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## EDITORIAL

**For the last year, Divine Word Missionaries have been celebrating our 150th anniversary. The big day finally took place Sept. 8.**

That was the date in 1875 when our founder, St. Arnold Janssen, inaugurated St. Michael Mission House in Steyl, Holland, which was the beginning of the Society of the Divine Word. You can learn the history of this special day in the article "Unlikely Foundation, Enduring Legacy" in this issue.

Leading up to the anniversary, our missionaries around the world celebrated in various ways. In many Divine Word parishes, the faithful recognized the day with special Masses. In Papua New Guinea, our missionaries observed the anniversary by reading the entire Bible in 150 days.

In other areas, the anniversary was marked with remembrances of local anniversaries. In Paraguay, for example, our missionaries and lay partners gathered to commemorate not just our 150th anniversary, but also the 115th anniversary of Divine Word Missionaries' first arrival in that South American nation.

As we look back at our first 150 years, we must also look forward to our next 150 years. A major campaign tied to our anniversary, the 150 Water Well Project, is one way we are looking forward. Divine Word Missionaries are committed to digging 150 wells or setting up other water-related projects throughout the world to provide clean, safe drinking water to thousands of people for years to come.

You can read about two examples of this campaign in action in this issue. In Paraguay, Father Viet Hoang SVD plans to build 10 water tanks in the rural area where he serves. In Mozambique, Father Giang Nguyen SVD plans to install solar-powered pumps on existing wells in villages spread across the three parishes where he works. The solar systems will eliminate the need to pump water by hand.

**We cannot let this anniversary go by without expressing our gratitude to you, our mission friends who continue to support our work. In 1875, St. Arnold Janssen shared stories about the newly formed Divine Word Missionaries through his magazine, *The Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart*. We here at *Mission Update* are honored to share this particular legacy with you, our readers, in 2025.**

Yours in the Divine Word,

Bro. Daniel Holman SVD  
Mission Director

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The first SVD House, opened on September 8, 1875.

## Unlikely Foundation, Enduring Legacy

St. Arnold Janssen overcame obstacles and doubts to establish Divine Word Missionaries

By Jeffrey Westhoff

**On Sept. 8, 1875**, Father Arnold Janssen, a former high school teacher, said the following while delivering a homily:

“Whether anything can come of it is known only to God. ... The simplicity of this beginning should not discourage us. The mightiest tree starts as a single seed, and the strongest of giants was once a weak, whimpering baby. We know that with our present resources we cannot accomplish our task, but we hope the good God will provide everything we need.”

**With those uncertain words, the Society of the Divine Word was born.**

The occasion was the inauguration of the new congregation's first seminary, St. Michael's Mission House of Steyl, Holland. With Fr. Arnold that day was the small group that would form the earliest core of Divine Word Missionaries: one other priest, one student and one student hopeful retained as a carpenter to furnish the mission house.

The house itself was far from stately. Heinrich Erlemann, the carpenter who did eventually become a Divine Word Missionary priest, later recalled it as “dilapidated” and “tumbledown.” That group of four men with a shared dedication to foreign missions and the rundown house they gathered in were the small seed that produced a mighty tree that still bears fruit 150 years later.

Looking back a century and a half, it is remarkable the ceremony at Steyl, much less the eventual success of Divine Word Missionaries, happened at all. Nearly all the circumstances surrounding it made the event unlikely.



Arnold Janssen as a teacher in Bocholt, Germany (C. 1870)



### THE TIME AND THE MAN

Foremost of all, Fr. Arnold chose to start a German mission house in the midst of the *Kulturkampf*, a campaign by the newly established German Empire to limit the Catholic Church's influence in Germany. The state was closing seminaries and monasteries, and priests were leaving the country. This was far from an ideal time to establish a new Catholic congregation to train German missionaries.

Also, Arnold Janssen was an improbable figure to found a mission house and start a new congregation. He was ordained to the priesthood on Aug. 15, 1861—the Feast of the Assumption. His first assignment was to teach math and science at a secondary school in Bocholt, a city in northern Germany not far from his hometown of Goch.

Five years after his ordination, Fr. Arnold joined a movement called the Apostleship of Prayer. As he became more involved with the group, he traveled Germany, Austria, Luxembourg and Switzerland to promote it. During this time he wrote and published a brochure that specifically highlighted prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, one of his favored devotions.

What he learned about traveling, writing and printing through the Apostleship of Prayer would prepare him for promoting his idea of a German mission house. But, still, in the early months of 1874, no one would have chosen Arnold Janssen as the priest to found the first seminary for German missionaries. No one, including Arnold Janssen.

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In January 1874, Fr. Arnold published the first issue of his magazine, *The Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart*, which he used to promote foreign missions and the creation of a German mission house. He was prepared to throw the support of his magazine behind anyone who intended to establish a German mission house. He had no thought of doing it himself.

### FATEFUL ENCOUNTER

That changed with a fateful encounter.

In May 1874, Fr. Arnold met with a missionary visiting from China: Bishop Giovanni T. Raimondi, the prefect apostolate of Hong Kong. (This meant he oversaw an apostolate prefecture, a missionary area not yet ready to become a diocese.) Fr. Arnold wanted to discuss mission work with Bishop

Raimondi. He also brought up his desire to see a German mission house.

"I told him of my regret that Germany, where Catholic life was so vigorous, did not have a single mission house for the training of missionaries," Fr. Arnold wrote. "On the other hand, France, Italy, Belgium and even Britain, where Catholic life is so weak, did have such institutions."

By the end of the meeting, Bishop Raimondi encouraged Fr. Arnold to be the one to start a mission house. Of that encounter, Fr. Arnold wrote, "The notion of beginning such a project myself had never dawned on me."

While Fr. Arnold hesitated, Bishop Raimondi persisted. He encouraged Fr. Arnold to take up the task at a subse-

quent meeting. It wasn't until after Bishop Raimondi returned to Asia that Fr. Arnold began to take the notion seriously.

In the editorial of the November 1874 edition of *The Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart*, he wrote: "The establishment of a German house of studies for foreign missions prove more and more to be an indispensable necessity."

He added, "The first and greatest difficulty is the matter of money."

### MANY DOUBTS

From the start, others within the Church doubted Arnold Janssen was up to the task.

Even encouragement was cloaked in disparagement. A priest known as Father Fugmann reportedly told him, "Yes, do that, you are called to it. Firstly, you have the necessary obstinacy; secondly, the necessary piety; thirdly, you are sufficiently impractical."



First issue of Little Messenger

For the next few months, Fr. Arnold traveled Germany and Austria trying to secure funds and find a suitable building for the mission house. Because of the *Kulturkampf*, Fr. Arnold knew he could not locate his new religious order in Germany.

He looked across the Maas River into neighboring Holland, first trying to find a site in the city of Tegelen. He couldn't find the right property and was further discouraged that after traveling throughout Germany he had not recruited any students for his proposed seminary. Feeling sick as he returned home, Arnold Janssen considered quitting the project. "But it seemed to me that to give up would be against God's will," he wrote.

## CHANGING FORTUNES

Perhaps by God's will, Fr. Arnold's fortune soon changed. As a result of his November editorial, he received two large donations in February and March of 1875, one for 9,000 marks and one for 6,000 marks. Combined, they were enough to finance the purchase of a mission house.



SVD House  
behind it the  
church of  
St. Michael.

Throughout the spring of 1875, Fr. Arnold traveled Germany and Austria seeking letters of recommendations (and donations) from bishops. He was largely successful. He also secured the approval of Holland's bishops, knowing the new mission house must be located "on Dutch soil."

In the German city of Regensburg, located in Bavaria along the Danube, a seminarian named John Baptist Anzer committed to study at the new mission house. (In 1879, along with St. Joseph Freinademetz SVD, Anzer would be one of the first two Divine Word Missionaries to leave Europe for China.)



Joseph  
Freinademetz  
and John Baptist  
Anzer

Fr. Arnold already knew that establishing a mission house also would require establishing a new religious congregation. On March 25, 1875, he came up with the name Society of the Divine Word.

## ARRIVING AT STEYL

Toward the beginning of summer, Arnold Janssen took another trip to Tegelen to look at another potential property. A deal could not be reached, but the owner suggested that Fr. Janssen look at another house owned by Nikolaus Ronck in nearby Steyl, along the Maas River. Janssen liked what he saw, and he and Ronck drew up a contract almost immediately.

On June 16, 1875, Fr. Arnold formally bought the property in Steyl for 7,000 guilders. The date was significant. It marked the 200th anniversary of the appearance of the Sacred Heart to Mary Margaret Alacoque, an event that popularized the adoration of the Sacred Heart.

With his own well-known devotion to the Sacred Heart, Fr. Arnold made a request of the small group of men who had committed themselves to the mission house. He wrote, "We resolved that each one of us, wherever he happened to be at the time, would consecrate himself to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the goals of the mission house."

In the next issue of the *Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart*, Fr. Arnold wrote: "Vivat Cor Jesu in cordibus hominum! May the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all people." This would become not only a motto for Fr. Arnold and the new mission house, but a motto that Divine Word Missionaries use to this day.

In July, Fr. Arnold met Heinrich Erlemann, the carpenter who wished to become a missionary student. Fr. Arnold agreed to consider his candidacy as a seminarian if he first worked for the house as a carpenter. Erlemann became the first resident of the mission house as he moved in and began to install cabinets.

In August, three more would move into the mission house: Janssen himself; Father Peter Bill of Luxembourg, who would be the first faculty member; and Franz Xavier Reichart, a seminarian from Vorarlberg, who would be the first student (Anzer would arrive later). As the three members of the mission house's community, they established the rules of the house and began to plan for the inauguration.

## INAUGURATION AND LEGACY

Fr. Arnold chose Sept. 8—the Feast of the Nativity of Mary—as the inauguration date. On that day, following his sermon, the

# Canonization celebration Vatican 2003



house was consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and placed under the protection of St. Michael the Archangel. That afternoon, a telegraph arrived with the blessings of Pope Pius IX.

Yet according to reports of those who were there, the mood surrounding the inauguration of the mission house and the founding of the Society of the Divine Word was far from festive. Many who gathered at Steyl that day wondered how long the mission house would last.

As Erlemann recalled 36 years later, "Skepticism and doubt were clearly present on the faces of all the priests present."

He did not, however, let that early skepticism drive him from Steyl. "But I must admit," he wrote, "I did not doubt the work would prosper. Otherwise, I would not have remained, considering the circumstances then and for some time afterwards."

Arnold Janssen also would look back on that early skepticism about him and the mission society he founded. Thirty years later, in 1905, Divine Word Missionaries in the United States were considering a mission to African Americans in the South, an enterprise many said would fail. To counsel those missionaries, Fr. Arnold wrote:

"It often happens that some things are successful even though the majority say it is a hopeless case. We ourselves at Steyl had that experience. People thought I was

eccentric and almost mad, and, nevertheless, I never gave up hope, and with God's help, I was successful."

The story of Arnold Janssen and Divine Word Missionaries is a story of hardships, perseverance and faith in God. Despite all the obstacles against them—a hostile government, constant lack of funds, an untested leader—Fr. Arnold and the other members of the founding generation refused to give up. In recognition of his determination and great faith, Arnold Janssen was canonized in 2003 by Pope John Paul II.

Today, thanks to the determination of our founding generation at Steyl, Divine Word Missionaries continue to thrive. With nearly 6,000 priests and Brothers serving in 79 countries, we are one of the most active missionary orders in the Catholic Church. A century and a half later, we remain determined to carry out the vision of St. Arnold to deliver the Word of God to the most remote areas on earth so that the Heart of Jesus can live in the hearts of all people. ●

*Note: Quotations from Arnold Janssen and others are taken from the book *Journey in Faith: The Missionary Life of Arnold Janssen* by Josef Alt SVD, published in 2002.*



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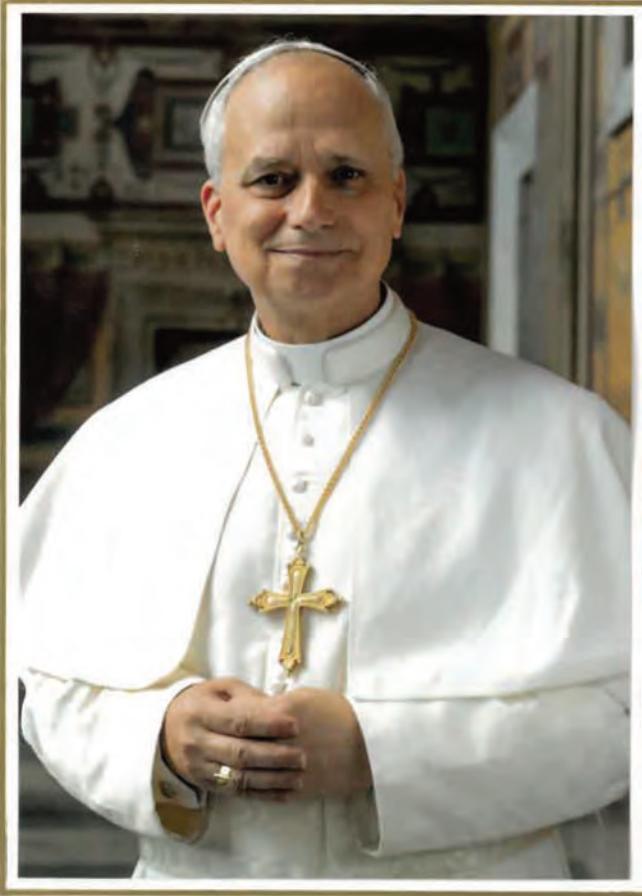
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*From the Vatican on the 16th day of June in 2025*

*Leo PP. XIV*

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# World Mission Sunday 2025

Excerpts from *To the Ends of the Earth: A Pastoral Statement on World Mission*.



## Jesus the Missionary

Jesus was a missionary. As the Word of God, he is the light of all nations. As the Word made flesh, he brought God's own life into our midst. Before returning to the Father, he sent the Church to continue the mission given him by the Father and empowered her with his Spirit: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21).

## The Missionary Church

The Church, therefore, is missionary by her very nature. She continues the mission of the Son and the mission of the Holy Spirit by proclaiming to the ends of the earth the salvation Christ offers those who believe in him. We are faithful to the nature of the Church to the degree that we love and sincerely promote her missionary activity. As teachers and pastors we are responsible for keeping alive a vibrant Catholic missionary spirit in the United States.

## "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"

"Even today, there are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent. Settings where other securities are preferred, like technology, money, success, power or pleasure.

These are contexts where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to its truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised or at best tolerated and pitied. Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family and so many other wounds that afflict our society.

*Pope Leo XIV, May 9, 2025.*



## 10 tanks

part of the worldwide Water Project, celebrating **150 years** of Divine Word Missionaries. The project aims to provide life-giving water to the most vulnerable communities and exemplifies our ongoing mission to bring faith into action.



## A Legacy of Water & Partnership in **Paraguay**

By Viet Hoang SVD

### Plans to install 10 water tanks in rural southeast Paraguay are underway!

I recently met with local families in Fleitas Cué. Fleitas Cué is about 25 miles northeast of our parish, St. Peter's, in San Pedro del Paraná. This meeting marked the first crucial steps for the installation of the 10 water tanks.

For those who live daily without access to water, conscious and responsible water consumption is a matter of life and death. These 10 water tanks—made possible through the generosity of our benefactors in the United States—will be life-changing to the families in Fleitas Cué. But before the first tank is delivered or installed, I wanted to ensure that the local community was fully informed, engaged and prepared to take ownership.

# ...bringing water to the thirsty, hope to the forgotten and Christ's love to the margins of the world.

As general coordinator and missionary, I consider this more than just a construction project. It is a partnership of collaboration rooted in faith and shared responsibility.



During our meeting, we discussed and agreed on the following key points to guarantee the sustainability of the project:

- *Each water tank will serve 12 families, who will collectively manage water usage and maintenance.*
- *Tanks and the land they are built on will be registered as parish property to prevent disputes and ensure long-term stability.*
- *To foster investment, pride and stewardship, local families will pay for the tank's concrete base.*

As the meeting progressed, I shared my experiences from previous water projects in other pastoral zones. In Kurupikay, we installed cement tanks on elevated land, which worked well because gravity ensured strong water pressure. However, I explained, in

Fleitas Cué, the terrain is different; here, we will elevate the tanks so that water flows freely and reaches every family effectively.

We are currently working with a local company that will supply the tanks and finalize the technical and logistical details. Everything is being done with transparency and dialogue because the success of this project depends not only on the materials we use but also on the strength of the relationships we build.

As we move forward, I am reminded that the 150 Water Well Project is not just about delivering water. It is about celebrating 150 years of missionary presence by planting seeds for the next 150. It is about empowering families, building peace and making faith tangible in the form of clean water.

Together, we continue the mission of the Divine Word: bringing water to the thirsty, hope to the forgotten and Christ's love to the margins of the world. ●

*Father Viet Hoang SVD is the general coordinator for the water project in San Pedro del Paraná.*



## Bringing solar water pumps to Mozambique

By Jeffrey Westhoff



In his quest to bring solar water pumps to the communities he serves in Mozambique, Father Giang Nguyen SVD finds his name fits the task.

“I think it’s providence that my parents named me Giang,” he said, explaining that “giang” means “river” or “water” in Vietnamese. “I am inspired by my name to bring water and life.”

As part of the worldwide 150 Water Well Project, Fr. Giang plans to install solar pumps in wells across his mission area in this southeast African nation. Since 2021, his home base has been Monapo, located in northern Mozambique.



Along with two other Divine Word Missionaries—a priest and a Brother—Fr. Giang oversees three parishes: St. Paul in Monapo, St. Peter in Quixaxe and St. Anthony in Lunga. The parishes have 70 outstations among them, and Fr. Giang hopes to install at least 10 solar pumps in these rural villages.

Many of these villages have water wells with hand pumps. “It’s not efficient when you have a lot of people who need a lot of water,” Fr. Giang said.



The solar pump system will be a model of efficiency. Water from the well will be pumped into an above-ground tank, giving people immediate access to water. The pump will automatically replenish the tank as water is withdrawn.

The wells that Fr. Giang plans to enhance with the solar pumps are located in village centers and serve large populations. Several locations already have solar systems in place, Fr. Giang said. In those villages the system will be extended to the pump.

An advantage of solar power is its minimal maintenance, Fr. Giang said. Villagers will be trained to maintain the pump. "The idea is ownership. When things break down, it will be their responsibility to fix it."

This is not the first time Fr. Giang has promoted solar power as part of his vocation. When he arrived in Mozambique in 2015, he was assigned to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Liúpo. He soon was helping families install simple, inexpensive solar systems to light their homes and power their stoves for cooking.

In 2016, the parish's diesel-powered generator broke down. Fr. Giang led the way to replace the noisy, smelly and polluting generator with a clean, efficient solar-powered generator.

"When problems arise, new opportunities also present themselves," he said. "As missionaries, we always have to be open to new opportunities."

Fr. Giang had also installed a solar pump at a water well in Liúpo. He would like to duplicate its success in the Monapo region. He has explained to the Monapo people how they will benefit from solar pumps, as the people of Liúpo have.

He cited two long-term benefits. Primarily, easy access to clean water will lead to improved health among the people using the wells. Secondly, with easy access to water he believes people will be motivated to plant more trees, which should mitigate the effects of the long droughts that imperil the region.

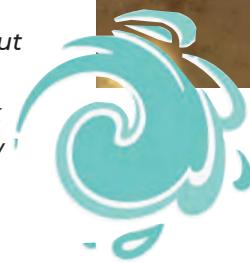
Providing people with better access to water also helps us, as missionaries, reach them spiritually. "Meeting basic needs makes it easier for people to come to faith," he said.

Technology, and its application to mission work, has fascinated Fr. Giang since his arrival in Mozambique. "Anything connected with energy—trying to find the most efficient way to use resources. Distribution of resources. Access to resources."

Using one resource, the sun, to ease access to the most vital resource of all, water, is the type of efficiency that pleases Fr. Giang. This combination of clean energy and clean water is a happy combination.

"Life, energy and water are interconnected," he said. ●

*Fr. Giang was born in Vietnam in 1983. He immigrated to America with his family in 1991 when he was 8 years old. Growing up in California's Bay Area, he began to think about the priesthood when he was in seventh grade and was intrigued when a Divine Word vocation director left a stack of Sacred Heart calendars at his parish. Using a brand-new search engine called Yahoo, he found Divine Word Missionaries on the World Wide Web. "I was one of the first to make contact with the SVDs through the internet."*





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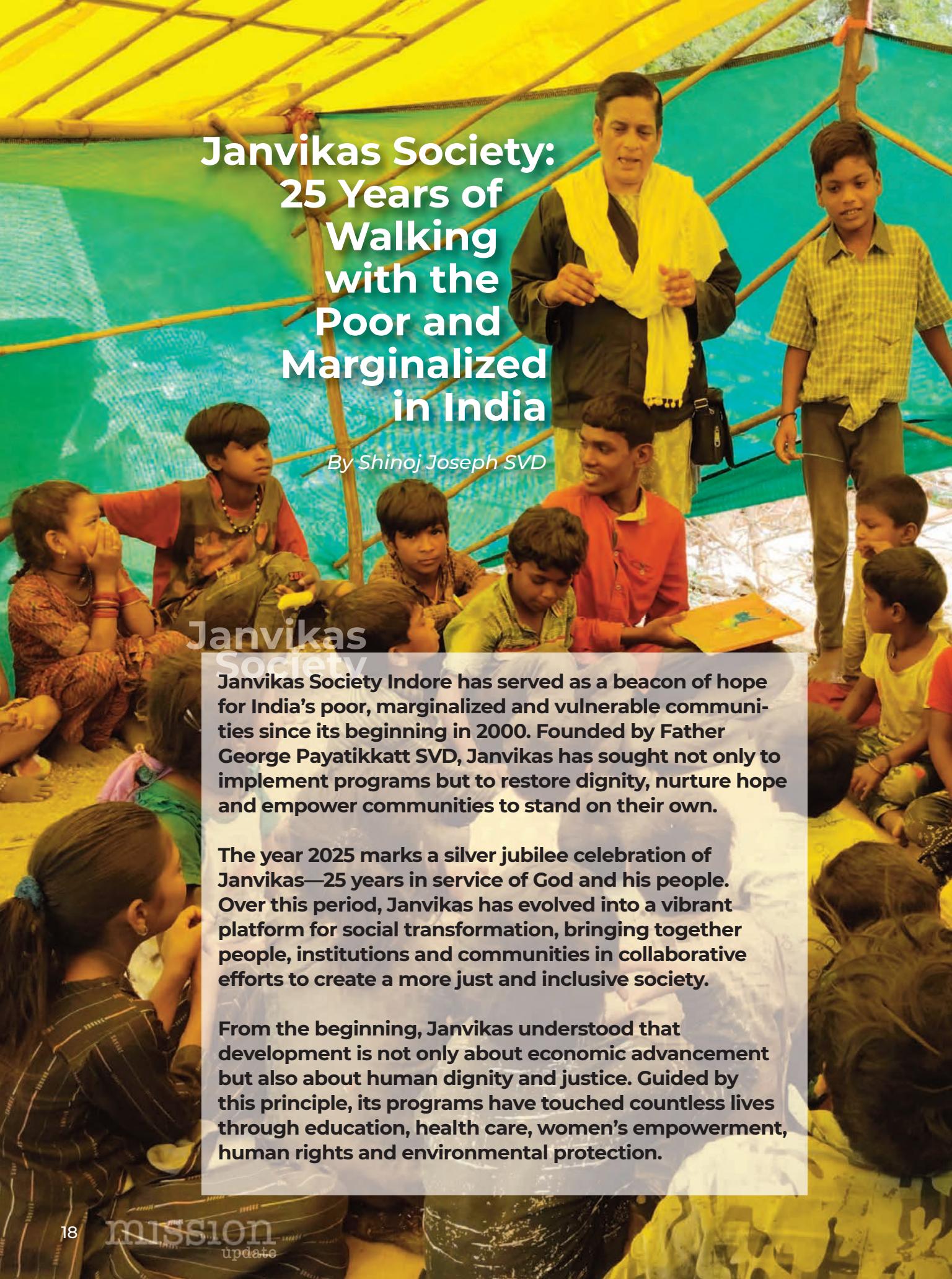


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# Janvikas Society: 25 Years of Walking with the Poor and Marginalized in India

By Shinoy Joseph SVD

## Janvikas Society

Janvikas Society Indore has served as a beacon of hope for India's poor, marginalized and vulnerable communities since its beginning in 2000. Founded by Father George Payatikkatt SVD, Janvikas has sought not only to implement programs but to restore dignity, nurture hope and empower communities to stand on their own.

The year 2025 marks a silver jubilee celebration of Janvikas—25 years in service of God and his people. Over this period, Janvikas has evolved into a vibrant platform for social transformation, bringing together people, institutions and communities in collaborative efforts to create a more just and inclusive society.

From the beginning, Janvikas understood that development is not only about economic advancement but also about human dignity and justice. Guided by this principle, its programs have touched countless lives through education, health care, women's empowerment, human rights and environmental protection.

# Janvikas Society



The society has units in Indore (which is the head office), Bhopal, Panchmahal and Udaipur. Programs are tailored to the unique needs of each region in the central province of Divine Word Missionaries in India. The work of Janvikas is grounded in community participation, ensuring that the people themselves become active agents of their own transformation.

## Education and Skill Development

Janvikas has been deeply committed to ensuring that education becomes a tool of liberation for disadvantaged children and youth. Many young people from poor households have benefited from non-formal education, remedial coaching and vocational training. Partnerships with institutions like Don Bosco Tech have

opened avenues through market-driven skills development, where the students' motto is "Learn a trade, earn a living." Successfully landing a job through Janvikas training programs has a life-changing impact.

Due to poverty and isolation, many children are cut off from the opportunities of an education. Our bridge schools bring out-of-school children back to the classroom, building a prosperous future through education.



Children in bridge schools learn that holding a pencil leads to them holding their heads high, demonstrating the transformative power of education. Each year, 400 underprivileged schoolchildren go through the bridge school system, giving them the tools they need to rejoin the public school system.

## Women's Empowerment

Economic independence has been at the heart of Janvikas' mission, especially for women. Through self-help groups, thousands of women have been encouraged to save money, access credit and start small businesses. The groups help women gain confidence and respect in their communities.

Skill-based training programs like Sanjivani teach tailoring, craft making and small-enterprise development. They encourage women to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams while helping them and their families achieve financial stability. Further, microfinance initiatives and programs to distribute sewing machines have given wings to many women's aspirations.

## Health and Care for the Vulnerable

Janvikas has prioritized the health of children, poor families and people with disabilities. Through its health-care programs, campaigns to counter drug and alcohol addiction, and special projects for the disabled, the society has created platforms of inclusion and care.



Stories from the field tell of children like Aaradhy, who walked her first steps thanks to the support of Janvikas, and Ranjana, who, through speech therapy, found her voice through the society's interventions.



With a door-to-door approach, we work with 1,200 physically disabled people from marginalized communities to provide regular medical care and distribute wheelchairs. Skills training, health awareness drives and education programs are also regularly organized.

**Human Rights, Justice and Peace**  
Janvikas stands firmly with the oppressed and the voiceless. Its programs on justice, human rights awareness and support for low-income workers have won recognition at state and national levels. The society has received awards for innovation in defending the rights of marginalized workers and for its outstanding contribution to social action and advocating for clean and safe working conditions.

The emphasis on restoring dignity and rights has ensured that the poor do not remain passive recipients of charity but become active stakeholders in building a more equitable society.

### Looking Ahead: A Future of Hope

As Janvikas enters its 26th year, the journey is far from over. The challenges of climate change, social inequality and economic instability continue to affect India's marginalized groups. Yet, with renewed commitment, the society is determined to respond with courage, creativity and compassion.

Janvikas' vision for the future is clear: to deepen its impact, foster community leadership and create sustainable models of development that ensure every person has the opportunity to live with dignity.

Janvikas Society's 25-year journey is not just the story of an organization—it is the story of communities rising from despair to hope, from silence to voice, and from dependence to empowerment. By standing with the poor and marginalized, Janvikas has sown seeds of transformation across central India.

As the organization continues its mission, its silver jubilee serves as a reminder that every act of love, however small, has the power to create lasting change. Together with its partners and the communities it serves, Janvikas marches forward toward a future of justice, peace and harmony. ●

*Father Shinoj Joseph SVD is the director of Janvikas Society Indore.*

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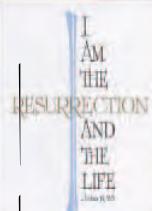
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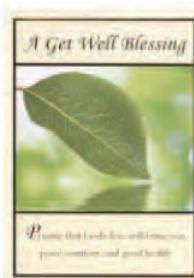
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