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St. Arnold Janssen and
St. Joseph Freinademetz

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January, a month of our Saints

We celebrated the feast of St. Arnold Janssen our Founder, Father and Leader on 15th January and we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph Freinademetz on 29th. Not only we remember, honor and celebrate their feast days, but we are motivated and inspired by their exemplary lives. Both are heroes who operated on a higher level of consciousness trying to embrace all the people of the world. St. Arnold was a person who visualized and believed in the transformation of the world



with WORD, finding an opportunity amidst troubled times, reading the signs of the time and longing of the people to embrace religious life and priesthood, founded the Society of the Divine Word, Sisters Servants of the Holy spirit and Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration, discerning the will of God which has now spread to all over the world. A man who could think beyond his boundaries. It is an invitation to us to go beyond our little boundaries and embrace sodality by partnering well with our co-missionary's/mission partners.

St. Joseph Freinademetz was able to discover and love deeply the greatness of culture of the people to whom he had been sent. He dedicated his life to proclaiming the Gospel, the message of God's love for humanity and incarnating this love in the communion of the Chinese people. He was a man who crossed over all the cultures and embraced a new culture. At times we too are wedged with our own cultures and find hard to stretch our boundaries beyond our cultural limits.

Khalil Gibran shares some profound wisdom on overcoming our fears and letting go of our ego and duality, merging and becoming one with the supreme consciousness.



It is said that before entering the sea, a river trembles with fear. She looks back at the path she has travelled, from the peaks of the mountains, long winding roads crossing forests and villages and in front of her she sees an ocean, so vast that to enter there seems nothing more than, to disappear forever. But there is no other way, the river cannot go back. Nobody can go back. To go back is impossible in existence. The river needs to take the risk of entering the ocean because only then will the fear disappear because that is where the river will know it is not about disappearing into the ocean but of becoming the ocean.

As members of the Divine Word Society, we are called to become that which we are destined for, knowing well, there is no possibility of going back but to become one with the people we live and work acquiring a higher level of integrity. We need to take along our past experiences while we move ahead with creativity and journeying towards our optimum potential.

Both St. Arnold Janssen and St. Freinadementz were persons who operated on a very high level of consciousness seeing the reality from a much wider perspective. January, the first month of the year sets right platform to take fresh look at ourselves and make decisions and resolutions which are enabling, impacting and growth promoting.

We celebrate the martyrdom day of the Father of our Nation Mahatma Gandhi on 30th of this month. He is another inspirational person for all us who lived with very high level of consciousness who could go beyond the barriers of all differences and liberated from within.

May these great men empower us to be persons of difference with a higher level of consciousness.



LIVE IN SEMINAR

A Live in Seminar was organized for the confreres of INC Province, age wise in two batches as recommended by the last Provincial Chapter 2021, to foster fellowship and community spirit, from January 17-23, 2022. The first batch comprised of confreres of age group 55 plus and the second batch below 55 years of age. About 70% of the confreres of the province participated in the seminar. Fr. M.C Abraham, a noted counselor and Psycho Therapist was the resource person. He dealt with key areas of our personal life stressing on the need to live an integrating life. The seminar began with gaining insights on how to expand our horizons by making our boundaries flexible, the process of meaning making in one's life, how to co-construct new paradigms to greatness rather than being a mediocre. To the senior group, he stressed on the aspect of gracefully aging and the consequent going down and the need to grow down in reflectiveness and wisdom. His insights on the phases of community making was very inspirational. Other areas he dealt with are Skills to handle conflicts, emotional intelligence and evolution of consciousness. All the participants appreciated the sessions and had a lot of interaction with the resource person.



Superior General's Visit to Indore

Rev. Fr. Paulus Budi Kleden SVD has kindly consented to make a visit to our province from April 18 to 27th, 2022. Father General will be also visiting INE and INH provinces. Fr. General will grace the silver jubilee of the Divine Word Center, the SVD seminary on St. Thomas Mount, Chennai on May 10, 2022. I request all the confreres to organize your holiday plan after the visit of Fr. General.



Blessing of St. Joseph's home, Palda

The visit of Fr. General is a grace filled occasion for the Province. The Provincial council has decided to bless the St. Joseph's home (old age home) at Palda on April 25, 2022. There is a lot of work to be completed. Let us wish and pray that we will be able to complete the work by this date.

Archbishop Sebastian Durairaj SVD is felicitated in Seva Sadan, Indore.

It was a glorious day on January 15, 2022, the newly installed Archbishop A.A. S. Durairaj made his maiden visit to St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore. The confreres in Indore together felicitated Bishop Durairaj for his elevation as the Archbishop and wished his God's abundant blessings to Shepherd the Archdiocese of Bhopal and to guide the entire MP Region discerning the will of God.



Appointment of Fr. John Paul SVD as the Director of SEDOS, Rome

The Superior General and his team had nominated the name of Fr. Dr. John Paul Herman SVD as one of the candidates to be appointed as the Director of SEDOS, Rome. With the letter dated January 15, Fr. Peter Baekelmans, the present director of SEDOS informed the General about the appointment of Fr. John Paul as the Director by the SEDOS Executive committee. SEDOS, a research organization is an Inter Congregational Center. We congratulate Fr. John Paul for this important appointment and wish him God's abundant blessings. He will have to reach Rome in April, 2022.



Congratulations to Fr. Jobin and Fr. Deepak

We congratulate Fr. Jobin who was ordained on December 30, 2021 at his home parish Vellaramkunnu, Kerala and Fr. Deepak Wilson, ordained on January 5, 2021 in Mulki, Mangalore. Many SVD confreres and fraters were present for the ordinations. We welcome both the new priests to our Province and wish them a fulfilling ministry in INC.



Bestowal of Mission Cross

We congratulate and wish all the best for missionary life to Fr. Sagar Babu SVD and Fr. Kulandhai Yesuraja SVD as they received Mission Cross on the Feast day of St. Joseph Freinademetz during Holy Mass at Seva Sadan, Indore on January 29, 2022.



Welcome to Deacon Alister Gomes SVD



The Superior General and his council with its letter dated 21, January 2022 has assigned Frt. Gomes Alister Clifphen svd to INC Province. Since there were only 12 Fraters to receive first assignment, all the Provinces and Region received only one each confrere. We wholeheartedly welcome Deacon Alister Gomes to our Province. He will arrive for his diaconate ministry in the month of August 2022.

SSpS gets a new Congregational Leadership team



After waiting for two years two years due to the pandemic, the SSpS General Chapter is underway in Rome. The Chapter has elected the new Congregational leadership team. We Congratulate our sisters for the new team and pray that the Holy Spirit may inspire and guide the new team to discern God's will in leading the Congregation.

INC Condoles the death Fr. Peter Maloney SVD



Fr. Peter Maloney SVD born in Ireland, was ordained a priest in 1953, was assigned to Indore mission. He began his missionary journey as the assistant to Fr. Henry Kettler in Jhabua and the first chapel in Anthonpura was constructed by him. After a few years in Jhabua Father was appointed at the parish priest of Dhani. His next appointment was to establish a mission at Rajgarh, presently in Jhabua Diocese. He purchased the land and built up the entire mission. His next appointment was at Catholic Ashram Palda. He returned to Ireland in 1978 to continue his services in his home country. Many of our senior confreres were taught and formed by him. We deeply condole the death of this great missionary to our Province and pray that his soul rejoices in the eternal aboard of God.



Divya Vani, Bhopal organizes one-day seminar for youth

Divya Vani Bhopal organized a one-day seminar for the youth of St. Antony's Parish Dwarka Nagar, Bhopal. The seminar included a training on how to enthrone the Bible at home, Christian life and its challenges and Synod on Synodality. The seminar was concluded with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We congratulate Fr. Savari Rayan for his initiative.



St. Arnold's Grotto and Garden at Dahod

The blessing of St. Arnold's grotto and garden at Dahod was held on January 16, 2022. Fr. Paul Raj SVD reports 'It is right time to thank God for his immense providence and love that shadowed upon the St. Stephen's school, Dahod. With the grace of God, the St. Stephen's School has inaugurated the grotto of St. Arnold and St. Arnold's Garden on 16 January 2022. It was a dream come true moment for the children of St. Stephen's School, having a



space for their leisure and enjoyment. The grotto was blessed by Fr. Sania Surain SVD soon after the feast day mass in the presence of Fr. George Bhuria SVD the parish priest, Fr. Maria Paulraj SVD the principal, Br. Jose M.J SVD, Sr. Euphrasia SSpS the Headmistress and all the parishioners. We thank the Lord for his gracious gift of this Grotto and the Garden. We also remember the contributions of all the people to make this dream come true. We pray to God through the intercession of St. Arnold may the Students of St. Stephen's School make use of this space as soon as possible'. We congratulate Fr. Paul Raj SVD and the entire staff of Dahod community for this noble venture.

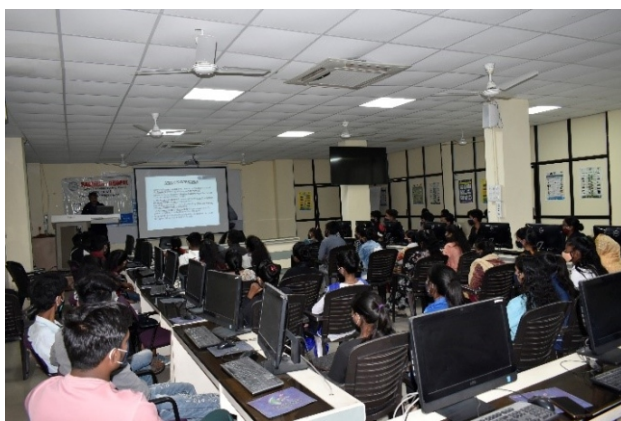


Distribution of food materials for Covid affected families in Jhalod

After having sensed the suffering of people caused by the Corona Pandemic in the villages under the care of Catholic Church, Jhalod, over 600 packets of food materials worth 1750 were distributed irrespective of caste or creed. Catholic Church Jhalod has been at the service of Bhil tribal people for nearly 50 years. Ever since the mission was established, the SVD personnel were in close contact with number of villages doing philanthropic activities. Numerous children are educated over the past many years through the boys and girls hostels at Jhalod. To provide better education to the surrounding people, St. Arnold's English medium school has been established a few years ago. We congratulate Fr. Adaikalaswamy SVD and his team for providing food material kits to the poor to alleviate the suffering of people due to Covid -19 pandemic.

News from SAMMAN

AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON CYBER CRIME AND CYBER SAFETY IN CYBER CELL - BHOPAL



SAMMAN BHOPAL Organized an Awareness Programme on Cyber Crime and Cyber Safety in Cyber Cell of Bhopal. There were about 60 Youth from 6 different Centers were part of this Awareness Programme. The resource person DIG of Cyber Cell Bhopal and his Team explained various relevant aspects of Cyber Crime.



The objective of the Awareness Programme was to enlighten the Youth about Cyber Crime and Cyber Frauds thus, can be conscious about probable occurrences of crimes and also be capable of making the communities aware about it. Resource person DIG of Cyber Cell Discussed concerning, Positive and Negative sides of Cyber Crime with a case study related to Slum Youth. He also made aware how the crimes happen through Social Networking Sites, Such as, Online Frauds and Banking frauds Through Mobiles, Cyber Bullying, Fake Id's in social networking sites, etc. can victimize anyone across. They further dialogued upon anyone is duped through Cyber offenses; the Cyber Crime Cell expounded how to file the FIR and the procedures. Finally, Safety Measures for the use of Mobile and Social Networking Sites were Meticulously Explained. The Awareness program was very enlightening as the youth became more aware about the material world and the consequences correlated to the enslavement of Cyber World. Largely the Awareness Programme was very instructive, informative, and appropriate for all the Youth.

EDUCATIONAL EXPOSURE VISIT FOR THE SLUM CHILDREN

SAMMAN Bhopal Organized an Educational Exposure Visit for the Bridge Course and Tuition Center children along with Animators and Teachers from 10 different centers was carried out to the Regional Museum of Natural History Bhopal. There were about 200 children from across the centers participate in the Exposure Visit.



Director of the Museum welcomed the children and discussed on how to take the accountability in preserving the Natural History which is our rich inheritance. There were inputs on controlling the various pollutions and this influence the Plants and animals. Children were also made aware about the deadly Chemical Composition of Pesticides through videos which make all the living beings sick and damages our nature and thus, does not make us live in peace. The children were considerate to all the conversations and raised relevant questions which made the dialogues more energetic. Since the Educational Exposure Visit was unique for many Children, they were keen to see around the Museum and took note of all the relevant aspects as part of their learning. The entire Visit was productive and significant.



STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

A stakeholders' meeting was held at SAMMAN to have network with other NGOs, and government departments. There were about 60 representatives. They were given the glance of SAMMAN activities and undertakings with a short



PowerPoint presentation and details of assistance to the segment of people. The meeting continued appreciating stakeholders' involvement and concern for the work that SAMMAN is engaged with. Thus, the meeting was classically targeted at the most influential stakeholders, who work at the grassroots. Besides all the sharing of the accomplishments and goals, the leading agenda discussed was to how to occupy the vulnerable children of our areas and concern, to cope up with the alternative methods to provide them education during the pandemic. They also discussed how to kindle the basic curiosity in learning the new things and more occupied with modern realities. Over all this meeting marked a positive impression on stakeholders.

My Programme



- January 29 : Feast of St. Freinademetz and Mission Cross ceremony
- February 2 - 5 : Visit to Panchmahals
- February 7 : First and Final Profession of St. Elizabeth sisters, Holy Spirit Church Palda
- February 14 : INC formators' meeting
- February 16 : Provincial Council meeting
- February 22 : Blessing of St. Arnold's School Building. Jhalod
- February 26 : India Sub-Zone Governing Board Meeting, Bhopal



Fr. Joemon James SVD

INC Provincial Superior

We Pray: St. Arnold Janssen and St. Joseph Freinademetz, help us in our apostolic endeavors.

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