith has become somewhat the case of 'familiarity breeds contempt' or 'the routine kills creativity'.



No doubt, very often, familiarity may lead to taking things for granted and routine lifestyle may dullen our enthusiasm. May be, because of this, our Christmas, our Easter celebrations and the different liturgical seasons like the season of lent, may pass just like another day, another season and another year respectively, without making much difference to ourselves and not doing anything to our faith-lives. This can also be one of the reasons why our homilies fail to make the lasting impact on the people. Even, St. Paul would ask, "how can we preach what we have not experienced?"

One of the ways of breaking free from the effects of too much familiarity and routinization is to infuse life and find newness in what we do. We can do this only if we spend quality time preparing ourselves for any event whether it is liturgical or anything pertaining to our ministries. For that matter, any event in life needs certain amount of preparation. The span of the event may be short and momentary, but the momentousness and the meticulousness of the event greatly depends on how well we prepare for it and execute our plans. A simple example is the amount of preparation we are doing in view of our upcoming General Chapter. This preparation is needed if we want our General Chapter to be truly grace-filled.

The examples of preparation abound in the Bible. Noah was in the ark for forty days and forty nights before beginning a life anew. Moses was up on Mount Sinai for 40 days before receiving Ten Commandments to organize Israel. Prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights during his journey to the mountain of God and Jesus prepared himself for forty days in the desert before beginning his ministry. Following these examples, we also observe lent symbolically for forty days.

Therefore, if we want to celebrate the mysteries of Easter and receive the newness of the Risen Lord, it is the time for us to prepare ourselves. This preparation is necessary, if we want to feel the newness and grace of the Easter externally and experience them internally. This preparation is necessary, if we want to be both the medium and the message like Jesus.



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BLESSING AND INAUGURATION



St. Arnold's High School, Medarametla

Grotto, Madhapuram

The Catholic community of Madhapuram tribal parish witnessed a grant celebration on February 12, 2012. It was a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving to God for his providence and intervention in the lives of these tribal people. The construction of the magnificent Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes and the renovated Parish Church with the masterly representation of the miraculous scene of our Lady of Velankanni were blessed and inaugurated by Rev. Fr. A Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior and Rev. Fr. John Schubert SVD, a missionary from Japan respectively. On this day, the parish gracefully welcomed Rev. Fr. John Schubert SVD who has gained enormous recognition in the Diocese of Warangal for his contributions to Kadavendi and Madhapuram missions. Fr. John Schubert SVD was honoured and felicitated on the occasion of the golden jubilee of his ordination to priesthood. A solemn Eucharistic banquet was celebrated followed by a fellowship meal in the presence of many priests, sisters and the hundreds of faithful in and around Madhapuram.

New block at Jyothi Nikethan, Narasaraopet

Jyothi Niekethan as the name suggests, "A Lighted Home" was indeed beautifully illuminated with the presence of His Excellency Dr. Gali Bali, the Bishop of Guntur, Rev. Fr. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior of INH, many priests, religious sisters, professors, parents of our seminarians and our associates on February 21, 2012. This day marked a memorable event in the history of Jyothi Nikethan as the celebrations of the seminary day combined with the inauguration and blessing of the new block took place in all pomp and gaiety. His Excellency Dr. Gali Bali blessed the new block while Fr. A. Jesu SVD cut the ribbon and inaugurated the same and it was truly a moment of long awaited dream come true. Followed by the ostentatious inauguration and

blessing, the august gathering participated in solemn con-celebrated Holy Eucharist presided over by the Bishop of Guntur. Thus, the joyful celebrations were concluded with a felicitation programme and fellowship meal.

New Block at St. Arnold's High School, Medarametla

February 20, 2012 was a day of double celebration for St. Arnold's High School, Medarametla as it celebrated the school annual day and the blessing and inauguration of the new block. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior blessed the new block and Fr. Bernard MundapulamSVD, the District Superior cut the rippon and inaugurated the new building in the presence of many of our confreres, religious sisters, students and parents. Truly, this was a moment of long awaited dream come true. Sri. E. Solmon, the Mandal Educational Officer was the chief guest for the school annual day function. A well organized cultural programme brought out the talents of the students. The chief guest acknowledged and appreciated the services of St. Arnold's High School in the life of the students of this vicinity and encouraged the students to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Hearty Welcome to the New Confreres



Dn. Suresh



Bro. Varghese

Rev. Fr. Superior General has appointed Dn. Madhavaram, Janakiram Suresh and Bro.Iyyapillai, Varghese to our Province. On behalf of the INH confreres, I welcome them cordially and wish them a fulfilling mission work in our Province.

ANNUAL FEASTS

St. John's Church, R .C. Puram

The Parish Feast of St. John's Church, Ramachandrapuram was celebrated with great solemnity on January 26, 2012. Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the Archbishop of Hyderabad presided over the concelebrated festive Holy Mass preceded by the Republic day celebrations at St. Arnold's High School in the same campus. This year's feast will remain memorable for the parishioners as the Archbishop administered the sacraments of confirmation and First Holy Communion to 20 of our parish children. A short but meaningful reception was arranged for the Archbishop by the parishioners. It was a day of joy and grace for every one.

Holy Family Church, Kadavendi

The annual feast of Holy Family Church, Kadavendi was celebrated in a grand manner from February 02 to 04, 2012. Marking the golden jubilee celebrations of the cathedral of Warangal diocese, the Jubilee celebration committee had introduced Jubilee Ratham to be taken to all the parishes in the diocese. The Jubilee Ratham with the statue of Fatima Matha reached Kadavendi on 03rd February and the people received the Jubilee Ratham with great devotion. The solemn feast mass was celebrated by Msgr. Dodda Raja on 04th February and he encouraged the people in his homily to live a good family life modeled after the Holy Family of Nazareth. It was inspiring to see people coming in families with their love offerings to receive the blessings in the evening to the church.

Archbishop at Miyapur

Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the Archbishop of Hyderabad visited Our Lady of Rosary Church, Miyapur on January 29, 2012. He administered the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion to 14 of our parish children in a concelebrated Holy Mass. In his homily, the Archbishop exhorted the children to have a special devotion to the Eucharistic Lord and live a life pleasing to God. The Presence of Rev. Fr. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH and many other priests added joy to the entire grace-filled celebration.

* Archbishop also visited and presided over the holy Eucharistic celebration at Sadasivpet and Zaheerabad parishes on March 11, 2012

ANNUAL SCHOOL DAY

St. John De Britto High School, Kadavendi

St. John De Britto High School, Kadavendi celebrated its annual school day on February 11, 2012. We were delighted to have Fr. John Schubert SVD, Fr. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior and Fr. Antonysamy SVD as the chief guest and guests of honour respectively. Our children were encouraged by the presence of four dignitaries from Japan. The children displayed their talents and skills through their dance and other stage performances. The chief guest and the guests of honour encouraged the children to aim not only at academic excellence but also on over all development of their personality.

St. Claire High School, Ramagundam

St. Claire High School, Ramagundam wreathed in fun and excitement celebrated its annual day on January 27, 2012. Mr. Y.V. Rao, the General Manger of NTPC, Ramagundam was the chief guest of the event. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH was the presiding officer, besides Dr. Sachdev, the medical officer, Harikumar, DGM and Mrs. Padma Rao, the president of Deepthi Ladies club were the guests of honour of the event. Keeping with the healthy tradition, encouraging the literary skills and talents of the students, the school annual magazine was released on this day. The students put up a wonderful performance marking the school annual day celebrations and cultural programmes displayed the quality of education and the different trainings offered to them at St. Claire High School, Ramagundam.

Dn. Ravi Kumar Reddy Ordained a Priest

February 12, 2012 will remain a memorable day in the life of Dn. Ravi Kumar Reddy SVD as he was ordained a priest on this day by Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the Archbishop of Hyderabad at Mariapuram. His journey to the altar of the Lord has been a time of special grace from the Lord and a moment of support from parents, relatives, friends and formators. He was born on February 04, 1981 at Mariypur in Rangareddy district. Responding to his deep urge to become a priest, he joined Jyothi Niketan at Narasaraopet on June 15, 1997. He professed his first vows on June 10, 2005 and final vows on January 02, 2011. He was ordained a deacon on January 03, 2011. As he is a special gift to our Province, I wish him every success and God's abundant blessings in his priestly ministry.



Seventh Book of Rev. Dr. Joseph Puthumana SVD

We congratulate and appreciate Dr. Joseph Puthumana SVD for publishing his seventh book titled, "A Brief History of the Catholic Church in Andhra Pradesh". The book was published by Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the Archbishop of Hyderabad during the annual feast day celebrations of St. John's Parish, Ramachandrapuram. The book is a result of his untiring academic research and study on the history of the Catholic Church in Andhra Pradesh. I wholeheartedly congratulate him for his efforts and wish him best of luck for his future endeavours.

YOUTH SEMINAR

A special youth seminar was organized for the VIII, IX and X class students of St. Mary's PSM High School, Sadasivpet on February 17, 2012. The seminar was an orientation programme that focused on leadership, team work, motivation and carrier guidance. Fr. Arockiadass SVD, the youth director was the resource person and the input sessions were well appreciated by the youth. Besides, other youth programmes, Joseph Reddy from Sangareddy and Stella from Ramachandrapuram parishes were sent as representatives from Medak region for the Andhra Pradesh Regional youth pilgrimage to Goa.

INH Assemblies and Chapter



The two Provincial Assemblies and the INH Provincial Chapter, 2012 were important events of our Province and it was truly a moment of grace. The profound interests of the members in the mission and the mission enterprise of the Province were vivid in the discussions and the deliberations. I sincerely appreciate and thank all of you for your active participation and cooperation during the Assemblies and Chapter.

Pastoral and Mission Experience

The deacons and the fraters from Divine Word Seminary, Pune are assigned to the following places for pastoral and mission experience. I wish them a fruitful experience in their respective places.

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| Dn. Arul James | - Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti |
| Dn. Madanu, Jojappa | - St. Arnold Nivas, Nizampet |
| Dn. Kata, Karunakar | - Holy Spirit Church, Chintalacheru |
| Frt. A. Pushpa Raj | - Nithiya Sagaya Matha Church, Medarametla |
| Frt. Robert Baptist | - Holy Family Church, Kadavendi |
| Frt. Gregory Reddy | - Vidya Jyothi High School, Raigir (May) |
| Frt. K. Rajesekar Reddy | - Jyothi Nikethan, Narasaraopet |
| Frt. Eugene | - St. Anthony Leprosy Health Centre, Jogipet |

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Birthdays

March

02 - Vineeth Kumar
08 - U. Alphonse
12 - A. Jesu
13 - R.M. Jeyaseelan
15 - R. Soosai
29 - A. Joseph (Sr.)
29 - Kingston
29 - N. Anand
30 - Victory Jeyaraj
30 - Joy Joseph
31 - Ashok Kumar

April

05 - S. Arockiadass
12 - A. Paulraj
21 - A. Rosario
23 - A. John
25 - S. Ravichandran

MY PROGRAMME

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| March 25 | - Provincial Council Meeting, Arnold Bhavan |
| April 15 | - Feast, Divine Mercy Centre, Habsiguda |
| April 16 | - Ordination of Deacon Lourduraju, Rayavaram |
| April 26 | - Ordination of Deacon Thaneshwarao, Mutlur |
| April 28 | - Parish Feast, Chintalacheru |

The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on April 11-12, 2012 at Arnold Bhavan.

"May the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all !"

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Fr. A. Jesu SVD
Provincial Superior - INH