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

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Being Committed!

Today, one of the factors that concerns most of the religious congregations is the decline of vocations to religious life. The number of vocations has come to a standstill in most of the European countries and in our country too, the situation looks bleak. Besides, the motivation of the students joining religious life and the rate of survival of the students at different stages of our formation also alarm us. In this regard, another issue which often gets bypassed is the commitment of those who are already religious. Addressing these growing concerns is an important mission in itself, as this would greatly impact our life as religious in the future.

There is also a sort of identity crisis, we, as religious, face today. The way we perceive and express ourselves and the way we are viewed by others have changed tremendously. Most of the ministries that we do are done by the lay people today. There are better charitable healthcare facilities and schools run by private establishments and there are people fighting for justice and peace expressly which as religious we are reluctant to do. In this scenario, we as religious need to discern, introspect and innovate to continue the mission of Jesus relevantly.

In the midst of these looming questions, the following question can show us the way ahead: "how do we follow Jesus and how can we follow him today in our own situations?" The answer to this question will inspire us to lead a committed religious life.

Commitment arises from profound personal experience of God and of life. This experience empowers one to remain committed in the face of disappointments, frustrations and failures. As religious, we all have experienced God deeply in our lives. One of the ways of remaining committed to our tasks, in spite of the challenges we face, is to relive the intense moments of our God-experience and refresh our actions. We are consecrated for communion and mission. May the Holy Spirit fill us with his gifts in these challenging times and let us look forward basing our life on the extraordinary experience of Christ. May this new academic year bring the blessings of God in abundance.

Mission Seminar : ***August 6-7, 2013***

Missionary Meeting : ***August 8, 2013***

Venue : ***Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad***



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The Great Feast of Pentecost at DWC - Muthangi



The great feast of Pentecost was celebrated on May 19, 2013 at Divine Word Centre, Muthangi with great devotion and solemnity. Two days of preparatory convention was held in order to prepare for the great event of Pentecost. Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the Arch Bishop of Hyderabad Diocese presided over the con-celebrated Holy Eucharist and blessed the newly constructed dining hall, sponsored by the faithful and Sri. Nandeshwar Goud, MLA Patancheru. Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH inaugurated the dining hall and released the Hymn book 'Aathma Sangamam'. Fr. Cyril Doss SVD preached an inspiring homily. There were around 10,000 faithful gathered from all over Andhra Pradesh to participate and receive abundance of blessing from God. We congratulate our confreres serving at Divine Word Centre, Muthagi for their commitment in leading the people to Christ our Savoir.

St. Anthony's Feast at Agarakattu

The parish feast of St. Antony of Padua Church, Agarakattu was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. V.K.S Arul Raj from Avudayanur Parish & the Secretary of the Priests Senate on June 01, 2013 by hoisting the flag. Thirteen days of novena prayers and different spiritual activities were conducted on different days in honour of St. Antony. On the 12th day, Rev. Fr. Jesu the Provincial

Superior celebrated the Holy Eucharist and preached an inspiring homily on the spirituality of love. Most. Rev. Jude Paulraj the Bishop of Palayamkottai, presided over the festive mass on June 13, 2013. Fr. Jesu, the Provincial Superior and a good number of priests, religious and faithful from neighboring parishes participated in this great event. We congratulate Frs. Anthu Joseph SVD, the parish priest and Amalnathan SVD for the well organized liturgical services and for their dedicated services at Agarakattu Parish.

Blessing and Inauguration of the Arch at Vadipatti Shrine



*"This is the day the Lord has made; we will
rejoice and be glad in it"*

The blessing of the 'Arockia Annai Arch' on May 11, 2013 marked another landmark in the history of the Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti. The shrine has become an abode of consolation and comfort for thousands of people. On this auspicious day, the Arch was blessed by Most. Rev. Dr. Durairaj SVD, the Bishop of Khandwa and Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH inaugurated it.

The Eucharistic celebration was presided over by the Bishop and Fr. Provincial preached an inspiring homily on christian faith. A good number of SVD confreres, religious and thousands of pilgrims and parishioners participated in the great event. A new audio CD 'Nandri

Amma' was released to mark this event. I sincerely thank all our confreres serving at the shrine for their hard work and commitment in making this dream a reality.

New Mission House at Oothu

The Long awaited Day, the day of 'Bhoomi Pooja' or 'Ground Breaking' dawned at Oothu on May 21, 2013. The foundation stone for 'SVD Oli Illam' that would give light to the people of Kodaikanal Hills was laid by Rev. Fr. A. Jesu SVD, the Provincial superior of INH Province, in the presence of good number of religious and faithful.

We congratulate Bro. Sammanusu Francis for his commitment and hard work and wish Gods Blessings on the new mission.

SVD, the main celebrant of the Holy Eucharistic celebration preached an inspiring homily on 'Service'. The programme was well organized and concluded with a felicitation ceremony and fellowship meal. We congratulate Fr. Arul Paulraj SVD, the Director of the Centre for his dedicated service.

Arnold's Association



New Social Service Centre at Malaiyadivaram



Social service at Malaiyadivaram was started by Fr. Carl Ritz SVD for the welfare of the widows of this area in 1978. Now, the social work centre with renewed commitment namely St. Arnold Janssen Social Service Centre is born at Malayadivaram, to primarily focus on the education of the poor children and the empowerment of women in and around Trichy as well as in the mission areas of Tamilnadu. Rev. Fr. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH blessed and inaugurated the Centre on May 24, 2013 amidst a good number of SVD priests, religious, laity and well-wishers. Fr. Jesu



The question of "lay collaboration or participation" in our mission has been a matter of reflection and discussion since several General Chapters. This dream of our founder got realized only in the 17th General Chapter where a landmark resolution was passed by officially recognizing Lay Association Groups. Subsequently a clear mandate was given to all the Provinces to follow the directives of the General Chapter. Our Province initiated one such movement for the Ex-Seminarians in Tamil Nadu with the name: "SVD-Fraternity". In the similar seam another association is formed for the Ex-SVDs residing in Andhra Pradesh. On April 21, 2013, Fr. G. Lazar, the Mission Secretary of our Province with the support of

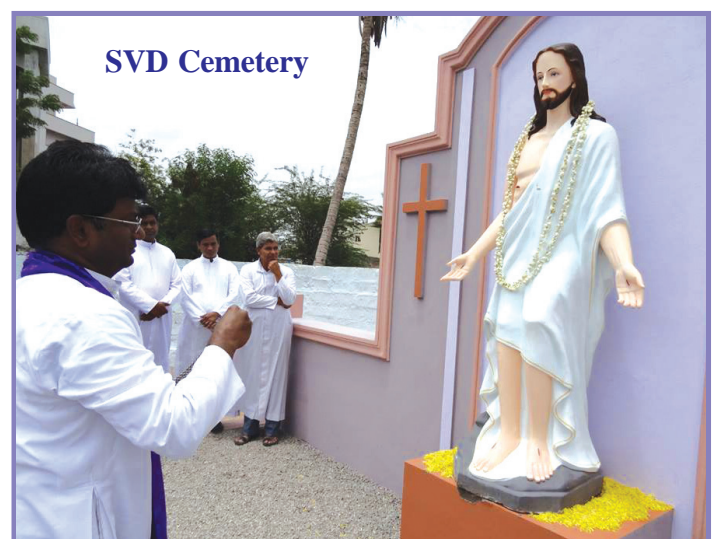
Fr. Provincial organized a meeting for all the Ex-SVDs of Andhra Pradesh ably guided by Fr. Bali Reddy, Fr. Anand Nagothu and Fr. Bala Prasad. Over 28 friends participated in the meeting that started at 10.30 A.M and ended around 4 P.M. The General Body Meeting was presided by Fr. A. Jesu, the Provincial Superior with three objectives: First of all how can we net-work with each other as one family, secondly, how to help the Divine Word Missionaries in their missionary endeavours, and finally, how to launch out to direct missionary activities in collaboration with the Divine Word Missionaries. The over-all thrust of the discussion was to bring about a lay expression or actualization of the charism of our Founder in our apostolates. The members chose to call themselves as members of “Arnold’s Association”. A group of five was elected to be on the Executive Team, and a team of five was chosen to be volunteers. Later Fr. Provincial who celebrated the Holy Eucharist invited the participants to prepare to play appropriately the role of a lay missionary in building up of the Church with the vision of our founder Saint Arnold Janssen. The meeting concluded with lunch and a photo session. The group expressed a special word of thanks to Fr. Anand the Rector of Arnold Bhavan for his generous typical SVD-hospitality and benevolence.

The second General Body Meeting of the Arnold’s Association was held in Arnold Bhavan on June 9, 2013. The members worked out the Vision-Mission and Action Plan for the Association for the period of three years. Later an appropriate logo was also released by the Provincial Superior Fr. A. Jesu. To mark the historical occasion five saplings were planted around Arnold Bhavan by the Provincial Administration and the members of AA. Four more new members joined AA.

The First Death Anniversary & Blessing of the New SVD Cemetery



The first death anniversary of Rev. Fr. Joseph Puthumana SVD was commemorated at Ramachandrapuram on June 16, 2013. Fr. Joseph Puthumana, one of the four pioneers of SVD Andhra Mission has occupied an enviable place in the history of the Indian SVDs. Most Rev. Raphael Cheenath SVD, was the principal celebrant of the Holy Eucharistic celebration. He praised the services of Fr. Joseph rendered to the SVD society and to the people of Andhra Mission. Rev. Fr. Jesu SVD, the Provincial Superior - INH revered him as a great Missionary with a clear vision. The newly constructed SVD Cemetery was blessed by Rev. Fr. Jesu SVD. Good number of SVDs, relatives of Fr. Joseph Puthumana and the faithful were present for the occasion.



Silver Jubilee at Miyapur

Jubilee is a time to thank God for the innumerable gifts, blessings and opportunities that one has received in our missionary religious life. Fr. Devadoss SVD, the Silver Jubilarian celebrated his Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee at Miyapur Parish on April 21, 2013, Rev. Fr. Jesu SVD, the Provincial superior - INH along with many SVDs, religious, and faithful participated in this great event. We are grateful to God for the gift of Fr. Devadass SVD and we appreciate and acknowledge the generous services and contributions he has made to the Province. May God continue to bless him abundantly.

EIPS IN OUR PROVINCE

We heartily thank **Frts. Roshan D' Souza, Albert Toppo, Shinoy Mathew, and Amit Tete** for their laudable services that they had rendered to the Province during the academic year 2012-13. And this year, we are delighted to have **Frts. Arun Ekka, Sunil Santhosh Soreng, Mobin Joseph Kalampel, Sanjeev Kumar Bishoyi, and Y. Antony Francis** in our Province. They began their EIP with a day of Orientation by **Fr. Lazar SVD**, the moderator of the EIPs- INH and **Fr. Bali Reddy**. Later they were also taken to the missions and

introduced to various ministries in the Province. Hearty welcome to you all dear fraters, and have a pleasant and fruitful exposure to immerse yourself in the mission.

*We make an annual retreat of at least five full days.
(Con.409.2)*

"For their own growth and development as religious missionary priests and brothers, confreres are encouraged to make a retreat annually". (Hand book for superiors B4, 1.3)

PROVINCE ANNUAL RETREAT

Date : October 13 – 18, 2013

Preacher : Rev. Fr. Raja Donthi SDB

Place : Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda

National Assembly for Brothers

The National Assembly of Brothers will be held at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad in August 2013. I request all the brothers from our Province to participate in it.

Arrival : August 22, 2013

Assembly : August 23-24, 2013

Departure : August 25, 2013

Venue : Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda, Hyderabad

OUR SCHOOLS' SSC RESULTS

School	Appeared	Passed	Highest grade/mark
St. Joseph's High School, Patancheru	175	166	9.8
St. Arnold's High School, R. C. Puram	105	102	9.8
St. Arnold's High School, Medarametla (E/M)	55	55	9.8
St. Arnold's High School, Medarametla (T/M)	28	27	9.2
Vidya Jyothi High School, Raigir	40	39	9.3
St. Mary's PSM High School, Sadashivpet	83	81	9.8
St. John De Britto High School, Kadavendi	54	52	9.5
St. Arnold's High School, Toopran	21	18	8.8
St. Claire's High School, Ramagundam	113	112	9.8
St. Ann's High School, BHEL	171	152	9.8
Jyothi Vidyalaya High School BHEL	111	108	9.5
St. Arnold's Matriculation School, Trichy	06	06	466/500

We congratulate all our Confreres and the staff who serve in our Schools and appreciate their dedication and hard work

Appointments

★ **Fr. A. Siluvai** is appointed staff member at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti.

★ The Provincial Council has given permission to **Fr. C. Irudayaraj** SVD to teach in a private B.Ed. College in the Diocese of Salem, Tamilnadu and he will belong to Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti.

★ **Fr. Anand Raj** SVD is given permission by the Provincial Council to pursue his Doctoral Studies (English) at Pondicherry University, and he will belong to St. Arnold's House, Singampunari. He will also assist in the ministries at the Centre.

Appointments of District/House Council members

★ **Fr. Alwin Mascarenhas** SVD- Second Councilor, Raigir District.

★ **Fr. David** SVD - House Council member, St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy.

★ **Fr. N. Anand** SVD – House Council member, Brothers Formation House, Alwal.

Congratulations

Hearty Congratulations to **Frs. Anthuvan Rosario** SVD, for successfully completing M.Sc. Mathematics with Distinction and **Thomas Monteiro** SVD M.A. Sociology securing second rank in the University.

Best wishes

Frs. Robert Fernandes and **A. Wilson Sagayaraj** have left for Manila and Rome respectively for their higher studies and we wish them every success and God's blessings.

Fr. George Muthanatt to INM

Rev. Fr. Superior General has transferred **Fr. George Muthanatt** SVD from INH to INM Province on health ground. We thank him wholeheartedly for all his services in INH Province and wish him God's abundant blessings in his ministry in INM.

New Mobile Numbers:

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Fr. Thomas Monteiro	-	8332857447
Fr. Davidraj	-	9843493237
Fr. A. Siluvai	-	9003808273
Bro. Varghese	-	7708047886
Bro. Paulus Topno	-	8142653524
Fr. Kingston	-	8332061974
Fr. M. Suresh	-	9177974292

Reminder

If any one likes to make any change or correction in the Province Directory or in the Catalogus, you may send your corrections to **Fr. Suresh** SVD, the Provincial Secretary at the earliest.

Birthdays

July	August
04 - Thomas Akkara	03 - R. Antonysamy
07 - Suresh Madhavaram	09 - Lawrence Bose
20 - Dominic Ekka	10 - Joseph Babu
22 - Mascarenhas Alwin	15 - Paul Jeyakumar
27 - S. David Raj	23 - S. Jeyaraj
30 - James Raj Y	30 - Felix Roche

MY PROGRAMME

June 22	-	Jyothi Niketan, Narasaraopet
June 23 - 25	-	Guntur District
June 26	-	Brothers' Formation House, Alwal
June 29	-	Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Janagaon
July 02 - 12	-	Tamil Nadu District and Trichy unit
July 13 -14	-	APCRI meeting, Begumpet
August 06 - 08	-	Seminar & Missionary Meeting, Arnold Bhavan
August 23 - 24	-	National Assembly of SVD Brothers, Arnold Bhavan

The next Provincial Council meeting will be held on July 27, 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

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