

First INDIAN SVDs of 2013 Ordained

Deacon Ashok Minj,SVD and Deacon Roshan Ekka,SVD were ordained priests (along with an MSFS deacon Kuldeep Kiro) at their home parish Sikajore, on 06.01.2013 making the history of being first Indian SVDs of the year 2013. Archbishop John Barwa,SVD (Archbishop of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar) ordaining the new priests



said that they would spread the light in the darkness as the day marks the visitation of the three kings to the manger and going back enlightened. He exhorted the new priests to be the visible sign of faith as their ordination is marked by the year of faith declared by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict the XVI.



About four thousand faithful along with 100 priests and religious witnessed the ordination. Rev. Fr. Telesphore Bilung,SVD, INE Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Augustine P.A.,SVD, ING Regional Superior and Rev. Fr. Jacob, MSFS, Nagpur Provincial, were present to receive the newly ordained priests into their respective Religious Societies and Provinces. The liturgy was made colorful and meaningful by the melodious choir and traditional dances for the entrance, offertory and the recession.

The cloudy and cool weather along with a light drizzle brought the heavenly blessing on the occasion. The celebration was made memorable with commendable arrangements made by the various committees of the Parish and the discipline maintained by the Sikajore Parishioners.

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INE Silver Jubilee Celebrations-2012

The Silver Jubilee Celebrations, of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Joseph Daniel, Fr. Symphorian Kujur, Fr. Paul Kandulna and the Silver Jubilee of the Religious life of Bro. Remis Tete, took place at Shanti Bhavan, Jharsuguda on 27.12.2012 amidst the presence of 120 INE SVD confreres. A two hour long felicitation program included songs, recitation about the life of the Jubilarians and a token of love and appreciation from the part of the whole province. The Jubilarians in return thanked the Society and the confreres for the encouragement and support they have been receiving.



The Jubilee celebrations were combined with the Province Christmas gathering. All the confreres gathered in front of the manger at 10.30 am to feel the presence of Christ as one SVD INE family. The compound echoed with the melodious carols and choir led by the Fratres of Divya Jyoti (SVD Major Seminary, Sason). The Jubilarians were led to the altar by all the confreres along with the Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Telesphore Bilung, SVD. The Solemn Holy Eucharist was presided over by the Jubilarians along with the Provincial Superior. The family games and recreation together at 2.30 p.m. made the confreres forget all the tension of heavy work in their Mission places. The celebration culminated with the family meal and little "sylo" (local tribal) dance at 8.00 p.m.

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