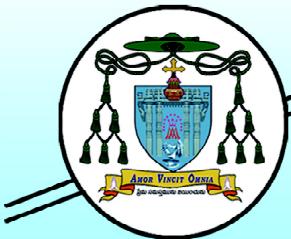


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News Letter
Diocese of Warangal



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Hearty Congratulations
DEAR LORDSHIP



Most Rev. Dr. Udu mala Bala

Bishop of Warangal

for being appointed
as Apostolic Administrator of
Diocese of Khammam





500 Years of Ignatius of Loyola Celebrations,
Karimnagar



Administering the Rite of Initiation at
St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad



Feast of St. John Mary Vianney & Clergy Day with Recollection, Twin Seminaries, Karunapuram



National Mourning Day Press Meet



Memorandum submitted to
Sri Vasuchandra DRC, Hanamkonda Collectorate.
& Sri Srivatsava, Additional Collector,
Warangal Collectorate.



Solemnity of Assumption of Mary & 76th
Independence Day-Flag Hoisting & Holy Mass at Cathedral



Official Inaugural Mass at
Jeevadharma Divine Retreat Centre, VC Congregation, Rampur

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Warangal-Khammam Dioceses Mother-Daughter Relationship

Story-History-Mystery

The meaning of the terms ‘Story, History and Mystery’ are interrelated, as we can see! Some of us focus on the aspect of story only, some others on the data with dates and years only. In the life of Faith, the first two are not sufficient to understand the happenings in one’s personal life, society’s life and much more so in the life of the Church. The aspect of the mystery of God’s hand in driver’s seat in all and every aspect of life is essential! I am sure all believers in God agree with it. Because children and many adult-children might admire the colours or the fragrance of the flowers in a garland, bypassing the thread that holds the flowers together, which it a garland. To cite another analogy is admiring the height of the flying of a kite in the sky, without realizing the thread that supports it and even the one who flies the kite!



My First Love

The unforeseen appointment of me, the Shepherd of the Historic Diocese of Warangal, as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Khammam was a big surprise, as God always surprises us even in our struggles and sorrows! I, who worked in Khammam, and it my Home around 40 years ago, and was sent by God to different places even in the Regional and national-level Church brought me back to the diocese of Khammam, my long-long cherished dream of giving some service to its love and affection in the first years of my priestly ministry. At this juncture on August 27, 2022, many thoughts collided in my mind without any order. The reel of memory overtook my intellect recalling my 7 years of first love! That is the reason of these few reflections of God’s mysterious driving of the world and especially the ship of the Catholic Church, many times bewildering us the way drives!

Origins and Formation of Diocese of Warangal

The Hyderabad- Vijayawada Railway line work had brought a good number of Catholic employees to the Railway junctions and stations like Kazipet, Dornakal and Khammam. The Baptism register kept at Kazipet reveals the presence of Catholic community there since 1887. It was a mixed community of Anglo-Indians, Telugus and Tamils, settled at the Kazipet Railway Junction. Between 1890 and 1930 a good number of Catholic families migrated from Guntur and other parts of Coastal Andhra to Telangana in search of cultivable land for their livelihood. They got settled wherever they found fertile black soil to cultivate commercial crops like chilli and cotton. Like crossing the Red Sea by the people Israel, they crossed the white River of Krishna and travelled through the deserted land beginning from Mattampally, searching for signs God-ordained place of palm trees flowing out toddy like milk and honey for the Israelites! The early Missionaries helped these migrant traditional Catholic communities in their settlements and took care of their spiritual needs. Some of these Catholic villages were

erected into Parishes in course of time and were taken care of by PIME Missionaries. The Diocese of Warangal was bifurcated from the Ecclesiastical territory of Hyderabad as a separate diocese, comprising the districts of Warangal, Khammam, Karimnagar, and Nalgonda by Pope Pius the XII on 22 December 1952. Most Rev. Alphonsus Beretta PIME was the first Bishop of Warangal. On 8 January 1953, under the dynamic leadership and great vision of Bishop A. Beretta, the Catholic Church in Khammam penetrated into interior places. This Mother Diocese of Warangal gave birth to second Daughter, first being Nalgonda Diocese Khammam Diocese in 1988.

Origins and Formation of Diocese of Khammam

There were already some established parishes in this area even before the formation of the Diocese of Warangal like Kazipet (1887), Byyaram (1901), Bhimaram (1905), Mattampally (1908), Narimetta-Kanchanapalli (1910), and more. While taking care of the existing Catholics, being true to their missionary charism, the PIME Fathers engaged themselves in spreading the faith to others of the area and gradually won thousands of people for Christ. The growth of Mission centres and the number of the faithful largely increased. The diocese of Khammam was bifurcated from the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of Warangal diocese on 11 February 1988. It comprises the entire civil district of Khammam. Most. Rev. Joseph Rajappa, Marampudi Joji and Bishop Maipan Paul were appointed as the successive Bishops of Khammam diocese. The Christian faith in this area has a century-old history.

Silver Era of Maipan Paul

On 30 May 1997, Fr. Maipan Paul of Visakhapatnam diocese was appointed as the third Bishop of Khammam. Continuing the Catholic traditions of his predecessors, he with his priests and Religious Evangelized and baptized many villages, established many parishes and set up many schools, dispensaries, boardings and launched other socio-economic developmental schemes. He invited several religious congregations to work in the rural belt of Khammam. With 165,000 Catholic Faithful, It has 79 parishes with 76 diocesan priests and around 50 Religious priests cum 350 Women religious besides men Religious. THE Catholic Population of Khammam is reached 5% of the total population of the Khammam Revenue district, 3 times more than the national percentage! Glory to God!!

My Dream is no more Dream at All!

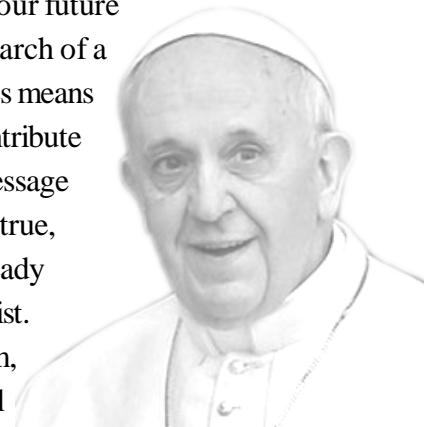
Having served 25 Silver years of Episcopal ministry, Bishop Maipan was relieved of his awaited retirement by the Holy Father and appointed me as the Apostolic Administrator of the diocese of Khammam. In fact, the diocese was awaiting a new Bishop but God and the Church thought otherwise, Therefore, it is a historic moment for the Faithful and the Clergy cum Consecrated of the diocese of Khammam. God is in the driver's seat and therefore, my self and all the Clergy are his stewards to faithfully carry the ministry entrusted with. We are 'clay pots' with eternal and divine living waters of *Amrutham* in us. We place mine and the gratitude of the Church in Khammam on record the invaluable services of Bishop Maipan Paul for 25 Silver Years and we hope God will send a New Bishop at the earliest. My task is like that of John the Baptist to prepare the way for the full-pledged Shepherd. Thus let us see or rather look into the mystery of God through the History of Warangal and Khammam, as Mother and Daughter, in sending me to the house of the Daughter, who has family problems! May the Blessed Virgin Mary lead both the Churches to further God's Kingdom!

II. Holy Father's General Intention: For the Abolition of the Death Penalty

We Pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

III. Pope's Migrants Day Message: 'Better future must be built with foreigners'

Pope Francis releases his message for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, slated for 25 September, and says humanity must build our future with the help of people who have left their homes in search of a better life. "Building the future with migrants and refugees means recognizing and valuing how much each of them can contribute to the process of construction." The Pope focused his message on the meaning of humanity's "journey" in search of our true, heavenly homeland. The Kingdom of God, he said, is already present in those who have accepted salvation in Jesus Christ. As we journey toward the fulfillment of God's Kingdom, every person must endeavor to undertake a personal conversion, so as to transform our world and help it "correspond ever more fully to the divine plan."



God's plan for peaceful world

Pope Francis lamented ongoing tragedies of human history, which remind us how far we have yet to go along the path toward the dwelling place of God with humanity. "In the light of what we have learned in the tribulations of recent times, we are called to renew our commitment to building a future that conforms ever more fully to God's plan of a world in which everyone can live in peace and dignity." The Pope said we can advance along that journey by seeking the "righteousness of the Kingdom" and accepting the "Gospel of love" in Christ's salvation.

Excluding inequality

Concretely, said Pope Francis, all inequality and discrimination must be cast aside from society, and "no one must be excluded." "God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking." The Pope added that Christians must build the Kingdom of God "with" those displaced from their homes" "The inclusion of the most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God's Kingdom," he said.

Willing laborers in building society

The Pope went on to say that building the future with migrants and refugees involves recognizing their value and potential in their new countries of residence. As the prophet Isaiah foresaw in a vision, foreigners should not be considered "invaders or destroyers", but rather as "willing

laborers” to better society. Pope Francis offered the example of history to show that migrants and refugees offer a valuable source of social and economic growth to their adopted nations. “Their work, their youth, their enthusiasm and their willingness to sacrifice enrich the communities that receive them. Yet this contribution could be all the greater were it optimized and supported by carefully developed programs and initiatives. Enormous potential exists, ready to be harnessed, if only it is given a chance.”

Contributing to spiritual renewal

While presenting an immense challenge, migrants can also help societies understand the world better and contribute to spiritual growth, said the Pope. Catholic migrants, he added, “can energize the ecclesial life of the communities that welcome them.” “Sharing different expressions of faith and devotions offers us a privileged opportunity for experiencing more fully the catholicity of the People of God,” he said.

Prayer and invitation

Pope Francis wrapped up his message with an invitation for everyone to welcome their brothers and sisters from abroad. He also offered a special prayer to mark the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

IV. Apostolic Nuncio's Letter of Communication

SUB SECRETO PONTIFICIO (Till August 27, 2022, 15:30hrs)

N. 1019/21/IN

New Delhi, 24 August 2022

Your Lordship,

I am pleased to enclose herewith the **Decree N. 2613/22, dated 27 August 2022**, by which you have been appointed Apostolic Administratir Sede vacante et ad nutum sanctea sedis of the Diocese of Khammam (Enclosure).

As you assume this new responsibility, in addition to the pastoral governance of your own Diocese, I wish to assure you of the support of the Apostolic Nunciature.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church assist you in your Episcopal ministry.

With sentiments of esteem and prayerful good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ



Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli

Apostolic Nuncio

PROT. N. 2613/22



CONGREGATIO PRO GENTIUM EVANGELIZATIONE

DECRETUM

Cum post renuntiationem Exc.mi ac Rev.mi Domini Pauli Maipan,
Dioecesis Khammamensis in India vacaverit, hoc Dicasterium gubernioni
eiusdem vacantis Dioecesis providere cupiens, omnibus mature perpensis
audioque favorabili voto quorum interest, vigore facultatum specialium sibi a
Sanctissimo Domino Nostro **FRANCISCO** Divina Providentia **Papa**,
concessarum

Exc.mum ac Rev.mum Dominum

UDUMALA BALA SHOWREDDY
Episcopum Varangalensem

ADMINISTRATOREM APOSTOLICUM
sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis
Dioecesis Khammamensis

nominat et constituit, eique simul tribuens omnes facultates in eadem
Circumscriptione.

*Datum Romae, ex Aedibus Dicasterium pro Evangelizatione, die XXVII
mensis Augusti, anno Domini MMXXII.*

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*R. Suganthi, am.
Sekret.*

V. FEAST OF ST. THERESA OF CALCUTTA (SEPTEMBER 5)

FESTIVE GREETINGS TO ST. MOTHER TERESA NUNS

On August 26, 1910, Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia. As a young girl she was very involved in parish activities, and her mother told her many stories of missionaries, who inspired her greatly. In 1928, at age 18, Agnes joined the missionary order of the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin, Ireland. There she was given the name Sister Mary Teresa. As a young Sister in 1929 she traveled to Calcutta (today known as Kolkata), India, to teach at a school for girls. She continued to teach at various schools in India for 20 years. During that time, she was deeply moved by the number of sick and dying people on the streets. On September 10, 1946, while traveling by train to Darjeeling, Sister Mary Teresa experienced a “call within a call.” She felt called to be God’s love in action: to serve the sick and dying, the hungry and homeless.



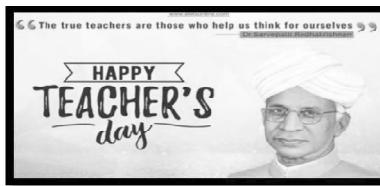
She received permission to leave the Loreto convent. Then she sought medical training and became determined to serve the poorest of the poor. Eventually, she was joined by other women. Some of these women were her former students, and they helped her serve the poor. In 1950 she established an order of religious women called the Missionaries of Charity.

Over time the Missionaries of Charity have built centers throughout the world. In 1979 Mother Teresa, as she was known by then, received the Nobel Peace Prize. She captivated the world as few other people have. Her simple message was: “We are put on earth to do something beautiful for God.” Mother Teresa’s spiritual vitality can be described with these words. “Don’t search for God in faraway lands. He is not there. He is close to you. He is with you. Just keep that lamp burning, and you will always see him.

VI. TEACHERS' DAY (SEPTEMBER 5)

EDUCATION FEST (Aug 29-Sept 5) Congratulations to All Teachers

In India, Teacher’s Day is celebrated every year on 5th September as a mark of accolade to the part played by the teachers in the society. The Celebrations began 60years ago and therefore, a week of “గురు దేవు భవ” is celebrated. 5th September is the birth anniversary of a great mentor Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who was



a grand advocate of edification, and was the distinguished envoy, academician, and India's President, above all a great Teacher. Teacher's Day is one of the events that is looked up by the students and the teachers in a similar way on this juncture it is the teachers who are praised. On this day, students comprehend how important is the role of a teacher in a student's life. Teachers should always be respected. Teachers need support and encouragement from the society to sense that their fidelity to scholars is treasured and cherished. In India, on the eve of Teachers Day, the National Awards are given to the Teachers by the President of India on 5th September. The award is given as a public gratitude to praiseworthy teachers working in the primary schools, middle schools and secondary schools. In fact it is a divine responsibility to guide and enlighten. He also said that India should regain the status of 'Vishwaguru' (leader in education) by giving high respect to teachers whom he asked to encourage students to think critically about issues concerning nation.

VII. Feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary: Girl Child Day (September 8)

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.



Reflection: We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and

peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

VIII. OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH – (SEPTEMBER 8)

There are three major events associated with Our Lady of Good of Health in Vailankanni. The Virgin Mary is said by tradition to have appeared to a shepherded boy named Tamil Krishnannesti Sankaranaranayam who offered her child milk. She is subsequently said to have appeared to and healed a crippled boy selling buttermilk. A group of Portuguese sailors attribute being saved from a violent storm to her intercession. They constructed a larger chapel at their landing spot in Vailankanni. Around the end of the 16th century, a poor widow and her lame son lived in Vailankanni.

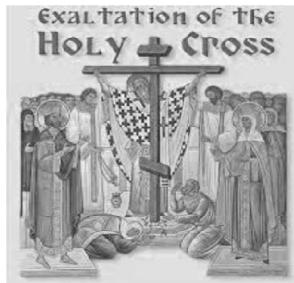


Every day the lame boy used to sit under a banyan tree at a place called 'Nadu Thittu' (central mound) and sell buttermilk to the thirsty wayfarers. One day, a very bright light appeared in front of him and from amidst the light, a Lady of peerless grace with a divine Child in her arms, asked the boy for a cup of butter-milk. Then she directed him to go and inform a catholic gentleman at Nagapattinam to put up a Chapel in her name on the spot of her apparition. The boy realized that his legs had become normal upon the word from the Lady. With great joy, he ran to Nagapattinam to carry out the errand. Having been already directed in a vision by Our Lady, the Catholic gentleman, with the support of the people, built a Chapel at 'Nadu Thittu' where now stands the present Shrine Basilica. The Lady was called, 'Our Lady of Good Health'.

IX. FEAST OF EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (SEPTEMBER 14)

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was

taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on." According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.



The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

X. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS (SEPTEMBER 15)

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows commemorates the seven great sorrows which Mary lived in relation to Her Son, as they are recorded in the Gospels or through Tradition. Today we are invited to reflect on Mary's deep suffering:

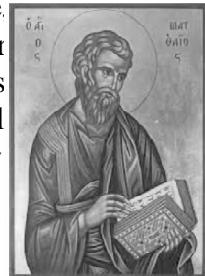
1. At the prophecy of Simeon: "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." (Luke 2:35).
2. At the flight into Egypt; "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt." (Mt 2:13).
3. Having lost the Holy Child at Jerusalem; "You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." (Luke 2:48).
4. Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary;
5. Standing at the foot of the Cross; "Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25).
6. Jesus being taken from the Cross;
7. At the burial of Christ.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, there were two feasts devoted to the sorrows of Mary. The first feast was instituted in Cologne in 1413 as expiation for the sins of the iconoclast Hussites. The second is attributed to the Servite order whose principal devotion are the Seven Sorrows. It was instituted in 1668, though the devotion had been in existence since 1239 - five years after the founding of the order.



XI. FEAST OF ST. MATHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (SEPTEMBER 21)

St. Matthew, also called St. Matthew the Evangelist, St. Matthew the Apostle or Levi, (flourished 1st century CE, Palestine; Western feast day September 21, Eastern feast day November 16), one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ and the traditional author of the first Synoptic Gospel (the Gospel According to Matthew). According to Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:14, Matthew was sitting by the customs house in Capernaum, when Jesus called him into his company. Assuming that the identification of Matthew with Levi is correct, Matthew (probably meaning “Yahweh’s Gift”) would appear to be the Christian name of Levi (called by Mark “Levi the son of Alphaeus”), who had been employed as a tax collector in the service of Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee. Because Levi’s occupation was one that earned distrust and contempt everywhere, the scribes of the Pharisees criticized Jesus on seeing him eat with tax collectors and sinners, whereupon Jesus answered, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Mark 2:15–17). According to Luke 5:29, the aforementioned dinner was given by Levi in his house after his call. The Gospel According to Matthew was certainly written for a Jewish-Christian church in a strongly Jewish environment, but that this Matthew is definitely the Synoptic author is seriously doubted. Tradition notes his ministry in Judaea, after which he supposedly missioned to the East, suggesting Ethiopia and Persia. Legend differs as to the scene of his missions and as to whether he died a natural death or a martyr’s. Matthew’s relics were reputedly discovered in Salerno (Italy) in 1080. His symbol is an angel, and he is a patron saint of tax collectors and accountants.



XII. FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS (SEPTEMBER 29)

The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all



his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, “Hail, full of grace,” is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.

XIII. BISHOP'S SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER, 2022

1	:	Warangal Office & Meetings with Minister Dayakar Rao & MLAs Ramesh and Vinay Bhaskar
2-3	:	Khammam Office
5	:	Warangal Office, Feast of St. Teresa of Kolkata: Public Honoring of Mother Teresa: Fatima Junction, Fatimanagar
6	:	Meeting with Presbytarium of Khammam Diocese
7	:	Khammam Office
8	:	am Girl Child Day, Vailankanni Arogya Matha Feast Mass in Diesel Colony Parish, Warangal Diocese Pm Arogyamatha Church Feast Mass, Pallegudem Parish, Khammam Diocese
9	:	Warangal Office
10	:	Khammam: Welcome and Farewell Public Mass in Cathedral
12-15	:	TCBC-Extraordinary Meetings, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
15	:	Felicitation Mass to Most Rev. Anthony Poola, Cardinal
16	:	Warangal Office
17	:	Khammam Office
18	:	Khammam
19	:	Warangal Office
20-23	:	CCBI & CDPI EXCO Meetings, Bangalore
24-25	:	Khammam Office
25-30	:	Warangal Diocese Annual Retreat for Clergy (First Group), Fatimanagar
29	:	St. Micheal Church, Sulanagar Parish Feast Celebrations, Khammam Diocese

October 2022

1	:	FCT Children Camp Fatimanagar Deanary, Fatima Cathedral
2	:	Seminar for Girls & Boys by FCT, Jeevadhara, Rampur
2-8	:	Warangal diocese Annual Retreat for Clergy (Second Group), Ooty, Tamil Nadu
9	:	Holy Eucharist on the Closing Day of Provincial Chapter of Missionaries of Mary Mediatrix Congregation, Karunapuram
10	:	Warangal Office
11-12	:	Khammam Office

XIV. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Hearty Congratulations Dear Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, for being appointed as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Khammam: I am very happy to communicate the Joyful News of the appointment of our Bishop Udumala Bala as the Apostolic Administrator Sede vacante et ad nutum sanctae sedis of the Diocese of Khammam, as Most Rev. Maipan Paul's Retirement was accepted. This New Responsibility of our Bishop is in addition to the pastoral Governance of the Diocese of Warangal. This News was made Public in Rome on August 27, 2022 at noon, corresponding to 15:30hrs, Indian Standard Time.

Let us Glorify God for the gift of both the Bishops and pray for the New Apostolic Administrator of the Khammam to carry out his ministry for the glory of God and for the Good of the people of God.

Fr. K. Joseph, Chancellor of Diocese of Warangal

2. Hearty Congratulations to Most Rev. Anthony Poola, Archbishop of Hyderabad & Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrao Archbishop of Goa & Daman for being Elevated as Cardinals

His Holiness Pope Francis elevated Archbishop Most Rev. Poola Anthony of Hyderabad and Archbishop Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrao of Goa & Daman as Cardinals in a special ceremony in Vatican City on August 27, 2022. "It is a great honor to the Catholic Church in India, especially to the two Telugu states as Most Rev. Poola Anthony is the first Cardinal from TCBC Region. We congratulate both of them and pray that God may shower His Special Blessings on them and through them to Telugu Region.

3. World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September 2022: The Holy Father asks us to pray for creation on September 1st. World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation "an opportunity to strengthen the common commitment to safeguard life, respecting the environment and nature". Please organize special prayers for the care on Creation on this important Day

4. Celebrating the Girl Child Day on 8 September 2022: I request all the Parish Priests to promote the equality of girl child with boy-child. Both are gifts of God. Let us celebrate the Mass and underline gender equality in our homilies. Kindly conduct some prayer services, seminars and competitions for all to conscientize all about the theme of equality of male and female genders.

5. Annual Retreat in September & October: All the priests are requested to take note of the Annual Retreat for 2022. First Retreat is from September 25-30, 2022 and Second Retreat from October 2-8, 2022. Please block the dates in your calendar according to your preferences and attend any one of the retreat without fail, unless other arrangements are made with Bishop's permission.

6. Deanery Level Recollection in September: Deans are requested to organize the September monthly recollection on Deanery level in 2nd week of September, 2022. All the priests in the Deanery are expected to attend it.

7. News from Lodi MSSS: "Agriculture is the most helpful, most useful and most noble employment of man" George Washington

I. Project Title: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Marginalized Communities of 20 villages of Raikal Mandal of Jagityal district

A. Kitchen (Vegetable) garden 8 varieties of organic seeds were distributed to 680 women groups members in 20 villages of Raikal mandal. B. 40-Mandal committee members were trained on village development process and KKS activities. C. Mr. Vijay , Monitoring Officer of KKS project has visited the project villages and Central office and monitored the project activities done for the last 6 months and verified the works done and the records maintained and expressed his contentment and satisfaction of the works done.

II. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalized rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in Kodakandla Mandal

A. 114 farmers were trained on ecological farming methods, waste decomposer bacteria, Jeevamrutham, Ghana Jeevamrutham methods and homeo medicines to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients, control of pest etc. B. 50 farmers were provided with plastic drums, cans, pheromone traps, yellow plates to promote natural farming for preparation of waste decomposer bacteria, Jeevamrutham methods and to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients. C. 150 farmers promoting natural farming in 150 acres of land and preparing and using a waste decomposer, Jeevamrutham to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients and to control pest. D. Distributed loans of Rs.17, 00,000 to 85 farmers for agriculture development from 10 project villages

III. Support to Flood affected Families in Kamalapuram village of Mulugu Dist:

Lodi MSSS has distributed basic food items– Rice, Wheat powder, Masoor Dal, Toor dal, Groundnuts, Tamarind Refined Oil, Salt, Soaps and etc to 100 families of Guddelugulapally colony of Karalapuram village of Mangapet Mandal , who were affected with Godavari floods.

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

8. News from WADES: Independence Day is a proud day for all Indian citizens, which honors India's fight for Independence. We honor those who bravely battled for our Independence from the British Empire on this day. This year 15th August 2022 is an important and precious year of our country as we celebrate its 75th Independence Day Anniversary. We had great and grand celebration in our St. Mary's High School, Sultanabad.

The Program began at 8.30 with Investiture ceremony, followed by prayer and with welcome of our honorable guests. Then the National flag was hoisted, followed by March Past, cultural and human pyramid formation were performed. I also gave message that mother and mother land are greater than riches, positions, etc.... what I did to country, what am I doing to the country is more important than what country did to me and anyone can contribute to the development of the country. Later we had sports' competitions between staff and students. Many parents were present and took active participation in the programme. Independence Day celebration was grand success. Jai Hind. Jai Bharat.

Fr. T. Joseph Ashok, HM & Correspondent

9. Celebrations of National Youth Sunday: The National Youth Sunday was celebrated on 14th August this year with the theme "Mary rose up and went with haste" (LK 1:39). Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala, Bishop of Warangal celebrated the Holy Mass in the Cathedral and prayed for the Youth in the Diocese of Warangal. Most of the Parish Priests in their respective Parishes also took initiative and conducted various kinds of programs on the National Youth Sunday. Thanks to all for making the success of National Youth Sunday Celebrations in the Diocese of Warangal.

65th Regional Youth Elections: 65 th Regional Youth Elections held in Jeevasudha Pastoral centre of Kurnool Diocese on August 27, 28 2022 . Two Youth of our Diocese have come forward i. A. Prashanth from Atmakur Parish and ii. Velgula Pranitha from Kazipet Parish to contest in the Regional Election. Vegula Pranitha selected as the Cultural Youth Secretary in the elections. Mr. Krishnakar and Mr. Sagar hails from our Diocese has been appointed as the Advisors in the Regional Team. Congratulations to all of you. “

Fr. Simon, Diocesan Youth Director

10. News from the Pastoral Centre

1. Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday and Fourth Saturday i.e. on 13th and 27th of August 2022. On 13th fourteen 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.

2. I motivated animators, prayer groups and co-ordinaters during this month in the meeting at Rampur. I encouraged them in their mission work. Holy Eucharist celebrated for them and for the Mission, for the Covid infected people all over the world especially for the people in Warangal diocese.

3. I visited many parishes like Kanchanapally, Kazipet, Rampur, Ghanpur, Narmetta, Reddipallam, Shanthinagar, Subedhari and whoever invited me for pastoral program and Eucharist celebrations.

Fr. G. Kamal, Pastoral Centre Director

11. National Protest Day: 10th August, 2022

A Preparatory meeting was held at Bishop's house, Fatima Nagar on 4th August , headed by Most Rev. Uduvala Bala which was attended by Bishops, Priests, pastors, sisters and lay people. On 7th of August the Pamphlets were distributed to all the People to know the injustice done to the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims. A Press Meet was held at Media point, Kazipet on 8th of August at which Most Rev. Uduvala Bala and others spoke to delete the presidential order 1950, para 3,denying SC status to the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims. On 10th of August, a Dharna was made infront of Hanamkonda collectorate. Later on a memorandum was given to Sri Vasuchandra DRO, Hanamkonda collectorate and to Sri Srivatsava, Additional Collector, and Warangal collectorate. On this Occasion Bishop Markandeya, Fr. J Jerome, Fr. Surender, Fr. Kasu Marreddy, Fr. Simon, Fr. Kamal, Mr. Rajmohan Rao, Mr. Dayasagar, Mr. L. Johnson, Mr. K. Praveen, B. Prabhakar, Kotte Ashok, Kommalu, Rev. Manda Kumar, Rev. Karunakar Participated and made the National Protest day success.

Fr. K. Vijay Kumar Francis, Secretary

SC, ST&BC Commission ,Warangal Diocese

12. News from Dharmasagar Parish

As per the call of His Holiness Pope Francis and guidance of our Bishop, we have celebrated the World day for Grandparents and the Elderly in our parish on 31-07-2022. On this day we offered special prayers for Elders and Grandparents and after the Holy Eucharist we felicitated the elders about sixty of them. Church Elders, catechist and the executive members of the parish and Faithful in good number had been part of this celebration.



Fr. Praveen, Parish Priest

13. News from CRI Warangal Unit

There will be a CRI meet for all the Religious in Warangal diocese on the theme ‘Religious life at the crossroads, Challenges and Opportunities.’ It will be facilitated by Rev. Bro. Varghese SG, well-experienced person. We request all the Religious to avail this opportunity for individual growth.

Reminder: Kindly bring the annual subscription for the year 2022-23. Those communities who have paid please ignore the reminder. Annual subscription per head Rs.150/-.

Schedule

Theme: Religious life at the crossroads, Challenges and Opportunities

Venue: Pastoral Centre, Fatimanagar

Facilitator: Rev. Bro. Varghese SG

Date: 10th of September 2022

Time. 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

Wishing you all fruitful time

Fr. Raja Ratnam Madanu, CRI President

14. News from FCT:

Dear Rev. Parish Priests,

I would like to inform you that FCT will conduct one-day camp for children during Dasara holidays on Deanery Level. Children from 5th class to 10th need to participate in the camp. Camp starts at 9 am and end at 5 pm. Your dean will give you the information about the date and place of the camp.

I also inform you that FCT will conduct one-day seminar for Intermediate, ITI, Polytechnic and degree students who have FCT Scholarship. Seminar begins at 9 am and ends at 4pm. This Seminar is for both Boys and Girls.

NB: Late comers will not be allowed.

Seminar Time Table

Date: 02-11-2022

Place: Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Ramanthapur

Fr. Martin, FCT Director

15. Communication about Medicare Educational Trust

To
Clergy & Consecrated
Diocese of Warangal

Sub: Obtained EC n Applied to NMC for Medical College

At the instruction of our Shepherd Udumala Bala, who has taken over as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Khammam, I have the pleasure of communicating to you that through our Herculean efforts, Medicare Educational Trust obtained ‘the Essentiality Certificate’ from the State Government of Telangana on the 29th of Aug. 2022.

God’s Special Grace and the cooperation of Many Well wishers, including Ministers n MLAs helped us to obtain the Essentiality Certificate, which is ‘sine qua non’ for applying for a Medical College to the National Medical Council of the Central government.

Today, the 31st of August is the 12 Death Anniversary of the greatly simple Missionary, Late Fr. August Colombo. We are planning to request the Vatican to raise to the status of a ‘Servant of GOD’. Many miracles are reported by the poor at his tomb! No miracle yet to any priest!!

But today he worked another miracle at 0. 05 am enabling us to procure all necessary documents and upload them to NMC, New Delhi and today is the last day to apply. We did so naming it as ‘Fr. Colombo Memorial Medical College’.

We worked round the clock burning the midnight oil to prepare all the documents, firstly to get from Kalogi Medical University at Warangal the affiliation certificate and secondly to upload MET’s online official application at NMC in the wee hours of the Day of his demise on earth n his birth in Heaven!

Kindly earnestly pray that our efforts are blessed in the times to come to realize his ‘Dream Project’ of a Medical College as a reality.

To reach the current stage, we faced some “Jesrico Walls, Dens of Loins, and even Sulphuric burning fires”! But God and The holy Soul, Colombo saved us!

In present Indian political scenario, It is going to be ‘an impossible task but nothing is impossible for GOD’ as we believe is our strength. May our Patroness of Our Lady of Fatima guide our every step!

May the noble Soul of Fr. Colombo Rest In Peace!

**Rev. Fr. K. Joseph
Secretary, MET**

Birthday Babies in the Month of September

Rev. Fr. Gopu Kamal Kumar	02/09/1982
Rev. Fr. Thumma Kiran	16-09-1977
Rev. Fr. Duggimpudi Prashanth	16-09-1977
Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen Reddy	29-09-1971
Rev. Fr. Narisetti Balaswamy	29-09-1969

Priestly Ordinations in the month of September

Rev. Fr. Gangarapu Anukiran 14-09-2021

Necrology: R.I.P

Rev. Fr. Avito Pottukukam, Ofm Cap.	19-09-2004
Rev. Fr. Goa Showraiah	21-09-2010
Rev. Fr. Kasu Rayappa	04-09-2011
Rev. Fr. Luigi Delisaandri, PIME	30-09-2011
Rev. Fr. Gopu Chinnappa Reddy	23-09-2020
Rev Fr. Yeruva Joji Reddy	17-09-2021

Congratuations to Divyavani



on 6th Anniversary



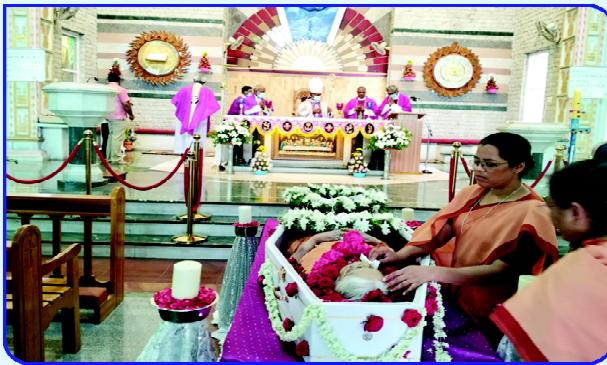
Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Infant Jesus Church,
8th Incline Colony, Godavarikani Parish



Feast of St. Plus X Seminary, Karunapuram



National Youth Sunday Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral



Funeral Mass of Sr.Gopu Immanuel, JMJ, Hyderabad



Most Rev. Dr. Udamala Bala took charge as the Apostolic Administrator of Diocese of Khammam



12th Death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Augusto Colombo, PIME



Hearty Congratulations to



Most Rev. Anthony Poola, Archbishop of Hyderabad



Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa & Daman
for being elevated as Cardinals



Thanks to Most Rev Maipan Paul
Bishop Emeritus of Khammam Diocese