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NEWSLETTER

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My Soul waits for the Lord  
More than the Watchman for the Morning

Psalm 130:5

WE WISH YOU BLESSED LENT AND HAPPY EASTER!

## Brother Alfonso's Letter

Hearty greetings to you!

After three years of sharing with you the bulletin "SVD Brothers", we would like to make an evaluation of it in order to better serve you and others who eventually will come across this Newsletter.

You may have noticed that this bulletin is the fruit of an interesting cooperation of the readers with the coordinating team of Brothers in Cebu, Philippines, that edit it four times a year. In other words, this bulletin is a kind of "Forum" in which SVD Brothers, as well as other confreres, can share their ideas and experiences about a given topic, proposed each time by the editors. This bulletin is sent to all our Brothers who have been integrated in the SVD Brothers' Network (a list of e-mail accounts), as well as to several SVD communities and to those confreres who participated in the bulletin by sending their articles.

Here I would like to thank in a particular way Br. Bela Lanyi (PHS) who dared to launch this initiative at the end of 2007. Also I would like to acknowledge in a special way the hard work done by some confreres and lay persons who helped in translating, correcting and editing the articles sent by the confreres. A feature of the bulletin is the possibility given to all confreres to write their articles in their language of preference, favoring a wider participation in this means of communication.

Making a short review, we can remember that the first issue, in 2007, was entitled "Networking Among Brothers", but after a consultation with many Brothers in different provinces/regions, the editors changed that title of the bulletin into "SVD Brothers", which is in use until now. The main reason for changing the name of the bulletin was to make it more "open" to others (confreres in general and potential readers such as candidates for SVD Brotherhood). In this regard, we could see that over the last two years many confreres from different provinces/regions, holding different positions, have been participating actively in sharing their ideas and experiences in this bulletin, besides many Brothers who did the same. I thank sincerely all the confreres for their interest in promoting our Brotherhood through this bulletin!

Other topics that were proposed in the bulletin, during the period of 2008-2010, had to do with SVD Brother Formation; JPIC issues and the Brothers; Life and Mission of the Brothers; Preparation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly on the SVD Brother Vocation; Taking up some recommendations made by that Assembly; Free time and our Work, and the Role of the Family in our Vocation. Certainly, you would have enjoyed reading some articles on these topics!

Now, before continuing with this digital publication of our bulletin, we would like to assess its content, form, frequency and other aspects you would deem necessary to do. Therefore, please answer (briefly) to the questions raised by the editors in the following page. In the name of the editors in Cebu (PHS), and on my own behalf, I thank you for your kind attention to this letter!

***Br. Alfonso J. Berger (ROM)***  
*General Councillor-*

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The cover letter of Br. Alfonso explained the story of this bulletin, how this initiative of SVD BROTHERS was started and how it was developed. Now, before continuing, we asked for your evaluations in the usual form of sharing, facilitated by some guiding questions. The sequence of the replies follows the sequence of their submission to the editors in Cebu (PHS).

Please, read the contributions which are arranged according to the guiding questions approved by Br. Alfonso Berger. But before the central part of the bulletin, we would like to publish some general observations of Br. Raju Soosai (INC) which can hardly be associated with any of the guiding questions.

*As Introduction: Some General Observations from the INC Province, on the Evaluation of SVD BROTHERS Bulletin*

**Br. Raju Soosai (INC)**

At the outset, I would like to appreciate the hard work of Br. Bela Lanyi, SVD (PHS) who takes so much interest and initiative for announcing the topics or questionnaire earlier for each bulletin and to publish it. It is a success story to be praised and acknowledged. We could continue the same in the near future. You have given me 7 questions to evaluate the bulletin. I have not followed exactly the order of the questions but my responses will give answer to all the questions.

Presently very few Brothers are having internet facilities and even if at all some are having, there is no time for them to open the PDF file which most of the Brothers may not

have access to it. Our local Brother Formation Coordinator of each province could do the needful of printing out and circulating them. There is sufficient money (Budget) made for telephone and postage expenses in our province. Hope there is a provision in other provinces too. Out of 22 Brothers here, I do not think more than 4 Brothers are aware of the bulletin and reading it.



# QUESTIONS:

## 1. Did the bulletin address relevant topics to our *Brotherhood* nowadays?

Br. Stephen Bonsu (GHA)

Yes the bulletin has addressed all the relevant topics of our Brotherhood nowadays.

Fr. Frank Budenholzer (SIN)

Yes. I found the topics in the bulletin to be stimulating and relevant. However, to be honest I read relatively little. There is a huge amount of material coming from the Generalate and I find it very difficult to read all of it.

Br. Alfonso Berger (CUR)

- Yes. I have appreciated very much that the bulletin has dealt with JPIC ministry, Brother Formation as well as the preparation and follow up of the Second General Assembly on the Brother Vocation (2009).

Fr. Bill Burt (ASPAC Zonal Coordinator, AUS)

Yes. I think the bulletin does address relevant topics.

Br. Michael Decker (USC)

Yes, I believe that the topics that were covered are relevant. This gives the Brothers and means to reflect on their vocation and to share to other Brothers/SVD's this is healthy for all SVD's.

Fr. Lazar Thanuzraj Stanislaus, Provincial Superior - (INM)

Yes, the bulletin addressed the relevant topics and it had set a broad outlines of various ministries in the society. The topics were opt and good.

Br. Roy Lapingcao (PHS)

Yes.

Fr. Thomas Malipurathu (CUR, Secretary of Studies)

In my opinion the newsletter "SVD Brothers" has been doing a marvelous service. It is true it has a rather limited circulation and it may even be true that many of those who receive it may not read it at all, or may read only parts of it. But my experience has been that it is a very useful medium. The most important thing is that it keeps us, those who are interested in the topic, "the little flock", if I may use that very potent biblical metaphor, connected. It serves as a forum of exchange. It has over the last few issues taken up some of the very relevant topics of discussion.

Fr. Adam McDonald (USC)

Yes, I believe that the Bulletin has addressed issues of relevance to Brotherhood today. That being said, since I am a priest and not a Brother, I would be interested in knowing whether Brothers themselves see the issues addressed as equally relevant. Maybe there are other issues they might suggest for our consideration?

Br. Bernie Spitzley (USC)

Yes.. very helpful, and binds us together.

Fr. Mark Weber (Provincial, USC)

Yes.

Br. Josimar Souza (BOL)

YES

Br. Ivo dos Santos Fiuza (BRC)

Yes, especially when addressing issues related to the General Assembly on Brother Vocation held in the Philippines.

Br. Eduardus Reba (ARS)

This bulletin has dealt with topics that are very much relevant to the vocation of Brothers. We have reflected and shared about how fundamental the role of the family for the vocation of each Brother is.

Br. Yamamoto Isao (JPN)

Ok.

Br. Reiner Theissen (GER)

Not always were issues of relevance to Brotherhood addressed, but the contributions were sometimes truly interesting, paying attention to themes I have also reflected on.

## 2. Is the *form* and the *content* of the bulletin inspiring?

Br. Stephen Bonsu (GHA)

Yes, I could say that, the form and the content of the bulletin is very inspiring to me.

Fr. Frank Budenholzer (SIN)

The answers form ordinary SVDs to the questions posed are quite interesting.

Br. Alfonso Berger (CUR)

- **Yes.** I like the pictures and drawings that are included in each edition for they “complement” the articles and facilitate their reading. In general, the contents are good, some of them, even very good, while others, perhaps due to some language difficulties, were not so interesting.

Fr. Bill Burt (ASPAC Zonal Coordinator, AUS)

Yes. The format is attractive.

**Br. Michael Decker (USC)**

The Brothers in the Philippines do an excellent Newsletter that is appealing to everyone who reads it. The length and design makes reading all of the articles enjoyable to read.

**Br. Josimar Souza (BOL)**

YES.

**Br. Ivo dos Santos Fiuza (BRC)**

Good job with the reports and photos posted with the stories. In my opinion, the texts should not be too long and photos should be included.

**Br. Eduardus Reba (ARS)**

Yes. The content of this bulletin is sufficiently inspiring.

**Fr. Lazar Thanuzraj Stanislaus, Provincial Superior - INM**

I think that the content is inspiring, but the bulletin is too long. It is almost reading a booklet. The content could be short and more precise; it is more of storytelling.

**Br. Roy Lapingcao (PHS)**

Yes.

**Fr. Thomas Malipurathu (CUR, Secretary of Studies)**

The limitations within which you are operating it has an attractive form. Simple but easy to read format. The contents have been inspiring because they were topics of current interest and helpful for reflection.

**Fr. Adam McDonald (USC)**

I find the content and form of the Bulletin to be quite good, especially since it expresses the views and opinions of numerous SVD confreres from every corner of the globe.

**Br. Brian McLaughlin (USC)**

I think the content has been interesting and good, especially in finding out what other Brothers are doing around the world.

**Br. Bernie Spitzley (USC)**

Yes....

**Fr. Mark Weber (Provincial, USC)**

Yes, the bulletin is inspiring, especially because we hear from such a variety of confreres.

**Br. Yamamoto Isao (JPN)**

I think that PICTURES ARE NOT NEEDED. For the pictures are too heavy for my PC.

**Br. Reiner Theissen (GER)**

Regarding the form, a less tiring layout might be found, so that the people do not put the bulletin aside after two pages. Accounts of experiences are good the bulletin should not contain only accounts of experiences. How would it be if the reader could give statements to actual themes?



### 3. Is there *anything* that you *do not like* about this bulletin and how could we *improve* it?

Br. Stephen Bonsu (GHA)

It will be good if there could be creativity of the bulletin so that it does not become one way matter.

Fr. Frank Budenholzer (SIN)

As I said above, the biggest problem is that there is just too much material, some good some not so good, coming from the Generalate. It is hard to keep up.

Br. Alfonso Berger (CUR)

- **Yes.** I think the *length* of the bulletin needs revision. Over the last years, I have noticed that many SVD Newsletters are becoming “shorter” because it is difficult to keep people reading several pages, be “online” (PC) or in a printed version. Hence, I consider that perhaps 8-10 pages each time would be fine. (This would also facilitate the task of printing a copy for the confreres living in a bigger community, district house, etc.).

Fr. Bill Burt (ASPAC Zonal Coordinator, AUS)

No. I think it's great!

Br. Michael Decker (USC)

It is only a question that I have. Do the young Brothers in formation have the opportunity to contribute to the newsletter?

Br. Josimar Souza (BOL)

The bulletin is good because it has a very democratic style of participation, and reporting initiatives and concerns of the SVD Brothers.

Br. Ivo dos Santos Fiuza (BRC)

No. For me it is good as it is. Congratulations!

Br. Eduardus Reba (ARS)

I like the bulletin very much because of the sincerity and honesty of all the Brothers who have shared about their experiences with their families. At least we can enrich and strengthen one another in this vocation as Brothers of the Society.



Br. Raju Soosai (INC)

I found the bulletin was simply made putting some picture. I did not enjoy reading in the line of typesetting part or so to say DTP work. If there was uniformity I could read well but each one's taste of setting is different. Editing the material is very necessary because very often I find just it is copied and pasted in the bulletin. Avoid too many pages and downloading the whole bulletin itself takes time and I may loss my patience next time.

See also a general evaluation made by Br. Raju Soosai (INC).

S. No	Topics	Excellent	Very good	Good	Poor
01	Available to Brothers for reading				Yes
02	Content inspiring			Yes	
03	Digital publication instead of Hard Printout	Yes			
04	Editing and Formating				Yes
05	Hard work put up by the collator		Yes		
06	Outlook of the newsletter				Yes
07	Participation of the Brothers				Yes
08	Promotion of vocation to Brotherhood				Yes
09	Reaching to many				Yes
10	Readers				Yes
11	Relevant topic on brotherhood			Yes	
12	Too many pages not adviceble			Yes	
13	Topics/questionnaire given in advance		Yes		
14	Typesetting & DTP work				Yes

Fr. Lazar Thanuzraj Stanislaus, Provincial Superior (INM)

As I said that it could be short. Brothers in all the provinces in Asia could be covered, sometimes it is one sided, since the bulletin comes out a few times, it is better to get news or activities of the Brothers from every country/province. It could be small or big news item.

Br. Roy Lapingcao (PHS)

One way to improve the bulletin is that the sender must send or share or put their picture(s) from the respond or from their written sharing mailed to the editor so that we can see their mission area where they assigned. Because pictures faint a thousand words. Who will know that our eagerness and enthusiasm to serve the people of God may go deeper and lead or help us to discern His will.

Fr. Thomas Malipurathu (CUR, Secretary of Studies)

I did not anytime find anything in it that was particularly tasteless or offensive. It should remain an open forum so that people can express themselves freely on a given topic.



Fr. Adam McDonald (USC)

The only thing I would suggest to improve the Bulletin is to consider increasing the width of the columns in which the text appears. I try to save paper by reading the Bulletin on my computer screen as opposed to printing it out, but when I do so, I find I have to scroll up and down an awful lot, and sometimes it makes it difficult to follow the thought being conveyed by the SVD who contributed a particular item. This is primarily an issue of layout and design, and I think it could easily be rectified.

Fr. Mark Weber (Provincial, USC)

No.

Br. Yamamoto Isao (JPN)

N o p r o b l e m .



## 4. To what extent is this bulletin *being used* to promote our *Brother Vocation*?

Br. Stephen Bonsu (GHA)

The bulletin has promoted our Brother Vocation. Through the internet some Brothers have shared this bulletin to people who wish to join the Brother Vocation.

Fr. Frank Budenholzer (SIN)

The bulletin for me is important in that it keeps me aware of the importance of the Brother vocation. Despite some outstanding role models in our province, there is relatively little interest in the Brother vocation in the China Province.

Br. Alfonso Berger (CUR)

- **I do not know.** What I did from my side was to post a copy of the bulletin, in English and Spanish, on our Generalate Website, accessible to the public. In some cases, I also shared a copy of this bulletin with some confreres and SSpS through e-mail. May be, more could/should be done at the provinces and regions (e.g. vocation promoters).

Fr. Bill Burt (ASPAC Zonal Coordinator, AUS)

Honestly, I don't know. I have never seen printed copies of it in any of our houses.

Br. Michael Decker (USC)

This is a question I do have also. I do not know if the Vocation personal have access to these articles? Also, if they did would it be helpful in their Ministry to promote the

Cont. Br. Decker

Brother Vocation? I have not forwarded any of the articles/newsletters to anyone working in the Vocation Promotion Team. However, those SVD's do have access to the articles/newsletters under "Members Only," from the Generalate.

Fr. Lazar Thanuzraj Stanislaus, Provincial Superior (INM)

I am not sure, how this bulletin is used for Bother vocation, we have just one final vowed Brother and another one temporary vowed Brother, they may not use it directly for vocation promotion, but they could use it indirectly.

Br. Roy Lapingcao (PHS)

I think, it is much better to put it in the social network where there is an existing account like, SVD Bro in facebook. So that other friends of our friends can read it and it helps them understand what Brothers can do in our society. And who knows that they may inspire to be one of us. I saw this as one way of promoting Brother's vocation because it is not enough to educate people what and who is Brother's all about. It is better that they read what are the Brothers experience in the frontier and it is one way of sharing to the people that we the Brothers 'do our mission through our profession.'

Fr. Thomas Malipurathu (CUR, Secretary of Studies)

I am not able to answer this question with any kind of precision. It depends on how many outsiders receive a copy by e-mail and how many among them are prospective candidates for Brotherhood in our Society.

Fr. Adam McDonald (USC)

I don't know how much the Bulletin is being used to promote the Brother vocation. I generally use it for my own personal edification and reflection.

Br. Brian McLaughlin (USC)

Could we have an issue on Brother Candidates? This could be a helpful tool for Brother vocations.

Br. Bernie Spitzley (USC)

I think it helps shows the diversity and richness of our vocation.

Fr. Mark Weber (Provincial, USC)

I do not know.

Br. Yamamoto Isao (JPN)

Our Japanese Province is no hope for Brother Vocation.

Br. Reiner Theissen (GER)

I don't think that this bulletin would particularly promote the Brother vocation. For that purpose, topics on opportunities of Brothers in the SVD should be published. Or what other opportunities are being offered for Brothers active in the SVD.

Br. Josimar Souza (BOL)

I think the bulletin meets the proposed targets when it comes to the information promoted so far. It is a motivating instrument since it provides for us a general vision of the activities and motivations of the SVD Brothers.

Br. Ivo dos Santos Fiuza (BRC)

The bulletin is very useful as a source of data whenever I need to speak or present topics on the Brother vocation.

Br. Eduardus Reba (ARS)

I have seen the strength and spirit of this bulletin, where we are encouraged and strengthened to carry out the Mission that God himself has entrusted to us as SVD Brothers.



## 5. How could we invite more confreres to *write* for SVD BROTHERS?

Br. Stepehn Bonsu (GHA)

I think the best way we could invite more confreres to write for SVD BROTHERS is by encouraging the confreres to write. Motivation for the writers is one of the ways of encouragement.

Fr. Frank Budenholzer (SIN)

It is not so easy getting people to write.

Br. Alfonso Berger (CUR)

- **By advertising it more.** Maybe each Brother (as well as other confreres) who receives this bulletin could be asked to share it with "others" (confreres, religious and laity). According to the topic, some of these "others" could be asked if they would be interested in sharing some experiences and thoughts with us by writing to the editors.

Fr. Bill Burt (ASPAC Zonal Coordinator, AUS)

I think it's best to give the Brothers a certain topic to write about.



Br. Michael Decker (USC)

See my response from question #3. They are the future which needs to be shared among SVD's.

Br. Raju Soosai (INC)

1. The best way of inviting more confreres for contribution to the bulletin could be that the in-charge reminds and encourages them now and then to contribute by email or any other way of communication. Very often we are liberal to forget or take it easy or just avoid things that are coming on the way. The same confreres contribute to the bulletin every issue.

2. I contributed for 3 issues so far because I could write something based on the topic. So, it was relevant topic for me. Some interesting and inspiring vocational stories could be published for the vocation promotion of Brothers and Brotherhood.

3. The following topics,

i. **Education,**

ii. **Formation and**

iii. **Specialized apostolates** of the Brothers could be the topics for the next coming bulletin. I think many are involved in one of the three apostolates mentioned above. So it may be relevant to each one of us.

Fr. Lazar Thanuzraj Stanislaus, Provincial Superior - INM

In each country/province, have a contact person for Brothers' bulletin and get the news item, constant contact would help them to do that.

**Br. Roy Lapingcao (PHS)**

Send a software copy of brochure to their email accounts. If they don't have email accounts, then send it to where the province they belong and informed the head of the province to print it and give it to the Brother(s) presence in their community so that they have also an access what happened to the other confreres.

**Fr. Thomas Malipurathu (CUR, Secretary of Studies)**

The only way is the use of gentle persuasion. Writing needs patience and some basic skills, although with time and effort all of us can improve our skill in writing. If the topic proposed is of capable of evoking interest in people, they might try their hand in expressing themselves on it. In the end, you have to approach people personally as many are not in the habit of responding to general circulars.

**Fr. Adam McDonald (USC)**

One way to consider inviting more SVDs to write for the Bulletin would be to send a special invitation to those SVDs celebrating their Jubilees in a particular month or year to consider contributing a short article or some brief reflections as a way of celebrating and sharing the joy of their Jubilee.

**Br. Josimar Souza (BOL)**

An invitation from a confrere who knows about the bulletin.

**Br. Ivo dos Santos Fiuza (BRC)**

I believe there are also SVD priests who have great appreciation for the Brothers and who know many Brothers whom they admire.

They can be interviewed for testimonies about Brothers they know!

**Br. Eduardus Reba (ARS)**

The only way to invite other Brothers to participate is to encourage them and make them understand that this bulletin is very important in the sharing of missionary experiences.

**Br. Bernie Spitzley (USC)**

This is hard.....some folks just do not want to get involved so 'kick the dust off your sandals" and move on.

**Fr. Mark Weber (Provincial, USC)**

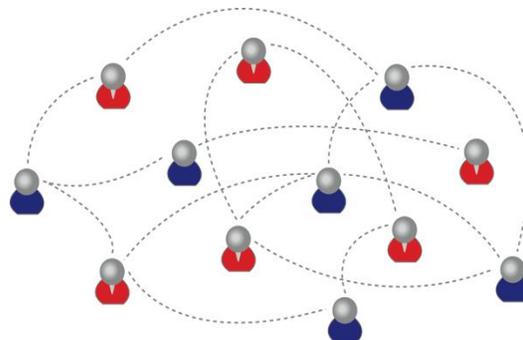
In some cases, you could ask provincials/regionals to get confreres from their provinces to write.

**Br. Yamamoto Isao (JPN)**

All Japanese people are CHANGING THEIR RECOGNITION of Brothers vocation.

**Br. Reiner Theissen (GER)**

There is a group of confreres who willingly write. Some Brothers could be even interviewed, if they would not be willing to write. I myself gladly write, but sometimes I don't have time or interest for it. However, I have decided for this year to write an account of my experiences.



## 6. Could you mention *three (3) topics*, in order of preference, which you feel we should address in the coming issues of our bulletin?

Br. Stephen Bonsu (GHA)

The three topics, in order of preference, which I feel we should address in the coming issues of our bulletin, are:

1. Training Brothers for Formation work
2. Vocation promotion
3. Further studies for Brothers

Fr. Frank Budenholzer (SIN)

Since I have not read the bulletin from cover to cover, I am afraid to recommend topics for fear you already addressed them in a previous issue.

Br. Alfonso Berger (CUR)

- Yes. I propose the following one: 1) Professional Training and First Assignments of Brothers, 2) Brothers in a multicultural Society, 3) Evaluating the implementation of the Second General Assembly's recommendations.

Fr. Bill Burt (ASPAC Zonal Coordinator, AUS)

It's always good to have different reflection on the vows and how they are actually lived. Confreres could be asked to say what they find easy, what they find most challenging.

Br. Michael Decker (USC)

- a) Young Brothers in Formations experiences - good and bad
- b) Personal Ministries that Brothers are doing
- c) Suggestion from Cebu 2009- more stories from Brothers who have died or have a long history in being a Brother, so to share the historical perspective to the younger Brothers, to appreciate the past so to give meaning and focus to the future hopes and dreams.

Fr. Lazar Thanuzraj Stanislaus, Provincial Superior - INM

Brothers in the mission

Brothers and youth

Profile of prominent Brothers in Asia

Br. Roy Lapingcao (PHS)

1. How and/or in what ways did you live the characteristics dimensions of the SVD?
2. Did you find it relevance in your life as missionary?

Fr. Thomas Malipurathu (CUR, Secretary of Studies)

Religious life in the next 15 years. The changing concept of religiosity and its impact on vocations Strengths and weaknesses of our formation programs.

Fr. Adam McDonald (USC)

There topics I would suggest for future issues of the Bulletin would be: 1) Sharing ideas on how to promote the Brother vocation; 2) Sharing stories about brothers who've touched our lives or inspired us in one way or another; 3) Sharing ideas on how we can increase the collaboration and enhance the relationship between priests and brothers in the SVD.

Br. Brian McLaughlin (USC)

An issue devoted to SVD Brother Candidates.

What about an issue that focuses on regions or zones? It would be interesting to find out what other Brothers are doing in particular regions or zones.

I would like to see an issue that links together the call to SVD Brotherhood and a Brother's choice of ministry. In other words, how does a Brother tie together his call to the SVD with his choice of ministry.

Br. Bernie Spitzley (USC)

---My Favourite Scripture passage is: and why.....

The theme for the 2012 General Chapter is.....

Prophetic Dialogue means this to me

Fr. Mark Weber (Provincial, USC)

- (1) Clericalism in our Society
- (2) SVD Religious Missionary Priesthood
- (3) Teamwork in Mission

Br. Josimar Souza (BOL)

- The challenges of religious life today for the Brother in a spiritual context

- Specific themes within the ongoing formation

- Role of the Brother within the dimensions of the SVD

Br. Ivo dos Santos Fiuza (BRC)

Three topics in order:

1 - The history of the Brothers of the Divine Word

2 - How the formation of the Brothers is carried out (formation process)

3 - The mission of the Brothers today. We have many possibilities in the field of justice and peace, human rights and the dimensions of the SVD.

Br. Eduardus Reba (ARS)

From my point of view and reflection, the topics which are important are:

- The formation of Brothers

- The role of Brothers in the SVD community

- The experiences among Brothers and Priests in the SVD

That is all. Thank you very much for giving us this opportunity to share our reflections and thoughts that help us to improve and bear fruit in our religious life as Brothers of the Society.

Br. Yamamoto Isao (JPN)

No answer.

Br. Reiner Theissen (GER)

- Vocation: from missionary volunteer or church helper to SVD religious.
- SVD Brothers on his journey towards the 12. General Chapter.
- Brothers in the European Zone.



## 7. Have you any other suggestion?

Br. Stephen Bonsu (GHA)

I suggest that all SVD Brothers whose names are in the CATALOGUS should be contacted and have them encouraged to try and contribute their good knowledge to the SVD BROTHERS bulletin.

Fr. Frank Budenholzer (SIN)

No other suggestions.

Br. Alfonso Berger, CUR

- **No.** (The main suggestions I have already included above). Thanks!

Fr. Bill Burt (ASPAC Zonal Coordinator, AUS)

It's always good to have short articles by experts on certain topics...I suggest that psycho-sexual development is always a topic that is interesting. Articles by Brothers from other congregations could be interesting too.

Keep up the great work!

Br. Michael Decker (USC)

Thanks and keep up the good Ministry you are doing for the entire SVD Community worldwide.

Fr. Lazar Thanuzraj Stanislaus , Provincial Superior - INM

It is better to have some section or 10 per cent news or activities of SVD priests too in this section, and this can be another bulletin which could be read throughout the province. In other words, it can be like *Arnoldus nota* that every member gets this copy by electronic mail and it is displayed in the formation houses. I am not sure that this is done now.

Br. Roy Lapingcao (PHS)

No.

Fr. Thomas Malipurathu (CUR, Secretary of Studies)

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all those confreres and others who are putting in a lot effort to make this newsletter attractive and inspiring. I know that a lot of hardwork goes into preparing each issue. But you are doing a invaluable service to many through your labor.

Fr. Adam McDonald (USC)

I don't have any other suggestions at this time.

Br. Brian McLaughlin (USC)

**Keep up the good work!**

Br. Bernie Spitzley (USC)

Keep it going, you do a great service for Brothers, the society!!!!!!!!!!!!

Fr. Mark Weber (Provincial, USC)

Keep up the good work!

Br. Yamamoto Isao (JPN)

Above are all my suggestions .

Br. Ivo dos Santos Fiuza (BRC)

That this bulletin, as much as possible, could reach the hands of our youth so that they may know us better and come to know who we are and what our mission is.

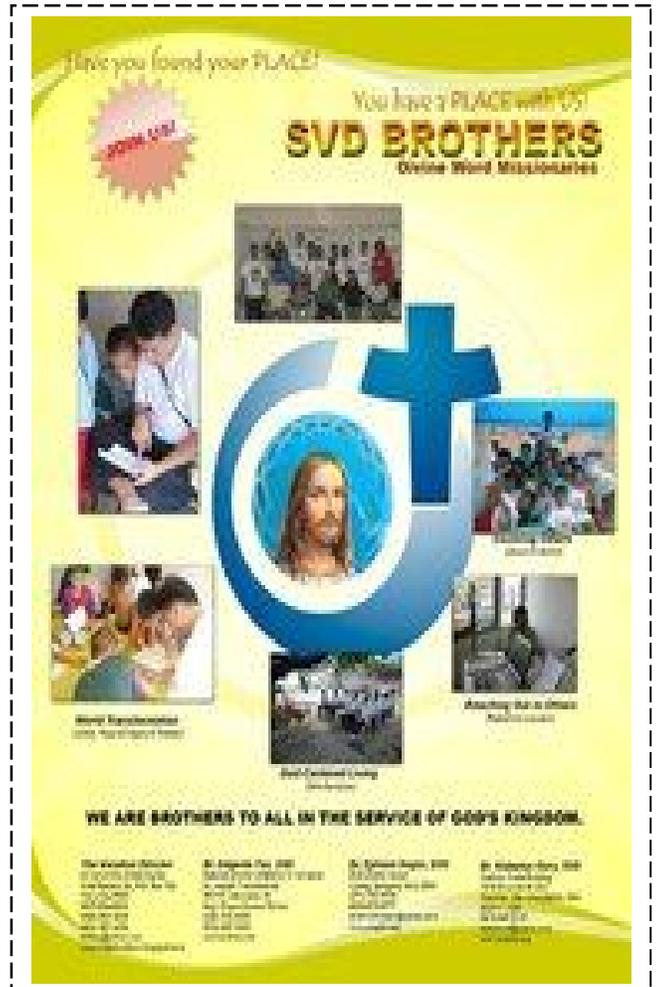
Br. Eduardus Reba (ARS)

Suggestion: In order for us to know each other better, can we show pictures of each Brother? God bless us always.

Br. Yonas Tukan

This bulletin is very good because all the provinces and regions contribute articles about the work of Brothers in each province. This also serves as an eye opener for the members of the Society and introduces the apostolate of SVD Brothers. I support this bulletin. Through it we can also support each other in our apostolate.

Congratulations. Go on, don't be afraid. May the Holy Spirit be with us always. God bless us all.



# A LASTWORD, FROM THE EDITORS



**Dear Confreres,**

**SVD BROTHERS is really written by the readers. Therefore, your evaluation is very important for us. We thank you for the acknowledgments, but also for your critical remarks. Having read your observations, we will try to update both content and layout of the bulletin.**

**The initiative of this bulletin was born at the 2006 General Chapter where a group of Brothers (and Fathers) decided to intensify contacts among Brothers, in order to highlight the many opportunities of witnessing through the Brother vocation. May an updated and effectively serving bulletin become a part of our contribution to the next General Chapter!**

**We continue counting on your echo. Please write to the following addresses: [newlanyi@hotmail.com](mailto:newlanyi@hotmail.com) or [svd\\_brothersphil@yahoo.com](mailto:svd_brothersphil@yahoo.com).**

**You may use your favorite language, English, Spanish, Indonesian, Polish, German, etc.**

**In the Divine Word,**

**Your SVD Brothers in Cebu City**

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