

## St. Arnold's Kindergarten Inaugurated

at Divya Jyoti, Sason

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world,” says Nelson Mandela. One cannot change the world unless one changes one’s attitudes and thereby transforms oneself. Hence, in order to nurture the young minds and foster in them an earnest desire to change for better tomorrow there is a need for sustained effort from the part of everyone.

St. Arnold's Kindergarten is a unique venture in this regard. It was blessed and inaugurated at Divya Jyoti, Debeipali, Sason (SVD Seminary) premises by the Provincial Superior of INE, Fr. Telesphore Bilung SVD on 18 March 2013. The children along with their parents, representatives from communities of KJM campus and SVD confreres of Divya Jyoti were present on this occasion.

The ceremony began with traditional cutting of ribbon, breaking the coconut and blessing the class room with holy water. There was ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and floral tribute to St. Arnold by



Fr. Provincial and prayer song by SVD deacons & fraters.



In his welcome address Fr. Lancy Rodrigues SVD, the Rector of Divya Jyoti emphasized the role and importance of education in today's context. He also introduced the newly appointed teachers, namely Ms. Poonam Sharma and Ms. Marina. In her speech, the acting principal Ms. Poonam Sharma expressed her happiness over being part of this great venture and appealed the parents to play a greater role in shaping the future of their children and the school. Giving the example of St. Arnold, Fr. Provincial emphasized the need to emulate him and exhorted the students and everyone present to grab the available opportunity for one's growth. He told

that it was the desire of the founder that our SVD institutions should be opened for the people.

St. Arnold's kindergarten aims at providing holistic education through the motto, “Ignite the Minds.” This academic session has already begun with 20 children in Nursery & KG I. A step has already been taken....a light has been lit...a hope enkindled in igniting the minds of the young and the budding. Let us wish and pray that this venture becomes a mighty tree giving light of education and radiance of change.

Fr. Innocent Kerketta SVD