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Flag Hoisting Mass at Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala Parish,  
Archdiocese of Hyderabad



Feast Mass at Rakashanagari Shrine,  
Ayyavarigudem Parish, Khammam Diocese



First Holy Communion & Confirmation,  
at Diesel Colony Parish



Priestly Ordination of Deacon Jeevan MSFS,  
Vanchanagiri Village, Ookal Parish



First Anniversary of Good shepherd Grotto,  
Gorrekunta Village, Assisi Parish



Confirmations and First Holy Communion at Fatima Cathedral



Platinum Jubilee of Banigandlapadu Parish,  
Khammam Diocese



Blessing of Statues of Apostles,  
First Holy Communion & Confirmation at OOKAL Parish

**Kapari Vani....**

***“Take off Your Shoes”***  
**Asian Continental Outstanding Features on Synodality**

*The following is my reflections of just concluded Asian Continental Assembly (24-27 Feb. 2023) at Bangkok, Thailand, in which I participated on behalf of all the Priests in the Asian Continent. The final document would be submitted to the Holy father as from all Continents!*



### **Asian Ethos-Character**

The cultural and Biblical image of the synodal continental assembly of Asia is to “**Take off Your Shoes**” (Ex. 3:5). The burning Bush experience of Moses was burning all through the life of Moses. The continent of Asia is like the Burning bush that attracts our attention and makes us fall humble in front of its Burning issues. Though the synodal journey is not something altogether new to the Churches in Asia, for the Latin Church it is somewhat new! Asia is the largest and most populated continent and is blessed with diverse cultures, philosophies, religions, languages, ideologies, geographies, and ethnicities. While Christianity remains a very small minority in most parts of Asia (around 6.53%), the vibrancy and richness of the individual cultures bring joy to the life of the Church. Though the systems of beliefs, values, and symbols vary from place to place, the interconnectedness of the human community draws the Asian peoples together. The Asian value of being spiritual and relational with God, self, neighbour, Environment and even the cosmos brings with it the unity of the human family and the unity with the Environment cum the Universe!

### **Unity in Diversity with Challenges**

Despite the benefits that unity and diversity bring to Asia, it is also entrenched with many challenges that directly affect the Church and the lives of the people of Asia. Some of the challenges are the widespread poverty across Asia, the ecological threat that has brought disequilibrium in the lives of people, the challenges of systemic corruption, the waves of economic migration in search of better lives, the political instability that causes internal disruption to peace and harmony, Oppressive governments, Religious fundamentalism and much more. All of these have a direct impact on the Church as she seeks to reach out to all peoples holding high their human dignity and freedom.

### **Pope’s Call for Synodality**

The call of Pope Francis to the universal Church to a process of synodality through a process of walking together with mutual listening has been generally received positively despite reservations from some quarters in the Church. There is a sense of gratitude and feeling privileged for the opportunity to take part in the renewal and revitalizing of the universal and local Church. This is indeed an expression of the universal Church and the local Churches walking together as one. The positive effects of bringing people from all walks of life, both within and outside the Church into a process of praying with one another, listening to one

another, and discerning the voice of the Holy Spirit bring forth in them a new experience of vitality and dynamism to the life of the Church. In spite of the challenges, the synodal journey has been considered a moment of grace and healing for the Church.

### **Image of the Church as Tent**

“Enlarge the place of your tent (IS 54:2) is the image of the ‘Church’, which projects her to be a place of refuge that can be expanded to all in a spirit of inclusivity. It also expresses that God can pitch his tent wherever the Spirit of God blows, including in places where there is violence, unrest, and suffering. Most importantly, in the tent, there is room for everyone, with no one being excluded because it is a home to everyone. In this process, those who in the past felt “left out” now realized that they have a home in this tent - a sacred and safe space. Most of the responses responded positively to the image of the tent. The image of the tent also reminds us that Jesus pitched his tent among us through the incarnation and therefore the tent also is a place of encounter with God and one another. The tent, now seen as the common home, also has rekindled a sense of belonging and sharing in the common baptism. The synodal process has brought about a greater awareness of the importance of walking together in the Church as a communion of communities for the organic growth of the Church.

### **Varied Consultations and Responses**

The continental consultation in the respective dioceses and countries took varied forms. Some countries were able to involve many people from different walks of life while others were only able to gather smaller groups of people. The challenges of time and language became an obstacle for some countries. Nevertheless, those who took part in this process of reflecting contributed constructively in a spirit of prayer and discernment for the betterment of the Church. The involvement of such a vast number of people in the synodal process has revealed a profound love for the Church despite the shortcomings and weaknesses of the Church as an institution. In reflecting, it was felt that the given short period of time prevented the possibility of having more deliberation and consultation. The inability to translate the Document into the vernacular languages was another limitation experienced by the Churches.

### **Great Hope for Renewal**

The exercise at Diocesan and Regional and National levels reveals a sense of hope and joy for the Church to move forward because of the love of God for his people. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit neither stops nor fails in inspiring the people of God to move in the direction of personal, communal, and structural conversion. We also acknowledge that the process of having the synodal conversations as requested has sometimes been painful and unsettling, while at the same time, making us vulnerable to each other. The ongoing exercise of walking, listening and discerning captures the hopes, aspirations, desolations, and challenges of the people in a way that opens the door for a greater renewal in the life of the Church. In many places it was indeed experienced as a moment of living Synodality in the Church through a process of shared identity and shared responsibility.

Let us enlarge of personal, parish, diocesan, national and Continental Tent inviting all humanity as to be a Family of God!

## **II. Congratulations Pope Francis-10 years as Pope : Pushing Church to Share ‘Joy of the Gospel’**



**on March 13, Pope Francis will be celebrating TEN years of his Pontificate.**

Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio, the then archbishop of Buenos Aires, was elected Pontiff on March 13, 2013, on the second day of the conclave following the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI. Francis is the first Latin American Pope and the first Jesuit to serve as Pontiff in the history of the Catholic Church. When Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected Pope Francis almost ten years ago, the world was immediately captivated by his vibrant personality, his simplicity, his love of the poor, and the fresh, and frankly, the unusual papal vocabulary he has often adopted. The Encyclicals of Pope Francis will define his great personality:

The Pope of the People: *Fratelli Tutti* (“On Fraternity and Social Friendship”)

The Pope of Prayerful Joy: *Evangelii Gaudium* (“The Joy of the Gospel”)

The Pope of Perpetual Hope: *Lumen Fidei* (“The Light of Faith”)

The Pope of the Universe: *Laudato Si*

The Pope of walking and Listening together: Synod of Synodality

The Digital Synod launches an online prayer initiative to mark the tenth anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Francis on March 13. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a “viral” manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. The Petrine ministry is a great grace that Jesus granted to His Church and we must always be grateful for it. Therefore, prayer must be our best gift, so that God may support the service of the one He has chosen for this ministry because on this rock He builds His Church in time and history”. So Let us Join our hands and hearts in Wishing and Praying for our Holy Father, Francis!

**AD MULTOS ANNOS!**

### **III. Francis: the Discerning Pope by Nicholas Austin SJ**

**13 March 2013 was the date of the historic election of the first Jesuit pope. Jorge Mario Bergoglio SJ took the name of Francis and in the five years since, he has captured headlines, imaginations and hearts worldwide. Nicholas Austin SJ looks at one of the foundation stones of Francis' papacy and, indeed, his life as a Jesuit: discernment. What, according to Pope Francis, does it mean to be a discerning Christian?**



When Pope Francis was asked, in the famous interview published by Thinking Faith, ‘What does it mean for a Jesuit to be elected Pope?’ his reply was a single word: ‘Discernment.’ The value he places on this practice is evident from the way in which he continually returns to the theme in his addresses, homilies and writings. In this month of March, his prayer intention is, ‘That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.’<sup>2</sup> Francis’s petition for the Church is that it becomes the discerning Church. What can we learn about discernment from this discerning pope? For Francis discernment is a dying followed by a rising: it is letting go of one’s own plans, certainties and agendas, and allowing oneself to be guided into new life by the unpredictable leadings of the Holy Spirit. This essay will not look at communal or pastoral discernment, but focus on what it means for each individual Christian to be discerning. I will touch on three of Francis’ insights into this simple but transformative practice, three reflections that can direct our prayer to become more fully attuned to the creative work of the Spirit in our prayer and in our lives.

#### **Discernment as a new perspective**

When Francis spoke to a group of newly ordained bishops, not too long after he was elected pope, he chose the topic of discernment. He offered the following invitation: I invite you to cultivate an attitude of listening, growing in the freedom of relinquishing one’s own point of view (when it is shown to be partial and insufficient), to assume that of God. With disarming simplicity, the pope is saying something quite astonishing. He is saying that, through discernment, we can shed our prejudices and limited viewpoints, and take on a new perspective, God’s perspective. We are to be drawn, Francis says, into ‘a way of sensing the things of God from

within God's own heart.' Is this presumption, to imagine that we can understand how things look to God? 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts' (Isaiah 55:9). Yet we do not need to read these words from Isaiah as a prohibition against trying to understand God's thoughts. Rather, the prophet challenges us to step out of our own limited viewpoint, and invites us to take on God's very different, far more wonderful perspective. Isaiah asks us to see everything with new eyes, God's eyes. It is delightful to see a child who thinks they can disappear from view simply by closing their eyes. Rob Marsh SJ points out that, up to the age of about four years, we do not fully appreciate that others have minds with a different perspective from our own. Very young children think others see what they see, feel what they feel. But, at some stage, children shed their 'mind-blindness' and learn that others have thoughts, desires and perspectives different from their own. What does this tell us about our experience of God? Marsh makes the provocative suggestion that we tend to be mind-blind when it comes to God: 'We think that God knows simply what we know, sees simply what we see; and consequently we rarely stop to ask God what God actually sees or knows or feels.' The invitation, according to Marsh, is to ask God to remove our mind-blindness and acknowledge God as a real presence in our prayer, with His own perceptions, thoughts and desires. How often in my prayer do I take the trouble to ask God how He feels about what I am telling Him? Even more importantly, how often do I hang around for long enough to notice how He responds? Fortunately, on rare occasions at least, God does break through our self-preoccupation, and succeeds – finally! – in distracting us from ourselves. From our side, a lively curiosity about how things look to God prepares the ground for discernment. 'How does God look at this situation in my life? What does He want for me in this context? I don't know but I'm excited to find out!' As we hear in scripture, 'Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.' (1 Chronicles 16:11) Francis himself is someone fascinated, not by his own navel, but by the gaze of Christ. He frequently exhorts us to be open to the graced experience that has been transformative for him: noticing how God sees the world, how God sees us. Standing before him with open hearts, letting him look at us, we see that gaze of love which Nathaniel glimpsed on the day when Jesus said to him: 'I saw you under the fig tree' (John 1:48). By discernment we are invited to notice, to glimpse, to sense how things are 'from within God's own heart.'

### **Discernment as a spiritual sense**

How do we go about attuning ourselves to God's perspective? Modern minds can find it difficult to acknowledge forms of perception other than scientific, rational knowledge. Yet, according to Pope Francis, discernment – perhaps like moral or aesthetic perception – is a kind of knowing that goes beyond rational knowledge: As part of his mysterious love for

humanity, God furnishes the totality of the faithful with an instinct of faith – sensus Fidei – which helps them to discern what is truly of God. The presence of the Spirit gives Christians certain connaturality with divine realities, and a wisdom which enables them to grasp those realities intuitively, even when they lack the wherewithal to give them precise expression. Here Francis describes discernment as wisdom, instinct, intuition. As baptized people, we experience ‘connaturality’ an affinity, a resonance with the spiritual. We have an experiential knowledge about what is of God, and what is contrary, by sensing its consonance or dissonance with the life of the Spirit within us. Discernment can therefore be described as a kind of spiritual sense. Growing in discernment is like developing a spiritual ‘ear’ for the ‘music of the Spirit’.<sup>8</sup> The other senses also provide useful metaphors: discernment is a cultivated ‘nose’ for the presence of God, a sharp ‘eye’ for the fingerprints of God, an acquired ‘feel’ for what comes from the good spirit, an educated ‘taste’ for what savours of the Holy Spirit. As with all these sensory capacities, discernment is not just a piece of perceptual apparatus, but a facility that can be cultivated. I am far from being a wine connoisseur: I confess I would be unable to tell the difference between a fine vintage and a bottle of plonk. Yet I have also met a professional wine taster who has educated his smell and taste to discern the many aromas, tastes and textures of a wine. Similarly, through attentiveness, we can fine-tune our spiritual senses of discernment, our ability to tell the difference between good and bad ‘spirits’ in our experience. This cultivated sensibility is precious because it alerts us to what would sabotage our progress and helps us attune ourselves to the life-giving music of the Spirit.

### **Discernment as gift**

Given that facility in discernment can be honed, we may be tempted to imagine it to be a technical skill to be mastered, somewhat like integral calculus. It is true that the wisdom of note, with Pope Francis, that discernment is not primarily a matter of technique. Even Ignatius’s rules are not a recipe for automatic results. For, Pope Francis reminds us, discernment is first and foremost a gift. When Francis spoke to the group of newly ordained bishops about discernment, he exhorted them to ask for the gift discernment again and again. Francis recalls the famous prayer of Solomon, who famously asked at Gibeon for the capacity to discern (1 Kings 3:5-12). We must, then, ‘continually return to Gibeonin prayer’, imploring the gift that Solomon valued above long life and riches. Like any gift, discernment must be received with openness, at the time of the giver’s choosing. Francis reflects, therefore, on the need for patience in discernment, a patience that is not passive resignation, but active reliance on God’s good timing: An essential condition for progressing in discernment is to educate ourselves in the patience of God and his times, which are never our own. He does not ‘bid fire upon the infidels’ (cf. Lk 9:53-54), nor does he permit zealots to ‘pull the weeds from the field’ that

they see growing there (cf. Mt 13:27-29). Discernment, for Francis, means not rushing ahead of graces given, but learning to follow God's lead. This waiting on God often requires an act of radical trust in periods of uncertainty and unclarity. The space that the poet John Keats called 'negative capability', that is, 'when a man is capable of being in uncertainties, Mysteries, doubts, without any irritable reaching after fact and reason',<sup>12</sup> is a mysteriously fertile one, in which the seed of discernment can grow and bear fruit. As Francis generously shares from his own experience: It is true that this trust in the unseen (Spirit) can cause us to feel disoriented: it is like being plunged into the deep and not knowing what we will find. I myself have frequently experienced this. Yet there is no greater freedom than that of allowing oneself to be guided by the Holy Spirit, renouncing the attempt to plan and control everything to the last detail, and instead letting him enlighten, guide and direct us, leading us wherever he wills. (*Evangelii Gaudium*, § 280). A discerning person does not precipitously reach for a resolution, but exercises the 'negative capability' to wait patiently for God's guidance. Once again, what is needed is not a technique that infallibly produces results, but a deeply personal, relational attitude of heart: a trust, an inner freedom, a readiness. 'Here I am, Lord, I have come to do your will.' (Hebrews 10:9)

### **Letting go and letting God lead us**

There is much more that could be said about Pope Francis' understanding of what it means to discern. For example, he describes discernment as a kind of wisdom in the grey areas of life, an ability to discern the wheat amidst the weeds.<sup>13</sup> Or he sees discernment as urging and guiding us along a path not of instant perfection but gradual progress, asking of us always to take the next, small step forward. And he talks of a discerning Church as a Church of mutual listening, one in which everyone listens humbly to each other so as to listen to the Holy Spirit.<sup>15</sup> We are only just beginning to explore Francis' vision for a discerning Church.

Here I have touched on just three of the aspects of Pope Francis' thinking about spiritual discernment, the graced practice of letting go and letting God lead us. For Francis, discernment is a new perspective, a spiritual sense, a gift. In praying to become more discerning, we can therefore ask God to help us take on His way of looking at things, to give us an ear for the music of the Spirit, and to keep us open, in blessed uncertainty, to the Spirit's promptings as a gift. Francis exhorts all of us to grow in this invaluable Christian practice: 'Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out'. The discerning pope invites us to learn an active receptiveness to the Spirit, 'letting him enlighten, guide and direct us, leading us wherever he wills.'

#### **IV. Holy Father's Intention: For Victims of Abuse**

We Pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

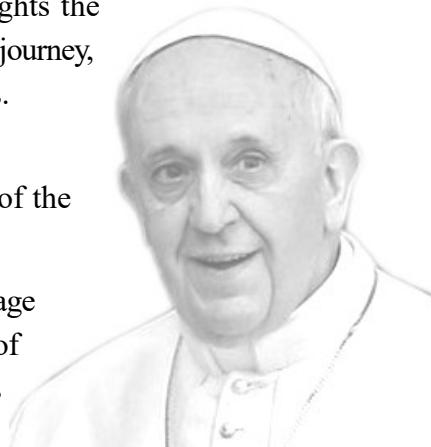
#### **V. LENTEN MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER: Our Lenten journey is Synodal**

In his Message for Lent 2023, Pope Francis highlights the relationship between the Lenten journey and the Synodal journey, which are both rooted in tradition and open to newness.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Personal and ecclesial “transfiguration” is the goal of the ascetical journey of Lent, and similarly

of the synodal process, writes Pope Francis in his Message for Lent 2023. The message, signed on the Solemnity of the Conversion of St Paul and released on Friday, bears the title “Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey.”



##### **Our Lenten journey is Synodal**

Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the Gospel account of the Transfiguration, proclaimed each year on the Second Sunday of Lent. As with the chosen disciples at the Transfiguration, Jesus “takes us with Him to a place apart” during the season of Lent. “Lenten penance,” he writes, “is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross.”

This requires effort, sacrifice, and concentration, which are also requirements for the Synodal Journey; and therefore we can say that “our Lenten journey is ‘Synodal’ since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master.” “Both in the liturgical journey and in the journey of the Synod, the Church does nothing other than enter ever more deeply and fully into the mystery of Christ the Saviour.”

##### **Helping us understand God’s will**

Like the journey of the disciples up Mount Tabor, Pope Francis acknowledges that the Synodal process can seem arduous and lead to discouragement. Yet, he says “what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God’s will and our mission in the world.”

Pointing to the appearance of Moses and Elijah – representing the Law and the Prophets – at the Transfiguration, Pope Francis says, “In a similar way, the Synodal journey is rooted in the

Church's tradition and at the same time open to newness." He explains that "tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation."

### **Listening and daily effort**

In order to reach our goal of personal and ecclesial transformation or conversion, Pope Francis proposes two paths inspired by the Transfiguration of Jesus. The first is listening to God's Word and to our brothers and sisters. The Pope reminds us that listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church.

The second path involves facing the reality of the daily struggles of life, without getting caught up in extraordinary events and experiences. Pope Francis reminds us that neither Lent nor the synodal process are ends in themselves, but are leading us to the experience of Easter.

"Let us go down then, to the plain," the Pope says in conclusion, "and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be 'artisans of Synodality' in the ordinary life of our communities.

## **VI. Conference of Catholic Bishops of India: XXXIV PLENARY ASSEMBLY MESSAGE**

### **THEME: 'Telling the Story of Jesus in our Context: The Synodal Way'**

January 24-30, 2023, St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru.

We, the members of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI), came together for the 34<sup>th</sup> Plenary Assembly from 24 to 30 January 2023, at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru. We prayed, reflected on and discussed the theme: '**Telling the Story of Jesus in our Context: The Synodal Way.**'

The Church, as the People of God, is the icon of the Holy Trinity, called to live in communion of love by participating in the one mission which emanates from the Triune God. The Apostle John testifies: "*That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life... we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life ...*" (1 John 1:1-2). This calls for a personal encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, which itself urges us to live and joyfully share the Good News in our context. Christ commissioned his Apostles: "*Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation*" (Mark 16:15). The Church continues this mission, living it by her words and deeds. This Good News is Jesus Christ himself, in whom God's love in all its fullness is manifested to the whole of humanity. The Church, in the midst of her ups and downs, lights and shadows, successes and struggles, has striven to be faithful in bearing witness to this love of God in our beloved Motherland.

Down the centuries, millions have been attracted to the person of Jesus Christ and his salvific message and have become his followers. Through them the story of Jesus is told and retold, fulfilling what the Church has been proclaiming from the very beginning: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34-35).

This love of God is lived and experienced first and foremost in the family, where the story of Jesus is recounted by grandparents and parents to their children in various ways, by reading Bible stories, praying together and participating in popular devotions. The faith life is further nourished and sustained in the larger family of the parish, where the celebration of the Holy Eucharist occupies the central place. The proclamation and the breaking of the word play an essential and prominent role in all the liturgical celebrations. The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament in which the community is being transformed into the body of Christ, where "*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave or free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus*" (Galatians 3:28).

The story of Jesus is read, lived and shared in a dynamic manner and in a Synodal way in the Basic Ecclesial Communities (BEC). The Gospel sharing in the BECs (also known as SCCs/ BCCs) strengthens the bonds of communion and leads members to bear witness in society.

Witnessing to the love of Christ, the Church in India has substantially contributed to nation-building, especially through her engagement in the fields of education, healthcare and social uplift. Standing firm on the teachings of Christ, the Church has always upheld the dignity of the human person, stood for a just society, promoted peace and harmony and cared for the weak, the suffering and the deprived sections of society.

From the very beginning, ordained ministers, along with women and men in consecrated life and ably supported by catechists, have been serving their communities both within and outside the Church, through committed pastoral care. The participatory bodies and lay associations foster communion and involvement of the members of the body of Christ in the mission of the Church.

The Catholic Church in India recognizes the changing circumstances and growing challenges she has to face, but has never ceased to tell the story of Jesus. A few challenges have been identified:

- Changing social conditions and the excessive use of social media, mobiles and internet have placed enormous pressure on the harmonious life of families.
- Addictions to drugs, alcohol and pornography are ruining the lives of many young adults, causing disruptions within families and in society.

- Poverty and inhuman living conditions deprive a substantial part of our population of equitable opportunity and dignity of life, creating uncertainties about their future.
- Massive displacement of peoples, loss of land and fishing rights in the name of industrial and corporate development result in forced migration, dispossession, loss of livelihood and further marginalization.
- Greed and consumeristic life styles are eroding the life of faith and centrality of prayer.
- Some civil legislations and policies often seriously hamper pastoral engagements of the Church in India.
- Misuse of anti-conversion laws in some States and false propaganda about ‘forced conversions’ are discouraging and hindering the life and service of the Christian community. This calls into question the Constitutional rights of the minorities.
- The growing culture of intolerance, hatred and even violent attacks on Christians in some quarters is a matter of grave concern to Christians in India.

In the present context, the story of Jesus needs to be told even more courageously, creatively and authentically, considering that the Good News is to be proclaimed in season and out of season (cf. 2 Timothy 4:2). Assured by the words of Jesus: "*I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33), we continue to tell the story of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that God loves everyone unconditionally.

Following the Synodal Way, let us:

- Accompany youth and families so that faith is deepened, family prayer is nurtured, and the bonds of communion are strengthened; also, foster respect for life from the moment of conception to natural death.
- As grandparents, parents and elders, continue to transmit the story of Jesus to the younger generations.
- As pastors and consecrated persons, take more seriously our responsibility to care for families, individuals and all to whom we are sent.
- Promote, foster and sustain BECs in all our parishes.
- Utilize the occasion of celebrations of the Eucharist and Sacraments to catechize and tell the story of Jesus in a meaningful way so that the people may experience the Lord in their lives.
- Stand in solidarity with those affected by persecution, displacement, discrimination and marginalization.

- Make it our mission to protect and preserve mother earth (which Pope Francis has described as our ‘common home’ in *Laudato Si*), by employing all means at our disposal to promote eco-friendly lifestyles at all levels.
- Basing ourselves on the shared faith of all Christians, shun all fundamentalism and unitedly tell the story of love, justice and human fraternity.
- Join all our brothers and sisters, irrespective of caste, creed and language, to continue building our Nation, based on our Constitutional values in which justice, liberty, equality and fraternity reign supreme.
- Make efforts to uphold the secular ethos of our Nation with a preferential option for the deprived sections of our society, to ensure the integral development of all.

As we journey towards the celebration of the Synod in 2023-2024 and look forward to the Jubilee Year 2025, may all our efforts help us to be credible witnesses of Jesus Christ, while we continue joyfully to share his story.

On the occasion of the 74th Republic Day of our Nation, we pray for God’s abundant blessings on our Motherland India. May Mary, our blessed Mother, who received, treasured and shared the Word, never cease to intercede for all her children.

Given on Monday, 30 January 2023, the anniversary of the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi – National Peace Day.

His Eminence **Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrão**  
President, CCBI and Archbishop of Goa and Daman

## **VII. International Women’s Day (March 8)**

International Women’s Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women’s achievements or rally for women’s equality. Marked annually on **March 8th**, International



Women’s Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- celebrate women’s achievements
- raise awareness about women’s equality
- lobby for accelerated gender parity
- fundraise for **female-focused charities**

### **What's the theme for International Women's Day?**

The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2023 is "**Embrace Equity.**"

### **Do we still need an International Women's Day?**

Yes! There's no place for complacency. According to the World Economic Forum, sadly none of us will see gender parity in our lifetimes, and nor likely will many of our children. Gender parity will not be attained for almost a century.

## **VIII. Solemnity of St. Joseph: Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19)**

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.



The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture. Of St. Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been accorded greater honor. Liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult. At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

## **IX. The Feast of the Annunciation (March 25)**

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the most important in the Church calendar. First, it celebrates the actual Incarnation of Our Savior - the Word made flesh in the womb of His mother, Mary. Second, it is a principal Marian feast. Two other feasts honoring Our Lord's mother, the Assumption (August 15), and the Immaculate Conception (December 8), are celebrated as Holy Days of Obligation in the United States. The biblical account of the Annunciation is in the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, which describes the news given to Mary that she was to become the mother of the Incarnation of God, records the "angelic salutation" of Gabriel to Mary, 'Hail, thou who art highly favored. The Lord is with thee.' This is the origin of the repeated "Hail Mary" prayer of the Rosary); and Mary's response to God's will, "Let it be done to me according to thy word." Her exultant hymn, the Magnificent, found in Luke 1:46-55, has been part of the Church's liturgy of the hours, at Vespers (evening prayer), and has been repeated nightly in churches, convents and monasteries for many centuries.



The significance of this Christian feast on Western culture is made clear from the fact that New Years Day used to be celebrated on March 25. This was the case in England until as late as 1752. Another remnant of the historic universality of Christianity in the world is the universal use of BC (before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini — The Year of Our Lord) to denote periods of time in history. Although there has been an attempt in some circles to change 'BC' to 'BCE' (before the common era), AD to CE (common era), and although it is true that the religious significance of our system of dating has been effectively obliterated, nevertheless, Christians and non-Christians alike consent to the birth of Christ as the "fulcrum" of the dating the events of human history.



## **X. Bishop's Engagements in March, 2023**

### **March 2023**

- 01 : Warangal Office
- 02 : Karunagiri Feast, Khammam Diocese
- 03 : Flag Hoisting with Holy Mass: Fatima Tirunalla Novena Begins
- 04 : Warangal CRI & Diocese Clergy Lenten Joint Recollection at Jeevadhara Centre, Rampur
- 05 : Thanksgiving Mass on Silver Jubilee Celebration of CJITS at Colombonagar, Jangaon
- 06 : 10: 30am Lodi MSSS EXCO Meeting, Fatimanagar
- 08 : Khammam Office
- 09 : Graduation Ceremony at St. Alphonse High School, Karimnagar
- 10 : Fatima Feast Press Meet, Media Point, Kazipet
- 11 : **am** Graduation Ceremony at Bishop Beretta School, Fatimanagar  
**pm** Final Day Novena Mass: **Honoring the Silver & Golden Jubilerian Married Couples** at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar
- 11-13 : **Triduum: Fatima Tirunallu**
- 12 : **am: Sick, Suffering, Handicapped & Aged Day with Healing Sessions**  
**4:45 pm Grand Marian Procession, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Candle-lit Procession cum Benediction**
- 13 : **Solemn Holy Mass at 9 am presided by Most Rev. Antony Prince, Bishop of Adilabad**
- 14-17 : TCBC Ordinary Meeting at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
- 18 : Divyavani & Amruthavani Meetings, Hyderabad
- 19 : **am** Solemnity of St. Joseph: Mass & Blessing of Renovated Grotto & New Presbytery Blessing, Kazipet Parish  
**pm** St. Joseph's Feast Celebrations at Husnabad Parish
- 21 : **Pastoral Renewal Seminar for Pastoral Clergy of Khammam**
- 22 : **Khammam Clergy and Religious Recollection & Chrism Mass, Khammam Diocese**
- 25 : Warangal Office

- 26 : Confirmation & First Holy Communion at Paidipally Village, Ekasilanagar Parish
- 29 : Divyavani Lenten Special Program & Holy Mass at Dharmasagar Parish
- 30 : Warangal Office for the Consecrated

#### **April 2023**

- 01 : Warangal Office
- 02 : Holy Week: Palm Sunday-Passion Sunday
- 04 : Warangal Clergy Recollection & Chrism Mass, Fatimanagar
- 05 : Khammam Office
- 06 : Maundy Thursday, Karunagiri Cathedral, Khammam
- 07 : Good Friday: **am** Shanigapuram, Mahabubabad &  
**pm** Celebration of Passion of Christ, Fatimanagar  
Good Friday Collections are towards the maintenance of the Holy Land
- 08 : Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil: Fatimanagar
- 09 : Easter Sunday: Dharmasagar Hill
- 13 : Silver Jubilee Celebrations of CJITS, Colombonagar, Jangaon
- 14 : Silver Jubilee of Fr. Johannes. Way II Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 16 : Vellampally Village, Sacred Heart Church Decennial Celebrations, Blessing of new Grotto, Parkal Parish

#### **XI. Communications**

##### **1. Transfers & Appointments :**

**I) Fr. Gangarapu Suresh** is appointed as Parish Priest of Atmakur Parish with the effect on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023. I place on record his invaluable services at St. Anthony's High School, L.M.D Colony, Karimnagar.

**II) Fr. Golamari Ranjith** is appointed as Correspondent & H.M of St. Anthony's High School, & Director of Balaniketan Hostel, L.M.D Colony, Karimnagar, with effect on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I place on record all his selfless services at Atmakur Parish.

**2. No Financial Transactions from 15th of March to 3rd of April 2023:** As the financial year 2022 -23 will come to a close on 31st of March 2023, there will be no financial transactions in Bishop's House from the 15th of March to 3rd April, 2023.

**3. RIP:** With deep Sorrow, I inform you that Rev. Fr. Yeruva Sebastian Reddy, a very dedicated veteran Priest, aged 86 has reached, due massive heart attack his eternal abode at 8.30 am, on February 16, 2023. It as a incredible and shocking news since he was in good health till date!

The diocese of Warangal conveys its deepest Grief and Condolences to all the Priests, the Consecrated, Relatives and all Faithful. The Funeral Mass and Burial Services were held on Friday, the 17th of February, 2023 at 2:00pm at Fathima Cathedral, Diocese of Warangal.

Kindly pray for the departed noble soul. May his Soul rest in Peace.

Mourning His Unexpected Demise,  
+ **Udumala Bala**  
**Bishop of Warangal**

**Note: ALL DIOCESAN PRIESTS ARE TO CELEBRATE THREE MASSES FOR HIM without taking Mass stipend. The same will be offered on our Death!**

**His Bio data:**

Born : 11-08-1938 at Reddipalem

Priestly Ordination : 12-04-1966 at Jaggayagundla-Reddipalem Parish

Parents : Y. Chinnappa Reddy & Chinnamma



**Place of Ministry:** Thimmaraopet, Manugonda (1966-67), Thallada (1967-72), Addagudur (1972-77), Dornakal (1977-80), Mahabubabad (1980-88), Shanthipuram (1988-93), Thimmaraopet (1993-94), Kumarapally (1994-2002), Subedari (2002-2009), Mahabubabad (2009-2014), St. Peter's Colony (2014-2016), 2016- Retirement. Kindly pray for the departed soul and May his Soul rest in Peace!

**4. Fatima Tirunallu:** I request you to kindly announce and encourage your people to participate in Fatima Tirunnallu especially in Time of Synodality Asia Continental Phase in the Diocese of Warangal and on 11-13th culminated in the Pontifical High Mass.

**5. Special Collection towards Feast:** Please announce and promote special collection on Sunday March 5 towards Fatima Tirunallu and transfer it to Fr. Joseph, Procurator. May God reward you!

**6. Warangal Diocese Tirunallu of Our Lady of Fatima-2023: Organizing Committees**

➤ **Chairman:** Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal

**1. General Co-Ordinator/s:** Fr. K. Marreddy, Fr. Anukiran, & Mrs. P. Showreelu

**2. Finances:** Mr. Dayasagar, Fr. K. Joseph, Mr. T. Mathias Reddy& Mrs. K. Kusuma

**3. Liturgy:** Fr. S. Inna, Fr. G. Naveen, Mr. T.D. Tommy, Sr. Jain Mary SAB & Adoration Convent

**4. Sacred Music:** Fr. N. Surender (Cecilia Music Academy), Mr. Praneel, Mr. Lourdhu Marreddy, Sr. Mary CSA & Mrs. Kusuma

**5. Venue :** Mr. Dayasagar, Fr. D. Vijaypaul, Mr. T. Mathias Reddy, Mr. G. Sudheer, Mr. G. Sagar, Mr. Arun, Arunodaya Youth Committee, Mr. A. Showreddy, Mr. M. Sudheer, Mr. M. Bhaskar Mr. A. Praveen & Mrs. G. Suma

**6. Light, Sound, Illumination:** Mr. K. Johnson, Fr. G. Kamal, Mr. K. Johnson, Mr. B. Chinnappa, Mr. Ramulu, Mr. T.D. Jose & Mr. Lourdhu Marreddy

**7. Decoration :** Fr. N. Balaswamy, Fr. Bala Martin, St. Ann's Hospital, Br. Antony, Mr. Jude, M.O.P, Presentation Convent, Adoration Convent, Mr. G. Pramod, Sr. Sofia, Mrs. Celina, Mr. Tikku, Bhattupalli Youth & Assisi Convent (**Our Lady Statue:** FMM Convent, **Grotto:** ITI & Gabriel Brothers, **Stage& Altar:** St. Ann's Hospital)

**8. Drinking Water:** Mr. A. Sudhakar, Mr. Tikku, Mr. Arogya Reddy, Mr. P. Innareddy & Balavikasa

**9. Electricity and Sanitation:** Mr. A. Sudhakar, Mr. Johnson & Mr. B. Yadagiri, Mr. G.L. Marreddy& Mr. Raj Mohan Rao

**10. Renting Spaces:** Mr. Allam Prakash Reddy, Fr. Anukiran, Mr. P. Inna Reddy, Mr. K. Kiran, Mr. T. Arogyareddy & Mr. G. Anthony Reddy

**11. Law and Order:** Mr. Raj Mohan Rao, Fr. Allam Sravan, Fr. M. Jayapal, Mr. Dayasagar, Mr. A. Showreddy, Mr. Balashowraiah & Mr. Rayappa

**12. Mass Offerings:** Fr. T. Jerome, Divya Deepthi Convent, Y. Pavani & Mrs. Jyothi

**13. Cultural Program:** Fr. Jaya Prathap, Fr. Vijay Paul, Sr. Aruna FMM, Mrs. Kusuma, Mrs. Innasamma, Mrs. G. Sharadha, Mrs. Josna, Mrs. Celina Chinppa, Mrs. Aruna Bharathi & Mr. Jaddu Rayappa

**14. Reception and Accommodation:** Sr. Anitha FMM, Fr. Jaya Prathap, Br. Antony, Regina Mundi Sisters, & Mrs. T. Anitha

**15. Food and Accommodation:** Fr. K. Joseph, Sr. Kalpana, Mr. Rajaiah, Mr. Mathais Reddy, Sr. Shobha , Mr. K. Chinnapareddy & Mr. Bhaskar

**16. Printing and Banners:** Fr. K. Joseph and Fr. Anukiran

**17. Publicity and Media:** Mr. A. Ramesh, Mr. Dayasagar & Fr. Anukiran

**18. Felicitation:** Fr. K. Marreddy, Mrs. Celina, Mrs. T. Monicamma, Mr. T.D. Tomy, Mrs. Sandhya, Mrs. Kasu Rani, Mrs. Innasamma, Mrs. Showreelu & Mrs. Suma

**19. Discipline and Volunteers:** Mr. T.D Jose, Fr. Anukiran, Mr. Rayappa, Mr. K. Praveen & Fatima Cathedral Youth

**20. Blessings at Grotto and in Cathedral:** Fr. G. Kamal, Deans, Fr. George VC, VC Fathers, Mrs. Nazerethamma, Mr. Allam Prakash, Mr. MG Prakash, Mr. Ramulu, Mr. Bala Showraiah, Mrs. Sandhya (Darga), Mr. Peter, Mr. Stanislaus Reddy, Mrs. Karmel, Mr. K. Kiran, Mr. D. Sandeep, Mr. G. Antony Reddy, Mr. Praveen, Mr. A. Raja Reddy, Mr. K. Raju & Mr. G. Anthony Reddy

**21. Announcements:** Mr. Jaddu Rayappa, Mr. Ravi, Mrs. Joshna, Mrs. D. Aruna Bharathi (Fatimanagar) & Mr. Sandeep

**22. Confessions:** Fr. K. Marreddy, Mrs. Prema, Mr. Christopher, Aradhana Sisters & Mr. Jeetu

**23. Special Invitees:** Mr. T. Mathaias Reddy, Fr. K. Marreddy, Mr. Dayasagar, Mr. Rajmohan Rao, Mrs. Celina, Mr. Johnson & Fatima Parish Council

**NB:** 1) All committees are requested to make proper **PLASTIC- FREE & ECO-FRIENDLY and DECENT** arrangements, conducive for Spiritual Experience with Christian Fervor and Enthusiasm.

2) Press Meet is on 10-03-2023 at Media Point, Kazipet

+ Udamala Bala  
Bishop, Diocese of Warangal and  
Chairman of Executive Committees

Rev. Fr. K. Marreddy, Parish Priest  
and Co-Ordinator of Executive  
Committees

## **7. NEWS from CRI-Warangal Unit :**

### **Lenten Joint Recollection for the Consecrated and Diocesan Priests**

#### **Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters**

Trust and pray that these lines find you in good health and much happiness. As we begin the holy season of Lent, it is good to set apart some quality time to introspect oneself. For this purpose, CRI Unit of Warangal is organising a day of joint Recollection for Religious and Diocesan Priests on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 at Jeevadhara Retreat Centre, Rampur. You are all requested to participate in it without fail.

Hearty welcome to pray together.

**NOTE: Registration fee for the Religious: Rs.350/-**

**Programme Guide**

**Date:** 04-03-2023

**Time:** 9:00am – 2:00pm

**Venue:** Jeevadhara Retreat Centre, Rampur.

**Facilitator:** Fr. Carlo, SDB

**Holy Mass by :** Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal and Apostolic Administrator of Khammam

**Theme:** Synodal Lent, Go Slow, Work in Progress

**Fr. Rajarathnam Madanu, CRI president**

#### **8. NEWS from Lodi MSSS: LODI MSSS: Eat clean and Green, Eat Organic**

**1. Title of the Project:** Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalized rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in Kodakandla Mandal 50 farmers promoted ecological farming methods like waste decomposer bacteria, Jeevamrutham, neem oil, growth promoters to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients, control of pest etc.

**2. Project:** Food security is enhanced among 1250 families in 16 project villages (5 panchayat villages and 11 habitation villages) of Tharigoppula Mandal, Jangaon district A. Promotion of organic agriculture: 312 Marginalized farmers were received plastic drums, neem oil & pheromone traps and were practicing organic methods in 82 acres of land in 8 villages

**B. Promotion of Backyard poultry :** 400 Women members were received backyard poultry units from 15 villages and using eggs, improved nutrients in their daily food

**3. World Cancer Day:** World Cancer Day was celebrated in Lodi MSSS premises on 4th February as part of Shehahastam (Cancer Care Program of Caritas India). On this occasion, we gathered 250 people and had a public rally from St. Mother Theresa's statue to Lodi Office. Cancer awareness camp was conducted with the collaboration of St. Ann's Hospital doctor & staff. Sri Md./ abdul Bari DCP was the Chief guest and Mr. Srinivas ACP Kazipet was a guest of honor and Mr. Mahender Reddy C I Kazipet was a special guest of the program. The Police department distributed a variety of fruits to Cancer patients. Mr. Simon, State Associate of Caritas India participated in the program and shared the views of Caritas India in promoting the Cancer care and prevention methods. Lodi MSSS has distributed nutritious food materials to 35 Cancer patients.

**4. Nutrition support to HIV Children:** Nutrition food materials were distributed to 150 HIV affected and infected children on 4th February as part of regular support to these children. Children also took part in the "World Cancer Day" rally and awareness camp conducted on this occasion. 410 HIV children and people were also given a pair of dress (Christmas clothes, which was supported by Minority Corporation, the Government of Telangana State.

**Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director, Lodi MSSS**

#### **9. News from Pastoral Centre**

1. Karunapuram and Fatimanagar denary, Denary level bible quiz was conducted in respective deaneries with the co-operation of Deans, Parish Priests, Sisters and faithful. Pastoral Centre bible team has organized this programme well and certificates were distributed to all the participants.

2. Pastoral Centre core team meeting was held on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023 to discuss on pastoral activities in the diocese for the year 2023. All the in-charge members shared their experiences the action plan for the year was discussed and shared for the year 2023.
3. Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday and fourth Saturday i.e. on 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023. 12 members attended for MPC. The group shared and expressed their feelings about this MPC program. Rev. Fr. Y Chinnappa Reddy the Director of MPC and team guided and suggested the program and the program went on well.
4. Diocese voluntary animators meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023, in view of Lenten preparation. All the animators agreed to do Lenten programs in the parishes and villages. Lenten programs and Lenten action plan was prepared in this meeting. All the voluntary animators are ready to help in the parish, especially during this Lenten season.
5. Diocese level bible quiz competition was held on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2023. The Bible team has organized these programs for children, youth and elders. We congratulate all the deaneries, specially we thank all the Deans, parish priests, sisters and the faithful who have taken special interest. Winners and runners will be awarded during Fatima feast.
6. Regional pastoral centre meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.2023 at Jyotirmai centre, Hyderabad. It was held by the regional pastoral centre to discuss on the pastoral activities in the Telugu states.
7. Pastoral centre team had helped many parish and institutions with the invitations of parish priests for the Lenten season in the parishes.

**Fr. G. Kamal, Director, Pastoral Centre**

#### **10. NEWS from CDPI Warangal: EXPANDING OUR PASTORAL TENTS: XIX NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF CDPI**

The XIX National Council Meeting of CDPI was organized by Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI) at Social Development Centre, Ranchi, Jharkhand between February 14 and 17, 2023 with the theme ***Expanding our Pastoral Tents for Communicating Jesus' Story.***

The council meeting was inaugurated by His Excellency Most Rev. Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal with the Holy Eucharist in the presence of Most Rev. Varghese Chakkalakal, Patron of CDPI and Bishop of Calicut, Bishops of JHAAN Region and other office bearers of CCBI. Different resource Persons were invited including the Lay Faithful – Men, Women, Religious Sister, etc., to share their story of Jesus in their own encounter with Jesus. The participant Diocese Priests were 150 across India.

The Council focused on the following theme:

- Expanding our Pastoral Tents.
- Communicating Jesus' Story – Fr. Stan Swamy way.
- Communicating Jesus' Story in the Light of CCBI Plenary Meeting 2023.
- Knowing Jesus according to the Tribal Culture.
- Mechanism of telling Jesus' story in the coming decades (Social Media)
- Driving towards the mission by transforming human action.
- Human development in the given cultural and social network.
- Construction of communions.

The visit to the local villages and hamlets of the tribals was very enriching. The strong faith that they have and the witness they give is really challenging. They do face not just financial crisis but the crisis in their faith and longing to Christ more. Their strive for the Word of God and the other spiritual activities is an eye opening to our faith.

At the outset it is in the words of His Excellency ***Witnessing to the Lord with the Lord***, as in the way to Emmaus by two disciples. They walked with Jesus, but again they encountered Jesus and witnessed the fact of the Resurrection of Jesus. We are called to the fact of Encountering Jesus, Walking with Jesus and finally Witnessing Jesus.

**Fr. Prashanth Kumar Reddy D**

President CDPI-Warangal.

**11. Confirmation & First Holy Communion in Fatima Cathedral:** On 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, the Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation were administered in Fatima Cathedral Church. The Celebration was presided over by Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala the Bishop of Warangal diocese. It was very grand and 82 members of our parish received the Sacraments. His Lordship addressed the gathering about the importance of Sacramental life, more especially the fruits of the Holy Spirit. All the faithful actively participated and prayed for all the members who received the Sacraments of 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**Ash Wednesday:** “Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” Prov. 28:13. The season of Lent calls and reminds us to lend our sinful nature and repented hearts to the mercy of God. The concealed sin has to be rapped off and let our hearts prosper with the love of God. His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala the Bishop of Warangal celebrated the Ash Wednesday holy Mass on 22nd February 2023 in Fatima Cathedral Church. It was observed very ceremonially and all the faithful received ashes with great piety. His Lordship preached the gathering to pray earnestly, fast from our sinful nature and to help the needy. Many people took Lenten Deeksha on that day to observe the Lenten obligations.

**Fr. Kasu Marreddy, Parish Priest,  
Fatima Cathedral**

**12. News from WADES:** Best students Awards Ceremony for St. Paul's students. "Let your light shine" The achievements, Successes or accomplishments we gain in our school are the part of best school life years. We are very happy and proud of our students that Life Insurance



Corporation (LIC), Jangoan presented this year best student of the year awards to the students in a programme organised at the local St. Paul's High school in the district centre. On the occasion of the completion of 75 years of the Life Insurance Corporation, as part of encouraging the school students towards all-round development and goal achievement.

#### **"A little progress each day adds up to Big Results"**

we are proud enough to appreciate our students for their hard work and progress. It's a great that St. Paul's High school 6th class student M. Prajwala, 7th class student P. Vignesh, 8th class student P. Dayakar, class 9th student M. Sindhuja and 10 th class B. Shivaji were presented with the best student awards by LIC Jangoan Regional Manager Thomas Garu and Branch Manager Venkat Reddy Garu along with school Principal Father N. Maria Joseph Garu. On the occasion, Mr. Thomas said it was a great pleasure to select St. Paul's High School and its students and present them with these awards .Principal Fr. Maria Joseph said that is very gratifying that LIC undertakes programs to encourage students in many ways every year. **"Hard work, Dreams and Dedication leads to Success."** Therefore, we are delighted of our students and congratulate for their success.

**Fr. N. Maria Joseph,**  
H.M. & Correspondent

#### **13. NEWS from FCT**

1. We had the privilege of the visit of three staff members of PIME adoptions office from Milan came on 31<sup>st</sup> of January and left is on 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. They stayed in Bishop's House. Our Bishop cordially welcomed them. They visited Karunapuram, Mallakkally, Elkathurhty, Fatimanagar and Mahabubabad. Our students gave them a warm and colorful welcome. On 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the community Hall of Cathedral, there was a meeting of the children from nearby Parishes. There were about 350 children. Some parents also came. Children put up some cultural programs. The guests spoke about the importance of the education for their bright future. They were happy about our FCT Program and appreciated us.

2. On 7, 8, 9<sup>th</sup> of February four Italian sponsors visited us. One among them is Fr. Luca OFM. Cap. They stayed in our Bishop's house. Our Bishop welcomed them cordially. We visited Ambedkarnagar of Reddipalem, Mahabubabad, Karunapuram and Fatimanagar. Some

of FCT Children gathered in the pastoral centre to meet their sponsors. Children gave them floral and colorful welcome. They also performed some cultural programs. The sponsors were delighted at colorful program. They said that they were happy to see them and appreciated our Culture, traditions and dances. They asked us to continue to pray for them.

**Fr. Martin, FCT Director**

### **Blessings on the Anniversary of Priestly Ordination**

|                                     |            |
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| Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnapa            | 02-03-1977 |
| Rev. Fr. Devarapu Sudhakar          | 06-03-2000 |
| Rev. Fr. Salibindla Arogyam         | 06-03-2000 |
| Rev. Fr. Singareddy Shoban          | 06-03-2000 |
| Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen               | 06-03-2000 |
| Rev. Fr. Yeruva Joji                | 09-03-1982 |
| Rev. Fr. Pudota Prakash             | 12-03-1986 |
| Rev. Fr. Pudota Chinnaiah           | 12-03-1986 |
| Rev. Fr. Singareddy Balashowry      | 12-03-1986 |
| Rev. Fr. Rachumalla Inna            | 12-03-1990 |
| Rev. Fr. Gali Bala Swamy            | 20-03-1995 |
| Rev. Fr. Pentareddy Baltha Raj      | 22-03-1995 |
| Rev. Fr. Doddha Raja                | 26-03-1987 |
| Rev. Fr. Golamari Ranjith Kumar     | 30-03-2016 |
| Rev. Fr. Salibindla Joseph Mahipaul | 31-03-2016 |



### **Prayers on Anniversary of Birthdays in Month of March**

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| Rev. Fr. Mekala Anand              | 02-03-1964 |
| Rev. Msgr. Maramreddy Maria Joseph | 07-03-1975 |
| Rev. Fr. Basani Mathias            | 13-03-1943 |
| Rev. Fr. Thirumalareddy Anthony    | 20-03-1980 |
| Rev. Fr. Golamari Joseph Reddy     | 27-03-1987 |

### **Necrology: RIP**

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| Rev. Fr. Singareddy Elias Reddy | 05-03-2008 |
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Silver Jubilee Mass of O.L.L Church at Thallada Parish, Khammam Diocese



Children's Day and Holy Mass at Karunagiri Shrine, Khammam Diocese



Visit of F.C.T. Sponsors



Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at Fatima Cathedral



FABC Continental Synod Meeting at Bangkok, Thailand



Funeral & Burial Services of Fr. Y. Sebastian



**గుణవిన్ పూజావిశేషాలు**

మార్చి 3 నుండి 11 - 2023 వరకు

తృతీయ సా. గం. 5.30 ని.లక్ష

జపమాల ప్రార్థన, ద్రోవ వాక్య పరిచ్ఛ పాఠయి

దివ్యపూజ సమర్పణ

**నవదిన ప్రార్థనలు**

**03-03-2023 పుట్టువారం**

పొలాపిష్టర, క్రైస్తువులఁ ప్రార్థన  
మంజుపూజ్య తా. తీటిమీలి లాలా ఆచ్చి  
అంశః: అమ్మా ఖండ కీఫ్ ఫ్రెంచ్ (ధర్మ 1:4)

**04-03-2023 విశాఖారం**

దివ్య పూజ బలి - కరుపువరుం డీనరి

అంశః: పుట్టు సింగార్లో ఏస్ట్ - సామాన సింగార్లో మాయి ఏస్ట్ 4:14-17)

**05-03-2023 అభివారం**

దివ్య పూజ బలి - పూజకె. ఏర్పర్చి  
అంశః: సామానుకు, స్నేకిని నిరంతర వైరం (ఆచ 3:15)

**06-03-2023 శోభమారం**

దివ్య పూజ బలి - జమాము డీనరి

అంశః: పుట్టు సింగార్లో మాయి ఏస్ట్ మాయి (మాయా 7:14)

**07-03-2023 ముగ్గువారం**

దివ్య పూజ బలి - కర్తింగుర్ డీనరి

అంశః: సుమారు సింగార్లో మాయి (బాకా 1:48)

**08-03-2023 బుధవారం**

అంతర్జాతీయ మహామాయ డీన్స్ట్రువం  
దివ్య పూజ బలి - ఫౌంటిమానగర్ డీనరి

అంశః: మా. ఎంబ్లెస్ కీర్తి (బాకా 1:46-55)

**09-03-2023 శురువారం**

**విష్ణు వృజ బలి - మహాబూబాబాదీ దీనిలు**

**ఎంపి: వ్యాస్తులు మాట (మిమిస్ 19:25-27)**

**10-03-2023 పుత్రవారం**

**విష్ణు వృజ బలి - డెక్కల్ దీనిం**

**ఇంపి: మెంక్కర్మల్ (ర్థిర్ 12:1-18)**

**11-03-2023 శనివారం**

**ఎంపి: చుట్టు ప్రార్థనలు వేదయి, దండులు మాక్కల నుండి తోరి**

**దిన్పుసూచ బలి: పుస్తకాల్ జాగ్రా తీటిమీల్ జూలా గార్ధు**

**ఎంపి: విష్ణువు - చుట్టుపూర్వా మాట**

**మహాశిశ్వువే వృజాజుప్రార్థనేటు**

**12-03-2023 అదివారం**

ఉ. 6.00 గొంలకు అగ్నిగుణాలోి దిన్పుసూచ బలి

ఉ. 7.30 గొంలకు తెలుగులోి దిన్పుసూచ బలి

సా. 4.30 నిలకు పురుషులోి పాతిమామాత స్వర్యాపంతోి మహి రథ ప్రదర్శన

సా. 6.00 గొంలచు దిన్పుసూచ బలి  
ల్యాక్సులు: మహాప్రార్థనల్ దా. తీటిమీల్ జూలా గార్ధు  
ప్రాంగీకలు: పూర్వా క్రై. తీటి రెడ్చి కమాలీ ఫీరం

సా. 7.00 గొంలకు క్రైస్తువులోి

**దిన్పుసూచ ప్రదర్శన - దిన్పుసూచ లేరీప్రార్థన**

సా. 7.30 నిల సంపి రా. 9.00 గొంల వస్తుకు  
టెల్ఫోన్ జ్ఞానయుమో స్ట్రేట్ ప్రైస్టరులు

సా. 8.30 నిలపి సాంసుక్కి కాద్యిత్తమాయ  
పుస్తి అంతిని వాల కొట్టుపుశ్చేస్త వేలికు