



Provincial Circular...
Society of the Divine Word
India East Province (INE)

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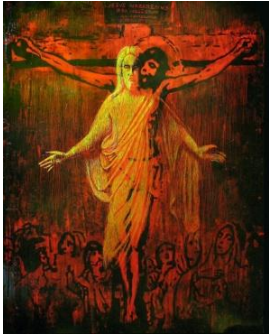
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He is Alive!!!



“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain”. Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, reminds us so clearly that the Resurrection of Jesus is the central point of our faith.

We are in the Holy Week, beginning with our Lord’s triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem, by which He began His Passion to complete the mission for which He had been sent into this world, for the salvation of all. Through His Last Supper with His disciples, by giving His own Precious Body and Blood to them, establishing a new Covenant which will never be broken again, for on the next day, He takes up the cross and dies for the sake of all, sealing the new Covenant with His Blood.

However, all of these would have been meaningless, and our faith would indeed be nothing if Jesus just died on the cross, and then stayed dead. What makes our faith so remarkable is that we believe in the One who has suffered and died for our sake, and yet, on the third day counting from the day of His death, He reappeared in this world in glory, no longer dead, but filled with life, as the Risen Lord and Triumphant Saviour.

This resurrection changes human history and it changes all our understating of who Jesus is. Had Jesus remained dead, we would be talking – to use the phrase of Pope Benedict – about a Jesus who *was*, but our faith is in a Jesus who *is*.

Dear Confreres, we lived for two years in a havoc caused by the COVID pandemic. Every aspect of human life got affected. Things went virtual, even the spiritual life and the worship of God were not spared. With the pandemic on the decrease and life gradually returning to normal, we, Shepherds of the God’s flock, beginning with oneself, should find new ways in bringing about the Kingdom of God (making our faith ALIVE!!!) in this new setting. To those who got used to the so-called ‘*Online Spirituality*’, (as things return to normal) are we ready to break ourselves and be resurrected with the Lord to become *Alter Christus* containing the heart of Jesus, ready to undergo any and every hardship to make relevant, the faith that we profess in this new normal era? The Souls entrusted to us look up to us, are we ready to make the faith, to present Him who is **ALIVE** by our very life?

Piece of advice to the confreres who are involved and those who are going to get involved in the pastoral ministry- Priest of God, Celebrate the Mass (Sacraments) as if it is your first Mass (Sacrament), your last Mass (Sacrament), and your only Mass (Sacrament). We need to come out of the cosy and secured setups and break ourselves to radiate our faith, this new life, which we experience during this Easter Season, through our words, actions, and our very life itself, to bring back the people who are lost or are giving up their faith. We are answerable to God and them.

The academic year is coming to close, few of us will be receiving new appointments and the rest continue with the same responsibilities, the Provincial Council is grateful to all the confreres who have accepted the new responsibilities and appreciation to those who are in the same responsibilities. Let us strive our best to give the best in us and add newness to this world by giving up our mediocre way of living (if any).

May the Lord awaken in us all a strong faith and a heart filled with love in this Easter Season and beyond. May the love and joy of Easter continue to burn strongly in our hearts, as we continue to go on with our lives. May the Lord empower us all to become His good disciples, persevering day by day to live out our faith with zeal and through real and genuine actions, to be worthy people and disciples of the Lord, our Risen Lord. Let us all be witnesses of His resurrection and of His love for each and every one of us, and make disciples of all the nations!

God bless us all and our endeavours!

Sooner or later, most of us will be leaving for home holidays to be with our near and dear ones. My special wishes and complements of the season to your family members and have a happy time with your dear ones. Refresh yourself and return with renewed spirit, to take up your new responsibilities or to continue with your assigned responsibilities.

Happy Easter to you all!

Kindly Note:

The Provincial Council requests the District Superiors, Community Superiors, and the confreres who are given new appointment to note the following things while handing over to the successors:

- Diary of the Parish/Institution, Cash Book, Parish/Institution Bank Accounts, (up-to-date audited accounts), Land Documents, Electricity Bills, Phone Bills, etc.
- All the financial dues must be cleared and other important matters up-to-date if needed.
- All the houses should have an inventory of the house/parish/institution up-to-date and a copy of it has to be sent to the Provincial's Office, Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda.
- If there are any Projects/Budgets in your institutions or parishes, and if it would continue, please give full details of the running projects and the balance amount of the project to the successor. Please give also the partial report of the projects to the successor and a copy of it to the Provincial Treasurer's Office.

I request all the District Superiors and Deans (in case of parishes) to be present on the occasion of the handing over. We request the District Superiors to facilitate handing over and submit the report of the same to the Provincial's Office.

The following things are to be kept up-to-date by all the confreres:

1. A short report about the place and about your ministry (Job Description)
 2. Books of Accounts
 3. House Diary
 4. Land Documents Records
 5. Pass Books/ Bank Balance
 6. House Inventories
 7. House Assets List
 8. Annual Planner
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Appointments and Transfers

	Parishes/ Institutions	Names	Designation
Parishes			
1.	St. Ignatius Church, Gaibira	Fr. Amrit Kullu	Assistant Priest
2.	St. Mary's Church, Burla	Fr. Joseph Kujur	Parish Priest
3.	Masih Mandir, Patbeda, Pallahara	Fr. Nirmal Lawrence	Parish Priest
4.	Catholic Church, Duburi	Fr. Ignacius Soreng (Jr)	Assistant Priest
5.	Catholic Church, Bargarh	Fr. Albinus Kiro	Assistant Priest
6.	Catholic Church, Phalsa	Fr. Joseph Praveen Madanu	Assistant Priest
7.	Catholic Church, Saunamara	Dn. Amrit Topno	Diaconate Ministry
Schools/College			
8.	Saint Arnold's School, Bhubaneswar	Fr. Silvaraj Duddu	Treasurer & Vice-Principal
9.	St. Arnold's School, Jhartarang, Rourkela	Fr. Clement Kerketta	Treasurer DWES Treasurer
10.	St. Arnold's School, Salajpur, West Bengal	Bro. Elejius Minj	Treasurer
11.	NOHSS, Babudihi, Gaibira	Fr. Inocent Kerketta	Principal
Institutions			
12.	NOHS, SVD House, Gaibira	Fr. Ajay Kerketta	Hostel In-charge and Teacher
13.	Sanskriti Kendra, Sundargarh	Fr. Ashok Minj	Treasurer, Asst. Director
14.	DSS Centre, Jharsuguda	Fr. Ronald Pereira	Mission Secretary's Office
15.	Vidya Jyoti, Lungai	Fr. Anuranjan Bilung	Rector
16.	Vidya Jyoti, Lungai	Fr. Sebastian Mangalathil	Moderator, Studies In-charge
17.	Vikas Bhavan, Bargarh	Fr. Zephyrinus Soreng	Asst. Director, Treasurer
18.	Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda	Fr. Rajesh Rosan Ekka	Province Asst. Treasurer, Shanti Bhavan and Janssen Bhavan Treasurer
19.	Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda	Fr. Valentine Surin	<i>Praeses</i>
EIP/Regency			
20.	Ishopanathi Ashram, Puri		Fr. Leo Raja
21.	St. Michael's Catholic Church, Premnagar, West Bengal		Fr. Arpit Bhabor
22.	UPAYA, Ramabahal, Kesramal		Fr. Naveen Daram
23.	St. Arnold Seva Sadan, Basanti Nagar, Rourkela		Fr. David Charles
Studies			
24.	Fr. Donald Carel Lobo	Chartered Accountancy, Bhubaneswar	
25.	Fr. Saroj Kumar Hess	Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Psychology, Bengaluru	

BIRTHDAYS OF OUR CONFRERES

April 2022			
Joseph Perumbil	03.04.1938	Telesphore Bilung (Bp)	15.04.1961
Oscar Tete*	03.04.1969	Rasal Xess	18.04.1981
Bennychen Peter	04.04.1972	Susairaj M (EIP)	18.04.1994
Johny Jacob	06.04.1968	Valentine Surin	19.04.1957
Baptist D'Souza	07.04.1956	Marianus Ekka	21.04.1964
Edward Sequeira	09.04.1955	Thomas Varanath	22.04.1961
Albinus Ekka	12.04.1966	Peter D'Cunha	27.04.1950
Donald Carel Lobo	12.04.1987	Dixson L. D'Souza	29.04.1986
Ajay Kerketta	13.04.1979	Christopher John	30.04.1954
May 2022			
Sandeep Soreng*	03.05.1993	Vinod Bhuriya (Frt)	18.05.1992
Richard Vaz	04.05.1950	Binoy Augustine	16.05.1983
Kurian Arimattam	07.05.1947	Roque Phillips	19.05.1939
Simon Lakra	07.05.1976	Pradeep Mohata (Dn)	19.05.1990
Thomas Kuzhipathalil	08.05.1936	Sebastian Xalxo	19.05.1971
Saji Chirackal	10.05.1972	Felix Oliveira	23.05.1979
Albert Kummethara(Frt)	11.05.1994	Rajesh Damor (EIP)	24.05.1992
Joseph Puthur	17.05.1939	Ignatius Soreng	29.05.1954
		Cyril Agera	29.05.1977
June 2022			
John Barwa (Abp)	01.06.1955	Francis Soreng	16.06.1948
Marianayagam	01.06.1961	Herman Minj	19.06.1967
Alphonse Bilung (Bp)	05.06.1933	Bulu Birender Kujur	26.06.1978
Lawrence Lakra	07.06.1950	Peter Vattakeril	26.06.1940
P. Justin Jayaraj	10.06.1977	George Karedan	26.06.1951
Paul Galipothu (EIP)	15.06.1995	Kurian T.K.	27.06.1947
George Brito (EIP)	15.05.1996	Paul Moras	29.06.1948
Naveen Prashanth Pinto	15.06.1983	Joseph Kerketta*	29.06.1932

Our Departed Relative

+ Mrs. Veronica Sequeira, aged 74, elder sister of Fr. Edward Sequeira, died on March 24, 2022

MY PROGRAMME

April

- 16-19 : Bezda Mission
23 : Final Profession at SSpS Provincialate, Jharsuguda
27 : First Vows of Ursuline Sisters, Jharsuguda
30 : With Superior General

May

- 01-05 : With Superior General
09-14 : Jubilee Celebrations of Chennai and Trichy, INH Province
15-22 : At Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda
23 : Jubilee Mass, Rairakhol Parish
24-27 : Home Visit, Pankadihi
28 : Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass of Bro. Damian Jojo, SVD, Limda

Yours in the Divine Word

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Fr. Petrus Kullu, SVD
Provincial Superior, INE

Strive to attain a living and perfect faith and be always ready, yes, even expecting to die for the faith!

-St. Arnold Janssen