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Divyavani 6th Anniversary Celebrations, Ramanthapur



Vailankanni Arogya Maha Feast Celebrations,
Diesel Colony Parish



Arogyamatha Church Feast at Pallegudem Parish,
Khammam Diocese



Meeting with Presbytarium of Khammam Diocese



Welcome & Farewell Mass, Divine Mercy Cathedral, Khammam Diocese



Felicitating His Lordship by TCBC for being elected as
Apostolic Administrator of Khammam Diocese



TCBC Extraordinary Meetings, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad

Introduction

October is the Month of MISSION, CHRISTIAN MISSION OF EVANGELIZATION. Today with ‘Mission Kakatiya and Mission Bhagiratha’, the term Mission is very popular! The Church as a whole and each of us individually is ‘called and sent’ out as the apostles (Mk 3:14 & 6:7). India was blessed with the arrival of St. Thomas planting the seed of the Good News of Jesus. It is nearly 2000 years and the number of Christians in India is around 3 percent only. Whatever might be God’s will, the Church continues her Main MISSION of evangelizing, that is proclaiming the Good news of Jesus Christ ‘in season and out of season’. Began with St. Thomas in the very 1st century, it flourished with the arrival of St. Francis Xavier in the 16th century spreading to many parts of India. Christ’s values seeped into the culture of India though the number of the people baptized are very few. There are many and different social, cultural, political, religious and communal reasons. The need of the Mission is dialogue with Hindu Religion with the two main festivals of October, Dasara and Diwali.

**Indian Mythological Festival Dasara**

“Dasara, derived from the Sanskrit Dasha-hara meaning, “remover of bad fate,” is among the most important festivals celebrated in India. The feast brings back memories of our magnificent past revealing our true culture. Dasara, also written Dussehra is celebrated with great excitement and vigour. There are different stories in different regions of India regarding Dasara. Huge effigies of demon king Ravana stuffed with firecrackers are prepared in advance along and set ablaze on the auspicious day of Dussehra. The whole event is filled with a lot of rejoicing, clapping, and distributing sweets. The festival marks the victory of good over evil, therefore also known as “Vijaydashmi”. It is followed by Navratri, the nine-day festival. The festival of Dussehra brings hope that the demonic forces are destroyed with the burning of Ravana an epitome of evil. It gives the message that a new era has begun. An era where there is no deceit and betrayal. It is also more a cultural festival, a feast of ‘nature than Religion’!

Deeveli brightest Hindu legends in India

As well known to us, Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated around twenty days after Dussehra. The feast gets its name from the row (*avalii*) of clay lamps (*deepa*) that, Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that is meant to protect them from spiritual darkness. The feast of Diwali has many stories of folklore! Principally, it is a time when one throws light on the wisdom one gained and welcome a new beginning. When true wisdom dawns, it gives rise to celebration. For the one who is not enlightened, Diwali comes only once a year, but for the wise, Diwali is every moment, everyday! On Diwali one should light the lamp of love in heart; the lamp of abundance in home; the lamp of affirmation to build a person’s self-image; especially the lamp of dialogue to build relationships; the lamp of forgiveness to bring about reconciliation; the lamp of knowledge to dispel the darkness of ignorance, and the lamp of gratitude for the abundance that God has bestowed on us.

Communalism

India is well-known for its culture of harmony and peace, especially religiously tolerant. Unfortunately, today it is a fact that there is a revival of religious communalism and communal politics, which often gets erupted into communal violence. It has been complained that the minority communities especially the Christians in Indian society feel insecure. At times it seems that the tensions between the majority and minorities are going to destroy the very foundation of the existence of India as a nation and as a sovereign, socialist, secular republic state! Indian politicians and political parties too indulge in communal politics. All those who are concerned about the future of the country are called upon to address the issue of communal clashes and suggest ways for religions to conduct themselves in the pluralistic situation of India. One of the basic facts to be taken into consideration is that Indian society is multi-lingual, multi-religious and multi-cultural. The plurality of religious faiths has produced a diversity of communities with separate and distinctive identities, each religious community having its own creed, cult, pattern of conduct and culture. Each community has developed its own socio-political interests and this has often resulted in rivalry and inter-religious conflicts. This does not mean either that plurality of faith is bad or that religions stand in the way of communal harmony. We need to accept the differences of faith and live together respecting one another's differences, which, in fact make India unique and glorious!

Inter-Faith Dialogue Main means of Evangelization

We associate light with God, Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Our greatest Liturgical celebration, the Easter Vigil, opens by lighting a Paschal Candle from new fire and acclaiming the Light of Christ. Light is beautiful mystical and mysterious—like God! Jesus, Light of the world, illumine me, so that, I, in turn, may light up the lives of others.

Beginning with '*Ecclesiam Suam*' of St. Paul VI, the Second Vatican Council's most important document of '*Nostra Aetate*' many papal encyclicals as well as documents produced by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, by Bishops' Conferences and by Congregations within the Vatican (e.g. the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith) published documents promoting Inter-religious dialogue. Cardinal Arinze, President, Prefect of the Pontifical Council, for Inter-Religious Dialogue, wrote to Hindus, on Diwali, October 27, 2000: Dear Hindu Friends, "Diwali, or Deepavali, is the Hindu festival of lights. One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. During the celebration, temples, homes, shops and office buildings are brightly illuminated."

It is Pope John Paul II who, during his last journey to India, reminded us once again that the "Catholic Church wants to enter ever more deeply into dialogue with the religions of the world. She sees dialogue as an act of love which has its roots in God himself. It is true that religions have become a source of strife in several parts of the world including India. But religions, if properly understood and followed can instead of disrupting inter-religious harmony, provide spiritual motivation towards building communal harmony. Inter-Faith Dialogue is the most powerful means of Evangelization in today's India!"

Wishes for Mission Month with Dasara and Diwali!

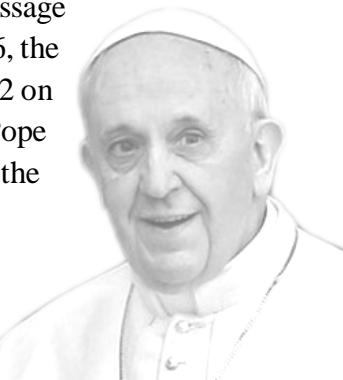
II. HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION: FOR A CHURCH OPEN TO EVERYONE

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome always living in an atmosphere of Synodality.

III. POPE'S MESSAGE FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2022

“Every Christian, a witness to Christ in daily life”

Pope Francis releases his message for World Mission Day 2022, celebrated on 23 October, and urges all Christians to proclaim Christ's message of salvation in every aspect of our daily lives. Ever since 1926, the Church has celebrated World Mission Day, which falls in 2022 on 23 October. As the Church marks the Epiphany on Thursday, Pope Francis released his message for the occurrence focused on the theme: “You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8).



‘You shall be my witnesses’

The Pope reflected on three foundations of “the life and mission of every disciple”. The first, he said, is “the call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ,” calling it the “heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples.” Pope Francis said Christ was the first to be sent to proclaim, as the Father’s missionary and as His “faithful witness.” “Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.”

Living in a missionary key

The Pope said each baptized Christian is called to carry out the Church’s mission in a communitarian way, even in the ordinary activities of our daily lives. Christians, he added, are sent on mission by the Church in Christ’s name, and never under our own initiative. He noted that Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs, since “the witness of Christians to Christ is primarily communitarian in nature.” “The disciples are urged to live their personal lives in a missionary key: they are sent by Jesus to the world not only to carry out, but also and above all to live the mission entrusted to them; not only to bear witness, but also and above all to be witnesses of Christ.” Missionaries, said Pope Francis, proclaim the Good News of God’s salvation in Christ, not their own abilities or persuasive qualities. “In evangelization,” he added, “the example of a Christian life and the proclamation of Christ are inseparable. One is at the service of the other.”

‘To the ends of the earth’

Pope Francis went on to consider a second foundation of the Christian mission: “to the ends of the earth.” He said the early disciples gradually expanded the scope of their mission, and

lived an image of the Church “going forth” and guided by divine Providence, not the desire to proselytize. As they faced persecution, early Christians fled their homelands, taking the Gospel with them to new countries, something which happens in our own day. Pope Francis added that the phrase “to the ends of the earth” also challenges modern Christians to proclaim Christ to those who have still not encountered Him. “Christ’s Church will continue to “go forth” towards new geographical, social and existential horizons, towards “borderline” places and human situations, in order to bear witness to Christ and His love to men and women of every people, culture and social status.”

‘Power from the Holy Spirit’

The Pope then turned to the third foundation of mission: “You will receive power from the Holy Spirit”. He said the Spirit broke the bonds of the Apostles’ fear in the first days after Jesus’ death and resurrection. The Spirit prompted St. Peter to give his missionary address to people in Jerusalem, as recounted in Acts, kicking off an “an era in which the disciples of Jesus evangelized the world.” Pope Francis added that Christians are only able to bear “full and genuine witness to Christ the Lord with the Spirit’s inspiration and assistance. “All Christ’s missionary disciples are called to recognize the essential importance of the Spirit’s work, to dwell in his presence daily and to receive His unfailing strength and guidance. Indeed, it is precisely when we feel tired, unmotivated or confused that we should remember to have recourse to the Holy Spirit in prayer.” Prayer, said the Pope, plays an important role in the missionary life, since it “allows us to be refreshed and strengthened by the Spirit as the inexhaustible divine source of renewed energy and joy in sharing Christ’s life with others.”

Notable missionary anniversaries

Pope Francis then said that 2022 sees several notable anniversaries in the Church’s missionary spirit. The first is the 400th anniversary since the establishment of the Sacred Congregation De Propaganda Fide, now the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. This year also marks the 200th anniversary of the foundation of Society for the Propagation of the Faith by a young French woman, Pauline Jaricot, who will be beatified in 2022. Pope St. Paul VI granted the Society the status of “Pontifical” 100 years ago, along with the Association of the Holy Childhood and the Society of Saint Peter the Apostle. Pope Francis prayed that the local Churches will “find in these Societies a sure means for fostering the missionary spirit among the People of God.”

New era of Christian mission

In conclusion, the Pope expressed his dream to see a “completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities.” “Would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, and missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth! Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us!”

IV. ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS (OCT. 1)



“Only” a young saint, since she died when she was just 24; the saint of Simplicity and love; the saint of trusting abandonment to God’s will. These are the qualities that make Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus so dear to the hearts of today’s young people, as the large number of them who came to Paris attested, and as the Pope said when he announced the imminent proclamation of Theresa of Lisieux as a Doctor of the Church: The message of St Theresa, a holy young woman so present in our times, is of particular interest to you, young people. In the school of the Gospel she indicates to you the path of Christian maturity. She calls you to an infinite generosity; she invites you to remain in the heart of the Church as disciples and ardent witnesses of Christ’s charity. John Paul II’s decision surprises, however, for a very special reason: the contrast between Theresa’s holiness and that of the other Doctors of the Church whom she joins. Throughout the centuries the Church has given the title of Doctor to only 32 of her children, to stress their holiness of life and orthodoxy, but above all their great theological wisdom generally confirmed by monumental works. Thirty men and only two women, until now, one of whom, the Carmelite (like St Theresa of Lisieux) Teresa of Avila, a great reformer and prolific writer. Well: before these examples, the wisdom of the young woman whom the Pope points out today as an example for young people, stands out even more: the author of only three books, written by hand on school exercise books, at the request of her superiors, to all practical purposes not destined for publication; and yet, as soon as they were known, they immediately became real best-sellers. The summary of the spiritual experience of a soul that still attracts attention. The miracle of Saint Theresa.

V. FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS (OCT. 2- SUNDAY)

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death. The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus’ words in Matthew

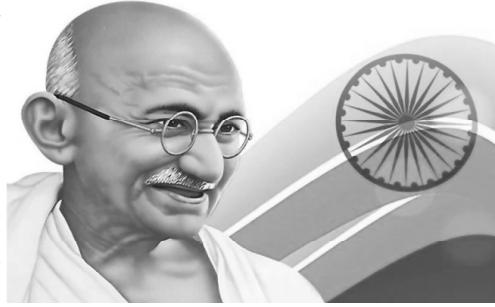


18:10 best support the belief: “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day. A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar. Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God’s enduring love and providential care extended to each person day in and day out.

VI. GANDHI JAYANTI 2022 (OCT. 2)

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on 2nd October every year to mark the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, who was famously known as Mahatma Gandhi. Father of the Nation, as he was called, led India’s freedom movement along with many other national leaders against the British rule in India. His method of non-violence inspired many civil rights movements across the world. To celebrate his contribution to the nation, 2nd October is celebrated every year as a national holiday. The day is also celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence by the United Nations.



VII. FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (OCT. 4)

St. Francis has won the love and the admiration of so many generations, by living the Gospel and presenting poverty, chastity and obedience with the purity and strength of a radical, loving and personal witness. His “universal brotherhood” is expressed in his love for his “brothers” – men and women, rich and poor, sick and healthy, faithful and sinners, believer and unbelievers, for animals and all nature - and reveals to us a soul in which God is undivided, a soul nourished by the truths of the Catholic faith and abandoned completely to Christ. His lifestyle inspired by the Gospel, his commitment to imitating Christ, his message of an authentic being who knew how to reach peace with God, with himself, with others, and with creation is still relevant for today’s people.



The central message of St Francis was to lead the Christians of his time and of successive generations the desire of Gospel lived “sine glossa”, in an authentic manner, fully and sincerely, convinced that it is only to the one who strives to live integrally that he reveals his perfect happiness. Love of Francis for God becomes the source of the love for his brothers and all of creation. Love for all creatures is a reflection of Francis’ love for the Creator.

VIII. FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY (OCT. 7)

Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto - a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus’ life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary’s giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as “the apostle of the rosary.” He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to its present form - with the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.



The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Bees remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

IX. ST. JOHN XXIII (OCT. 11)

Born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli at Sotto il Monte, Italy on 25 November 1881, Pope John XXIII was elected Pope on October 28, 1958. He died June 3, 1963 in Rome and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 3, 2000. Angelo was the fourth child of 14, born to pious parents. His religious education was entrusted to his godfather, who instilled in him a deep love and admiration of the mystery of God. He entered the minor seminary in 1892 at the age of 11, became a Secular Franciscan in 1896 and in 1901 he entered the Pontifical Roman Seminary. On being ordained in 1904, he was appointed secretary to the bishop of Bergamo and taught in the seminary. His great friends among the saints during this formative period were St. Charles Borromeo and St. Francis de Sales, two outstanding intellectuals and also formidable pastors. In 1925 Pius XI made him a bishop and sent him to Bulgaria as the Apostolic Visitator. For his Episcopal motto he chose Oboedientia et Pax. During the Second World War he used his diplomatic means to save as many Jews as he could by obtaining safe passage for them. He was created cardinal and Patriarch of Venice in 1953 and was a much loved pastor, dedicating himself completely to the well being of his flock. Elected Pope on the death of Pope Pius XII, he was an example of a ‘pastoral’ Pope, a good shepherd who cared deeply for his sheep. He manifested this concern in his social encyclicals, especially *Pacem in Terris*, “On peace in the World.” His greatest act as Pope however was undoubtedly the inspiration to convoke the Second Vatican Council, which he opened on October 11, 1962. Pope John’s spirit of humble simplicity, profound goodness, and deep life of prayer radiated in all that he did, and inspired people to affectionately call him “Good Pope John.” He was canonized by Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square on April 27, 2014, alongside the man who beatified him, Pope St. John Paul II.



X. ST. TERESA OF AVILA (OCT 15)

St. Teresa of Avila lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer. As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man’s world of her time. She was “her own woman,” entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.



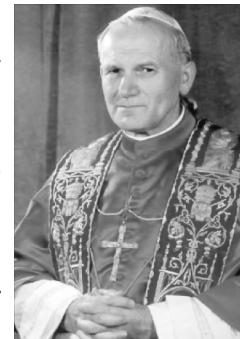
XI. FEAST OF ST. LUKE (OCT. 18)

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D. Luke appears in during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several year until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesar. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles: 1) The Gospel of Mercy 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation 3) The Gospel of the Poor 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit 6) The Gospel of Joy.



XII. ST. JOHN PAUL II (OCT. 22)

"Open wide the doors to Christ," urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978. Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his Mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later. Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations. John Paul II promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, especially the 1986 Day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi. He visited Rome's main synagogue and the Western Wall in Jerusalem; he also established diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel. He improved Catholic-Muslim relations, and in 2001 visited a mosque in Damascus, Syria. The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul's ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy.



XIII. FEAST OF STS. SIMON AND JUDE (OCT. 28)

However meagre in details is the history of these glorious apostles, we learn from their brief legend how amply they contributed to this great work of generating sons of God. Without any repose, and even to the shedding of their blood, they “edified the body of Christ”; and the grateful Church thus prays to our Lord today: “O God, through the work of the apostles you have spoken your Word of love, your Son, into our world’s deafness. Open our ears to hear; open our hearts to heed; open our will to obey, that we may proclaim the good news with our lives.” St. Simon is represented in art with a saw, the instrument of his martyrdom. St. Jude’s square points him out as an architect of the house of God. St. Paul called himself by this name; and St. Jude, by his Catholic Epistle, has also a special right to be reckoned among our Lord’s principal workmen. But our apostle had nobility, far surpassing all earthly titles: being nephew, by his father Cleophas or Alpheus, to St. Joseph, and legal cousin to the Man-God, Jude was one of those called by their compatriots the brethren of the carpenter’s Son. We may gather from St. John’s Gospel another precious detail concerning him. In the admirable discourse at the close of the last Supper, our Lord said: “He that loveth Me, shall be loved of My Father: and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.” Then Jude asked Him: “Lord, how is it, that Thou wilt manifest Thyself to us, and not to the world?” And he received from Jesus this reply: “If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My word. And the word which you have heard is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.” The churches of St. Peter in Rome and Saint-Sernin at Toulouse dispute the honor of possessing the greater part of their holy remains.



XIV. DEEWALI: FESTIVAL OF LIGHT (OCT. 24)

Deewali, also known as Deepawali, is the Hindu festival of lights which is celebrated by Indians all over the globe. Diwali is not only significant because of its massive popularity and brilliant displays of fireworks but also because it symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, of good over evil and of knowledge over ignorance. On this day, diyas, candles and lamps are placed all around the house, to ‘light’ the way to knowledge and victory. Each house is decorated with various assortments of colored lights and diyas. The entire country is bathed in the soft glow of light and warmth emanating from every household, making it a truly wondrous sight to behold. The celebration of Dipawali also serves as a cleansing ritual, one that signifies letting go of all of the past year’s worries and troubles and stepping into the light. In the days leading up to Deepavali, families get together to clean, renovate and decorate their respective households and workplaces with rangolis and diyas. Deevali marks the onset of winter and the beginning of all things new, both in nature and humanity.



XV. BISHOP'S SCHEDULE IN OCTOBER, 2022

- 1 : FCT Children Camp Fatimanagar Deanery, Fatima Cathedral
2 : Seminar for Young Girls & Boys by FCT at Jeevadhara Prayer Centre, Rampur
2-8 : Warangal diocese Annual Retreat for Clergy (Second Group) at Mount Don Bosco Retreat Centre, Ooty, Tamil Nadu
9 : am Holy Rosary Feast, Yellandu, Khammam Diocese
pm Holy Eucharist on the Closing Day of Provincial Chapter of Missionaries of Mary Mediatrix Congregation, Karunapuram
10 : Warangal Office
11 : Khammam Office
12 : 11.00 am Dedication and Inauguration of Lingagudem Church, Penubelli Parish, Khammam Diocese
14 : Prayer Meeting at Ravinuthala, Khammam Diocese
17 : Warangal Office
18 : Khammam Office
19 : 11.00 am Christu Jyothi College, Reddigudem, Khammam Diocese
21 : Warangal Office: Office for the Consecrated
23 : Dedication & Inauguration of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Chinnapendial, Karunapuram Parish
24 : Dedication & Inauguration of St. Joseph's Church, Kazipet Parish
25 : 10:30 am Priestly & Diaconate Ordinations of OCD Congregation Brothers at St. Francis Xavier Church, Kothagudem, Khammam Diocese
Pm Blessing & Inauguration of the Church at Kothannargudem, Thallada Parish, Khammam Diocese
28 : Warangal Office
30 : First Holy Communion & Confirmations, Parkal Parish
31 : Concluding Month of Holy Rosary, Fatimanagar

November 2022

- 1 : All Saints' Solemnity- 10:30 am Nuthankal Parish, Khammam Diocese
2 : All Souls' Day- Fatimanagar Cemetery
3 : Warangal Office
4 : Khammam Office
6-11 : CBCI Meeting, Bangalore
11-12 : CCBI Plenary Assembly, Bangalore
14 : 10:30 am Children's Day Celebrations at Bishop Thumma Bala High School, Bachannapet
15 : 11 am Thanksgiving Mass on the occasion of DPMT Congregation III Provincial Chapter, Fatimanagar

XVI. COMMUNICATIONS

1. World Mission Sunday:

This year's MISSION SUNDAY is very special because of various jubilees: We celebrate the Quadracentennial (400th Anniversary) of the foundation of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples; the Bicentenary of the founding of the Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of the Faith (POP); and the Centenary of the "Pontifical" designation of three of the four Pontifical Mission Societies (The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of the Faith, The Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood & The Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle). This is also the year that the Church beatified our beloved foundress, Blessed Pauline Marie Jaricot in Lyon, France this past May 22nd. These milestones are great incentives for all of us to continue with renewed zeal and commitment in missionary animation and financial support.

The Holy Father's message for the World Mission Day 2022 with the chosen theme, reminds us of our joyful mission commitment: YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES (Acts 1:8). Pope reflects on three key phrases, namely, (1) 'You shall be my witnesses,' - The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ; (2) 'To the ends of the earth,' - The perennial relevance of a mission of universal evangelization; and (3) 'You will receive power' from the Holy Spirit – The significance of being strengthened and guided by the Spirit.

I request your kind self for a more meaningful and creative celebration of this world event in our parishes and institutions, to ignite the spirit of mission in all of us. Let it help us not to forget the baptismal commitment towards Missionary Charity through prayers and generous contribution to the Universal Solidarity Fund, as is needed for our Mission and the World Mission. At this juncture, let us pray for the International PMS for their financial support towards our diocesan pastoral needs and projects.

The Mission Sunday 2022 materials, as well as Missionary Childhood 2023 materials were dispatched as required by the Diocese. Please collect them from the Pastoral Centre!

Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala
Bishop of Warangal

2. October is the Month of Rosary: As we are aware that the month of October is dedicated to our Lady of Holy Rosary. All Parish Priests and Heads of institutions are requested to observe it devoutly and make sure that in all Churches and Chapels the Rosary is recited every day.

3. Annual Clergy Retreat (Second Group): All the Priests are requested to take note of the Annual Retreat for (Second Group) 2022 is from October 2nd to 8th, 2022 at Mount Don Bosco Retreat Centre Kotagiri, Ooty. All those who are attending this retreat make note of it and follow accordingly.

4. NEWS from Lodi MSSS: "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone" R. Reagan. **1. Emergency Relief to flood affected Communities in Manthini Mandal:** With the support of Caritas India, Lodi MSSS has given food kits to 200 families

who were terribly affected due to heavy floods. The food kits contain – 5 Kgs of Rice, 1 kg Toor Dal, Cooking Oil 1 lit, Tamarind 1kg, Salt 1kg, Atta 1kg, Pasupu 1kg and Soaps 2. The program was attended by Mrs. P. Usha , State Officer of Caritas India, Fr. D. Vijaya Paul and FR. Thomas , Parish Priest of Manthini, Sarpanch – Pushpa- Ventakaswamy, Lodi Staff and other local leaders. This support was very much appreciated by all and covered in the local newspapers too.

II. Nutritious Food kits to the HIV Children and Covid affected children & families:

We have distributed food kits consisting of food materials – Rice, Dhall, Green Grams, Jaggery, Soaps, Wheat powder, Gold drop oil, Kabuli Channa and etc to 150 children. These HIV Children were also supported with cloths and educational supplies.

III. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalised rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and NRM in Kodakandla Mandal.

1. 80 farmers promoting natural farming in 80 acres of land and preparing and using waste decomposer, Jeevamrutham, vermi compost to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients and to control pest .2. Distributed revolving loans of Rs.3,60,000 to 12 women for promotion of milk animals 3. 10 women were trained on promotion of milk animals, livestock, and fodder development and veterinary care to enhance secondary income and nutrition of the target families with milk yield.

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

1. Linkage meeting was organized with selected 40 farmers and explained about the government department schemes on agriculture, horticulture departments, spice board etc. In the meeting Mr. Mukteshwar, AO, Fr. Vijay Paul Reddy, Director of Lodi MSSS, Mr. Ram Reddy, Farmer leader, KKS staff and other farmers were participated.

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

5. News from the Pastoral Centre:

1 Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday and Fourth Saturday i.e. on 10th and 24th of September 2022. On 10th eight 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. CRI Warangal unit meeting was held in Pastoral Centre on 10th Sep. I celebrated Mass for the group. It was really good program for CRI and there was good number of Participants from all CRI. Denary level recollection was held on 14th Sep at Pastoral Centre. Preacher for the day gave a beautiful reflection on following Jesus. Denary fathers shared their views and we had meaningful Adoration and Confessions.

3. TCC (Telugu Catholic Council) meeting was held at St. John's Regional Seminar, Ramanthapur, HYD on 15th Sep. TCC members of Warangal Diocese participated in this

program and our Bishop Most. Rev. Dr. Udu mala Bala was also present for the meeting. TCC shared Regional Synod Report and we had discussion on the report.

4. Our Bishop Most. Rev. Dr. Udu mala Bala encouraged and with his permission Pastoral Centre formed eight Teams in the synod process to make every one participatory so that the activities of the Pastoral Centre will carry on. They are 1. Prayer Team 2. Charismatic Team 3. Bible Team 4. Catechism Team 5. Catechists Team 6. MPC Team 7. Animators Team 8. Pastoral Centre Team.

5. Charismatic Team from Pastoral Center had organized special Word of God, Adoration, Healing service and Mass in Athmakur Parish and Dacharam Parish. Rev. Fr. G. Ranjith Parish Priest of Athamkur and Rev. Fr. T. Santhosh Parish Priest of Dhacharam had taken special interest in inviting us and organizing this program in their parish. In Athmakur parish the program was on 18th Sep and in Dacharam Parish the Program was on 25th Sep. Good number of faithful participated and faithful really appreciated the team. Special thanks to PC Charismatic team N. Praneel and team.

6. Voluntary Animators meeting was held on 29th Sep. All those who are interested in Evangelization, Re-Evangelization and New evangelization took part in this meeting to train up for evangelization in the parishes to help the parish priests in evangelization.

7. Jangaon denary children FCT meeting was held on 30th Sep in Raganadpally. With the invitation of the denary fathers I was given the topic on Bible to take a session. It was nice meeting which helped the children to grow in faith.

Note: 1. Gnana Jyothi Bible Exam for the year 2022(Jyotirmai Bible Exam) will be conducted on 6th November 2022. If anyone interested please do contact me as early as possible. Please do encourage in your parishes and institutions. Prizes will be given.

2. Please place an order for the Calendars for the year 2023. If you want religious articles for Kothakala pandagalu and Christmas 2022 please place an order. Candles for November are also available.

3. Mission Sunday for this year is on 23th October 2022 that is Fourth Sunday of the Month. Fathers please do collect Mission Sunday covers from Pastoral centre. If any need them please do contact me.

4. Marriage preparation course is conducted in pastoral center on every second and fourth Saturday. As per the instructions given by Most Rev. Dr. Udu mala Bala, Bishop of Warangal please do not celebrate marriage without the certificate of MPC.

5. Please do promote Evangelization and New Evangelization in the parishes (Easy way is to visit and form prayer group and evangelization. I am always ready to help you. Please do use my services in this regard and All Spiritual activities.

Fr. G. Kamal, Director, Pastoral Centre

6. Teachers' day celebrations at St. Anthony's High School L.M.D: Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5 every year in India to acknowledge the contribution of the teachers in the society. The day marks the birth anniversary of India's second President and first Vice President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. We celebrated teachers' day on 5th September 2022.

The students of classes IX & X acted as one day teachers. We invited .Fr. R. Thomas, Fr. T. Santhosh, Fr. Kiran Kumar and Fr. Srikanth as our chief guests. The celebration began at 10; 30 AM. We paid homage to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan by offering flowers in front of his photo and we honored St. Mother Theresa by garlanding her photo. Students from nursery to 10th class put up a beautiful cultural program with dances and songs. Students expressed their gratitude and love to their teachers by giving gifts. The speeches of our guests made the students to know the importance of the teachers in the society. The previous day we organized Volley Ball and throw ball game between the teachers and students. We conducted Rangoli Competition for all the female teachers. Special fun games were conducted for the teachers and highlight of the day was – Tug of War game between the staff. We gave prizes to all the winners. Teachers' day was colorful and joyful.



Fr. G. Suresh, H. M. & Correspondent

7.FCT Scholarship Desk: During Dasara holidays, Childrens' camp was conducted at deanery level. I would like to thank the Deans, the Deanery fathers and the Religious for conducting successfully and meaningfully the camps for our children for their faith formation.

a. FCT Children Camp at Ookal Deanery: With the instructions of FCT office we have conducted one day Children's camp for the FCT Scholarship School Children on 26th September 2022 at Maheshvaram Parish. The Camp began at 10.30am, around 185 children attended the camp. We arranged talks on sacraments and on Prayer and Values. Sr. Jayaprada, Sr. Karuna and Mr. Kalapala Praveen were the resource persons for this Camp. We had also cultural programmees after the Eucharistic Celebration and the camp ended with Lunch. We remembered and Prayed for the Sponsors who are helping our children with their spiritual and financial help. Thanks to Fr. Bala Martin the Director & FCT office members.

Fr. G. Naveen, Dean of Ookal

b. News from Karimnagar Deanery: On the advice of FCT office, we conducted one day Bible camp for all the catholic children of 13 parishes in our lady of Lourdes church campus on 27 September. In all 195 children participated from class 4th to 10th, mostly FCT, few non FCT as well. Classes were given on sacraments, particularly confession and communion. The importance of reading Bible, prayer, Sunday Mass participation etc were given importance. Fr. Santhosh, Fr. Suresh, Sr. Joseph Mary were the resource persons. All the communicants made good confession. All the children were made to sit in groups to learn prayers, refresh their memories of Catechism learned in the past. Deanery fathers, sisters and the laity have helped us in a big way for the success of the camp. The program ended with games, prize distribution and Tea at 5:00 pm. Thanks to our FCT office for this great opportunity.

Fr. R. Thomas, Dean of Karimnagar

c. FCT Children Camp at Karunapuram Deanery: On Sept. 29, 2022 at day of seminar was organized for the children of Karunapuram deanery at Jeevadhara Retreat Centre, Rampur.

Students studying from 5th to 10th Class who have FCT scholarship participated. There were 600 students and 50 parents present for the seminar. As per the instructions given by Rev. Fr. BalaMartin, Director of FCT office, in the first session Fr. Ramesh, taught children about the Sacraments and their importance in the lives of children and Christians. Later Fr. Marapally Praveen, led a session teaching about the importance of Holy Bible and important figures in the Bible. At 1:00 pm delicious lunch was served for all the participants. After the lunch break, we conducted cultural session. At 3:00 pm we had con-celebrated Holy Mass. In homily Fr. Gopu Prakash taking the Gospel reference of Jesus blessing little children, motivated children to grow in Christ to achieve their goals. At. 4:30pm we had concluding ceremony of the Seminar in which other priests from different parishes participated. Fr. Marapally Praveen expressed a sense of gratitude and thanks to God for the giving such a wonderful day and to Most Rev. Dr.UdumalaBala, bishop of Warangal, to Fr. Bala Martin and to all the parish priests who were present and who encouraged children to participate in the seminar along with parents.

Fr M.Praveen, Dean of Karunapuram

8. Annual Retreat 2022 Report: THE THREE HEARTS OF LOVE

Returning from the Pandemic and entering the normalcy of life, spiritually, psychologically and economically of the faithful and the Universal Church, the Diocese of Warangal has arranged Spiritual Annual Retreat 2022. There are two groups to make the Annual Retreat. The first retreat is arranged between the dates September 25, 2022 (Sunday) to September 30, 2022 at the Bishop's House Fatimanagar.Rev. Fr. Michael Clement SAC, who presently is working as the Director of Millinium High School, Mucharla, Warangal has preached us this Annual Retreat. With his vast knowledge and experience both locally and globally, he has helped us during this spiritual journey. The clergy and the religious who have participated in this retreat are 35.The major areas he has helped us in reflecting is **THE THREE HEARTS OF LOVE**. In this he has helped us to reflect on three topics as the base:

. Priesthood, Priesthood and its demands, and Examples from the lives of Saints. During these days of retreat we had three talks/reflections, including during the Holy Eucharist, Holy Devotions. Thank you Rev. Fr. Michael for your service of preaching during this spiritual journey. I thank our Bishop for choosing an apt preacher and helping us to draw spiritual strength from the Eucharistic Lord. I thank all those who have worked directly and indirectly during these days of Annual Retreat 2022.

Fr. Prashanth Reddy D

President CDPI – Warangal.

Birthday Babies in October

Fr. Kommareddy Vijaya Kumar	06-10-1955
Fr. Pentareddy Kiran Kumar	08-10-1977
Fr. Gade Prashanth	08-10-1987
Fr. Gopu Thomas (Jr)	10-10-1981
Fr. Singareddy Prabhakar	10-10-1982
Fr. Varghese Kariyil	11-10-1931
Fr. Bellamkonda Joseph Praveen	25-10-1983
Fr. Yeruva Inna	28-10-1961
Fr. Pentareddy Raja	29-10-1961



Public Honoring of St. Mother Teresa, Fatima Junction, Fatimanagar



Warangal Diocese Annual Retreat for Clergy (First Group), Fatimanagar



Felicitation Mass to Most Rev. Antony Poola, Cardinal



Warangal Diocese Annual Retreat for Clergy (First Group), Fatimanagar



FCT Children Camp, Jangaon Deanery



FCT Children Camp, Ookal Deanery



FCT Children Camp, Karimnagar Deanery



FCT Children Camp, Karunapuram Deanery



St. Micheal Church, Sulangar Parish Feast Celebrations,
Khammam Diocese



Blessing & Inauguration of Maria Bambina Church
Mallaram Village, Thallada Parish, Khammam Diocese



Our Lady of Holy Rosary-Pray For Us

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