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Season of Grace

The journey of a woman from conceiving to giving birth, the journey of the gold ore in becoming an ornament, and the journey of stones in becoming adorable sculptures tell us how joy and pain, struggles and success, challenges and opportunities are not two but single, intertwined realities. The intensity of joy abounds proportionately to the degree of struggles one goes through in the process of accomplishing something. This common but hard fact of life is very well exemplified in the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter.

Lent is the season of grace, precisely because, it leads us to Easter and prepares us holistically to experience the Risen Lord concretely in our lives. There is no way of experiencing Easter joy except by going through the season of Lent. Jesus himself showed us this through his life, death and resurrection. He explicated this essential fact of life through a vivid metaphor: "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it does, it bears much fruit" (Jn 12:24).

As religious, we all have experienced this in our lives. The imprints of our missionary efforts become indelible only when it is carried out with self-denial, sacrifice and determination. Therefore, we need to continue to walk the hard way in our lives in order to bring about the real transformation in the world around us, as envisaged by Jesus. It is sometimes easy for us to get immersed in our daily routines and be given to the familiar and more comfortable terrains. But, our very option to be missionaries challenges us to be ready to walk that extra mile, be open to the social realities outside, to take risks and make challenges into opportunities.

These are the times, we witness a gradual but conscious revolution taking place in our country. Starting from the anti-corruption movement to the recent movement to uphold the dignity of women, all should awaken us to the mood of the growing India. Besides, today, the traditional Indian ethos is subjected to sterner test by the emerging, globalised India. Our response to these developing situations through our varied missionary endeavours will define and determine the nature of our missionary contentment in the years ahead.

In this context, the message of Lent should motivate us to opt for hard ways in life, to explore new avenues of continuing our mission and to face the challenges of our daily life gracefully. Only in our Churches, we worship God crucified. Only, our religion extols the meaning and the need of suffering to a great extent. Therefore, as missionaries we will be able to transform the world around us for better, only if we are ready to walk the hard way and communicate to those around us, the need to face the realities of life situations instead looking for comfort zones. May this season of Lent fill us with the required graces for the mission ahead of us.



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ANNUAL FEASTS

Nithiya Sagaya Matha Church, Medarametla: The faithful of Nithiya Sagaya Matha Church, Medarametla celebrated the annual feast with all piety and solemnity on December 08, 2012. All the parishioners took active participation in celebrating the feast. Fr. Casmir D' Souza, the Vice-Provincial - INH was the principal celebrant for the con-celebrated festive Holy Mass. He preached an impressive homily emphasizing on the importance of devotion to Our Lady in the life of a Catholic. It was beyond doubt a day of spiritual rejuvenation.

Our lady of Mercy Church, Sangareddy: Our lady of Mercy Church, Sangareddy celebrated the annual feast on December 09, 2012. The con-celebrated Holy Mass was presided over by Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the Archbishop of Hyderabad. He preached an inspiring homily, exhorting the people to give due importance to the Word of God and live a life motivated by the Gospel values. The feast day was a joyful occasion as 36 parish children were administered the sacraments of confirmation and First Holy Communion. It was truly a day of divine blessing and spiritual renewal.

St. John's Church, R. C. Puram: The parish feast of St. John's Church, Ramachandrapuram was celebrated with great solemnity on February 03, 2013. Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the Archbishop of Hyderabad presided over the con-celebrated festive Holy Mass and Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH graced the occasion. This year's feast will remain memorable for the parishioners as the Archbishop administered the sacraments of confirmation and First Holy Communion to 30 of the parish children. The Archbishop in his homily highlighted the virtues that guided St. John and his undivided love for Christ. He encouraged the people to have renewed orientation towards Christian life and be infused with unfathomable love for Christ. The people had gathered in big number to celebrate the feast and to receive the blessings of God abundantly. The day was indeed a time of grace and blessing to all who had gathered. The celebrations were concluded with a fellowship meal that helped people to share their joy and be strengthened in the bound of love for one another.

Holy Family Church, Kadavendi: The annual feast of Holy Family Church, Kadavendi was celebrated in a grand manner on February 04, 2013 on the feast day of St. John de Britto. The solemn con-celebrated thanksgiving eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. S. Devadass SVD, the parish priest of Miyapur. He preached an insightful homily, stressing on the importance of good families for the integral growth of children and faith formation. Hence, he urged the people to live a good family life modeled after the Holy Family of Nazareth. The feast day was also marked by the blessing and inauguration of St. Antony's grotto by Fr. S. Jeyaraj SVD, the parish priest. The grotto is built in the church premises by the contributions of the parishioners.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

St. Claire's High School, Ramagundam wreathed in fun and excitement celebrated its Sports Day on January 24, 2013. Mr. Subasis Gosh, the General Manager of NTPC, Ramagundam was the chief guest of the occasion. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH was the presiding officer, besides Dr. J.P. Sachdev, the medical officer, Braja Bihari Tripathy G.M. and R. Hari Kumar AGM were the guests of honour of the event. The students participated with enthusiasm and passion in all the competitions. The performance of the students displayed the quality of education and the different trainings offered to them at St. Claire's High School, Ramagundam. The chief guest and the presiding officer addressed the students encouraging them to grow as responsible citizens focusing not only on academic performance but also on value oriented life and education.

SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY

St. Arnold's Matriculation School, Trichy celebrated its annual day filled with fun and frolic on January 26, 2013. Dr. T. Indira M.B.B.S, D.M.N.C was the chief guest of the function and she in her address urged the students to avail all the opportunities provided by the institution and grow as noble citizens of our country. The cultural extravaganza put up marking the occasion of annual day was well appreciated by all. The students displayed their talents and inherent skills through dances, skits and other stage performance. The chief guest gave away the prizes for the toppers of different categories and encouraged the students.

St. Ann's High School, BHEL celebrated its School Annual Day on February 08, 2013. Mr. R. K. Wanchoo Executive Director, BHEL was the chief guest of the function. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH was the president of the function besides N. Ravi Chander, Executive Director (OSD), T. Nandeshwar Goud, MLA, Patancheru constituency were special guests and Mrs. Sucheta Wanchoo, President, LWC was the guest of honour. The students put a wonderful cultural programme marking the school annual day celebrations. The cultural programme displayed the talents of the students and the quality of education offered at St. Ann's High School. The chief guest, president of the function and other guests appreciated the students and the staff and encouraged the students to strive towards greater achievements and grow as responsible citizens.

BEST SCHOOL AWARD

The Little Champs Talent Academy conducted a survey among the schools in the district of Prakasam and St. Arnold's High School, Medarametla was awarded one of the best schools in the district for the year 2012-13. Fr. R. Antonysamy SVD, the Head Master received the commendation certificate and was felicitated in Grand Gala function organized by the Academy on January 11,

2013. On the same stage, Mr. Rambabu, Hindi Pandit was awarded Guru Brahma Award in the state level.

FAMILY FEAST

Brother Formation House, Alwal

Observing the tradition of our Society, Brother Formation House, Alwal celebrated the Family Feast from January 25 to 27, 2013. Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas, Director of Asha Jyothi presided over the inaugural mass and declared open the most awaited event invoking God's blessings. The community was divided into two teams and named Sun and Moon corresponding to the motto of the family feast "Let your Light Shine." The participation of all the members of the team, students and confreres created a comfortable family zone to express oneself without any reservation. The competitions provided a platform to bring out the talents and caliber of the students. The feast was concluded with a solemn thanksgiving eucharist presided over by Fr. Bali Reddy SVD, the Provincial Councillor. Fr. Bali highlighted in his homily the need to be a light to dispel the darkness in the world. The celebrations have brought the community members closer to one another with better understanding and convictions to live in communion.

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 feasts 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 of our Founder's day at Arnold Bhavan. This years' celebration was distinct with the presence of many of our confreres and collaborators, the religious sisters and priests from the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Fr. N. Anand SVD, the Rector of Arnold Bhavan welcomed the guests and the celebration began with a meaningful prayer service. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH shared an inspiring message that St. Arnold Janssen was a man with difference, with a unique vision for mission, when everything was collapsing in Germany, he dreamt for a mission congregation and God led him to found three world wide international congregations (SVD, SSpS, SSpS Ap). Fr. Provincial exhorted all of us to imitate St. Arnold Janssen in our missionary zeal and be missionaries with a difference. It was truly a day to rejoice and thank God for all his magnanimity towards our Province and our people. The celebrations were concluded with luscious fellowship meal.

DN. MADHAVARAM SURESH ORDAINED A PRIEST

February 04, 2013 will remain a memorable day in the life of Dn. Madhavaram Suresh SVD as he was ordained a priest on this day by His Excellency Poola Antony, the Bishop of Kurnool at Premagiri. His journey

to the altar of the Lord has been a time of special grace from God and a moment of support from parents, relatives, friends and formators. He was born on July 07, 1982. Responding to his deep urge to become a religious missionary priest, he joined the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) and professed his first vows on June 09, 2008. He made his final commitment on January 01, 2012 and was ordained a deacon on January 02, 2012. He is a special gift to our Province, I wish him every success and God's abundant blessings in his priestly ministry.



BLESSING OF ARNOLD'S HOUSE AT SINGAMPUNARI MISSION



December 08, 2012 marked a special event in the history of Singampunari mission. The newly built SVD centre named after our founder St. Arnold Janssen was blessed by His Excellency Rev. Susai Manikam, the Bishop of Sivangai. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior – INH solemnly inaugurated the new building followed by con-celebrated thanksgiving Holy Eucharist. The Bishop in his homily appreciated the various missionary efforts of SVDs and motivated the people to cooperate with the missionaries in all the activities of this mission. The historical event was attended by many dignitaries, priests, religious and people. Arnold's House will serve as a launching pad for many of our social activities in this area and we are confident to reach out to many people of this locality and bring life in abundance.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY



We have been responding creatively and innovatively to the needs of the people through our various missionary enterprises at Singampunari. The

characteristic dimension of our mission is to creatively act in response to the signs of the times without compromising the mission command of Jesus and vision of our Society. In this regard, Singampunari Mission ventured into another important milestone in its efforts to establish the reign of God among people. The ground breaking ceremony for the construction of Social Service Centre was officiated by Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior – INH on December 26, 2012. I wish Fr. Y. Arockiadass SVD God's blessing in his efforts through this specialized apostolate.

HEART OF WORSHIP - SEMINAR

Divine Word Centre (Muthangi) organized two days of seminar on 'Heart of Worship' animated by Mrs. Swapna Abraham from Dubai, an International Worship leader and preacher on January 18 and 19, 2013. Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the provincial superior INH gave the inaugural address and declared the seminar open. The resource person discussed elaborately on the importance of Praise and Worship in Christian prayer, the characteristic dimension of a worship leader and the significance of music in worship. A good number of people participated in the seminar and benefited from this sharing. Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the Arch Bishop of Hyderabad presided over the concluding Holy Eucharist and blessed the gathering with his message and prayers.

ON-GOING FORMATION PROGRAMME



The single most talent force that drove man from bullock-cart civilization into the nuclear revolution is his mind's creativity and motivation. Creative and well motivated people have the seemingly god-gifted ability to cut through the webs of time and peep into the future. Studies proved through timely renewal and training programmes one can stimulate the creative and motivating power within oneself. As scheduled, 32 of our younger missionaries (INH) participated in the on-going programme given by Frs. Joe Mathias and Jacob Parappally in Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad, from January 17 – 19, 2013. "Re-founding of Religious Life – A Call to be Icons in the Modern World" was the running theme of the renewal programme. The resource persons dealt on topics such as: The identity of a Consecrated Person as an icon in the modern world; The Crisis Confronting the Religious Today; The Changing Scenario regarding Priesthood and Consecrated Life in India Today; Re-founding of Religious Life through Creative Fidelity for

Apostolic Efficacy; Religious Identity; Motivation to Animate Life and Mission; and Living the Foundational Charism by living Inter-cultural Life and Mission through Trinitarian Image of God.

According to many participants the programme enabled them to undergo a personal conversion towards understanding and embracing the theological and psycho-spiritual perspectives of the local community and the fellow confreres. I thank and appreciate Fr. G. Lazar SVD, the INH Mission Secretary for ably organizing and coordinating this programme.

SVD - FRATERNITY MEETING IN CHENNAI



According to many social scientists the year 2013 is a quieter time when collective rituals and institution building take over. Foreseeing the same programme in line, the XVII Ad Gentes General Chapter articulated that the SVDs must give official recognition to lay associate groups in order to build a "world church"- an institution which is missionary by its very nature. On January 20, 2013, over 35 Ex-SVD friends gathered together at Divine Word Centre, St. Thomas Mount, Chennai to give a shape to the resolution of the XVII General Chapter on Lay Associate Groups. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior – INH presided over the programme. The principal orientation of the group was the missionary charism and spirituality of St. Arnold Janssen. They wish to be animated for mission by sharing the charism and spirituality of our Founder thus become part of our Arnold's Family in the broader sense. There was a sensation of 'home-coming' throughout the day that the whole SVD family was present at the seminary. Fr. Kulandaisamy, the Rector along with his staff and the seminarians welcomed and entertained the SVD-Fraternity with a well-prepared cultural programme.

Conceived by Fr. Kulandaisamy a couple of years ago, this SVD-Fraternity was further extended, and amplified by Fr. G. Lazar SVD, the Mission Secretary. A core-team of six and five volunteers were chosen to carry out the mandate of the group. Where possible, SVD facilities can be made available for meetings and other activities of the fraternity. The next meeting is scheduled on April 28, 2013 in Chennai. I thank Fr. S. Kulandaisamy SVD, the Rector of Divine Word Centre and Fr. G. Lazar SVD, the INH Mission Secretary for their initiative in gathering all our ex-svd brothers and animating them for a noble cause.

NEW MISSION VENTURE

The inter Provincial Governing Body meeting held on September 20, 2012 at Atma Darshan, Mumbai discussed the missionary need and the possibility of a missionary venture in Sri Lanka. As per the guidelines provided by Rev. Fr. Superior General, the Inter Provincial Governing Body has constituted a committee to undertake a study in view of future mission venture in Sri Lanka. The members of this committee are: Frs. Antony Joseph (INH, Coordinator), Tomy Perumprayil (INM) and Johny D' Souza (INC).

ASPAC News

Province/Region Coordinators Assembly in 2013

The orientation of the 17th General Chapter is the implementation of 15th and 16th General Chapters' Vision and Action Plan. In order to carry forward the Action Plan of the Provinces and Regions in the Asia Pacific Zone (ASPAC), the Coordinators of Bible, Mission, Justice and Peace, and Communication have been invited for an ASPAC Assembly of the Four Characteristic Dimensions of our Society. The meeting will be held on October 21-25, 2013 at Nong Bualampu in north eastern Thailand. To make this Assembly more fruitful and action oriented in our Provinces and Regions, a lot of preparation is required. Accordingly, the various Province/Region Coordinators of Bible, Mission, Justice and Peace, and Communication are requested to meet at the sub-zone level and discuss their activities and prepare themselves well before the Assembly. The Coordinators are also requested to prepare Action Plan for their Province/Region for the coming next three years for implementation. We shall pray that our efforts will bear fruit in the animation of our Provinces/Regions in the characteristic dimensions of Bible, Mission, JPIC and Communication ministries.

S.M. Michael svd
(ASPAC Coordinator)

SSPS NEW PROVINCIAL TEAM IN INDIA

The following are the new SSsP Provincial teams for the Indian Provinces for this triennium. We wish them God's choicest blessings in their missionary endeavours.

Provincial Team – India South

Provincial Leader - Sr. Gracy Kutty Antony
Provincial Councilors - Sr. Lissy Devassy Thelekadan
Sr. Jessie Mary
Sr. Theresa Rebello
Sr. Elsy Mathew

Provincial Team – India Central

Provincial Leader - Sr. Geeta Joseph
Provincial Councilors - Sr. Deepa Thomas
Sr. Grace Abraham
Sr. Manjula Lakra
Sr. Gracy Ruban

Provincial Team - India East

Provincial Leader - Sr. Regina George
Provincial Councilors - Sr. Selin Joseph
Sr. Abela Tete
Sr. Virginia Kerketta
Sr. Vilma Noronha

Provincial Team – India North- East

Provincial Leader - Sr. Prabha Mariam Pendanath
Provincial Councilors - Sr. Alphone Mary
Sr. Ashrita Ekka
Sr. Soosai Mary
Sr. Janet Tellis

FR. A. SILUVAI SVD AT DIVINE WORD CENTRE, VADIPATTI

Fr. A. Siluvai SVD is assigned to Divine Word Center, Vadipatti. His mobile number is 9003808273.

WELCOME TO INH



Rev. Fr. Superior General has transferred Fr. Savarimuthu, David Raj to INH from INC. This transfer will be effective from June, 2013. We welcome him to our Province and wish him every success in his ministry.

FIRST ASSIGNMENTS

Rev. Fr. Superior General has assigned Frt. Pushpa Raj and Bro. Paulus Topno to our Province. We welcome them wholeheartedly and wish them a fruitful ministry in our Province.



CONGRATS

Hearty Congratulations to Fr. George Pasala SVD for successfully completing B.Ed.(Bachelors in Education).

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Mrs. Chennuru Annamma, mother of Fr. Bali Reddy SVD died on December 05, 2012.

Mrs. Martha, mother of Fr. George Mepurath SVD died on January 25, 2013.

Sr. Mary Leonie, cousin of Fr. Benny SVD died on January 09, 2013.

Mrs. T. Esther Mary, mother of Fr. P .Sahayaraj SVD died on February 02, 2013.

Mr. Mariah, brother of Fr. Bandanadham Jojappa SVD died on February 07, 2013.

Birthdays

February

04 - Ravi kumar Reddy
07 - Joseph Michael
09 - Cyril
11 - Casmir D' Souza
15 - C. Irudayaraj
17 - Satish Kumar B.
21 - S. Devadoss
23 - Joseph Anthu
24 - George Muthanatt
25 - Arul James
26 - Thomas K'kattayil



March

02 - Vineet Kumar
08 - U. Alphonse
12 - A. Jesu
13 - R. M. Jeyaseelan
15 - R. Soosai
29 - Joseph A. (Sr.)
29 - Kingston
29 - Anand Nagothu
29 - S. Arockiadoss (Jr)
30 - Victor Jeyaraj
30 - Joy Joseph
31 - Ashok Kumar



MY PROGRAMME

- February 03 - Parish Feast, R. C. Puram
Feb. 04 - Ordination of Deacon Suresh SVD, Kurnool
Feb. 08 - St. Ann's High School Annual Day, BHEL
Feb. 12 - 15 - Guntur District
Feb. 21 - 22 - Biblical Seminar, Arnold Bhavan
Feb. 25 - 27 - Raigir District
March 01 - 04 - Tamil Nadu District
March 06 - CRI Meeting, Begumpet
March 08 - 09 - Council Meeting

The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on March 08-09, 2013 at Arnold Bhavan.

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Fr. A. Jesu SVD
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