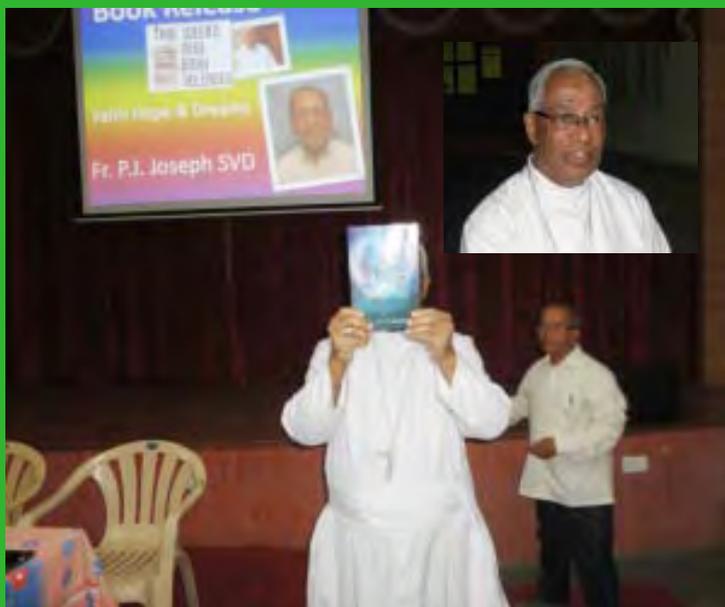


Spiritual Exercise: INC Annual Retreat 2012

As planned earlier this year, the annual retreat was preached by Most Rev. Emeritus Archbishop Raphael Cheenath SVD at St. Arnold's Seva Sadan starting from 14th October to 19th October 2012. Reconciliation, Our Growth in Christ, Khandhamal (Odisha) and Consecration were taken as themes for each day. With his vast experiences, bishop guided the participants focusing on Jesus's life and mission. Fr. Provincial Nicholas Martis welcomed warmly everyone with an introductory note of introducing the retreat preacher and other announcements. Nearly 71 confreres and 6 confreres from other provinces participated in this retreat. During the retreat, the life of Jesus in Indian context, a tele film, namely '**Christaayan**' was shown for three days which consists of 6 hrs and 17 minutes. It was enriching experience for all the participants.

On the first day, a book written by Fr. P. J. Joseph SVD, namely, '**Faith, Hope and Dream**', was released by Most Rev. Raphael Cheenath SVD. The first copy was presented to Fr. Provincial, Nicholas Martis SVD and the book is dedicated to Fr. Ignatius Thottappilly SVD. So he too was present on this occasion. It was an enriching experience for all the



participants. Fr. Provincial congratulated him on bringing about this book. All the five days, bishop preached homily during the mass and Eucharist was celebrated by jubilarians, provincial and vice provincial. The annual retreat ended at noon on 19th October 2012 with the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Most Rev. Raphael Cheenath SVD.

Diaconate Ceremony

On the day of Mission Sunday, 21st October 2012, two of our fratres from Ashta Theologate, Frt. Roshan Manoj Ekka SVD and Frt. Naveen Prashanth Pinto SVD were ordained deacons by His Excellency Most Rev. Devprasad Ganawa SVD, bishop of Jhabua, in the presence of Priests, Brothers, Sisters and lay people at Holy Spirit Church, Palda in the Eucharistic celebration at 8 am. The Holy Eucharistic celebration began at the Mother Mary Grotto with a prayer and hymn and processed to the Hall for the Holy Eucharist with an introduction by the parish priest, Fr. Joemon James SVD. The Fratres were accompanied by their parents and relatives. In his homily, bishop emphasized on the Mission Sunday as well as the duties of the deacons. The whole ceremony was conducted by Fr. Michael Cherian SVD and the arrangement was done by the staff and students of Catholic Ashram Palda and Parishners of Holy Spirit Church



Palda. Acknowledging God's benevolent blessings and the precious gift of vocation to Missionary life, Fr. Provincial thanked everyone who were involved in one or the other arrangement and appreciated the deacons. After the ceremony a short felicitation programme was presented by the parishners as well as the students of Catholic Ashram Palda.