

NEW MEMBERS TO THE SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD

In a simple Eucharistic Celebration on 4th July 2012 in the morning hours, 29 Novices professed their first commitment before Rev. Fr. Dominic Emmanuel SVD, the Vice Provincial Superior INC, as the representative of Very Rev. Fr. Superior General, in the presence of Most Rev. Leo Cornelio SVD, many Priests, Brothers, Sisters and laity from Khurda Parish. Thus, there are 29 more new members to the Society of the Divine Word from India today. Out of these, there are 28 clerical novices and a brother novice. On behalf of the Novitiate Community, the Novice Master, Rev. Fr. Jacob Vazhavelil SVD welcomed each and everyone for this memorable day of these Novices. Fr. Charles Pinto SVD, the outgoing member and Fr. Ignatius Thottappilly SVD, the newly appointed spiritual director, were given a special word of welcome before the Eucharist Celebration. All the novices prayed and sang in front of Mother Mary Grotto before they proceeded to the chapel. The Eucharist celebration cum profession ceremony was held in the parish chapel. The theme of the first





profession, **“I am yours only”** में सिर्फ तेरे लिए was made beautifully by the novices and it was fixed in front of the altar. Most Rev. Leo Cornelio SVD presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. In his homily, he highlighted the theme and vocation to priesthood and brotherhood. These new members will leave on 5th July 2012 to SVD Vidya Bhavan Bhopal for next stage of formation programme to study philosophy.



Nearly 33 postulants will be admitted to the novitiate on 7th July 2012 in a simple ceremony. This canonical year begins so late due to the postponement of examinations in Mysore and Indore Universities and out of these two brother candidates will be also admitted this year.

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