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## *Christmas - Faith Incarnate !*

Christmas - a season of joy and hope, a season of union and communion for both believers and non-believers alike – is in the offing. It is reported that even China, a communist country, welcomes Christmas with enthusiasm, as it marks a period of great economic activity. However, as Christians and as Religious, when we prepare for this festive occasion, our joy is of different kind. During this festival, we celebrate the greatest gesture of God gracing humankind and the whole universe in a unique way, by becoming a human, a defining peak in the curve of God's faithfulness to humankind. So, we are on the way to celebrate such an unparalleled event in the history of any religion.

Today, we live in a world where the Church and the various ways she articulates her faith, have come for sharp criticism from different sections with malicious intentions. The recent incident that happened in Ireland, a catholic country, is another witness to it. The international media and different groups projected that the teachings of the Church on abortion to be responsible for the death of an Indian woman Mrs. Savitha. Even in our country, this news hit headlines for quite sometime. Such occurrences of targeting the Church, without proper investigations are on the rise today. Although as Religious and as Christians, we can be proud about the teachings of the Church on the issues of morality and ethics, the way, they are misinterpreted with vested interests should caution us to take some proactive measures. Therefore, today's world requires of us to be on guard with issues related to our faith to know correctly and express it authentically.

In such emerging situations, the words of prophet Isaiah, "if you shall not stand by faith, you shall not stand at all (Is 7:9)" should be the guiding force in our religious journey. Otherwise, like Israel, we also may have to undergo different exilic situations. The symptoms of this are already obvious today. Even, in our country, we hear of honour killings every now and then, the increase in violence as a mode of protest and unethical practices, exponentially increasing divorce applications, breaking of families, and the youth getting addicted to spectrum of bad habits. When we realize, all these happen inside the Church, our very identity as Christians is questioned.

In the midst of these all, we are gearing ourselves for Christmas, In Christmas, we celebrate the unquestionable faithfulness of God to humanity. God in all his love sent us his only son. Can we be the deserving inheritors of this act of God, just by being content with some pious activities and participating in liturgy? This is the challenge before us during this Christmas in this year of faith. Thus, this feast of faith demands from all of us a response in faith. Our responses will be relevant only if the love of God is experienced and shared in our concrete life situations. May we during this Christmas endeavour to experience the richness of this feast and share it with all.



*Wish you all a Faith -filled Christmas and Grace-filled New Year 2013*



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Generalate Secretaries and Coordinators who until now resided and worked in the Generalate will now reside in their respective Provinces and do their work from there. The General Council intends to use the modern means of communication that are available to us to involve these Secretaries and Coordinators in the ordinary administration of the Society. This new arrangement is an experimentum for two years.

### The National Youth Retreat



The National Youth Retreat with the theme, "Move the Mountains," was held in Delhi at Jeevan Jyoti Ashram, Burari from October 21 to 24, 2012. Fr. Vijay Bhaskar SVD, the Province youth coordinator participated in this national youth retreat along with 17 youth from Sangareddy and Ramachandrapuram parishes. The retreat was a call for all the national youth to strengthen their faith in Jesus and be renewed in the Spirit of God. His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pennachio, the Apostolic Nuncio for India addressed the youth during National Youth Retreat -2012. In his message, he stressed the importance of the year of the faith and role of the youth in building up a faithful Church.

The national youth retreat has provided a significant experience for the youth of Sangareddy and Ramachandrapuram parishes to become conscious of the power of God in every moment of their lives. This was also an opportunity for them to have inter-cultural and inter-lingual exposure.

### Annual Feast

#### Our Lady of Rosary Church, Miyapur

The annual feast of Our Lady of Rosary Church, Miyapur was celebrated on October 07, 2012 in an ostentatious manner. Fr. A. Joseph, the Director of Divine Mercy Centre presided over the con-celebrated festive mass and Fr. M. Xavier, the District Superior of

Raigir preached an impressive homily emphasizing on the importance of devotion to Our Lady in the life of a Catholic. It was truly a day of divine blessing and spiritual renewal. The feast day celebrations were concluded with a fellowship meal that created an ambience for the parishioners to share, enrich and widen their relationship with one another.

### Brotherhood Day Celebrations, Alwal



St. Francis of Assisi, the little man who astounded and inspired the church by giving away his noble life and living the Gospel in word and spirit is the model par excellence for all religious brothers. It is fitting that the brotherhood day was celebrated on October 04, 2012 commemorating the feast of St. Francis. The days program began with a recollection animated by Fr. Florence Minz SVD followed by meeting and discussion chaired by Bro. Rajesh Soreng SVD, the ASPAC Coordinator for Brothers. The festive con-celebrated Holy Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Antony Joseph, the Admonitor -INH and Bro. S. Francis, the Provincial Councilor preached a touching homily highlighting the life principles of St. Francis and the urgent need to earnestly promote brotherhood vocations. The celebrations were concluded with a colorful felicitation programme for all the brothers and a fellowship meal. For videos on this celebration log on to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-XIPRcgD6I&feature=youtu.be>

## Family Feasts

### St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy

St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy celebrated the traditional Family Feast with an extraordinary enthusiasm from October 31, to November 04, 2012 with the motto Live and Share. Fr. Paul Jeyakumar, the Rector of the seminary presided over the inaugural Holy Eucharist. The community was divided into two teams and were named phoenix and pelican. The participation of all the members of the team, students and confreres created a comfortable family zone to the students to express themselves without any reservation. The spirit of cooperation and unity was very high among the team members. The competitions provided a platform to bring out the talents and caliber of the students besides fun and frolic. The Family Feast was concluded on November 04, 2012 on the feast day of the St. Charles' seminary with a solemn Holy Eucharist and agape.

### Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet

Observing the tradition of our Society, Jyothi Niketan community celebrated the Family Feast from November 09 to 12, 2012. The most awaited event began with the Holy Mass invoking God's blessings. The community was divided into three groups and the teams were named after the recent cyclones and tornados viz: Neelam, Sandy and Thane. The motto for this year's Family Feast was, "One Aim, Many Talents". The young seminarians brought out their energy and creativity with one aim to give their best for the success of the team. The competitions helped students to learn, to explore, to co-operate and to appreciate the talents of one another. The participation of our confreres from neighboring communities added joy to the happy event. The feat was concluded with a solemn Holy Eucharist and a fellowship meal. The celebrations have brought the community members closer to one another with better understanding and convictions to live in communion.

### Divine Word Centre, Chennai

Divine Word Centre, Chennai had a memorable Family Feast this year. The Family Feast was inaugurated on 20th November with the concelebrated Holy Eucharist presided over by Fr. S. Wenceslaus, SVD and was closed on 25th November with a solemn concelebrated Mass presided over by the Rector, Fr. S. Kulandaisamy, SVD. The Family Feast Organizing Committee under the able leadership of Fr. George Mepurath, SVD skillfully conducted 101 events covering sports, games, surprise, literary and stage items and creative activities making our young men enjoy each moment of the Feast. It was a golden opportunity for many of the participants to discover their hidden talents and to develop 'I can' confidence. The participation of our confreres, Frs. S. Wenceslaus, Anthuvan Rozario, Godwin Viegas and S. James added more flavor to the celebration. Thus, the Family Feast was indeed a precious opportunity to build bridges among us.

## HIV Awareness Campaigns

Under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Provincial Superior and inspiration of Fr. Varghese Chalamana SVD, the JPIC Coordinator, Fr. Alwin SVD and his dedicated team from Asha Jyothi, conducted "HIV awareness

Campaigns" amongst the school children, which have channelized the inflow of local contributions and donations from the schools to make the 'Arnold Children Home" a better living home for the welfare of our HIV infected and affected children in every aspect. The awareness programs were primarily launched in our SVD schools in the Province, namely: Jyothi Vidyalaya High School, BHEL, St. Ann's High School, BHEL, St. Arnold's High School, R.C. Puram, St. Joseph's High School, Patancheru, St. Arnold's School, Sangareddy and St. Mary's PSM High School, Sadashivpet. This campaign drive has brought consciousness and awareness among the school children and it is truly a big contribution towards building a better tomorrow.

## Annual Retreat



The Province Annual Retreat for this academic year was held from October 21 to 26, 2012 at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti. Fr. Deva Joe SDB, the retreat guide dealt diligently on different themes facilitating the retreatants to have a journey inward and recommit themselves with awakened spirit and zeal for God and His Mission. The retreat was indeed a memorable spiritual experience. I congratulate and wish all the confreres who participated in this annual spiritual exercise.

## Jubilee Celebration



Vocation to priesthood is a precious unmerited, gratuitous gift of God. Frs. S. Devadass SVD and Manoj Kumar Lakar SVD are celebrating the silver jubilee of their ordination to priesthood this year. The Jubilee celebration at the province level was held on October

26, 2012 at Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti. It was a remarkable day of celebration as Fr. S. Devadass raised his heart in gratitude to God by presiding over the solemn con-celebrated Holy Eucharist marking the silver jubilee of his ordination day. Fr. S. Devadass SVD, the jubilarian, in his homily recalled and thanked everyone who accompanied him in these 25 years of incredible journey in service of God. A good felicitation programme was organized after the Eucharistic celebration. I am grateful to Fr. S. Devadass SVD and Manoj Kumar SVD for their dedicated service to our Society and in particular to our Province. May God continue to bless them.

### Inter-Provincial Ventures

#### SVD Education Policy

Education is one of the important means of effective evangelization and social empowerment. The Inter-Provincial Governing Body meeting held in 2010 decided to constitute a committee to study and formulate an SVD Education Policy for effective and vibrant educational apostolate in India. The committee consisting of Frs. Thomas Korattiyil SVD (INE, Convener), Mark Mathias SVD (INC), Paul Vattathara SVD (INM), Venance Asirvatham / Antony Joseph SVD (INH), and Jaibu Mathew SVD (ING) carried out this important task of formulating the SVD Education Policy for India. Fr. Baptist D'Souza SVD (INE), the National Mission Secretary and Bro. Raju Soosai SVD (INC) helped to print the policies in a book form. In the name of our Province, I thank all the confreres who helped to formulate and bring out this SVD Education Policy. These policies are approved by the Superior General and they are helpful to establish an SVD identity in all our schools.

#### Study on the Vocational Trends and the Drop outs

Formation is another important task. Our confreres serving in the formation houses are doing a commendable job. All the formation houses are doing their best in grooming the students, the future of our society. The General Visitors who met the Provincials/Regional at Mumbai in 2010 proposed to carry out a study on the Vocational Trends to our Society in India. Having discussed and consulted at length a team consisting of Frs. Maira Michael SVD (INM, Convener), Pushpa Anbu SVD (INC), Michael Cherian SVD (INC) and Ronal Pereira SVD (INE) were entrusted with the responsibility of carrying out the above said study. The team has now successfully completed the study and the result was presented to the SVD Formation Board, India at Atma Darshan, Mumbai in September, 2012. I

wholeheartedly thank the team members for carrying out this study with dedication. The study has brought out vividly a number of reasons for drop outs and other related matters. Any one interested to know the result may contact the Provincial Superior.

#### The Revised SVD Formation Manual, India

A special team headed by Fr. T. Xavier SVD (INC), the National Formation Secretary consisting of Frs. Charles Pinto SVD (INC), Jose P.A. SVD (INM), and Joaquim Fernandes SVD (INM) were entrusted with the responsibility to revise our SVD Formation Manual in order to design a more effective programmes to form our students in line with the demands of the growing world. The team carried out this herculean and significant task meticulously and the Revised SVD Formation Manual, India was released during the Formators' Seminar at Ishvani Kendra, Pune on August 22, 2012. I wish to thank all the confreres who helped in this extensive and tedious process. A sincere appreciation to Fr. T. Xavier, the National Formation Secretary for putting in his best in bringing out this revised formation manual. I highly encourage and recommend all the formation houses of our Province to go through the manual diligently and devise the formation programmes as per the guidelines given in the manual.

#### Necrology – A Tribute of Love

Having felt the need to know more about our departed confreres and their contribution to our Indian Missions, the SVD Inter-Provincial Governing Body decided to bring out a booklet containing the details and a short history of the deceased confreres worked in India. Necrology – A Tribute of Love is an outcome of this noble effort. The book helps us to remember and recapture the good days of the departed confreres with us and their dedicated mission work. The book will also serve as a means of inspiration and motivation in our mission endeavour. The deceased confreres deserve our love and continuous remembrance. In this regard, on behalf of our Province, I genuinely thank Frs. Clarence Srambical SVD (INC, Convener), Shilanand Kamath SVD (INE), Edward D' Mello SVD (INM), and Bro. Raju Soosai SVD (INC) for taking all the trouble to bring out this short and sweet biography of our departed confreres. The book let is prepared with specific purpose that during the Eucharistic celebration when we remember the deceased confreres, we shall read the details of those confreres who are of Indian origin and of the foreigners who have worked in India and pray for them.

## **Decisions and Recommendations of the SVD Inter-Provincial Governing Body Meeting Atma Darshan, Mumbai 20 September 2012**

The Governing Body of the Indian SVD, comprising of the four Provincial Superiors, one Regional Superior and the acting National Mission Secretary Fr. Joy Thomas met at Atma Darshan, Mumbai, India on 20th September 2012. This was preceded by the annual Inter-Provincial Planning Forum, comprising of all the Inter-Provincial Office Coordinators and Mission Secretaries, besides the Regional, Provincials and their Council members.

### **I. Documentation in Provinces & Region**

1. The Governing Body recommends that proper documentation be made by all National as well as Province/Regional Coordinators of JPIC, Communications and Bible Apostolate in all provinces and region.

### **II. Training Programme**

2. The Governing Body recommends that JPIC National Coordinator organize a training programme on Project Management for all Provinces/Region during the academic year 2012-13.

### **III. Environmental Concerns**

3. Being aware of the importance of the Environmental concerns, the Governing Body endorses once again all the five environmental concerns recommended last year, namely:
  - a. "No to Plastic"
  - b. Rain water harvesting
  - c. Tree plantation
  - d. Develop habit of energy/power saving
  - e. Celebrate Environment Day every year on 5th June.

And we highly encourage taking up more specifically and emphatically 'No to Plastic' in all our parishes/institutions.

### **IV. VIVAT International - India**

4. The Governing Body encourages that the newly formed VIVAT International-India to carry out the tasks which are enlisted in the Charter with the help of all JPIC Coordinators of SVD/SSpS and all the members of VIVAT International-India.

### **V. Ministry Among Migrants**

5. Being identified ministry among the migrants as an important area of concern in our country, the Governing Body recommends that JPIC Coordinators take up this ministry as an interprovincial venture and chalk out an action plan for more coordination and network.

### **VI. Release of Tele-Film**

6. Governing Body endorses the plan that the Tele-film Christaayan be released in all the provinces and region. The Provincials/Regional would look in details of this aspect and all the Confreres are encouraged to promote the film and make it more popular. The Governing Body appreciates the Producer and Director of the tele-film Fr. George Kannanayil SVD (INC) and all the confreres who have made enormous efforts to produce this film.

### **VII. Biblical Apostolate**

7. National and Provincial/Regional Biblical Coordinators are encouraged to organize Dei Verbum course in an appropriate place in India.
8. The Governing Body recommends that the National Biblical Coordinator could print Bible Charts and other bible related themes with our own SVD identity.

### **VIII. Mission Animation**

9. In line with the General Chapter XVII, the Governing Body authorizes the National Mission Secretary to organize a seminar cum workshop in the academic year 2013-14 for those confreres who made their final vows/ordained from 2000 to 2012 in order to rejuvenate their mission spirit.

## **IX. Year of Faith**

10. In this 'Year of Faith' the Governing Body suggests that each Province/Region can engage in following programmes to deepen the faith:
  - ❖ Cooperation with diocesan programmes, promoting missions and other popular programmes in parishes and in the workplace, to help the faithful rediscover the gift of baptismal faith and the task of giving witness.
  - ❖ Retreats and Special liturgies for the faithful in order that they communicate their own experience of faith and charity to their brothers and sisters of other religions, believers and non-believers, with the hope that the entire Christian people will begin a kind of mission towards those with whom they live and work.
  - ❖ Holding Bible studies, symposia, conferences especially on the teachings of Vatican Council II.
  - ❖ Promoting videos and publications focusing on the faith using the new styles of communication, especially on the popular level.
  - ❖ Sessions/Workshop on the catechism and sacraments and signs of the times .
  - ❖ Sharing faith Sessions by the well-known persons in the parish/institutions.
  - ❖ Publishing books, articles and posters with the theme 'Arnold, a Man of Faith'.
  - ❖ Paying attention to our schools, offering students to nurture their faith.
  - ❖ Planning Ecumenical programmes aimed at the restoration of unity among all Christians.
  - ❖ Organizing Inter-faith Satsang and creative dialogue between religiously committed persons, through symposia, meetings and days of study, especially in our institutes of culture, missiology and communications.

## **X. Arnold Janssen Spirituality**

11. Being aware of the need for lay collaboration in our ministry and also the importance given for it in the General Chapter XVII, the Governing Body endorses the suggestion to form and consolidate Lay Associations in every Province and Region. The confreres can seek the help of AJST to animate these groups regarding their spiritual dimension.
12. Knowing the importance of training personnel in retreat preaching, the Governing Body encourages that more SVD/SSpS personnel be trained for facilitating 30-day Arnold Janssen Spirituality Retreat and spiritual animation.
13. The Governing Body appreciates all the confreres for promoting the devotion to our Saints and there is considerable improvement over the years. In order to popularize more of our Saints, the Governing Body recommends meaningful celebration of the feast of our Saints in all our parishes and institutions with novena, triduum, competition, quiz program, cultural program, display/distribution of pictures of Saints, medals and honouring our benefactors.

## **XI. Solidarity With ING Region**

14. Being aware of the need of ING Region, as an expression of true solidarity with this Region, the Governing Body strongly thinks that all four provinces could support the region with personnel and resources. The Provincial/Regional administrations will look into these possibilities.

## **XII. Re-Entry Programme**

15. The Governing Body entrusts the Superior Delegate with the responsibility of studying all the possibilities and organizing the re-entry programme for all the foreign assigned confreres who return back to our country.

## **XIII. Future Mission Venture**

16. Being aware of the missionary need in Sri Lanka, the Governing Body recommends that a committee (interprovincial in nature) undertakes a study in view of the future mission venture and present the report to the Governing Body before April 2013.

#### **XIV. Election Process**

17. The Governing Body suggests that in all the Provinces/Region the election process for Provincial/Regional and his council be preceded with a prayer, recollection and inputs on leadership. We also suggest that in all the Provinces/Region the election process can begin and end at the same time.

#### **XV. Other Matters**

18. Having studied the Statues and Guidelines for the Province/Regional and Interprovincial Bodies for SVD India Sub-Zone, the Governing Body has approved these Statues and Guidelines.
19. Following the spirit of the General Chapter XVII, all the confreres are encouraged to foster the spirit of inter-culturality in communities and mission.

The Governing Body decided that the next Formation Board and Inter-Provincial Planning Forum will be held from 16-18 September, 2013 at St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore.

**Fr. Joy Thomas SVD**  
Acting Nat. Mission Secretary

**Fr. Lazar Thanuzraj Stanislaus SVD**  
Chairperson, Governing Body

### **A REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SVD FORMATION BOARD, INDIA September 2012, Atma Darshan, Mumbai**

The annual meeting of the SVD Formation Board, India was held at Atma Darshan, Mumbai on the 16th and 17th of September 2012. Thirty-three members, including the four Provincials and the Regional of the SVD India Subzone, the Chairperson of the SSpS Formation Board, India, Sr. Elsie Varghese, and the SSpS Formation Board Secretary, Sr. Sheela participated in the deliberations. One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of the long awaited report on the research study on the Vocational Trends to our Society and the Causes for High Dropouts from our formation houses. Apart from an intense discussion on the findings of the study, the Board also took up for its discussion a well worked out Agenda for the meeting. Besides the regular exercise, the meeting also paid attention to some of the vital issues arising out of the XVII SVD General Chapter concerning SVD Formation.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Advisory Council, the Chairperson of the SVD Formation Board, India, Fr. Nicholas Martis SVD convened a meeting the SVD Governing Board for Formation on the 17th September 2012, to consider the proposals and issues that emerged from the two-day meeting of the Advisory Council. All the members of the Governing Board for Formation, namely, the four Provincial Superiors of INC, INE, INH and INM, the Regional Superior of ING and the National Formation Secretary were present for the meeting. After engaging in intense deliberations and exchange of views the Board arrived at the following decisions and recommendations:

01. In the light of the declining trends in vocations to our Society and the high dropouts from our formations houses reflected in the recent research study, the SVD Formation Board, India underlines the urgency and inevitability of the need to renew our resolves and streamline our strategies for promoting vocations to our Society. In this spirit, the Board recommends that
  - a. Our vocation promotion shall cover the entire territories of our Provinces/Region and explore new avenues and avail fresh opportunities.
  - b. Vocation promotion is the responsibility of every confrere in the Society. Therefore, confreres shall make concerted efforts and assist the designated vocation promoters of our Provinces/Region in every way possible.
  - c. In our vocation drives we shall adopt new approaches and innovative methods to inspire and attract candidates to our seminaries.
  - d. Regular vocation camps at convenient venues that facilitate easy accessibility to the aspiring candidates need to be planned and organised.
  - e. Every Province/Region shall have confrere/s assigned to promote vocations to brotherhood

- f. Wherever possible, we shall facilitate joint ventures with SSps Sisters in vocation promotion.
  - g. In the recruitment of the new converts, care shall be taken to ensure sufficient faith formation in such candidates (SVD Formation Manual, India 2.1.11).
  - h. Ex-seminarians joining our Society shall be discouraged (SVD Formation Manual, India 2.1.9).
02. Every candidate recruited to the Society shall undergo a year of orientation program before being promoted to the Juniorate so as to introduce the candidate to the Society's religious-missionary charism and to strengthen his spiritual base and language skills.
  03. Availing the opportunities to study in various reputed colleges and the options for pursuing a variety of streams for graduation, our candidates for brotherhood be sent to all our collegiate houses to do their degree course. Vidyodaya, Indore shall accommodate clerical students as well for graduation.
  04. Realising the increasing demand to produce personal identity proof (ID) at the public domain, all our formation houses shall ensure that our formees at all stages of formation obtain a valid document for their personal identity proof.
  05. Conscious and consistent efforts be made to make all our formation communities intercultural in nature.
  06. As the revised SVD Formation Manual, India prescribes, mission exposure be made part of every stage of our formation. Such exposure program shall include socio-political situations, environmental concerns and human rights issues.
  07. All our formation communities study and reflect together on the revised SVD Formation Manual, India and devise concrete ways and means to implement the requirements of the Manual. The scheduled action plans so evolved for the whole year shall be displayed at the community notice-board. An annual evaluation of the implementation of the action plan be carried out.
  08. Recognising the need to promote financial self reliance, the Formation Board recommends that our formation houses:
    - a. Initiate specific and sustainable projects of financial self reliance such as, local benefactor system, optimum use of land available at the disposal of the formation house, etc.
    - b. Increase the students' minimum annual contribution to Rs. 3,000.00 for our minor seminarians and Rs. 5,000.00 for our college going seminarians.
  09. All members of our formation communities shall be sufficiently educated on child abuse and sex abuse. They shall be made aware of the repercussions and legal implications of such abuses.
  10. The monthly pocket allowance of our Scholastics shall be raised to Rs.350.00 with immediate effect, and their clothe & shoe allowances increased collectively to Rs. 17,00.00 with effect from the academic year 2013-14.
  11. Restricted use of personal mobile phones may be permitted to our Scholastics at SVD Vidya Bhavan, Bhopal from the year 2013. However, the local staff in consultation with the INC Provincial Superior will determine the nature of such restricted use.
  12. The next annual meeting of the SVD Formation Board, India will be held on the 16th and 17th of September, 2013 at St. Arnold Seva Sadan, Indore.

The Governing Board meeting ended at 06.30 p.m. with a proposal of vote of thanks and a short prayer by Fr. Nicholas Martis.



**Fr. Xavier T, SVD**

National Formation Secretary



**Fr. Nicholas Martis, SVD**

Chairman, SVD Formation Board, India



### Health Update

Fr. Bernard Mundapulam SVD was undergoing treatment for varicosis at Trivandrum. He is now at home for recuperation and further treatment. He is expected to return to the province by the end of January, 2013.

Fr. Thomas Akkara SVD is suffering from Hypo-tension and is admitted at St. Theresa's Hospital, Sanath Nagar.

Let us continue to pray for the good health and speedy recovery of our confreres.

### The Heart of Worship and Gospel Music Concert – A Seminar

Divine Word Centre, Muthangi is organizing a seminar on “The Heart of worship and Gospel Music Concert” on January 18 and 19, 2013 for priests/religious/lay leaders/youth and others. The seminar will be conducted by renowned preacher and worship leader Mrs. Swapna Abraham from Dubai. The facilitator is a worship leader in Holy Spirit Interactive, a Catholic lay Apostolate recognized as an association of Faith in Dubai. As it is conducted for the first time in Andhra Pradesh, this will be of immense help to bring in renewal in Charismatic movements and youth ministries. Hence, I encourage the interested confreres to participate in this programme and you may inform Fr. Benny, the Director of Divine Word Centre, Muthangi, regarding your participation.

### XII Janssen Sports Meet

The Janssen Sports Meet is one of the fabulous events of our schools and our students have been preparing for this spectacular event. This is one of the well appreciated combined efforts of our school management. This most awaited XII Janssen Sports Meet will be held at St. Arnold's High School, Mederametla on January 10 & 11, 2013. All are invited to participate and encourage our students.

### Mission Animation cum Renewal Programme

As announced in the Provincial Circular INH/PC/95 October, 2012, I would like to remind that Fr. G. Lazar SVD, the mission secretary of our Province with the consent of the Provincial Administration is organizing a mission-animation cum renewal programme for the confreres taken final vows from 1993. The programme will be held in Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda from January 17 to 19, 2013. This programme is envisaged with the intention to introspect the dimension of ad intra of our mission spirituality and recommit ourselves with the spirit and the call of the XVII General Chapter. Every confrere professed final vows from 1993 is invited and expected to participate and benefit by this programme.

### National Biblical Seminar

Fr. Y. James Raj SVD, the National Biblical Coordinator along with the biblical coordinators of other Indian SVD Provinces/region is organizing a ‘National Biblical Seminar’. The Details as follows:

<b>Theme</b>	- <b>To Know Jesus</b>
Arrival	- February 20, 2013
Seminar	- February 21 to 23, 2013
Venue	- Arnold Bhavan, SVD Provincial House, Hyderabad
Departure	- February 24, 2013
Resource Persons	- Fr. Savari Rayan SVD & Team

Fr. Y. James Raj has envisaged this live –in seminar to be academically informative with inputs on new trends in biblical theology and contextual hermeneutics with pastoral and practical thrust. I highly encourage the confreres to take advantage of this opportunity and participate in this national seminar. The confreres may inform regarding their participation to Fr. Y. James Raj, the National Biblical Coordinator or Fr. Wilson, the Provincial Secretary – INH.

### Founder's Day

The feast of our Founder St. Arnold Janssen will be celebrated on January 15, 2013 at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad. I cordially invite all of you to participate in the celebration as one family.

### Pray for the Dead

Mr. Maria Louis, elder brother of Fr. Mary John SVD died on October 13, 2012

Mrs. Saveriammal, sister-in-law of Fr. Amalanathan SVD died on October 27, 2012

Mr. Susil Barua, brother-in-law of Fr. Manoj Kumar SVD died on November 08, 2012.

Fr. Mathew Kothamangalam, cousin of Fr. Thomas Kovumkattayil SVD died on November 21, 2012.

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### Birthdays

#### December - 2012

17- Wilson  
18 - A. Blaise  
18 - M. Anil Kumar  
20 - S. Kulandaisamy  
22 - Ambrose Beck  
22 - C. Amalanathan  
23 - Bala Prasad  
30 - Nelson D'Souza



#### January - 2013

05 - G. Prakash  
14 - M. Antony  
15 - G. Lazar  
15 - Y. Arockiadoss  
16 - A. Antonysamy  
18 - A. Arockiasamy



### MY PROGRAMME

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| December 01 - 02 | - Divine Word Centre, Muthangi                        |
| Dec. 05          | - Blessing of new residence, Toopran                  |
| Dec. 08          | - Blessing of Arnold's Home, Singampunari             |
| Dec. 13          | - Provincial Council Meeting, Arnold Bhavan           |
| Dec. 24 -25      | - Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatty                     |
| January 04, 2013 | - Visit - Fr. Bernard Mundapulam, Kerala              |
| Jan. 10 -11      | - Janssen Sports Meet, Medarametla                    |
| Jan. 17 - 19     | - On going Formation, Arnold Bhavan                   |
| Jan. 18          | - The Heart of Worship, Muthangi                      |
| Jan. 26          | - Silver Jubilee, Sivagangai, TN                      |
| Jan. 29 - 30     | - Inauguration of Regional House, Guwahati            |
| February 03      | - Parish Feast, Ramachandrapuram and MIG              |
| Feb. 04          | - Ordination of Deacon Suresh Madhavaram SVD, Kurnool |

**The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on December 13, 2012  
at Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda.**

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

*Jesu. A*

**Fr. A. Jesu, SVD**  
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