



# PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR – INH

“In your light we see light, light leading to life”- INH Vision



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## Be Faithful and Be productive

As I was reflecting and preparing for a farewell and welcome message for two confreres in the holy Eucharistic celebrations in their honour, a thought struck me powerfully based on their life and contribution. I did share the same in the Eucharist, but here I thought of reflecting more because it becomes a kind of measuring yardstick for all of us. All of us are entrusted with some responsibilities at certain point of our times and we move on to the other areas as and when need arises. What made me to admire and appreciate the two confreres at this point was that they scored very high percentage in both the areas of yardstick. What is the Yardstick? **Being Faithful and Being Productive.**

Well this is not anything new. But it becomes more relevant at this time as we are at a critical time. The whole world is gripped with the new normal (hope it becomes a reality soon) situation. We are asked to rethink, reinvent and re-act to make this world a relevant and realistic place to live on. We cannot just live in the comfort zone in which we had lived the past years. What will help us to renovate and rejuvenate ourselves are these aspects of being Faithful and being productive. Both the aspects have to be simultaneously paid attention. One without the other will be useless and redundant.

Is it enough to be faithful to my vows and promises? Being just faithful to my vows and promises will not bring any blessing and peace. Being just productive will make me think of only myself and my comforts, in other words will make us more selfish and self-oriented. The question that we need to ask ourselves at this juncture is: **Am I Faithful and Productive?** An honest and sincere introspection will help us to reorient ourselves and make us more and more relevant to the world and to the commitment that we have professed. I need to be both. I need to be 100% committed and my work should also be productive. Well, certain ministries may not give us immediate results. But perhaps I will be able to foresee in the near future the tangible results. One at the expense of the other will make me more irrelevant and useless.

Someone said if a person says that “I have worked enough, I have done enough, and now let me just relax and do nothing. Such a person is already dead in spirit. Only his body is walking around”. Let us become constantly more faithful and let us be productive in our ministries, in our institutions, in our schools, in our parishes and in our communities. Let’s remember the words of St. James, 2/17. Faith in itself without works is useless”. Let us be totally faithful and fruitfully productive.

**From the Leadership Team**



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## **The VII Provincial Chapter of INH Convoked.**

Dear Confreres trusting in the ever-flowing mercy of God and in the benevolent blessing of our Father, Founder and Leader St. Arnold Janssen, **with the consent of the Provincial council I convoke the VIIth Provincial Chapter of INH for the triennium 2020-2023.** As we have already informed you we will have our Chapter on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. This will be preceded by the meetings in your Districts and Units, Local Chapters and Provincial assemblies. This is a time of grace for us. Let us keep this intention in our personal and in the community prayers. Let the spirit of God inspire and lead us.

## **Theme and logo for the VIIth Provincial Chapter.**

Though we will be reflecting on the theme and reflections given by the 18<sup>th</sup> General Chapter it is good to have a theme relevant to our province and times. I request all our confreres to think and propose a theme to the Provincial Council latest by 20<sup>th</sup> of July. If someone comes up with both theme and related Logo you can submit the same to us. Logo can be worked out even after the theme is finalized.

## **Vaccination to prevent ourselves from the disastrous attack:**

I am happy to note that good number of confreres have taken the vaccine (at least one jab). Some have completed both the jabs. I congratulate and thank you for this initiative. Fr. Superior General and the Church authorities in India have been encouraging and exhorting us to take the vaccine so that all of us can be safe. Some Confreres have still a bit hesitancy to vaccinate themselves. I request such confreres to go for the vaccination at the earliest. I request the heads of our institutions, in our districts, in our seminaries and in our parishes to encourage everyone in your care to take the vaccine. Kindly take care of your cooks and servants in your residences, staff members in your institutions and make sure that they too are vaccinated at the earliest.

## **Provincial Visitation in the Province for the triennium 2020-2023**

“**Provincial Visitations** are an important means of exercising religious leadership, of promoting the religious-missionary life and activity of the members, the respective communities and thereby the province as well, and of involving the membership more deeply in achieving the goals of the province.”

Hence Provincial visitations are arranged in INH in the month of July-August. The visitations will begin from 19<sup>th</sup> July and will be completed latest by 7<sup>th</sup> of August. The members of the Provincial Council will undertake the visitation in the following districts.

<b>Fr. Santhuraja Ignatius</b>	<b>Raigir and Guntur</b>
<b>Fr. Anand Nagothu</b>	<b>Tamilnadu</b>
<b>Fr. Ambrose Beck</b>	<b>Sangareddy</b>
<b>Fr. Lawrence Bose</b>	<b>Hyderabad and Arnold Bhavan-Alwal Unit.</b>
<b>Fr. Pious Thomas</b>	<b>Chennai and Trichy Units.</b>

The visitators will get in touch with the District Superiors/Unit Leaders and plan the visitations in their respective areas. The common meetings of all the district members at the end of the visitations can also give valuable suggestions and agenda for the forthcoming Provincial Chapter.

### **SVDs to enter into the Diocese of Eluru.**

**Most Rev. Polimera Jayarao, Bishop of Eluru** has invited us to begin a Charismatic Centre in the diocese. Negotiations had almost begun three years ago. Provincial Chapter in 2018 had made a recommendation to begin such a venture in Andhra Pradesh. Due to corona and its after effects we could not proceed and make headway. However negotiations with the bishop and visits to Eluru have resulted in the directions of our entry into the dioceses of Eluru. Fr. Superior General has given us the permission to open such a Centre in Eluru. The Bishop has offered an acre of land and we need to procure another four acres of land adjacent to that land from the diocese. Bishop also has offered a parish or two for our pastoral ministry and vocation promotion, in a couple of years in the diocese. Soon we will be making the agreement and registering the land. Frs. Benny and Anand will be the pioneers in this new mission. If everything goes well according to our plan (God's plan) both confreres will begin a community in Eluru in August. We wish Frs Benny and Anand God's choicest blessing and Graces. May our Founder Fr. Arnold inspire and guide us.

### **SVDs to move out of the Parishes from Warangal.**

Most Rev. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal, in his letter to me dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021, writes the following. I quote. "Dear Very Rev. Fr. Ignatius Santhuraj, with Easter Seasonal Wishes. I write to you regarding your services in the Diocese of Warangal. First and Foremost, I thank the Society of Divine Word (SVD) for their services in the Diocese of Warangal for the last many years.

Secondly, I inform you that the Diocese has enough number of priests to take care of its Faithful and therefore, I request you that we revoke the contract between the Diocese of Warangal and the Society of the Divine Word, India-Hyderabad Province. Thereby you withdraw your SVD Priests and their services from April 24, 2022. As per the Church's Regulations we have an advance notice of one year i.e. from April 24, 2021. Thus it would be April 24, 2022 when the SVDs should handover the parishes under your care to the Diocese of Warangal".

We thank Bishop, Most Rev. Udumala Bala and his Predecessors for inviting, blessing and guiding us in the diocese. We have served nearly 40 years in this diocese. Let us be grateful to God for the innumerable blessings.

*"My Grace is Sufficient for You,  
for My Power is made Perfect in your weakness"  
2 Corinthians 12: 9*



## **An earnest request and a gentle but firm reminder.**

Dear Confreres

We are all aware of the constitutional regulations in the Society regarding the use of temporal goods. *“Whatever a confrere acquires through his own efforts or as a member of the Society, he acquires for the Society. The same holds for pensions, insurance monies, etc.”*(C 213.2; Can 668#3)

*“If personal gifts are offered to a confrere and accepted, they become the property of the Society”* (c.213.3)

In appreciation of their work and dedicated service, friends and benefactors or near and dear ones have offered a four wheeler as a gift to some of our confreres. Confreres who have received four wheelers have received due permission from the administration. However something is lacking there. All of them have been told to register the same (vehicle) in the name of the Society and use it for themselves and for the community in which they are living. This is not done. They are still registered either in their relatives' names or in their benefactor's names. **The Provincial Council asks all of you (who have both four wheelers as well as two wheelers in other's names or in your personal name) to register the respective vehicles in the name of the Society. You are expected to comply within a month and leave the new registration card/ papers with the Provincial's treasurer. If you do not want to do this, then surrender the vehicle to the relatives/benefactors.** Soon the province will find a way to provide a four-wheeler to the communities which do not have one.

## **Updates on the repair and renovation of buildings in our stations.**

**Jogipet:** Renovation of lepers home and new toilets constructions is completed. Partial renovation is done in the children's home too.

**Zaheerabad:** Converting two classrooms into two small living rooms, a kitchen and dining hall for two confreres to live and work is nearing completion. Fr. Eugene Manickam and Bro Varghese will be part of this new community. They are confident of reviving the fortunes of the school. We appreciate their willingness to venture and work hard. We are hopeful of reviving the school in the next three years.

**Sadashivpet:** The compound wall construction is completed in the Church land. Now the compound wall construction is nearing completion in the school campus.

**Muthangi:** The pilgrim quarters which has fifty living rooms, two big dormitories and a big seller are nearing completion.

**Toopran:** The compound wall construction is completed. The toilet construction for boys and girls are underway.

**Alwal:** Renovation of guest rooms, Chapel and class rooms have been completed at our Brothers' Formation House.



**Arnold Bhavan:** The Annex building at Arnold Bhavan is nearing completion. The structure is ready and plastering and wiring is completed. Flooring, tile work and plumbing works are yet to begin. The building will be ready in two months' time.

**Edulla Bayyaram, Pinapaka:** Construction of two living quarters and four rooms for shops to be rented out in view of self-reliance is underway.

**DWC, Chennai:** The construction of overhead shed to protect the entire building from leaking and a partial renovation of dining hall and toilets are nearing completion at Divine Word Centre, Chennai. Painting the entire building also will be undertaken soon.

**Iraiyarasu Centre, Pachampalayam:** Compound wall on all sides of the land is completed except in the road side at the entrance. Construction of toilets for the pilgrims and the overhead tank are underway.

**Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti:** Partial renovation of the building is completed. The chapel, parlour and Portico have been completed. Some more works are there to be completed.

**Manalmedu:** Construction of the new Parish Church is in the last stages. Of course the diocese is constructing the Church. Province will give a little share in constructing the Sanctuary and Altar. Also, two toilets for the use of parishners will be constructed.

#### **Young Priests Meet at Arnold Bhavan:**

As part of animating the young confreres in our Province a two days meet is organized at Arnold Bhavan on **11-12<sup>th</sup> of August**. **Fr. Lawrence Bose**, who is in charge of this group (First Five years of ordination), will organize the meet. All who are ordained from 2016 to 21 are eligible. All need to attend without fail.

#### **Financial Matters:**

In our last circular we had asked all the confreres to open a personal bank account with the Provincial Superior as the nominee. Some banks are accepting the name of our trust/Society in place of nominee. If the banks accept kindly use the trust name instead of Provincial Superior's name. But one of them is compulsory. Kindly send the first page of your passbooks which contain all these pertinent information. Those who are continuing the old account need to add or change the nominee as mentioned above and submit a copy of the same to the Provincial Treasurer. All the Superiors/ Treasurers who disburse the pocket money to the confreres need to do it only on Online. Salary for domestic workers (Cook, Watchman, Dhobi and other servants) should also be paid online only. There should be no cash transaction in this regard.

Secondly I request you to minimize the cash transactions in your day to day spending. If we exceed the limits prescribed by the Government for the trusts we will end up paying heavy fine as penalty. Kindly get clarity from the treasurer and comply with all the regulations that are prescribed by the Government time to time.

## Hearty Welcome to the EIPs



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## Preparatory committee for Provincial Chapter Constituted

The Provincial council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June at Arnold Bhavan has constituted a four-member preparation committee for the forthcoming Provincial Assembly and Chapter. **Fr. Lawrence Bose** will head the preparatory committee. **Frs. Alwin, Joseph Babu and Ravi kumar Reddy** will be the other members of the committee. We thank them for accepting this important task. Kindly cooperate with them as and when they approach you for any assistance.





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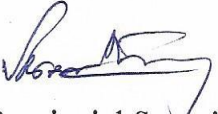
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### SUMMONS DECREE

Father **Monteiro Thomas S.V.D.** is herewith ordered to contact his Provincial Superior, **Father Ignatius Santhuraja SVD**, at the provincial headquarters at Arnold Bhavan, H.No.1-8-11/1/A, Street No. 8, Ravindra Nagar Colony, Habsiguda, Hyderabad, 500007 9493068111, 040 27154785 on or before **15 July 2021**, concerning his prolonged unlawful absence since **15 June 2019** which is reason for dismissal from the Society.

Anyone aware of the whereabouts of Father Monteiro Thomas S.V.D. is kindly asked to contact the Provincial Superior.

Given at: Provincial Residence,  
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Father **Karunakar Kata S.V.D.** is herewith ordered to contact his Provincial Superior, **Father Ignatius Santhuraja SVD**, at the provincial headquarters at Arnold Bhavan, H.No.1-8-11/1/A, Street No. 8, Ravindra Nagar Colony, Habsiguda, Hyderabad, 500007 9493068111, 040 27154785 on or before **15 July 2021**, concerning his prolonged unlawful absence since **12 May 2021**. You were on excommunication from the Society from **12 May 2018** which is reason for dismissal from the Society.

Anyone aware of the whereabouts of Father **Karunakar Kata S.V.D.** is kindly asked to contact the Provincial Superior.

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## Days to remember:

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>**: First Death Anniversary of Fr. Venance Asirvatham SVD

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**: First Death Anniversary of Fr. Ashok Kumar SVD

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**: Months' Mind Mass for Fr. George Pasala SVD

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JULY

- 3- Varkey
- 7- Suresh Madhavaram
- 13- M. Peter Thomas
- 16- Arul Stephen
- 20- Dominic Ekka
- 22- Alwin Mascarenhas
- 27- David Raj
- 30- James Raj Y.

### AUGUST

- 3- R. Antonysamy
- 9- Lawrence Bose
- 10- Joseph Babu
- 15- Paul Jeyakumar
- 21- Thumma Thomas
- 23- S. Jeyaraj
- 30- Felix Roche



**Fr. I. Santhuraja**  
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