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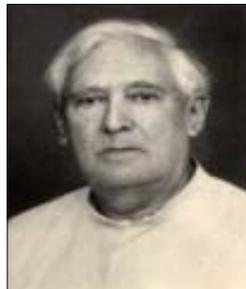
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January

01. January 01, 1978. Fr. Alois Kanski SVD:

Fr. Kanski was born on March 3, 1904 at Honensalza / Germany joined the Society of the divine Word at St. Gabriel's Austria as a novice in 1923. After his ordination, he went to England to attend a teacher's training course at London. He came to India in December 1932 among the first six SVD missionaries assigned to the newly established Indore Mission. He worked at the Sacred Heart School at Mhow upto 1940. When the Society took over a new mission in Orissa, he went there as one of the pioneer missionaries. He began his mission as a teacher at Hamirpur School. He was the founder of Madhupur Mission where he pitched his tent under a solitary tree on the hillock known as the Kanski Hill (*Kanski Tongri*). He was an unassuming person and the people took him to their hearts. In 1960, he returned to the Indore Mission where he worked up to his last home leave on July 15th 1977. Fr. Kanski was a good priest a zealous missionary and an exemplary religious always at the service of the confreres ready to help whenever his assistance was needed. He served as the Rector in St. Thomas Minor Seminary, Mhow and passed away leaving behind a luminous legacy. He died of heart attack. He is laid to rest at the cemetery at St. Augustin.

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various types of vegetables. He loved his work and mission wherever he was appointed. He died of heart attack at Pradeepti, Khandwa. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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03. January 10, 2011. Fr. Thomas Vellappallil SVD:

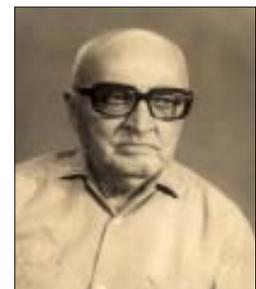
Fr. Vellappallil was a Missiologist and a historian, who established a catechetical centre Khrist Jyothi Kendra Meghnagar for Bhils. He was nick named as 'Head Master'. He is known for digging out information most systematically through his research and promoted the translation of the New Testament in Bhili language. He loved to engage in long conversation and his uncanny ability to make others listen to his ideas. He passed away in his sleep after a cardiac arrest. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection Palda.

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04. January 16, 1981. Fr. Joachim Joseph Mocha SVD:

Fr. Mocha was from Germany, one of the pioneers and a zealous missionary in Bhil Desh. He will be remembered as a great hunter which was his hobby. He was a grass root missionary, who loved the Bhils and spent all his life taking care of them. He lived like the Bhils and took care of them lovingly. His significant contribution was that he translated the



Imitation of Christ and the German Catechism into Hindi. He was the director of Catechetical School at Ishgarh. He stayed 30 years at Ishgarh, Jhabua as a parish priest. He died while undergoing treatment for pathological fracture of his femur which was later diagnosed as Osteosarcoma. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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05. January 17, 2000 Stephen Fuchs SVD: He

hailed from Austria and was assigned to Indian in 1934. He worked among the Bhalai. After the Second World War, he studied for a doctorate in anthropology at the university of Vienna. As a missionary, he took up work among the neglected Nimar Bhalahis of Madhya Pradesh in the parishes of Khandwa and Sirpur especially. He also worked on the farm in Karpur and Sat Prachar Press, Indore. He used the enforced leisure for a intensive study of the beliefs and customs of Nimar Balahis an untouchable weaving caste. The result of his study were published in 1950 in the book **The Children of Hari**. In 1950 founded Indian Institute of Indian culture Mumbai. The fruits of his scientific research are contained in 19 volumes and more than 200 articles. Right from the beginning he encouraged many confreres from Indian to devote themselves to anthropological research. He went back to Austria in 1996. On the afternoon of January 17, 2000, he quietly passed on to his reward.



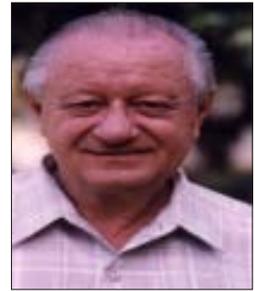
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06. January 23, 2002. Br. Elmar, Hans Kieras SVD: Bro. Hans was an architect, engineer,

builder, contractor and popularly called "mazdoor". He was committed to his job and went to all the mission stations and drew up plans and built and supervised many buildings. He trained local people irrespective of religions who wanted to learn. He visited each site personally. Just a few

days before he was detected of brain tumor he drew his own car to the site at Vijaynagar where the school building was being built under his guidance. He was suffering from malignant cancer of the brain He died in Roberts Nursing Home in Indore. 'Builders Never Die' was the caption for his obituary. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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07. January 24, 2008. Fr. Denis D Souza SVD: Fr. Denis was

one of the first Indian SVD Fathers who worked along with the foreign pioneers and learned the rudiments of pioneering. He was one of the first ones to go to Gujarat and began the Gujarat mission in Godhra. Fr. Denis was a dedicated and unassuming village missionary. He was one of the few priests who prayed the divine office regularly. He began the St. Arnold's English medium School, Godhra and went to another mission in Panchmahals and began the new mission there. He was a diabetic patient. Just two days before, he fell down from the cot and later on was admitted at Roberts Nursing Home for complicated lung problem due to severe cold. While undergoing treatment for lung failure and kidney problems, he breathed his last. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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08. January 27, 2006. Fr. Joseph Panthalatty SVD: Fr. Panthal was

known for his zest for life, amiability and sociability. His jovial approach to life was well integrated with a deep spirituality which he radiated in his life as a

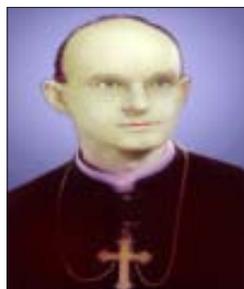
missionary, formator, counselor and administrator. His optimism helped him overcome many vicissitudes all through life. He worked initially in Madhya Pradesh and later on went to Mumbai province. He held two important posts in Mumbai Province; one was the Rector in Divine Word Seminary, Pune and then the Provincial Superior for two terms. After his return from Mumbai Province, he was appointed as the rector of SVD Vidya Bhavan, Bhopal Central Indian Province. He became seriously ill with bone cancer but never complained. He lived happily and died happily. In his last days, he was the spiritual father for the juniorate students at Palda. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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09. January 29, 2002 Bishop Francis

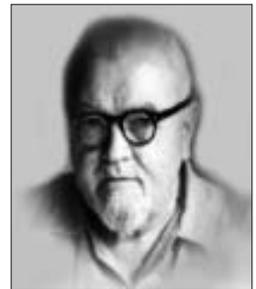
Simons SVD: Bishop Simons was a very intelligent person, a man of conviction and vision. It was his conviction that only by educating children the church and society can progress. He was the first bishop to have visualized the idea of a hyphenated priest i.e. working and pastoring. He shepherded the diocese of Indore for 19 years. He promoted women's association as well as social work for the benefit of catholic children. He was an ideas-put-into-practice missionary. He wrote: Infallibility vs evidence. He resigned from the seat due to his views of infallibility and lived in Holland. He loved Indore diocese and established the diocese on firm footing. He planned each mission with great vision. He was loved by the priests dearly. He died in Holland and is buried there.



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10. January 30, 1969. Br. Paul Siemko SVD:

Br. Paul worked in Mhow Rajeshwar Vidyalaya and helped Fr. Peter Verhaelen SVD at St. Thomas Seminary, Mhow. He loved the students in the seminary. Before his death, he was appointed to Roshini, Khandwa Diocese. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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February

01. February 20, 1944 Fr. Gulielmus Knopp

SVD: Fr. Knopp was very religious in his out look. He was a great pioneer and worked to establish the Indore mission diligently with the early missionaries, taking care of everything was done according to the rule. He was buried in Mhow cemetery and later on transferred to Indore.

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02. February 26, 1996 Fr. Joseph Hubner

SVD: Fr. Joseph Hubner was considered to be the founder of 'Adoption System' for the students in Khandwa as well as Indore Diocese. He began Roshini mission and worked all through his missionary life in getting funds for the education known as Adoption System. He established this **Patenschaft Abteilung** in Germany. Unfortunately it went into the hands of lay people and has been in their hands ever since. For many years he built up and ran a worldwide, comprehensive network of 'fosterparents' who helped with financial contributions. Towards the end of his life, he became blind but he put the last of his energy into dedicated pastoral work in an



old folks' home. He died in Muenster and laid to rest there.

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March

01. March 23, 1990. Br Sudhir Bilung

SVD: Bro. Sudhir was a hard working brother, who loved his farm and worked day and night in the fields and poultry farm. He spent time in prayer during the nights and during the days spent his time in the fields.



He was suffering from blood clot in the brain. He died while working in the field. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda

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02. March 27, 1983 Br. Dominic Hieronim

Wiergowski SVD: Br. Dominic Wiergowski was born on 1st November 1906 in Gutow, Poland joined the SVD in 1927. After his initiation into the religious life he learned the printing trade so dear to our



founder. He was working in the printing press at Gorna Grupa from 1933-1939. Then he went to Steyl where he was printing the well known Stadt Gottes and other publications. Until 1945 in that year brother Dominic went to China. He joined the printing press at Tsintau. When he was expelled from China in 1948 he found a new place in the press at Manila, Philippines. In 1951 when the Sat Prachar press got started in Indore, he was transferred to India. In 1965 retired from the printing trade and was ever since busy with the accounts of St. Paul's Higher Secondary School. He was a qualified printing mechanic who loved life and worked day and night in the Sat Prachar

press. He was loved by his companions and he was thrilled when Pope John Paul II a polish man was elected as the Pope. He lost his leg because of gangrene but he was a happy go lucky man. Never complained. A zealous missionary, a faithful religious and a great sufferer, died in the evening of Palm Sunday of respiratory failure and pulmonary embolism. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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03. March 29, 1996. Fr. Nicholas Jez SVD:

Fr. Nicholas was from Brazil and came as a pioneering missionary. He worked at Sanawad. He was original in his thinking of mission. He initiated Grape farming and poultry farming in a very scientific manner.



The red tape, the inquiries and the harassment were on the increase every time he needed to renew his papers. The government machinery seemed more and more intolerant. So he decided to call it a day and go back to his home province. He spent 37 years in Sanawad and Nalwat stations and was famous for his enterprise that led him to newer project and apostolates. He was a pioneer in Mass Communication in the Province. He bought a projector, a few films and slides and had shows in all the villages he visited. In those days cinema was the rage. He returned home. On the fateful day, he was run over by a bus in Araucaria, Brazil dying immediately on the spot at 11 o'clock.

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April

01. April 02, 2009. Fr. Rudolph Fernandes (Sudhir Shenoy) SVD:

Fr. Sudhir was well known among the Dalit and tribal Christians of Madhya Pradesh. He loved the people wherever he worked and was fond of little children. He was so simple that

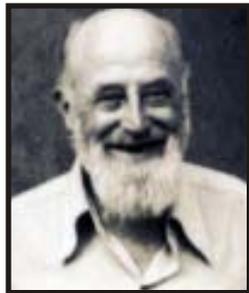
he would pick up even the dirtiest child and kiss it. He was the parish priest of Udainagar when Sr. Rani Maria FCC was murdered on the way to Indore in a travelling in a bus. He retired in the year 2004 at St. Joseph's Home due to Alzheimer illness and he breathed his last at Roberts Nursing Home while undergoing treatment. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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02. April 20, 1998 Br. Rauschen, Paul Gabinus

SVD: Br. Gabinus was born on 29th May 1905, entered novitiate in 1929 and pronounced final vows on 8th September in 1937. He came to India in 1941. He was mainly engaged in farm work especially Dhani, Khurda. He went back to Germany and died on 20th April 1998.



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03. April 12 Fr. Henry Wichelmann SVD:

Fr. Henry was one of the pioneering missionaries in Jhabua. Later he went to Bhilala mission along with Fr. William Wuellner SVD. He was very hard working who lived under trees and built the mission. He was instrumental in establishing a hospital in Sendhwa which became very famous. It is to be noted that he sent Dr. Henry Bhabor to be trained in Germany for this hospital. He was the Regional Superior of Indore Region for two terms. He died in Germany and is buried there.

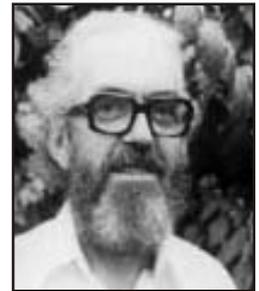


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04. April 19, 2000 Fr. Theo van Ejdthovan

SVD Fr. Theovan was a native of Vianen,

Utrecht, he went through novitiate and philosophy in Helvoirt and his theology in Teteringen. After taking part in the Nemi Course in 1978, he lived in Dhyan Ashram Kankria. From here he became acquainted with the needs of the Indian subcontinent. Having started the foundation "Pro Deo" in Holland in favour of the poor in India, he went home to Vianen in 1983 to continue to his work of supporting the needy not only in India but also in Africa and South America. He passed away quietly to his reward in Vianen on the evening of April 19.



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05. April 21, 1980. Leo Krzeminski SVD:

Fr. Leo was one of the pioneers, who came to India with Fr. Peter Jansser. He was from Poland. He was known among the poor as a 'Man of Charity'. He assumed the responsibilities of being the military



chaplain in Mhow. Being the army chaplain he could easily purchase old hand press. He worked in St. Theresa Church, Bandra, in 1959. He was a man blessed with a keen sense of humor. He had an innovative idea of collecting money for the church construction, creating a saving bank account in the parish without paying interest. After 36 years of service he left India. He died after a prolonged illness at Steyl, Netherlands.

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06. April 23, 1989 Fr. Eric Reckwardt

SVD: Fr. Reckwardt was one of the great missionaries and visionaries. He was the longest serving Provincial Superior. Under his able stewardship many flagship programs in the province were initiated. The Philosophate Seminary in Bhopal, the

schools in various places are there because of his visionary spirit. He was very sensitive to the needs of his missionaries. He died in Germany and is buried there.



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May

01. May 01, 1979. Fr. Leonard J. Jungblut SVD:

Fr. Jungblut was a scholar, anthropologist and research worker. He had a kind heart. Nobody knows how many people he assisted in their need. For 52 years he lived faithfully his religious life in the Society. As a missionary he was tireless and as a priest in spite of being busy with his scientific work, he always helped when requested to preach or to assist in the liturgy. In the last week of April, he undertook a bus journey from Bombay to Madurai to attend the ordination ceremony of our SVD Confreres. He returned on May 1, 1979, while sitting at the table for cup of tea, he collapsed. He was rushed to the Holy Spirit Hospital Andheri but he could not be helped. A huge procession took the mortal remains of Fr. Jungblut to St. Andrew's cemetery where the body was laid to rest by Fr. Joseph Madathany, Provincial Superior (South India) near the cross.

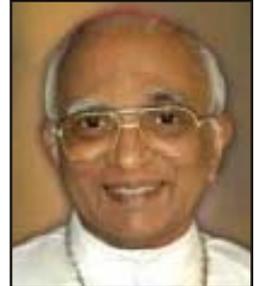


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02. May 02, 2009. Bishop George Marian Anathil SVD:

Bishop Anathil was our first Indian SVD who was awarded Doctorate in Religious Education. He was a committed spiritual leader, a visionary, a compassionate social worker, an educationalist and an efficient administrator. He worked in Divine Word

Seminary Pune as a formator from 1960 -65. After his return to Indore, he served as prefect and later as rector of Palda, and then became the bishop of Indore in 1973. He led the



diocese with great vision and made the diocese self sufficient financially and personally. He brought many Congregations to the diocese. And there are many novitiates in the diocese, thanks to his far sightedness. After his spinal operation in 2007, he could not recover fully and was almost bedridden. He retired on 24th October 2008 and entrusted the responsibility to his successor, Bp. Chacko Thottumarickal SVD. Of late he was suffering from pysinia. He was attended by doctors and nurses regularly. He suffered from cardiac respiratory arrest and in the presence of doctors, Fathers and Sisters he breathed his last at Roberts Nursing Home. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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03. May 03, 1980. Fr. Arthur Malin SVD:

Fr. Arthur was a veteran missionary, born in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He was known as a 'Father of Forgotten Children'. His first assignment was in Philippines where he was engaged mainly in school work. After the Second World War, he was appointed to India in 1947. He spent the first six years at Ratlam and was mission procurator at Bandra. While he was at Bandra, he became the principal of St. Theresa's school. He organized the care of the handicapped on all India level. He is the founder member of several organizations dealing with the mentally handicapped. It is providential that he died in Philippines where he started his missionary journey.

04. May 04, 1959. Fr. Peter Janser SVD:

Fr. Janser was from Germany. He was a man known for his initiatives. Before coming to Indore, he had been provincial

superior in Techny, USA, for several years and then Mission Procurator in China. He had collected information about the new mission which he was assigned through his questionnaire of ten aspects related to the evangelization activities in Central India. After the elevation of Indore Mission to the status of a Prefecture, Fr. Janser was nominated as its first Prefect Apostolic on July 11, 1935. In spite of his very poor health, he carried his heavy load of work and worries till he gave his resignation on February 22, 1947 for this reason. Fr. Janser spent the rest of his life in Techny but was emotionally attached to his former Mission.



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05. May 14, 1990. Br Amabilus Mathias

Schodel SVD: Br. Amabilus was one of the pioneers in Roshni mission who worked for the education of the Dalits. He established the hostel for the Harijan boys in G a n e s h t a l a i, Khandwa. In his later years, he worked in Rajeshwar Vidyalaya, Mhow, for many years living in the Mhow farm. he was born at Roggendort, Germany. After having worked for some time as secretary in the Municipal office of his home town he joined the society of the Divine Word at St. Xavier's Dad Driburg. After his arrival in 1933, a few months of initiation into the mission work at Khurda he was appointed to Aulia where he worked with Fr. K. Schmidt. In 1937, PT. Jansser took him to Indore as secretary and treasurer of the Prefecture Apostolic. In this capacity he was not taken by the British to the Internment Camp during the War. In 1949 brother was sent to Khandwa

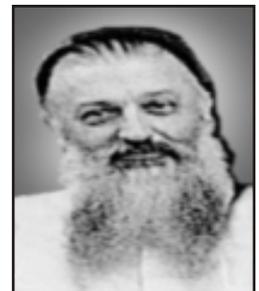


to Fr. P. Barun. From 1953 -55 he was the manager of Sat Prachar Press. While on home leave in 1966 he was elected delegate of the Indore Region for the 9th General Chapter of our society 1967/68. After his return Br. Amabilus went to Roshni to help Fr. Joe Huebner SVD with the adoption scheme. From 1973 till 1978 he is treasurer of *Rajeshwar Vidyalaya* Mhow. He was suffering from meningitis. He suffered paralysis but lived many years in that state and died in the nursing home. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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06. May 30, 1987 Br. Damasus Pley SVD:

Br. Damasus hailed from Germany. He was one of the architects of the Divine Word Society who built many churches and schools. His last creation was the Cathedral of Indore Diocese. He designed the building



meticulously and creatively. A Master carpenter and Civil Engineer by training he played a key role in the expansion of the mission during those initial years of SVD in India. When the City Administration constructed the giant Nehru Stadium at Indore, he served as a special consultant to the city administration. Even after retirement he was a silent benefactor to many by providing them wheat at subsidized rates. During the last two years, his health had considerably deteriorated due to a peculiar bleeding disorder of the prostrate that was suspected malignant. On May 27, he developed tremors in his hand displaying familiar symptoms of Parkinson's disease and was shifted to Robert Nursing Home. After two days his condition suddenly deteriorated and he breathed his last. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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07. May 30, 1986: Fr. George Proksch. Fr.

Proksch hailed from Germany. After his ordination in 1932, he was given his mission posting to India - a country totally alien to him. To familiarize with at least one of its languages, he spend one year of studying Urdu at the Oriental Institute of Languages London. The idea of establishing an Ashram came to his mind when working among Hindus in Indore. He soon realized that the methods of approach to the 'objectum missionarium' the Gentes, then in vogue were insufficient or better said were not congenial to the mind of India. He founded the Ashram on a hillock on the Mahakali Road, Andheri. In 1954, he got the first opportunity to present Christian themes in Indian art forms. In 1964 the Eucharist Congress held in Bombay marked a climax in the life of Fr. Proksch when 300 dancers and 1000 singers trained by him presented 'Anant Prem'- the manifestation of God's love for mankind as seen in the Old and New Testament. The pioneer, who was one of the first to strive towards inculturation in India breathed his last on May 30, 1986.



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08. May 31, 1968 Fr. John Partsch SVD: Fr.

John hailed from America. He was a very lively person who liked to whistle his life out. He loved people and worked many years along with Fr. Schlappa in the leper colony at Ratlam, the North Pole of the Indore Mission and Fr. John was the Parish priest. He suffered several heart attacks in the previous month but managed to get back on his feet and continue his parish work until the final bout of illness ended his life. He was especially remarkable for his



hospitality to many visitors who stopped off at Ratlam to break their railway journey. With ever sincere smiling he welcomed the guests. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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June

01. June 03, 1988. Br Antony Berchmans

SVD: Br. Thottan was one of the first Indian brothers from Kerala. He was devoted to his duty as an accountant at Sat Prachar Press besides he was Provincial Secretary and Procurator.



Additional duties were placed on Thottan, when he was elected three times Provincial Admonitor, twice delegate to the General Chapter and twice the director of Brother Formation and was given the task to establish the Brother's Training programme in India. He was also the Treasurer of National Assembly of Religious Brothers in India for one term. He was much loved by all. He was councilor in the provincial councils for many years. He was also involved in financial advisor in the diocese of Indore and worked for the diocesan set up. 10th September 1982 was a red letter day in his life when he was elected as one of the Consultor Generals of the Society of the Divine Word. He was first Indian General Councillor in Rome. He died there and is buried in Rome.

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02. June 11, 1999 Fr. Karl Ritz SVD Fr. Karl

was a native of Boehmenkrich, Rottenburg. He came to India in 1949 and was assigned as an assistant at Kusumdegi, Sambalpur diocese before taking up the post of Prefect,



treasurer and Novice master for the Brothers in Palda for eight years. He supervised the construction of the new seminary, St. Charles Seminary, Trichy. He devoted himself to social action projects building schools for the children, houses for the poor launching agricultural and health projects. Since the seminary did not have a four wheeler during his tenure, he used to transport all the provisions from the city market by his cycle with a trolley attached to it. Even some sick students took a joy ride sitting in the trolley peddled by him wearing his white cassock and looking red in the face. Before losing his eyesight, memory, shortly before his death he became partially paralyzed. He is laid to rest at St. Charles' Seminary cemetery, Trichy.

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03. June 16, 1994. Fr. Johann Hubner Franz

SVD: Fr. Hubner was one of the first pioneers who worked for many years in many parishes like Ratlam, Mhow, Dewas and eventually lived in the cemetery for many years in Mhow and then retired and lived



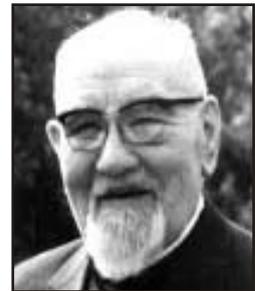
at Seva Sadan where he helped the poor people by his financial help. He literally emptied himself for others, materially and spiritually and in later life he was in great demand as a confessor not only in Indore but also in other dioceses as well. A gifted musician and able linguist, he spoke, English, Hindi, German, French and Latin. He shunned the limelight and preferred to be known as an active-contemplative in his 50 years of his life in India. He adapted nicely to Indian conditions which prompted a Brahmin to say once: 'he must have lived in India in his previous birth'. He breathed his last breath at Robert Nursing Home due to his old age. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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July

01. July 1, 1995 Fr. Alois Schwarzer SVD Fr.

Alois was born in what is today Polish Silesia. He entered the society in 1922 at Holy Cross seminary Neisse. His priestly ordination almost ended in death at the altar during his ordination he had to endure a bursting appendix and was rushed to hospital for a quick operation which saved his life. In 1937, he received his mission appointment for Indore. After 16 years of work, he went for home leave. But since his visa could not be renewed he requested an appointment in PNG. In 1994, he became a completely invalid and died peacefully on his 85th birthday.



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02. July 05, 1996. Fr. Simon Mannara SVD:

Fr. Mannara was a veteran Bhilala Missionary for 23 years. He was one of the first Indian missionaries who was known as bush missionaries. He began many mission stations and one mission bears testimony to his vision in



Bhikangaon where he built a church in Indian architecture with the help of Bro Hans. He loved life and enjoyed it and he had many friends in the secular world. He was suffering from a variety of sicknesses from diabetics, kidney failure to heart decease and was undergoing regular dialysis. He died at Robert Nursing Home. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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03. July 07, 2008. Fr. Peter D'Mello SVD:

Fr. D'Mello was a wonderful person. He went to study Latin in Rome when the change of seminary formation was in progress. Latin

had become redundant. After finishing his Latin studies he sought permission to do religious psychology in America and completed his Masters and came to work in formation in Pune and Palda. He was suffering from diabetics. He died in St. Joseph's Home. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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04. July 09, 1996. Fr. Alois Kloepper SVD:

Fr. Kloepper was known as 'Perfect Prefect'. He was one of the first prefects in Palda who guided many students to priesthood. Before coming to India, he taught Latin and Mathematics to



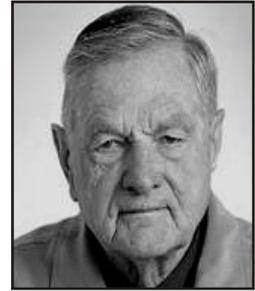
students at the minor seminary of St. Rupert's Austria. Numerous "Klopperian anecdotes will be recalled by his many students and his unforgettable mannerisms have imprinted an indelible impression on their heart. He loved animals and took care of the poultry farm very diligently. He was the Regional Superior for two terms and went back to Germany. He suffered a brain tumor and had to be operated which devastated his health and after a slow but painful recovery he resumed his parish duties. But not for long. The end came on 9th July 1996 and He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda

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05. July 19, 2009, Fr. Hermann Hagenmaier SVD

Fr. **Hagenmaier** was from Tettngang, Germany. On 19.07.2009 on account severe stomach pain as he was brought to Elizabeth Hospital in Ravensburg, where his health condition dramatically worsened and finally he died. Fr. Hermann was a very affectionate confrere. To the end of his last

days, he untiringly worked for the cause of India. In spite of his failing eye-sight, which put him at the disadvantage, he enjoyed traveling, and traveled very much, to keep in contact, visit and foster his

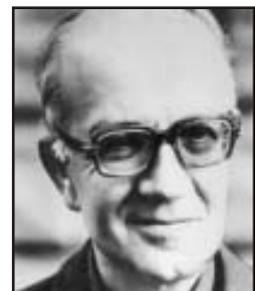


numerous friends and benefactors and the youth. After his ordination, he received his appointment to India. He was worked in India for 34 long years. First two years with Adivasis in Orissa, and then many years in Rourkela, in the Minor Seminary in Palda, in central India; and four years in Pune in the major Seminary. In 1963 he was shifted to Bombay, from here he promoted many social projects in India. In 1964 he vigorously engaged himself for conducting of the Eucharistic Congress in Bombay. In 1982 he was transferred to Gyan Ashram in Bombay in order to help Fr. George Proksch SVD, He devoted his energy to the Youth, who stormed to India in thousands. He gave them accommodation according to his possibilities and the first introduction to Indian culture. In 1984 he was awarded by the German President 'the Cross of the Republic of Germany' for his life's achievement. In 1986 he left India.

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06. July 22, 1999 Fr. Engelbert Zeitler SVD

Fr. Zeitler grew up in Beidl, West Germany. After obtaining his doctor's degree Theology, in Rome, in 1953, he spent two years teaching moral theology in St. Augustin before being assigned to India. He built Divine



Word Seminary, Pune when the South India Region was established he was to its Superior for 9 years. Through his initiative the Medak district was established. He was a man of global vision which was rooted in his deep commitment to Christ and his mission. He was gifted with an extraordinary capability to articulate his

vision with adequate intellectual concepts. All his energy was directed to building up the church in India. In 1964 he became elected to head the Union of Regional Superiors. In 1969 he found NVSC for the whole country. In 1986, he was not allowed to go back to India for health reasons. Nevertheless he still worked for the next 6 years for missiological institute in St. Augustin. He retired to St. Gregory in Steyl in 1992.

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August

01. August 04, 1991 Fr. William Lenzen

SVD: Fr. Lenzen is known as doyen of education and is known as the father of education in Indore province. He toiled for the all round development of the students. His students are in all walks of life in the country and abroad. His monumental contribution in the field of education will be remembered for a long time. He worked to establish schools for the diocese, Rajeshwar, Vidyalaya Mhow and St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Indore are testimony to his education vision. He worked tirelessly to establish these schools. He went to Godhra to establish a school there but due to health reasons had to retire and returned to Indore. He continues to be a beacon and forerunner in the herculean task of reducing the level of illiteracy. He died at the Home for the Aged run by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Andheri. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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02 August 11, 2004 Br. Florinus Karl Ochs

SVD Bro. Florinus was born on June 6, 1913 in Rehinhausen, Diocese of Munster. He was the third of five children born to Josef and Maria Ochs. As a young man he learned carpentry. At the age of 20

he decided to enter the SVD in Steyl as a postulant. He made his final vows in Ireland. To be cut off from home was rather difficult for him. Only after he had become an Irish citizen in 1950 he had no problem in visiting his mother and relatives in Germany. While working in Hadzor, England, he got his mission appointment for India and in August 1957 he went to Bombay. His mission work in India began with the building of the seminary in Poona. Soon after his arrival at Indore with a master's in Carpentry got acquainted with the needs of the mission and opted to start a carpentry training centre in Indore. After a year the confreres took him along to Indore. He worked nearly 30 years as a carpenter. With a heavy heart he returned to Germany in 1983. His right eye suffered from retinal detachment. Since an operation was impossible Brother came back to Indore. In 1987 the sight in his left eye got weak as well. After an unsuccessful operation brother remained in Steyl visually impaired. The carpentry training centre and department had to be closed down for want of proper personnel. At present, this carpentry workshop is renovated as a beautiful multipurpose hall in honour of Br. Flornius Ochs Hall. Here he spent the last 16 years of his life, doing garden work as much as he could. After a long and fulfilled life on August 11, 2004, the Lord called his faithful servant into the eternal home.



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03. August 22, 1987. Br. Redemptus

Kollet SVD: Br. Redemptus was the companion of Fr. Joseph Hubner and worked for the education. He is remembered by the Korkus lovingly. Besides being a doctor and bookbinder by training he was also an accomplished pianist and musician. The beautiful grotto of Roshini that enchant many a visitor

speak of his artistry. Ever since Brother suffered a stroke a few years ago, Miss Naidu regularly helped him button up his cassock before the Mass. She proceeded to his room as he was late for Mass. On receiving no reply to her knocks she opened the door and found Brother reclining motionless on his bed with the shoe on was still in his hand. He was found dead. He died on his 79th birthday. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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04. August 23, 1985 Br. George Tirkey SVD

was born on July 6, 1939 in Kusumdegi, Orissa. He joined Palda as a Brother candidate in 1956 and took his first vows in 1960. He then went to Steyle, Holland for two year technical course in Printing and made his fianl profession in 1966. On his return to India, he spent next twelve years at Sat Prachar Press. He was a well known hockey player of his times in Indore had a knack to work with the youth. Recognizing this personal initiative and how he made use of his talent besides the need being felt to give an organizational base for the youth apostolate he was officially appointed its director on the diocesan level. He was one of the Indian brothers who loved brotherhood and wanted all the brothers to shine. He was the one who worked tirelessly to establish brother formation program. One of his efforts materialised in founding Chhota-Nagpur Book Club. IN 1980, he was appointed to Palda as vocation promoter and director of Brother's formation. Till his untimely



death on the morning of 23rd August 1985, he put every effort in promoting vocations to Brotherhood. He died early leaving the mission to other brothers to continue. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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05. August 26 1998. Fr. Joseph Mangalath SVD:

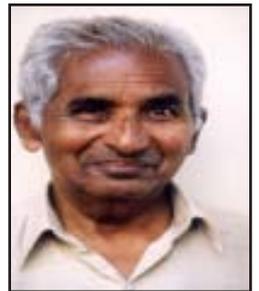
Fr. Mangalath was known for his social apostolates. He established first the social centre in Muvalia and began social apostolate in large scale in Gujarat and from there he moved to Jhabua and eventually to Indore diocese in Khetegaon mission. He breathed his last after a massive heart attack. He died at a young age. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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06. August 30, 2007. Fr Anand Anithotathil SVD:

Fr. Anand was the first Indian missionary to be elected to the post of the SVD Regional. He was a missionary in Jhabua for many years. After leaving the Regional's job he went to Sendhwa and worked there to establish that mission by renovating the church and began to build a grotto there. He was also instrumental in establishing the Udainagar mission. He died after a prolonged sickness in St. Joseph's Home. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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September

01. September 08, 2002. Bro Kishorebhai Toppo SVD:

Br. Kishore Bhai was known as 'Anda Master' because he was in charge of the poultry farm at Palda for many years. He worked in the Press for a number of years.



Took care of the bakery and farm in Palda. He was suffering from diabetic. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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02. September 16, 1981. Fr. Valentine Zimmermann SVD:

Fr. Zimmermann was one of the founding fathers of Indore province. He was from Germany who had licentiate in Canon Law. He was the second Regional Superior. He was a



visionary in establishing many formation programs. He was Regional Superior, teacher, pastor and confessor to many people. He is always remembered as a person who would take on any responsibility despite the heavy schedule of administration and teaching. He was generous with his time and talents. A man of deep spirituality and a multi dimensional personality. At the time of his death in 1981, he was chancellor of the Diocese of Indore. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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03. September 22, 1970. Fr. Henry Ketler SVD:

Fr. Ketler is known as Doctor Father. He was the pioneer in Jhabua mission. He practiced medicine in Jhabua and his services were mainly directed to the Bhils although it is said even the King of Jhabua State used to

get treated by him. And the Jhabua church and its progress bears testimony to his far sightedness. He died in Indore. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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04. September 23, 1993. Fr. Joseph Veluthedath SVD:

Fr. Joe was a professor and Formator. He was one of the original thinkers among SVD Indian missionaries. He taught Philosophy at our major seminaries.



He held important post, like rector in KPRP for many years and founding father of the Regional Seminary, Bhopal. He was also the Vicar General of the Indore diocese. In the midst of theodicy course at Vidya Niketan Mysore, he suddenly collapsed and was rushed to the hospital where it was first diagnosed as acute breathlessness and a low heart count. A few hours later, he was dead, fortified by the last sacrament and comforted by the prayers of his students and confreres. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

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October

01. October 05, 1969 Br. Methodius John Paschke SVD,

He was born on 28th April 1903, entered novitiate in 1929 and pronounced final vows on 8th September 1937. He came to India in 1934. After coming to



India, he was busy with the construction work at Poona, Khurda and Dhani. He used to repair watch. He was sent to Pachmahri to take care of the property. He planted coffee plantation in the property. After 3 years of stay he fell sick and brought to Roberts Nursing Home, Indore. He died on 5th October 1969 while undergoing treatment.

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02. October 7, 2003. Br. Andrew Camil Kiro

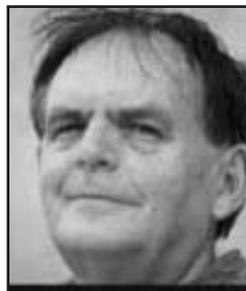
SVD: Br. Andrew was one of the first Indian SVD Brothers from Orissa. He was the master binder and worked for many years in Satprachar Press. He was also the Brother Formation Assist. Director for



many years. He wrote a Hindi hand book known as Anubhav. He devoted his full time either in making Rosary or praying Rosary. He distributed them freely to confreres and sisters. He made decorative items like ribbon using his pocket money which are used even today for Christmas. He died on the feast of Holy Rosary on the 7th of October. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda. 25 51 53 59 **

03. October 07, 2011 Fr. Thomas Lynch

SVD: He was born to Mary and Daniel Lynch on March 23, 1932 at Dingle in Ireland. After three years of government job in the forest department, he quite the job in 1954 to join the SVD where his



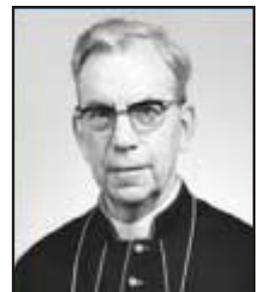
younger brother was already studying. After his novitiate and philosophy in 1960, he landed in a country which he grew to love so dearly that fifty one years later surrounded by friends who loved him deeply, he breathed his last on 7th October

2011 at 5.10 pm at Roberts Nursing Home. Discharging his duties eminently well as novice master, his heart's desire was really to be a contemplative. Thus slowly but steadily, he worked towards that aim by setting his eyes on the land at Kankaria. Belonging to a missionary society and yet longing to be a contemplative, created its own problems before the superiors. He was a natural contemplative, a mystic of sorts and a visionary.

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04. October 23, 1985 Bp. Herman Westemann SVD:

Bp Herman, the second Prefect Apostolic of Indore Mission and the first bishop of Sambalpur diocese died in Muenster, West Germany. As a pioneer missionary of



Indore Mission, he ventured on foot through the Vindhya from Khurda to start the mission in Dhani. His life style was simple and appropriate to the cultural situation of the Bhils among whom he lived. He lived under a tree shifting his bed sheet around in order to find rest from the warm sun under banyan tree. During his years as Prefect Apostolic, the mission moved from a colonial period to an independent India and he adjusted the entire mission to the new situation of political realities. Concern for good health He conceived the idea of Karuna Hospital at Sendwa. His contribution to Catholic Hindi Literature, Nava Jeevan and Kripa Sroth were popular that they had to be reprinted again. The people of Khurda and Dhani still remember him with great love and admiration. **05 27 31 32**

05. October 25, 2004. Br. Regum E. Ignace

Gnanarul SVD: Br. Gnanarul was one of the first Indian brothers who learned

medicine under the guidance of great doctors like Br. Cunibert in Dhani and continued to practice it after getting RMP degree and worked many years in Khandwa, and Panchmahals. People lovingly called him 'Doctor Saab'. He had a brush with death in the year 2000 while he was in Sanjeli for some time. The Bhajrang Dal people physically manhandled him during the Godhra train burning incident. He was in Jhalod when he got the massive heart attack and died. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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06. October 30, 1996 Fr. Jacob Nalloor SVD

He was from Kulathoor, Kerala. He was ordained priest on 3rd October 1961. He was vocation promoter for a long while before he took over administration of a school in Mumbai. In central Indian Province he served for sometime as a parish priest. He supervised the Malayalam edition of word India. He died there on 30th October of a brain tumor.



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07. October 31, 1986 Fr. Earnest Johannes Schalppa SVD:

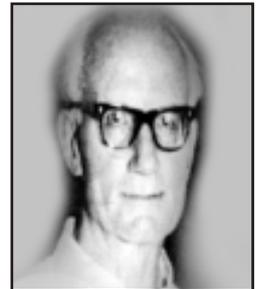
Fr. Schalppa was known as the father of God's love colony, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh. He was from Germany. He founded the Unnai Mission and school for the catechists at Sirpur, Khandwa. The Thick, long white bearded man moved by pity on these poor lepers whom nobody wants to see had done this praise worthy



work founding a Leper colony. He was a pioneer missionary while in the towns he found the Lepers going begging. He got the vision to work for them and began Ishawas colony at Ratlam and spent his last years fully living with them and dedicated his whole life for their service. The lepers loved him because he lived with them. He received the cooperation of civil and government officers and the active collaboration of people of all religions. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

06. October 20, 1968 Fr. Stanislaus Wald:

Fr. Wald's literary contribution and his role in the development of the SVD in India will be remembered for generations. He was a collosus among his contemporaries.



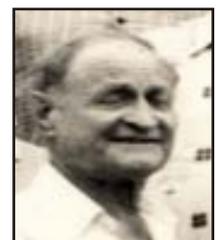
Above all, he was the first regional superior of the SVD Mission in India and was man of deep prayer, a humble and meek priest, hardworking and responsible religious. In his work, he was orderly and systematic. He enjoyed good health for so many decades in spite of tiring conditions of places and work. While serving as Rector of Divine Word Seminary, Pune, he contracted the fatal disease, cerebro-vascular emphasis and infectious polapneurites which took to him eternity. In his death, the SVD in India lost a Father and a Friend who like a star charted its course through decades.

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December

01. December 05, 1999. Fr. Gerard Hofstee SVD:

Fr. Hofstee was the pioneer in Nimad Mission, Khandwa Diocese. He was known as a missionary for women upliftment venture. He thought of empowering



women by educating them in the school. He was a great pioneer. He wrote the adult catechism for the grown ups for Hindi speaking people known as 'Vayaskon ka dharm gyan'. He had two attacks of appendicitis during his stay at Bhopal Diocese. His love for the Balahis is legendary. He was an ardent advocate of women's emancipation. He died in Techny and is buried there.

02. December 06, 2000. Fr. Devanand

Joseph Chakkungal

SVD: Fr. Chakkungal was popularly known as Kavi Father. He wrote several books, poems including composing lyrics which were produced as audio cassettes.



He received many awards and medals from different organizations for his literary writings. He was going for holidays in the month of December together with his nephew. Before reaching Chennai Station, he felt uneasiness and collapsed. Fellow traveling friends could not help with their first aid meanwhile he passed away peacefully. Since his nephew was with him to take the body, it was easy for others to get the body from the train. He is buried in the cemetery of St. John's Seminary, Cheganacherry, Kerala.

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03. December 09, 1995 Fr. Carl Joseph

Schmidst SVD After studying English for 6 months in London, he went to the mission in India for many years he was on mission to the Bhali (Aulia). At the beginning of the war, he was interned by the British for a few months. Consequently his activities were much curtailed until the end of war. In 1948, he went to Sambalpur mission, worked in Hamirpur became Vicar General. He was in charge of the local Congregation of Sisters, namely, Handmaids of Mary. By 1972, he was so worn out that he returned to Germany,

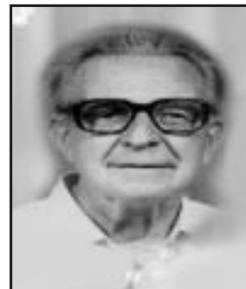
where he did pastoral work among the elderly and sick for 10 years.

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04. December 12, 1987 Fr. William

Wuellner SVD

was one of the great Bhilala missionaries who lived and breathed the Bhilala culture. He was from Germany. He tried the practical anthropological approach with the tribal people. He devoted all his life to original missionary work. He established many missions and went in search of the diaspora where ever they lived. He walked and went by bullock cart and spent days on the road. He was known as the father of Bhilala Mission. He trained many boys to be in high posts in the government offices. He was Regional Superior of the Central Indian Province for two terms. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



05. December 15, 1975 Joseph

Theunissen Cunibert SVD

: Within a short time, Br. Cunibert was known all over as a kind and efficient Doctor Sahib who established the hospital in Dhani. He worked tirelessly to eradicate TB. Many patients used to come from far and wide to be treated by him and he loved those people. He was born on March 11, 1904 at Westerbrock, in the diocese of Munster joined the Society's house at Steyl on April 9, 1924. He made his final profession on September 8, 1932 and came to India towards the end of 1935. After a short stay at Khurda to study Hindi, he went to Tappa to start his first dispensary. Within a short time, brother was known all over as a kind and efficient doctor. Doctor Sahib as he



was known got a transfer after the war in 1945 to Dhani. From then on, he was in Dhani until his death. Certainly the villagers and many people who flocked him from all over will miss very much his help in treating their maladies. For the last few days brother had complained about his heart and mentioned to the community members that his end is near at hand. In the afternoon of the fateful day, he as usual went for a ride. He had just crossed the Bombay Agra Road when he felt some pain on his chest and collapsed after some time. He died on the way to Dhani hospital. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

05. December 12, 1998 Fr. Peter Verhaelen

SVD: Fr. Peter's life was an embodiment of hard manual labour, humility and prayer. He was an inspiration to the younger generation to work hard and to pray. He was from Germany. During the Second World War, he served as a male nurse on the Russian front and was also a prisoner of war. After his ordination in 1949, he arrived in India in 1951. He served as the Rector of St. Thomas Seminary, Mhow 1951 - 1959. Later he was appointed Rector of St. Paul Apostolic School at Kaduthuruthy, Kerala. He returned to Goa as Rector in 1987, Relinquishing the job in 1991, he continued to stay there till his death. He was laid to rest on December 16, his birthday. His zeal and enthusiasm to work in the formation houses have boosted many vocations in the Society and he spent most of his life with young people, inculcating in them good values, guiding them towards becoming enthusiastic missionaries.



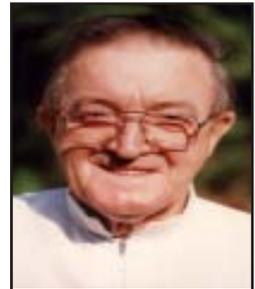
05. December 18, 1997. Fr. Joseph Lobuscher

SVD: Fr. Lobuscher was a great missionary. His creation of original art in architecture is seen in Dewas a pillarless church. He loved to work alone

but loved people. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

06. December 21, 1999. Br. Aidan Courtney

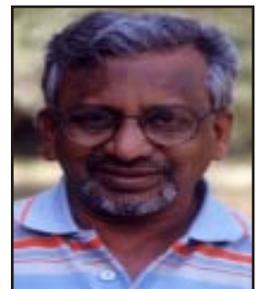
SVD: Br. Aidan was from Ireland. By his profession as a dentist, he made SVD popular among the non Christians through his ministry. He worked tirelessly to establish the Dental Clinic first in Palda and then in at St. Arnold's Seva Sadan Campus, Indore. And it became so famous even the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh used to visit and be treated by Brother. Apart from his ministry as a dentist, he held the post of the President of the Regional Unit of NARBI. He suffered multiple complications of liver and kidney problems. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.



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07. December 30, 2007. Fr. Dr. S. Lourdasamy

SVD: Fr. Lourdes was an eminent Indian Anthropologist and the voice of the marginalized. He did his doctoral studies in Vienna and obtained a Ph.D. in Anthropology. He worked in INM, INC and INH province. He had authored many books on Bhil and Bhilala tribals of Central India and published several articles on Anthropology and Mission. His latest article was on Andhra Mission: Mission for all Reason. Just before he died, he complained of chest pain and was rushed to a private nursing home where he was declared dead. He died of cardiac arrest around 3 pm in Athipakkam. He is laid to rest at Charles' Seminary Cemetery, Trichy.



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RIP

Remembering Our Departed Students - INC Province

01. January 15, 2005. Frt S. Antonyraj Marian SVD:

Frt. Antonyraj was an EIP student who was assigned to Arunachal mission. He was a very young and energetic person who scored gold medal in his studies at Loyola College, Chennai. Aftermath of Tsunami in Tamil Nadu, he was worried about the people of Tamil Nadu and was loosing his way in the forest. After many days of searching and finding whereabouts, at last his torn clothes were found in the forest. We lost a youthful future missionary. He is buried in Arunachal mission.



fire brigade and the military until finally the body floated up by itself. He was a man of few words but a very cheerful and service minded seminarian who was much appreciated and loved by the community.

03. June 24, 2003, Novice Ambrit Kumar Baa:

Clerical Novice Ambrit was active, dynamic, full of energy, cheerful and prayerful. He was ever ready to undertake the tasks meticulously that were entrusted to him. He was both responsible and



accountable. He died of electric shock at about 3.45pm. He, the senior in charge of telephones together with two other novices and went to tie up the telephone wires coming to the Novitiate. He insisted on climbing the tree as he was used to climbing trees, hailing from the midst of forest in Gobardhanpur, Orissa. While he was in the process of connecting the wires, he suddenly received an electric shock and fell. He was given first aid. He died on the way to the nearby hospital. He is laid to rest at the Garden of Resurrection, Palda.

02. August 08, 1987 Mathekutty Mangalath.

Student Mathukutty Joseph, 2nd year Philosopher, during a class picnic in the Bhojpur river, 30kms away from Bhopal where he met a watery grave while splashing water. The search for the body lasted 25 hours with the help of the villagers,



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