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Personal Experience of the Risen Lord

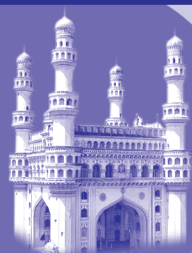
Personal experience can be either the greatest motivation or the stumbling block for any endeavour. Often we find, even the people considered lackadaisical become unbelievably active in certain environments and in the midst of certain people. It is a good thing to ponder on what sets sudden dynamism in the lives of the people.

A profound experience can survive the utmost of adversities and be a sole ray of hope even in the worst of situations. An inspiring inscription, "I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining; I believe in love, even when I don't feel it; I believe in God, even when he is silent", found on a wall in the concentration camp, is a vivid illustration of this. Sometimes, a single personal experience can carry us through all our lives. But most of the times, we need more and more of the same experience of different degrees to grow in confidence. The intensity of experience we have of certain persons or things, determines the level of impact, they have in our lives. Even in our lives as religious, the depth and the nature of our God experience is directly related to the degree and the manner of our commitment. In this regard, the Easter season can offer us valuable lessons.



Post-Resurrection days are very vital in the faith-forming and the faith-strengthening of the early church. The disciples have the multiple, personal experience of the risen Lord and that awakens them from their spiritual slumber. The experience of disciples becomes more deep and revelatory in the post-Easter days than the days when the disciples actually walked, talked and dined with Jesus. No doubt, the disciples experienced Jesus as the Messiah when he was alive. It is because of this they left everything at his call and wandered with him like nomads. However, their Pre-Easter experience was not strong enough to withstand the test of crucifixion. When Jesus was arrested and condemned to death, the disciples ran away. They disowned Jesus. But after resurrection, the same disciples who disowned him, own him as the true Messiah in front of kings, courts and nations and the same disciples who ran away from him, run to different corners of the world to spread the Gospel. What makes the difference? It is the personal, profound and intimate experience of the risen Lord.

We all have experienced Christ. The Easter season invites to grow in our experience and to have a more profound experience of God as the disciples had. The disowning of Jesus by the disciples Prior to Easter is a warning for us not to become complacent of our God experience. Today, very often, we waver in our commitment as religious, because we do not heed to this warning from the life of the disciples and fail to deepen our experience of God. As the risen Lord appeared to the disciples during the course of their daily activities like fishing, walking and eating, today also, the experience of God is available to us, as we carry out our daily, small missionary activities. Can we hear his voice and grow in his love? May the risen Lord bless us and our sincere, hard efforts.



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NATIONAL BIBLICAL SEMINAR



Biblical Apostolate forms an integral part of the heritage handed over to us by our founder St. Arnold Janssen. As members of the Society of the Divine Word, it is our primary duty to proclaim the Word of God to all, bringing new communities to foster growth and to promote communion among all the peoples. Hence, preaching the Word of God is the vital dimension of our mission and so we are challenged to have a renewed and relevant missionary approach to foster and inculcate a genuine humanitarian vision. To facilitate a renewed and relevant missionary approach, Fr. Y. James Raj SVD, the National Biblical Coordinator along with the biblical coordinators of other Indian SVD Provinces/region, by the guidance of Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Chairman for Biblical Apostolate, Inter-provincial Forum organized a three day live-in 'National Biblical Seminar' on the theme "To Know Jesus" at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad from February 21 to 23, 2013. The seminar was envisaged to be academically informative with inputs on new trends in biblical theology and contextual hermeneutics with pastoral, missiological and practical thrust. Fr. Dr. SavariRayan SVD, Fr. Victor Sagayam SVD and Mrs. Lourdu Mary, a lay woman actively involved in biblical apostolate were the resource persons. The resource persons presented well-prepared papers indicating the scriptural, pastoral and missiological implications in the context of the New Evangelization and the guidelines proposed in the Congregational Directions of XVII General Chapter. Papers were presented on the following themes; on Scriptural Realm - Do I know the one I Proclaim?, How can I know the one I Proclaim?, Models for biblical apostolate? Paul, his faith and my life, on Pastoral Realm - Jesus, the model for people-oriented priests and on Missiological Field -Sharing Faith in the New Aereopaghi of our Times. The seminar was well received and participated with full involvement and enthusiasm by 40 confreres from all Indian Provinces and Region. It was truly a time of renewal of love for the Word of God and zeal for mission to establish the reign of God.

ANNUAL SCHOOL DAY

St. Joseph's High School, Addanki celebrated its annual day filled with fun and frolic. Mr. N. Vijay Kumar, MEO, Addanki was the Chief Guest of the function

and he in his address exhorted the students to avail all the opportunities provided by the institution and grow as noble citizens of our country. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior and Fr. Bernard Mundapulam, the founder of the school were the guests of honour. Fr. Provincial appreciated the good services done by the teaching and non-teaching staff and urged teachers in his address to focus on the integral development of the students and not mere academic pursuit and further encouraged the students to strive towards growth and development. The students put up a wonderful cultural programme marking the school annual day celebrations. The chief guest and the guests of honour gave away the prizes to the toppers of different categories.

ANNUAL FEAST

The faithful of St. Joseph's Church, Sankavarapadu celebrated the annual parish feast on March 19, 2013 with splendor and devotion. The con-celebrated solemn festive Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Bali Reddy SVD, the DWSSS Director and Provincial Councilor. He preached an inspiring homily and exhorted the people to follow the footsteps of St. Joseph, the worker to live a happy and contented life. A good number of priests, religious, parishioners and devotees participated in this feast day celebration. The meaningful feast day celebration was concluded with a sumptuous fellowship meal that brought the parishioners together in unity and joy. I appreciate Fr. Maxim for his dedicated services in building up this parish community.

FINAL EVALUATION OF EIP

The Exposure-Immersion Programme (EIP), after the philosophical studies is one of the concrete ways of introducing the young confreres to the current concerns of the Society and thus integrating the Characteristic Dimension of the Society in our formation programme. This programme entails, basically getting out of one's narrow world and entering into the world of others. This year four Fratres were sent to our province for this exercise. They were given enough exposure in their own respective missions. Regular visits to the missions and proper evaluation at regular interval were part of the programme. The final evaluation was carried out on April 1- 2 in Arnold Bhavan which was coordinated by the Mission Secretary Fr. G. Lazar. Fr. Jesu, the Provincial Superior while thanking the Fratres for their valuable contribution to the province, asked them to continue and develop skills and tools of critical analysis and assessment of the socio-political and religious realities, and further respond creatively and constructively to the demands and challenges of the mission today. We whole heartedly thank Frts. Albert Toppo, Amit Tete, Shinoy Mathew and Roshan D'Souza for their contribution to the province and wish them every success in their theological pursuit in Pune. I wish to thank those missionaries who accompanied them in their journey of exposure and immersion programme and a special thanks to Fr. G. Lazar, the moderator of EIPs - INH, for his continuous accompaniment and guidance.

SEMINAR-CUM-WORKSHOP FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

Conscious of the growing importance of intercultural challenges promoted by the 17th General Chapter of the Society of the Divine Word, we need to reiterate our missionary mandate that all us are called to offer our own contribution in the field of New Evangelization. It is a process of renewal and conversion. We are called to evaluate our life and work and take new ways when necessary. Our Congregational Directives from the last chapter help us to put this conversion into action by asking us to reflect from both Ad Intra and Ad Extra. Hence, in its joint meeting of the Provincial Administration and District Superiors held on December 20, 2012, it was unanimously agreed to organize a Seminar-cum-Workshop for all the members of the Province (INH).

The theme of the seminar is: Intercultural Life and Challenges of Mission - its Problems and Prospects in the era of New Evangelization: A new look at the Mission of INH. The main focus of the seminar is to help us see whether our existing strategies enable us to respond to the evangelical demands of the current time. The objectives are to read the new challenges of mission today, renewing our SVD commitment to mission in the light of 17th General Chapter and to reorganize our

creative plans for mission in the year of faith. Fr. Roger Shroeder the President of Anthropos from Chicago (USA) will deliver the key-note address. Eminent scholars from Rome, and India will present papers and further will animate us to move from the strategy of maintenance to pastoral position that is truly missionary. The seminar-cum-workshop is scheduled for three full days that starts from August 6 to 8, 2013. This will be combined with the annual Province Missionary meeting. It is mandatory for every confrere to participate and be enriched by the seminar. I am pleased to inform that Fr. G. Lazar SVD, the Director of the department of Research and Dialogue has taken the initiative and responsibility to coordinate the programme.

NEW DIRECTORY

We shall be preparing the new directory - INH, 2013-14, therefore kindly inform the provincial secretary if there are any changes in your existing email Ids, Mobile Numbers and Birthdays.

VOLUNTARY EXCLAURATION

At the request of **Fr. Mary John SVD**, Rev. Fr. Superior General has granted Voluntary Exclauration to him for three years. We wish him God's Choicest blessings and guidance during this period of Voluntary Exclauration.

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSFERS

NAME	APPOINTMENT	PLACE
Fr. Suresh Madhavaram	Provincial Secretary	Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda
Fr. S. David Raj	Procurator & Farm in-charge	St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy
	-Procurator	St. Arnold's Matric. School, Trichy
Fr. A. John	Prefect	St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy
Bro. Varghese	Head Master	St. Arnold's Matric. School, Trichy
Fr. Lawrence Nelson	Asst. Parish Priest	Our Lady of Mercy Church, Sangareddy
	-Procurator & Teacher	St. Arnold's School, Sangareddy
Fr. S. Arockiadoss (Sr.)	Correspondent & Head Master	St. Arnold's School, Sangareddy
Fr. Vijay Bhaskar	Correspondent & Head Master	St. Mary's PSM H. School, Sadasivpet
Bro. Paulus Topno	Procurator & Teacher	St. Arnold's H. School, Toopran
Fr. Dominic Ekka	Hostel Warden & Teacher	Vidya Jyothi High School, Raigir
Fr. Manoj Kumar Lakra	K. G. in-charge & Teacher	St. Claire's H. School, Ramagundam
Fr. Cyril Doss	Asst. Director	Divine Mercy Centre, Habsiguda
Fr. Thomas Monteiro	Procurator	Nizampet Mission

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EIP ASSIGNMENTS

Fr. Arun Ekka	---	Nirmala Gardens, Shencottah
Fr. Sunil Santhosh Soreng	---	Janssen Social Centre, Pinapakka
Fr. Mobin Joseph Kalampel	---	Vidya Jyothi High School, Raigir
Fr. Sanjeev Kumar Bishoyi	---	St. Antony Leprosy Health Center, Jogipet
Fr. Y. Antony Francis	---	St. Mary's High School, Zaheerabad

HANDING OVER

I thank all of you for your magnanimity in accepting the various responsibilities. I wish every one of you the choicest blessings of God in your missionary endeavour. Further, I request everyone who relinquishes his office to hand over to the successor in the presence of the District Superiors/unit leaders. Please do make a clear inventory before handing over. **All appointments come into effect on or before June 05, 2013.**

Higher Studies/Renewal Course

Fr. Joy Joseph	- Dei Verbum Course, Nemi
Fr. Thomas Kavumkattayil	- Renewal Course, Nemi
Fr. R. Soosai	- Renewal Course, Nemi
Fr. A. Anthuvan Rozario	- B.Ed, Chennai
Fr. A. Wilson Sagayaraj	- Licentiate in Scripture, Rome
Fr. Robert Fernandes	- Masters in Counseling, Manila

Birthdays

May	June
01 Vattamattom	03 Francis Sammanasu
02 Anandaraj	05 Augustine Karamel
03 Bhaskar	07 Robert Fernandes
10 A. Dominic & Bro. Varghese	09 Sagayaraj P.
15 Benny	10 Bali Reddy
18 Venance	25 M. Arockiasamy
25 Chalamana	26 Pasala George
27 Santhuraja	30 Pious Thomas & Thomas Monteiro
29 Manoj	
30 Luke	

MY PROGRAMME

April 21	- Meeting of SVD Friends, Arnold Bhavan
April 21	- Jubilee Celebration of Fr. S. Devadass, Miayapur
April 23	- Divine Word Centre, Muthangi
April 24	- Prayer Centre, Viyayawada
May 01	- St. Ann of Providence, Hyderabad
May 3-5	- Seminar, Vadipatty
May 06	- Ordination of Deacon Panneer Selvam, Chennai
May 08	- Ordination of Deacon Muthu Selvam, Sindalachery
May 18	- First Profession, Charity Sisters, Bandlaguda
May 31	- Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet
June 2-3	- Prayer Group, Coimbatore
June 10-17	- Tamilnadu District

The Next Provincial Council meeting will be held on June 07, 2013 at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad.

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

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Fr. A. Jesu SVD
Provincial Superior - INH