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BREAKS – DO WE NEED THEM?

Why do we need breaks fixed in vehicles? Asked a physics teacher to his students. All kinds of answers were brought forth by the students. One of them said, “It is to control the vehicle” another one said, ‘it is to reduce the speed’, another one said, ‘it is to drive slowly’, someone else said, ‘it is to enable to drive at an average speed’. Yet another one students’ answer made everyone to have a hearty laughter. The other students almost ridiculed him. But the teacher said that that students’ answer was the correct one. What was the answer? He had said that **the breaks are fixed in vehicles to enable the vehicles to be driven fast, really fast.**

Yes, the breaks are fixed so that we can drive the vehicles fast. Suppose there are no breaks in the vehicles! Can we drive fast? We will not have the needed confidence to drive the vehicle as we want. The fact that there are breaks gives us the necessary courage to drive the vehicles in the speed that we want to move.

Breaks have lots of similarity to our lives. When ‘Obstacles, Speed breakers, Challenges and troubles’ come in our way we begin to sulk. We begin to get upset. We begin to get discouraged. We begin to question. We begin to think that these challenges are on our way to shrink our lives. We are irritated and baffled. But in fact these breaks enable us to strengthen us and help us to move forward with greater vigour and zeal.

Outbreak of Covid 19 or the novel Corona Virus is beginning to weigh on our minds heavily. As the days and months progress, the break seems to be long. The dark tunnel seems to be longer than what one had imagined and we are unable to see the light. It is definitely depressing and disheartening. **These are the moments where we need to go back to our roots. Our faith and hope not only needs to strengthen us to go through this phase patiently but also to extend our helping hands to the people who are in greater need than ourselves.**

When whole of Europe was crumbling, **Our Founder Fr. Arnold Janssen** thought differently. The result was the founding of our missionary congregation. As we are gearing up to celebrate the twin celebration of the Nativity of our Lady as well as the birthday of our Society we shall self- assure oneself and assure one another too. May these historical events fill us with necessary courage and wisdom!

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District Superiors and Councillors Elected

The four SVD districts of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh held its district elections in the last week of July. The following confreres have been elected and appointed for the next three years (2020-23).

District	District Superiors	Councillors
Hyderabad	Fr. S. Devadass	Fr. Pasala Joseph Babu Fr. Casmir D'Souza
Sangareddy	Fr. Nelson D'Souza	Bro. Varghese Fr. A. Dominic
Raigir	Fr. M. Xavier	Fr. Suresh Madhavaram Fr. A. John
Guntur	Fr. A. Joseph	Fr. Robert Fernandes Fr. Arockiadoss

Congratulations dear Fathers and Brother. I thank the outgoing District Superiors and Councillors for your contribution for the last three years and for conducting the elections smoothly.

In Tamilnadu, we could not conduct the elections as the travel restrictions are still in force for Confreres to come together in one place. Hopefully, in the month of September, Confreres could come together and hold the elections and elect the office bearers.

CREATIVE COMPETITIONS WITH FUN & FROLIC AT ASHA JYOTHI

Children are great Lovers of fun and frolic! Asha Jyothi children are in no way an exception to this interesting factor. Various creative competitions were organized at both the places of Asha Jyothi-Pregnapur as well as Asha Jyothi-Jogipet to mark the 74th Independence Day of our country. It all started after the flag hoisting. Cultural and competitive events like singing, dancing, essay writing, drawing, art and fancy dress were organized for the children. They took part in these competitions with tremendous enthusiasm, mixed with competitive spirit, exhibiting their talents aggressively. They also had some presentations. It was indeed a heart throbbing presentation by the children and they enjoyed them to the core. Of course the winners were given the charming and attractive prizes. At the end they also performed an attractive patriotic dance and the programme came to an end with a fellowship meal as a memorial of the 74th Independence Day.



Reaching out to the girl children of Rudrasamudram Mission with Bicycles.

The JPIC Co-ordinator has done a wonderful act of distributing more than four hundred bicycles freely to the poor girl students in our Province, who walk everyday a very long distance to the school for their education. It was like a dream coming true for the poor rural girl students of these remote villages. The JPIC Co-ordinator had a specific reason to give the cycles to those girl students who are forced to stop schooling due to the long distance they must walk to the school. To avoid this precarious situation and to encourage the students to pursue their studies well, a few girl students were selected from the remote rural schools, who are hard-working and excel extraordinarily well in their studies and were given the bicycles.

Such bicycle distribution programme was also organized in our mission at Rudrasamudram on 06th June, 2020, where 13 bicycles were distributed to the girl students in order to encourage in their education and create an interest in coming to the school in spite of long distances. This act of charity and the encouragement given by the JPIC Coordinator to the poor girl students was very much appreciated by the common folk who had witnessed the programme. It was definitely a great gift for these poor school going children. The co-ordinator thanks Fr. A. John and Fr. George Pasala for all the efforts and initiatives they have taken in the past for distributing these bicycles for the girl students. Now, the poor girl students need not walk the long distance to the school; without any fear or threat they can confidently continue their education. This is indeed a great gift to them which brought smiles on their faces and happiness in their lives.



STREAMING KNOWLEDGE

Blended Learning in Post Covid-19

COVID-19, the widespread outbreak of the deadly virus has not spared any part of the world and any field of activity for that matter. The raging pandemic has affected people of all walks of life. Most of the countries across the globe implemented severe lockdowns to control the pandemic. Our nation also is crippling under the severe impact of this lockdown.

As a part of nationwide lockdown our government has closed all the educational institutions. Hence, formal education has become a big challenge for all learners irrespective of their levels today. Whether, it is a school or college, re-opening is uncertain. At this intricate situation, those of us who dedicate to educating young minds and hearts in our INH Province have determined to go down the road with full vigour in reaching out to our school children. As a result, Vidya Jyothi High School-Raigir in collaboration with St. Mary's PSM High School-Sadasivapet and St. Arnold's High School-Sangareddy organized three days (5th to 7th of August 2020) Streaming Knowledge webinar on "BLENDED LEARNING in POST COVID-19" for our teachers under the care and guidance of our Provincial Rev. Fr. I. Santhuraja SVD. This was, a quick thought alternate to regular teaching, led by Fr. A. DominicSVD. It was informative and advantageous. Thanks to Fr. Antony Swamy SVD, Fr. Dr. Bose SVD, Fr. Bala Prasad SVD, Fr Eugene Manickam SVD and Sr. Dr. Antony Maria Jansi FSAG, we had an outstanding practical sessions and an inspiring and informative introduction to digital education. Especially, those input sessions were eye opening.

After having an ample introduction to digital education by Sr. Dr. Jansi, we focused on Content Creation and Broadcasting with SHINE method by Fr. Dr. Bose and Psychological Aspect of Digital Education by Fr. Bala Prasad. Whether it is a text format or an audio format or a video format, a fruitful digital education needs an authentic preparation and presentation, for which SHINE method is handy. SHINE – Share Healthy Info in Network Education, that effects with SHINE = S – Summary, H – Highlight, I – Interaction, N – Notes, E – Examples and Exercise

As Matthew says (5:16) "Let your light SHINE before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." It is obvious that the present scenario drives us to have a media centered education; it is a time to go online and shine.

We concluded the sessions with a pleasing note. All who participated in these sessions found it was useful and practical. Bro. Varghese SVD thanked and appreciated all who have participated, supported and organized the successful package and special thanks to Fr. Eugene Manickam SVD who took initiative and brought us together and made the package successful.



21 August 2020 - Dei Verbum Course

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To Provincial, Regional and Mission Superiors of the Society

In re: 2021 **Dei Verbum Course**

Dear Provincial/ Regional/Mission Superior,

With this letter, I would like to inform you about the Dei Verbum Course which will be held from 15 September to 15 November 2021 in Centra Ad Gentes-Nemi. This course offers a preparation for involvement in biblical pastoral ministry, and thus it is apt principally for those who are or will be given the responsibility to coordinate and animate activities of biblical apostolate in your PRM.

We are approaching the conclusion of the celebration of the Year of the Word of God on the feast of St. Jerome (30 September). It was certainly different from what we imagined at its beginning. Some activities could not take place due to the pandemic. However, it became an occasion to develop new, creative ways in spreading the Word of God, reflecting it and praying with it.

This year we as Society of the Divine Word remember also the 50th anniversary of our membership in the Catholic Biblical Federation (1970) with which Dei Verbum Course initiated as a common venture. The post-synodal exhortation Verbum Domini (2010), which strongly promotes biblical pastoral ministry in the Church, has reached its 10th year anniversary too. All these occurrences urge us to continue our involvement in the_ biblical apostolate that is inscribed in our name.

The Dei Verbum course is opened for religious, both women and men. Diocesan priests as well as lay people linked to the biblical pastoral ministry. We would appreciate it if you made publicity for it in your PRM beyond the SVD. The deadline for applications is 15 April 2021. Applications for the course should be sent to: deiverbumcourse@gmail.com

May the love of God be rooted in us and let us be always committed to His mission.
Fraternally in the Divine Word,

Paulus Budi Kleden, SVD
Superior General

Jose Nicolas Espinosa, SVD
Secretary General

New Nemi Programmes in 2021–22

Friday, July 31, 2020
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Dear Provincial/Regional/Mission Superior,

With this letter I would like to announce the schedule of Nemi Courses planned for the years 2012 -2022 at the Centro Ad Gentes in Nemi. The Schedule is as follows:

Dates	Course	For whom?	Application Deadline
12 January to 11 March 2021	SVD Formators and Vocation Promotors Course in English Venue: Begins in Steyl and ends in Nemi (includes Oies)	Confreres: -Starting in Formation ministry -Being prepared of formation -Vocation promotors	12 October 2020
13 April to 10 July 2021	SVD Tertiare Renewal course in English Venue: Begins in St. Augustin, then Steyl and ends in Nemi (includes Oies)	Confreres: 40 to 60 years of age, a minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows (Const. 519.1)	12 December 2020
17 August to 23 November 2021	SVD Tertiare Renewal course in Spanish and Portuguese Venue: Begins in Steyl and ends in Nemi (includes Oies)	Confreres: 40 to 60 years** of age and minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows (Const. 519. 1) **As an exception of this course, the General Council extended the age limit to 72 years (on the condition of Good health).	17 April 2021
02 May to 18 August 2022	SVD Tertiare Renewal Course in English Venue: Begins in Steyl and ends in Nemi (includes Oies)	Confreres: 40 to 60 years of age, a minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows (Const. 519.1)	02 January 2022
21 July to 03 September 2022	SVD Third Age Course in English Venue: Begins in Nemi and ends in Steyl (includes Oies)	Senior Confreres: Over 65 years of agd	20 March 2022
22 September to 18 November 2022	SVD Formators and Vocation Promotors course in Spanish Protuguese Venue: Begins in Steyl and ends in Nemi (includes Oies)	Confreres: -Starting in Formation ministry -Being prepared for formation -Vocation promotors	12 May 2022

The above schedule of programmed activities, with specific dates, expresses a sense of hope and direction for our Society. We believe that during these extraordinary times, we continue to ensure that our renewal and formation programs continue. Covid-19 continues to be a mystery, and there is no certainty to where it leads and ends. But this reality should not lower our guards to let the Spirit lead us. Being sure is now a luxury. We all know that if there is a will, there is a way. If the realization of these courses of the years 2021-2022 will not be possible for reasons that we cannot control, at least we can say with heads high that the intentions are there.

As always, we remind you to send the applications for the courses directly to Nemi at Centro Ad Gentes. The Nemi team is authorized to accept them. Therefore, the applications for the courses should be sent directly to Fr. Kulandaisamy (Samy), SVD at: <nemi.coursedirector@gmail.com>

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Retreat Cancelled

Due to this uncertain situation, the Proposed retreat for our Province is cancelled. Confreres are requested to make a private retreat at your convenient time. There are also number of Online retreats in different platforms. You can enroll in those retreats, spending quality time with the Lord.

Next Council Meeting: 6th and 7th November.

My Programme:

Sept. 1to 16: Visit to Chennai, Trichy Units and Tamilnadu District.

HAPPYBIRTHDAY

September

02-Bernard M.

10-Bandanadham J.

12-Francis Reddy

19-Maxim Fernandes

21-Samir Kumar B.

28-Joe Faustin

28-S. Valan

October

10-Rajesh Soreng

10-Eugine Manickam

15-Antony Joseph

19-Florence Minz



**Fr. I. Santhuraja SVD
Provincial Superior – INH**