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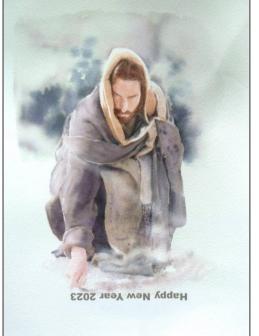
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### **NEW YEAR NEW BEGINNING**

The time clock has clicked on and we have moved on steadily with each passing second, minute, day and month of the year 2022 and have crossed over to the New Year 2023 recalling the blessings of the past year and seeking God's benevolence for the New Year. As we begin yet another New Year, we realize that this year will contain numerous fresh possibilities, plentiful opportunities, and boundless new openings for creating cherished memories; and it will also present several challenges. But knowing that each moment will be grace from God, we welcome the New Year with renewed hope and in high spirits!

No one knows what tomorrow deepest corner of our heart that and opportunities to renew and Francis in his homily during an December 2018 at St. Peter's when one year ends and a new persons to "feel the need for that fills the passing of time Christians that someone is Our faith teaches us that it is grace that we will able to lead Yahweh says through Prophet for you, not plans to hurt you. I future" (Jeremiah 29:11). to be hopeful, to have new

A New Year is like a blank



holds. But we know in the it will be a year of blessings to grow in our persons. Pope evening prayer service on 31 Basilica said that the time, begins, makes one many something, or better, someone with meaning, and Jesus Christ, the son of God." by the power of His love and a meaningful and fruitful life. Jeremiah, "I have good plans will give you hope and a good Therefore, New Year is a time dreams.

book. The pen is in our hands.

It is our God given opportunity to script a beautiful story for ourselves so that we might grow stronger in our relationship with Christ and be His ambassadors. To make this New Year really 'new' we could ask three important questions to ourselves for our renewal and transformation. 1. What do I need to put off, and what do I need to put on? (Ephesians 4:22-24). This implies that how I need to change myself to grow in life. 2. Which are the closed doors and which are the open doors? An open door is a place where God is at work. Am I open to God's plans for my life? 3. What seems important, and what is truly important? As we turn the pages of our life, it is an opportune time to look at our priorities. The New Year offers us many opportunities but we need to prioritize what is more important as per our duties and responsibilities. These three aspects well discerned and lived can bring transformation and growth in our lives.

Another important aspect to be considered during this New Year is the growth of our Province and our mission commitment. As the New Year unfolds, we remember one of the very significant events that will take place is the installation of the new provincial administration to lead us and guide us in our religious and missionary life and mission. As members of the INM Province, we need to collaborate with the leadership team to build the Kingdom of God in these challenging times. There will be many transfers and new appointments and we need to accept them with faith and missionary commitment and align ourselves to the vision and mission of the province.

Yet another significant process that will intensify during this New Year is the preparation for the forthcoming 19<sup>th</sup> General Chapter. We will be reflecting on the General Chapter theme: "You are the Light of the world: Faithful, Creative Disciples in the Wounded World". Yes, our world is wounded with shrinking economy, unemployment, ailing healthcare systems, climate change and migration of people. Further, there is fear of the return of Covid-19 with all its consequences. The worst victims of all these will be the poor and the marginalized. It is in this context, we, as members of the Society of the Divine Word, must meditate and internalize what it means to be the Light of the World. We are fortunate to have good example of our two stalwarts, St. Arnold and St. Joseph whose feast we celebrate in the first month of the New Year. They recognized the light, the Divine Word and followed Him closely in their life and mission and became light to others in their time. Like them, we need to be strengthened in our faith to be faithful witnesses in the present times. The fruit of this faithfulness will manifest itself in our creative ministries. Whatever ministries we may be engaged in, we need to recognize that God has placed us in it with a specific purpose i.e., to use us as His faithful and creative disciples to heal the wounded world. We seek the intercession of our saints and pray that the New Year 2023 be an enriching and a rewarding year for all of us. May the Divine Word made flesh in Jesus be our light to lead us in our life and mission.

- INM Leadership Team

## A DAY WITH THE VICE GENERAL DDW - MUMBAI



People who are humble have inner peace. They are rooted and comfortable with who they are and others around them. The Disciples of the Divine Word (DDW), Mumbai had an opportunity to meet our Vice General, Fr. José Antunes Da Silva on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We were delighted to welcome him to our Feed the Hungry program in the morning. He came to see us at Atma Darshan and was happy to meet the members who were preparing to leave for the food distribution. We arrive at Atma Darshan around 10.30 a.m. to bring the food, pack it,

clean and fill the recycled water bottles, load it onto the two vehicles, and then leave to distribute it. Before the food-loaded vehicles moved out, the Vice General prayed for a few minutes concluding with Quarter Hour Prayer. He joined us later for the food distribution outside Cooper Hospital, one of the largest Government Hospitals in Mumbai.

Our formal meeting with Fr. José Antunes started at 4 p.m. in the Atma Darshan dining hall with tea, snacks, and small talk. With *aarti and chandan tika*, Shantha Thomas and Sandhya Dominic welcomed him to the meeting hall. Jayesh George led the group into prayer by invoking the Holy Spirit. Following a brief introduction by Fr. Gregory Pinto, Spiritual Director, Susan Noronha read out the Report on DDW which was later presented to Fr. José Antunes. During his interaction with the members, the Vice General applauded them, mainly for their dedication to prayer and outreach to the needy, particularly the poor and homeless. Members were eager to tell him about their experiences as SVD Lay Partners. Following Andrew D'Souza's vote of thanks, the meeting concluded with a group photograph.

### INM PROVINCE RETREAT



It is rightly said, "What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action." The first annual retreat of INM province 2022 was held at Atma Darshan, Andheri. It began on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 after the supper with an introductory session, and concluded on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022 evening with Jubilee Eucharistic celebration. The retreat was guided by Fr. Alvito Fernandes OCD, an excellent retreat preacher. Forty confreres participated in this retreat. It was a

graceful and fruitful retreat. The insightful talks, reflection, personal sharing, transforming prayer, Holy Eucharist and meaningful adoration made this retreat a special one. This retreat instilled in us certain spark, certain fire, dedication and determination. The theme of the retreat was "Contemplation in Action" The retreat began with a question, "as SVD, priests and religious what do you seek?" Nothing but the experience of the love of the Father. As missionaries our first mission is to travel back to our home land and thus began our interior journey. Every journey needs certain investments and the required instalment of the Spirit is given to us at our baptism for this journey. Our growth in spirit takes place through prayer. The prayer will lead us to the active and passive stages of interior journey. In order to be effective in prayer the retreat preacher urged us to practice the virtues of charity, humility and detachment. And these will take us to the omega point of our interior journey called contemplation. The retreat preacher in a convincing and challenging way travelled with us in this interior journey. His insightful and challenging thoughts created in us an awareness and desire for contemplation. At the end of the retreat we all walked out with certain clarity, motivation, direction and determination to continue our interior journey come what may till the omega point of our life.

## ST. FRANCES XAVIER'S ANNUAL FEAST BAILHONGAL

Theodore Roosevelt said, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." This is exactly what happened in the life of St. Francis Xavier, he did what he could, with what he had and at where he was. Genesis 12:1 "Leave your country, your people and our fathers household and go to the land I will show



you." St. Francis Xavier left his country, people, dear ones and even the household and travelled to distant lands totally depending upon the mercy and providence of God. While evangelizing no tool is more effective than that of personal witness, people can argue with points of doctrine but no one can argue with a personal testimony. Walt Disney's words, "If you can dream it, you can do it", were very much applicable to St. Francis Xavier. He could do great things for the mission of the church just because of his dream of evangelizing the nations. "Get set all on fire" were the words of St. Ignatius to St. Francis Xavier before starting his missionary journey to India and he left no stone unturned to preach the gospel and tend the flock. He lived for God 24 hours passionately. These are the tools he employed for his mission: God in spiritual exercises, obedience,

love for poverty, love for God's creation, apostolic creativity, baptism, ordering the disorder, inculturation prayer and penance and apostolic zeal. St. Francis Xavier spoke the great Mercy of God, not

by doing alone but by being. Every follower of Christ in this beautiful land India must be proud that we have a great missionary with us to speak the mercy and faithfulness of God to humankind.

We are blessed to live under the protection and patronage of St. Francis Xavier who is interceding for us. In gratitude, we had a great celebration of the feast of St. Francis Xavier. In order to celebrate God's merciful love shown to us through our patron, we had 3 days 'Triduum' under the leadership of our shepherd, Fr. Richard D'Almeida, who took immense trouble to prepare us to celebrate the day of our patron in a worthy manner. The triduum reflections during the mass were very inspiring and challenged us to introspect to see whether we are on the track tread by our dear patron and be the witness to Christ's love. On the first day of triduum, Fr. Leo Alex brought alive the life of St. Francis Xavier and his zeal for the mission. On the second day, Fr. Richard D'Almeida presented the tremendous miracles that have occurred through the intercession of Francis Xavier. On the third day, Fr. Harry Victor from Madanbhavi narrated the life story of St. Francis Xavier. The feast of our patron was celebrated with 25 priests and religious sisters and friends. Fr. Alwyn Sudhir, Parish Priest of Infant Jesus Church, Shanthinagar, Hubli was the main celebrant. During the sermon he brought the significant aspects of St. Francis Xavier's life and mission. On the feast day, we could experience the presence of our patron and the blessings bestowed on us through his intercession. Before the Mass there was solemn procession along with the statue St. Francis Xavier and after the Mass there was adoration to thank God for all that has happened and all the blessings received. We pray that our dear patron St. Francis Xavier may continue to intercede and journey with us in spiritual life and to lead us to the promise land to encounter the Lord face to face.

## CBSE REGIONAL SCIENCE EXHIBITION 2022-23 ST. ARNOLD'S CENTRAL SCHOOL, PUNE



CBSE Regional Science Exhibition 2022-23 was held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at St. Arnold's Central School, Pune. The Chief Guest for the event was Dr. Chetan Malhotra (Principal Scientist at TCS Research & Innovation). The opening ceremony of the exhibition began with cutting of ribbon by the Chief Guest. It was followed by the lighting of lamp, prayer dance and a skit depicting the evolution of communication technology. The main theme of the exhibition was: "Technology and Toys" and it

had seven sub themes such as: Advancement in information and communication technology, Eco-Friendly Materials, Health and Cleanliness, Transport and Innovation, Environmental Concerns, Historical Development with Current Innovation and Mathematics for Us. In all 76 exhibits/projects were presented. A panel of six judges, chosen and appointed by CBSE spent 2 days analysing each exhibit before nominating 14 of them including one from our school for the National Science Exhibition to be held in the coming month.

## DECENNIAL CELEBRATION VACHANA JYOTHI, PILATHARA

Vachana Jyothi De-addiction Centre, Pilathara celebrated its decennial anniversary on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022. This project was started by the province ten years ago with a vision to provide service in the field of prevention of alcoholism and drug addiction on one hand and de-addiction and rehabilitation on the other hand. With the emphasis on the concept of prevention is better than cure and de-addiction as a step towards development, Vachana Jyothi has reached out to many districts in Kerala and also outside

Kerala. The organization has now grown with active participation of people from all walks of life under the efficient management of our confreres and a committed team of staff. The organization has completed 10 eventful years of this noble cause. We are proud of what we have managed to accomplish over the



past 10 years. Our commitment remains consistent to help the people to overcome their struggle with addiction ever since this ministry was initiated. We are looking forward to the future with hope and will stay at the forefront to treat this disease.

To mark this memorable day, one day programme was arranged at Vachana Jyothi on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Many sober people turned up to the centre with their family to take part in the event.

To foster lasting sobriety various lectures were arranged, sober patients were awarded with medals and momentous. Addressing the gathering the Excise Assistant Commissioner said, "care and love shown by the society brings lasting changes in the life of patients." He thanked all the people who are rendering their selfless service to this organization. He added, teenagers and youth are now getting addicted to technology and substance and are not able to concentrate on studies, as a reminder to the parents. Mr. Sasi, Sub Inspector of Police, Pariyaram, said, "Vachana Jyothi has been giving good service to the society by helping people to lead an alcohol free life." He also asked the people to spread the news to others and help the people who were in need of treatment and care. Mr. Padmaraj, Health Inspector, Payyannur, said "I feel proud because I have seen the tremendous journey of Vachana Jyothi for the past 10 years. Many alcoholic patients who come here and take treatment are leading a good life and it is God's handiwork which is taking place here since 10 years"

## LAYING OF FOUNDATION STONE VACHANA JYOTHI, PILATHARA

Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022, was indeed a significant day in the history of Vachana Jyothi as it marked the Decennial anniversary of the De-addiction Centre. During this auspicious occasion a formal ceremony was held to lay the foundation stone for the proposed extension block of the de-addiction centre. The function was presided over by the INM Provincial, Fr. Richard Mathias. It was conducted in the presence of several beneficiaries and well-wishers. Prior to the ceremony Fr. Provincial addressed the gathering. In his address he highlighted that one of the top priorities of our province is to care for the families and we are committed to the cause of fostering happy families and our

De-addiction centre is carrying out such a noble ministry through the dedicated service of our priests and team of collaborators. He reminded the gathering that it is not only the people with addiction who suffer but also all the family members. Hence, our centre is committed to help all those who struggle with addiction and the family members. With this vision our province is working towards providing better infrastructure and facilities to the patients and the

dependents. The actual laying of the foundation stone was done in a solemn manner with invoking God's blessing on the proposed venture. Fr. Provincial blessed the building site and the foundation stone and placed it in the place prepared for it.

## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY SARVA VIKAS DEEP, MANGAON



Human Rights forms one of the core principles of Sarva Vikas Deep and influences our every action when we collaborate with the tribals. On 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022, we celebrated Human Rights Day with an attendance of 80 tribal leaders from Sarva Vikas Deep area who were present for a day's input session by the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour speakers. To emphasise the importance of the day and the meaning of Human Rights, Fr. Richard Quadros along with the Chief Guest, Mr. Satish Asvar, Assistant Police Inspector;

Guest of Honour and Chief Speaker - Ms. Vinaya Vivek Jadhav, a human rights activist; and Jadhav Sir, Forest Officer, emphasised on human rights and their role. They generated awareness on the constitution and spoke about people's evolution to civilization through awareness of their rights.

### SINGING OUR WAY TO CHRISTMAS



"Christmas isn't Christmas till it happens in your heart ..." the words of this song so aptly put forth the sentiment felt and shared by the children of Sacred Heart Junior Choral Ensemble ("SHJCE"), who made it their mission to spread the good news and joy on the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The SHJCE was established in 2017 by The Singing Trio of Adv. Mrs. Sharon Pinto, Mr. Marian Dsouza and Mr. Jayesh George with 10 children and the intent to promote the following 3 "Es":

- a) Enable children to utilize their talents to come closer to God and proclaim his name to the world
- b) Empower children through various experiences to become confident and well-rounded individuals
- c) Encourage children to form lasting bonds and friendships with each other thereby taking them away from the evils of modern technological gadgets and gizmos

35 children from our Parish, between the ages of 5-16 years, commenced their practices in earnest under the guidance of the Singing Trio. The children were not only coached on the techniques of singing clearly and together as a group but also on how to express their feelings through song thereby touching the very heart of their listeners. The children started their mission with a visit to L & T Emerald Complex, Powai on December 17, 2022, where they sang numerous carols to the residents who belonged to various ethnic diversities, religions, ages etc. Their angelic and earnest voices were so filled with the Christmas spirit that everyone present was infused with the love and joy of Christmas, culminating in all, celebrating the birth of our Lord, as one big family. The children who participated were not only provided with a sumptuous meal but also presented with a personalised Christmas bauble. The children continued their mission with a visit to Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (T1 & T2) on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. This experience was anticipated and awaited not only by the children who experienced it for the first time but also by those who have sung there with the SHJCE before. This exposure enabled the Children to regale the passengers be they celebrities or regular passengers, from the entrance of the airport right up to the boarding gates. It was indeed heartening to watch passengers come to a complete stop while dashing for their flight(s) when they heard the children sing. Some passengers enthusiastically joined in the singing of the carols. All for sure were left with a big smile on their faces and the warm and

happy feeling of Christmas. The children concluded their mission by singing carols for the parishioners just before the Christmas Mass. Our children through this experience with their peers not only learned how they can use their voices to spread the good news of the Lord but also valuable lessons on teamwork, camaraderie and respect.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ASK, GOA



Christmas celebration was organized for the people of Chotanagpur area working in Goa at Our Lady of Rosary Hall, Navelim. Fr. Michael Pereira along with the Executive Members of Chotanagpur Youth Group, Goa, meticulous planned the whole program. The program started with the Holy Eucharistic celebration by Fr. Anil and concelebrated by Fr. Juzinho, SFX, Fr. Joshua, SFX and Fr. Michael Pereira SVD. program included carol singing, fancy dress, dance, star making and card The joy of the celebration was doubled with the making competitions. presence of Fr. Donato and Fr. Rajkishore MSFS and Sisters from Adorers convent Nuvem. The overall first place was won by Collem group and the second and third by Verna and Navelim groups respectively. The people were very happy that they got such opportunity to come together and participate in the celebration. Many persons have suggested to organize such programs often to provide the opportunity to come together and display their talents. Fr. Michael Pereira in his address

thanked Fr. Gabriel Couthino, the Parish Priest of Navelim and all the other priests in the parish for their support. He also thanked the Raia parish youth who wholeheartedly helped the organisers to judge the events, distribute the snacks and in photography.

## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAM DDW - PUNE



On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022, DDW Pune organized Christmas celebrations at Sarva Seva Sangh, Pune. It was a memorable and joyful day where both young and old enjoyed to the fullest. All the members of DDW Pune along with the priests and brothers from Divine Word Seminary, Ishvani Kendra, and Sarva Seva Sangh got together to celebrate the joy of Christmas. In all, there were 60 people for this event. Gift hampers were given to each child by the members. A number of games were organized for the children, members and priests. Gifts were awarded to the winners of each game. What gave us joy was to see the happiness on the faces of the children when they were awarded the gifts. All of us revived our childhood through these games full of laughter and action. Carol singing brought out the festive spirit and joy of Christmas. Mesmerizing dance performances by the children of Sarva Seva Sangh both boys and girls and also our junior DDW members were cherished and enjoyed by all. A sumptuous lunch along with cake and kulfi was relished by all of us. Our heart was

filled with happiness and gratitude to the Almighty for choosing us to be a member of this group. It was a joyful experience for all of us as we experienced the joy of giving. This day showed us the love that we experienced as Jesus himself became man to show his unconditional love for us.

#### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH KATHKARI TRIBALS

Christmas is a time to share our joy and happiness not only with our loved ones but also with others especially the ones who are unknown to us and the less fortunate. Keeping this in mind, Chotanagpur Youth Group, Goa under the leadership of Fr. Michael Pereira along with Peter Borges, the Chairperson of Child Right Commission, Govt. of Goa, organised a Christmas celebration for the Kathkari tribals at



Virnoda, Pernem. Peter Borges and Fr. Michael Pereira along with Chotanagpur Youth planned the whole program. The program included dances by Chotanagpur Youth Group, games for children, youth, couples etc. People were so happy and excited that they also volunteered to put up a dance. During the event, the children were also encouraged to display their dancing, art and other talents, giving them a platform to be creative. In his address Fr. Michael Pereira said, "Christmas is a time to share our joy and happiness with each other, and with this intention we have come here to share the joy and happiness of Christmas with the people." Mr. Peter Borges mentioned, "This was an event to spread even more smiles, make a difference and foster good mental health during the season." The program concluded with prize distribution and snacks. The people actively participated in the program and were filled with joy and gladness. Mr.

Hanumant, the leader of the Khatkari tribals expressed his gratefulness on behalf of all the people. Chotanagpur Youth expressed that they had a wonderful experience of organizing the celebration with the Kathkari tribals. They said that this was the first time that they organised such a program and are looking forward for many more such programs.

## PERPETUAL VOWS AND DIACONATE ORDINATION DWS, PUNE



The Church, the Society of the Divine Word and the Divine Word Seminary, Pune were filled with jubilation on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023, as 10 of our third-year brothers professed their Perpetual Vows and became the permanent members of the Society and were ordained as deacons to serve the Church with the pertinent theme "To be the Messengers of the Divine Word." The ceremony of the Perpetual Vows begun in front of the founder's grotto with a prayer, followed by the procession towards the DWS Chapel. Fr. Richard Mathias SVD, the Provincial Superior of INM Province was the main celebrant and received the perpetual vows of brothers in the presence of the community. On the following day, the ceremony of the Diaconate was preceded from Mother Mary's grotto with prayer and veneration. Most Rev. Leo Cornelio SVD, the Archbishop Emeritus of Bhopal ordained them as deacons during the Holy Eucharist in the presence of

people of God. The meaningful liturgy and melodious singing created a prayerful disposition throughout the celebrations. The newly professed members and deacons were felicitated by the DWS community. It was indeed a blessing of God that DWS community could have confreres, priests, religious, well-wishers, parents and relatives of the brothers to witness these gracious occasions after two years of challenges of Covid-19 pandemic. All the newly professed members thanked the staff, students and domestic workers for their commendable efforts to make the occasions memorable.

#### PANVEL YOUTH VISITS SVD MANGAON



Sarva Vikas Deep, Mangaon as an organisation always encourages everyone to come and visit the centre to understand the scope of opportunities that are available to understand and work among the tribals in Mangaon. On 27 December 2022, 37 youth from St. Francis Xavier's parish, Panvel visited Sarva Vikas Deep. A session was conducted by Fr. Richard to help the youth to understand the nature of work that is being carried out by the

centre. They then visited Tharmari wadi, one of the wadis where we work and interacted with the villagers to know their life and their challenges as vulnerable people. Having interacted with the tribals and noted the work being carried out for the up-liftment of tribals by our centre the youth returned enriched and motivated.

### **EDUCTION MINISTRY MEETING**

Education ministry in India Mumbai province is enriched with five vibrant, well-managed schools and a Degree College. In all, there are 11458 students, of which 4336 are girls and 7122 are boys. We are blessed with students from various faith backgrounds. There are 1230 Christians, 6950 Hindus, 2816 Muslims, 168 Buddhists, 164 Jains, 48 Sikhs and 82 students who belong to other religious communities. We are assisted by 324 well qualified and committed teachers together with 89 non-teaching staff members. During the academic session 2021-22, 749 students appeared for Std. 10 Board exam and 176 students for Std. 12 exams.

The meeting of the Education ministry was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 at Atma Darshan, Andheri. In all, 13 confreres attended the meeting. Fr. Richard Quadros chaired the first session. Fr. Francline Machado opened the session with a meaningful prayer at 8.30 am. Then the following agenda was taken up for discussion: Preparing ourselves to implement NEP 2020; Reporting on life during and after Covid-19 pandemic; Revision of INM Education Policy; SVD/Catholic Culture (Ethos/Ambience) in our schools; Review of JPIC initiatives and Inter-school activities and competitions. The meeting was concluded with proposing of vote of thanks by the INM Education Secretary, Fr. Joyson Kurian.

### ENCOUNTER OF ARNOLDUS FAMILY



The Superior General of Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit of Perpetual Adoration, Mother Maria Magdalena Kruse, was on a visitation of Aradhana Kunj, Bangalore, their only convent in India from 29 November to 12 December 2022. It was a rare occasion for all the three congregations of Arnoldus family to come together and share our life and mission. The occasion dawned on 8<sup>th</sup> December, the foundation day of Holy Spirit Sisters and Holy Spirit Adoration

Sisters. To celebrate the occasion 5 SVDs and 14 SSpS Sisters joined Adoration Sisters in the Eucharistic celebration and the fellowship meal. Being a special occasion, we all could enter the convent and converse with Visitators and Sisters and enjoy the fellowship. Sr. Magdalena was gracious to share about their congregation and their mission and the challenges they face as a contemplative congregation. All those present also could seek information on various aspects of their life and mission especially their schedule, activities, home leave, vocation and finance. In all, all of us could return to our places much enriched by the sharing of all the Adoration Sisters. Holy Spirit Sisters from their part saw to it that the liturgy was well prepared and they took active part in the liturgy and singing. They also carried

sumptuous meal prepared at the convent to add to the delicious dishes prepared by the Adoration Sisters. After the meal and sharing we could walk around in their garden and capture the historical memories. On our departure, Adoration Sisters gave each one of us gifts especially beautiful rosaries prepared by them to cherish the memories of the special occasion which dawns once in four years.

### **MY PROGRAMMES**

14 January 2023	Divine Word Retreat Ministry: Celebration of Founder's Feast, Atma Darshan Chapel, Andheri
14 January 2023	Silver Jubilee Celebration: St. Arnold's School, Andheri
15 January 2023	Laying of Foundation Stone: St. Arnold's Degree College, Andheri
15 January 2023	Founder's Feast, Sacred Heart Church, Andheri
22-27 January 2023	Province Retreat, Divine Call Centre, Mulki
05 February 2023	SCC Rally: Mass, Sacred Heart Church, Andheri
11 February 2023	DDW- Mumbai: Feed the Hungry Project Gathering, Atma Darshan, Andheri

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

04 - 05 March 2023 Divine Word Seminary, Pune



HAPPY FEAST OF ST. ARNOLD JANSSEN AND ST. JOSEPH FREINADEMETZ

In the Divine Word



Richard Mathias SVD Provincial Superior – INM

'Rooted in the love of the Father and led by the Holy Spirit into the Mission of Christ'