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Christmas a story of Life and Happiness

Dear Confreres,

We are once again in a wonderful time of the year when we reflect on the Incarnation of God as man in the form of Jesus. It is an event that changed the course of history. Christmas is basically a story of life and happiness. It all began with a simple couple who chose to believe in their dream of life and happiness. Joseph had a dream to take Mary as his wife, and he believed in that dream. Mary had a vision telling her, there is 'nothing impossible for God' and that she is going to be a mother. She believed in that vision because they believed in their dreams.

This was 2000 years back, today all the more we need this life and happiness. Despite the great prophecies and promises of God, the Kingdom of God is still somehow evasive. It pains us to see that the situation of the world has not much changed from the time that the Prince of Peace was born and proclaimed God's unconditional Love to all with justice for everyone. This still remains a dream and a challenge for you and me.

The pandemic has taken a lot happiness from us. It has taken away our sense of security, it has taken away number of jobs, sources of income, celebrations, and tragically it has also taken away many of our near and dear ones. However, what cannot be taken away from us

is our capacity to appreciate the gift of life in us and with others.



Dear

Confreres, it is time to reach out in joy and happiness instilling hope with our mission partners, lay partners, friends, people of good will and all the beneficiaries of our services. God shared His only Son with the world in a manger, born as a baby with a **Big heart** to love and embrace all. When the world is living in fear and keep themselves secluded and closed, we have Jesus without fear and anxiety laying in an open PLACE. It is not the softness of the mattress or the thickness of blanket that give us good sleep, but the disposition of our minds and hearts. Let us celebrate Christmas with a **Big Heart** having good dreams and sharing all that is possible with our people bringing joy and happiness in their lives. May this same spirit continue throughout the year 2022.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a blissful New Year.

Fr. Joemon James SVD
Provincial Superior, INC



Story of four candles

Four candles burning slowly creating a fabulous ambiance so soft that one could hear them talking

The first candle said “I am peace, the world is full of anger and fighting. Nobody can keep me lit.” Then the flame of peace went out completely.

The second one said “I am faith; I am no longer indispensable. It doesn't make sense that I stay lit another moment. Just then a breeze softly blew, Faith's flame went off.

Sadly, the third candle began to speak: I am Love, people don't understand my importance, so they simply put me aside. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them. And waiting no longer Love's flame went out.

Suddenly a child entered the room and saw the three unlit candle. Why are you not burning? You're supposed to stay lit till the end”. Saying this, the child began to cry.

Then, the fourth candle answered: Don't be afraid, I am Hope, while I am still burning we can re-light the other candles.

With shining eyes, the child took the candle of hope and lit the other candles.

The flame of hope should never go out of our life. With hope each of us can live with



Installation of Archbishop Durai Raj SVD

Archbishop elect Bp. Sebastian Durai Raj SVD, was installed as the Archbishop of Bhopal on November 27, 2021 in a magnificent ceremony organized in the campus of St. Joseph's Co.ed school, Bhopal in the presence of Apostolic Nuncio, 15 Bishops, a large number of Priests, religious and laity. INC Province is proud of having another son of St. Arnold to shepherd the Archdiocese of Bhopal and lead the M.P Region. May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide Archbishop to pastor the Diocese with wisdom.

A big congratulation to Archbishop Durairaj SVD.



Hearty welcome to Archbishop Emeritus Leo Cornelio SVD to St. Joseph's Home, Indore

After having shepherded the Archdiocese of Bhopal for the past 12 years very efficiently and leading the Diocese to achieve what 40 years of its existence could not, Archbishop Emeritus Leo Cornelio SVD has taken his residence at St. Joseph's Home, Indore. We welcome Abp. Leo SVD to St. Joseph's home. Archbishop celebrates his golden Jubilee of ordination this year. We wish him a comfortable and healthy life in Seva Sadan Campus, Indore.



Most Rev. Leo Cornelio SVD
(Archbishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Bhopal)

St. Arnold's Seva Sadan Campus Family Feast.

In the spirit of the recommendation of the Provincial Chapter, the confreres and sisters residing in St. Arnold's Seva Sadan Campus celebrated Family Feast on December 11, 2021. The family feast began with the Holy Eucharist and concluded with Dinner. The confreres and sisters were divided into two groups with the names St. Arnold Kings and St. Joseph Challengers. Each team had their own uniform dress. Fr. Amit Tete and Bro. Kalaimani were the FFOC members who conducted the whole day's affairs. It was wonderful to see the senior confreres actively participating in the various competitions. Finally, St. Joseph Challengers emerged as winners. I would like to remind all the Districts and Unit leaders to organize Family Feast in your respective Districts and units in the spirit of the recommendation made in the last Provincial Chapter



Live in Seminar

The Province is organizing a live in seminar with a purpose of enhancing our religious missionary life in the province. The council has decided to organize this seminar in batches.

First batch: Age group 55 years and above: **January 17-19, 2021**

Second batch: Age group below 55 years: **January 21 – 23, 2021**

Fr. M. C Abraham belonging to Holy Cross congregation, a well experienced resource person will animate the seminar.

Sessions will begin at 9 am on the first day and end with lunch on the last day.

All the confreres are expected to participate in the live in seminar. If anyone does not attend kindly give the reason in writing. If for any serious reason, someone would like to change the group you are welcome.

SVD Sunday

The Governing body of India Sub zone had recommended to celebrate the Sunday close to January 15th as an SVD Sunday in our institutions and parishes/mission. It is an occasion to make known our society and its activities. You may motivate your people in parishes and missions to make contributions, whatever they can, for the various charitable works of the Society. This year we shall celebrate on **January 16th** as SVD Sunday in all our institutions, parishes and missions. Kindly use your creativity and promote our society among the people we serve. The collection of that day shall be sent



MER Seminar held

The 4th National Missionary Education and Research (MER) India Conference was organized at St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore from 22nd to 24th November 2021 with the theme 'Envisioning God's Mission in 2020s: Living the mandate in the changing contexts of India'.

While explaining the concept of the conference Fr. Jose K.

SVD, the National & ASPAC MER Coordinator said, "the ever-changing Indian context of our mission, calls us to rethink and re-imagine our ways of responding to the needs and challenges of our country."



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It was the fourth time over the past 15 years that SVD confreres came together under the banner of the MER-India Subzone. During the three-day conference, confreres presented scholarly papers on the contemporary mission of the church in India. Some veteran and young missionaries shared their experience, major problems and challenges they faced in their mission journey. Holy Spirit sisters of Indore Province involved in specialized ministries also participated in the conference.

The seminar began with the sharing of Rev. Bp. Chacko Thottumarickal svd. He highlighted the legacy of SVDs in the fields of anthropology and missiology. Fr. Joemon James SVD, the provincial of India Central Province during his inaugural address, highlighted the need for paradigm shifts in the way we do mission. He said our resources could become millstones if we refuse to adopt the changes in the new world. Fr. Babu Joseph SVD, the director of Satprakashan in his keynote address, threw light on the socio-political situation of contemporary India. In his presentation, he asked how Indian Christians could reinvent themselves to be relevant in fast-changing times.

The conference honoured Babu Joseph SVD, Ivan D'Silva SVD, Clarence Srambical SVD, Jose K.SVD, Savari Rayan SVD, Jacob Kavungal SVD, Ignatius Soreng SVD, and Arch Bishop Thomas Menaparambil SDB, who have published books recently. Their new books were introduced and released by Bishop Chacko Thottumarickal SVD.



Blessing of Snehalay, Psycho-Spiritual and Dialogue Center

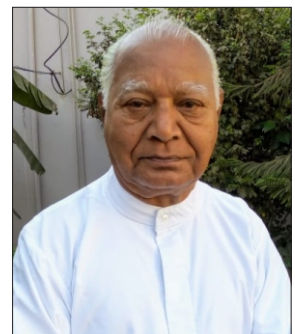
The inauguration and Blessing of the new building at Snehalay, psycho –spiritual and Dialogue center was held on November 14, 2021. Fr. Joemon James svd, the Provincial Superior, Inaugurated the building along the Provincial Council members and His Excellency Bp. Chacko Thottumarickal SVD



blessed it. A large number of priests, religious and laity were present to witness the event. Holy Eucharist was held in the newly built chapel officiated by Bp. Chacko and concelebrated by all the priests present. Followed by the Holy Mass, a short felicitation program was organized to honor the architect, contractor and others who executed the task. The village Sarpanch who came to grace the occasion also was felicitated with a shawl and Shree phal. I appeal to all the confreres to promote this center among the religious, friends and people you work with. There are various programs scheduled for the whole year. We congratulate Fr. Michael Cherian and his team and Fr. Dominic Veigas for organizing the program very professionally and solemnly.

Fr. Berchmans D'penna returns to St. Joseph's Home

After having joyfully served as Chaplin to PHJC Provincialate at Dhar for a term of three years, Fr. Berchmans D'Penna has returned to St. Joseph's Home. The recent heart ailment and the requirement of prolonged medication has forced him to discontinue his dedicated service at Dhar. We appreciate him for his willingness to extend his service blissfully in-spite of advanced age. Incidentally he was the first ever priest to be appointed as a Chaplin for sisters by a Bishop in INC Province thus setting a new trend in the Province.



Auditing of Accounts

It is found that we take several months to get our accounts audited. Hence it is mandatory to get the accounts of nine months audited in the month of January, 2022. Kindly complete all the entries till 31st of December, 2021 and give for auditing. If you have any difficulty, you may contact the Provincial Treasurer.

11 Brothers entered into Postulancy

Nine brothers of Vidyodaya and two graduate brothers in Catholic Ashram Palda entered into the period of Postulancy on December 8, 2021 in a solemn liturgical ceremony



officiated by Fr. Johny D'souza svd, Rector, Catholic Ashram Palda in Vidyodaya, Indore. Let us support these brothers with our prayers during this period of intense preparation to enter into Novitiate next year.

Youth Day Celebration

The Udaipur deanery youth Director Fr. Ashwin Kerketta SVD with the support of the Diocesan youth director organized a youth seminary for the Udaipur Deanery on 14th November, 2021 at Ogha. 120 youth from four SVD mission parishes and Udaipur city parish participated in the seminar. The theme



for the seminar was based on the year of St Joseph, **"Go To Joseph."** The seminar began with a bhajan, lighting of the lamp followed by a welcome dance.

Fr Amritraj from Udaipur Diocese was the resource person. He spoke mainly on the life of St. Joseph and highlighted his qualities and virtues, his duties and responsibilities as a young man and father. He also mentioned the role of Joseph and his influence on Jesus. He urged the youth to work hard, to be focused in life and encouraged them to set goals. Finally, he presented young St Joseph as a role model for the youth of today.

His Excellency Bishop Devprasad Ganawa presided over the Holy Eucharist and spoke in his homily about the involvement and participation of youth in the Mission of God. He said that youth is the backbone of any society in its development.



Janvikas News

SKILL TRAINING : VALEDICTORY & WELCOME PROGRAM

DB. Tech skill training programme in Janvikas concluded its 13th batch and inaugurated its 14th batch on 16th November. 130 students completed their three months skill training programme in different fields such as



Industrial Sewing Machine Operator, Office Assistant, Assistant Beauty Therapist and Assistant Electrician's courses. Now, these outgoing students are ready to be employed and thus, they can create their own future. Along with this, new students were also welcomed and given hope and assurance for their future.

CELEBRATION OF 'CHILDLINE SE DOSTI' WEEK

Janvikas is extending its services to children in distress at railway station through Railway Childline project. A series of awareness programmes on Childline and its toll free number 1098 were conducted through the program "Childline Se Dosti". An awareness program was conducted in Janvikas together with AAS organization by tying the Childline Se Dosti Band on the wrist of the people. Indore city Child line staff explained about the Child line foundation and its services towards children's safety in order to mark this event.

COOPERATIVE WOMEN CELEBRATE 'ALL INDIA COOPERATIVE WEEK'

The 68th All India Cooperative week was commemorated by the National Cooperative Union of India from 14th – 20th November 2021. Sarvodaya Sramik Mahila Cooperative Society is an initiative of Janvikas Society to empower the unorganized sector women especially waste pickers and domestic workers. All India cooperative week was celebrated in Janvikas office on 19th November 2021 along with the members of the cooperative society. The



The celebration added meaning to the day with the presence of representatives from Indore District Cooperative Union and office bearers and members of Sarvodaya Sramik Mahila Cooperative Society. The theme of this year's Cooperative week celebration was "Prosperity through Cooperative" which was highlighted throughout the celebration. This cooperative week was dedicated to 'Cooperatives for youth, women and weaker sections.'



AWARENESS PROGRAM ON INTERNATIONAL AIDS DAY

On 1st December, Janvikas observed the International AIDS Day. In order to signify this day, awareness on HIV/AIDS through street play was organized at different parts of Indore city by the youth club members, trainees of DB Tech skill training program and MSW students from ISSW College. Through the street play the migrants, daily wagers, waste pickers, domestic workers etc. were given awareness on HIV/AIDS.



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS' DAY

Street play as an instrument to reach out to slum dwellers, Janvikas celebrated the International Human Rights day on 10th December. On this day, our youth Parliament members staged a beautiful street play on Human Rights issues in various slums of Indore city.



GIVING LIFE TO GIVE LIFE : BLOOD DONATION

Blood donation is a life-giving service. As it is the frequent service of Janvikas to encourage our youth for donating blood, this month too many youth volunteered for the blood donation. This life giving event took place in MY hospital in Indore.



WASTE PICKERS REGISTER ON ESHRAM PORTAL

Ministry of Labor and Employment India has launched a new portal called eSHRAM Portal for Worker Wellbeing. Applicants who register with E Shram will receive a Unique Identification Number (UAN) card. The Ministry of Labor and Employment has launched the eShram portal to collect data on workers in unorganized sectors and the NDUW database will be used to launch new policies, create more jobs in the future and launch new programs for workers. Janvikas is organizing series of camps in the slums of Indore city to assist waste pickers, domestic workers and other unorganized sector workers to register themselves on eSHRAM portal to avail the e SHRAM card and number.



Fr. Roy Thomas SVD
Janvikas Society, Indore.

Priestly Ordinations

We pray God's blessings and wish all the best as two of our Deacons will be ordained for India -central Province (INC). Deacon Jobin Thanolil will be ordained on December 28, 2021 in Kerala and Deacon Deepak Wilson D'Souza will be ordained on January 05, 2022 in Mulki.



Deacon Jobin Thanolil



Deacon Deepak Wilson D'Souza



SAMBHAV- Adivasi Sevalay, Bujha

Covid -19 Vaccinatio Program

Through the initiative of the staff of SAMBHAV Bhuja under the leadership of Fr. Albinus Kujur creating awareness in 7 gram panchayats, 75% of the people have received at least one dose of COVID -19 Vaccination. They are waiting for the second dose as and when the vaccine is available from the government.



Training of Nutrition food preparation:

SAMBHAV-Bujha organized village level training program on nutrition food preparation and also distributing nutritious food supplements to the pregnant women, mother with child, children between the age 3-6, sick, aged, orphans, widows and disabled. Already 35 women and a few men are trained to make nutrition food for the above mentioned categories.



Formation of Women Empowerment Committees (WEC):

It is a new concept to empower the village women towards social-development program. The interested women form a group of 10-15 which works as an empowerment committee. SAMBHAV staff members motivate the WEC members to propose random suggestions, and on priority basis, select one or two specific activities to be executed in two years. The main thrust of the women empowerment committee is to create and to promote integrated community development program in the villages. There are 6 WEC are formed in 6 different villages so far.



Organized health awareness program:

SAMBHAV-Bujha organized a seminar on 'Prevention is better than cure' for women, adolescents and girls. A good number of the target group participated in the seminar. The seminar was intended to create awareness and educate the people how to have hygienic health care which can reduce number of sicknesses and infections.

Fr. Albinus Kujur SVD



My Programme



December 27 to January 05 Ordinations of our Deacons in

Kerala and Mulki, Mangalore

January 7 - 10

Visit to Udaipur missions

January 12-13

Visit to SVD Vidya Bhavan, Bhopal

January 14

Provincial Council meeting

January 15

Society's Feast and felicitation of

Abp. Durairaj SVD

January 17 to 23

Live in Seminar

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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