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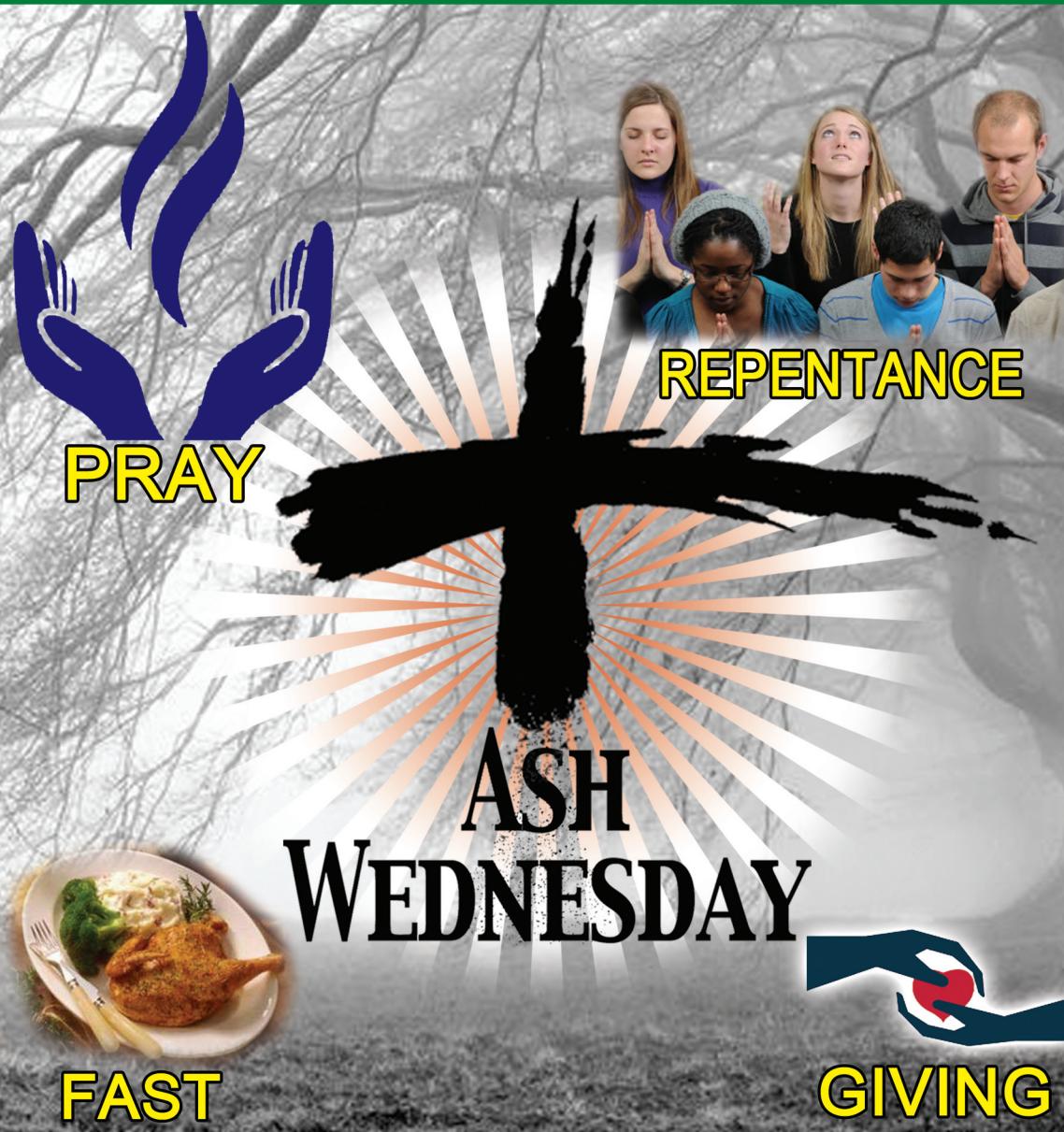
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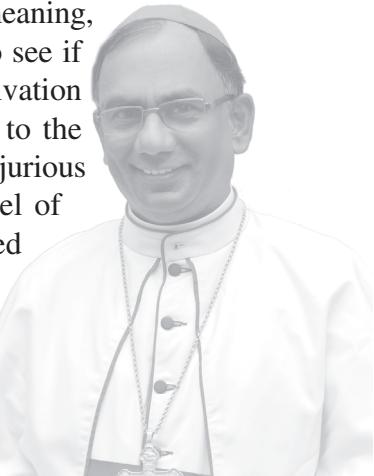




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LENTEN MUSICALS FOR EASTER DANCE TURN AROUND FOR A CHANGE OF HEART

Lent has a wonderful message not only to inform us of its meaning, but also to challenge us in order to examine ourselves to see if we are worthy of being called the disciples of Christ. Salvation starts when we find ourselves almost dead in our sins, to the point where it suddenly becomes apparent that this is an injurious way to live our lives. "Repent and believe in the Gospel of Christ" Mk 1: 15) is the exhortation as ASHES are placed on us on Ash Wednesday. The general meaning of "repentance." is a definition which usually includes big words like "contrition," "remorsefulness," and the like. How flowery and striking the definition is and how it so impresses us that we are tempted to bypass its real Christian meaning. The Greek word for "repentance" was more basic and less flowery and it meant "Turn Around". We are going the wrong way, We are following the wrong road and the wrong leader. Are we serious about this invitation to practice and teach to our faithful? LET US TURN AROUND.



Jesus the Way of Suffering : Shall we learn more profoundly and examine ourselves most intensely as to whether we know 'Jesus of the Way of the Cross', and thereby whether our faith is genuine or not? (2 Cor 13:5). The six weeks before Easter is called the "Lenten Sea-son". It is a time to focus on the suffering, death and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Because Jesus died, and thus paid for our sins, we have life. The word "lent" means "lengthen" and it stands for that time in spring when the days grow longer. The original period of Lent was only 40 hours. It was spent fasting to commemorate the suffering of Christ and the 40 hours, which Jesus spent in the tomb. In the early 3rd century, Lent was lengthened to 6 days. About 800 AD it was changed to 40 days. Thus Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter and Sundays are not included in those 40 days. Those 40 days correspond with Christ's 40 days in the wilderness. The day before Ash Wednesday, called Shrove Tuesday (forgiving sins), is celebrated in many parts of the world with feasting. It is also called 'Carnival/ Mardi Gras', which implies 'good bye to flesh'. The feasting comes from the custom of eating up all remaining meat prior to the 40 days of Lenten fasting, when no mutton is eaten.

Go on Exciting Journey : During this Lenten season, we are embarking upon one of the most exciting journeys we've ever been on as an individual, and as community, the Church. We come together and celebrate together to really impact ourselves, our neighbours and even our non-Christian society. The greatest regrets we will have at the end of our lives are not the things that we did, that we wished we hadn't had done, but the things that we didn't do, those opportunities we let slip through our hold.

Lenten Musicals and Divine Dance : I would call the Lenten practices of Prayer, Penance, Charity, Fasting, Abstinence, Stations of the Cross, Ashes are divine musicals, swararagas, like sa, ri, ga, mas for Lenten music. God is playing the melody and we need to dance joyfully, not pitifully. The divine music is not for approval of others and it is not for the applause of the crowd. The divine dance comes out of a complete abandonment to the pure and sacred joy of just being fully alive, dancing in ecstasy with 'nishkamakarma'. What the world needs is to see Christ's followers who are fully alive, passionately living for God, passionately loving others and making a difference in this world. But our lives used to these seasons year after year, seem as though we go through life and we get old and older, that we start letting those opportunities to step onto the divine dance floor slip away. So, let us look at the ultimate divine dancer Jesus Christ because in Christ's life we glean the four principles on how to live a life with no regrets. Of course, the Gospel is a story of how the disciples constantly fail to understand who Jesus is, what Jesus is doing or why they are even with him. The disciples will argue and miss the point all the way until the women return to them from the empty tomb. In fact the disciples "kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean." Aren't we more like the disciples than the women who seemed to understand the terrific and wonderful truth about Jesus all along?

Enigma of Suffering, Hardest Test of Faith : Suffering has always been one of the hardest tests for faith to withstand. Much of the Bible is about how faith is challenged by suffering, as well as how suffering is altered by faith.

It's hard to face up to the fact that suffering in one's life doesn't always make sense. Bad things happen on their own for no good reason. We might be able to blame somebody for some part of our suffering - a drunk driver, a careless worker, a crazed killer, a dreaded disease, but we are still left without answers that make any sense. Why to me only? Why agony to my loved one? Why now? Why couldn't I be spared as others were spared?

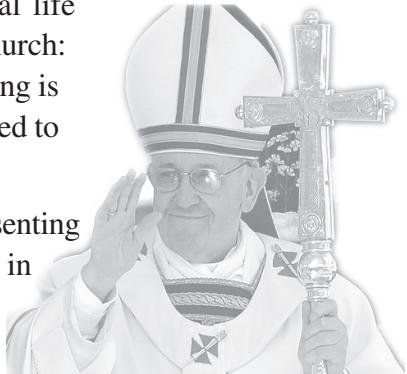
Lent is the Season of the Church Year that brings suffering to the fore. Beginning with the imposition of ashes we move day by day closer to the Cross of Christ. Lent culminates on Good Friday, good for us, but an awful experience of suffering for Jesus. This is, therefore, a good time for us to bring to God our disappointments, our sorrows, and our hurts. There is room for all of them under the shadow of His Cross!

Embrace of Tears and Laughter, Lent and Easter : By the end of Lenten Season, we should be able to dance by the Easter melody of 'I know the things that happen, the loss and the loneliness and, the wound, the agony, the Failure ... But I see that there is a mark Christ on them now. It is the sign of the Cross, a sign of Someone who knew that WAY, because He Himself had travelled it, had gone on before and left His sign'. Incredibly, Suffering begins to make more sense at last. It is an embrace of laughter and tears, Lent and Easter, Music and Dance into the life of God, with His arms around US ALL! We shall decide to ensure to make a REAL difference from the time Spring of LENT to the Flowering of EASTER!

POPE'S VANI..

POPE'S MESSAGE FOR THE LENT THE WORD IS A GIFT. OTHER PERSONS ARE A GIFT'

Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. At the basis of everything is the word of God, which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.



1. The other person is a gift: The parable begins by presenting its two main characters. The poor man is described in greater detail: he is wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, he fed on the crumbs falling from his table. His body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful. The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called Lazarus: a name full of promise, which literally means “God helps”.

2. Sin blinds us : The parable is unsparing in its description of the contradictions associated with the rich man (cf. v. 19). Unlike poor Lazarus, he does not have a name; he is simply called “a rich man”. His opulence was seen in his extravagant and expensive robes. Purple cloth was even more precious than silver and gold, and was thus reserved to divinities (cf. Jer 10:9) and kings (cf. Jg 8:26), while fine linen gave one an almost sacred character. The man was clearly ostentatious about his wealth, and in the habit of displaying it daily: “He feasted sumptuously every day” (v. 19). In him we can catch a dramatic glimpse of the corruption of sin, which progresses in three successive stages: love of money, vanity and pride (cf. Homily, 20 September 2013).

3. The Word is a gift : The Gospel of the rich man and Lazarus helps us to make a good preparation for the approach of Easter. The liturgy of Ash Wednesday invites us to an experience quite similar to that of the rich man. When the priest imposes the ashes on our heads, he repeats the words: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. As it turned out, the rich man and the poor man both died, and the greater part of the parable takes place in the afterlife. The two characters suddenly discover that “we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it” (1 Tim 6:7). We too see what happens in the afterlife. There the rich man speaks at length with Abraham, whom he calls “father” (Lk 16:24.27), as a sign that he belongs to God’s people. This detail makes his life appear all the more contradictory, for until this moment there had been no mention of his relation to God. In fact, there was no place for God in his life. His only god was himself.

II. PROMOTING THE JOY OF LOVE IN OUR FAMILIES

Message of the 29th CCBI Plenary Assembly to the Church in India



“Promoting the Joy of Love in our Families”. The choice of this theme was prompted by the epoch-making Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*[1]

(Joy of Love), which was the outcome of the 2014 and 2015 Synods on the Family. The Apostolic Exhortation reviews the current situation of families in the light of the Church’s perennial teaching on marriage and family especially, with regard to unity and indissolubility of marriage (cf. Mt. 19:3-6; Eph. 5: 22-31) with a view to building up stable, fruitful and joyful families and offering help to those who do not fully meet the Christian ideal of marriage and the family. Our Lord Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd always remains as a model of our ministry to the family. Indeed the family is God’s precious gift to human society and to the Church.

The theme of the family as the “Domestic Church” has been the subject of frequent reflection by the Bishops of India. Aware that “the welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and of the Church”

We will focus, in the first place, on adequate Preparation for Marriage, updating, wherever necessary, the present Marriage Preparation Courses. We want to emphasize especially Christian Family Education programmes in our schools and colleges with a view to helping young people discover the dignity and beauty of marriage (cf. AL 205-216), without minimising the call to priestly and religious life. Priests and religious will keep in touch with families through regular family visits and devise structures for accompanying couples, especially in the first years of marriage (cf. AL 217-238). We will enlist the help of experienced married couples, Parish Family Cells, SCC(BEC) networks and the Family Movements and Associations in our dioceses. Wherever needed and feasible, we will establish Family Service Centres with counselling facilities to help couples facing difficulties.

We will ensure that our priests, religious, catechists and pastoral workers receive better training for family ministry. In particular we will insist that seminarians “receive a more extensive interdisciplinary and not merely doctrinal formation in the areas of engagement and marriage” (AL 203) and will have exposure to family situations under the guidance of their formators. We realize that there are certain families that need special care: families living in dire poverty, families with spouses of two different religious traditions, single parent families, families with differently abled children, grieving and bereaved families, migrant families, families with sick and elderly members (cf. AL 247-253).

III. REGION-WISE CLERGY AWARENESS PROGRAMME (RECAP)

Sub: Ongoing formation for the Diocesan Priests

RECAP: Regional Clergy Awareness Program on Psycho-Sexual- Spiritual Integration and Canonical/ Ecclesial Procedures on Matters of Sexual Abuse

The TCBC Regional Commission for Seminaries, Clergy and Religious (SCR) is pleased to inform you that, it organizes a two day seminar for the diocesan priests as part of their ongoing formation for aggiornamento. The seminar will be organized for separate groups for two days each in two venues.

Theme : Psycho-Sexual- Spiritual Integration and Canonical/ Ecclesial Procedures on Matters of Sexual Abuse especially of Minors

Dates : First Seminar: March 21-22, 2017 at Pastoral Centre, Nambur, Guntur.

It is meant preferably for the Priests of the suffragan dioceses of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Visakhapatnam. Priests from other dioceses for some reason or the other would like to attend may join at Nambur are welcome with prior registration.

Second Seminar : March 23-24 at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad.

It is meant preferably for the Priests of the suffragan dioceses of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Hyderabad. Priests from other dioceses for some reason or the other would like to attend may join at Nambur are welcome with prior registration.

REGION-WISE CLERGY AWARENESS PROGRAMME (RECAP)

A Broad Outline (Tentative program)

Arrival Day – 1 By morning

Inaugural Session : The key-note address. The situation today arising from allegations of sexual abuse by Clergy; Expectations of the Participants, organization of time table, etc.

Day 1 : (morning sessions) DOCTRINAL AND THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE: Theology and Catholic Understanding and Relevance of Celibacy (moral theology) (afternoon sessions) PSYCHO-SEXUAL PERSPECTIVE. Celibate chastity from the aspect of psycho-sexual integration.

Day 2 : (morning sessions) LEGAL PERSPECTIVE: Canonical and country's legal implications. (afternoon sessions) SPIRITUAL INTEGRATION : Celibacy from the perspective of spiritual integration, prayer life, life-commitment... Conclusion, tea, departure

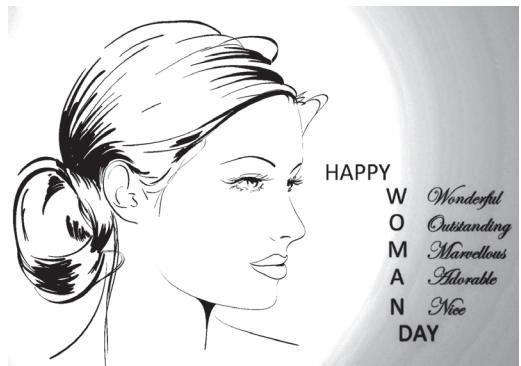
Most Rev. Dr. Uduamala Bala
Bishop of Warangal and
TCBC, CCBI Chairman for the Commission SCR

IV. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 8

Theme : Be Bold for Change

Jesus' teachings and examples, reconfirmed the truth that is every way, from the time of creation, women are of equal worth as men in God's sight, including their complimentary role in the marriage relationship. The United Nations theme for this year's International Women's Day celebration is 'Be Bold for Change'. The world has witnessed significant changes and attitudinal shift in both people's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation. Each one of us with women, men and transgender people joining forces can be a leader within our own spheres of influence by taking bold pragmatic action to accelerate gender parity through purposeful collaboration. We can help women to advance and unleash the limitless potential offered to economies world over.



To ensure women's empowerment in the changing world; the gender pay gap which is 27% in India, recognizing women's unpaid care and domestic work, deficit in care work, gender gap in leadership, entrepreneurship, access to social protection, gender responsive economic policies for job creation, poverty reduction and sustainable, inclusive growth etc. are to be revitalized.

As we come together as a community of equals around the table of the Lord, let us open our hearts to the promptings of the Spirit and pray that we, the Faithful share the fullness of life that we received from Christ.

V. St JOSEPH: MODEL HUSBAND AND FATHER

1. A man who obeys God and clings to his wife – (Matt 1:24).
2. A man whose vocation is more important than his career – (Matt 2:13).
3. A man who protects his family
4. A man of work – (Matt 13:55, 2 Thess 3:10-12)

Joseph is a model for manhood. Nothing he ever said was recorded but his life speaks eloquently enough. He is referred



to at the Guardian and Patron of the Universal Church. He has these titles for he was guardian, protector and patron of the Church in the earliest stage, when the "Church" was just Jesus, Mary and himself. But since the Church is the mystical Body of Christ, in protecting and providing for Jesus he was doing that for us for we are in Christ as members of his body. Men especially do well to imitate St. Joseph and invoke his patronage in all their endeavors as Husbands, Fathers and providers.

VI. Feast of the Annunciation - March 25

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the most important in the Church calendar. First, it celebrates the actual Incarnation of Our Savior -- the Word made flesh in the womb of His mother, Mary. Second, it is a principal Marian feast. Two other feasts honoring Our Lord's mother, the Assumption (August 15), and the Immaculate Conception (December 8), New Year's Day, January 1, is observed as a Solemnity of Mary. Many Catholics who are deeply concerned with the defense of the life of unborn children believe that it would be most fitting if the Feast of the Annunciation were also to be accorded this status.



The biblical account of the Annunciation is in the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, which describes the news given to Mary that she was to become the mother of the Incarnation of God, records the "angelic salutation" of Gabriel to Mary, 'Hail, thou who art highly favored. The Lord is with thee.' This is the origin of the repeated "Hail Mary" prayer of the Rosary); and Mary's response to God's will, "Let it be done to me according to thy word." Her exultant hymn, the Magnificat, found in Luke 1:46-55, has been part of the Church's liturgy of the hours, at Vespers (evening prayer), and has been repeated nightly in churches, convents and monasteries for many centuries. The significance of this Christian feast on Western culture is made clear from the fact that New Years Day used to be celebrated on March 25.

VII. WHY DO WE GIVE UP SOMETHING FOR LENT

Lent, the period of 40 days that precedes the celebration of Easter, has its origin in the early days of the Church. Converts seeking to become Christian, who at that time were mostly adults, spent several years in study and preparation. Under the threat of Roman

Lent



persecution, becoming a Christian was serious business, so their process of preparation was intensive! Then they went through a final period of “purification and enlightenment” for the 40 days before their baptism at Easter. The rest of the Church began to observe the season of Lent in solidarity with these newest Christians. It became an opportunity for all Christians to recall and renew the commitment of their baptism.

Today we know Lent as a season of conversion : We acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives, and We focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God. Hence the three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These observances help us turn away from whatever has distracted or derailed us and to turn back to God. Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting. We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice up to God. Or we might “give up” a bad habit such as smoking as a way of positively turning our life back toward what God wants for us.

Take the time now to think about what you might give up this year. Is it something you enjoy that you want to sacrifice for a while, like your daily latte? Or is it a bad habit you want to conquer, like running in late to meetings with co-workers? Or perhaps you want to turn your cell phone off for a few hours each day and not let it distract you from the loved ones you are with in real time? Find something that works for you, and whatever it is, may it help you to turn toward God in this holy season of Lent.

Why 40 days : 40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- In Genesis, the flood which destroyed the earth was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.
- Most Christians regard Jesus' time in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

Why is it called Lent : Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

The colour purple : Purple is the symbolic colour used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals.

Purple is used for two reasons : firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

VIII. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENT FOR MONTH OF March- 2017

1. Wed : Ash Wednesday : Mass in Cathedral
2. Thu : Office
3. Fri : Office
4 - 5 : ARMC Exco Meeting at Bangalore
6 -8 : TCBE Meeting at St. John's, Hyderabad
8. Wed : Mill- Hill 150 Years of its foundation : Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
10 Fri : Office
11 Sat : Office
13 Sun : Our Lady of Fatima - Mass in Cathedral
14-18 : CDPI Annual Meet in Kolkatta with Mass at Tomb of St. Mother Teresa
19 Sun : Mass with Confirmations at Paidipally, Ekasilanagar Parish
21 -22 : Ongoing formation for the Diocesan Priests at Pastoral Centre, Nambur, Guntur
23-24 : Ongoing formation for the Diocesan Priests at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad
25 Sat : Bishop Jayarao's Silver Jubilee of Priestly Ordination
27 Mon : Office for Consecrated
28 Tue : Office
29 Wed : Office for Laity

April, 2017

- 1 Sat : Office
3 Mon : Office
4 Tue : WADES General Body Meeting, Fatimanagar
5 Wed : Office
6 Thu : Full Day Recollection & Chrism Mass: from 9.00 am to 8.00 pm : Special talks on Canonical matters on Marriage by Rev. Fr. Rayappan, Bangalore
7 Fri : Office
10 Mon : Office for Consecrated

IX. COMMUNICATION

1. SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday : This year, Ash Wednesday is falling on 01st of March, 2017, on which the holy Lenten period begins. All the Parish Priests are requested to make sure that the way of the cross is conducted in all our Parish Churches/ Chapels on every Wednesday and on every Friday during the Lenten season. All the Heads of the Institutions are requested to make sure that Catholic child/ youth participate in the ‘Way of the Cross’ service in Parish Churches/Chapels on Wednesdays & Fridays. It is the great responsibility of all of us to promote solid & strong Catholic Faith Formation of all Catholic children/youth/adults in Parishes & in Institutions, which is to be lived, celebrated and shared with others.

Law of Abstinence (keeping away from meat) : The Catholics who have completed 14 years of age are to observe the law of abstinence on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Law of Fasting : The law of fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, by all those who have completed 18 years of age & have not yet begun the 60th year of their age.

2. Change of Dates of Fatima Tirunalla : Completing 100 years of Apparitions at Fatima in Portugal, the Diocese of Warangal decided to change of dates of Fatima Thirunalla from March to May. The exact month and date of the 1st apparition was on May 13. The solemnity of Our Lady of Fatima, Our on Patroness, therefore, will be celebrated on 13th of May, 2017. Please announce during Sunday Masses and on other platforms. This change is thought of, also because of other problems like SSC & Inter exams in Mid - March, no permissions for sound system and especially the season of Lent. In mid- May hot-weather & water scarcity might be there. So, being the Centenary Year we celebrate the feast on 13th of May, 2017 and later evaluate to continue or fall back to March!

3. Full Day Recollection and Seminar for the Clergy On 06th of April, 2017 at Bishop’s House, Fatimanagar : The Monthly Recollection for the Clergy on diocesan level is arranged for all the Clergy at Bishop’s House, Fatimanagar on 06th of April, 2017 from 09.00am to 08.00 pm Kindly take note of it & be on time. All the Priests are to participate in this recollection for a serious immediate preparation for the Holy Week and Easter. Two Talks could on the Holy Matrimony focusing on Canonical changes in recent times.

4. Chrism Mass will be on 06th of April, 2017 AT 05.30 pm, at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar : All the Clergy is expected to come & participate in Chrism Mass, which will be held on 06th of April, 2017 at 05.30 pm at Fatima Cathedral. All the Religious and the Faithful are invited to participate in Chrism Mass. The Parish Priests are requested to announce the same in the parishes especially in tri-cities and encourage the Faithful to attend the Chrism Mass.

5. No Financial Transactions from 16th of March to 3rd of April 2017: As the financial year 2016 - 2017 will come to a close on 31st of March 2017, there will be no financial transactions in Bishop's House from 20th of March to 2nd April, 2017.

A Note to the Project Holders : All the project holders are requested to take the required money for projects from Bishop's House in such a way that they will be able to utilize all the money taken, on or before 15th of March, 2017 without carrying forward any balance into the new financial year, starting on 1st of April 2017. All the bills / vouchers are to be dated on or before 15th of March 2017. The bills and vouchers dated after 16th of March 2017 will not be acceptable.

6. Lenten Campaign Against Hunger & Disease : Animating the Faithful with Special Programs - Call for the Clergy to electrify the Faithful with fasting energy: The real aim of Lent is, above all else, to prepare men for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Christ. The better the preparation, the more effective the celebration will be. One can effectively relive the mystery only with purified mind and heart. The purpose of Lent is to provide that purification by weaning people from sin and selfishness through self-denial and prayer, by creating in them the desire to do God's will and to make Jesus' Resurrection happen first of all in their hearts. Therefore, Please do animate and lead the faithful by one's Lenten practices to make special efforts to follow the Lord in the Desert, on the Way of the CROSS on Village/ Parish/ Deanery levels with programs Like 'Upavasa Yatra, Siluva Yatra, Lenten Prayer Meetings, Facilitate Individual Confession, Witnessing to Jesus's Suffering and Death by Special Stations of the Cross through the streets or Public grounds, always keeping in mind and heart the poorest and the struggling people as the goal of 'Lenten campaign'!

7. Good Friday Collection : Please announce and ensure to send the collection of Good Friday which would be sent to Holy Father for the Maintenance of the Holy Places in Holy Land.

8. Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India, Warangal Diocese (CDPI-War) :

I am very pleased to announce that, after some soul-searching period, the Diocese of Warangal sets up the Association of its diocesan priests titled ‘Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India – Warangal Diocese’ (CDPI-WD). Its elected/ nominated Office Bearers are:

1. Rev. Fr. M. Jayapaul – President: Senate of Priests’ Secretary Elected
2. Rev. Fr. S. Balashowry – Vice President: Elected by Priests
3. Rev. Fr. T. Antony – Secretary: Elected by Priests
4. Rev. Fr. D. Joseph – Joint Secretary – Nominated from Senate of Priests
5. Rev. Fr. G. Thomas – Treasurer – Nominated from Senate of Priests

CDPI, A Fraternal Association

The CDPI is a national body of the fraternal association of diocesan priests. Vatican II and the Code of Canon Law emphasize the need for an association, duly recognized by the competent authority among secular clergy (PO 8 & CIC 278). The CDPI was established by the Bishops of the Latin Rite as an organization for the diocesan priests who are incardinated into their respective dioceses. The purpose of the CDPI was to assist the diocesan priests in India to foster a deeper understanding of their priesthood, whereby they would appreciate and perform their priestly ministry even more effectively. Its prime objectives are of three fold as stated in No. 5 of the Statutes, permanently approved in 2008:

- i) Bonding :** It is building up unity among the priests of the diocese and between the Bishop and priests so as to help priests to play a constructive role in building the community of priests based on the Holy Orders (Directory on Ministry and Life of Priests 7), thereby to contribute to the building of the People of God.
- ii) Forming :** Promotion of the on-going formation of diocesan priests as per their own specific spirituality and the signs of the times. It is a requirement of priests’ own faithfulness to Christ and also an act of love for the people at whose service a priest is placed (Pastores Dabo Vobis 70).
- iii) Net-Working :** It is aimed at providing a forum for mutual help in carrying out one’s pastoral duties especially in the context growing demands of the faithful. Since no priest can on his own accomplish his mission in a satisfactory way, CDPI is all the more necessary (Presbyterorum Ordinis 7). The total number of diocesan priests of the diocese of Warangal is 104.

First CDPI Diocesan Body in Region of TCBC

Keeping in mind the above objectives, the National Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI), spreads its wings to all the 14 ecclesiastical Regions of India and thus to the Region of Telugu Catholic Bishops Council by setting up ‘the Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India, Telugu Region (CDPI-TCBC) and then reaches to the grass-root level dioceses in the TCBC Region by setting up ‘the Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India – Dioceses of Warangal’ (CDPI;WD). The diocesan wing becomes all the more important to share, reflect and learn by participating actively so that we could walk with the Church (sentire cum ecclesia) headed by the servant of servants, the Holy Father Francis. Thereby we can assist all priests to discover the uniqueness of the spirituality of Diocesan priests, provide a road-map for the life and ministry befitting the clerical state. The past 16 year history of the CDPI vouches to the fact that this association is growing steadily being docile to according to the mind of the Church and is making a constructive contribution to the diocesan priests of India.

+ Udumala Bala, Patron, CDPI
March 1, 2017

X. WARANGAL DIOCESAN PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL (Senate of Priests)

1	Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Joseph	Ex-officio, Chancellor & Procurator
2	Rev. Fr. Duggimpudi Vijepaul	Nominated, Social Services
3	Rev. Fr. Basani Prakash	Nominated
4	Rev. Fr. Singareddy Balashowry	Elected, Senior group
5	Rev. Fr. Pudota Chinnaiah	Nominated
6	Rev. Fr. Annapareddy Raja	Elected, Senior group
7	Rev. Fr. Dasari Joseph	Nominated, Pastoral Services
8	Rev. Fr. Gali Rayappa	Elected, Fathimanager Deanary
9	Rev. Fr. Ambati Bala	Elected, Ghanpur Deanary
10	Rev. Fr. Thirumalareddy Augustine	Elected, Middle Aged group
11	Rev. Fr. Duggimpudi Vijayapaul	Elected, Middle Aged group
12	Rev. Fr. Madanu Jayapaul	Nominated
13	Rev. Fr. Golamari Bala Martin	Nominated, Scholarship Services

14	Rev. Fr. Golamari Sudhakar	Nominated,Properties Services
15	Rev. Fr. Polisetti Innaiah OFM.Cap.	Elected,Religious
16	Rev. Fr. Joseph Jyothish,IMS	Nominated
17	Rev. Fr. Gade Prakash	Elected,Karimnagar Deanary
18	Rev. Fr. Thirumalreddy Pradeep	Elected,Junior group
19	Rev. Fr. Basani kishore	Elected,Junior group
20	Rev. Fr. Gopu Thomas	Elected,Ookal Deanary
21	Rev. Fr. Macherla Raju	Nominated

XI. APPOINTMENT OF NEW DEANS/ VICARS FORANE FOR SIX DEANERIES/ VICARIATES FORANE

The restructuring of the Deaneries by revamping and increasing them from four to six had been already communicated. Now I have the Joy of announcing the names of the New Deans as follows:

1. Rev. Fr. S. Balashowry for Fathimanagar
2. Rev. Fr. T. Augustine for Jangoan
3. Rev. Fr. R. Thomas for Karimanagar
4. Rev. Fr. Y. Lourdu for Karunapuram
5. Rev. Fr. T. Manohar for Mahabubabad
6. Rev. Fr. Y. Joji Reddy for Ookal

Purpose of Deaneries and Deans

Parishes within the diocese are grouped together as deaneries/ vicariate Foranes for better administration and pastoral care. Deans or Vicar Foranes are nominated by the diocesan Bishop to be in charge of a cluster of parishes known as deanery. Along with spiritual and pastoral virtues, the deans, this time, are chosen for their pastoral experience from the priests of the deanery concerned. The Office of Dean is not tied to the office of a parish or an institution. As per his prudent judgement, a Bishop may freely remove a Dean from Office. As a resident priest in the deanery, he should command the respect of the clergy and the faithful by his prudence, spirituality and pastoral zeal. He may be granted certain faculties, if the Bishop so wishes in order to foster and supervise programs of Evangelization and New Evangelization.

Rights and Duties of Deans

- i. To promote fraternal collaboration and unity among priests of the Vicariate
- ii. To coordinate and promote common pastoral programs in a Vicariate/Deanery
- iii. To see that clerics of his vicariate lead a life befitting their state and discharge their duties.
- iv. To ensure the liturgy is celebrated as per the directives, elegance and dignity of the Church and sacred furnishings are properly maintained, the Blessed sacrament is under safe custody, the parish registers are correctly maintained and safeguarded, the ecclesiastical goods are carefully administered and the parish house is looked (not locked) after with care.
- v. To coordinate all deanery activities specified from time to time by the Bishop
- vi. Above all, he is to promote the renewal of the Church in Vicariate in faith, hope and charity.
- vii. To inform the Bishop any civil or ecclesiastical events taking place in the Deanery.
- viii. To visit the parishes of one's deanery once a year and give a **written report** to the Bishop

Deanery Meetings and Recollections

Dean/ Vicar Forane is to conduct regular and proper recollections and meetings in the deanery. Every priest in the Deanery, diocesan or consecrated, whether serving in a parish or institution should attend the meetings without fail. Deanery level meetings/recollections are to be held generally once in two months. These meetings should be taken seriously with the attendance of all members. In every Meeting a spiritual talk, Celebration of the Holy Mass or at least Eucharistic adoration, Individual Confession and a sharing on pastoral life in parishes or a discussion on relevant topics affecting the Diocese. The Dean should send a **report of the Recollection/ Meeting** to the Bishop soon after the meeting.

Thanks to the Outgoing and Best Wishes to the in-coming Deans

The New Deans would take over from the day of the Deanery-level recollection in the month of March 2017. I wish to profusely thank the out-going Deans Rev. Frs. P. Prakash of Ghanpur, A. Raja of Karimanagar, Fr. Vijaykumar of Fatimanagar and Fr. A. Inna of Ookal for their tireless services for the past 5 years and wish the new Deans Prayerful Wishes for fruitful apostolate in the diocese of Warangal in general and in each respective deanery in particular.

XII. INFORMATIONS

1. Tribute to Rev. Fr. Vatti Raja

Faced with death, life might seem absurd and meaningless. But Christian faith tells us that despite death, life is not absurd and meaningless. Life for each of us took on a completely different meaning when parents got us baptized in Catholic Church. When we were baptized we became adopted sons and daughters of God. When we were baptized this planet was no longer our home, then heaven became our true homeland. When we were baptized we were no longer on our own, when we were baptized we were joined with Jesus by leaving behind an old life and beginning a new life.



Fr. Vatti Raja's death is a material loss but a spiritual gain.

We are travellers, only pilgrims on our journey through life, knowing that our final destiny is with God, we keep our sight always fixed not just on the appearance of this life, but on the fact that we were created by God, that we cannot be truly happy unless we live as God wishes us to live, that our destiny is eternal life and not just death. The words of Jesus in the Gospel mean so much to us in the case of a sudden death like Fr. Vatti Raja's "Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. It may be in the second watch, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready.

He served at Dharmasagar, Hasanparthy, St. Pius. X Seminary, Mahabubabad, Thimmaraopet and Narsampet.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

N.B. : Every diocesan Priest is to offer 3 Masses for purpose of the soul of every warangal deceased priest.

2. Pastoral programs by the pastoral center team during lent From 01/03/ to 14/04/2017.

a) In Pastoral center:

1. Family counseling will be organized on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 PM., by experts. The clients have to pay remuneration to the experts.

2. Every day Eucharistic adoration & intercessory prayer will be conducted from 10AM to 3.30Pm. All are welcome with their written intercessions, to be prayed for.
3. Catechists' training program will be conducted on 24 & 25 /03/2017 ie, Friday and Saturday. Letter with particulars will follow.
4. Training of parish Prayer leaders will be conducted by National charismatic team for 2 days. Dates will be announced. It was delayed due to lack of sufficient Number.
5. One/two day BCC voluntary animators training (as per the list given from parishes where the paid animators worked) will be organized with the help of Jyotirmai central team. Date will be announced after consulting the team. Parish priests are requested to cooperate.
6. One day youth animation program will be conducted with the cooperation of diocesan Youth director. Letter will follow.

b) Programs in the Parishes:

1. Every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday evenings: P. center team will conduct Lenten spiritual renewal programs on invitation. Confessions will be heard.
2. Passion of the Christ movie will be screened on invitation with payment.

c) Karimnagar Misison programs:

1. From Thursday to Sunday afternoon: The team will continue to evangelize the newly selected 6 villages. There is scope of baptisms in 3 villages.
2. Good Friday special : People from 10 villages will be gathered for the way of the Cross by enactment. Culmination will be at the hill of Ratnagiri.

Fr.D.Joseph,

3. VOCATION CAMP - 2017

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine” Is 43:1

Sub : Vocation Camp for those who are willing to join for the Diocese of Warangal I am happy to inform you that the Vocation Camp is arranged at St. Pius X Inter Diocesan Minor Seminary, Karunapuram from April 21st to 23rd , 2017.

Kindly note that vocation camp is arranged for all those who appeared /passed S.S.C, Inter 2nd year and above studies. May I request the Parish Priests to motivate the young boys in our parishes and send the desiring candidates from good and practicing catholic families.

Date : April 21st, 4pm to 23rd noon 2017

Place : St. Pius X Inter diocesan Minor Seminary (St. Xavier Seminary campus)
Karunapuram Things to Bring : 1. Letter from the Parish Priest along with Baptism certificate 2. The Bible, 3. Bed Sheets, 4. Pen and a note book.

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

Rev. Fr. Thomas Kiran, Rector.

4. From Deputy Manager's Desk : This is to inform all the Parish Priests that applications for admission into Catholic Schools for 2017-18 academic year are available in WADES office, Fatima College and Bishop's House with Fr. Kiran. Those who need admission into LKG. V, VI and VIII Classes both TM & EM can apply. DECO does not take responsibility of allotting admission for those already studying in any Catholic school in the diocese. They can approach the HMs directly. Allotment of seats in various schools will be intimated to the Parish priests before March 30, 2017. Such candidates should contact the concerned HMs before summer vacation for further details of admission. I sincerely request all the Pastors to cooperate. Cost of Application Rs. 30/- Last date to sell applications March 30, 2015 Last date to submit applications March 31, 2017.

- Fr. Basani Prakash

5. NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION – MANGALORE : From Our Diocese 16th Youth Leaders along with Rev. Fr. Vinod Kumar, Youth Director, of various parishes went to participate in The National Youth Convention held at Mangalore.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION : 18 to 22 January : The National Youth Convention of Indian Catholic Youth movement began with a grander note. Most Rev. Bernard Moras, Archbishop of Bangalore Diocese presided over the Holy Eucharist. Most Rev. Henry Dsouza, Chairman CBCI Youth Council, Most Rev. Dr Aloysius Paul Dsouza, Bishop of Mangalore, Most Rev. Dr Lawerence Mukkuzhy, Bishop of Belthangady and Most Rev. Alwyn Baretto, Bishop of Sindadurgh Diocese, and Priests from various dioceses Concelebrated. Our youth participated in the Holy Mass celebrated by His Eminence Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos (Syro-Malankara), His Eminence Cardinal George Alencherry (Syro-Malabar). There were different sessions on the Environment, National Integration, Promoting Leadership. Earlier a panel discussion on ‘ICYM Me-Witness & Achievement’ was held. A Region Wise Discussion on Evaluation of Last 3 years & Action Plan 2020 was conducted by Fr Charles Menezes, International Chaplain at IYCS JECI.

The Concluding Programme was held on Sunday 22nd January with a Peace rally from Rosario Cathedral to St Aloysius College and the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias. During the concluding Holy Eucharist H. E. Oswald Cardinal Gracious is his homily called upon the youths to follow Jesus. "Each one of us can have personal relationship with Jesus. Each one of us can meet Jesus. Following the teachings of Christ will help you to walk his way. Transform the society and bring a change by following Jesus' he Said.

NATIONAL YOUTH AWARD : Mr.Sagar Gabbeta of Our Lady of Fatima Cathedral, had received the National Youth award (Male) for the year 2016 for all the works he had done in the Parish level, Diocese level and Regional Level.

SAGAR GABBETA
REGIONAL YOUTH PRESIDENT

6. CONFERENCE OF RELIGIOUS INDIA, WARANGAL UNIT

Lent is a season of spring, where the trees shed its leaves, in order to get clothed with fresh green leaves. So during this Lenten journey let us take out of our old self and get clothed with the new self of Jesus. May the Risen Lord whose feast we will celebrate on Easter Sunday after the meaningful and intensive preparation through the Lenten season enriches us with this manifold graces?

Lenten Recollection : There will be a Lenten Recollection for all the Religious in the Diocese on Sunday 26th March 2017. The recollection commences at 9.00 a.m. and ends at 4.00 p.m. The superiors of the communities are requested to lead from front the willing and the reluctant members to this Recollection and to make it an occasion of building communion and reaping rich graces.

Date : 26 - 3 - 2017 Sunday
Venue : Divya Deepthi Retreat Centre, Fatimanagar
Duration : 09.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m.
Theme : Reconciliation forgiving of injuries – Healing of wounds
Animator : Fr. Joshua Sacred Heart

Sr. Selvi

7. Welcome to St. Ann's of Phirangipuram to Karunapuram

Blessing and Inauguration of New Formation House & Convent at Karunapuram

"I can do all things with me who strengthens me" Ph 4:13

The solemn inauguration and blessing ceremony of Our CSSA, the 4th House and Formation House was held on Monday, 20th February 2017 at 10 am at the sprawling campus of Christu Jyothi Ashram at Karunapuram in Warangal Diocese. The Holy

Eucharist and blessing of the renovated building of the new house and formation house was conducted by Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala, Bishop of Warangal. All these arrangements were made by a team of sisters, organized by Sr.Ignatius Suman, Provincial Superior. I along with every member of the Congregation rejoice and thank God, Bishop of Warangal and the Priests of the Diocese.

Superior General Mother Anthonamma read out the decree about the Erection of St.Ann's Formation House and St.Ann's Convent consisting of 3 sisters and the postulants.

Sr. Maria Geetha - Superior and Postulants Directress

Sr. John Mary Vianny - Member

Sr. Loudes Antony - Member

After reading the decree it was officially handed over to Superior of the Community Sr. Maria Geetha.

8. Evangelization Centre : Holy Land

In times, when Evangelization is forgotten the sisters CSSA would take up the task of Evangelization and New Evangelisation Holy Land, Karunapuram. Two Silver sisters of 25 years of service would be full time to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ for those who visit the Holy Land and also in villages nearby, as and when required. We congratulate Mother General Pyreddy Anthonamma and the Provincial Suman Ignatius for their bold and timely venture. This Apostolate was carried out by rev. T. Jerome for last 2 years. We thank him whole hearted by and with CSSA "How beautiful are the feet of those, who proclaim the God news of Christ.

9. News from Divyavani T.V Channel

In view of Lent, Divyavani T.V Channel is conducting the following programmes.

1 One day Prayer services in two parishes. Those who are interested please contact me. First come first serve basis.

2. There a pilgrimage to 14 Churches within our Diocese. Please announce in your parishes and request the faithful to register their names. Price is minimal and the date of the pilgrimage will be announced soon.

3. Divyavani TV will be shooting Way of the Cross to be telecasted in Divyavani TV if you want the shooting be done in your parish please contact me. Please note that The Way of the Cross should be done creatively and meaningfully. Only such will be considered.

4. It is a tradition in some parishes for the faithful to take ~Deeksha~ during lent. Divyavani is ready to do shooting in any such parishes where there are special activities done by them.

5. Anyone who is interested in acting is video songs is welcomed. I request the parish priest to announce it in the parish.

The above programmes are done on behalf of Divyavani TV. Please note that all the above programmes are done free of cost. Any generous donation is always welcomed.

Fr. Kishore Kumar Basani
Warangal Zonal Coordinator , Divyavani TV

10. Hats off to Fr. Y. Sebastian : Pilgrimage to Velankanni : On the occasion of My Priestly Golden Jubilee Year (1966 to 2017), I, Fr. Y. Sebastian, had organized and sponsored a Holy Pilgrimage to 75 people from 18 Banjara Families, comprising of elders, youth and children. This Pilgrimage took place from February 3rd to 7th, 2017 and the pilgrims are from Edulapusalpalli, Mahabubabad parish to Velankanni, Nagapatram.

It was aimed at giving a different faith experience to this newly formed community which was vigorously Catechised and Baptised personally by me in the year 2010. None of these people ever dreamed of going to Velankanni on their own and in their life time. It had given a thrilling and God filled experience to all the pilgrims and are strengthened in their faith journey.

I, personally also had the satisfaction of exercising 50 long years of priestly ministry, when I see the joy and gratitude on their faces on their return from this Pilgrimage. Rev. Sr. Sahayaga Mary CSA, also accompanied us to guide the faithful at Velankanni.



Rev. Fr. Y. Sebastian Reddy
Fatimanagar, Warangal

11. SIGNIS INDIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, 2017 CHENNAI

Statement on Communicating Hope and Trust in Our Times: We, 94 members of SIGNIS India, a body of Catholic communicators representing 13 regions, gathered at Don Bosco Institute of Communication Arts, Chennai for National Assembly and Study Days from 20-23 February 2017. Inspired by the message of Pope Francis, we have reflected on the theme: ‘Communicating Hope and Trust in our Times’.

Having listened to expert media activists and aspiring media personnel, we realize that we live in a world where media has become part of our ecology and look to it to energize us with hope. During these study days, we have come across committed media activists with human and Christian values who do not make compromises in the midst of competitive, corporate and market-oriented economy. The success stories of these bold people inspire us to enter into mainstream media and thus share the message of hope and trust, without compromising Christian ethics and values.

We are aware that the mainstream media often carry fake news and paid news which are aimed at TRP ratings and profit. The space for dissent continues to be shrinking due to strident populism by false gurus, godmen, sectarian political and cultural entities. Unfortunately mainstream media often dare not challenge them. Media today no longer represents the reality, but sets an agenda which is highly opinionated and biased.

We are aware that netizen youth are more media savvy opening up new avenues for expression of dissent and recognize the power of social media as a tool for social change. We need to accept the fact that fake news is planted systematically by vested interest groups in the social media and need to exercise caution in consuming and forwarding them. Having discussed and deliberated on these issues, we commit ourselves to the following:

As media activists we resolve to keep a critical eye on media portraying themselves as agents of caste, political, religious and anti-subaltern dominant groups instead of indulging in the pleasure they give us.

We resolve to promote media which represents the real India with the painful issues of the 80% subaltern groups. This can be done by giving space for voice of resistance by the voiceless and bringing to the media such stories of hope and inspiration to those within our own country.

As we realize that children and youth are more open to change, we resolve to educate them for a responsible and ethical use of social media to disseminate stories of hope and trust. We resolve to appreciate and encourage the success stories of the SIGNIS members and other like-minded media personnel and pledge to collaborate and support such efforts in sharing stories of hope and trust in the society today.

We SIGNIS-India members journey forward with a commitment to live the above resolutions as joyous and zealous communicators of hope, trust, peace and love.

Fr. Kishore Kumar Basani
Director, SIGNIS

12. RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Relics of St. Anthony of Padua were brought to our Diocese on Friday 10th February. The faithful of the Warangal Diocese and thousands of devotees had the unique opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Anthony.

A golden statue of St. Anthony containing reliquary, which holds tongue and vocal cards of the Saint, was first brought to Fatima Cathedral in Kazipet during the early hours of the day. It arrived here from Bangladesh after touring the nations like the US. Large number of devotees thronged to the Cathedral to offer prayers to the Saint and venerate the relic. Bishop Uduvala Bala offered a special mass in honor of the holy relic of the Saint. The reliquary was kept at the Cathedral till 11 am and later was taken to Karunapuram - Vidyaniketan Junior College. Throughout the day people were flocking to visit the relics with much devotion and to receive blessings from God through the powerful intercession of St. Anthony. A special Holy Mass was also celebrated at the college campus by the Bishop in which a big number of priests, religious and people participated from different parts of the Diocese and elsewhere. With the visit of these relics we also have the privilege of keeping the relic of St. Anthony - forever in our Diocese at

We appreciate and thank the Conventual Fathers, Fr. Felix and team from Karunapuram for taking the initiative to bring the holy relics to our Diocese and we also thank Rev. Fr. Raphy a priest from St. Anthony's Basilica Padua who brought the relics to us. Let's continue to believe that St. Anthony, the great miracle worker will bring many more graces that we are in need of.

St. Anthony of Padua – Pray for us!

Pope's Intention for the Month of March

Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



Birthday Babies in the Month of March

Celebrate your birthday today. Celebrate being Happy every day.

1. Rev. Fr. Mekala Anand	02-03-1964
2. Rev. Fr. Maramreddy Maria Joseph	07-03-1975
3. Rev. Fr. Basani Mathias	13-03-1943
4. Rev. Fr. Thirumalareddy Anthony	20-03-1980
5. Rev. Fr. G. Joseph	27-03-1986



Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

1. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnapa	02-03-1997
2. Rev. Fr. Devarapu Sudhakar	06-03-2000
3. Rev. Fr. Salibindla Arogyam	06-03-2000
4. Rev. Fr. Singareddy Shoban	06-03-2000
5. Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen	06-03-2000
6. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Joji	09-03-1982
7. Rev. Fr. Pudota Prakash	12-03-1986
8. Rev. Fr. Pudota Chinnaiah	12-03-1986
9. Rev. Fr. Singareddy Balashowry	12-03-1986
10. Rev. Fr. Rachumalla Inna	12-03-1990
11. Rev. Fr. Gali Bala Swamy	20-03-1995
12. Rev. Fr. Pasala Anthony	21-03-1995
13. Rev. Fr. Pentareddy Baltha Raj	22-03-1995
14. Rev. Fr. Doddha Raja	26-03-1987
15. Rev. Fr. Golamari Ranjith Kumar	30-03-2016
16. Rev. Fr. Salabindla Mahipal	31-03-2016

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