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India East Province (INE)



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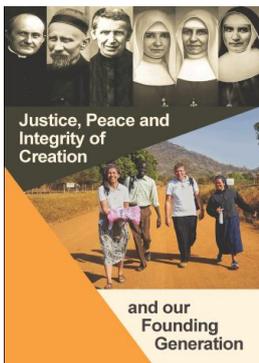
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### EVERYTHING LEADS TO GOD

In the book “Untiring Missionary of the Word and the Spirit”, on our Founder Arnold Janssen, Fr. Andrzej Miotk, SVD, mentioned about how Arnold wanted to imbue his missionaries with a wider vision of mission work. Missionaries left the world and at the same time should wisely use the world as a useful place of learning and for achieving higher purposes. He further mentions about Arnold’s love of nature taken from *-Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation and Our Founding Generation* where in one of Arnold’s personal secretaries, Fr. Antonius Hilger, summed up Arnold’s love of nature in the following way:



For the whole of creation, humanity, animal and plant life, this man of God had an attentive eye, rather like St. Francis of Assisi. In all things, he encountered the God of his heart in his wisdom, might and beauty. Inimitable was the warmth of his speech whenever he saw traces of God in the common things of creation and exclaimed in awe at their presence. One felt that his whole heart was there; nothing was too insignificant for everything led him to God. He was a friend of nature and friend of the machine, a friend of flowers and fields, of meadows and woods and in recreation time he loved to lie down in a meadow or on the forest soil ... Arnold was a friend of the clear spring water as well as of the murmuring streams, the rushing rivers and the surging sea, a friend of towering mountains, a friend of the stars which sped through the universe ... He observed, “How clear and penetrating

is this expression of divine power and might of which the powers of nature are just a pale shadow. How innumerable many features of the uncreated divine being are revealed in the many sided riches of creation.”

Fr. Hilger writes, One would have to hear the servant of God himself saying such words in order to understand properly how they came out of his holy soul full of God’s presence. I regard it as an unsurpassable grace that I was a witness to this. In everything, Arnold saw the radiance of God’s face shining forth. ... With a thousand roots, his love for God drew nourishment from everything.

(also on SVD JPIC website)

Dear Confreres, we are journeying in the post pandemic times and will soon be reflecting on the documents of the 19<sup>th</sup> General chapter that emphasizes on being “Faithful and Creative Disciples in a Wounded World”. How are we to become one such disciple? It is by following in the footsteps of our Founder and by understanding that everything leads us to God. Hence, by strengthening our identity and becoming creative in proclaiming Christ, we play our part in the pluralistic and diverse mission situation that we are in. We need to befriend, like our Founder, the people (with whom we share our space) and things around us, by adjusting ourselves to nature’s flow we participate creatively in giving due respect and love to nature, healing wounds and building bridges when and where necessary.

We have under taken a seven-year journey of caring for our common home (*Laudato Si-* Action plan). Let us check how we have been progressing in attending to the cry of the earth. Let us, like Simon of Cyrene, play our part in this wounded world and by our little efforts bring about changes in it. May the radiance of God’s face be felt by all.

MAY THE HOLY TRIUNE GOD LIVE IN US AND MAY THE HOLY TRIUNE GOD THROUGH US  
MAKE ALL CREATION LIVE!

## Upcoming event in July

### **Young Confreres Gathering (0-10 years Ordination) on July 26-27, 2022**

All the young confreres belonging to the ordination/final profession batches 2013-2022 are requested to attend this gathering without fail. It is conducted at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda. (Arrival on July 25, Sessions on 26 & 27)

Kindly inform Fr. Valentine Surin, SVD, *Praeses*, Shanti Bhavan, about your arrival and stay at Shanti Bhavan.

## 19<sup>th</sup> General Chapter Preparations

The 19<sup>th</sup> General Chapter is on the theme: **“Your light must shine before others” (Mt 5:16)- Faithful and creative disciples in a wounded world.** The documents pertaining to the Chapter are sent to you by email. I request all the community superiors, district superiors to hold discussion and deliberations on the documents at community level and district level respectively, keeping in mind the Synodal way. **Kindly send the collated reports to the Provincial office by August 31, 2022.**

## ARNOLD VIKAS SANCHAR

### **(Post Pandemic Activities)**

After two years of lock down, St. Arnold Vikas Sanchar Communication Center organized summer camp for one month for children, starting from May 5, 2022 to June 5, 2022. There were 30 children from different parts of the states of Odisha, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh for learning various streams of music like Hindustani Vocal, Synthesizer, Harmonium, Guitar, Tabla, Odissi, Bharatnatyam and Bollywood dances, and Spoken English.

Interestingly, two children from Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) joined bollywood dance group and to learn Casio instrument. In spite of the language barrier, diet, and cultural differences, those two children did wonderfully well. Their presence was a challenge and inspiration for other children as to how one can take life's challenges courageously for a better future. Spiritual nourishment and training in the liturgical hymns for the church, were other areas covered during the camp.

Initially about hundred children aspired to join the camp but due to the cancellation of the summer vacation of all the formal schools many students could not participate in it. However, whoever joined the camp did learn various skills in dance, music, singing and orientation for their future career because they were guided systematically to face the present changing world and life's struggles in making a successful future.



ARNOLD MUSIC & DANCE ACADEMY  
SUMMER COURSE  
2022



Classes on Spoken English and techniques on life skills were given utmost importance during those 30 days of camp. All the participants were occupied in various activities and learning skills from 5 a.m. to till 10 p.m. On the last day each participant had to appear theory and practical tests for which they were issued certificates from the institute. Over all it was a fruitful summer camp as per the feedback and evaluation received from the children.



## **APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS**

Fr. Francis Pereira	-	Parish Priest, Phalsa
Fr. Isidore Kindo	-	Asst. Priest, Kiralaga
Fr. Justin Jayaraj	-	Treasurer, St. Lawrence School, Tentoloi

## **Financial Matters**

Time for the preparation of March Distribution (Budget) for the financial year 2023-2024 is approaching. The prior approval for the same should reach Generalate before September 15, 2022. Therefore, we request all the budget holders to prepare your capital budgets with proper quotation/estimate and write an application to the Provincial Superior for prior approval. This is applicable for budgets exceeding 5000 USD (Rs. 4,00,000) only (both foreign and local projects).

All the projects with estimate and the application letter, addressing to the Provincial Superior, have to reach the Provincial's Office before August 15, 2022.

## **ANNUAL SCHOOLS' RESULTS**

The Provincial Team congratulates the confreres and the staff for their hard work and dedication in the Education Ministry of our Society. We also congratulate the parents and guardians for supporting their children to come out with flying colours. We present to you the complete list of our school results for the academic year 2021-2022.

Schools/College	Class	Appeared	Passed
St. Arnold's School, Jhartarang	X	233	233
St. Arnold's School, Jhartarang	XII	198	195
New Orissa High School, Gaibira	X	161	161
Beatrix High School, Puri	X	50	50
Nabajyoti High School, Kerjenga	X	115	115
St. Paul's School, Rourkela	X	175	175
St. Paul's School, Rourkela	XII	83	83
St. Lawrence School, Tentoloi	X	125	125
St. Arnold's School, Bhubaneswar	X	54	54
St. Arnold's High School, Turbunga	X	49	49

## **SVD-Parish Catechists' Seminar**

**August 25, 2022**

This is to inform all the Parish Priests/In-charge of the SVD Parishes that INE Province is going to organize a **day of Catechists Seminar for the SVD Parish Catechists** at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda. Kindly note the date and inform your **Head Catechist** to attend the seminar without fail. Also, inform Fr. Valentine Surin, SVD, *Praeses*, about their arrival and stay at Shanti Bhavan.

<b>Arrival</b>	-	<b>Evening of August 24, 2022</b>
<b>Seminar</b>	-	<b>August 25, 2022</b>
<b>Departure</b>	-	<b>August 26, 2022 (morning onwards)</b>

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### **Recap...**

#### **1. Parish Pastoral Animation:**

INE Province organised a two days (13-14, July 2022) Pastoral Mission Animation Programme for the confreres working in the pastoral ministry at Shanti Bhavan, INE Provincial House, Jharsuguda. About 30 confreres (Parish Priests and Assistant Parish Priests) attended, from 20 parishes, working in six dioceses.

On the first day the animation programme began with morning mass presided by Fr. Petrus Kullu, SVD, INE Provincial Superior. In the homily he explained the qualities of good shepherd and need of listening to the voice of the people in our parishes. Fr. Petrus in his keynote address, stressed the importance of becoming pastoral minded, reaching out to the needy and how to face challenges in the pastoral ministry. Fr. Anuranjan Bilung, SVD, in-charge of Pastoral Ministry, spoke about the administration of the parishes from the canonical perspective. Fr. Rasal Xess, SVD, INE JPIC coordinator spoke about *Laudato Si* Action Plan and encouraged the confreres to integrate JPIC initiatives in the pastoral ministry. The afternoon session was jointly conducted by Co-ordinators of various ministries (Fr. Sunil Damor, SVD, Biblical coordinator, Fr. Christopher Kerketta, SVD, Communication coordinator, Fr. Luvis Ronald Pereira, SVD, Mission secretary, Fr. Rasal Xess, SVD JPIC Coordinator, and Fr. Dixon Lawrence D'Souza, SVD, AJS coordinator) to present their possible animation programmes in the pastoral context.

On the second day Fr. Anuranjan Bilung, SVD, offered votive mass in honour of the Holy Spirit, praying for all the confreres in the pastoral ministry and admonished the confreres to welcome all the people, make available all the resources for the pastoral care, and share whatever we have for the betterment of the people. In the first session of the second day, Fr. Luvis Ronald Pereira, SVD, INE Mission Secretary, presented the profile of a SVD Parish. Then time was given to all the parish priests/assistant parish priests to present their current year's Parish Pastoral Action Plan. From 20 parishes confreres shared their action plans. After this sharing, Fr. Dixon D'Souza gave an orientation for making a workable Action Plan. Then the time was given for group sharing to pick up few common points for our parish pastoral action plans. At the end of the two days animation programme, it was decided that we try to make our parishes more and more SVD parishes by incorporating characteristic dimensions of the Society and that every parish would prepare an Annual Parish Pastoral Plan by December 2022 and submit it to the Provincial's office. The two days pastoral animation programme was well appreciated and concluded by expressing our gratitude to God and to each other.

#### **2. Province Recollections:**

Two recollections were organized on July 15 & 17 respectively at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda. Altogether about 70 confreres have participated in these recollections and spiritually strengthened themselves by carefully listening to the talks and by making good confession. They returned to their missions with renewed spirit.

### **3. Joint Meeting:**

Province Level Joint Coordinators meeting was held on July 16, 2022. The participants were members of Provincial Council, District Superiors, Coordinators of four fold Characteristic Dimensions, the Coordinators of AJS and SVD Vocations, SVD Youth Director, and the Secretary of Divine Word Education Society. In the first phase of the meeting, various Coordinators shared their reports and presented their upcoming programs.

**JPIC Coordinator** Fr. Rasal highlighted various JPIC works undertaken by the social work centers in the province. He shared two major themes for future implementation in the province, they are, animation on Government Schemes and responding to ecological crisis. He also requested SVD communities to make *Laudato Si* action plans at the earliest as per the direction of SVD Superior General. Fr. Sunil, the **Biblical Coordinator** reported various activities done in order to promote Word of God in the province. Along with the ongoing programs, Bible coordinator has future plans to conduct Bible quiz for youth in the parish, for brothers in the formation houses and hostel children in the Province. Fr. Christopher, the **Communication Coordinator** expressed his difficulties about establishing the centre and has set future plans to respond Media addicts among youth and negative impact of social media on families. **SVD Youth Coordinator**, Fr. Remejius has done many animation programs for youth and as future plans he focus on youth career guidance. **SVD Vocation Coordinator**, Fr. Peter, along with his team has done good harvest of vocations, however, recruitment of more vocations from *dalit, Ho and Santhal* missions was the call of the floor. Fr. Ronald, the **Mission Secretary** is focusing on formation of lay partners groups for SVD mission and mobilizing funds for SVD mission in the Province. Fr. K. C Thomas, the **School Secretary** highlighted the development of schools in province. He stated about 11,000 students are under the care of SVD Schools. He also expressed concerns that children today need motivation. He looks forward to avail decent pay scale for teachers and domestic staff and to conduct necessary inter-school programs as future plan of action. Fr. Dixson, the **Coordinator of Arnold Janssen Spirituality** shared his effort to promote AJS spirituality in the province and expressed his willingness to conduct animation programs on AJS Spirituality and SVD Mission.

Having shared the reports and action plans by participants, Fr. Petrus, the Provincial Superior, appealed District Superiors and House Superiors to conduct communal reflection of the Document given in view of General Chapter 2024. With the vote of thanks and prayer we ended the session.

**The INE Provincial Team thanks all the participants for setting aside your time and for being present in person for the above programs. May God bless you all.**

### **Congratulations...**

We congratulate our confreres who have completed their studies and are back to the province.

**Fr. Rajesh Rosan Ekka** – Completed his MBA studies at St. Aloysius institute of Management, Kotekar, Mangalore  
He is at Shanti Bhavan and is going to assume office as Asst. Provincial Treasurer, Treasurer of Shanti Bhavan, Janssen Bhavan & Health Care

**Fr. Silvaraj Duddu** - Completed his B.Ed Studies at Christ (Deemed to be University) Bengaluru  
He is at Saint Arnold's School, Bhubaneswar as Vice-Principal & Treasurer

**Fr. Ashok Kumar Minj** - Completed his Degree in Law at Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pune in 2019. Due to COVID Pandemic, the convocation was postponed and was held on May 16, 2022. He was awarded **GOLD MEDAL for holding First Rank** in the college and academic performance.



## PROVINCE RETREATS

Retreat is a time wherein a person takes break from all the responsibilities and spends time for oneself with the Lord to be spiritually energized and to carry on with ones responsibilities with renewed strength and gusto.

This year two retreats are being organized in our province.

	Dates	Venue	Preacher
<b>INE</b>	September 26-30 October 03-07	Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda	Fr. Joe Tauro, OCD Mangalore

**Arrival for first retreat:** September 25, 2022 evening; **Departure:** September 30, 2022 evening

**Arrival for second retreat:** October 02, 2022 evening; **Departure:** October 07, 2022 evening

All the confreres are requested to attend annual retreat according to your convenience without fail.

Those attending the retreat at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda, kindly inform Fr. Valentine Surin, SVD, *Praeses*, Shanti Bhavan (Mob.: 9437684459) about your arrival and stay at Jharsuguda.

### Retreats in other Provinces/Region

Province	Dates	Venue	Preacher
<b>INM</b>	27 Nov- 02 Dec	Atma Darshan, Mumbai	Fr. Alvito Frenandes, OCD
	January 22-27, 2023	Divine Call Centre, Mulki	
<b>INC</b>	October 02-07	St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore	Fr. Cyril Doss, SVD
	October 10-15	St. Joseph's Home, Palda, Indore	
<b>INH</b>	October 02-07	Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda, Hyderabad	Fr. Antony Menezes, SVD
<b>ING</b>	October 10-15	SVD House, Guwahati	Fr. Robert Athickal, SJ

### Birthdays of our Confreres

<b>July 2022</b>			
Lancy Rodrigues	05.07.1955	Joseph Sarpirasadam	16.07.1967
Jay Prakash Kullu*	06.07.1967	David Charls (EIP)	17.07.1997
Sunil Kujur (Frt)	07.07.1992	Nirmal Lawrence	21.07.1975
Suman Ddungdung	09.07.1967	Christopher Kerketta	25.07.1972
Parash Prasan Kujur	11.07.1990	Clement Kerketta	29.07.1975
Joseph Mannamparampil	14.07.1943	Tejkumar Lugun	31.07.1965
<b>August 2022</b>			
Tomi George	02.08.1967	Mathew Mattappallil	18.08.1934
Cherian Joseph	09.08.1961	John Maliekal	22.08.1940
Marcel Kujur*	10.08.1951	Joseph Kujur	22.08.1962
Petrus Kullu	10.08.1960	Pramodh Kumar Vatti	24.08.1990
Rudolf Crasta	14.08.1956	Luvis Ronald Pereira	25.08.1971
Isidore Kindo	16.08.1950	Joseph Philip	27.08.1955
Ashok Kumar Minj	18.08.1984		

## Our Departed Relative

- + Mr. Bonaventure Santhumayor, aged 89, brother of Fr. Fredrick Santhumayor, died on July 06, 2022
  - + Mr. Namdev Jadhav, aged 72, paternal uncle of Fr. Avinash Jadhav, died on July 21, 2022
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## MY PROGRAMME

### July

- 26-27 : Young Confreres Gathering, Jharsuguda
- 30 : School committee meeting, Bhubaneswar
- 31 : Managing committee meeting, Karunalaya, Puri

### August

- 01 : Return from Puri
- 02-06 : Divine Word Seminary, Pune
- 08 : Provincial Council Meeting, Shanti Bhavan
- 10 : Birthday Celebrations, Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda

Yours in the Divine Word

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Fr. Petrus Kullu, SVD  
Provincial Superior, INE

**“In the world everthing looks so bleak. Therefore those who love God must do all they can to bring about a change”.**

**-St. Arnold Janssen**

## News from the Generalate

July 12, 2022

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To all the Superiors of the Provinces/Regions/Missions in the Society

**Subject: Pope Francis' Rescript on Brothers in leadership positions in mixed congregations (clerics and Brothers).**

Dear Provincial/Regional/Mission Superior,

Constitution 611.1 states that *"Insofar as possible according to universal law (see c. 104) and our proper law, all offices in the Society are open to all confreres in perpetual vows."* It is for this reason that over time, the Society of the Divine Word has always shown concern for the Brothers' participation in the SVD leadership. The different general administrations have sought ways and means for the Brothers to have adequate representation in the leadership of the Society. The Constitutions themselves grant the Superior General and his Council the authority to ensure the proper presence of the Brothers in the General Chapters. For years now, General Councils have followed the practice of appointing, where possible, a Brother to the Provincial Council. Regarding leadership at the local level, after obtaining a rescript from the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL), Brothers in the Society have been appointed to positions of Vice-Provincial, Rector and Vice-Rector, District Superior and Vice-District Superior.

Under Pope Francis's leadership, the Church has taken a step forward on the issue of leadership positions for Brothers in mixed congregations. On May 18, 2022, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL) published the *Rescript of Pope Francis on the derogation of can. 588 §2 of CiC'83*. In this rescript, Pope Francis grants the CICLSAL the faculty to authorize, at its discretion and in individual cases, Brothers to be conferred the office of Major Superior and Supreme Moderator in Clerical Religious Institutes of Pontifical Right (among them the SVD) and Clerical Societies of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right of the Latin Church.

Specifically, Pope Francis' Rescript allows a Brother:

**1. To be appointed Local Superior by the Supreme Moderator with the consent of his Council.**

*Explanatory Note:* Until now, the practice was that if a Brother was appointed Local Superior (Rector and Vice-Rector, District Superior and Vice-District Superior), the Superior General, with the consent of his Council, had to request from the CICLSAL a rescript of dispensation for the Brother's appointment. With Pope Francis' Rescript derogating can. 588 §2, there is no need to ask for the rescript of dispensation. With the consent of his Council, the Supreme Moderator is now authorized to appoint Brothers as Local Superiors in the Provinces/Regions/Missions (PRM) of the Society of the Divine Word.

**2. To be appointed Provincial Superior after obtaining a written rescript from the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life at the request of the Supreme Moderator with the consent of his Council.**

*Explanatory note:* This provision is a novelty (To some extent Point 1 is also a novelty because now the Supreme Moderator [General Superior] can appoint Brothers as Local Superiors). Until now, a Brother could not be elected/appointed Provincial/Regional/Mission Superior in a PRM. The Rescript of Pope Francis opens this possibility on the condition that the rescript of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life is obtained at the request of the Supreme Moderator with the consent of his Council.

**3. To be elected the Supreme Moderator, in the manner prescribed by the proper law, with confirmation - by a written rescript - from the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.**

*Explanatory note:* Until now, a Brother could not be elected the Supreme Moderator of the Society of the Divine Word. The Rescript of Pope Francis opens this possibility on the condition that an elected Brother is confirmed by a written rescript from the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

In the cases mentioned in nos. 2 and 3, the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life reserves the right to evaluate the individual case and the reasons given by the Supreme Moderator or the General Chapter.

Dear PRM Superiors, we have entered a year of elections and appointments in the PRMs of the Society of the Divine Word. The Rescript of Pope Francis is an instrument that facilitates the inclusion of the Brothers in deciding on the election/appointment of superiors at all levels. I ask you to please communicate this good news to all confreres in your PRM and inform them of the new procedures in the election/appointment of Brothers to leadership positions in the Society of the Divine Word.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the gift of discernment to choose leaders who, urged by the love of Christ, are rooted in the Word, and committed to his Mission.

Fraternally in the Divine Word,

  
Paulus Budi Kleden, SVD  
Superior General

  
José Nicolás Espinosa, SVD  
Secretary General