

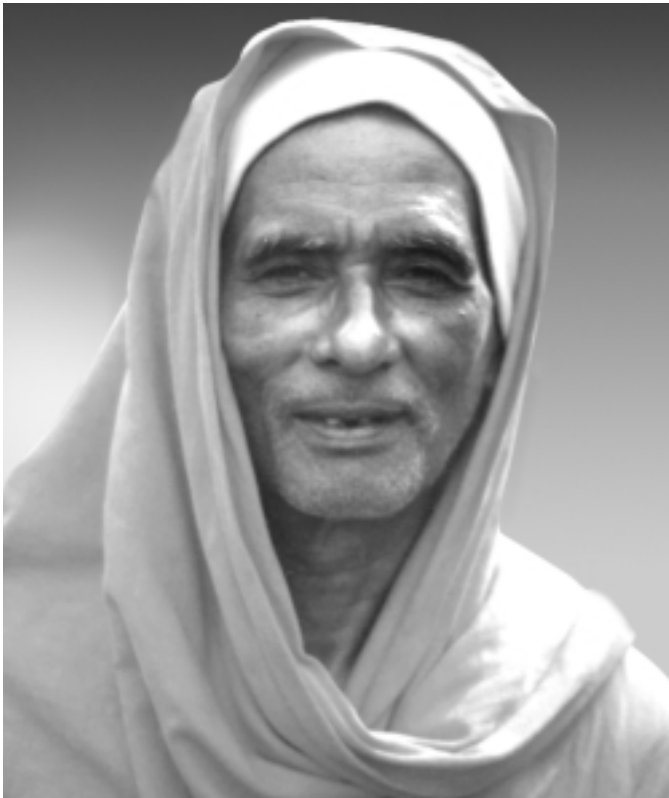
Inaugural Blessings

Blessings

for the Inauguration of the new
Sivananda Ashram in Orleans France



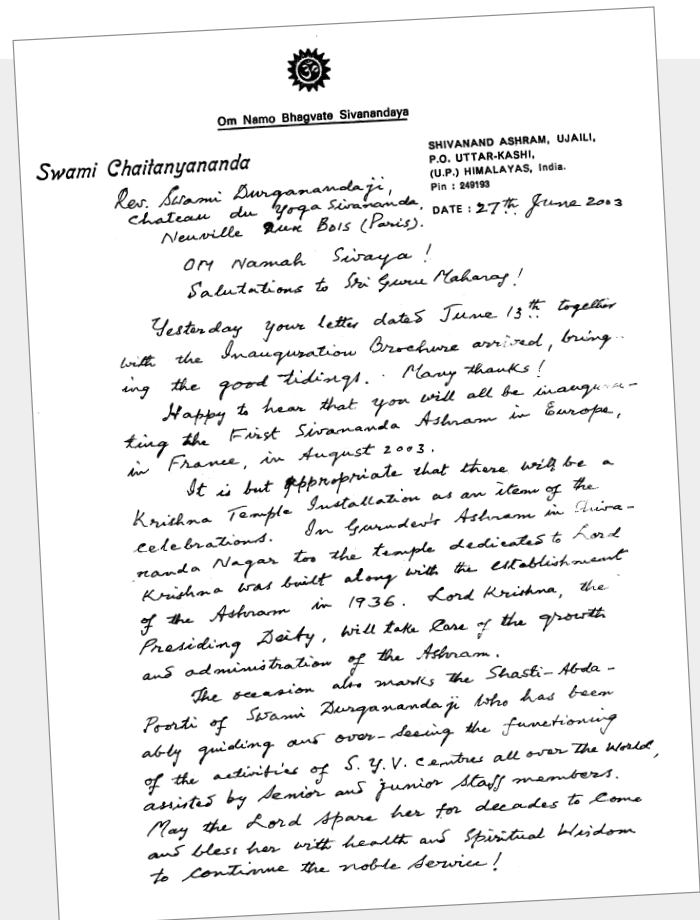
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Swami Chaitanyananda, a senior disciple of Swami Sivananda, sends his best wishes for the Inaugural Celebrations of the new Sivananda Ashram in Orleans, France

'With regards, Prem and Om to all the participants of the celebrations!'

Sri Swami Chaitanyanandaji is a senior disciple of Swami Sivananda and was a gurbai of Swami Vishnu-devananda at Sivananda Ashram Rishikesh. After taking Sannyas at the age of twenty one he lived with the master for many years and recently celebrated his 75th Jayanti on 8th November 2001



**Revered Swami Durganandaji
Chateau du Yoga
Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centre,
Neuville aux bois**

June 27 2003

**Om Namah Sivaya !
Salutations to Sri Guru Maharaj**

Yesterday your letter dated June 13th together with the Inauguration Brochure arrived, bringing the good tidings. Many thanks!

Happy to hear that you will all be inaugurating the first Sivananda Ashram in Europe, in France in August 2003. It is but appropriate that there will be a Krishna Temple installation as an item of the celebrations. In Gurudev's Ashram in Shivananda Nagar too the temple dedicated to Lord Krishna was built along with the establishment of the Ashram in 1936. Lord Krishna, the Presiding Deity, will take care of the growth and administration of the Ashram.

The occasion also marks the Shasti-Abde-Poorti (60th Birthday) of Swami Durganandaji who has been ably guiding and over-seeing the functioning of the activities of SYVC Centres all over the world, assisted by senior and junior staff members. May the Lord spare her for decades to come and bless her with health and spiritual wisdom to continue the noble service!

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I am glad this proved true. The organisation has been expanding gradually and unmistakably, thanks to the abiding Guru-bhakti and devoted service of the inmates of the Centres.

The managing staff of this Paris (Orleans) Centre will be enabled to function without the burden of paying monthly rentals and feel as happy as those people, who, after a long time, get the opportunity of cooking and enjoying vegetables grown in their own garden and eating fruit from their own orchard. We look forward to the acquisition of the Bahamas Ashram (Ed. this was acquired in 2001) and some other Ashrams in future.

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May the celebrations with Bhagavat Saptaha and initiations of persons into the holy orders of Brahmacharya and Sannyasa come to a smooth and happy conclusion! And may God's Grace and Gurudev's blessing be showered on the new Brahmacharis and Sannyasis!

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