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HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE

The theme of the World Mission Sunday this year, *Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move*, based on the Emmaus episode, reflects on the freshness and newness of the mission. It speaks of the disciples' encounter with the risen Christ in the word and the breaking of the bread, with renewed courage and enthusiasm. The context of our mission is constantly evolving and requires an adequate missionary response. For instance, the modern world is characterized by several currents of thoughts, ideologies and orientations. Further, the *Instrumentum Laboris* of XIII Synod of Bishops on "the New Evangelization for the Christian Faith" presents or sectors of times, namely, the cultural, the economic sector, civic and technology, religious sector. There are several positive aspects resulting from cultural and scientific advancement. However, it has also negatively affected the and their life of faith. For



On the Road to Emmaus

of almost every bishops' conference to the *Lineamenta* of XIII synod of bishops highlight the following reasons observable among Christians: "a weakening of faith in Christian communities, a diminished regard for the authority of the magisterium, an individualistic approach to belonging to the Church, a decline in religious practice and a disengagement in transmitting the faith to new generations."

The Church therefore in our times is called to examine the way Christian communities both live and bear witness to the faith today. It has profound implications for our mission of proclamation. The Emmaus Gospel account (Lk 24:13-35) narrates that the two disciples walked to Emmaus from Jerusalem in the wake of the resurrection of Jesus, discussing with each other about "all these things that had happened" (v. 14). Then, Jesus himself joins their journey, walking alongside, interacting with them, interpreting to them "the things about himself in all the scriptures" (v. 27), leading them to recognize him in the

breaking of the bread and eventually vanishing from their sight. No sooner had Jesus vanished than the disciples realized the fire that was kindled in them. Their hearts were burning within them, as they reminisced what had just happened – *the encounter with the risen Lord*. They said, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scripture to us” (v. 32). Like the disciples, we need to let the risen Lord encounter us in our life journey, enkindle our hearts with the fire of his love and empower us with his living Word. The living Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our paths of mission (Ps 119:105) in a world wounded by inequality, injustice, divisions, conflicts and wars.

The disciples invited Jesus to stay with them as the day was nearly over. Jesus’ acceptance of their invitation was an occasion for them to encounter the risen Christ. The sequence of actions performed by Jesus opened their eyes to recognize him: he took bread; blessed and broke it; and gave it to them. It is in the breaking of the bread that we experience the profoundness of our faith and missionary discipleship. Christ, who breaks the bread, now becomes the bread broken, shared with the disciples and consumed by them. He is seen no longer, for ‘he vanished from their sight’. He is invisible. He is risen. Yet he lives in the hearts of the disciples to make them burn with his love and compassion for the world. The risen Christ, then, is both the one who breaks the bread and, at the same time, the bread itself, broken for us. It is this experience of meeting the Lord in the breaking of the bread that sets their hearts on fire and their feet on the move. For, they ‘set out without delay and returned to Jerusalem’ (v. 33) to share with others what had happened to them. Eucharist is not only the source and summit of the life of the Church, but it is also the source and summit of her mission. A mission that flows from and leads to the Eucharist. Amid present-day challenges, a celebration of World Mission Sunday invites us, the missionary disciples, to set our hearts on fire and our feet on the move to become bread broken for others in mission.

- INM Leadership Team

ASPAC MISSION SECRETARIES MEETING IN TAGAYTAY



The meeting of ASPAC mission secretaries took place at the Eco-Spirituality Centre, LAUDATO SI FARM, Tagaytay, Philippines from 25th September to 30th September with the Theme: ‘Being light and becoming faithful and creative disciples. All the mission secretaries from all the ASPAC Subzone except Australia were in attendance. This is the first meeting after the COVID-19 pandemic. The last physical meeting was in Mumbai, India in 2017. Confreres from the Philippines, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Macau- China, Bangladesh, PNG, Timor Leste, and Japan took part in the meeting. Our General Mission Secretary from Rome attended the entire meeting and was a resource person for

us. The lay Mission partners from the Philippines played a great role in organizing the entire meeting. It was a joy to meet, interact, and listen to Fr. Antonio Pernia SVD our former Superior General during our meeting. We also visited the Pink sisters and the SVD confreres at the Divine Word Institute of Mission Studies (DWIMS) and the major seminarians at Tagaytay. We had the joy of meeting many SVD lay mission partners on our last meeting day. It was truly an experience of intercultural collaboration experience being SVD’s.

ASPAC ZONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE JPIC COORDINATORS IN BANGKOK



The ASPAC Zonal Assembly of the JPIC Coordinators took place from 19th to 24th July 2023 at Camillian Pastoral Care Centre, Bangkok, in the Australian Province. Along with Bro. Carlos Ferrada SVD, the Generalate JPIC Coordinator, Fr. Gabriel Suban Koten SVD, the ASPAC Zonal coordinator and Fr. Albano Da Costa SVD, the vice - Provincial of Australia province, Fourteen JPIC Coordinators of various PRMS (AUS, BGD, IDE, INC, INE, ING, INH, INM, JPN, PHC, PHS, SIN, VIE & PGN) and Fr. John Le from Thailand participated in the

Zonal Assembly. The theme of the assembly was “Your Light Must Shine Before Others” (Mt: 5:16), ASPAC JPIC- Faithful and Creative Disciples in a Wounded World.” Fr. Babu Kakkaniyil represented INM in the Assembly. In the first session, Bro. Carlos Ferrada SVD, the Generalate JPIC Coordinator presented on the theme of Laudato Si initiatives by SVDs. He shared the good works of SVDs and SSpsS and explained the seven years of action platform.

He also explained the fourfold approach such as prayer, Education, Action, and Advocacy. He said “Care for the environment is not only part of our Mission; it is also part of our heritage. (#44 - 3.4.2 – Docs 18th GC 2018). The second session was on the initiatives and interventions undertaken by the VIVAT Office in the field of Advocacy and the need for greater collaboration between VIVAT and JPIC personnel.

Fr. Babu Kakkaniyil, the INM JPIC Co-ordinator then had his presentation titled “Walking with the migrants – Our Mission and Mandate Today”. Starting from the global scenario of migration, he moved on to migration in the ASPAC and then to the India- Subzone. He also briefed the assembly about the various interventions of INM for the empowerment and welfare of migrants and refugees. Pointing to the key trends of the migration he invited to have a heart for the least, last, and the lost. This was followed by the Management of an NGO and finances. This was followed by sharing by the JPIC co-ordinators of the various Provinces. The sessions and the sharing made everyone feel the variety of interventions undertaken by the Arnoldus family. The Assembly identified three target groups and areas of intervention for the coming triennium (2023-'26), namely, working for the migrants and refugees, environment, and human rights.

ASPAC BIBLICAL COORDINATORS ASSEMBLY IN BANGKOK



ASPAC Biblical Coordinators Assembly took place at the Camillian Pastoral Care Centre in Bangkok from September 25–29, 2023. Sixteen Coordinators from the 20 PRMs in ASPAC were present for the Assembly. They were joined by three resource persons: Wojciech Szupula, SVD General Biblical Apostolate Coordinator, Gabriel Suban Koten, SVD ASPAC Zonal Coordinator, and Jan Stefanow, Secretary General, Catholic Biblical Federation. There were also four non-SVD invitees from Thailand and Myanmar. Jose Kollemkunnel (INC), Valan Stephen (INH), and Matthew Kavukatt (INM) participated from India. Justine

Thomas (Bangladesh Mission) and Wilson Jacob (PNG) were the other Indians present. After the input

sessions, each PRM reported their Biblical apostolate activities. It was a good exercise to know what is happening in our Zone. Biblical pastoral ministry by way of bible sharing groups, bible study groups, etc were happening in most provinces. Some ideas regarding the Biblio drama were imparted. There was also a general feeling that the number of confreres involved in Biblical Apostolate has not increased as much as needed. Even among the Coordinators, only three were full-time. Hence, it was felt that more efforts were needed to regain the importance of Biblical Apostolate in our mission as Divine Word missionaries. Some of the ideas that emerged as a consensus among the BA Coordinators during the deliberations were:

- For the Divine Word Missionaries, “Our Name is our Mission.” Hence, there is a need to regain the rightful importance of Biblical Apostolate (BA) in its various forms as the central focus of our mission. Thus, it was proposed to suggest an institutional change for the Society in the next General Chapter to make the Biblical Apostolate the main and top priority of the Society.
- In the area of Formation, it was suggested that the Bible and its pastoral use be set as a core formative component in the SVD formation programs, to ensure that the formation of the SVDs prepares them to be the DIVINE WORD Religious Missionaries, not just missionaries.
- Regarding the visibility of the BA, it was agreed that the PRMs will submit regular news reports of their biblical activities at least once a year to the zonal coordinator to be submitted to the Arnoldus Nota. The process will be overseen by the Biblical Apostolate Zonal Coordinator.
- To ensure more effective BA Coordination, it was felt that we need to strive for a full-time Biblical Apostolate Coordinator in PRMs, wherever it is possible. The individual BA coordinators are also to make every effort to create a network of confreres and lay partners to carry out the Biblical Apostolate in the PRMs.
- To ensure the sharing of resources, the BA coordinators will also strive to make the materials available to other PRMs by using social media apps.
- To continue the spirit of collaboration and communion, the BA Zonal Coordinator will also organize annual on-line meetings among the BA coordinators in the ASPAC Zone.
- Regarding the Dei Verbum Course in the ASPAC Zone, it was proposed that the ASPAC Zonal Assembly set up a committee to conduct a feasibility study of a Dei Verbum course in the ASPAC Zone and present its findings to the ZONAL Executive Committee by December 2024.
- Regarding the Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF) membership, it was agreed to encourage the PRMs who are not yet part of the federation, to apply for CBF associate membership.

During the Assembly, one day was also set apart for a sightseeing trip to Bangkok. It gave us an insight into the life and culture of Thailand. We visited a Buddhist temple, the palace, and a shopping area, besides a river cruise for dinner. Bangkok as a tourist destination is indeed a very hospitable, clean, and safe place with plenty of entertainment and fun. After the meeting two of us spent a day visiting the churches and getting a first-hand experience of the migrant ministry of the SVD among the Vietnamese in Bangkok. It was also an eye-opener for me to see that there are many Christian refugees from Pakistan in Bangkok, who flee the persecution in their country.

ASPAC SVD BROTHERS ASSEMBLY IN INDONESIA

ASPAC SVD Brothers Assembly with the theme “SVD Brothers: Journeying Together in Confronting and Responding to the Challenges of the Wounded World.” was held at Mataloko – Indonesia. It was a wonderful experience to the ASPAC Zone. We brothers actively making a people in their respective ministries. We had an concerns and mission the congregation and to everyone is involved in of the people. We culture are not barriers to be SVD and to work anywhere in the world as Missionaries, especially as SVD Brothers. All the participants resolved to be creative disciples to journey together to confront and respond to the wounds of the world.



come together as brothers from could witness many SVD difference in the hearts of the places with their respective opportunity to share our life, initiatives as SVD Brothers in know more about how carrying out to heal the wounds understood that language and

SSS PUNE ORGANIZES A MARATHON FOR THE CAUSE OF CHILD BEGGARY, AND CHILD LABOUR



'Run against child beggary', a short marathon was organized on 8 Oct 2023 at Yerwada, Pune by Sarva Seva Sangh. The marathon was flagged off by Adv. Avinash Salve the municipal corporator of Yerwada, at 6:30 am from Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe Rang Mandir, Yerwada along with Mr. John Paul, former municipal corporator of Yerwada, and Rev. Fr. Tomy Thomas, the provincial superior of SVD India, Mumbai province. The marathon proceeded through Gunjan Corner, Yerwada Bridge, Sadal Baba Chowk, Deccan College road, and returned through Tarkeshwar Chowk to Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe Rang Mandir and there it was concluded. The Short Marathon of 5.2 km was organized to create public awareness of child beggary and child labor. More than 500 people joined in this event from different walks of life. Many Youths from CYDA, students and staff from Christ College, staff and scholastics from Divine Word Seminary, Fransalian Seminary, team members from SeeCubic Pvt. Ltd, Brisalcone Pvt. Ltd, Divine Mercy Sports

Group, and many others participated with much enthusiasm. Begging children are at a high risk of meeting with accidents and are vulnerable to substance abuse and addiction. They also lose their education and their childhood. By giving money to begging children one makes a child a beggar for life, instead giving to needy children what they need, namely, food, water, sanitary materials, study materials, etc. The marathon was to call the attention of people to this social evil and to join together to end this social evil of child beggary and child labor by making affirmative responses and by making others aware of the same.

DEI VERBUM COURSE: JULY -AUGUST 2023

In the Eternal City of Rome, 23 participants came together at the beautiful place called Centro Ad Gentes Nemi, to participate in the Dei Verbum Biblical course on July 4, 2023. For me (Fr. George Mepurath) it was a dream come true to Program, to deepen my and the Biblical stories. It renew my knowledge about years ago. For me, this was revisiting the salvation and merciful God walked What touched me most was had, living together with thirteen different countries. of different cultures, and



participate in the Biblical knowledge about the Bible was a great opportunity to books of the Bible I learned a meaningful journey, history and how the faithful with His chosen people. the meaningful experience I the persons hailing from Living together with people traditions, and those

involved in various ministries enriched and made my stay more meaningful. Visiting various places of importance certainly deepened my faith and increased my awareness as to how blessed am I to be a member of the Society of the Divine Word. I am grateful to my provincial administration for permitting me to attend the Dei Verbum Course. All the resource persons were well qualified and their expertise and experiences imparted a great amount of knowledge and interpretation of the Biblical texts and biblical books. Lots of training and practice was given as to how to read, understand, and share the message of the Word of God in a more meaningful and practical way to the people today.

We also had the great opportunity of visiting various Churches and holy places in Rome, Assisi, monasteries in Subiaco, and Monte Cassino to name a few. These visits helped us to know the beauty, rich history, and spread of Christianity in Italy and Europe as a whole. The two-month-long program was in a way hectic but very much enriching for my life and ministry in the future. Being equipped with the deeper knowledge and understanding of the Bible and the salvation history, we were sent forth to our places of work and ministries, to bring the message of God's Kingdom and salvation to the ends of the earth.

FAMILY FEAST 2023 AT DWS, PUNE

One of the much-awaited events of Divine Word Seminary, Pune, and in fact, for the SVDs is Family Feast, which is the long-society. This year, DWS organized its family September, the 148th SVD to make the family vibrant with the 'United by Heart, Bound tradition, the entire divided into three teams 'Symphony, Melody, team had its colorful foundational day, the



run tradition of our Pune consciously feast on the 8th of foundational year of feast very relevant and significant motto by Spirit'. As per the community was and their names were and Harmony'. Each jerseys. Being the Morning Prayer and

the Holy Eucharist were organized with greater solemnity. The presence of the Arnoldus family added color to the solemnity. Bro. Vincent SVD was the guest of honor who addressed the gathering by narrating the importance of the family feast in SVD. Fr. Jesuraj, the patron of the family feast inaugurated the family feast in 2023. Fr. Gregory conducted a short prayer service in the afternoon highlighting the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mother and our Society. The family feast days were filled with thrill and enjoyment, fostering integration, togetherness, acceptance, love, creativity, and belongingness.

The entire feast was organized meticulously and carried out very creatively by the Family Feast Organising Committee (FFOC). Till the end, the motto and tradition of the society were kept up and observed well. The presence and participation of the staff in the events were very commendable and appreciated. The hard work of the domestic staff during those days was unassuming. Fr. Johnny, the Vice-Rector concluded the family feast on the 10th of September. The festal dinner was arranged in front of the parlor for our confreres and sisters. The presence of Fr. Richard, the Vice Provincial of INM-province doubled our joy, who distributed the prizes and appreciated the entire community for celebrating the Family Feast meaningfully. At last, the winner of the family feast 2023 was given to the team Symphony. On the following day, an evaluation of the family feast was conducted and the whole community took part actively. The nostalgia and the outcome of the family feast 2023 are still alive and active in our hearts and minds.

CHOTANAGPUR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT ORGANIZED BY ST. ARNOLD SPORT'S CLUB



The Archdiocese of Bombay celebrated the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on the 24th of September, 2023. In honor of World Migrants Day St. Arnold Sport's Club under the banner of UCDC, organized an anticipated one-day football match on 10th September, 2023. The main objective of organizing the event was to bring unity among male youth. It was an effort to get in touch with the youth in and around Mumbai. There were 18 teams from Khopoli, Vashi, Chembur, Borovali, Andheri, and Bandra of which two teams were girls' teams from St. Theresa. Fr.

Cosmos welcomed all and explained to them the objectives of having a football match. Fr. Nicolau D'Costa, SVD the principal of St. Theresa High School began the tournament with a small prayer and wished the team members all the very best. Fr. Lawrence Correa the Director of the Urban Community Development Centre (UCDC) personally appreciated and encouraged the teams with his presence.



The committees from the St. Arnold Sports Club played a great role in planning and executing the entire event. It began at 08:00 am and lasted till 07:00 pm. The winning Team was the Toppo Brothers from Mount Mary and the runner-up was the St. Theresa 'B' Team. The prize distribution to the respective teams was given away by Mr. Ronnie Mendonca, the chairman of UCDC, and Fr. Nicolau D'Costa. Fr. Cosmos appreciated the efforts taken by committee members of St. Arnold Sports Club and thanked

all the teams for their active participation. St. Arnold Sports club is very grateful to the school management team for providing the school ground and premises.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIVINE CALL RETREAT CENTRE, MULKI

The Divine Call Centre, Mulki, celebrated its 20th anniversary with a grand event that revolved around the theme, "Showers of spiritually enriching October 5th to October 7th, close to 3,000 faithful at the drew an overwhelming than a lakh people who virtually, emphasizing the impact of the Divine Call preparation for the grand 7th, a night vigil was held



Divine Word." This celebration, held from 2023, brought together centre. Additionally, it online audience of more attended the program widespread reach and Centre's mission. In celebration on October on September 30th, 2023.

More than 200 faithful attended this spiritual event, which commenced at 6 p.m. on September 30th and concluded at 6 a.m. on October 1st. It served as a unique opportunity for attendees to deepen their faith and prepare themselves spiritually for the transformative experience awaiting them on October 7th. The anniversary festivities commenced on October 5th, with a dedicated focus on the theme "Showers of Divine Word." On this day, attendees had the privilege of being inspired by Br. Prakash Dsouza from Bandra who delivered profound teachings. Through his insightful guidance, the faithful were encouraged to embrace the Divine Word as a guiding light in their spiritual journeys, fostering a deeper connection with their faith.



October 6th was dedicated to exploring the "Power of Divine Word." Mr. Br. T.K George took the stage and delivered excellent and inspiring talks, emphasizing how the Divine Word empowers individuals to cultivate inner strength, healing, and resilience. It proved to be a day of personal growth and spiritual transformation for all in attendance. The grand culmination of the event took place on October 7th, 2023, where the theme was "Life-Giving Word of God." Rev. Fr. Pius Dsouza, Shimoga, who led the sessions on the theme "Life-

Giving Word of God", inspired the faithful, encouraging them to contemplate the transformative and life-nourishing qualities of God's word. On this significant day, Msg. Rev. Fr. Maxim Noronha, Mangalore, was the main celebrant. His sermon on His words resonated deeply with the audience, reinforcing the significance of the Divine Word in their spiritual lives. Adding to the special significance of the day, the INM Provincial, Rev. Fr. Tomy Thomas SVD, graced the celebration on October 7th. He concelebrated the Mass, contributing to the solemnity of the occasion. Following the Mass, he delivered an inspiring message that resonated with the assembled faithful. His words served as a reminder of the broader spiritual purpose of the center and this further enhanced the overall impact of the celebration. The resounding success of this significant celebration can be attributed to the dedicated leadership of Rev. Fr. Abraham D'Souza, the director of the Divine Call Centre, along with his committed team. Their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to the center's mission were evident throughout the event, ensuring its success. Furthermore, the generous support of benefactors and the invaluable contributions of lay partners played a vital role in making this celebration possible and truly memorable. Their support and

donations exemplify the community's dedication to the Divine Call Retreat Centre's mission and its commitment to nurturing spiritual growth. This anniversary event stands as a powerful testament to the enduring impact of the Divine Call Centre, Mulki, and its continued dedication to providing spiritual nourishment and guidance to a diverse and growing community of faithful individuals.

UNVEILING THOUGHTS: A JOURNEY BEYOND PAGES



On 10th October, a Book Releasing Ceremony was organized at the Institute of Indian Culture at 4 P.M. to honor and felicitate Dr. Jacob Kavunkal who completed the work “Missionary Christology”. On the same occasion another edited volume, an International Festschrift “Called to be a Blessing” was released. The chief guest of the program was His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Barthol Baretto and the guest of honor was Rev. Fr.

Tomy Thomas, the Provincial Superior of INM province. It was a momentous event that marked the culmination of the writer’s creative journey. It was indeed a celebration of Literature and a platform for the author to share his thoughts and ideas with the Audience. The author of the Book was certainly the centerpiece of the event. Dr. Joseph Mundananikkal SVD shared his scholarly insights of these books and showed their significance for today’s world. It was certainly a memorable and engaging moment for both the Author and the Audience. The occasion was also used to promote the book, generate interest, and boost sales. Dr. Scaria Pannackal SVD, Director of IIC, and Fr. John Singarayar planned and organized the book-releasing ceremony. Dr. S.M. Michael SVD proposed the vote of thanks.

FAMILY FEAST CELEBRATION AT ANDHERI LCF



The Spirit of the Family Feast should be one of love, togetherness, and gratitude. It is a time to bond, share stories, and enjoy each other’s company. It is indeed a wonderful

occasion to acknowledge the talents of the members and appreciate them. Andheri L.C.F. was privileged to have provincial Fr. Tomy Thomas this year to deliver a short message and declare the Family Feast open. Then, the members were divided into Team Arnold and Team Joseph. Many interesting and creative games and special items like Bible Quiz and Love Story Writing etc. were held. The teams participated actively in all the events and finally, Team Joseph emerged winners. Later, we had a sumptuous dinner with many Live Counters and Special Dishes. Congratulations to the F.F.O.C, Frs. Scaria and Salate.

SARVA SEVA SANGH, KERALA CELEBRATES KARAM FESTIVAL WITH THE MIGRANTS



The small town Changanasserry in South Central Kerala witnessed a rare festival of its kind and a gathering of over 1400 migrant tribal people from North and North East India on Sunday, 15th October, 2023. They had gathered from across the Seven districts of Kerala, namely, Idukki, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Trissur, Alappuzha, Pathanamthitta, Thiruvananthapuram and Quilon to celebrate the exciting and rare festival called Karam. These 1400-plus tribal migrants hail from the States of Jharkhand, Assam, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Bihar, and Arunachal Pradesh. Sarva Seva Sangh – Kerala, the centre for the empowerment of migrant labourers, organised this tribal festival and brought together over 1400 Adivasi migrant labourers from across South and South Central Kerala. Karam is a harvest festival celebrated by various tribal communities, including the Oraon, Munda, and Ho tribes, who are indigenous to the region and the people pray to God for a good harvest. This has been the first time in Kerala that the tribals had an opportunity to celebrate this festival.



The Karam festival celebrations began with the Holy Eucharist in Hindi at St. Mary's Church, Parel and was presided over by Fr. Nicholas Barla, the CBCI Secretary for the Tribal communities, New Delhi and Fr. Babu Kakkaniyil, Director of Sarva Seva Sangh -Kerala and Fr. Mathew Chennakudy, Rector of St. John's Mission Seminary were concelebrants with him. The traditional dances and singing during the Eucharist made it a great experience. The Holy mass was followed by lunch and the traditional Karam celebrations in the Seminary premises. The beating of the drums, singing and music and the excellent dances made this a memorable day for the migrant tribals in Kerala. Sarva Seva Sangh arranged this event as part of its many efforts for the welfare and empowerment of migrant labourers.

During the scripture-filled Homily, the Provincial appreciated the efforts of the DDW Bandra and encouraged them to give their best for the Mission. After the Holy Mass, all the members of the parish

DDW BANDRA CELEBRATES ITS 2ND ANNIVERSARY



On 15th October 2023 marked the occasion of the second anniversary of the DDW Bandra, INM Province. All the DDW Bandra joined in the evening at St. Theresa's Church council room for the same. The council room was decorated like a chapel and a beautiful Altar was prepared to have the Eucharist. Fr. Tomy Thomas SVD, the INM provincial superior was the principal celebrant and Fr. Jolly M. SVD concelebrated the Eucharist. The liturgy was well prepared and all sang beautifully during the Mass.

During the scripture-filled Homily, the Provincial appreciated the efforts of the DDW Bandra and encouraged them to give their best for the Mission. After the Holy Mass, all the members of the parish

Team joined us for the dinner. Before the dinner, all the members of the parish shared their Mission testimonies. This inspired all the members. The annual report was presented by Munira Millwala with the past activities and our plans, especially the day the members will be officially recognized on the 15th of January 2024.

INFORMATION SHARING

- Cardinal Oswald Gracias in his letter dated 25 September 2023/ AH: P01-126 notified us that Fr. Aloysius D’Souza has been appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Santa Cruz West, Mumbai. We wish him a fruitful Pastoral Ministry.
- We are happy to announce that Bro. Sudhir Jojo is assigned to INM Province for his EIP. On 14 October 2023, he took his first vows as a junior Brother in Catholic Ashram, Khurda. We congratulate and welcome him to our province and wish him all the very best in his ‘Exposure-Immersion Programme at St. John’s Mission Seminary, Changanacherry. He will be assisting the seminary staff in formation and Fr. Babu Kakkaniyil in the migrant ministry till May 2024.
- SCHEDULE OF INM RETREATS

First Retreat

Date : 19.11.2023 to 24.11.2023
 (Retreat begins on 19th after dinner & ends on 24th Evening with Jubilee Celebrations of the confreres)
 Venue: Atma Darshan, Andheri
 Preacher: Fr. Cyril Doss SVD
 (India Hyderabad Province)

Second Retreat

Date : 22.02.2024 to 27.02.2024
 (Retreat begins on 22nd after dinner & ends on 27th by noon)
 Venue: Kaduthuruthy, Kerala
 Preacher: Fr. Suresh Mathew OFM (Cap)
 (Editor, Indian Currents, New Delhi)

MY PROGRAMMES

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| 19 October 2023 | Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony, Jan Seva Society, Tala |
| 20 - 21 October 2023 | Provincial Council Meeting, Ishvani Kendra, Pune |
| 23 October to 05 November 2023 | ASPAC Zonal Assembly, Leduk, Indonesia |

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

20 – 21 October 2023
 Ishvani Kendra, Pune

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