



## PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR – INH

*“In your light we see light, light leading to life”*

- INH Vision



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### Mary's Birth, a Consequential Happening in the History of the World

In a few days' time the world, especially the Christian World is gearing up to celebrate the nativity of our Blessed Mother. Her birth is significant because it came as dawn for the dark world which was engulfed in darkness over more than four centuries. The God's chosen people who were privileged to listen to the voice of the Lord through different sources were kept in silence and anxiety. Mary's birth comes as a dawn before the Sun could rise to bring light into the world. Mary was also likened to the morning star as that was the star that shone brightly before the sunlight could pierce the world.

We honour Mary not only because she was destined to be the mother of our Saviour right from the conception, but more so because she constantly listened to the voice of the Lord and surrendered to it wholeheartedly. She did not meekly surrender. She did question but she embraced the will of God, after knowing that it will be the work of the Holy Spirit, with the words, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your Word. Her life was lived as an act of faith, of trust, of generous abandon to the dictates of the Holy Spirit. It was a constant journey into the unknown, but always in obedience to the will of God. The flight into Egypt, the years of living in exile, the constant uprooting and replanting, the journey to Jerusalem, the agony at the foot of the cross were some of the highlights of her surrender to the will of God

“The Magnificat is Mary's song of praise to God. It is also a window into her life of faithful and courageous discipleship. Mary was anything but a withdrawn, uncommitted, indifferent person and a mere pushover. Mary was committed to justice, to compassion, to rising up the fallen, caring for the uncared for, loving the unloved.”

Mary acted in solidarity with the afflicted. She was not insensitive or uninterested in the plight of the needy, the poor and the troubled. Thus, for example, at the wedding of Cana, it was Mary who refused to be the neutral bystander. She could have chosen not to be involved. But Mary showed us an example of advocating on behalf of others. She stood up and spoke the word of hope for them. Her attitude was one of deep empathy and compassion. Mary engaged the people and pleaded with Jesus on their behalf. She acted in solidarity with the afflicted and demonstrated her tremendous faith and love.

‘Let us rejoice together, that the birth of Mary has brought new hope for all of us, that as we gaze on her, we see through her, the coming of our salvation in her Son’. No wonder our **Founder Fr. Arnold** chose this day as the foundation day for our Society as we too are to carry this Word, proclaim it, live by it, by being committed to Justice, solidarity, advocacy and compassion. May our Mother Mary's fiat and our Founder's vision empower us and lead us into the ever-challenging world.

**From the INH Leadership**

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## INH Missionary Meeting 2022

The annual Missionary meeting of INH was held on 9<sup>th</sup> August at Arnold Bhavan. Due to pandemic and its debilitating effects, we could not hold such gathering in the past two years. Sixty six confreres attended the Meeting and participated enthusiastically in the deliberations. After the prayer service a detailed province report was submitted to the members of the Province. It was followed by the directors of the four characteristic dimensions with a report of different activities conducted. They also shared the envisaged future plans. In the next two sessions a detailed discussion took place on the consolidated report of the district findings on the forth coming General Chapter theme. This was done in view of preparing a province report to be sent to the Generalate. A healthy discussion took place among the confreres as the theme is pertinent to the present times and for future planning. The only disappointment was the inability of the Cardinal Elect to celebrate the Eucharist with us as he was indisposed. But we had a community mass which was followed by the fellowship dinner. Good number of confreres spent long time over the table sharing, exchanging views, pulling each other and enjoying the brotherhood and friendship.



## DWES General Body Meeting and Governing Body Meeting

The DWES annual General Body Meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Arnold Bhavan. Fr. Ambrose Beck, the DWES Secretary called for the meeting and had prepared a meaningful agenda. Almost everyone was present. After a brief report from the Principals, since a new normalcy has arrived in our schools, a stock taking situation was held to assess and plan for the better governance of the schools.



Both President of DWES and the Treasurer addressed the gathering with certain concerns to put some more order in our school especially in the administration and in the Governance of the temporal goods. All the schools have been brought under the pay scale so that a better pay and continuity is ensured. In the afternoon the Governing Body of the DWES gathered to pass the proposed the budget along with the pay scales approval. We appreciate all the principals and treasurers of our schools for their commitment and hard work. It is becoming ever challenging to run schools. We do need to prepare more personnel to get into this demanding ministry.

### Parish Feast at St. Alphonsa Church, MIG

The annual feast of St. Alphonsa, our patroness was celebrated in an atmosphere of devotion and gaiety on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 at MIG-BHEL parish, Hyderabad. The parish wore a festive look on this day. The chief celebrant of the annual parish feast was His Eminence Cardinal designate Most Rev. Dr. Poola Anthony, the Archbishop of Hyderabad, concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Santhu Raj, SVD, the Provincial Superior of India-Hyderabad Province and other priests from the missions. The parish choir gave a spiritual treat to every one's ear with their spirit lifting hymns in 5 different languages viz. English, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi. His Eminence Cardinal designate administered the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion to 31 children of our parish.

In his homily His Eminence highlighted that St. Alphonsa led a life of fervent faith which helped to live life dedicated to God, and pray saying "I need only my Jesus and nothing else." He also said that St. Alphonsa was known as a woman who contributed a lot for the cause of the Girl child and Women.

There was a felicitation programme during which his Eminence created a bond and family atmosphere among us. Over 350 people enjoyed the sumptuous fellowship meal served after mass which was well arranged by the parish council. There was much laughter and joy in the air with people wishing each other, 'Happy Feast'. The entire mass proceedings went very smooth, and it is a testimony to the prayerful preparations made by the council members and the youth of the parish. Overall, the feast celebrations made a memorable and a wonderful experience for all present.

Congratulation to Fr. Devadass, the Parish Priest for all the hard work and arrangements.





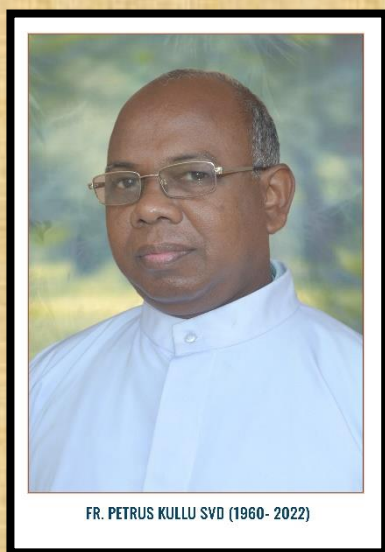
## Sub zone provincial's meeting at Pune

The India Subzone provincials and Regional gathered together in DWS Pune for a day on 4<sup>th</sup> August. This was primarily to address the Fratres of the third-year theology. Since we came together it was also spent as an occasion to plan for the forthcoming formation board meeting as well as the IPF meeting. We had meaningful discussions on some pertinent issues at this meeting. In the evening we jointly addressed the Fratres giving a bird's eye view of our respective provinces.

## Formator's Workshop at Indore

A two days' workshop was arranged by the subzone formation secretary Fr. Thomas Malipurathu SVD for all the formators working in our formation houses in India Subzone. It was organized in two batches at Snehalaya, Indore. All our formators in our four formation houses attended the workshop and expressed happiness as this would help them in their work. We thank Fr. Thomas Malipurathu for making all the arrangements.

## India Subzone loses one of its Provincial Superiors.



FR. PETRUS KULLU SVD (1960- 2022)

With shock and dismay all of us received the news of the demise of the Fr. **Petrus Kullu SVD** the Provincial Superior of INE. Every one hoped against hope that a miracle would take place and that he would recover. But the Lord had different plans. Fr. Ambrose Beck and I attended the funeral on 20<sup>th</sup> at Jharsuguda. It was attended by three bishops, all the subzone provincials and Regional and with a large number of confreres, sisters and lay people. He was laid to rest after the solemn mass at Shanti Bhavan cemetery. May his soul rest in peace. We also convey our condolences to all the confreres of INE and to the near and dear ones of Fr. Petrus.

## Province Annual Retreat

Our annual retreat will be held at Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad from Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. We have a commitment to the province that we will attend the province retreat at least once in two years. We can join every year also. It is also mandatory that we make an annual retreat of five days in a year. I request all confreres to attend retreat in the province. If you are not attending the province retreat then let me know in writing when and where you are going to make your annual retreat. **Fr. Tony Menezes SVD**, the director of Atma Dharsan, Andheri Mumbai is our Preacher. **Kindly register your names with Fr. Suresh Madhavaram, the Rector of Arnold Bhavan for the retreat.**



## Official announcement of the General Visitation to INH province

Very Rev. Fr. Superior General, in his letter dated 19 July 2022, has announced the official Visitors for INH from 01-21 August 2023. **Fr. Eryk Jan Koppa** and **Bro. Carlos Jose Ferrada Montero** will be our visitors. We thank Fr. General for the announcement and welcome both the visitors to INH next year. We shall update you gradually the other details in the coming months.

## Youth Seminar held at Manalmedu

A one day seminar was conducted on 21-08-2022 for the youth of Punitha Peria Nayagi Annai Church, Manalmedu. It was a daylong seminar on the theme Who Am I? The sessions' approaches were purely psychological and spiritual. Individuals were given attention and guided to handle their personal struggles and face the problems with courage. Fr. Jeevaraj SVD, who is a trained Psychologist, was the main resource person to guide the youth. The participants expressed happiness and requested the parish priest to organize such programmes regularly. We congratulate **Fr. Anandaraj** for his initiative and enthusiasm to organize such life giving programmes.





## Migration activities in INH

**These are the various Activities that are conducted during the Rainy Season:**

### **Visiting the families of the migrants:**

Migration ministry is one of the important priorities of our society and I have already started my ministry with full zeal and enthusiasm. Every Saturday and Sunday I visit the migrant families. Some families are nearby and some are very far.



### **Educational help to the Children of the Migrants:**

Because of their economic condition parents are not able to pay the school fees of their children. And adding to that condition every year schools are increasing the fees. We provided some educational help and stationery items for their better studies, but this is not enough. *This year Rs. 6000/- each is paid to 25 migrant children for their school fees.*



### **Summer Camp for the Children:**

To develop the self confidence in children and to increase the competitive spirit and also to know the world better. *This year we have conducted summer camp for the Migrant Children at Arnold Bhavan. Children had a good time.*





### **Food Distribution for Poor Migrants:**

Sometimes some of the poor migrants go hungry because they don't have enough money to meet their family needs. *During this Rainy season we have distributed some food items and groceries to 35 Migrant families.* I think it's a good gesture of mercy and we will continue to provide food items and groceries for these people very specially those who are in need.



### **Reaching out to their Spiritual Needs:**

Some of the migrants are Catholics; so to strengthen their spiritual needs, every Sunday I conduct Adoration, confession and Eucharistic Celebration in Hindi. They come from different arias and participate in these spiritual activities. I believe, even though they are far from their homes, families and near and dear once, these activities unite them together and strengthens them. We conducted many programs for the Migrant Families at Boligudem Church, Hyderabad.



### **Medical Camps for the Migrants:**

Some of the migrants are not staying in healthy atmosphere and some are in the slums. This is not hygienic for them, most of the time people fall sick and those who are able to afford money go to the hospitals but others cannot. Therefore, we conducted Medical Camp at Munganoor, Telangana, during this rainy season in one of the slums where migrants are living.





## Ongoing Formation Seminar is planned.

As part of our Ongoing Formation a seminar is planned for Confreres above the age group of 50 in November at Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti. It is planned for three days, (November 15, 16 17). Arrival is on 14<sup>th</sup> and departure will be after tea on 17<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Bali Reddy, INH Mission secretary will coordinate and organize the seminar. All the confreres in this age group (50 and above) kindly mark these days to attend this ongoing formation programme and be enriched personally and spiritually. More details will be given by the Mission secretary in course of time.

## Seminar for treasurers in the province

As announced in the Missionary meeting there will be a seminar cum workshop for all the procurators of our institutions, schools and parishes for two days. This is very important as changes are happening and announced on a daily basis by the Government. Attendance is compulsory for all the treasurers. Others, (Parish priests, Rectors and principals), are also welcome to attend. **It will be on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October immediately after the retreat.** Auditors would update us with the latest developments in the financial matters and FCRA. It is good that you come with your laptops in which tally programme is installed (as far as possible). Those who arrive only for this workshop need to be here by 8<sup>th</sup> morning. All can leave on 9<sup>th</sup> evening.

INH Administration wishes everyone a very happy  
 Birthday of our Mother Mary and  
 a delightful 147<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Foundation Day.  
 May God bless us all





## My Programme

### September

- 02-----Annual Sports Day, St. Arnold's Matriculation High School, Trichy.
- 03-----Mass on Ist Saturday during the Novena days at Arockia Annai Shrine, Vadipatti.
- 05-----Visit to Shencottah.
- 06-----Visit to Anaimalai.
- 07-----Visit to Pachampalayam.
- 08-----Feast Day Celebrations at Vadipatti and Trichy.
- 10-----Visit to Chennai Communities.
- 12-----Blessing of Water plant, Mass at Rudrasamudram.
- 14-23-----Annual Subzone Meetings at Jharsuguda.
- 21-----Provincial Council Meeting at Jharsuguda.
- 24-----Mass at Trimulgherry.

### October

- 02-07-----**Province Annual Retreat**, Arnold Bhavan.
- 08-09 -----Treasurers' Workshop/seminar at Arnold Bhavan.
- 12-----Visit to Edulla Bayyaram.
- 13-----Visit to Kadavendi.
- 14-----Visit to Raigir.
- 22-24-----SSpS Provincial Chapter INS, Bangalore.
- 25-----Meeting the young Priests of INH at St. Charles Seminary, Trichy.
- 26-----Visit to Singampunary.
- 30-----Feast Day Mass at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Miyapur.







# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

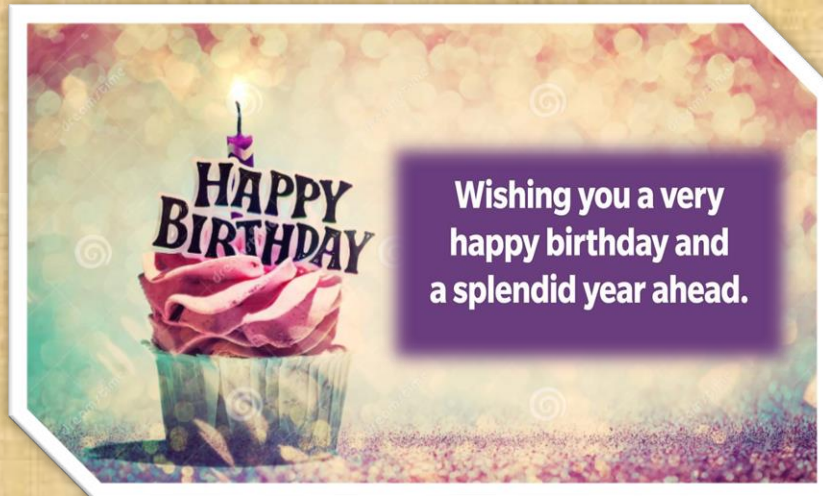


## SEPTEMBER

10 – Bandanadham Jojappa  
12 - Francis Reddy  
19 – Maxim Fernandes  
20 – V. Stanislaus  
21 – Samir Barwa  
28 – Joe Faustin  
28 – S. Valan

## OCTOBER

10 – Rajesh Soreng  
10 – Eugene Manickam  
12 – Jyothi Raju  
15 – Antony Joseph  
19 – Florence  
23 – Adaikala Raj



Fr. I. Santhuraja SVD

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