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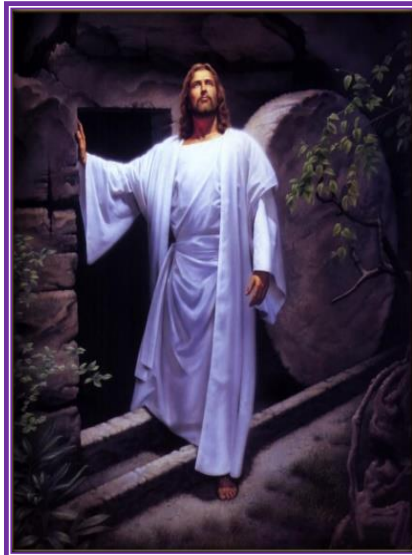
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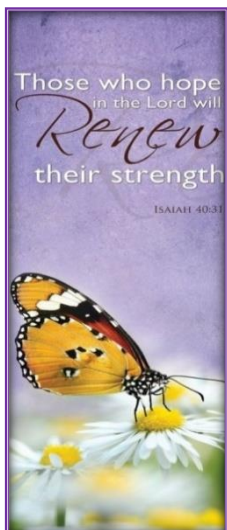
### EASTER: TESTIMONY OF HOPE

The Christian life is always a challenging one. It is a hazardous journey in the desert, in the wilderness, where the devil assaults and tempts God's children. Times of challenges and temptations should make us vigilant and watchful because temptations can lead us to despair and doubt God's promises of protection, provision and life. A bold confidence in God's promises fortifies our faith in Christ and His Life because God is faithful and true. Christians are also reminded that the wilderness is the place of God's presence, the place of testing where He refines and prepares us to be resilient and stand firm in his promises when times are tough. At this time of the pandemic, war and many other challenges and uncertainties, we are on a hazardous journey in the desert, but not alone. God's Spirit accompanies and leads us. As St. Paul describes, we may be hard pressed on all sides, perplexed, not crushed, not in despair, not destroyed. All these life experiences are meant to demonstrate the great power of God (cf. 2 Cor. 4:7-9). So, this time is a gracious time to acknowledge God alone as our dependence on his mercies and providence.



Easter is the greatest feast for us because the Resurrection of Christ is the foundation of our faith and message. As St. Paul says, "If Christ has not risen; our faith would be in vain." (I Cor. 15:14). The season of Lent culminates in the Resurrection of Christ, and the Church invites us to join in rejoicing and singing Alleluia to the Risen Lord. Easter is not just an event that took place 2000 years ago, Christ lives with us today. He rolls away the stones that imprison us and awakens us to a glorious new dawn. He gives us the assurance of our own Resurrection, and that is why, St. Paul says, "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" (I Cor. 15:55). The Resurrection responds to an instinct that is deep seated in human nature itself because after the darkness comes the light; after the heartbreak, the daybreak; after the struggle, the victory. As Pope Francis said in one of his Easter messages, "We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... And there - with our attitude, with our witness, with our life - we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul."

Living Resurrection demands that we embrace the life with all its mystery dimensions and unsettledness; it means keeping our eyes open and moving towards an uncharted horizon that beckons us forward. It means walking one step at a time and living one day at a time following the Risen One. It encompasses



marching towards fullness of life and eternity, even when the path is uncertain, trusting that in the very act of walking, we will find our way. Easter is this Hope in the person of the Risen Christ who surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present. This is the decisive event which demonstrates that God's kingdom has been really launched on earth as it is in heaven. It is true, our life comprises of sorrow and pain, betrayals and denials, sickness and death but Jesus' life brings us hope in the midst of the messiness of our life and because of his death and resurrection, we can confidently proclaim the truth that Paul proclaimed in Romans: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us" (8:18). We have a certain hope that infinitely outshines the suffering and pain that we might experience. Therefore, Easter is about a living hope, a hope that is contemporary and real, no matter what the circumstances of our lives may be. Marjorie Hewitt proclaimed this truth beautifully in the following words, "The edges of God are tragedy; the depths of God are joy, beauty, resurrection and life. Resurrection answers crucifixion; life answers death." Joyous Hope-filled Easter!

- INM Leadership Team

## WORKSHOP ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT, CYBER-CRIME AND CSR FUND



INM Province Chapter recommended that we organize workshops on Disaster Management and Responsible use of Social media, Cyber safety and crimes. Accordingly, we had planned a combined workshop for the benefit of our confreres from 15 March 2022 to 17 March 2022 at Atma Darshan, Andheri. Fr. Richard Quadros introduced the purpose and idea of having this workshop to all the conferees at the beginning. The Workshop was attended by 34 confreres and it was conducted by renowned and experienced resource persons. Cyber-crime and responsible use of social media sessions were conducted by Mr. Wilson D'Souza, General Manager (Sales and Marketing) and Mr. Mallikarjun, Operation Manager for Pelorus Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Andheri East, Mumbai. CSR fundraising and Project proposal sessions were conducted by Prof.

Sanjay Vanani, V.M. Patel Institute of Management, Ahemdabad, Gujarat and Disaster Management and Preparedness by Professors Mahesh Kamble and Jacqueline Mary from TATA Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai. Frs. Richard Quadros and Evan Gomes were the organisers of this workshop. The workshop received a very positive response from the participants. At the end of the third day, a separate session was held to discuss the way forward. There were a few important suggestions from the confreres to put into action the lessons learnt from the workshop.

## CAREER GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING



On 19 February 2022 UCDC in collaboration with Mumbai Archdiocese organized career guidance for the migrant students of Bandra locality. Career guidance was designed to assist the students to make better career decisions by identifying their potential. It was to make the career aspirants to understand their interests, aptitudes and potential. The parents of the migrant students come from poor educational background. UCDC observed that over the years the parents were not able to guide them and therefore the students seem to be confused during the crucial time of making choices for their career.

UCDC organised this career guidance for the 41 migrant students belonging to 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> standard. Ms. Kinjal Maru from Infinity Consultancy Services was the resource person for the day. She presented very simple steps for making career choices: understanding oneself, career exploration, setting goal and preparing action plans. The students had sufficient time to interact with the resource person. There will be a follow up programme after their final exam.

## **LENTEN MISSION ST. THERESA'S CHURCH, BANDRA**



Keeping in mind the ongoing synod on synodality 2021-2023, and the season of Lent, St. Theresa's Church, Bandra chose an appropriate Lenten theme for all its spiritual activities during these forty days, "Journeying together in the Light of the Cross." To set the tone for this spiritual journey, right at the start of this season, we invited Fr. Dixon Lawrence D'Souza, SVD from INE to preach the Lenten mission from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Fr. Dixon with his good public speaking skills reflected with the parishioners on the sub-themes, "Journeying together to be a blessing", "Journeying together to nurture relationships" and "Journeying together to pass over" on three evenings. He invited the parishioners to look at the cross of Jesus as a symbol of unity, symbol of blessing and a symbol of life. On an average 150 people attended the mission, which was well appreciated.

## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION UCDC, BANDRA**

Urban Community Development Centre (UCDC) organized International Women's Day celebration on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. The theme for the day was same as of UN: "Gender Equality today for a Sustainable Tomorrow".



There were 575 participants: 500 women, 40 men, and 35 students. All the participants were welcomed with a badge that highlighted the theme of the day. Fr. Richard Mathias SVD, the INM Provincial Superior was the Chief Guest for the occasion. He was accompanied by Fr. Paul Vattathara, Director of UCDC, and Ms. Pallavi Xalxo an Assistant Professor. Ms. Niroj Tirkey, the president of Jagruti SHG, welcomed the dignitaries and the participants for the program.



The program began with a prayer dance by the migrant students. The women SHG groups welcomed the dignitaries in a traditional way: women sang a welcome song and a few others washed the hands of the dignitaries and pinned the badges. Fr. Cosmos Ekka introduced the Chief Guest and the guests of honor. The Chief Guest, Fr. Richard Mathias addressed the assembly. He appreciated and thanked the women for the warm welcome and stressed on the need for bringing gender equality. He highlighted the role of education in bringing about gender equality. He felicitated three SHGs by handing over bank passbooks, cheque books and gifts as acknowledgement of their hard work and commitment. The women publicly recognized the role of UCDC in taking care of the children at Creche, Balwadi and through tuitions.



The representatives of UCDC staff Ms. Savita Machivale, Ms. Philomena Patel, and Ms. Satyashila Dhotre, a social worker, were felicitated for their commitment towards the well-being of the children.

Fr. Paul Vattathara, the Director of UCDC, encouraged the entire assembly saying the gender equality will come when we will it, because any success is possible when we will something to happen. He further motivated the women “to dream as big as they can to make everything possible”.

The guest of honor Ms. Pallavi Xalxo being herself a Tribal spoke in a very simple language calling for unity in the community. The event was made colorful by the variety of programs; cultural dances, skits, singing and tableau. The youth group put up a beautiful skit on gender equality. The event was celebrated to highlight and recognize the achievements of women. It was wonderful to observe that a number of participants came up to the stage for the first time in their lives. It was a beautiful platform to boost their self-confidence. The event ended with a vote of thanks by Ms. Dibya Minj. The migrant community thanked St. Theresa School administration for the venue and other facilities.

## **UCDC CONDUCTS FINANCIAL LITERACY**



On 13 February 2022 as part of the women empowerment program UCDC organized Financial Literacy session for 136 migrant women (mainly SHG members) and 12 migrant men. Due to distress migration people come to Mumbai for their livelihood. The people are very simple in nature and they have been cheated multiple times by the frauds. Many women have lost their money because they had invested their hard earnings with wrong agencies. The resource person was Fr. Donald D’Souza SVD.

The sessions were conducted through audio-visual presentation which made the sessions interesting. The topics covered were: Cycle of Income and Expenses, Concept & Importance of Savings, Banking System, Government Insurance Schemes and Financial Fraud Related Matters. It was an interactive session. Many questions of the women were answered. The women requested the resource person to have a follow up session.

## **INSTALLATION OF COMPOST STATION SARVA SEVA SANGH, MUMBAI**



Sarva Seva Sangh, Mumbai has launched a Compost Station at its premises. Composting is a natural biological process in which micro-organisms, mainly bacteria and fungi, convert complex organic matter into a simpler material known as compost. It is an eco-friendly way

to manage kitchen waste and other biodegradable wastes than letting it pile onto landfills. This Compost Station has been made possible through the CSR (corporate social responsibility) initiatives steered by RUR Greenlife Pvt. Ltd. which is a socio- environmental organization formulated in the year 2010 with a vision to create eco-consciousness amongst the Mumbaikars and Ekconnect Knowledge Foundation, which is a non-profit section 8 company jointly supported by HT Parekh Foundation. The Compost Station is equipped with two Greengold aerobic bio composters and other accessories for composting together with a Shredder (Model C76). SSS, Mumbai ventured into this field of composting to contribute its mite to join hands with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) put forward by the United Nations (UN) in its 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The campus wherein SSS is situated has an immense possibility to educate that composting is an important approach to process biodegradable wastes by transforming potential organic waste into a useful product such as compost, that in turn, can be well utilised for our kitchen and flower gardens in this campus.

## RETREAT FOR THE MIGRANT YOUTH SVD SEMINARY, RAIA



Lent is a season of grace where people prepare themselves for the celebration of the Paschal mystery of our faith especially the resurrection of our Lord Jesus through prayer, fasting and alms-giving. One of the exercises that the people undertake during this season is taking part in a retreat or Lenten mission. Keeping this in mind, SVD Seminary, Raia organised a one-day retreat for the migrant youth in Goa on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022. As the youth began to flock at SVD Seminary, Raia, early in the morning, there was lot of joy and excitement on their faces. The retreat started

with a short prayer and action songs to praise and worship the Lord, followed by two sessions on repentance and forgiveness conducted by Fr. Joaquim Fernandes and Fr. Michael Pereira. The youth had adoration, confessions, and way of the cross on the SVD mountain and the Eucharistic celebration was also on the mountain. There were altogether 71 migrant youth from different parts of Goa who participated in this retreat. As they were going back, many of the youth commented that this was the first time that they got an opportunity to participate in a retreat. They went back home with abundant blessings from God and with a God experience.

## BANDRA LCF RECOLLECTION



Bandra LCF held its Lenten recollection on 19 March 2022 at St. Theresa's Church, Bandra. It was attended by confreres from Sarva Vikas Deep, Mangaon, Janseva Society, Tala, SVD Shishyalaya, Vasai, SVD House, Bandra and the newly ordained SVD priests serving at the diocesan parishes namely St. Anne's Church, Pali Hill and Sacred Heart Church, Santacruz. The preacher for the day was Fr. Renold Pascal SSP. Fr. Comos Ekka the LCF leader gave a general welcome to all

and Fr. P. David welcomed the preacher. Fr. Pascal preached on the topic 'Wounded and Found'. Fr. Sushil proposed the vote of thanks. The recollection talk was followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation for which some priests from the Society of St. Paul were called. The recollection ended with sharing of experiences by confreres in their respective ministries and a fellowship meal in the afternoon.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022 SARVA VIDYA DEEPA, BAILHONGAL

Imagine a gender equal world – a world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that is diverse, equitable, inclusive, where differences are valued and celebrated equally. Together we can forge women's equality; collectively we can all Break the Bias. An equal world is an enabled world. Individually, we are all responsible for our own thoughts and actions every day of our life. We can actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions, improve situations and celebrate Women's achievements. Collectively each one of us can help to create a gender equal world by breaking the bias. Let's all 'Break the Bias' and bring the valued equality. International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the Social, Economic, Cultural and Political Achievements of Women - while making a call to action for celebrating gender equality.



Sarva Vidya Deepa, Bailhongal along with Carmel Nivas celebrated International Women's Day on March 13, 2022 at Carmel School auditorium. Fr. Richard D'Almeida, Director of Sarva Vidya Deepa, Fr. Leo Alex SVD, Asst. Director, Sr. Maria Reetha AC, Superior of Carmel Nivas along with other Sisters and the Sarva Vidya Deepa Social Work Animators - Mr. Fakirappa and Mr. Joseph Talwar were involved in organizing this great event. We had invited Sr. Lourdu, Holy Cross Sister, Children Welfare Committee President, Belgaum as day's Chief Guest, Ms.

Pappabattini Sumathi, High Court and Civil Court Lawyer at Dharwad and Huballi was the Guest of Honour. Sr. Sophie from Hidkal Dam, Sr. Benedicta D'Souza, UFS, from Huballi were also present along with Fr. Richard D'Almeida and Sr. Maria Reetha. Carmel Vidya Vikas School teachers and St. Francis Xavier Church parishioners jointly celebrated this day.

There were around 550 neighbouring village women, mostly belonging to our Self Help Group. As the people started coming in, we had arranged for them breakfast followed by registration. It was an awe feeling by looking at the beautiful large gathering. We began the programme at 11.00 a.m. with the Prayer Song by SHG Women from Inchal village. Prayer Dance was presented through video. Soon after this there was lighting of the lamp to guide the day's activities. Fr. Richard D'Almeida, Director of Sarva Vidya Deepa, welcomed everybody with his joyous speech. Inchal SVD tuition children put up a beautiful Women's Day dance drama. It was the center of attraction.



Chief Guest Sr. Lourdu in her address highlighted how women need to take lead. What happens when they come together and its benefits. Women are empowered and they are no more weaker section. She also highlighted various schemes and benefits which women need to grab. She spoke to the core of women who can simply understand the present situation. She stressed upon women helpline and its benefits. The gist of Chief Guest's address was how each woman needs to face the challenges and participate to build the

gender equal society. She highlighted how we as a human society need to Break the Bias.

Ms. Pappabattini Sumathi, highlighted that our society needs to be encouraged to foster gender equality. Therefore, when biased based aspects are expressed there is a system called law and justice to go recourse to. Court of law is there to provide justice. She promised her support in this regard to build a just society. Fr. Richard D'Almeida along with Fr. Leo Alex, Animators and Sr. Lilly Pushpa presented Annual report through PPT presentation. Fr. Richard also highlighted the goals of Sarva Vidya Deepa, its different activities and schemes. Mr. Fakirappa Halemani compered the programme and Mr. Joseph Talwar did the backstage work. Sr. Maria Reetha AC, proposed the vote of thanks and the programme ended with a group photo and wishing everyone. After the programme sumptuous meal was served for all the people. The programme concluded at 03.30 p.m. and all dispersed home with joy.

## **INTER RELIGIOUS GATHERING IN BELGAUM**

Being grateful for all that we have in life is one of the keys to true happiness. "We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather recognizing and appreciating what we do have." The uniqueness of Thanksgiving Celebration was organized in the presence of dynamic leaders of three different religions. The esteemed guests were Rev. Fr. Richard

D'Almeida our Dean and Episcopal Vicar for the Religious from Bailongal, Shri. Amara Siddheshwar Mahaswamy from Kundargi and Moulana Hyderali Rasul from Hidkal Dam. The assembly began with lamp lighting ceremony by the invited dignitaries followed by graceful prayer dance by the students of St. Theresa's School, Hidkal which continued with a short prayer service. Lighting of single lamp by three religious leaders was a moment of pride and unity and filled the atmosphere with a feeling that "No Religion is greater than Humanity." As a sign of unity and harmony the readings from various holy books were read by the students. A short skit by the students was performed depicting the importance of being thankful and having an attitude of gratitude.

The dignitaries of the assembly were honoured and felicitated in a traditional way. The three leaders motivated the students and audience with their outstanding speeches. Moulana Hyderali addressed the audience with the topic "The importance of time in students' life". Swamiji inspired students with his heart touching speech. He felt proud about Christian school as it values the potential of education and talent within a child and is no way interested about influence and bribe which prevails in every field today. He said that children are like God and they should gain knowledge and education which will remain with them forever. Fr. Richard D'Almeida appreciated the discipline of the school and asked students to follow three 'S' in their life i.e. Set Goals, Strive to achieve them and Succeed. No matter which religion you belong but the destiny is Almighty. All three speakers complemented each religion and its values.

## **WOMEN'S DAY 2022**

### **SARVA SEVA SANGH, ANDHERI**



WOW Women 2022 was the theme chosen to celebrate International Women's Day by Sarva Seva Sangh (SSS), Mumbai. Elsewhere in the world, International Women's day may be celebrated to acclaim the women who have made the world a better place through their power, determination, and belief, whether as a homemaker, teachers, engineer, or in any other capacity or to serve as an action for accelerating gender parity, but for us at SSS, we had another reason. The unique rationale for the celebration was not because we have all women staff in the Pre-school, but due to the fact that mothers play a vital role in the early education of a child. We considered it as a day to raise a toast to the efforts of all the mothers when their wards start schooling. Pre-school is the time when we prepare the children to start their long years of education. So we conduct educational activities with a holistic approach to support children's early cognitive, physical, social and emotional development. Doubtless to say that in this manner of teaching at SSS, mothers accompany very closely with their wards. Thus we have lots of extra-curricular activities, games and projects that the mothers along with their wards have to complete.

Besides having games, cultural events, fun and frolic to mark the celebration, we had food festival and cooking competition. A renowned ex- hotelier and currently a home-baker Ms. Tina Gonslaves was the judge for the cooking competition. After judging the 7 groups of parents who had cooked mouth-watering delicacies, the tables were thrown open for the public to buy and relish at the food court. All the events were arranged at Gyan Ashram Quadrangle for the full view of all the passers-by and the paying guests who were camping in the various houses of the campus. All exited the venue with a sense of celebrating the International Women's Day 2022 with gusto.

## **UNBOUND CONFERENCE** **SVD PRARTHANA NIKETHAN, KADUTHURUTHY**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives...to let the oppressed go free” (Lk. 4.18)



When we look around, we see so many of our brothers and sisters live in slavery to so many negative sentiments and attitudes. Fear, despair, anger and bitterness, unforgiveness and revenge, hopelessness etc. grip their lives. They struggle to come out of it. No doubt there is freedom from all these in the name of Jesus, in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Neel Lozano, an American catholic preacher/evangelist focused on this aspect in his ministry and helped many to come out of these bondages and experience the love of the Abba Father; thus, help them to enjoy the real freedom and joy of a true Christian living. In his book UNBOUND he gives very good practical steps about it. Based on this, an UNBOUND CONFERENCE was arranged in Malayalam at SVD Prarthana Nikethan, Kaduthuruthy from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Dr. Joseph Thomas and Dr. Celine Thomas, who have been carrying out this ministry abroad were the main Resource Persons. Fr. Mathew Punchayil, Fr. Sebastian Areekatt, Fr. John Sankarathil and Fr. Titus Thattamattathil were the team members.

About 100 people participated in the programme. Most of them have read the book, UNBOUND in Malayalam and were eager to know more about the practical tips. All of them were very much satisfied with the whole teaching and prayer sessions which helped them mainly in the area of unforgiveness. “Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing, it is for this that you were called - that you might inherit a blessing” (1 Pet.3.9). People were brought to the deeper awareness of this truth as they experienced the flow of God’s love when they were helped to be freed from the block of unforgiveness and other negative sentiments. At the conclusion of the conference some people asked, “when will such a programme be arranged in future?” We give all glory to God Almighty for the good things people experienced through this programme.

## **WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATION** **SARVA VIKAS DEEP, MANGOAN**



Women are integral part of human society. They play a vital role in the smooth functioning of families and society. Most often, women are not recognized in the society and their contribution is hardly acknowledged. Keeping these ideals in mind Sarva

Vikas Deep Mangaon organized women’s day celebration at its premises on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The celebration began with lighting of lamp and honouring Savitribhai who is considered as the ideal of women in Maharashtra. Tahasildar of Mangaon was the Chief Guest of the event. Other government officials such as BDO, forest officers, medical officers etc. were present for the event. More than 300 women were present for the celebration. Tribal women, men, and children performed dance and added colour to the celebration. In association with our project partner Caritas India we organized food festival where tribal women could exhibit various continental food items, herbal plants and other locally available items. It was a great platform for tribals to exhibit their knowledge. There was also free vaccination facilities made available to people from the Taluka health department. The programme concluded with a common meal. It was indeed a great and fruitful event that upheld and honoured women.



## PILGRIMAGE TO OIES

The SVD Formators and Vocation Directors' course began in Nemi, Italy on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2022. There are 26 participants from 9 countries working in 16 provinces. The course focused on various subjects related to formation and vocation promotion. One of the key highlights of this course was the pilgrimage to 'Oies' located on the Dolomite Mountains of South Tyrol, the birthplace of St. Joseph Freinademetz from March 3-6, 2022. It was a very enlightening experience to be at the very place where St. Joseph began his journey towards sainthood. Looking at the beautiful landscape all of us understood the depth of sacrifice that St. Joseph had made by leaving his home town forever for the sake of the mission in China.



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of our pilgrimage, we had a half day recollection and then we visited the Holy Cross Chapel which is 2000 meters above sea level, the place where the family of St. Joseph would make regular pilgrimages. We also visited the parish church of St. Leonhard's, 20 minutes from Oies where St. Joseph was baptised. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day we visited St. Martin's Church where he served as a diocesan priest and finally the diocesan seminary of Bressanone (Brixen) where St. Joseph Freinademetz studied theology. Overall, it was an experience that has changed all of us in our appreciation of St. Joseph Freinademetz and our dedication as formators and vocation directors in the SVD.

## DDW- PUNE VISITS MANGAON MISSION



Since its inception from October 2020, the Disciples of the Divine Word, Pune has embarked on several initiatives to serve the poor and the needy and have come together at regular intervals to have formation sessions. Through the pandemic, DDW-Pune organized feed the hungry drives twice a month to provide cooked meals to the poor on the streets of Pune. During Christmas, DDW Pune organized outreach programs for the children at Sarva Seva Sangh, Pune and for differently-abled children at Snehalaya, Pune.

On 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022, DDW Pune members embarked on their first mission trip to Sarva Vikas Deep, Mangaon. Members interacted with the Katkari tribal people and were touched by the lifestyle of the tribal people - especially of the women and children. They learnt how the tribal folk make a living through different activities such as farming, sheep rearing, bag making and so on. The members also visited a farm where few women formed a group to grow vegetables and share the profits among them. The members also visited the Jan Seva Society, Tala where the SVD Fathers shared their experience of their mission work in the villages of Tala. Witnessing the simple life of the tribals was very inspiring for the members, who returned home with joy in their hearts. We thank Fr. Richard Quadras, SVD for the orientation programme and showcasing the various mission activities of Sarva Vikas Deep. Finally, we thank the SVD Fathers, for their blessings, guidance and support to make this a successful and memorable trip for the DDW, Pune members.

## WARM WELCOME TO THE EIPs

In the Governing Body meeting of the Formation Board of India Sub-zone, two Fratres have been assigned to INM for their EIP experience for the year 2022-2023. India Mumbai Province (INM) extends a warm welcome to them and wishes a fruitful Exposure Immersion Programme to our new EIPs - Mathew Tirkey and Suraj Minz. Frt. Mathew Tirkey is appointed to Sarva Seva Sangh, Pune and Frt. Suraj Minz is appointed to Sarva Vikas Deep, Mangaon.



## **THANKS TO THE OUTGOING EIPs**

The two fraters; Abin Mathew and Ebin Ouseph Venad having had fruitful experience in our missions at Sarva Seva Sangh, Pune and Sarva Vikas Deep, Mangaon and contributed their best to the missions as per their capabilities are all set to move on to the next stage of their formation. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to both of them and wish them the very best in their further formation. We thank the EIP Coordinator, Fr. Joseph M.T. for closely accompanying them and guiding them during this important year of their formation.

## **NEMI COURSE ATTENDANCE**

We have permitted Fr. Thomas Sequeira and Fr. Michael Vettumanickal to attend the upcoming SVD Tertiate Renewal Course to be held from May 2 to 18 August 2022 at Nemi, Rome. They will be leaving for Rome on 29 April 2022 and will return on 31 August 2022. We wish both of them a pleasant trip and an enriching renewal time. We thank the Divine Word Seminary staff and the confreres in Mangalore communities for their encouragement and support to Fr. Michael and Fr. Thomas which has made it convenient for them to attend this course and benefit from it.

## **SUB-ZONE COMMON POLICIES**

In the India Sub-zone Governing Body meeting held on 19-20 September, 2016 in Hyderabad, it was agreed upon to initiate the project of drafting a few common policies on various aspects of our life and mission by constituting a committee comprising of following members from all the Provinces/Region: Fr. Thomas Malipurathu, Fr. Richard Vaz, Fr. I. Santhuraja, Fr. Jomon James and Fr. Jose Kollemkunnel. After five years of persistent efforts of the committee members, experts and the persuasive monitoring by the successive National Mission Secretaries, Frs. Jose Kollenkunnel and Luis Ronald Pereira the common policies are ready for publication. We gratefully acknowledge the hard work and collaborative efforts of all the persons involved in this important project.

After having obtained the approval of the Generalate, India Sub-zone Governing Body is happy to make available these policies in a book form for our benefit. The book consists of following nine policies: 1. Child Protection and Safeguard Policy 2. Finance Management Policy 3. Policy on Retirement 4. Policy and Guidelines on Organ Donation 5. Human Resource and Employees Policy and Procedures 6. Policy on Drug and Alcohol 7. Social Development Policy 8. Gender Policy and 9. Policy on Ethical Investment. We hope that these policies will serve as beneficial guidelines for effective administration of our mission endeavours in the Sub-zone. We will reach the copies of this book to all the confreres and urge the confreres to study, familiarize and utilize them for the good of all.

## **TRANSFER OF FR. KURIAKOSE PEREPADAN**

Fr. Kuriakose Perepadan had expressed his desire to move to our retirement home, Soverdia House, Andheri, and so, we have transferred him with effect from 1 May 2022. His transfer is considered with the intention of providing him with a conducive atmosphere for a comfortable retired life and better care. We thank him for his committed service to Prarthana Niketan, Kaduthuruthy for the past two years. We thank the Superior, Fr. Titus Thattamattathil and the community for their fraternal care and support given to him and we hope that he will be well cared for at Soverdia House under the care and supervision of Fr. Scaria and the community.

## **TRANSFER OF FR. VICTOR D'SA**

Through a letter dated 12 April 2022 (PNG/lb-220781) V. Rev. Fr. Budi Kleden, Superior General, has transferred Fr. Victor D'Sa from PNG Province to INM Province. As you are aware, Fr. Victor had come down to Mumbai for treatment and he has been staying in Soverdia House over a year now. We extend a warm welcome Fr. Victor to INM Province. He will continue to stay at Soverdia House and we hope that he will be well cared for at Soverdia House under the care and supervision of Fr. Scaria and the community.

## **TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS**

We thank God for the religious and missionary spirit which is exhibited in the openness and generosity of our confreres by their availability for the mission. We thank all the confreres for being gracious in accepting the appointments and transfers. We gratefully acknowledge the dedicated service of each one of you and thank you for the mission accomplished with great love. As we begin our life in the re-constituted communities from June we want to accompany each one of you through our prayers and encouragement. We pray that your life dedicated to Christ and his Church in the Society of the Divine Word for the sake of God's Kingdom bear abundant fruit.

Continuing on our good old tradition, those on transfer kindly prepare and plan to assume your responsibilities by June 15, 2022.

<b>INSTITUTION-PLACE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>
Holy Family Church, Marcela	Fr. Caetano Mascarenhas	Co-pastor
St. Francis Xavier's Ashram, Raia	Fr. Richard Gomes	Staff Member
Sacred Heart Church, Andheri	Fr. Sandesh Patil	Co-pastor
St. Theresa's Church, Bandra	Fr. Antony Puthumana	Co-pastor
	Fr. Sundar Magimai	Residence
Soverdia House, Andheri	Fr. Kuriakose Perepadan	On retirement
	Fr. Victor D'Sa	On retirement
Sarva Vikas Deep, Mangaon	Fr. Melroy Mascarenhas	Asst. Director/Treasurer
Janseva Society, Tala	Fr. Lucas Parkhe	Asst. Director/Treasurer
	Fr. George P.C.	Pastoral Ministry, Kerala
Higher Studies	Fr. Sunder Magimai	MSW (Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai)
	Fr. Sushil Xess	MSW (St. Aloysius College, Mangalore)
	Fr. Gopu Vinod	MA - Cinema and Television (St. Joseph's College of Communication, Changanacherry)

## HANDING/TAKING OVER PROTOCOL

As the transfers and appointments take effect for the year 2022 - 2023, we would like to request the concerned confreres to follow the handing/taking over protocol as described in the INM Manual 2016 (Pages 35-36, A-6.15). We request the Superiors of the houses to invite the neighbouring Superiors to be the witnesses. Kindly prepare a record of all the documents and things handed over to the incoming office bearer. The outgoing Treasurers are requested to hand/take over as per the existing check list (Pages 30-31, A-6.3.4).

## MY PROGRAMMES

10 May	Silver Jubilee Celebration: Divine Word Centre, Chennai and Meeting with Fr. Superior General
12 May	Diamond Jubilee Celebration: St. Charles' Seminary, Trichy
13 - 23 May	Home Holidays

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

28-29 JUNE 2022

SVD PROVINCIAL HOUSE, BANDRA



In the Divine Word

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mathias'.

**Richard Mathias SVD**  
Provincial Superior – INM

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