



SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD (SVD)

INDIA- GUWAHATI (ING) REGION

REGIONAL CIRCULAR

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The love of Christ impels us to be a community of brothers:

Planted and Built up in Jesus Christ

“Walk in him, rooted in him, built upon him and established in the Faith” (Col 2:6-7)

Dear Confreres,

We have before us the preparatory document on Theme and Guidelines for the forthcoming IX General Chapter 2024 as an immediate preparation for this great event of the Society of the Divine Word as we also prepare ourselves to celebrate the 150 years of the Society in the year 2025.

"Your Light Must Shine Before Others" (Mt 5:16)
Faithful and Creative Disciples in a Wounded World

As a preparation let us make this event meaningful and effective as ING Region through prayerful and reflective participation. As planned and communicated in the earlier circulars we come together as District communities and unit level for prayer, reflection and sharing animated by our own confreres from the Districts. The document and the power point presentation of the same will be shared with you for your necessary prior preparation. The following confreres will be available for animation in the mentioned areas. The persons responsible kindly communicate with the respective persons about the dates of coming together in your respective district or unit.

Fr. Maxim Rodrigues – Manipur, Assam and Meghalaya

Fr. Manoj Antony – Arunachal Pradesh

Fr. Ivan DSilva – Tripura

Find the details of the venue and the persons responsible to plan and organise the sharing and send the report to the Regional office by 15 September 2022

District/ Unit	Venue	Person Responsible
Agartala district	Ambassa	Fr. J. Antony, District Superior
Banderdewa, Dobam, Roing	Roing	Fr. Sunny Abraham
Tezpur, Regional House, Chakpikarong	Tezpur	Fr. Roshan Kujur
Lumshnong and Iongshiwiati	Lumshnong	Fr. Thawmon
Seppa, Naricamp, Chayang Tajo	Seppa	Fr. Joshy Abraham

The respective persons will guide the communities for reflection and discussion on the Chapter document. Each District/Unit will prepare a report on the discussion and send it to the Regional office by the 15th of September which will be complied and sent to the Generalate by the end of the month. Let us make this process relevant and fruitful with genuine sharing and discussion.

General Visitation of ING:

The General Visitation for the ING Region is scheduled for 27 October 2022 to 19 November 2022. Kindly keep yourself available for this period in your mission stations. On the 17 – 19 November we will be gathering at the Regional house for the conclusion of the General visitation as well as leadership animation for the New Regional Administration team for the 2023-26 Triennium

Interprovincial events at India Sub zone level:

1. Formators' Seminar:

First Batch: 12-13 August (arrival on 11th, departure from 14th)

Second Batch: 16 - 17 August (arrival on 15th, departure from 18th)

Venue: Snehalaya Convention Centre, Indore

These two seminars are being organised for all formators of the India Sub zone so that all the formators could take part in it.

2. Formation Board Meeting (General Body)

16-17 September 2022 (arrival on 15th, departure 18th)

Venue: Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda

3. Interprovincial Forum meeting 18-19 September 2022

(Arrival on 17th, departure on 20th)

The National Secretaries of the Formation Board as well as the Interprovincial Forum have invited for any suggestions/ agendas for discussion for the formation as well as missionary activities in India sub zone. You may send them to our Regional Office/Mission Secretary before the end of August, who will forward them to the National Secretaries.

Congratulations for outstanding School Results!

Here we have the fruit of the hard work of educational ministry. I congratulate the confreres involved in the education ministry who have made this possible with your commitment to promote education in the Society. Our teachers and parents have cooperated with us. Sincere thanks and congratulations to them. Our students always make us proud by their life achievements. Though there are a few failures we acknowledge the efforts put in to bring out our best in our students.

School	Appeared	Passed	1st Div	2nd Div	3rd Div	Comprtmnt/Fail
Lumshnong	34	24	4			10 - fail
Ambassa X	149	149	144	05	01	
H.S.(+2)	109	108	108			1 - comprtmnt
Roing	63	52	22	17		11 - comprtmnt

Capital Expenses for the March Distribution Projects:

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 09, 2022 by soft copy.

Retreats in the India Sub zone

The annual retreats for the year 2022-23 in different provinces of India are given below. This year we have ING Region retreat combined for the SVD and SSpS. ***Every confrere is expected to make one's Annual retreat.*** If anyone is not able to take part in the said retreat or going to other provinces please get the written permission from the Regional office.

The ING Regional Retreat will be followed by the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee celebrations of Fr. Jaibu Mathew. Following is the schedule of the retreat at SVD House, Guwahati.

10 Evening Arrival & Starting of the Retreat

15 Noon Concluding Eucharist with Felicitation for the Jubilarian

16 Departure

Prov	Dates	Place	Preacher
INC	02 - 07 October 2022 10 - 15 October 2022	St. Arnold's Seva Sadan, Indore St. Joseph's Home, Palda	Fr. Cyril Doss SVD
INE	02 - 07 October 09 - 14 October 2022	Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda	
ING	10 - 15 October 2022	SVD House, Guwahati	Fr. Robert Athickal SJ
INH	02 - 07 October 2022	Arnold Bhavan, Habsiguda,	Fr. Antony Menezes SVD
INM	27 Nov. to 02 Dec.2022 22-27 January 2023	Atma Darshan, Andheri Divine Call Centre, Mulki.	Fr. Alvito Fernandes OCD.

Welcome to Dn Avinash Derick DSouza to ING:

Dn Avinash arrived to ING Region on the 26th July, 2022. He reached longshiwiat on the 28 July where he will do his Diaconate Ministry till the 1st week of December and move for his ordination on the 10 January, 2023 in his home Parish. We wish Dn Avinash a fruitful time of this ministry as he prepares himself for the Priestly Ordination. We pray for God's blessings upon him and his missionary intentions. Welcome Avinash and have a fruitful time.

Best wishes to Fr. Joby Joseph

We wish Fr. Joby Joseph success in his studies in MSc Psychology at Dindigal, Tamil Nadu and thus be better equipped for his missionary service in the ING Region.

Fr. Clement Quadras stay at home

Fr. Clement Quadras on his request has been permitted to stay home for six month to care of his ailing Mom and Brother who are in need of nursing care 24x7. We pray for their health and wellbeing.

Circular by the Generalate on Nemi Courses:

Kindly find the details of the Nemi Courses circulated by the Generalate. The Society encourages the confreres taking part in these renewal courses as a part of the On-going Formation programme. You may send your application to the Regional Superior for the purpose of necessary permission and budget planning for the March distribution projects. The application must reach the Regional Office by the end of September 2022.

DATES	COURSE	FOR WHOM?	Application Deadline
13 February to 14 May 2023	SSpS -SVD JOINT TERTIATE RENEWAL COURSE IN SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE Venue: Begins in Nemi and ends in Steyl (includes Oies).	Confreres: 40 to 65 years of age, a minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows (Const. 519.1)	13 August 2022
3 August to 24 November 2023	SVD TERTIATE RENEWAL COURSE IN ENGLISH Venue: Begins in Steyl and ends in Nemi (includes Oies)	Confreres: 40 to 65 years of age, a minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows (Const. 519.1)	1 st February 2023
10 October to 25 November 2023	SVD THIRD AGE COURSE IN SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE Venue: Begins in Steyl and ends in Nemi (includes Oies)	Senior Confreres: Over 65 years of age in good health	10 April 2023
4 July to 31 August 2023	DEI VERBUM COURSE IN ENGLISH *** Venue: Nemi	SVD confreres, Diocesan priests, Religious and lay persons (both men and women), Age: under 60 Actively involved in Bible Apostolate	10 February 2023
1 March to 31 May 2024	SVD TERTIATE RENEWAL COURSE IN BAHASA-INDONESIA Venue: Begins in Nemi and ends at Steyl (includes Oies)	Confreres: 40 to 65 years of age, a minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows (Const. 519.1). Those up to 72 years of age (in good health) are also eligible	31 August 2023
6 August to 28 November 2024	SVD TERTIATE RENEWAL COURSE IN ENGLISH Venue: Begins in Steyl and ends in Nemi (includes Oies)	Confreres: 40 to 65 years of age, a minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows (Const. 519.1)	31 January 2024

Internal Audit

Fr. Donald DSouza, INM Provincial treasure on request for a guidance and direction for an internal was in the ING Region during 16-22 July. It was an exercise of Internal audit for better planning on the temporal goods of the Region. He was at Guwahati, Agartala, Ambassa, Khumulwng & Kamaranga with Fr. Jestin. Based on the visit to these places a report has been prepared by the audit team which will be sent to the respective communities after the approval by the Regional Council for future action. I thank Fr. Donald for availing himself for these days and giving his valuable comments and suggestions. We look forward for his further visits to the Region.

The Internal audit of similar nature will be carried out in other mission centres of ING region. The Community Superiors along with the Treasurers are requested to complete your accounts upto date. The Audit reports for the Year 2021-22 will be ready by the 10 of this month and will be sent to you.

Remember the departed:

Mr. Joaquim Costa, Brother in law of Fr. Clemente Miranda, on 28 June, 2022

Mr. Antonio Remedius Tadeu Correa, Brother in Law of Fr. Clement Miranda on 11 July 2022

Mr. Darius Kamar, Father of Fr. Thawmon on 12 July 2022

Father of Frt. P. Rayappan on 14 July 2022

We convey our heartfelt condolences to our confreres at the loss of their beloved In Laws and Dads. May God grant them eternal reward and consolation for their family members.

Birthdays in the month of August

20 Arun Kumar Minj
20 Jestin George Vazhayil

My programmes for August

02 Meeting with the third year Fraters in Sasson.
04 Meeting with the third year Fraters in Pune
Governing Board meeting of the FB and IPF
06 - 09 visit to Mumbai and back to Guwahati
10 Regional Council Meeting

Yours in the Divine Word,



Fr. Maxim Rodrigues SVD
Regional Superior, ING

