

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT INC PROVINCE, INDORE

One of the most important events in the Central Indian Province (INC), the **Jubilee Celebrations**, began in a grand scale at 10 am on



November 8, 2014 in Brother Florinus Ochs Hall of St. Arnold's Seva Sadan Campus. The Bible procession was led by a dance troop from Palda carrying the Bible in front. It was a celestial sight to witness that fifteen confreres celebrating Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond jubilees of Priestly ordination or their Religious Profession. A large number of Religious Sisters, Brothers, Diocesan clergy, invited guests, relatives of the Jubilarians, well-wishers and students participated in the Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Most Rev. Leo Cornelio SVD, concelebrated by Most Rev. Chacko Thottumarickal SVD, Most Rev. A. S. S. Durairaj SVD, Vicar General, Rev. Fr. Dr. Michael John (Indore) and scores of confreres.

In his welcome address, Fr. Xavier Thirukudumbam SVD, the Provincial Superior INC welcomed everyone present especially the Jubilarians by introducing them at length and highlighting the principle values each one portrayed in his life as religious.



L to R: Jubilarians with the Bishops: Fr. Charles Pinto, Fr. Marcel Tanan, Br. Ashwin Kiro, Fr. Chacko Mullappally, Fr. Manual Pereira, Fr. Justin D'Souza, Bp. Durai, Abp. Leo, Bp. Chacko, Fr. Joe Pringalloor, Fr. Cajetan D'Mello, Fr. Clarence Srambical, Fr. Charles Amrithraj, Fr. John Wakhla, Br. Juniper Kerketta, Br. Kishore Minz and Fr. Xavier T. (Inset: Fr. Varghese and Fr. Joe Vaz)



In his homily, the silver jubilarian, Fr. John Wakhla SVD described what religious life did to the jubilarians and what jubilarians did to religious life. Bro. Pradeep Kishore Minz SVD led the concluding prayer.

After the Eucharistic Celebration, a well prepared programme was presented in honour of the Jubilarians in Brother Florinus Ochs Hall. Fr. Raju Dodiya SVD was the master of ceremony. The Prayer dance was presented by St. Arnold's Higher Secondary School, Vijay Nagar. Most Rev. Chacko Thottumarickal



SVD felicitated the Jubilarians. St. Martin's School, Barnagar, presented a song and a variety dance. On behalf of the Jubilarians, Fr. Charles Amrithraj SVD gave a short message. Fr. Justin D'Souza SVD proposed the vote of thanks.

Sentiments of the Jubilarians:

Jubilee is an occasion for us to express our thanks to God and to all with whom we are related in our homes, schools, colleges, houses of formation, parishes and places of ministry. We feel particularly indebted to our Founder, St. Arnold Janssen and to the whole SVD Society. As we have a special bond with the members of this province, we feel grateful to all of them and to our mission partners. As we look back on our years of service, whether it is 25, 40, 50, 60, we feel contented and graceful for all the occasions when God inspired us through others and in turn, we become instruments of inspiration for some of those who came across in our life and ministry.



L to R: Fr. John Wakhla (Homily) Fr. Charles Amrithraj (Message)
Most Rev. Chacko T.J. (Message) and Fr. Justin D'Souza (Vote of thanks)