

FOUR MORE YOUNG MEN
IN THE FOOT-STEPS OF ST. ARNOLD JANSSEN

Believing in the words of Jesus “whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Mt. 10:39), four of our Fratres namely Frt. D’Almeida Lawrence, Frt. D’Souza Patrick, Frt. Menezes Rohan, Frt. Prince Paul, readily committed themselves by pronouncing their Final vows in the Society of the Divine Word, for the service of the Lord and His people, on 14th January 2013, at Divya Jyoti, Sason, Sambalpur, India. The Holy Eucharist was presided over by Rev. Fr. Telesphore Bilung SVD, Provincial Superior, INE and con-celebrated by Fr. Charles Luis, Parish Priest of Bro. Patrick D’Souza, Fr. Lancy, Rector, Divya Jyoti SVD Seminary and many other fathers from other religious houses.

15th January 2013, the Feast Day of St. Arnold Janssen, became the remarkable day for the newly professed Fratres as they were ordained deacons by His Grace John Barwa, SVD, the



Archbishop of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar. Rev. Fr. Telesphore Bilung, SVD, Provincial Superior INE, Rev. Fr. Alphonse Toppo, vicar General, Sambalpur, Rev. Fr. Kurian T. K., SVD, Rector, Christo Jyoti Sason, along with many more SVDs, Diocesan Clergy and other Religious Priests, con-celebrated in the Holy Eucharist. Parents and relatives of the deacons, religious sisters and many faithful from the neighbourhood doubled the joy of the deacons by their presence.



In his introduction Rev. Fr. Telesphore Bilung stressed on the discipline aspect of life for any commitment to be undertaken, especially that of priesthood. Most Rev. John Barwa in his homily said that

along with joy of being ordained as deacons, the fratres should also keep in mind the challenges they have to face in the modern times to proclaim the Good News and to remain as religious men. However we should be proud that these deacons are the product of the land of 'Odisha' where the Christian faith has been tested rigorously and has passed every test, he said. The various Indian cultural aspects like – entrance dance, 'Maha-arati', Bible procession etc., along with a melodious choir made the liturgy of the day very meaningful. The Holy Eucharist was followed by a short felicitation programme where Deacons and their parents were honoured for their meaningful sacrifice. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal.

Fr. Sunil Damor,SVD & Frater John David,SVD