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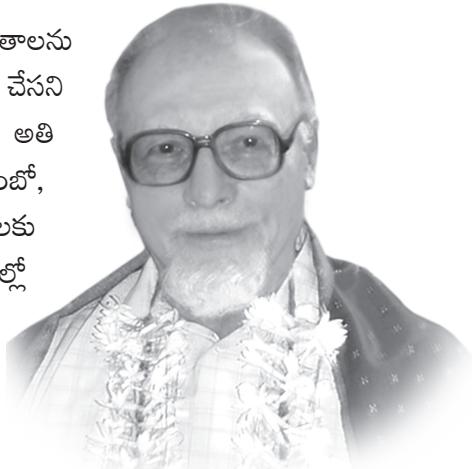
## 10<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Augusto Colombo



## I. చీనజన ఉద్ఘారకుడు - కారుణ మిషనరి

పేదల జీవితాల్లో వెలుగు నింపిన కరుణామయుడు

నిరుపేద బతుకులను అక్కున చేర్చుకుని వేల మందికి కొత్త జీవితాలను ఇచ్చిన పేదల పెన్నిధి, తన జీవితకాలం నిర్విరామంగా పని చేసని శ్రవ్యేక జీవి, గొప్ప సువార్త ప్రచారకులు, ప్రజాబంధువు, అతి సామాన్యమైన జీవనశైలి కలిగిన కరుణామూర్తి ఫాదర్ కొలంబో, వరంగల్, నల్గొండ, కరీంనగర్, ఖమ్మం జిల్లాలోని నిరుపేద ప్రజలకు ఆధ్యాత్మిక బోధనలతో పాటు ఆర్థికంగా ఆదుకుని వారి జీవితాల్లో కొత్త వెలుగులు అందించిన మహానీయుడు ఫాదర్ కొలంబో.



అలుపెరుగిని శ్రమజీవి : ఇటలీ నుండి ఇండియాకు

కొలంబో ఉత్తర ఇటలీలో కోమో సమీపంలోని కాంతులో

1927లో జన్మించారు. ఆయనకు ఇద్దరు అన్నాదమ్ములు,

నలుగురు అక్కాచెల్లెళ్ళు ఉన్నారు. కొలంబో 82 ఏండ్రు జీవితంలో 59 ఏండ్రు గురుజీవితం ధన్యత, ధన్యంలా సుదీర్ఘ ప్రయాణం ఓ మహాప్రసాదంగా కొనసాగింది. కొలంబో బాల్యం నుంచి చదువులో చురుగ్గా ముందుండేవారు. తత్వశాస్త్రాన్ని ఫోధించి గొప్ప సువార్తాకులగా పేరుతెచ్చుకున్న ఘనత ఆయనకుంది. కొలంబో 23 ఏండ్రు వయసులోనే గురుపట్టాభిషేకం పొందారు. సువార్త ప్రచారం నిమిత్తం ఫాదర్ కొలంబో ఫాదర్ ఆంటోనీతో కలిసి ఓ చిన్న పడవలో భారతదేశానికి వచ్చి మైదానాలలో వెరుకున్నారు. మొదటిసారిగా ఖమ్మం జిల్లా బయ్యారంలో ఫాదర్ సిల్వ్ సహాయక గురువుగా 1953 నుంచి 55 వరకు సేవ చేశారు. అనంతరం 1955 నుంచి 59 వరకు పొద్దుటూరు విచారణకర్తగా, ఆ తర్వాత బనిగండ్లపాడు విచారణకర్తగా 1959 నుంచి 71 వరకు సుదీర్ఘంగా సేవలందించి ఖమ్మం శివారు నాయుడుపేటలో భూమిని కొనుగోలు చేసి వ్యవసాయ క్షేత్రాన్ని స్థాపించారు. సూర్యపేటలో ఆనంద విద్యామందిరం, నిర్మల ఆస్పత్రి స్థాపించారు. వరంగల్లో మహా ప్రసాదం : ఖమ్మం జిల్లాలోనే తన అపార సేవల అనంతరం ఓరుగల్లుగడ్డ మీద అదుగుపెట్టారు. స్నేహం ఘన్వపూర్ ఆనాడు పెద్ద ప్రాముఖ్యం లేని ప్రాంతం. అయితే 1972లో ఆ ప్రాంతంలో తీవ్ర కరువుకాటకాలు విలయతాండవం చేస్తున్న నేపథ్యంలో కొలంబో సాధారణ గురువుగా ప్రజలకు వద్దకు వచ్చి పేదల జీవితాల్లో వెలుగులు నింపారు.

**జీవనాధార బాటలు :** కరువుతో అలమటిస్తున్న ప్రజలకు కొలంబో అతితక్కువు ఖర్చుతో దోలు కుట్టే కార్యక్రమానికి శ్రీకారం చుట్టి వేలాది మందికి జీవనాధారం కల్పించారు. ధర్మసాగర్ మండలంలో పెద్ద పెంచ్యాలలో కరుణ నిలయాన్ని నిర్మింపజేశారు. ప్రజల శ్రేయస్తు కోసం ఆస్పత్రి, విద్యా సంస్థలు సైతం స్థాపించారు.

**లోడి సంస్కర్తో సాంఖ్యిక సేవ :** కొలంబో ఇటలీ దేశంలోని లోడి అనే చిన్న నగర ప్రజల నుంచి ఆర్థికసాయాన్ని పోగుచేసి లోడి అనే సాంఖ్యిక సేవా సంస్థను స్థాపించారు. ఈ సంస్థలో రైతులకు ఆర్థిక సాయంగా ఇవ్వడం, పేదలకు ఆర్థిక సాయం చేయడం, మహిళలకు ఉపాధి కల్పించారు.

**ఎఫ్సిటీ :** ఫాతిమా చారిటబుల్ ట్రస్టును ఫాదర్ కొలంబో 1978 సంవత్సరంలో స్థాపించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమం ద్వారా కూడా, గుడ్డ, వైద్యం, గృహ నిర్మాణ సేవా కార్యక్రమాలు నిర్వహించేందుకు, విద్యార్థులు చదువుకునేందుకు అర్థికసాయం చేశారు. నేడు కూడ పదివేల మంది విద్యార్థులకు చేయుతనిస్తుంది.

**విశ్వకరుణ సంఘం :** ఎఫ్.ఎమ్.ఎమ్. / ఎమ్.ఎమ్.సి. మరవాసీనుల సహకారంతో 1980 సంగాలో ఫా॥ కొలంబో గారు విశ్వకరుణ సంఘాన్ని స్థాపించారు. ఈ సంఘము ద్వారా అవసరులో ఉన్నవారికి వైద్య సేవలనందించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమాలన్నీ ఉచితంగా నిర్వహించారు. వీరు స్థాపించిన 10 కుష్టరోగ కీల్నిక్లలో సుమారు 13 వేల మందికి పైగా కుష్టరోగులు ఆదరణ, ఆరోగ్యం పొందారు.

**నిర్మల హ్యండి క్రాష్ట్ ట్రైనింగ్ సెంటర్ :** వరంగల్ జిల్లా, ఘనపూర్లో 1975 సంగాలో నిర్మల హ్యండి క్రాష్ట్ ట్రైనింగ్ సెంటర్ను ఫా॥ కొలంబో గారు స్థాపించారు. ఈ సంఘము ద్వారా కుట్టుపని, ఎంబ్రాయిడరీ, లేన్ అల్లిక, ఆకులపై ఆర్పు రండాలలో వేలమందికి ఉచితంగా శిక్షణ నిచ్చి ఎన్నోవేల కుటుంబాలకు జీవనాధార చూపించారు.

**బాల వికాస :** శ్రీమతి బాల థెరిస్ట్ జింగ్రాన్ స్థాపించిన బాలవికాస సంస్థ సుమారు 10 సంగాల పాటు వరంగల్ పీర ఆర్ధవర్షంలో నడిచింది. ఆ కొంతకాలం పాటు ఫా॥ కొలంబో గారు బాలవికాస పనికి బాలవికాసను అభివృద్ధి చేయడంలో కీకల పొత్తను పోషించారు.

**వైద్య సేవ :** వరంగల్ హంటర్ రోడ్స్‌లో ఉన్న మెడికేర్ సెంటర్ను కొనుగోలు చేసి ఎంతో మంది పేదలకు వైద్య సేవనందించారు. ఫాతిమానగర్లో నవదృష్టి కంటి హస్పిటల్ను కట్టించారు. ఉచితంగా కంటి చికిత్సను వేలమందిని క్రీస్తు బాటలో నడిపించారు.

**సువార్తీకుడు, సంఘసేవకుడు :** ఇవే కాకుండా ఇంకా ఎన్నో సేవా సంస్థలను స్థాపించారు. వృద్ధాప్యంలో కూడా ఆటంకం అనుకోకుండా నవ యువకుడిగా సైకిలు తొక్కేవారు. చీకటి పడగానే ఊర్లకు వెళ్లిపూజలు నిర్వహించేవారు. ఇటలీలో పుట్టి మన ప్రాంతానికి వచ్చి వేలాది మంది ప్రజల శ్రేయస్సు కోసం తను జీవితాంతం కృషి చేసిన వ్యక్తిగా చరిత్రలో నిలిచిపోయారు.

**తుదిశ్వాస :** డిపాల్ ఫా॥ అగస్టో కొలంబో, పి.ఐ.ఎం.బి. గారు అకస్మాత్తుగా ఆగష్టు 30వ తేదీన 2009 రోజు రాత్రి కేరళలో స్వర్గస్తులైనారు. వారి కోరిక మేరకు తేది 02-09-2009 దివ్యపూజా అనంతరం వారి విచారణ కరుణాపురంలో బాలయేసు దేవాలయ ద్వారా మంటపం వద్ద వారి భోతికకాయాన్ని కుగురు పీరకాపరులు, సుమారు 200 మంది గురువులు, 400 మంది కన్యాస్త్రీలు, 20 వేల మంది ప్రజలు, అనేక ప్రభుత్వాధికారులు, మరియు రాజకీయ నాయకుల సమక్కంలో భూస్థాపితం చేయబడింది.

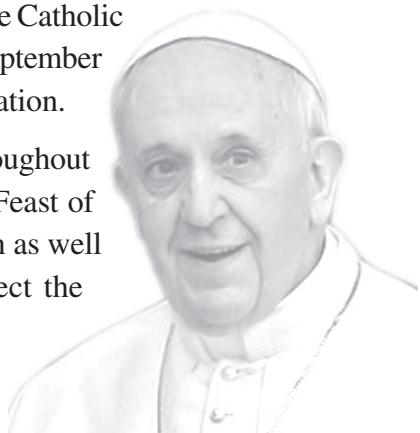
**ప్రజల హృదయాల్లో పదిలం :** నన్ను విశ్వసించువాడు మరణించిన జీవించును (యోహసు 11:25). స్వర్ధంలోనే గాక ప్రజల హృదయాలలో సజీవంగా ఉన్నాడాయన. ఆయన కన్న “నెరవేరని కలలు” కొన్ని మిగిలే ఉన్నాయి. కుష్టరోగుల పునరావాస భూములు, WIMS మెడికల్ కాలేజిలాంటి వాటిని బతికించుకుండాం. నాటి సాధనలో ఆయన ప్రేరణ, ఆదర్శం మనకు బలాన్నిస్తాయి. ఆ యజ్ఞసాధనలో ఏదుష్టశక్తులైనా ఎదురిద్దాం. అదే మనం ఆయన దశమ వర్ధంతి సందర్భాన పరంగల్లు ప్రజలు అర్పించే నిజ నివాళి, జయజోహర్లు! స్వగ్రహించి స్వామి అమర్ రహేగా!

## **II. Pope Francis on Caring for Our Common Home**

The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1 September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The Season of Creation or Creation Time is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

- “We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family.”
- “The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish.”
- “Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years.”
- “We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us.”
- “The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth’s goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit.”
- “Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.”



### **A Prayer for our Earth**

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

### **III. Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development**

On the occasion of the International Day of Biodiversity and in anticipation of the fourth anniversary of Laudato Si', the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development invites you to prayerfully consider caring for creation as part of your pastoral leadership.

Caring for creation protects the inheritance the Creator has given us, an inheritance that is essential to our well-being. As Pope Francis said in Laudato Si', "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it." (LS 139) Protecting this inheritance is a way of fulfilling our role as the stewards of creation; as Pope Benedict XVI said in a meeting with the Diocese of Bolzano-Bressanone, "the task of 'subduing' it was never intended as an order to enslave it but rather as the task of being guardians of creation and developing its gifts."

In fulfillment of this role as the guardians of God's creation, we extend a particular invitation to join the ecumenical family in celebrating the Season of Creation. During the Season of Creation, which runs from September 1 to October 4 each year, Christians unite in praying and acting together to care for our common home.

September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, was proclaimed by the Patriarch Dimitrios I for the Orthodox in 1989 and endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015. The season that begins on that date and lasts until October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, is widely embraced. Cardinal Turkson, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, and many others have supported this season.

An ecumenical steering committee provides resources to celebrate the Season of Creation, and proposes a theme for each year. The theme for 2019 is "the web of life," a theme that connects our role as the stewards of God's creation with the urgent need to protect biodiversity. This theme has important connections to this October's Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazonian region.

More information about the Season of Creation, its connection to the synod, and the wealth of resources available is in the attached overview. I encourage you to share this with all of your parishes.

I am praying for you and all those in your diocese, and I ask that you pray for me.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

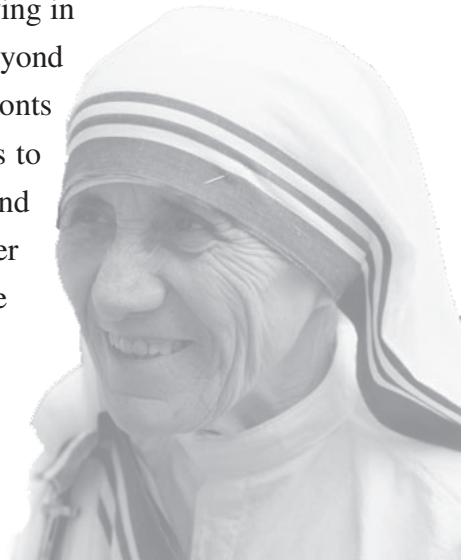
**Msgr. Bruno Marie Duffé**

**Secretary**

**Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development**

#### **IV. Saint Teresa of Calcutta - September 5**

“Mother Teresa imitated Christ and her life was a lesson in love. As she personally tended the sick and the dying in Calcutta’s slums, she helped people there and beyond see the material and spiritual poverty that confronts modern society. She taught all from youth groups to governments through piety and charm, wisdom and simplicity. As small and soft-spoken as she was, her reach was large and her message heard around the world. She saw Jesus in everyone from the child in the womb, to the sick and vulnerable, especially those afflicted with AIDS, to the aged and dying abandoned in the streets of Calcutta. She urged people everywhere to reach beyond themselves to heal those hurting about them. Mother Teresa transcended cultures and politics as she spoke of God’s call to love and assist the poor. She had a profound realization that anyone she was with immigrant, alien, president or prime minister, was first of all a Child of God and intrinsically worthy of respect. Her life will stand as a reminder to all of us that we are called to care for one another and especially that we are called to respect and aid the poorest among us. God blesses the world with wonderful treasures certainly Mother Teresa has been one of the finest of our century.”



“Mother Teresa’s life proved that the only real revolution in human affairs flows from service to others and self-sacrifice out of love for Jesus Christ. She was a champion of the unwanted, from the outcast of Calcutta to the unwanted unborn of America. She was the genius of the little way of doing great things. Above all, she was in every sense a woman of the Gospel: strong in forgiving, tender to the poor, in love with Jesus Christ, and a servant of His Church. May God welcome her into eternal light and joy, and may the work of her sisters here in Colorado and around the world thrive on the legacy of mercy and Christian love she leaves with us.



## **V. Teacher's seed a life time of Knowledge - September 5**



In India, Teacher's Day is celebrated every year on 5th September as a mark of accolade to the part played by the teachers in the society. 5th September is the birth anniversary of a great mentor Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who was a grand advocate of edification, and was the distinguished envoy, academician, and India's President, above all a great Teacher.

Teacher's Day is one of the events that is looked up by the students and the teachers in a similar way on this juncture it is the teachers who are praised. On this day, students comprehend how important is the role of a teacher in a student's life. Teachers should always be respected. Teachers need support and encouragement

from the society to sense that their fidelity to scholars is treasured and cherished. In India, on the eve of Teachers Day, the National Awards are given to the Teachers by the President of India on 5th September. The award is given as a public gratitude to praiseworthy teachers working in the primary schools, middle schools and secondary schools.

Even according to our Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi "Teaching is not a profession, a way of life". Further he added that teaching is not a profession but "Jeevan Dharm" (a way of life) and asked teachers to understand changes happening across the world to prepare the new generation accordingly. In fact it is a divine responsibility to guide and enlighten. He also said that India should regain the status of 'Vishwaguru' (leader in education) by giving high respect to teachers whom he asked to encourage students to think critically about issues concerning nation. He told that Teachers determination and sincerity will shape the destiny of the nation as they are laying the foundation and the building blocks of the society.

## **VI. Birth of Mary: Girl Child Day - September 8**

Mary was born to be the Mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of heaven and of earth, all grace is given to men. Through her, by the will of the Trinity, the unbelieving receive the gift of faith; the afflicted are tendered the works of mercy; and the members of Christ grow in likeness of their Head. In Mary all human nature is exalted. We rejoice

in her birthday, as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary. Birth of Mary : On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.

## VII. Our Lady of Good Health - September 8

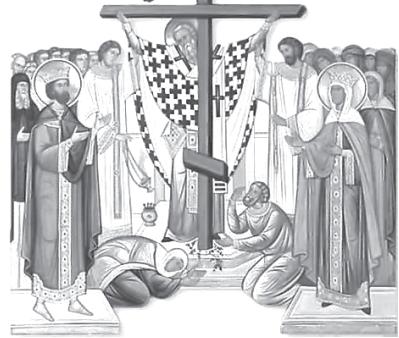
There are three major events associated with Our Lady of Good of Health in Vailankanni. The Virgin Mary is said by tradition to have appeared to a shepherded boy named Tamil Krishnannesti Sankaranaranayam who offered her child milk. She is subsequently said to have appeared to and healed a crippled boy selling buttermilk. A group of Portuguese sailors attribute being saved from a violent storm to her intercession. They constructed a larger chapel at their landing spot in Vailankanni. Around the end of the 16th century, a poor widow and her lame son lived in Vailankanni. Every day the lame boy used to sit under a banyan tree at a place called 'Nadu Thittu' (central mound) and sell buttermilk to the thirsty wayfarers. One day, a very bright light appeared in front of him and from amidst the light, a Lady of peerless grace with a divine Child in her arms, asked the boy for a cup of butter-milk. Then she directed him to go and inform a catholic gentleman at Nagapattinam to put up a Chapel in her name on the spot of her apparition. The boy realized that his legs had become normal upon the word from the Lady. With great joy, he ran to Nagapattinam to carry out the errand. Having been already directed in a vision by Our Lady, the Catholic gentleman, with the support of the people, built a Chapel at 'Nadu Thittu' where now stands the present Shrine Basilica. The Lady was called, 'Our Lady of Good Health'.



## VIII. Exaltation of the Cross - September 14

Devotion to the cross is so much a part of who we are that understanding what that means is important. The Cross is an awesome reality which encompasses all the mysteries of the Christian faith. For some the Cross principally symbolizes asceticism, for others social justice, for still others redemptive suffering. We use the title cross in many different ways. What facet of the mystery of the Cross are we principally called to embrace and extend? What facet of the Cross are we supposed to be living? The answer is revealed in the feast day from which we received our name: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (previously called the Triumph of the Cross). The Triumph of Christ Crucified is the foundation of our mission and spirituality. The cross for us is the exulted cross, the victorious cross, the cross which reveals God's love which saves the world.

### EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Our feast day isn't Good Friday when we come and realize it's a time of mourning, a time of sadness, a time of fasting. No, our feast day is the Exaltation of the Cross. The victorious cross. The cross that has conquered. The cross that is the hope of the world. It's that section of the mystery, or that aspect of the mystery of the cross, that we are called as Companions to embrace and to extend "I love you Jesus, use my life to extend the triumph of your Cross." This is the essence of our mission. The Cross is ultimately a victory: the victory of God's love. It is the symbol of Christ Crucified, the power and wisdom of God, who conquered sin and death, and now triumphs over all that oppresses us as the Lord of all creation! We have hope, we have victory in Christ Crucified and his victorious cross.

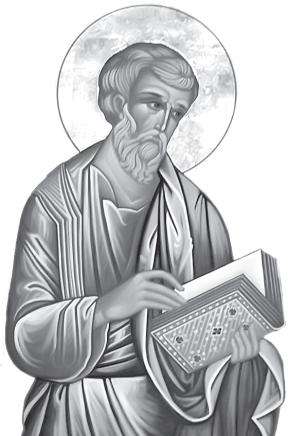
## IX. Our Lady of Sorrows - September 15 (Sunday)

In 1913, Pope Pius X fixed the date on September 15. The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. "The Seven Dolors," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary. The feast is like an octave for the birthday of Our Lady on September 8th. This feast is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering as co-redeemer, she reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the way of true repentance. May the numerous tears of the Mother of God be conducive to our salvation; with which tears Thou, O God, art able to wash away the sins of the whole world. As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of

sorrow Simeon had foretold pierced her soul. Below are the seven sorrows of Mary: The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:25-35) The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15) Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50) Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17) Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (John 19:25-30) The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (Psalm 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37) The burial of Jesus (Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47)

## X. St. Matthew the Apostle - September 21

St. Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles, is the author of the first Gospel. This has been the constant tradition of the Church and is confirmed by the Gospel itself. He was the son of Alpheus and was called to be an Apostle while sitting in the tax collectors place at Capernaum. Before his conversion he was a publican, i.e., a tax collector by profession. He is to be identified with the "Levi" of Mark and Luke. His apostolic activity was at first restricted to the communities of Palestine. Nothing definite is known about his later life. There is a tradition that points to Ethiopia as his field of labor; other traditions mention of Parthia and Persia. It is uncertain whether he died a natural death or received the crown of martyrdom. St. Matthew's Gospel was written to fill a sorely-felt want for his fellow countrymen, both believers and unbelievers. For the former, it served as a token of his regard and as an encouragement in the trial to come, especially the danger of falling back to Judaism; for the latter, it was designed to convince them that the Messiah had come in the person of Jesus, our Lord, in Whom all the promises of the Messianic Kingdom embracing all people had been fulfilled in a spiritual rather than in a carnal way: "My Kingdom is not of this world." His Gospel, then, answered the question put by the disciples of St. John the Baptist, "Are You He Who is to come, or shall we look for another?"



## XI. St. Michael the Archangel - September 29 (Sunday)

The name Michael signifies "Who is like to God?" and was the war cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Holy Scripture describes St. Michael as "one of the chief princes," and leader of the forces of heaven in their triumph over the powers of hell. He has been especially honored and invoked as patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. Although he is always called "the Archangel," the Greek Fathers and many others place him over all the angels as Prince of the Seraphim. St. Michael is the patron of grocers, mariners, paratroopers, police and sickness.

## **XII. Bishop's Engagements in the Month of September, 2019**

- 02 : Episcopal ordination of Msgr. Rayarala Vijay, Bishop Elect at Srikakulam  
03 : Ad limina visit to Vatican & Mission works in Europe

### **October- 2019**

- 03 : Return to India  
04 : am: Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi Chapel at Elkurthy  
pm: Holy Matrimony at Cathedral  
05 : Children Meeting  
06-11 : Annual Stable Retreat for Clergy, Fatimanagar  
12-13 : Diocese wise Youth Seminar, Jeevadhara

## **XIII. Communications**

### **1. ATTENTION! PARISH PRIESTS AND HEADS OF SCHOOLS!!**

As all are aware, all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Warangal should Provide 50% concession in Tuition Fee minus FCT Scholarship, to all Catholic Students. I ask all Parish Priests to Check all Schools in their respective Parishes and give me the Report of the number of Catholic Children in 2018-19 and 2019-20 in each school and whether all schools implemented the concession policy or not. I wish to have the number of Catholic children and the amount of concession given in each school.

Please Announce in Sunday Masses the “Policy of the Diocese to the Faithful and ensure from Heads of Schools to implement it”. It is a serious matter and so kindly do the needful. We would be proud that our children are taken care of thereby catechism and vocations fostered!

- 2. World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September 2019:** The Holy Father asks us to pray for creation on September 1st. World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation “an opportunity to strengthen the common commitment to safeguard life, respecting the environment and nature”. Please conduct special prayers for the care on Creation on 1 September 2019.

**3. Celebrating the Girl Child Day on 8 September 2019:** I request all the parish priests to promote the equality of the girl child with the boy child. Both are gifts of God. Let us celebrate the Mass and underline gender equality in your homily. Kindly conduct some prayer services, seminars and competitions for girls.

**4. Annual Retreat:** All the priests are requested to take note of the Annual Retreat for 2019 would begin from evening of October 6 till noon of October 11, 2019. Please block the dates in your calendar and attend the retreat without fail, unless other arrangements are made with Bishop's permission.

**5. Deanery Level Recollection in September:** Deans are requested to organize the September month recollection on Deanery level in 2nd week of September, 2019. All the priests are requested and expected to attend the deanery level recollection.

**6. The Extraordinary Missionary Month (EMM) October 2019 - Very Very important:** Pope Francis announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 with the Theme "Baptized and Sent" to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud. Pope Francis asked to celebrate 31 days of EMM in Diocesan level, with this invitation I requested Rev. Fr. Gopu Kamal, Pastoral Centre Director to conduct the programs in October. He is preparing and he will look up to you for your help, kindly Cooperate with him for the fruitful Extraordinary Missionary Month in our Diocese.



**7. Thanks to Rev. Fr. M. Jaya Paul & Welcome to Rev. Fr. Kamal as the Director of Catechesis**  
I appoint Rev. Fr. Gopu Kamal as the Director of Catechesis and the Secretary of the Commission for Catechetics in the Diocese of Warangal in the place of Fr. M. Jaya Paul. Catechesis is the main part of faith formation. In today's world we need Catholics with strong faith to powerfully give witness to Evangelize and establish the Kingdom of God. Wishing you God's Blessings, I ask you to make all efforts in the field of Catechesis of children, Teenagers, Youth, Adults, Families and Clergy cum Religious. Wishing you Fruitful Ministry. I extend my gratitude to the outgoing Director Rev. Fr. M. Jayapaul for his tireless services to the Diocese.

**8. Dalit Mourning Day:** 1950 August 10 remains a Black Day or Mourning Day for Christians in general and Dalits in particular, as opportunities given as per findings of the large-hearted British that a sizeable section of India should be ‘scheduled’ with government money to get benefits not on merits but out of the way. But Indians did injustice to Indians soon after the British gave up power and the power for the SCs. Soon after independence of our Indian government made a presidential order issuing that all those SC People who receive Christian religion or Christian faith would be considered no more as schedule cast but BC. So also Sc people who are become Muslims. Hence SC Christians would lose their right and privileges compared with Hindu SCs. It not proper and much more that it is an injustice on going against our constitution. This was occurred on August 10th. Ever since to till now this days consider as black day so this year this day is conducted in Hanamkonda at Ekashila Park. Warangal Catholic and Christians officials, MLA's and other Political Leaders, Priests, Nuns, Pastors and many Christians protest the injustice being done to SC Christians.



## 9. News from Arunodhya Youth Centre

Dear Fathers, I thank each and everyone for celebrating the National Youth Sunday in your respective parishes and also for giving importance to youth in Liturgy on this special day. Please continue to encourage the youth of your respective parishes to bring out the hidden talents in them. My special thanks to our beloved Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala for his continuous prayers and support to the youth.

**Atmakur Parish:** Youth of Atmakur Parish along with Fr. Ranjith, Parish Priest welcomed the Youth Director and the DEXCO Members in a procession towards the Church. Fr. Thomas, DYD offered the Mass especially for the Youth of this Parish. All the Youth and the Laity of the Parish participated in this Mass. After the mass DYD explained the importance of National Youth Sunday and plantation was done. Fruits were distributed to all who participated in this program. We thank Fr. Ranjith for his support and for inviting us.

**Station Ghanpur Parish:** On the occasion of National Youth Sunday, Fr. N. Surender Parish Priest felicitated all the youth who were supporting the church. Fr. Thomas and the DEXCO visited the Parish and thanked all the youth for their tremendous support

and involvement in the church activities. After the program, all of them visited the Government Hospital and distributed fruits to the inpatients in the Hospital. We thank Fr. Surender for his support and for inviting us.

**Uppugal:** Fr. Surender, Fr. Thomas and the DEXCO visited the Uppugal Youth On the occasion of National Youth Sunday and spoke about its importance. Plantation program was arranged by the Youth. All the Youth distributed fruits to elder people in the church. We thank Fr. Surender for his support and for inviting us.

**Little Flower Deaf & Dumb School:** In the evening DYD Fr. Gopu Thomas and DEXCO members visited Little Flower Deaf & Dumb School, Karunapuram and distributed the Fruits to the hostel children. They spent time with the children by conducting games. We thank Principal Sister, for giving us an opportunity to spend time with the children.

**Fr. Gopu Thomas, Director**

## **10. News from Mission Banjara**

We, the Banjara Team had started this month again our Mission. We had daily Prayers, Rosary, Adoration, Divine Mercy Prayer, Bible Reading and Meditating on the word of God. We have prayed for our Bishop Udumala Bala for his Good Health and foreign trip to be successful.

### **The spiritual activities took place in the month of July 2019**

**03-07-19:** On the Feast of St. Thomas, Fr. Thomas Gopu (Jr), Fr Thomas Gopu (Sr) and Assisi Provincial, along with the Superior and the community sisters of Fatimanagar came to Yesugutta. We had Holy Mass, and Spent in prayer. They have visited Mother Mary Statue and Cross. We prayed for Assisi Congregation and for Banjara mission.



**05-07-2019:** Fasting Prayer from 10:30 am

- 12:30 pm. Fr. Samuel, Nirmala Sisters and Laity participated and received the blessings of God.

**13-07-2019:** We have started the Night Vigil at 09:30 pm and Concluded by 1:00 am. Fr. Samuel cpps, Nirmala Sisters have prayed for the people. Around 15 people came for the night vigil. On 14th of this Month we the Banjara Mission team has visited the Sick.

Spiritual Activities at Yesugutta for the month of September 2019  
Novena

- 05-09-19 - St. Mother Theresa Feast (Thursday)  
05:00pm - Holy Rosary  
06:00pm - Holy Mass (Fr Samuel)
- 06-09-19 - (Friday) Fasting prayer at Yesugutta  
10:30 am - Rosary  
11:00 am - Holy Mass  
05:30 pm - Rosary  
06:00 pm - Novena Mass (Fr. Shravan)
- 07-09-19 - Saturday  
05:30 pm - Rosary  
06:00 pm - Holy Mass
- 08-09-19 - Sunday  
05:30 pm - Rosary  
06:00 pm - Holy Mass / Healing Service
- 10-09-19 - St. Anthony Mass at Yesugutta  
06:30 am - Holy Mass.
- 14-09-19 - Recollection at Yesugutta for John the Baptist Sisters, Thorrur  
09:00 am - Adoration.  
09:30 am - Talk (Fr. Samuel cpps)  
10:30 am - Tea Break  
11:00 am - Confessions  
12:30 pm - Lunch

Hearty welcome to John the Baptist sisters to our shrine, to have a fruitful Recollection.

I specially thank our Bishop Uduamala Bala for his great love and prayerful support. And I thank all the Fathers, Sisters and Laity for prayers and encouragement.

**Fr. Samuel, CPPS**



## **11. News from CRI**

Every gathering has its own purpose. The ATRCRI joined in the celebration of 50th AGBM golden jubilee in Vijayawada Diocese, Gunadadala on 10th August. The celebration started with the Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Guntur Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Ch. Bhagaiah and Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Raja Rao Thelegathoti Vijayawada Bishop. After mass we joined in Black day protest, then Fr. Lazar and Bishops spoke about the following theme: Rediscovering the missionary dimensions of consecrated life in the present context. After which the ATRCRI president Fr. Amal Raj SJ, honoured Bishops and all the former CRI Presidents and Secretaries. All the Presidents from all the dioceses of Andhra and Telangana presented the annual report of the year 2018-19. The day ended with thanks giving to the Holy Trinity of God.



**Sr. Syamala (SAP) – President**

## **12. News from Jeevadhara Renewal Centre**

“May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved”. As we are having Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on every first Friday of the month in Jeevadhara Renewal Centre, we had a special healing prayer service on 2nd of August. Though it was raining heavily on that day, nearly 200 devotees participated in the prayer service. It is a good sign and also it shows that people are coming back to Jeevadhara and getting connected to the First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion. Leo XIII: “Since there is in the Sacred Heart a symbol and a sensible image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love Him in return, it is fit and proper that we should consecrate ourselves to His most Sacred Heart—an act which is nothing else than an offering and a binding of oneself to Jesus Christ, seeking that whatever honour, veneration and love is given to this divine Heart is really and truly given to Christ Himself.” (Encyclical Letter, *Annum Sacrum*”, 25/5/1899).

Fr. Kamal (Pastoral Centre Director) preached the word of God and conducted healing service. Word of God, Praise and worship, healing prayers (healing the sick) and Holy Eucharist celebration are the rich sources to the devotees in Jeevadhara renewal centre and a lot of people are benefitting from counseling in the centre as well. Jeevadhara renewal centre is blessed with passionate preachers and skilled counselors. We have prayer services on every Friday starting from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. Every second Friday of the month we have the word of God celebration, every third Friday of the month we conduct special healing prayers and every fourth Friday of the month we have special prayers for the families in Jeevadhara Renewal Centre. Do visit Jeevadhara Renewal centre and receive special blessings from Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Fr. Ch. Praveen Kumar MSC, Director**

### **13. News from CDPI Warangal Unit**

In honor of St. John Maria Vianney, the Patron saint for priests, a day of Recollection and fun filled day was organized on August 13, 2019, at St. Xavier's Major Seminary and Don Bosco Seminary premises, Karunapuram, for the clergy in the diocese.



The day began with reflecting on the "Life of Priesthood both Religious and Diocesan" by Rev. Fr. John Golla OFM Cap, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and individual confessions.

Sports & games were organized. Competitions were held in groups of denary levels and individuals. Games and sports like, slow cycle race, fast walk, Tug of war, volley ball and basket ball were organized.



Many priest, seniors and juniors, including our Bishop participated with great zeal and there was a very good competition for all the events. Prizes were distributed to all the winners at lunch. It was a great fun filled memorable and a day of relaxation, building bond among Priests.

We the organizing committee of Rev. Fr. Thomas Kiran, Rector - St. Xavier's Major Seminary, Rev. Fr. Thomas Gopu, Youth Director, Rev. Fr. Rayappa SDB, Rector - Don Bosco House, extend our sincere thanks to His Lordship Most Rev. Uduamala Bala, DD., Bishop of Warangal, for making this day a reality.

We also acknowledge the services of all the collaborators like Chancellor, Secretary to the Bishop, heads of different institutions and CDPI members. We also thank all seminarians who helped us in organizing the games and sports and also the domestic staff.

**Fr. Prashanth Reddy D, President**

## **14. News from Lodi MSSS**

### **1. Title of the Project:** Childline-1098

**Project Location:** Warangal Rural District.

Total 16 Mandals covered through child line project in the month of July'19 & August'19. Total 25 children rescued and out of 25, 14 were child labour, 5 children were given shelter home, 1 child begging, 1 child is given counseling on emotional guidance, 1 child ran away, 1 Corporal Punishment, 1 child is given counseling cum shelter and 1 Child marriage. Total Population covered through Child Line 1098 services is 1916 children.

In this month we have received total testing calls are 223 and out of 223, 174 are outreach testing calls were registered by Lodi society and 49 calls were registered and referred to 1098 - Chennai zonal office.

### **2. Project Title:** Protection of Adolescent Children with focus on girls through constitutional rights, health, nutrition & education.

**Project Area:** 10 Villages in Gudur mandal of Mahabubabad District

#### **Activities done in the month of August 2019:**

- Capacity building Training conducted to Adolescent Girls on Child Rights and Gender Issues at Zilla Parishad High School on 07.08.2019 at Gudur Mandal of Mahabubabad district. Total 100 girls were participated in this training program.
- Awareness meeting to Anganwadi Teachers, ASHA Workers and SHG members on Child Rights and Child Issues on 26.07.2019 at ICDS office, Gudur mandal of Mahabubabad district. Total 210 members participated in the meeting.

### **3. Project Title :** Community Based Rehabilitation Program for Differently Able Children.

**Project Location:** Mahabubad and Gudur mandals of Mahabubabad Districts.

"Awareness Rising to Children and Youngsters on Education on 17/08/2019 at Gudur mandal of Mahabubabad District. For this meeting Mr. Sri. Kantha Rao MEO as chief guest and addressed on importance of education. Later MEO distributed aid & appliances and study materials to the disable children in this program. Total number of disable children attended is 25.

### 4. Nutrition Support is distributed to 150 HIV/AIDS infected Children of erstwhile Warangal District.

**5. Title of the project :** Sustainable livelihood & food security program in Raikal Mandal, Jagithyal District:



Community storage grain yard is opened by Most.Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, President of Lodi & Bishop of Warangal on 23rd August, 2019.

**Fr. D. Vijaya Paul Reddy, Director**

#### **15. News from the Pastoral Centre (Month of August – 2019)**

- 1) As the Director of Pastoral Centre I had visited many parishes in view of new evangelization (Navyasuvartikarana) in the month of August. The parishes I visited are 1. Kazipet, 2. Ghanpur, 3. Singaram, 4. Dharmasagar, 5. St. Peter's Colony Parish and many other parishes
- 2) Visited Holyland in Karunapuram with the invitation of Sisters and conducted Adoration and celebrated Eucharist for the people coming to the place on 10th August.
- 3) On second Sunday of the month went to Singaram with the invitation of Parish Priest celebrated mass and encouraged faithful to increase their devotion on Mother Mary.
- 4) Celebrated independent day celebration with the Government Handicap boys in Pastoral Centre and participated in Youth centre Independence Day celebrations and encourage the gathering to promote our Country for development in sincerity and truth.
- 5) Our Bishop Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala has appointed me as the Director of Catechesis and the Secretary of the Commission for Catechesis in our Diocese of Warangal in the place of Fr. M. Jaya. Thanks to our Bishop for appointing me and thanks to Fr. M. Jaya Paul for rendering his services till now. In this regard I attend a meeting in Vijayawada Pastoral centre conducted by Regional catechetical commission. The Chairman, Secretary and all the Diocesan directors attended the meeting on 16th

August. The main topic for the discussion was: How catechism is reaching out in the all the diocese and more especial for the children. All the catechetical activities in all the diocese was discussed and encouraged each other for the development of the Diocese.

6) On 17th of August a training program is organized for the Fathers, Sisters, animators, Catechist and Navyasuvarthikarana leaders by Diocesan Pastoral Centre.

Main resource Person is Fr. Solomon Raj and his team Regional Pastoral Centre. Theme: The Pastoral Mission of the Church. All the Evangelization Commission members attended this



program and organized. All the evangelization commission members of the Diocese with the permission of our Bishop had a meeting to plan for the month of October. 180 members attended the meeting. Our Bishop Came for the meeting and blessed them. I thank all the Fathers and Sisters for responding and sending the members for the meeting. Thank you one and all.

7) On 18th of August all the TCC (Telugu Catholic Council) members of the Diocese and I attend TCC General Body meeting. The meeting was at St. John's regional seminary, Hyderabad. The main point of discussion was: Present situation of the Church in Telugu Region. Pastoral council in the parishes.

#### Note

1. Please form New Evangelization group in all the parishes as Bishop as already instructed us to form a mission stations in all the parish in the diocese. Please give the details to Fr. Kamal to publish in the Fathimavani.
2. Please prepare a time table for EMM (Extraordinary mission month of October) in your parish to expand the Kingdom of God and few activities in the month of October in view of mission expansion.
3. I request all the Priests and Sisters to prepare the faithful for Bible Quiz completions. In detail I will explain in next Fatimavani.

**Fr. Gopu Kamal Kumar Reddy, Director**

## **16. Report from St. Paul's High School, Jangaon**

Independence Day celebration and investiture ceremony was celebrated with pomp and Glory in our school. Rev. Fr. M Jaya Paul, Deputy Manager, WADES presided over this historical event as the chief guest and hoisted the tri-Colour flag. In his address to the students, he emphasized on the noble qualities to be inculcated and imbibed by every student who are the torch bearers of future India. Cultural programm were mesmerizing and enriching to everyone.



Green day was celebrated in our school very grandly on 21st August, 2019 by the kindergarten students. On this day the tiny tots presented various green vegetables and fruits and performed dances which were pleasing to the eyes of everyone. It was well appreciated by all, particularly by the parents.

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

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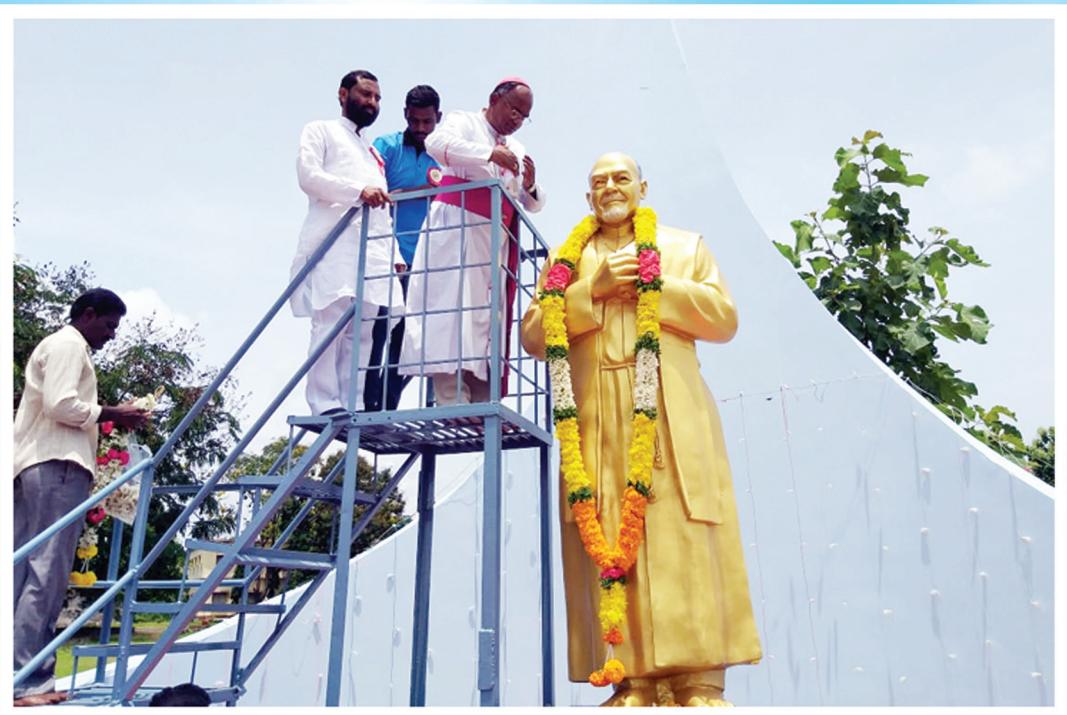
### **Birthday Babies in the Month of September**

**Celebrate your birthday today. Celebrate being Happy every day.**

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



## 10<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Augusto Colombo



ప్రభు క్రీస్తు గురువు, విష్ణువు మిషనరీ, విశ్వ సంఘ సేవకుడు, చీలజనార్దార్కుడు, విశేష విద్యావేత్త, ఆత్మయ ఆరథగ్రహకర్, ప్రేమ, సేవల సభీవ సాక్షి, ఏచ్చెదిల ప్రేమకుడు, మానవత్వ మాదిరైన స్వర్ణయ అగ్రస్థ కశలంబ్య గాలి లెరంగల్లు ప్రజల విలయాంజి !!

