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THE WHEAT AND THE WEEDS

Two Manipur groups that had learned to co-exist with each other suddenly were drawn into a spiraling vortex of violence that resulted in bludgeoning to death of helpless innocent people, stripping and parading of women, horrific and shocking gangrapes, burning and destruction of around 500 churches and church-related livestock, destruction of all this was triggered by a contradicted the legal march that was called in the protest against this later, the violence is Different ethnic groups are private militia. Arms and almost at will from the rapper has called for the violence now has already to other North-eastern cultural groups who were other day, distrustingly other. Humans don't and beasts overnight. What parable of the wheat and the 43) narrates how while "everyone was asleep". History is replete with examples of how easy this weed-sowing can become. Despite the enormous strides in science and technology, we sadly realize that nothing succeeds as emotions are manipulated toward divisiveness and hatred.



structures, slaughtering of public property, etc. And Court judgment that itself processes and a peace first week of May 2023 to judgment. Three months becoming more rabid. talking about raising their ammunition is looted police armory. A local KuKi-Zo genocide. The shown signs of spreading states, with different staying together just the moving away from each become murderers, rapists, is it that makes us so! The weeds (Mt. 13/24- the "enemy" sowed weeds

Today the sowers of divisiveness and hatred are powerful. They will continue sowing despite the horrendous consequences of human evil and depravity. The parable offers us two ways of facing this reality. The first is to continue tending to the wheat no matter what. There will be weeds! But there's also the wheat. It's the brave and those who refuse to bow down to hatred and terror, who are the wheat carers today. It's so heartening to see many coming forward in the Northeast, a majority of them women, to protest, protect, and fight for life, freedom, and dignity. All over the country too, people are coming forward as wheat carers to raise their voice for the helpless victims of violence and official apathy.

Secondly, the parable reminds us that the weeds are sown when everyone is asleep. The great American anti-slavery activist, famously said, “**Eternal liberty... the** manna of gathered each day or it is part of the conspiracy of our comfort zone is not an precisely what the sowers this is where the ‘Our Name challenges us. Our how the Word comes as a



Wendell Phillips (1852) **vigilance is the price of** popular liberty must be rotten.” Being in denial, being silence, or being complacent in alternative today. This is of weeds are hoping for. And is Our Mission' identity cherished Prologue shows us light in the darkness. We are

meant to remain awake and make a difference in whatever way possible, lest all that humanizes us and makes us noble, starts rotting before our eyes. As the Feast of the Assumption dawns upon us, we reflect on the powerful reading from the day’s liturgy taken from the book of Revelation – a woman is about to give birth and a dragon is standing by to devour the to-be-born child. The child however is saved! And so, this today is our hope. This is our mission. To save, to protect, to protest, to defend, to speak, to act. As we celebrate our 77th Independence Day, the words of Tagore ring all the more urgently “...where the mind is led forward by Thee into ever-widening thought and action, into that heaven of freedom, My Father, let my country awake”.

YES! THERE WILL BE WHEAT! AND THERE WILL BE THE WHEAT CARERS!

A Blessed Inspiring Assumption & Independence Day to all!

- INM Leadership Team

CONVOCAION OF THE CHAPTER

I am happy to inform you that On the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15 August 2023, with the consent of the Provincial Council, I officially convoke the 8th Provincial Chapter of SVD India Mumbai Province. It will take place at Atma Darshan, Andheri on 08 February 2024.

Dear Confreres, we wish to make the Assemblies and the Chapter, and the preparation leading up to them, a process of listening to the Spirit in an effort to renew our individual selves and our communities so that we can carry out the mission of God with passion for the Lord and passion for the people. We will be able to achieve this vision only if we earnestly pray and find time to reflect during this time of preparation. We urge the confreres and the communities to pray for the success of the Provincial Chapter so that it will be an event of grace for the entire Province and we can gracefully approach the 19th General Chapter. Let us seek the intercession of Blessed Virgin Mary, who was glorified through her assumption into haven, so that like her we too may find joy in God our Saviour and may be impelled to proclaim the love of the Lord. We encourage every confrere to personally ask our saints, St. Arnold Janssen and St. Joseph Freinademetz to intercede for all of us and for the success of the Provincial Chapter so that we may reinterpret their founding vision and tradition with creative fidelity.

FIRST ASSEMBLY

Venue: Divine Call Centre, Mulki

Date: 29-30 January 2024

Arrival: 28 January 2024

Closing: 30 January 2024

SECOND ASSEMBLY

Venue: Atma Darshan, Andheri

Date: 05-06 February 2024

Arrival: 04 February 2024

Closing: 06 February 2024

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

Venue: Atma Darshan, Andheri

Date: 08 February 2024

Arrival: 07 February 2024

Departure: 09 January 2024

NEW PRM LEADERS' WORKSHOP

The Workshop for the new SVD PRM Superiors at Centro Ad Gentes Nemi, held from June 17 to July 1,



proved to be a resounding success. Thirty-three newly appointed SVD PRM Superiors, representing AFRAM-7, ASPAC-12, EUROPA-5, and PANAM-9, actively participated in this transformative event. In his inaugural address, Father Superior General Paulus Budi Kleden emphasized the pivotal role of leadership within the evolving landscape of religious missionary life. He highlighted the significance of fostering unity within the missionary community, recognizing the new Superiors for their commitment to guiding and supporting their

constituents. The comprehensive workshop aimed not only to provide essential information but also to equip the new Superiors with the necessary administrative skills, particularly in effective communication with the Generalate. Key topics included the importance of submitting annual reports, such as *relatio annualis*, among other crucial aspects. The participants delved into issues like general visitations, zonal structure, assemblies, elections among others.

A dedicated day was allocated for a meaningful interaction with the leadership team of the SSpS, led by Sister Miriam. During this session, the Sisters presented the congregation's vision, highlighting distinct objectives for each year. They also shared the exciting news of embarking on a new mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The encounter concluded on an optimistic note, expressing a strong desire for enhanced collaboration and cooperation between the SSpS and the SVDs, fostering a more familiar spirit in their joint endeavors. Furthermore, the new Superiors received valuable insights into the characteristic dimensions of mission animation, JPIC (Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation), communication, and Bible apostolate. They learned how these dimensions could serve as platforms for ministry and contribute meaningfully to the local church. Financial matters were given due attention, with a focus on transparency, consistent accounting and reporting, and achieving self-sustainability.

The General Treasurer stressed the collective responsibility of managing finances, emphasizing the importance of both receiving and giving. Participants were encouraged to explore creative ways to attain financial autonomy. In this regard, Fr. Xavier Alangaram SVD from the Mission Procure of Germany provided insights into mission projects and outlined the necessary steps and procedures for applying for grants. He highlighted the significance of maintaining transparent and comprehensive reports on granted funds utilized for projects. The workshop also prepared the Superiors to handle various challenges they may encounter during their tenure, including addressing the concerns of confreres related to absences, transfers, addictions, and, in some cases, instances of sexual abuse. Clear guidelines were provided to navigate these sensitive issues. Beyond the formal sessions held in the conducive Synodal environment of

circular tables for fruitful conversations and group discussions, the spirit of camaraderie and unity was experienced through liturgical activities, daily Bible sharing, communal meals, informal walks, and special outings. One PRM Superior passionately expressed that the most profound experience for him during the workshop was the vibrant Bible sharing sessions, which facilitated a deeper bond among participants.

Thanks to the guidance of Father Xavier Thirukudumbam SVD, who served as the Workshop General Coordinator, and the engaging presentations by different coordinators and officials from the Generalate, the workshop fulfilled its purpose of equipping new PRM Superiors with practical and thorough training. The participants were highly impressed by the workshop's well-structured format, thoughtfully selected topics, and evident attention to detail in its planning. They expressed deep gratitude for the warm hospitality extended by the Nemi staff, describing it as a truly remarkable and delightful place to be. As the PRM Superiors returned to their respective PRMs, they carried with them the resounding message of Father General: "As PRM Superiors, you share the responsibility of leadership for the entire Society. The true challenge lies in transcending the temptation of confining concerns, resources, practices, interests, difficulties, and challenges solely within the boundaries of your respective PRMs."

- *Arnoldus Nota*

BESTOWAL OF THE MISSION CROSS AT DWS



It was indeed a joy and grace-filled occasion for the Society of the Divine Word, as the newly ordained priests had gathered together in their Almamater DWS, Pune to receive their Mission Cross on 11th June 2023. 13 newly ordained priests had been brought under the tent of DWS, Pune for the bestowal of the Mission Cross which has been the long traditional practice of our Society. This gracious occasion was very appropriately held on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ and was presided by Fr. Tomy Perumprayil SVD, the Provincial Superior of INM- Province.

Fr. Jesuraj Rayappan SVD, the Rector of DWS welcomed the August gathering and highlighted the significance of the mission Cross in his introduction. Fr. Johnny SVD, the Vice-Rector of DWS presented Fr. Tomy with a bunch of flowers as a sign of cordial welcome. Then, Fr. Provincial bestowed the mission cross to the 13 newly ordained priests during the Holy Eucharist and prayed over them the prayer for sending the missionaries before the final blessing. The entire ceremony was witnessed by the DWS, Ishvani, and SSS Communities. After the bestowal of the cross, newly ordained priests were felicitated in the refectory by their younger brothers. They too thanked the DWS community and their formators for their support and guidance. The entire day was filled with blessings and graces in the presence of the newly ordained priests.

RENEWAL OF THE SPIRIT AND THE VOWS IN DWS

The grandeur and excitement of the 14 EIPs to arrive at Divine Word Seminary (DWS) after our regency was phenomenal. The splendid shining faces of the brothers and the fathers in DWS were laudable in



welcoming us. The significant commencement of our EIP sharing was scheduled for two days. The moderators for our sharing were Fr. Thomas Malipurathu and Fr. Savarirayan. Fr. Jesuraj Rayappan, the rector of DWS offered us a wonderful orientation session concerning how our EIP experiences could assist us in our theological studies and in obtaining a pursuit of happiness in DWS. Our sharing was in tune with excitement, happiness, difficulties, and struggles, and a room for learning things from the places and people. After having done with our EIP evaluation, on the 28th of May we began our annual retreat which was truly a unique experience for us. Fr. Errol Fernandez SJ, who was

our retreat preacher, nourished us spiritually with his talks and motivated us to lead our religious life radically. The spirit of the retreat prepared us holistically to renew our vows on the 3rd of June. Fr. Jhonny, the Vice-Rector of DWS, in his homily, emphasized the significance of the vowed life in this wounded world. Fr. Rector received the renewal of vows of the 29 fraters in the presence of the community. The deacons joyfully offered a melodious and soul-impressing choir with their synchronized tunes and organized the entire liturgy very meaningfully. A friendly cricket match was held on account of our vow renewal. At the very outset, we thank God and the entire DWS community for their support in preparing us spiritually for the new academic year.

NEW SUPERIOR DELEGATE

The ceremony of the installation of Fr. Felix Lobo SVD as the New Superior Delegate took place on 3rd June 2023. During the outgoing Superior Delegate Fr. the congregation and read out Provincial, Fr. Tomy Thomas Superior Delegate Fr. Felix seeking the blessings of God, responsibilities, in the interest and all the concerned the faithful were said



Holy Spirit, in view of the responsibilities handed over to Fr. Felix Lobo SVD. The occasion was graced by the supporting presence of Fr. Navil D'Silva SVD, the Mission Secretary of Ecuador Province, and many confreres. Fr. Felix recalls that it was a moving and meaningful ceremony for him. While thanking Fr. Scaria Pannackal SVD for his valuable service, Fr. Felix requests the support and cooperation of all confreres, so that he may fulfill his responsibilities to the best of his abilities.

Eucharistic Celebration, the Scaria Pannackal SVD greeted the relevant letter of INM SVD. Then, the incoming Lobo SVD, made a prayer to fulfill his new of the SVD Mumbai Province confreres. Further, Prayers of requesting the guidance of the

SILENT PEACE WALK IN SOLIDARITY WITH VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



In solidarity with the victims of violence in Manipur and other parts of the nation, the Diocese of Poona, Conference of Religious India, Pune, Indian Christian Women's Movement, Forum of Religious for Justice and Peace, Catholic Association of Pune and many other churches and organizations took out a silent peace walk in Pune on Saturday, 8th July 2023. The march was taken out from Ornella's high school (City Church) in Nana Peth to the Pune district collectorate. The peace walk

started with a meeting at Ornella's high school and singing of Sane Guruji's Poem '*Khara To Ekchi Dharma*'. Rev. John Rodrigues, bishop of the diocese of Poona, in his message to the gathering, said that we should promote peace and live in harmony without harboring anger and hatred. The purpose of this peace walk was to promote peace and harmony in the society as there is unrest and violence in Manipur and many other parts of the country. Hundreds of priests, nuns, and thousands of peace-loving people from various Christian churches in Pune, institutions, and organizations, and people of different faiths joined the silent peace walk holding banners and placards calling for peace and harmony.



At the end of the peace walk in front of the Pune district collector's office, the Marathi peace song '*Hich Amchi Prathana An Hechi Amuche Mangane*', was sung, after which, the memorandum to the collector was read out and the peace rally was concluded on a peaceful note with the song *Hum Honge Kamyab*. Later, the memorandum was handed over to the district collector Dr. Rajesh Deshmukh by a group of delegates. As many as 5000 or more peace-loving people participated in the pace walk sending a loud call for peace and harmony. The peace walk was first scheduled to be conducted a week ago on 1st July 2023 but was postponed as the police withdrew permission on the eve of the rally, citing law and order concerns. Having heard the cry of the victims of violence in Manipur for over forty days, the idea to take out the peace walk in solidarity emerged during the meeting held at the Poona Bishop's house on 20th June 2023, where in Bishop John Rodrigues, Vicar General Fr. Malcolm Sequeira, Mrs. Raynah Braganza, Fr. Bhausahab Sansare, Sr. Divya SU, Sr. Flori Menezes and Fr. Mathew Korattiyil representing the Diocese of Poona, ICWM, CRI, Pune and Forum of Religious for Justice and peace respectively. Many SVD confreres from Pune LCF, Divine Word Seminary, and social workers from Sarva Seva Sangh too actively participated in the peace march.

CHANGANACHERRY ARCHBISHOP INAUGURATES ST. JOHN'S NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

It is a venerable tradition to inaugurate the academic year with a Holy Mass. St. John's Mission seminary rejoices over having had Mar. Joseph Perunthottam, the Archbishop of Changanacherry for the inauguration on June 21 this year. During the Mass presided over by the Archbishop and concelebrated by Fr. Mathew Moncy Xavier, Joy and Gopu Vinod Reddy, Christ, the light of the stressed that as light living Gospel of our times. discover themselves to be St. John's Mission vocations since its formation scenario known silence, and prayer. More than ever in the aftermath of covid - 19, the seminary is presently facing a fall in the number of vocations, due to many factors. Until now, about 1300 students have gone through this citadel of faith and education since 1962, and more than 400 have become Divine Word Missionaries. Can we keep growing and do better? New ways of missionary awareness and SVD presence have to be found. It is our fervent hope that the present generation will grow in the missionary vision of the Divine Word.



Chennakudy the Rector and Frs. Pananthanam, Babu Kakkaniyil, The Bishop highlighted Jesus world. In his homily, he bearers we are called to be the He urged the seminarians to generous towards one another. Seminary has been a cradle of inception in 1962 and has a for its foundation on study,

THE BISHOP OF POONA VISITED DWS COMMUNITY



On 6th July, Most. Rev. Bishop John Rodrigues, the Bishop of Poona extended his graceful visit to DWS community, Pune. All the confreres and SSpS sisters had gathered in the seminary to receive the Bishop. He reached the seminary at 7 and was welcomed with a bouquet by Fr. Jesuraj Rayappan SVD, the Rector. The entire community took a group photo with the bishop. Then, he was accompanied to the chapel for the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. Fr. Rector in his introduction briefed the history of the seminary to the bishop and requested him to preside over the Holy Mass and to give his apostolic blessings to the community. By meaningfully

breaking the Word of God, the bishop urged the community not to cling to the gifts but rather cling to the giver of the gifts, God himself. After the holy mass, we had a short programme in the refectory during which the bishop was felicitated with song, flowers, and saplings. Fr. Rector explained the missionary activities of the Arnoldus family in Pune to the bishop followed by Fr. Johnny, the Vice-rector introduced the bishop to the entire Arnoldus family. While the bishop addressed the gathering, he joyfully stated that DWS community was the first formation house that extended the invitation to him for his visit and expressed his wish to collaborate with SVDs in the future. Then, he graced the meal. The entire visit was blissful and graceful and witnessed by the entire Arnoldus family in Pune.

A DREAM PILGRIMAGE



As SVD lay partners, we had a dream to visit our Founder's place and experience the power of prayer and his vision for the Arnoldus family. It took months of collective and detailed planning by Fr. Stanislaus Lazar SVD (Generalate Mission Secretary) and Susan Noronha (DDW President) and the team to make this dream a reality. **Rome** - On 19th May 2023, fourteen SVD Lay Partners (Disciples of the Divine Word - DDW) from Mumbai, India embarked on a journey to Rome.



We spent four days in Rome visiting the Vatican, basilicas, countless chapels, and churches along the way. We shared a meal with our Superior General, Fr. Budi Kleden, and SVD conferrers in the Generalate. Praying in the Basilica in Domitila Catacombs and the Eucharistic Celebration by Fr. Xavier T. inside this historic site allowed us to understand the faith of early Christians. We also experienced Nemi and its serene beauty, a spiritual connection with our Creator. **Oies** - Staying at the humble home of St. Joseph Freinademetz was serene. His

simplicity grows on you as you hear narrations of his simple life before he was chosen and sent as a Chinese missionary. In his home, one can experience positive vibrations and again you are reminded, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness hasn't overcome it. Here we experienced community life

while cooking, serving, eating, and washing the dishes together. **Steyl** - From Oies to Steyl it was a long twelve-hour bus ride. Across two days we walked through the length and breadth of this Holy Ground encountering the warmth of the confreres at St. Michael's Mission House. It was interesting to know that although St. Arnold was good at math and planning, he believed in the need to kneel in prayer. Stories of how he prayed for everything were evident as we visited SSpS and SSpSAP Motherhouses. As we listened to the narration of our Founder's final days at St. Gregor, our hearts were filled with gloom reminiscing the pain he physically experienced while holding on strongly to the Triune God and connecting with missions across the world.



Meeting SVD-Partner, Germany - For the first time, two SVD lay partner groups from two different countries came together in Steyl to exchange and express the working of the individual groups. Meeting with the members of SVD-Partner, Germany was an enriching and beautiful experience of sharing. This was followed by a social gathering where the members of the lay groups and the confreres spent a fun time together. On the last leg of our journey, we visited **Goch, Kevelaer, and Sankt Augustin**.

The '*Steyler Mission House*', Sankt Augustin, extended their hospitality to us. We were happy to donate to the World Mission through them. In every SVD community, you find beautiful art that reflects the value of inculturation and the inclusive attitude practiced by our Founder while sending missionaries to foreign soil. We experienced that we "**belong**" to one family. We are grateful to all the confreres who were a part of our pilgrimage, who provided us deep insight into the Arnoldus spirituality and strengthened our resolve to follow in the footsteps of our Founder – kneeling, serving, and believing in the love and mercy of the Triune God.

REFRESHER COURSE FOR ALL THE INM TREASURERS



The Provincial Treasurer, Fr. Donald D'Souza, organized a refresher course for all the treasurers in their respective LCF. The main focus of the sessions was the new rules and regulations of Income Tax affecting Trusts and Societies. Since most of our communities and institutions are independent Trusts or Societies, the need to be up-to-date is heightened. Sessions like these will help the treasurers to remain motivated despite increasing demands by various government agencies. Discussions and presentations were focused on Trust/Society related matters, the

need for proper documentation, the latest changes in the Income Tax rules, timelines for filing various IT returns, TDS, and investments including Mutual Funds and Congregational norms. The need to be disciplined in accounting and maintaining books of account was highlighted during the sessions. These sessions were interactive, and they brought together all the treasurers of these units to share their lives and struggles. It was a moment to appreciate the work done by the treasurers in our Province.

STATISTICS OF THE FORMATION HOUSES

S. No	Seminary	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Total
01	SVD Shishyalaya, Vasai	11	00	00	11
02	SVD House, Kirem	03	06	00	09
03	St. John's Mission Seminary, Changanacherry	09	04	04	17
04	St. Francis Xavier's Ashram, Raia	17 (VIII & X STD)	01 (XI STD)	00	18
05	Vidya Niketan, Mysuru	23	25	25	73
06	Divine Word Seminary, Pune	10	12	09	31
	Divine Word Seminary, Pune Co-pilgrims (Non SVDs)	00	05	00	05
TOTAL					164

We thank God for the new vocations he has given us during this new academic year. We appreciate the hard work and efforts of our Vocation Promotors and their team members and all the formators for accompanying and forming the students as per the vision and mission of the Society in these trying and challenging times.

SCHOOLS, JUNIOR & DEGREE COLLEGE STATISTICS

Institutions	Pre-primary	Primary I-VIII	Secondary IX-X	Higher Secondary XI-XII & Degree College	Total	Christian Students
St. Arnold's Central School, Aduvassery	183	566	70	00	819	392

St. Arnold's High School, Junior & Degree College, Andheri	580	2232	544	964	4320	226
St. Theresa's High School, Bandra	337	1383	374	00	2094	73
St. Arnold's Central School, Mysore	196	1093	199	00	1488	130
St. Arnold's Central School, Pune	500	1368	328	307	2503	405
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS						11224
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHRISTIAN STUDENTS						1226

Through our education ministry we play an important role in moulding the future of so many students entrusted to our care by their wards and understanding the sacred responsibility of forming the young minds and preparing them to face the challenges of the modern times our confreres and collaborators involved in the ministry render admirable service to the students, their families and the society. We thank them for their committed service and painstaking efforts in imparting value based education.

RETREATS IN OTHER PROVINCES

Province	Place	Dates
INC	Provincial House, Indore	01 October 2023 to 06 October 2023
	St. Joseph's Home, Palda	08 October 2023 to 13 October 2023
INE	Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda	22 October 2023 to 27 October 2023
ING	SVD House, Guwahati	23 October 2023 to 29 October 2023
INH	Divine Word Centre, Vadipatti	15 October 2023 to 20 October 2023

NEW LCF COORDINATORS

LCF'S	COORDINATORS	ASSISTANT COORDINATORS
Andheri	Scaria Pannackal	Salate Nathan
Bandra- Vasai-Mangaon- Tala	Nickson Gabru	Shinoy Mathew
Karnataka - Goa	Jossie Fernandes	Ronald D'Silva
Kerala	Joyson Kurian	Joy Panamthanam
Pune	Anil T Paul	-

INFORMATION SHARING

- Fr. Wilson Wilfred has been granted permission to do his doctorate in Biblical Theology at Innsbruck University, Austria. He will be travelling to Austria on 31 August 2023. We wish him all the best in his studies.
- Frs. Thomas Pariyanickal and Infant Vinodh Kumar have taken Leave of Absence for the period of one year starting from 1st June 2023 to 31st of May 2024.

PARENTS DAY AND GRAND PARENTS DAY CELEBRATIONS AT UCDC



Under the banner of UCDC in collaboration with DDW Andheri, migrant students from Bandra area celebrated Parent's Day on 23rd July 2023. It was a memorable day in their lives since this celebration was the only platform where they could express their gratitude and heart feelings towards their parents and make them feel special. Total of 375 participants of which 163 children and 212 parents participated in the event. The entire event was planned and executed by the students. The event consisted of two parts:

Eucharistic celebration and Cultural Program.



The entire liturgy, which was planned by the students, consisted of a choir, introduction, and prayers of the faithful. The cultural program began with a word of welcome by Ashwinta and a prayer dance by a group of dancers. Fr. Lawrence, the Director of UCDC, Fr. Jerome, and Sr. Deodita from AMC (Arch Diocesan Migrants Commission) the resource person for the day, were called on the stage. Fr. Jerome introduced the resource persons and all the dignitaries were given a bouquet. Sr. Deodita had an interactive session on parenting and the importance

of family life. Alpna thanked the resource person and the program began with an official cultural program. The cultural program was colored with a variety of dances dedicated to parents.

At the end of the program Fr. Lawrence appreciated all the students who participated in the program. He acknowledged the important role played by parents in bringing them up. Fr. Cosmos thanked all the organizers and participants for making this event a memorable one. Very specially, he thanked DDW (Disciples of the Divine Word) Andheri, for helping out in planning the event and also supporting the event financially. He said that the main objective of this celebration was to teach children event planning and event management, both of which demand tremendous commitment, dedication, and teamwork. The program ended with a common Tribal/Adivasi dance and food was served to all who were present.

MY PROGRAMMES

17 -18 August 2023	Provincial Council Meeting, SVD Provincial House, Bandra
25 August – 07 September 2023	Visit to Communities in Kerala & Mangalore
08 September 2023	SVD Foundation Day Celebrations, St. Theresa’s Bandra
15 – 20 September 2023	Formation Board Meeting, IPF & VIVAT India Board Meeting, Arnold Bhavan, Hyderabad

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

17 – 18 August 2023
SVD Provincial House, Bandra

In the Divine Word



**Tomy Thomas SVD
Provincial Superior - INM**

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

- INM Vision Statement

NEMI COURSES 2024 - 2025

Dear Confreres,

Please find attached the schedule for the Nemi Courses 2024 – 2025 received from Generalate. All those who are eligible and wish to attend the course could apply to the Provincial Superior.

6 June 2023
P05/2023

TO ALL PROVINCIAL / REGIONAL / MISSION SUPERIORS OF THE SOCIETY

In re: Nemi Courses at the *Centro Ad Gentes* for 2024-2025

Dear Provincial/Regional/Mission Superior,

With this letter, I would like to announce the Nemi Courses scheduled for the years **2024-2025** at the *Centro Ad Gentes* in Nemi. The schedule is as follows:

DATES	COURSE	FOR WHOM?	Application Deadline
3 March to 27 May 2024	SVD TERTIATE RENEWAL COURSE IN BAHASA-INDONESIA Nemi: 3 March-15 May Dachau/Oies :15-19 May Steyl: 19-27 May	Confreres: 40 to 70 years of age (in good health), a minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows	3 September 2023
5 – 17 March 2024	SOFT SKILLS FOR COMMUNITY LIVING AND FORMATION Venue: Nemi	Open to all priests and religious	5 September 2023
6 August to 20 November 2024	SVD TERTIATE RENEWAL COURSE IN ENGLISH Steyl: 6 Aug-4 Sept Dachau/Oies: 4 -8 Sept Nemi: 8 Sept- 20 Nov	Confreres: 40 to 65 years of age, a minimum of 10 years after Perpetual Vows	8 February 2024
27 June- 24 August 2025	SVD FORMATORS AND VOCATION PROMOTORS IN SPANISH Nemi: 27 June – 1 Aug Oies: 1-4 Aug Steyl: 4-24 Aug	-Starting in formation ministry -Being prepared for formation -Vocation Promotors	27 December 2024
2 September- 1 November 2025	SVD FORMATORS AND VOCATION PROMOTORS IN ENGLISH Steyl: 2-23 Sept Oies: 23-26 Sept Nemi: 26 Sept – 1 Nov	-Starting in formation ministry -Being prepared for formation -Vocation Promotors	02 March 2025
9-21 November 2025	INTERCULTURALITY COURSE Venue: Nemi	Open to all priests and religious	9 May 2025