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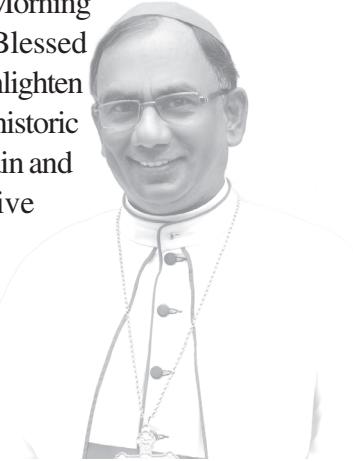
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## Solemnity of our Lady of Fatima, Patroness of the Diocese Fatima Tirunallu



**STAR WOMAN OF BIBLE – MERCY MAGDALENE****Biblical Super Star**

Needless to state that the Woman Super Star of the Bible is the Morning Star, the Star of the Sea and the Star of Evangelization, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus! Women in Bible inspire and enlighten women and men down the Biblical times. The Holy Bible is an historic record of real people, not mythical or imaginary. With their plain and simple faith, the biblical women continue to teach how to live genuine and God-merced lives. In fact they empower specially women who can find themselves in the narratives of women in Bible. We are aware of many women of admirable character in Bible, which is inclusive in its vision of God's Mercy and Human response. As we continue to celebrate the joyful Season of Easter during the extraordinary Mercy Jubilee, let us experience the Jesus' Mercy and Joy. The death and resurrection of Jesus was the clearest proof of God's Mercy to us, whereby he saved the fallen, broken and bruised humanity.

**Star Woman, Apostle of Apostles**

The women disciples were the privileged few to witness to both Jesus' humiliating death and His glorious Resurrection. They were the very few committed, who did not leave Jesus even during his troubled and most dangerous final journey of passion and death on the cross. These women were following Jesus during his public ministry and very silently served His cause by providing to his needs. It is amazing to see that their service did not stop with Jesus' death. It continued even at his burial and incredibly on the very early morning of Easter. All the four gospels loudly proclaim this fact and even mention some of their names. The star woman among them was she, who assisted in burying Jesus by washing his wounded and bruised body and anointing it with bare minimum available spices of anointment. She was the first person to meet the Risen Lord and the first to proclaim the Easter Message even to the Apostles. She was 'Magdalene', the beloved woman disciple of the 'Nazarene'. She is the apostle of apostles, since she ran and told the Apostles that 'Jesus is lives'!

**Mercy Nazarene vis-a-vis Merry Magdalene**

The Mercy of Jesus formed and transformed her into St. Mary Magdalene. She is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a celebrated example of God's mercy. We know that she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. The Gospels state that Mary was originally a great sinner and Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. What is of great significance that she was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an

example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. She is mentioned fourteen times in the gospels, and a striking feature in eight of the 14 passages is that Mary is named in connection with other women, but she always heads the list, implying that she occupied the place at the front in service rendered by saintly females. In the five times where she is mentioned alone, the connection is with the death and Resurrection of Christ (Mk 16:9; Jn 20:1, 11, 16, and 18). No woman, except Mother Mary, superseded Mary in her absolute devotion to the Master.

### **Last at Cross, First at Tomb – Sabala, not abala**

Last at the cross, where Jesus died as the Lamb of God, Mary Magdalene was also the first at the garden tomb to witness the most important event in world history and the central truth of Christianity. What a great honour God conferred upon the faithful Mary Magdalene in permitting her to be the first witness of that Resurrection! Mary, so full of her Lord, felt that all others must know Him whose body was missing from the tomb. She never stopped to think of her own weakness as a woman. Love nerves had to take it for granted she is able for the blessed task of taking the sacred body away. Jesus commissioned Mary to become the first herald of His Resurrection, “Go to my brethren, and say unto them ...” We can imagine with what speed Mary ran back through the gates of Jerusalem to tell the disciples that their Lord who had died was alive forevermore. Mary had stayed near to Christ in His journeys, and had cared for many of His human needs until His corpse was laid in the tomb. He now rewarded her with a closer knowledge of things divine, and she was given an honour that cannot be taken away from her, namely, that of being the first among men or women to see the Risen Lord, and to receive the first message from His lips (John 20:18).

### **Mighty Transformation of Mercy of Jesus, even in Us**

In Mary we could see what mighty change could be wrought by the mercy of Jesus. When Jesus first met her she was an afflicted, tormented soul, but Jesus healed her of her insanity and also of the maladies of her soul, and made her His loyal and sacrificial follower. Have we been cleansed of demon-like sins? Once Mary was healed and saved, she practiced her faith in following Jesus and ministering to Him and His disciples and witnessing to His death and Resurrection to others. Are there not a thousand ways in which converted and consecrated lay and religious women, who can serve the Master adequately? Surely, therefore, let me thank all the women in the Church and the larger society, who wash not only the feet of children, sick, suffering, old and disabled but also the dirt of humanity, not only with water but also with tears in more than a thousand-thousand ways. This year they are, very reasonably, thrilled that the Holy Father’s decree that they too could be included in the foot washing ceremony on Maunday Thursday Liturgy. Mary Magdalene’s gratitude and love manifested itself in devotion to Christ. She owed much, gave much, loved much, and served much. If Jesus expelled Satan from our lives, we ought to love and serve Him to the limit of our capacity, daily witnessing to the power of His merciful Resurrection!

# **I. FINAL STATEMENT OF THE 32ND PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF CBCI**

## **1.0. PREAMBLE**

The Second Vatican Council declared in the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.” (Gaudium et Spes, no. 1). Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God (Mark 1: 14-15) and called upon His followers to pray and work (Matthew 6: 9-13) for the realization of the Kingdom of God. As sacrament of salvation, the Church is a sign and instrument of communion with God and with humanity (Lumen Gentium, no. 1:1). In this YEAR OF MERCY, in communion with the Universal Church, let us be channels of God’s mercy to one and all, especially the poor, the deprived, the sick and suffering. And thus, making our contribution to our beloved nation.

As leaders of the Church, 182 Bishops from 170 Dioceses of the Church in India are gathered at St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences, Bangalore, from 02 to 09 March 2016 to deliberate on “The Response of the Church in India to the Present Day Challenges” during the 32nd Plenary Assembly of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India (CBCI). The Church in India is a vibrant community making significant contribution to nation building through education, social development, health care and service, especially to the poor. The CBCI appreciates the spirit of understanding and collaboration among the three Sui Iuris Churches. The composite culture of India has noble values of religiosity, peace, simplicity and tolerance as lived by Mahatma Gandhi and various Indian sages. We, however, express our sorrow over the killing of innocent people by extremists in India and in various parts of the world. We are shocked by the recent killing of the nuns of the Missionaries of Charity and their collaborators in Yemen.

The Bishops have resolved to respond to the challenges facing the Church in India, identifying the following:

## **2.0. CHALLENGES WITHIN THE CHURCH AND WITHIN THE COUNTRY**

### **2.1. CHALLENGES WITHIN THE CHURCH**

- i. Declining family values – tensions and break ups in families, an increasing number of divorces, abortions and a lack of understanding of marriage as a sacrament.
- ii. Growing materialism, consumerism and addiction to social media, due to decline of spiritual and moral values.
- iii. Growing indifference and lack of commitment to the Christian vocation.
- iv. Insensitivity regarding gender, caste, language, creed, status and region.
- v. Lack of commitment to Ecumenical unity
- vi. Excessive preoccupation with institutionalization.

- vii. Insufficient zeal and fear of proclaiming Christ as unique Saviour.
- viii. Large scale migration of families affecting community life.

## **2.2. CHALLENGES WITHIN THE COUNTRY**

- i. Large scale poverty and growing gap between the rich and the poor
- ii. Corruption, illiteracy, child labour, increasing unemployment, growing addiction to alcohol and drugs.
- iii. Atheistic Secularism (and practical atheism)
- iv. Narrow unitary cultural Nationalism
- v. Sensationalism and dictatorship of a section of the media.
- vi. Systematic concerted effort to manipulate the education system
- vii. Opposition to the fundamental human right of every person to convert.
- viii. Widespread intolerance, religious fanaticism and fundamentalism, attacks and atrocities against intellectuals, social activists, religious personnel and institutions.
- ix. Violation of Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution, esp. minority rights
- x. Growing criminalization and terrorism.
- xi. Denial of SC status to Christian Dalits.

## **3.0. Restating the Vision and Mission**

**3.1. VISION :** As a community of Christ's disciples, the Church is at the service of the Kingdom of God. As an inclusive and welcoming community, the Church which is a continued presence of Christ, actualizes the values of love, justice, equality, mercy and peace. As light, salt and leaven of society, she lives in total solidarity with people, especially the poor.

**3.2. MISSION :** The Church is called to lead people to an encounter with Christ, practising the Gospel values and living for the wellbeing of people without fear and discrimination on the basis of caste, creed, gender, language, culture or status in society.

## **4. The Response of the Church in India to the Present Day Challenges**

The following areas were chosen by the Bishops for review and for an appropriate response:

- i) Family Life Today
- ii) Renewal of Consecrated Life
- iii) The Lay Faithful and the Mission of the Church
- iv) Ecumenism
- v) Inter-religious Dialogue
- vi) The Education Apostolate
- vii) Care of the Earth, our Common Home
- viii) A New Way of Being Church for an effective response

### **4.1. FAMILY LIFE**

The well-being of the Church and the society at large are intimately linked with the nurturing of the family. It is the lifeline of the Church and society (Instrumentum Laboris, nos. 32, 38).

However, “married love is too often dishonoured by selfishness, hedonism and unlawful contraceptive practices” (Gaudium et Spes, no. 47). The two recent Synods on the Family, held in Rome, have drawn attention to the urgency of providing sustained pastoral care to families.

**Proposals :**

1. Frequent visits of Parish Priests to the families
2. Organizing Marriage Encounter and Marriage Enrichment Programmes.
3. Educating families to live in unity and to reach out to others.
4. Responding to the challenges, the media and society pose for family life. e.g. prolife issues, issues in human sexuality, pornography and marital fidelity.
5. Promoting Family counselling centres and Diocesan Family Commissions, training seminarians and priests to be family counsellors, accompanying them constantly.
6. Promoting family values, family prayer, family meals, family outings and use of bible sharing methods through SCC's.
7. Creating facilities for care of the elderly, respecting them and learning from them.

**4.2. RENEWAL OF CONSECRATED PERSONS**

The Catholic Church in India is blessed with over one hundred and twenty five thousand religious priests, religious brothers and religious sisters, who serve the Church significantly through a large network of educational, health care and social service institutions. Even as we greatly appreciate the selfless and dedicated life of the consecrated persons, in recent times, there is a decrease in the number of candidates opting for consecrated life. A fresh, creative and a self-critical approach is needed in order to make this gift of God more attractive and relevant. While appreciating the generous commitment of thousands of clergy who are witnessing the mercy of God through parish community and their attached apostolate, we are of the opinion that priestly life needs a thorough renewal and updating.

**Proposals :**

1. Rediscovering the Founder's charism and rededicating oneself to pastoral ministry with a clear shift of emphasis from maintenance to mission.
2. Consecrated way of life should be a combination of contemplation and active service, as recommended by St. John Paul II.
3. Maintaining the quality of Consecrated life by careful selection of candidates and Christ centred formation and commitment to the poor.
4. Participating in the mission of the Church through greater collaboration with the Bishop and integration into the pastoral life of the parish community.

### **4.3. THE LAY FAITHFUL AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

The lay faithful have a distinct role in the spreading of the Gospel, which the Church really needs them to carry out with the authority, creativity, and power that the Holy Spirit has given them in Baptism. Lumen Gentium no. 31 states: “the laity, by their very vocation, seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God. They live in the world, that is, in each and in all of the secular professions and occupations. ... They are called there by God that by exercising their proper function and led by the spirit of the Gospel they may work for the sanctification of the world from within as a leaven”. The laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ (Apostolicam Actuositatem, no. 2).

#### **Proposals :**

1. Accepting the dignity, role and importance of the role of the lay faithful in the Church
2. Encouraging the laity to involve themselves in the Church and temporal order, through the Small Christian Communities (SCC's).
3. Undertaking faith formation and professional training programmes.
4. Encouraging our laity to take up important leadership positions in the Parliament, Assemblies, Civil Services, Entrepreneurship in business and in the judiciary.
5. Recognizing the dignity of labour by providing just wages and social security.
6. Helping and encouraging lay faithful by providing them with scholarships and facilities and promoting lay participation in the life and mission of the Church.

#### **4.3.1. THE MARGINALIZED AND WEAKER SECTIONS WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (VIZ. THE DALITS, TRIBALS, DIFFERENTLY ABLED and WOMEN)**

The Church commits herself to the liberation of the weaker sections, like tribals, women and dalits. She wants to reach out more to the unorganized groups like fisher-flock, farmers, migrants, domestic workers, victims of trafficking, through advocacy and networking with NGO's and other like-minded groups and individuals, dedicated to the cause of the poor.

#### **Proposals :**

1. Realizing that caste system is a reality in India, which has also crept in certain parts of the Church, we need to pursue with the Government that Christian Dalits be treated on par with the Hindu Dalits.
2. Introducing positive measures to integrate Christians of Dalit origin along with others in the Church through education and employment.
3. Strengthening advocacy on the socio-political, economic and cultural rights of Tribals, enshrined in the Constitution of India.

4. Fostering advocacy and networking to address the issues of land alienation, induced displacement, human trafficking and migration.
5. Showing sensitivity to the differently abled by providing facilities that suit their needs.
6. Alleviating the plight of the farmers in distress and preventing suicide of our farmers.
7. Fostering gender equity and providing a greater role of women in our collaborative structures.
8. Establishing/ Revitalizing Grievance Cells to address women's issues to protect their rights.

#### **4.3.2. YOUTH APOSTOLATE:**

Recognizing that India is predominantly young, so is the Church in India, there is an urgent need to prepare tomorrow's leaders today.

##### **Proposals:**

1. Promoting youth apostolate at all levels, such as the Jesus Youth, YCS/YSM, ICYM and AICUF and Youth Associations of the Sui Iuris Churches (SMYM and MCYM) in all parishes and institutions.
2. Encouraging faith formation for youth through YOUCAT, DOCAT and Youth Bible, fostering ethical and moral values, enhancing critical thinking and problem solving.
3. Promoting young talents for leadership roles in the Church and society, particularly in political life and civil service.

#### **4.4.1. ECUMENISM**

Our common faith in God through Baptism is the foundation for us to overcome divisions among Christians and to promote mutual relations, friendship and collaboration. "The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only...However, many Christians...differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided" (Unitatis Redintegratio, no. 1). Therefore, the need of the hour is to take initiatives to foster better cooperation among Christians through dialogue and common ecumenical services.

##### **Proposals :**

1. Creating ecumenical bodies such as Inter-Church Councils and United Christian Groups (at Regional and National Level)
2. Dialoguing with ecumenical groups to study social and legal issues (such as environmental issues human rights and legal issues).
3. Organizing of special programmes for training seminarians, priests, religious and laity in Ecumenism.
4. Reaching out and dialoguing with fundamentalist groups and sects.
5. Promoting Spiritual Ecumenism - common prayers, using common ecumenical bibles and sharing spiritual riches.

#### **4.4.2. INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE :**

Inter-religious dialogue has become an urgent priority today. The goal of dialogue is to establish friendship, peace and harmony and to share spiritual and moral values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love. *Redemptoris Missio* clearly states that “inter-religious dialogue is part of the Church's evangelizing mission”. “In the light of the economy of salvation, the Church sees no conflict between proclaiming Christ and engaging in interreligious dialogue... Each member of the faithful and all Christian communities are called to practice dialogue. Dialogue is a path toward the kingdom” (*Redemptoris Missio*, no. 56, 57).

#### **Proposals :**

1. Introducing Formation Programmes on inter-religious dialogue in our institutions, seminaries and formation houses.
2. Including Inter-religious dialogue as a subject in school catechism classes.
3. Promoting Inter-religious dialogue through SCC's.
4. Respecting the sentiments of the people of other religions.
5. Using Catholic Guilds and other Associations to promote dialogue with businessmen, politicians, journalists.
6. Organizing training programmes for promoting justice and peace.
7. Promoting religious harmony and National Integration through a proactive and conciliatory role.
8. Breaking the divisive and intolerant walls of caste, language and ethnicity.

#### **4.5. THE EDUCATION APOSTOLATE**

Educational Institutions need to rise above the maintenance mode to impart holistic education with a heart for the poor and the marginalized. The CBCI Education Policy has clearly stated: “The Catholic educational institutions are to provide inclusive and holistic education especially for the marginalized and girls enabling them to live life to the full and responsibly, thus transforming the individual and society” (AICEP 2007).

#### **Proposals :**

1. Having recourse to legal action when Constitutional rights are violated and the appointment/approval of staff, issue of Minority certificate, grant in aid, scholarships and other support systems are denied.
2. Promoting Faith formation of Christian students and value education, reaching out to those living in “social and geographical periphery” and providing quality education in the slums and rural areas.
3. Recognizing the need to positively promote higher education institutions, to form persons of character and conviction, capable of delivering quality leadership and administrative service,

upholding the constitutional values and the socialistic, secular and democratic character of our country (National Education Coordinators' Meet, 18 December 2015).

4. Networking with local, district and state leaders and administrators and befriending people of the neighbourhood and all people of good will to ensure administrative autonomy, proper to the Minority institutions.

5. Providing educational opportunities, especially to the socially backward and girl children, and ensuring administrative transparency, financial accountability and participatory management.

#### **4.6. CARE OF THE EARTH, OUR COMMON HOME**

The ruthless exploitation of the earth's resources has adverse effects on humanity. Pope Francis affirmed: "As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling" (Speech, Manila, Philippines, January 18, 2015). In this regard, we must go to the heart of the ecological degradation and advocate an education in ecological responsibility because "we are all really responsible for all".

##### **Proposals :**

1. Every Diocese and Parish to draw up an Environment (Green) Policy.
2. Organizing programmes for protecting the environment and fostering love for nature.
3. Encouraging use of solar energy, rain-water harvesting, and use of bio-gas plants.
4. Promoting sustainable development through change of lifestyle (reuse, reduce, recycle).
5. Encouraging organic farming and say no to pesticides and plastics.
6. Facilitating Environmental Education and Ecological Conversion

#### **4.7. A NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH FOR AN EFFECTIVE RESPONSE**

Both Blessed Mother Teresa and Pope Francis are exemplary models for living with such a vision and mission. Mother Teresa changed her routine way of living and made a radical decision for living her religious / consecrated life in a thoroughly new way. So also, the lifestyle of Pope Francis challenges us to be authentic in our Christian vocation, by freeing ourselves of traditional structures, institutionalisation and to break new ground, shedding the comforts and privileges of office and status, embodying the gracious mercifulness and love of Christ and bringing the joy of the Gospel to one and all. "...All of us are asked to obey his call (the Lord's) to go forth from our own comfort zones in order to reach all the "peripheries" in the light of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium, no. 20). We are also challenged and inspired by the exemplary life of the Saints of India, namely, St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Francis Xavier, St. Gonsalo Garcia, St. Alphonsa, St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, St. Euphrasia, St. Joseph Vaz, Blessed Mother Teresa, Blessed Devasahayam Pillai, Blessed Maria Theresa Chiramel, Blessed Augustine Thevarparampil (Kunjachan), Servant of God, Father Constant Lievens and others.

#### **4.7.1. BISHOPS AND PRIESTS:**

Bishops and priests, while exercising their role as administrators, should be first and foremost, shepherds of the flock, available and service minded. Their lifestyle should be an example of simplicity and spirituality that can be an inspiration to everyone.

#### **Proposals :**

1. Shunning excessive institutionalization, clericalism and extravaganza.
2. Animating pastoral structures, such as Diocesan/Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees, etc.
3. Adopting simple lifestyle, following the example of the Good Shepherd and opening our houses and our institutions to the poor.
4. Rediscovering the power of the Word of God and prayer
5. Making apostolates, such as healthcare, social development and education into agents of evangelisation.
6. Refashioning the formation of priests and religious, enabling them to respond to the challenges of our times with faith and courage.
7. Promoting transparency and accountability at all levels of Church's administration.

#### **5.0. CONCLUSION :**

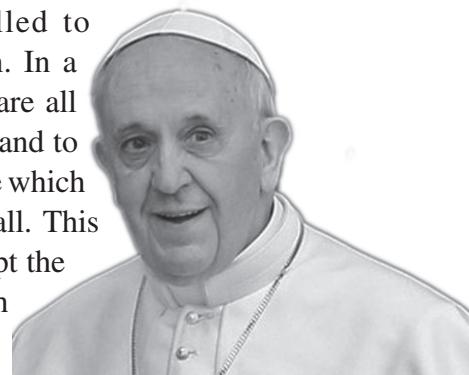
As authentic citizens of the country, we repose our confidence in the democratic values and the Constitution of India. Trusting in God's grace, love and mercy, we march ahead to carry out our God-given mission, confident of the goodwill and support of our people everywhere. We appeal to all people of goodwill in India to join hands with us in solidarity to work for a better Church and a better society. May Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy and Star of Evangelization, who brought joy and hope to the world, guide us and help us to fulfill our mission.

#### **II. POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE FOR THE 50th WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY, On April 24, 2016**

##### **Communication and Mercy : A Fruitful Encounter**

The Holy Year of Mercy invites all of us to reflect on the relationship between communication and mercy. The Church, in union with Christ, the living incarnation of the Father of Mercies, is called to practice mercy as the distinctive trait of all that she is and does. What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all. Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing. If our hearts and actions are inspired by charity, by divine love, then our communication will be touched by God's own power.

As sons and daughters of God, we are called to communicate with everyone, without exception. In a particular way, the Church's words and actions are all meant to convey mercy, to touch people's hearts and to sustain them on their journey to that fullness of life which Jesus Christ was sent by the Father to bring to all. This means that we ourselves must be willing to accept the warmth of Mother Church and to share that warmth with others, so that Jesus may be known and loved.



That warmth is what gives substance to the word of faith; by our preaching and witness, it ignites the "spark" which gives them life.

Communication has the power to build bridges, to enable encounter and inclusion, and thus to enrich society. How beautiful it is when people select their words and actions with care, in the effort to avoid misunderstandings, to heal wounded memories and to build peace and harmony. Words can build bridges between individuals and within families, social groups and peoples. This is possible both in the material world and the digital world. Our words and actions should be such as to help us all escape the vicious circles of condemnation and vengeance which continue to ensnare individuals and nations, encouraging expressions of hatred. The words of Christians ought to be a constant encouragement to communion and, even in those cases where they must firmly condemn evil; they should never try to rupture relationships and communication.

For this reason, I would like to invite all people of good will to rediscover the power of mercy to heal wounded relationships and to restore peace and harmony to families and communities. All of us know how many ways ancient wounds and lingering resentments can entrap individuals and stand in the way of communication and reconciliation. The same holds true for relationships between peoples. In every case, mercy is able to create a new kind of speech and dialogue. Shakespeare put it eloquently when he said: "The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed: it blesseth him that gives and him that takes" (The Merchant of Venice, Act IV, Scene I).

Our political and diplomatic language would do well to be inspired by mercy, which never loses hope. I ask those with institutional and political responsibility, and those charged with forming public opinion, to remain especially attentive to the way they speak of those who think or act differently or those who may have made mistakes. It is easy to yield to the temptation to exploit such situations to stoke the flames of mistrust, fear and hatred. Instead, courage is needed to guide people towards processes of reconciliation. It is precisely such positive and creative boldness which offers real solutions to ancient conflicts and the opportunity to build lasting peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Mt 5:7-9)

How I wish that our own way of communicating, as well as our service as pastors of the Church, may never suggest a prideful and triumphant superiority over an enemy, or demean those whom the world considers lost and easily discarded. Mercy can help mitigate life's troubles and offer warmth to those who have known only the coldness of judgment. May our way of communicating help to overcome the mindset that neatly separates sinners from the righteous. We can and we must judge situations of sin – such as violence, corruption and exploitation – but we may not judge individuals, since only God can see into the depths of their hearts. It is our task to admonish those who err and to denounce the evil and injustice of certain ways of acting, for the sake of setting victims free and raising up those who have fallen. The Gospel of John tells us that “the truth will make you free” (Jn 8:32). The truth is ultimately Christ himself, whose gentle mercy is the yardstick for measuring the way we proclaim the truth and condemn injustice. Our primary task is to uphold the truth with love (cf. Eph 4:15). Only words spoken with love and accompanied by meekness and mercy can touch our sinful hearts. Harsh and moralistic words and actions risk further alienating those whom we wish to lead to conversion and freedom, reinforcing their sense of rejection and defensiveness.

Some feel that a vision of society rooted in mercy is hopelessly idealistic or excessively indulgent. But let us try and recall our first experience of relationships, within our families. Our parents loved us and valued us for who we are more than for our abilities and achievements. Parents naturally want the best for their children, but that love is never dependent on their meeting certain conditions. The family home is one place where we are always welcome (cf. Lk 15:11-32). I would like to encourage everyone to see society not as a forum where strangers compete and try to come out on top, but above all as a home or a family, where the door is always open and where everyone feels welcome.

Listening is never easy. Many times it is easier to play deaf. Listening means paying attention, wanting to understand, to value, to respect and to ponder what the other person says. It involves a sort of martyrdom or self-sacrifice, as we try to imitate Moses before the burning bush: we have to remove our sandals when standing on the “holy ground” of our encounter with the one who speaks to me (cf. Ex 3:5). Knowing how to listen is an immense grace, it is a gift which we need to ask for and then make every effort to practice.

Emails, text messages, social networks and chats can also be fully human forms of communication. It is not technology which determines whether or not communication is authentic, but rather the human heart and our capacity to use wisely the means at our disposal. Social networks can facilitate relationships and promote the good of society, but they can also lead to further polarization and division between individuals and groups. The digital world is a public square, a meeting-place where we can either encourage or demean one another, engage in a meaningful discussion or unfair attacks. I pray that this Jubilee Year, lived in mercy, “may open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; and that it may eliminate every form of

closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination" (Misericordiae Vultus, 23). The internet can help us to be better citizens. Access to digital networks entails a responsibility for our neighbour whom we do not see but who is nonetheless real and has a dignity which must be respected. The internet can be used wisely to build a society which is healthy and open to sharing.

Communication, wherever and however it takes place, has opened up broader horizons for many people. This is a gift of God which involves a great responsibility. I like to refer to this power of communication as "closeness". The encounter between communication and mercy will be fruitful to the degree that it generates a closeness which cares, comforts, heals, accompanies and celebrates. In a broken, fragmented and polarized world, to communicate with mercy means to help create a healthy, free and fraternal closeness between the children of God and all our brothers and sisters in the one human family.

From the Vatican, 24 January 2016

### **III. INDULGENCES ATTACHED TO DEVOTIONS IN HONOR OF DIVINE MERCY**

"O God, your mercy knows no bounds and the treasure of your goodness is infinite..." (Prayer after the "Te Deum" Hymn) and "O God, you reveal your almighty power above all by showing mercy and forgiveness..." (Prayer for the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time), in these prayers Holy Mother Church humbly and faithfully sings of Divine Mercy. Indeed, God's great patience with the human race in general and with each individual person shines out in a special way when sins and moral failures are forgiven by Almighty God Himself and the guilty are readmitted in a fatherlike way to his friendship, which they deservedly lost.

Duty of honouring Divine Mercy: The faithful with deep spiritual affection are drawn to commemorate the mysteries of divine pardon and to celebrate them devoutly. They clearly understand the supreme benefit, indeed the duty, that the People of God have to praise Divine Mercy with special prayers and, at the same time, they realize that by gratefully performing the works required and satisfying the necessary conditions, they can obtain spiritual benefits that derive from the Treasury of the Church. "The paschal mystery is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man, and through man, in the world" (Encyclical Letter Dives in misericordia, n. 7).

It is God's Mercy that grants supernatural sorrow and resolution to amend: Indeed, Divine Mercy knows how to pardon even the most serious sins, and in doing so it moves the faithful to perceive a supernatural, not merely psychological, sorrow for their sins so that, ever with the help of divine grace, they may make a firm resolution not to sin any more. Such spiritual dispositions undeniably follow upon the forgiveness of mortal sin when the faithful fruitfully receive the sacrament of Penance or repent of their sin with an act of

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perfect charity and perfect contrition, with the resolution to receive the Sacrament of Penance as soon as they can. Indeed, Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us in the parable of the Prodigal Son that the sinner must confess his misery to God saying: "Father I have sinned against heaven and against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son" (Lk 15,18-19), realizing that this is a work of God, "for [he] was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found" (Lk 15,32).

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday : And so with provident pastoral sensitivity and in order to impress deeply on the souls of the faithful these precepts and teachings of the Christian faith, the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, moved by the consideration of the Father of Mercy, has willed that the Second Sunday of Easter be dedicated to recalling with special devotion these gifts of grace and gave this Sunday the name, "Divine Mercy Sunday" (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Decree Misericors et miserator, 5 May 2000).

The Gospel of the Second Sunday of Easter narrates the wonderful things Christ the Lord accomplished on the day of the Resurrection during his first public appearance: "On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you'. When he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad to see the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you'. And then he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (Jn 20,19-23).

Plenary Indulgence: To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence, as will be explained below, so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbour, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters.

Pardon of others who sin against us: Thus the faithful will more closely conform to the spirit of the Gospel, receiving in their hearts the renewal that the Second Vatican Council explained and introduced: "Mindful of the words of the Lord: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13,35), Christians can yearn for nothing more ardently than to serve the men of this age with an ever growing generosity and success.... It is the Father's will that we should recognize Christ our brother in the persons of all men and love them with an effective love, in word and indeed (Pastoral Constitution, Gaudium et spes, n. 93).

Three conditions for the plenary indulgence : And so the Supreme Pontiff, motivated by an ardent desire to foster in Christians this devotion to Divine Mercy as much as possible

in the hope of offering great spiritual fruit to the faithful, in the Audience granted on 13 June 2002, to those Responsible for the Apostolic Penitentiary, granted the following Indulgences: a plenary indulgence, granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!"); A partial indulgence, granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation.

For those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill: In addition, sailors working on the vast expanse of the sea; the countless brothers and sisters, whom the disasters of war, political events, local violence and other such causes have been driven out of their homeland; the sick and those who nurse them, and all who for a just cause cannot leave their homes or who carry out an activity for the community which cannot be postponed, may obtain a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday, if totally detesting any sin, as has been said before, and with the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three usual conditions, will recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus and, in addition, pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you). If it is impossible that people do even this, on the same day they may obtain the Plenary Indulgence if with a spiritual intention they are united with those carrying out the prescribed practice for obtaining the Indulgence in the usual way and offer to the Merciful Lord a prayer and the sufferings of their illness and the difficulties of their lives, with the resolution to accomplish as soon as possible the three conditions prescribed to obtain the plenary indulgence.

Duty of priests: inform parishioners; hear confessions, lead prayers Priests who exercise pastoral ministry, especially parish priests, should inform the faithful in the most suitable way of the Church's salutary provision. They should promptly and generously be willing to hear their confessions. On Divine Mercy Sunday, after celebrating Mass or Vespers, or during devotions in honor of Divine Mercy, with the dignity that is in accord with the rite, they should lead the recitation of the prayers that have been given above. Finally, since "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5,7), when they instruct their people, priests should gently encourage the faithful to practice works of charity or mercy as often as they can, following the example of, and in obeying the commandment of Jesus Christ, as is listed for the second general concession of indulgence in the "Enchiridion Indulgentiarum".

Archbishop Luigi De Magistris

#### **IV. WHEN AND WHY THE CHURCH BEGIN CELEBRATING DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.” When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina’s visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God’s mercy, the call to accept God’s mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus’ own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: “[Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy.” Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina’s diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God’s mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.”

## Photo Gallery of Maha Siluva Yatra, Karimnagar Deanary









## V. MOTHER TERESA TO BECOME SAINT ON SEPTEMBER 4



Pope Francis announced Mother Teresa will be made a saint on September 4. 19 years after the death of the Nobel Laureate who spent 45 years serving the poor and sick on the streets of Kolkata. “Pope Francis today approved Mother Teresa’s elevation to sainthood and set September 4 as the date for her canonisation,” said a message from the Vatican to the Mother House — the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata. Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity and spent 45 years serving the poor, the sick, the orphaned, and the dying on the streets of Kolkata. She died at the age of 87 here in 1997.

According to the norms, the Catholic Church requires one “medical” miracle before a deceased Catholic can be declared “blessed,” and another such miracle, occurring after that declaration, before he or she can be canonized as a saint.

Teresa, who will now be a Saint of the Roman Catholic Church, was beatified by then Pope John Paul II in a fast-tracked process in 2003 — the first step towards sainthood.

In 2002, the Vatican officially recognised the first miracle she was said to have carried out after her death, namely the 1998 healing of a tribal woman Monika Besra in South Dinajpore district of West Bengal, who was suffering from an abdominal tumour. Besra had said that after the application of a locket with Mother Teresa’s picture, she saw a beam of light emanating from it which, she claimed, cured her tumour. However, the doctors at Balurghat hospital where she was treated had dismissed claims of a miracle and said their medicine had cured the woman’s tumour.

Pope Francis recognized a second miracle attributed to the Mother in Brazil, where, according to a write-up handed out by the Missionaries of Charity, a man with an incurable bacterial brain infection was cured on December 9, 2008 after his wife prayed to Mother Teresa in a parish church. He was supposed to undergo an emergency operation, but the moment the neurosurgeon entered the operating room, he found the patient inexplicably awake and without pain. Both these episodes cleared the way for the Roman Catholic nun to be declared a saint this year.

## **VI. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR APRIL, 2016**

01. Fri : Office
02. Sat 10.30 am : Final Profession of FMM Sisters, Fatimanagar  
3.30 pm : Chapal Blessing and School day, Nekkonda
03. Sun 6.00 am : Divine Mercy Sunday : Mass at Cathedral
- 04 - 08 : CDPI Ext General Body Meet, Goa
09. Sat : Office
11. Mon 9.30 am : Priestly Ordination of Bro. Jaddu Anil at Ibrahimpatnam, Mahabubnagar for Srikakulam Diocese
12. Tue 5.30 pm : Blessing of Santa Maria Crypt, St. Joseph's Church, Kazipet
13. Wed : Day of Appointment of Fr. Udumala Bala as Bishop of Warangal  
9.30 am : WADES - General Body Meeting
14. Thu : Blessing of Chapal at Mariapuram Parish
15. Fri 10.00 am : Golden Jubilee of Fr. Y. Sebastian, Fr. B. Anthony and Fr. P. Papaiah at Fatima Cathedral  
05.45 pm : Blessing of Divine Mercy Pillar, Diesel Colony Church Campus  
6.00 pm : Silver Jubilee of Fr. Gali Rayappa, Diesel Colony  
05.45 pm : Priestly Silver Jubilee of Fr. Gali Rayappa, Diesel Colony
- 16 Sat 5.30 pm : Blessing of Marian Grotto, Shayampet, Ookal Parish
- 17 Sun 10.00 am : Feast of Arogyamatha Church at Madhapur Parish and Pastoral Visitation
- 18 Mon 11.30 am : Seminar for Inter & Degree Girl Students  
06.00 pm : Vocation Camp, St. Xavier Seminary, Karunapuram
19. Tue Seminar for Inter & Degree Boy Students
20. Wed 10.30 am : St. Francis Xavier Chapel Blessing at Vaddegudem, Sagaram Parish
21. Thu 10.30 am : Final Profession of Sisters of Presentation, Karunapuram  
3.30 pm : Lodi EXCO Meet, Lodi MSSS

## **Month of May 2016**

01. Sun      10.00 am : Feast of Vana Chinnappa & Blessing of Renovated Church, Prakashreddypet, Subedari Parish

                04.45 pm : Celebration of 175 years of St. Mary's Basilica, Sec'bad

02. Mon      09.30 am : Blessing of Renovated Church & Silver Jubilee Celebration at Shanthipuram Parish

03. Tue                 : Office

04. Wed                 : Office

05. Thu                 : Office for Consecrated

06. Fri                 : Blessing of Renovated Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ruby Jubilee

07. Sat                 : Office

09. Mon                 : Silver Jubilee of Sacred Heart Church, Kallepally, Dacharam

11. Wed                 : Office

12. Thu      9.30 am : Silver Jubilee of St. Joseph's Church, Begumpet, Dacharam Parish

14 - 22                 : Summer Recess

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS

**1. Profuse Gratitude :** I thank all Priests and Religious especially Parish Priests for encouraging the faithful to participate in the 3 day Thirunalla of Our Lady of Fatima, the Patroness of the diocese. It was beginning of the 100 years of Fatima Apparition and Our Lady of Fatima Blessed abundantly this year. It was edifying to see the participation of priests in great numbers and taking part in different programmes and ministries especially at the confessional and at the blessing of the people at the Grotto and in the Cathedral too. A Special feature of this year was the Candle - lit Eucharistic Procession and Marriage renewal day not honoring all couples 25 years and above lasting love. Special thanks to Fr. S. Balashowry, all the committee fathers, parish council and all the volunteers especially the youth for their organizational skills and fitting arrangements. Let's hope and try that all the devotees of Mary are transformed into the disciples of Jesus! The 3 day Solemn Thirunalla attracted larger crowds both Catholics and Non-Catholics. A very special feature in the faithful was making confession in great numbers. The grand finale was the youth cultural competitions.

### 2. Deanary Level Monthly Recollection in April, 2016

Deans are requested to kindly arrange deanery level recollection for the clergy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April, 2016.

**4. General Body Meeting of Warangal Diocesan Society :** All the Priests are requested to attend the General Body Meeting of Warangal Diocesan Society on April 22, 2016 at 9.30 a.m. Pastoral Centre, Fatimanagar.

## VIII. INFORMATIONS

### 1. Hearty Congratulation to New Priests

**Fr. Golamari Ranjith Kumar**

DOB : 20-04-1987

D.ORD: 30-04-2016

Parents : Prathap Reddy & Lourdu Mary

Village : Shanthipuram

Theological Studies at St. John's Regional Seminary



**Fr. Salibindla Joseph Mahipaul**

DOB: 09-08-1988

D.ORD: 31-04-2016

Parents : Showreddy &amp; Aruna Mary

Village : Narimetta

Theological Studies at St. John's Regional Seminary

**Hearty Congratulations to Golden Jubilarians****1. Fr. Boyapati Anthony Reddy**

Parents : Rayapu Reddy and Lourdhamma

Date of Birth : 23-12-1936

Date of Ordination : 20-04-1966

**Parishes served at :**

- 1) Banigandlapadu, Khammam
- 2) Bheemaram, Nalgonda
- 3) Manugonda Warangal
- 4) Ookal Haveli, Warangal
- 5) Waddepalli, Warangal
- 6) Subedari, Warangal
- 7) St. Peter's Colony, Warangal
- 8) Dacharam, Karimnagar

**Institutions :**

- 1) St. Joseph's Hostel, Khammam
- 2) Vidya Niketan, Karunapuram
- 3) JNTU
- 4) St. Alphonse School, Karimnagar
- 5) Ookal School was established

**Rev. Fr. Pothireddy Papireddy**

Date of Birth : 13-01-1938

Date of Ordination : 12-04-1966

Village : Jagaihulgundla, Reddypalem

Parents : Innareddy - Shanthamma

Theological Studies at St. John's, Hyderabad



**Ministries served at :**

- 1) Kazipet Parish
- 2) Mattanpally Parish
- 3) Nagarjunasagar Parish
- 4) Godavarkihanni Parish
- 5) Narmetta Parish
- 6) Jagitital Parish
- 7) Raghunathpally Parish
- 8) Medical Leave
- 9) Retirement

**Rev. Fr. Y. Sebastian Reddy**

Date of Birth : 12-08-1938 at Jagaiahgundla, Wardhannpet Mandal, Warangal Dt. T.S.

Date of Ordination : 12-04-1966

**Ministries served at :**

- Fatima Church, Manugonda Parish  
Lourdu Matha Church, Thallada, Khammam  
St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Dornakal, Warangal  
New Mission Centre among the Tribes, Mahabubabad  
Presentation of the Lord Church, Shanthipuram  
St. Mary's Church, Subedari, Hanamkonda, Warangal  
St. Joseph's Church, Hanamkonda  
Infant Jesus Church, St. Peter's Colony, Hanamkonda, Warangal

**Hearty Congratulations to the Silver Jubilerians****1. Gali Rayappa Reddy**

Date of Birth : 06-05-1960

Date of Ordination : 15-04-1995 by Bishop Thumma Bala

Place : Devagiripatnam, Mulugu, Warangal

Parents : Late Gali Marreddy, Stanislusamma

**Ministries served at :**

- 1) St. Joseph's Church, Kazipet
- 2) Ghanpur Parish Priest
- 3) Lodi Assistant Director
- 4) Kanchanpally Parish Priest
- 5) St. Pius Seminary, Fatimnagar
- 6) Reddypalem Parish Priest
- 7) Muthangi, Hyderabad
- 8) Vailankanni Shrine, Diesel Colony, Parish



**Rev. Fr. Vatti Raja Reddy**

Date of Birth : 24-10-1958

Date of Ordination : 16-04-1991

Village : Pandilla

Parents : Chinnappareddy - Anasthasiamma

**Ministries served at :**

- 1) Dharmasagar
- 2) Hasanparthy
- 3) Rector : St. Pius X Seminary
- 4) Mahabubabad Parish
- 5) Thimmaraopet Parish
- 6) Narsampet Parish
- 7) Medical Leave

**2. One day seminar for Intermediate, Degree students and also ITI and Diploma students who have FCT scholarship**

In this JUBILLE YEAR OF MERCY the FCT is organizing one-day seminar for the FCT scholarship students (separately for girls and boys) who are studying Intermediate, degree, ITI and diploma courses. The FCT students who complete 10th class in April and will go to Intermediate for the academic year 2016-17 have to come for this seminar. At the end of seminar there will be written exam.

**Venue :** Jeevadhara Prayer center, Rampur

**Date :** 18th April (Monday) for girls

19th April (Tuesday) for boys

**Time :** 9 a.m to 4 p.m

**Registration fee:** Rs. 50/-

**Requirements :** Bible-Vishvasa Bodhini booklet and pen. This booklet is available in FCT office and we will also sell on the day of seminar at Rampur

There will be no FCT catechism exam for these students in the parish when we come for the 1st installment catechism exam in the month of May. But they have to come to take photo on the day of 1st installment catechism exam in their parishes.

Fr. G. Bala Martin

**3. CONFERENCE OF RELIGIOUS INDIA : WARANGAL UNIT**

This Holy Jubilee year of Mercy is filled with special Celebrations and pilgrimages, strong calls for conversion and repentance, and the opportunity to experience Gods Grace, to live out the loving mercy that God has for us, and to act in the same way to all those we meet. Our  
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Holy Father Pope Francis himself addressed this is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone, the way of forgiveness and Reconciliation. May the Mother of God open our eyes, and may she obtain for us the grace to experience this Jubilee of mercy as a faithful and fruitful witness of Christ.

As we all know on 6th March 2016 after the day of prayers, we together decided to go on a pilgrimage as our Holy Father Pope Francis is encouraging everyone to go for a pilgrimage during the extraordinary Jubilee year of mercy. During that meeting some of the members suggested that we organize a pilgrimage to Velangani, poondi ,and Chennai. Hence the Warangal CRI Unit is organizing the pilgrimage to the above mentioned places from April 13th at 8.30 p.m. departure and 17th April at 5 a.m. Arrival. I expect Co-operation from all the Religious communities.

Kindly give the number of Fathers/Sisters/Brothers coming for the pilgrimage from your communities, and their phone number, so that the train tickets and the bus arrangements can be made in time. The amount will be decided after making the arrangements. Any further information needed please contact respective Zonal leaders or Sr.Selvipillai. Phone No. 7032593595.

- Sr. Selvipillai fmm.

### **3. VOCATION CAMP-2016**

#### **Vocation Camp for those who are willing to join for the Diocese of Warangal**

I am happy to inform you that the Vocation Camp is arranged at St. Pius X Inter Diocesan Minor Seminary, Karunapuram from April 17th, to 21st, 2016.

Kindly note that vocation camp is arranged for all those who appeared /passed S.S.C, Inter 2nd year and above studies.

May I request the Parish Priests to motivate the young boys in our parishes and send the desiring candidates from good and practicing catholic families.

April 17th, 4pm to 21st noon 2016

St. Pius X Inter diocesan Minor Seminary (St. Xavier Seminary campus) Karunapuram-Warangal

- Items to Bring :**
1. Letter from the Parish Priest along with Baptism certificate
  2. The Bible, 3. Bed Sheets, 4. Pen and a note book.

**Note :** To recruit candidates to our diocesan seminary, Vocation camp is mandatory. However if there is any valid reason (like semester exams for the Engineering and other students) the candidates can approach the rector with the letter of parish priests.

- Rev. Fr. Thomas Kiran, Rector.

**Anniversary of Priestly Ordinations in April, 2015**  
**Hearty Congratulations !!**

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| 01. Rev. Fr. D. Vijaypaul   | 02-04-1992 | 36. Rev. Fr. Gopu Suresh       | 18-04-2005 |
| 02. Rev. Fr. Kasu Showreddy | 02-04-1992 | 37. Rev. Fr. T. Manohar        | 18-04-2005 |
| 03. Rev. Fr. N. Jesu Pathap | 02-04-1992 | 38. Rev. Fr. Thatikonda Joseph | 18-04-2005 |
| 04. Rev. Fr. Basani Prakash | 03-04-1983 | 39. Rev. Fr. T. Kiran          | 18-04-2006 |
| 05. Rev. Fr. Y. Papi Reddy  | 03-04-1995 | 40. Rev. Fr. Ch. Ravi Joseph   | 18-04-2006 |
| 06. Rev. Fr. G. Rayappa     | 04-04-1995 | 41. Rev. Fr. Gangarau Suresh   | 19-04-2012 |
| 07. Rev. Fr. T. Rayappa     | 06-04-1992 | 42. Rev. Fr. K. Marreddy       | 19-04-2012 |
| 08. Rev. Fr. G. Prakash     | 07-04-1992 | 43. Rev. Fr. N. Surender       | 19-04-2012 |
| 09. Rev. Fr. K. Vijay Kumar | 08-04-1985 | 44. Rev. Fr. S. Prabhakar      | 19-04-2012 |
| 10. Rev. Fr. P. Dasaiah     | 09-04-2007 | 45. Rev. Fr. T. Ashok          | 19-04-2012 |
| 11. Rev. Fr. E. Vijay Kumar | 09-04-2013 | 46. Rev. Fr. Y. Kiran Kumar    | 19-04-2012 |
| 12. Rev. Fr. T. Santhosh    | 09-04-2015 | 47. Rev. Fr. B. Anthony        | 20-04-1966 |
| 13. Rev. Fr. A. Shravan     | 10-04-2013 | 48. Rev. Fr. A. Bala           | 20-04-1993 |
| 14. Rev. Fr. T. Pradeep     | 10-04-2007 | 49. Rev. Fr. M. Naveen Kumar   | 20-04-2006 |
| 15. Rev. Fr. D. Prashanth   | 11-04-2007 | 50. Rev. Fr. N. Maria Joseph   | 20-04-2009 |
| 16. Rev. Fr. P. Papireddy   | 12-04-1966 | 51. Rev. Fr. G. Anand          | 21-04-2006 |
| 17. Rev. Fr. Y. Sebastian   | 12-04-1966 | 52. Rev. Fr. Basani Kishore    | 21-04-2008 |
| 18. Rev. Fr. S. Innareddy   | 12-04-1999 | 53. Rev. Fr. M. P. Joseph      | 22-04-1963 |
| 19. Rev. Fr. M. Raju        | 12-04-2010 | 54. Rev. Fr. M.M. Joseph       | 22-04-2001 |
| 20. Rev. Fr. P. Suresh      | 12-04-2010 | 55. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Inna       | 24-04-1989 |
| 21. Rev. Fr. G. Kamal       | 13-04-2010 | 56. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Lourdu     | 24-04-1989 |
| 22. Rev. Fr. T. Yaga Reddy  | 13-04-1998 | 57. Rev. Fr. N. Bala Swamy     | 25-04-2002 |
| 23. Rev. Fr. T. Augustine   | 13-04-1993 | 58. Rev. Fr. Y. Thomas Kiran   | 25-04-2002 |
| 24. Rev. Fr. T. Sunil       | 13-04-2009 | 59. Rev. Fr. M. Jaya           | 25-04-1994 |
| 25. Rev. Fr. G. Joseph      | 13-04-2015 | 60. Rev. Fr. T. Jerome         | 25-04-1988 |
| 26. Rev. Fr. G. Thomas      | 14-04-2008 | 61. Rev. Fr. Polumari Anil     | 25-04-2011 |
| 27. Rev. Fr. M Praveen      | 15-04-2008 | 62. Rev. Fr. K. Joseph         | 26-04-2011 |
| 28. Rev. Fr. Gali Rayappa   | 15-04-1991 | 63. Rev. Fr. B. Joseph Praveen | 26-04-2011 |
| 29. Rev. Fr. N. Sampath     | 15-04-2015 | 64. Rev. Fr. G. Bala Martin    | 27-04-1994 |
| 30. Rev. Fr. G. Naveen      | 16-04-2008 | 65. Rev. Fr. A. Raja           | 27-04-1988 |
| 31. Rev. Fr. V. Raja        | 16-04-1991 | 66. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Inna       | 28-04-1988 |
| 32. Rev. Fr. A. Inna        | 16-04-1993 | 67. Rev. Fr. T. R. Tharun      | 28-04-2003 |
| 33. Rev. Fr. T. Anthony     | 17-04-2008 | 68. Rev. Fr. Allam Vincent     | 29-04-1994 |
| 34. Rev. Fr. N. Vinod       | 18-04-2009 | 69. Rev. Fr. P. Kiran          | 30-04-2003 |
| 35. Rev. Fr. T. Joji        | 18-04-1996 |                                |            |

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“అతడు మన తప్పిదముల కొరకు గాయపడెను, మన పాపముల కొరకు నలిగిపోయెను”.

(యెషయా 53:5)

23-03-2016న ఘనపూర్ ప్రాంతీయ గురు మండలం (డీనిరి) నిర్వహించిన మహో సిలువయాత్ర ఎంతో విజయవంతంగా, ఎంతో భక్తివంతంగా నిర్వహించబడింది. ఉదయం 7.00 గంటలకే జీవధార ప్రార్థన కేంద్రం నుండి, స్టేప్స్ ఘనపూర్ మరియు జ్ఞానపురం విచారణల నుండి, తమ చుట్టూ ప్రకృత గురు మండల గ్రామాల నుండి విశ్వాసులు ఎంతో మంది ఆసక్తితో, ఉత్సాహంతో ఈ పాదయాత్రలో పాల్గొని కరుణాపురంలోని ఆరోగ్యమాత దేవాలయం చెంతకు భక్తి పాటలతో, ప్రార్థనలతో తమ హృదయాలను పరిశుద్ధ పరుచుకున్నారు.

మన వరంగల్ గురుపీరకాపరి మహో పూజ్య ఉడుముల బాల గారు ఆయా గురుమండలాల గురువులు మరియు ఈ మహో సిలువ యాత్రను ప్రారంభించడమే కాక అందరిని ఉత్సాహపరుస్తూ, ప్రోత్సాహిస్తూ, అన్ని బృందాల వారితో పాదయాత్ర చేశారు. ఇది అందరికి ఎంతో ఆత్మీయ అనుభూతిని కలిగించింది. 10:30 గంటలకు ఆరోగ్య మాతా దేవాలయం వద్ద నుండి మహో సిలువ యాత్ర, క్రీస్తు శ్రమల ఘుట్టల ధ్యానం ప్రారంభమైనది. క్రీస్తు శ్రమలతో పోల్చుకుంటే ఈ ఎండ అంత తీవ్రంగా ఉన్నట్లుగా అనిపించలేదు. సుమారు 4000 మంది విశ్వాసులు ఈ సిలువ యాత్రలో భక్తి పూర్వకంగా పాల్గొన్నారు.

12వ స్థలమును, ఈ కారుణ్య జూబిలి సందర్భంగా బాల యేసు పుణ్యక్షేత్రం కరుణాపురంలో ఏర్పాటు చేయబడిన (కారుణ్య జూబిలి) ద్వారం గుండా అందరు ప్రవేశించి పరిపూర్ణ ఫలాల కొరకు పరిశుద్ధ పాపగారి తలంపు కొరకు ప్రార్థించి, బిషప్ గారి పాప గారి ఆశీర్వాదంతో తృప్తిగా తీరిగి సిలువ యాత్రగా హోలి ల్యాండ్కి చేరుకున్నారు.

ఈ మహో సిలువ యాత్ర తదనంతరం “దివ్య సత్పుసాద ఆరాధనలో పాల్గొంటూ పాపోచ్చరణ దివ్య సంస్కారాని ఎంతో మంది ఆచరించారు. ఆ తరువాత బిషప్ గారి పూజా మరియు వాక్య పరిచయం నిర్వహించబడింది. అందులో పవిత్ర గురువారం ముందు రోజుని “గూఢచారి బుధవారం”గా పిలుస్తారని, యూదా ఇస్లామియోతు యేసును పట్టించాలని ప్రధానాచారులతో జరిపిన మంతలని చివరికి ధనవాహం ఏ విధంగా పశ్చాత్తాపమును, పరివ్రతనమును కలిగించ లేక ఉరివేసుకొని ఆత్మహత్య గావించుకున్నాడు. అలాగే మన క్రైస్తవ జీవితంలో విలువ లేని జీవితం వ్యర్థమని అభివర్ణించారు. సుమారు 2:00 గంటలకు మహో ఆశీర్వాదంతో ఈ పవిత్ర యాత్రను ముగించడం జరిగింది. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో అనేక మంది గురువులు, మరకన్యలు, స్తానిక ప్రజాప్రతినిధులు పాల్గొనడం అభినందనీయం.

పీఠాధిపతులకు, స్తానిక గురుమండల గురు పూజ్య ఫో. సుధాకర్ గారు ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో ప్రత్యేకంగా, మరియు పరోక్షంగా సహాయం చేసిన వారికి, పాల్గొని వారికి కృతజ్ఞత వందనములు చెల్లించారు.

## **ఫాతిమానగర్ డీనరి సిలువ మార్గం**

ఈ సంవత్సరపు పవిత్ర శుక్రవారపు స్లీవ మార్గం వరంగల్ పీతాధిపతులు మహో ఘన పూజ్య ఉడుమల బాల గారి ఆధ్వర్యంలో కథిడ్రల్ విచారణ గురువులైన ఫొం. బాలశారి గారి నేతృత్వంలో భక్తి ప్రపత్తులతో నిర్వహించబడింది. సుబేదారి పారీవ్ గురువులైన రెవ. ఫొం. డి. రాజు గారు తమ పారీవ్ చర్చి నుండి ప్రారంభమైన యా మహో సిలువ యాత్రకు తమ ప్రజలను సిద్ధపరచిన తీరు ప్రశంసనీయం. ఫాతిమానగర్, సుబేదారి, వరంగల్ కథించిన కులు మహో ప్రవాహంలాగా వేలాది మంది స్లీవ వెనుక భక్తి శ్రద్ధలతో ప్రార్థనా పూర్వకంగా సాగిన తీరు అద్భుతం రెవ. ఫొం. జెరోమ్ గారు తమ గంభీరమైన ఉపదేశంతో, పాటలతో సిలువ యాత్రను చక్కగా నిర్వహించారు. వితరణ శీలురు అక్కడక్కడా మంచి నీళ్ళు ఏర్పాటు చేశారు.

పసి పిల్లలు వృద్ధులు కూడా యింత సుదీర్ఘ మార్గంలో నడచుకుంటూ నిమ్మకంగా వచ్చిన తీరు చూసేవాళ్ళు అచ్చేరు వొందేలా చేసింది. ఫాతిమా కథిడ్రల్ ఆవరణలో చేరిన భక్త జన సందోహస్తున్న ప్రశంసా పూర్వకంగా దీవించారు మేత్రాణుల వారు. ఎవ్వరూ అలిసిపోలేదు షైపెచ్చు దేవునికి యా మహో యాత్రకై వందనాలర్పించారు.

## **వరంగల్ ఫీర్టం**

### **ఫాతిమామాత తిరునాళ్ళ (త్రిచిన) మహాత్మవం**

మార్చినెల 11, 12, 13 తేదీలలో ఓరుగల్లు పీర కేంద్ర స్థానమైన ఫాతిమానగర్ జన సంద్రమైంది. ఫాతిమా కథిడ్రల్ దేవాలయం కన్నుల పండుగగా భక్తులను అహోనించింది. క్రొవ్వోత్తులు వెలిగించి ప్రార్థించే భక్తులు, కొబ్బరి కాయలు కొట్టి దండం పెట్టుకునే భక్తులు, తలనీలాలర్పించే భక్తులు, చర్చిలో దివ్య పూజలో మనసారా పాల్గొని, మోకరించి మౌనంగా ప్రార్థించే భక్తులు - వెరసి మాటల కందని భక్తి పారవశ్యం.

**మొదటి రోజు (11-03-2016):** ఉదయం 10.00 గంగాల నుండి మధ్యాహ్నం 1.00 గంగాల వరకు బెంగళూరు నుండి వచ్చిన రెవ. ఫొం. సాముయేలు (CPPS) మరియు వారి బృందంచే దైవ వాక్య పరిచర్య జరుపబడింది.

**రెండవ రోజు:** అనగా 12వ తేది ఉదయం 10.00 గంగాల నుండి రెవ. ఫొం. సాముయేలు బృందంచే వాక్య పరిచర్య, స్తుతి ఆరాధన, స్వస్థతా ప్రార్థనలు దేవాలయంలో నిర్వహించబడ్డాయి.

సాయంత్రం 4.30 నీల నుండి ఫాతిమామాత దివ్య స్వరూపముతో ఫాతిమానగర్ పుర వీధులలో ప్రదక్షణ సాగింది. జపమాల ప్రార్థనతో, భక్తి గీతాలతో ప్రజలంతా ఆస్తితో పాల్గొన్నారు. అనంతరం విశాల ప్రాంగణంలో ఏర్పరచిన వేదికపై ఓరుగల్లు పీతాధిపతులైన మహో ఘన పూజ్య ఉడుమల బాల గారు, విచారణ గురువులు రెవ. ఫొం. సింగారెడ్డి బాలశారిగారు, గురు బృందంతో సమర్పించే దివ్య పూజాబలిలో పాలుపంచుకోవటానికి భక్తులు ఎంతో ఆసక్తి కనబరిచారు. రెవ. ఫొం. ఏరువ సెబాస్టియన్ గారి గాయక బృందం మధుర గీతాలు ఆలపించారు. మేత్రాణుల వారు తమ సందేశంలో ఫాతిమామాత మనందరి రక్షణార్థమై పదే ఆరాటాన్ని ప్రతి ఆత్మ రోణ పొందాలనే దేవుని లక్ష్మీన్ని నెరవేర్చే దిశగా అప్పుడప్పుడు దర్శనాలిచ్చి మనల్ని పోచ్చరించే ఉధ్యోగమైన తెలిపారు. ఫాతిమా మాత “శతవత్సరాల” వేదుకలు ప్రారంభమయ్యాయని ప్రకటించి, కారుణ్య జూబిలీ వత్సరం, మరియుమాత జూబిలీ సందర్భంగా మేత్రాణన స్థాయిలో వివిధ కార్యక్రమాలు జరుపుటకు మనమంతా సిద్ధం కావాలని తెలిపారు. భక్తి శ్రద్ధలతో అన్ని కార్యక్రమాల్లోనూ పాల్గొంటున్న భక్తులందరికి

ప్రేమ పూర్వకంగా దేవుని దీవెనలందించారు. పూజానంతరం క్రొవ్వోత్తుల ప్రదక్షణతో దేవాలయ ప్రాంగణంలో దివ్య సత్ప్రసాద ఆశీర్వాదం జరిగింది.

అనంతరం రాత్రి 9.00 గం||లకు విజయవాడ కళాదర్శిని, స్థానిక పారశాలల బాల బాలికలచే దైవ సంబంధమైన వివిధ సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమాలు నిర్వహించబడ్డాయి. ముఖ్యంగా కళాదర్శిని వారి “మదర్ తెరీసా” సృత్య రూపకం ప్రేక్షకులను ఆకట్టుకుంది. ముఖ్య అతిథులుగా విచ్చేసిన మేత్రాణులవారు, విచారణ గురువులతో పాటు, అనేకమంది గురువులు, మరహసినులు, సాధారణ క్రిస్తువులు యా వేడుకలను కన్నుల పండువగా తిలకించి, ఆధ్యాత్మికానందాన్ని పొందారు.

**మూడవ రోజు :** అనగా 13వ తేదీ ఉదయం 6.30 ని||లకు దేవాలయంలో రెవ. ఫా॥ రహీంద్ర గారిచే ఆంగ్రంలో దివ్య పూజ చేయబడింది. ఈ పూజకు కాజీపేట విచారణగాయక బృందంచే మధుర గీతాలు ఆలపించారు. అనంతరం విశాల ప్రాంగణంలోని వేదికపై ఉ॥ 8.30 ని||లకే బైబిల్ క్రీజ్స్ లో విజేతలకు, సంక్లేషమం విజేతలకు బహుమతి ప్రధానం చేయబడింది. ఉ॥ 9.00 గం||లకు ఆనాటి ముఖ్య అతిథులైన విశాఖ అగ్రహీరాధిపతులు మహో ఘనత వహించిన మల్లవరపు ప్రకార్ గారు, ఓరుల్ల పీరాదిపతులు మహో ఘనత వహించిన ఉడుమల బాల గారు, విచారణ గురువులు రెవ. ఫా॥ సింగారెడ్డి బాల శౌరిగారు, పూజ్యాలైన గురుపుంగవులందరితో కలిసి సమర్పించిన దివ్యబలి పూజ వేలాది మంది భక్తులను పునీతం చేసింది. పసి బిడ్డలతో సహో ప్రతి ఒక్కరు భక్తి శ్రద్ధలతో, తాదాత్మతతో పాల్గొనటం - చూసే వారిని చకితులను చేసింది.

విశాఖ అతి మేత్రాణుల వారు తమ సందేశంలో “మరియతల్లి ఎలిజబేతమ్మ గర్భవతియని దూత ద్వారా విన్న వెంటనే దూరాన్ని లెఱ్చి చేయుకుండా ఆమెకు సహాయంగా వెళ్లిందని, మనం కూడా అవసరంలో, ఆపదలో, భాధలో వున్నవారిని గురించి విన్న వెంటనే స్పందించి, సహాయం చేయాలని, అదే అసలైన కరుణ అని చెప్పారు. మరియ తల్లి నుండి మనం నేర్చుకోవలసింది సర్వకాల సర్వాప్సలందు దేవునికి విధేయించటం” అన్నారు. అస్సిని విచారణ గాయక బృందం చక్కని పాటలు పొందారు.

అనంతరం ఖమ్మం, పాలేరు విచారణ కర్తలు రెవ. ఫా॥ యం. స్లీవమ్మ గారి ఆధ్వర్యంలో ప్రదర్శింపబడిన దైవ భక్తి ప్రపూర్ణమైన కోలాటం భక్తులను ఉప్రాతలూగించింది.

ఉదయం 11.30 ని॥ నుండి సాయంత్రం 4.30 వరకు రెవ. ఫా॥ డి. జోస్ఫ్ బృందంచే స్వస్థతా ప్రార్థణలు, దివ్య సత్ప్రసాద ఆరాధన జరుపబడ్డాయి. అనంతరం సాయంత్రం 5.30 ని||లకు రెవ. ఫా॥ రెడ్డిమాను పాపయ్య గారిచే ఫాతిమా గాయక బృందం పాడుచుండగా సమర్పించబడిన దివ్య పూజ అనంతరం ఉత్సవ పతాకం అవసతం చేయబడింది. 7.00 గం||లకు ఓరుగల్లు కథోలిక యువతకు నాటిక, బృంద సృత్యాల్లో పోటీలు నిర్వహించబడ్డాయి. దైవ సంబంధమైన అంశాలనే తీసుకొని వారు ప్రదర్శించిన తీరు అబ్బార పరిచింది. ముఖ్య అతిథులైన మేత్రాణుల వారు, విచారణ గురువులు యువతను ఎంతో ప్రోత్సహించారు. మేత్రాణుల వారు తమ సందేశంలో “మీ మీద నాకు నమ్మకం కలుగుతుంది. మీరు తిరుసభకోసం నిలబడగలరనే నమ్మకం కలుగుతోందంటూ అభినందించారు. అనంతరం బహుమతులనందించి, అందరినే దీవించి, అధికారికంగా “ఫాతిమా తల్లి ఉత్సవం ముగిసిందని ప్రకటించారు.

భక్తి ప్రపత్తులతో, సంతోషదాయకంగా యా ఉత్సవాల్లో పాల్గొన్న భక్తులు - ఆత్మానందంతో తమ తమ గృహాలకు తరలి వెళ్ళారు.

## కరీంనగర్ డీనర్ మహా సిలువ యాత్ర (19-03-2016)

కరీంనగర్ చరిత్రలోనే కనివిని ఎరుగని విధంగా జనాల మధ్య మొట్ట మొదటి మహా సిలువ యాత్ర చెరగని ముద్రవేసింది. ఓరుగల్లు పీఠాదిపతులు మహా పూజ్య శ్రీ ఉడుమల బాల గారి ఆధ్వర్యంలో దీన ఫా॥ మరియు ఇతర గురువులు మరకన్యలు దాదాపుగా 2500 మంది విశ్వాసులు ఈ సిలువ యాత్రలో పాల్గొన్నారు. నాటకీయంగా ప్రార్థనా పూర్వకంగా జరిగిన ఈ సిలువ యాత్ర క్రీస్తుకు బలమైన సాక్ష్యమిచ్చింది. క్రీస్తు సిలువ శ్రమలను కనుల పండువగా జరిగింది. కరీంనగర్లో ఉన్న విశ్వాసులు, వీధి వీధి కదిలింది గ్రామ గ్రామాలు కథంతొక్కాయి. ఎంతోమంది త్రస్తవేతరులు క్రీస్తు శ్రమలను అస్క్తితో తిలకించారు. ఈ యాత్ర త్రస్తవల్ని నిద్ర మేల్కొల్పి, ప్రతి సంవత్సరం క్రీస్తుకు సాక్ష్యమిస్తూ కార్యక్రమాలను చేపట్టాలని ప్రేరణ కల్గించింది. ఎన్నో వ్యయ ప్రయాసాలకు లోనై విజయవంతంగా నిర్వహించిన నిర్వహకులకు ఎంతో సంతృప్తినిచ్చింది.

యాత్రనంతరం పాపోచ్చరణ సంస్కరం, దివ్య ప్రసాద ఆరాధన దివ్య పూజాబలి సమర్పణలతో ప్రజలు సామూహిక విందులో పాల్గొని, ఎండను కూడా లెక్కచేయక క్రీస్తు శ్రమల్లో భాగం పొందగల్లినందుకు ఆనందంతో వారి వారి విచారణలకు వెళ్ళిపోయారు. దేవునికి స్తోత్రం!

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2016

Pope Francis' coat of arms Please remember the Holy Father Pope Francis' intentions in prayer through the month of April:

#### General Intention : Small Farmers

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

#### Evangelization : African Christians

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

### Office-Bearers of the CBCI

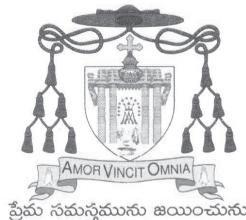
His Eminence Cardinal Baselios Cleemis, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, has been re-elected as the President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI).

Most Rev. Andrews Thazhath, Archbishop of Trichur and Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa, were also re-elected as CBCI Vice-President I and Vice-President II, respectively.

Most Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas, Auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Ranchi, was elected as the Secretary General. He replaces Most Rev. Albert D'Souza, Archbishop of Agra, who has served as the CBCI Secretary General for the past six years.

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To  
The Pastoral Clergy  
Diocese of Warangal

Dear Fathers,

**Sub: Pilgrimage cum Annual Retreat**

As I had already communicated to you, this year Pilgrimage cum Annual Retreat is arranged at Franciscan Centre for Peace and Dialogue (FCPD) Retreat Centre, run by Franciscans – Conventuals at Angamaly, Kerala.

**Place of Residence:** FCPD Retreat Centre, Angamaly

**Dates:** 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

Date of Onward Journey: 9<sup>th</sup> Evening by Train

Date of Return Journey: 14<sup>th</sup> Evening by Train

**NB:** i) All the Pastoral Clergy who would like to make this Retreat are requested to give their names in writing / email to the Procurator or Secretary by **April 15, 2016**.

ii) Once Tickets are booked, no cancellation, please.

iii) For those who do not opt this Retreat, there is a possibility of other Retreats:

- 1) June 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- 2) November 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 organized by FIATMISSION at Vailankanni Basilica Retreat Centre, Vailankanni. Kindly make your own arrangements to make the Retreat. The diocese will reimburse fare of General / III AC by train / bus besides the retreat fee.

Kindly inform the Bishop regarding making the Retreat at Vailankanni.

**I wish you a Blessed Easter and pray for the Risen Lord's special blessings on all of you.**

With prayerful wishes,

+ Udumala Bala  
Bishop of Warangal



## DIOCESE OF WARANGAL

### Transfers / Appointments with effecton or before April 30, 2016

|                                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Sebastian        | Retirement   |
| 2. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnappa        | Pastor, Wardhannapet   |
| 3. Rev. Fr. Boyapati Leeno          | Pastor, St. Peter's Colony   |
| 4. Rev. Fr. Pudota Prakash          | Spiritual Director, St. Xavier's Major Seminary,<br>Karunapuram                    |
| 5. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Lourdu           | Pastor, Sagaram  |
| 6. Rev. Fr. Thirumalreddy Augustine | Director, Christu Jyothi Engineering College,<br>Jangaon                           |
| 7. Rev. Fr. Mekala Anand            | Pastor, Kazipet  |
| 8. Rev. Fr. Allam Vincent           | Pastor, Pasara   |
| 9. Rev. Fr. Golamari Rayappa        | Pastor, Venkatapur   |
| 10. Rev. Fr. Thumma Yagareddy       | Director, Bishop Beretta Hostel (Additional<br>Charge)                             |
| 11. Rev. Fr. Singareddy Innareddy   | Pastor, Husnabad and H.M. & Correspondent<br>of St. Joseph's High School, Husnabad |
| 12. Rev. Fr. Thumma Kiran           | Pastor, Ookal  |
| 13. Rev. Fr. Basani Kishore         | Diocesan Director of Divya Vani TV Channel &<br>Signis                             |
| 14. Rev. Fr. Gangarapu Naveen Kumar | Pastor, Malkapur   |
| 15. Rev. Fr. Macherla Raju          | H.M. & Correspondent of St. Thomas High<br>School, Jammikunta                      |
| 16. Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Joseph      | Chancellor& Procurator and Secretary of<br>Warangal Diocesan Society               |
| 17. Rev. Fr. Nagothu Maria Joseph   | H.M. & Correspondent of St. Paul's School,<br>Jangaon                              |
| 18. Rev. Fr. Edara Vijay Kumar      | Pastor, Athmakur   |
| 19. Rev. Fr. Thumma Santhosh        | Pastor, Dacharam   |
| 20. Rev. Fr. Narisetti Sampath      | Assistant, Veleru Parish & St. Francis School &<br>Hostel                          |
| 21. Rev. Fr. Golamari Ranjith       | Assistant, Pastoral Centre   |
| 22. Rev. Fr. Salibindla Mahipaul    | Assistant, Appannaapet & St. Mary's School<br>& Hostel                             |
| 23. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Papi Reddy      | Ministry in USA  |
| 24. Rev. Fr. Devarapu Sudhakar      | Ministry in USA  |
| 25. Rev. Fr. Narisetti Balaswamy    | Ministry in USA  |

With Wishes for fruitful Ministry

FATIMA VANI - APRIL - 2016

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## *Mass Committed to Bishops House*

|            |                                   |     |        |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----|--------|
| 03-02-2016 | Venkatapuram Parish               | 60  | Masses |
| 11-02-2016 | Reddipalem Parish                 | 250 | Masses |
| 11-02-2016 | Vailankanni Shrine, Diesel Colony | 125 | Masses |
| 11-02-2016 | Kazipet Parish                    | 38  | Masses |
| 11-02-2016 | Manugonda Parish                  | 120 | Masses |
| 27-02-2016 | Christu Jyothi Ashramam           | 167 | Masses |
| 04-03-2016 | Thimmaraopet Parish               | 152 | Masses |
| 12-03-2016 | Fatima Cathedral                  | 500 | Masses |
| 24-03-2016 | Christu Jyothi Ashramam           | 172 | Masses |

## *Birthdays in April - 2016*

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Fr. Salibindla Arogya Reddy    | 09/04/1972 |
| Fr. Thirumalareddy Tharunkumar | 10/04/1975 |
| Fr. Nagothu Vinod Kumar        | 10/04/1979 |
| Fr. Thumma Ashok               | 12/04/1985 |
| Fr. Pentareddy Johnpaul        | 14/04/1967 |
| Fr. Yeruva Lourdu              | 20/04/1961 |
| Fr. Golamari Ranjith Kumar     | 20/04/1987 |
| Fr. Allam Shravan              | 22/04/1985 |
| Fr. Marapalli Praveen          | 24/04/1980 |

*Forget the past; look forward to the future,  
for the best things are yet to come.*

## Chrism Mass at Fatima Cathedral



Triduum  
and  
Easter  
visil  
Mass at  
Cathedral



Easter Mass at Devunoor Hill, Dharmasagar Parish

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## GHANPUR DEANERY SILUVA YATRA

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