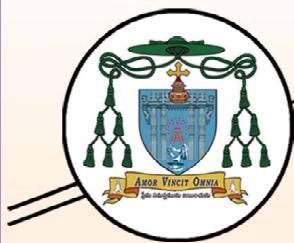


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REPENTANCE, ALMSGIVING,
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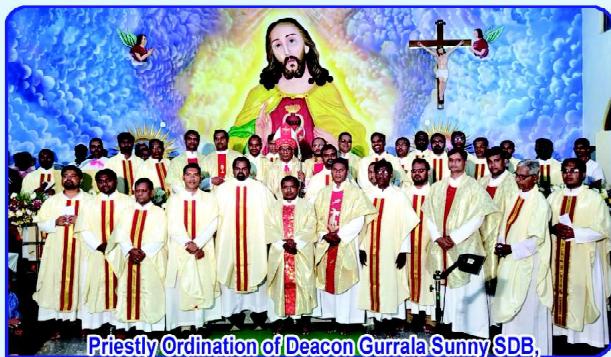




Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass at Cathedral & Day Mass at Mother Teresa House, Assisi Nagar



Mittapally Parish Church Feast &
Fr. K. Joji Priestly Silver Jubilee, Khammam Diocese



Priestly Ordination of Deacon Gurrala Sunny SDB,
Our Lady of Fatima Church, Ambedkarnagar, Reddipalem Parish



Annual Day & Blessing of Additional Wing of Little Flower Deaf & Dumb School, Karunapuram



Chapel Blessing, MS Banjara, Budidampadu Parish



Blessing of Community Hall at Bayyaram, Khammam Diocese

Kapari Vani....

Telling the Story of Jesus in a Synodal Way

The entire Church is on a Synodal Journey from October 2022. Those who are closely following the Church's teachings understand at least a bit of the theme 'Synod on Synodality and its process' which began at the diocesan level, walked through the Regional, National and paused at the Continental stage, after which the journey proceeds to the Vatican to be culminated at the 'Synod on Synodality' scheduled for October 2024.

The Greek word *Synodos* implies, I have companions on the way of Evangelization and synodality is walking together!



The just concluded Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (January 24-30, 2023 at Bengaluru) reflected on the theme of the "**Telling the Story of Jesus in the Context in a Synodal Way**". In short it underlined that 'Synodality is for Evangelization' and 'Telling is Evangelization'. It is the 'Telling and retelling the Good News' and not in the air but in the context of India, and in its different cultural and social situations. I am sure that all of us at one time or the other experienced some kind of Good News like '50 percent discount on clothes, iPhones', or 'Family enjoying the news of their son or daughter getting a four-figure salary job', etc. As the Church is by nature missionary (LG 1, AG 2), it is the Community, not the individual that shares the Good news. The phrase '**In a Synodal way' refers to our good relations ad intra and ad extra of the Church**'. Sharing the Good News implies that we are convinced that we have a better story than other faiths, religions, ideologies, etc. Evangelization is not repeating the gospels but having "Jesus Culture" with Cultural Quotient (CQ besides IQ, EQ) and walking with other cultures, other ethnic groups, open a new world, 'a new heavens and a new earth' to them!(Rev 21-22 Chs.).

Apostle Thomas to India

Early church tradition speaks of Christianity's spread eastward. The story goes that the doubted and reconfirmed Apostle Thomas came India. Christians in India to this day have a strong tradition that Thomas came to their land in 52 AD. When Marco Polo travelled through India in the thirteenth century and Vasco de Gama landed there in the late fifteenth century, they both found Christians continuing the liturgy of the ancient Syrian church. Hindu rulers and the Indian caste system had prevented extensive evangelism among the population, but the Malabar Indian Christians had been able to pass their beliefs to their own children for centuries.

CCBI Plenary Assembly XXXIV

Around 150 Bishops who attended the PA committed themselves to helping others know about Jesus in an "Indian way" through stories in a synodal way. The participants' affirmed the message issued on January 30, 2023 i.e., the power of story-telling as an "authentic path" of dialogue in India. Antonio Cardinal Tagle the Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization of the Peoples and the main resource person addressed on the meaning of the theme "*Telling the Story of Jesus in Context: In the Synodal way.*" He underlined that Indians can tell and retell Jesus' story in words and deeds as the first disciples did, combining it with each one's life story by "witnessing through action", through service, compassion, community building,

tolerance and sacrifice amidst the stories of various religious perspectives on conflicts and tensions.

This pastoral Plenary Assembly explored a unique methodology of evangelizing: Evangelizing through story-telling. We listened to story-telling of different commissions regarding families, youth, children and women, BECs, nature, liturgy, Bible, catechesis, etc. We heard perspectives from ecumenism and Inter-faith dialogue. Together we celebrated our faith and our life as disciples of Jesus through sharing, listening, praying, celebrating the Eucharist. The multiplicity of cultures and languages added light and colour to the celebration of our one common faith. How significant these are to the mission of evangelization in the present context of ethnic conflicts and religious tensions in India! The Story of Jesus was the unique thread, weaving all these life experiences into one grand narrative. All the colours, peoples, languages, cultures, values, religions, and arts of India's peoples formed one grand textile. Lord, how marvellous are your ways! How deep your designs! (Ps 92:5)

Telling the Story of Jesus in India

The world especially India is full of stories. Human life is unimaginable without stories. Stories tell us who we are and they link us with other peoples, all across Asia and even the world. Through them we explore life's deeper dimensions, including the mystery of our own being. Stories impact our life and our faith. They transform perspectives and values. They form community. Stories contain a hidden dynamism and transforming power, incalculably so when they emerge from experience. They are remembered much longer than lessons learned in school or books that are read.

Jesus, Marvellous Story Teller!

We were confirmed that Jesus was known as a story-teller. As a *rabbi*, a teacher, his favourite method of instruction was telling parables, insightful pictures that revealed the depths of God's Reign. Who does not know the parable of the Good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son? Jesus' parables challenge us with new possibilities in our relations with God and all our brothers and sisters. Many might think of Jesus as merely akin to the great Asian wisdom teachers, such as Confucius, Lao Tzu, Buddha, Jain, Krishna, Rama, etc. But more marvellously, we believe that Jesus is the God who became Man, sent by the Father. He is God's love story in the flesh - God's Incarnate Story. The Bishops recognized the many of the challenges found in Pope John Paul II's *Ecclesia in Asia* (EA 20): "narrative methods akin to Asian cultural forms are to be preferred. In fact, the proclamation of Jesus Christ can most effectively be made by narrating his story, as the Gospels do". He recommends following "an evocative pedagogy, using stories, parables and symbols so characteristic of Asian methodology in teaching" (EA 20g).

The local Churches in India especially in Telugu region can be faithful to the mandate of Christ's mission by telling and retelling the Jesus story. We seek to approach evangelization in an Indian way, an evocative way through stories, parables and symbols, a method so characteristic of Indian pedagogy. We implore Mary, the Star of Evangelization, to intercede for us that our hearts may remain on fire with love of Jesus her Son, whose story we shall tell and retell through words, deeds and the witness of our lives!

II. Holy Father's Intention: for Parishes

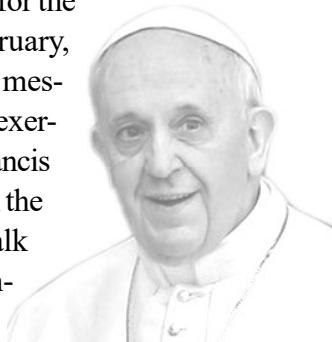
We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

III. Message of the Holy Father: 31st World Day of the Sick

“Take care of him”

Compassion as a Synodal Exercise of Healing

Earlier this week, the Vatican released Pope Francis's message for the 31st World Day of the Sick, celebrated every year on 11 February, liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Father's message is entitled: “Take care of him” – Compassion as a Synodal exercise of healing. In light of the Church's Synodal journey, Pope Francis invites “all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness.”



Pope Francis tells us in his Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti* that “we cannot be indifferent to suffering” (68), and he proposes that we read anew the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The condition of loneliness and abandonment of the sick in today's world only “takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us, in order to eliminate it.” In seeking the help of another to care for the sick man, the Samaritan asks the innkeeper to “take care of him.” Only with the help, courage, and innovation of others in a “face-to-face encounter” can we organize care for the sick in a spirit of fraternity and resilience. Many healthcare workers, family members, and community volunteers are daily witnesses of this accompaniment and caring compassion.

The World Day of the Sick is an occasion to pray for individuals who are suffering, and to find concrete ways to draw nearer to them. Mindful of this call, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops recently published an open-source palliative care toolkit for parishes, families, and communities in order that they may deepen their understandings of illness, suffering, dying and death. Drawing on Catholic moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise, and the Compassionate Community model, the palliative care toolkit facilitates conversations and learning, grounded in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ. Users of the toolkit are invited to organize group-based engagement according to the toolkit's four-module program so as to sustain and renew pastoral attention on the sick, lonely and abandoned. Learn more about Horizons of Hope, its training videos, facilitator guide, social media images, and take-home resources.

Pope Francis reiterates that we are called to learn “how to be a community that truly walks together, capable of resisting the throwaway culture.”

IV. Day of Consecrated Life (Feb. 2)

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Moral social and Laity's apostolate problems, numerous and often dramatic, are calling as Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life into question.

Whatever, the Vows impel them to keep alive in the world and the way of life which Jesus, the supreme Consecrated One and missionary of the Father for the sake of his Kingdom, embraced and proposed to his disciples & quote; (*Vita Consecrata*, n. 22; cf. Mt 4:18.22: Mk 1:16-20; Lk 5:10:1; Jn 15:16). United to Christ in his consecration to the Father, they never cease to seek his face; we want to stay with him and, like the Samaritan woman of the Gospel, draw through him from the sources of living water, to quench their thirst with his word and rejoice in his presence.

We Congratulate all the Consecrated in the Diocese of Warangal and pray to the Lord ‘for those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits’ by experiencing the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness and witness to Christ in Evangelization and Faith Formation especially in Warangal Diocese.

V. Feast of Presentation of the Lord (Feb. 2)

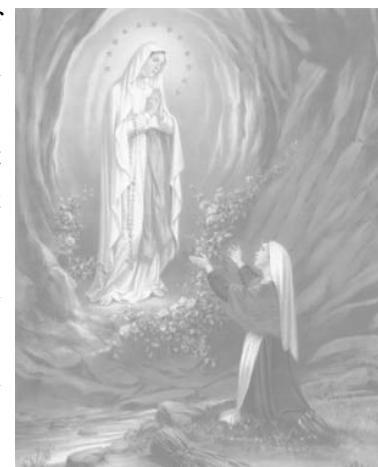
On Feast, we contemplate the Lord Jesus, whom Mary and Joseph bring to the Temple “to present him to the Lord” (Lk 2:22). This Gospel scene reveals the mystery of the Son of the Virgin, the consecrated One of the Father who came into the world to do his will faithfully (cf. Heb 10:5-7). Simeon identifies him as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Lk 2:32) and announces with prophetic words his supreme offering to God and his final victory (cf. Lk 2:32-35). This is the meeting point of the two Testaments, Old and New. Jesus enters the ancient temple; he who is the new Temple of God: he comes to visit his people, thus



bringing to fulfillment obedience to the Law and ushering in the last times of salvation. It is interesting to take a close look at this entrance of the Child Jesus into the solemnity of the temple, in the great comings and goings of many people, busy with their work: priests and Levites taking turns to be on duty, the numerous devout people and pilgrims anxious to encounter the Holy God of Israel. The prophetic attitude of the two elderly people contains the entire Old Covenant which expresses the joy of the encounter with the Redeemer. Upon seeing the Child, Simeon and Anna understood that he was the Awaited One.

VI. Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb. 11) World of Day of Sick

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a 14-year-old French peasant girl, St. Bernadette Soubirous. The first appearance was on Feb. 11, and she would meet with Bernadette a total of 18 times through July 16 of that year. On Feb. 11, Bernadette went to gather firewood with her sister and a friend. She saw light coming from a rosebush at a grotto near the river, and in that light, a woman in a white dress appeared, holding a rosary. The woman made the sign of the Cross, so Bernadette knelt, took out her own rosary, and began to pray. After a four-year investigation, the bishop declared the apparitions to be real, and worth believing. In 1866, Bernadette left Lourdes to join a religious order, where she served until her death in 1879. A basilica was built and consecrated at the grotto at Lourdes.



VII. Holy Childhood Sunday (Feb. 12)

On the Sunday Feb. 12, 2023, day the Church has the following aims:

- a) To pray for all children in the world so that they should be under the protection and guidance of Child Jesus (hence the name Holy Childhood).
- b) To give chance to children to take an active role **You can make a difference!** in the celebration of the Liturgy of the day so that gradually they should live their baptismal obligations.
- c) To contribute money through the ordinary offertory of Sunday service or through other well-organized special collections or a Paper Sundays with the aim of increasing the Sunday collection of that day. This collection is for the Universal Missionary Solidarity Fund for the



Pontifical Society of Holy Childhood. The money helps to support needy children in the whole world.

d) To demonstrate solidarity with the whole Church and the whole world in helping children who have not heard the Gospel of salvation and helping those who are suffering because of various reasons.

Thus, every Christian, including children themselves, have to come together in prayer and charity to contribute money towards missionary supporting other children and promoting the well-being of other children.

VIII. Memory of St. Valentine (Feb. 14)

Valentines Day

By some accounts, St. Valentine was a Roman priest and physician who suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Christians by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus about 270. He was buried on the Via Flaminia, and Pope Julius I reportedly built a basilica over his grave. Other narratives identify him as the bishop of Terni, Italy, who was martyred, apparently also in Rome, and whose relics were later taken to Terni. It is possible these are different versions of the same original account and refer to only one person.

According to legend, St. Valentine signed a letter “from your Valentine” to his jailer’s daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness. Another common legend states that he defied the emperor’s orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. He is the patron saint of lovers, epileptics, and beekeepers.



IX. Lent: Time for Transformation (Feb. 22)

Few times in the Christian year call us to reflect on transformational change like Lent leading toward Easter. Springtime is lush with rebirth, new beginnings, and new growth. Too often, however, we want to race to the Easter Resurrection without fully embracing the Lenten process that leads there. Lent reflects the forty days that Jesus wandered in the wilderness — tempted by Satan — in readiness for a ministry destined to end in tragedy. Few of us can relate to the level of sacrifice and commitment that Jesus displayed in his forty days, yet Lent provides us with an opportunity to deepen our spirituality by engaging in regular discipline from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. The wilderness — the desert days of Lent — is the true path toward spiritual transformation. There is a compelling metaphor that helps us embrace the wilderness and prevents us from racing to Easter. It is the metaphor of



the seed. Jesus began his teaching ministry with the parable of the sower (Matthew 13) and referred to seeds and trees, fruit and branches, throughout his ministry. To see the metaphor of Christian growth and spiritual development contained in a seed is to learn valuable lessons about change and transformation. Receive these six lessons from the seed as six weekly devotionals for this Lenten season. Incorporate them into your daily meditations so that they might grow to full bloom in your heart.

Three Timeless Practices of Lent: Praying, Fasting, Almsgiving

a) Fasting: Fast from watching television one night each week so that you can spend time on a Lenten practice, such as praying, reading the Bible and serving others. Fast from one movie during Lent and give the money and the time in service to others. Fast from using foul language and put-downs and start affirming the good in other people. Fast from buying new things like clothes, music, magazines, or jewelry and make a donation... Fast from spending money on entertainment and make a donation of time or money that serves others. Fast from holding resentments and start practicing forgiveness. Fast from gossiping or being dishonest and start the practice of always being truthful and honest. Fast from a favorite snack food or drink and set aside the money you would have spent to donate to a special charity. Fast from being angry or upset with people who have hurt or offended you, and pray for the courage to forgive them. Fast from feeling guilty and angry at yourself for things you have done wrong, instead remember God's great love for you.

b) Praying: Pray for a forgiving heart and ask the people you have hurt to forgive you. Participate in Ash Wednesday services with your family. Participate in the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Rent the video, The Prince of Egypt. Watch the video and read the story of Moses from the Book of Exodus, chapters 2-15. Try to read one chapter each day. Be sure to read the story of the Passover in chapters 12 through 13:22. List three blessings you have been given. Say a prayer to God, giving thanks for the blessings in your life. Pray for the children and families who are homeless, and think about ways you and your family might help them.

c) Serving/Almsgiving: Show an act of kindness to each family member today. Show an act of kindness to a friend and to someone who is difficult to like. Together with your family, spend time serving others during Lent. Work at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Visit elderly people who are in nursing homes or are shut-ins. Bring food or clothing to the parish or community food pantry, food bank, or homeless shelter. Do someone else's chores one day this week. Donate a new item of children's clothing to the local homeless shelter or clothing center. Go through your closet and find some clothes in good shape to give away to other children who are in need of clothes. Write a letter or create a card for someone who is sick or might be lonely. Buy a can of food to give to a food bank or homeless shelter. Talk with your family about eating one simple meal each week of Lent and putting the money you save in the Operation Rice Bowl box or giving the money to a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

X. Bishop's Engagements in the Month of February, 2023

- 1 : Warangal Office
- 2 : pm Flag Hoisting Mass at Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala Parish, Archdiocese of Hyderabad
- 3 : Feast Mass at Rakashanagari Shrine, Ayyavarigudem Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 4 : Khammam Office
5:30 pm First Holy Communion & Confirmation, Diesel Colony Parish
- 5 : pm Fatima Feast Preparatory Meeting, Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 6 : am Priestly Ordination of Deacon Jeevan MSFS, Vanchanagiri Village, Ookal Parish
pm First Anniversary of Good shepherd Grotto, Gorrekunta Village, Assisi Parish
- 8 : Warangal Office
- 9 : Khammam Office
- 10 : am Marian Grotto Blessing, First Holy Communion & Confirmations at Reddipalem village, Sarapaka Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 11 : O.L. Lourdes Church Blessing at Chinthagurthi Village, Raghunathapalem Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 14-15 : 10:30am Golden Jubilee of Banigandlapadu Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 16 : am Jinnalagudem Village Church Blessing, Allapally Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 18 : Blessing of Statues of Apostles, First Holy Communion & Confirmation at Ookal Parish
- 19 : First Holy Communion & Confirmation at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar
- 20 : Silver Jubilee Mass of O.L.L Church at Thallada Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 21 : Children's Day and Holy Mass at Karunagiri Shrine, Khammam Diocese
- 22 : Ash Wednesday: Holy Mass at Fatima Cathedral
- 23-26 : FABC Continental Synod Meeting at Bangkok, Thailand
- 27-28 : CBCI Communications Meeting, NISCORT, New Delhi

March 2023

- 01 : Warangal Office
02 : Karunagiri Feast
03 : Khammam Office
04 : am CRI & Warangal diocese Clergy Joint Recollection at Jeevadhara Centre, Rampur
pm Flag Hoisting: Fatima Tirunalla Novena Begins
06 : 10: 30am Lodi MSSS EXCO Meeting, Fatimanagar
08 : Khammam Office
11 : am Graduation Ceremony at Bishop Beretta School, Fatimanagar
11-13 : Triduum: Fatima Tirunalla
12-13 : Solemnity of Fatima Tirunalla, Diocese's Patroness Solemnity
14-17 : TCBC Ordinary Meeting at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
19 : Solemnity of St. Joseph: Renovated Grotto & New Parish house Blessing, Kazipet Parish
21-22 : Khammam Clergy Recollection & Pastoral Renewal Seminar with Chrism Mass, Khammam Diocese
30 : Warangal Clergy Recollection concludes with Chrism Mass, Fatimanagar

XI. Communications

1. Season of Lent-Ash Wednesday: This year, Ash Wednesday falls on the 22nd of February, 2023, 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. It is a great privilege and responsibility of all of us to promote strong Catholic Faith Formation of all Catholic children/youth/ adults in Parishes and Institutions

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 and have not yet begun the 60th year** of their age. All the Faithful are encouraged to do so more of Fasting of different kinds like watching television, using Smart Phones, Alcohol Consumption and criticizing others etc. Meditate always on the Passion of Christ.

2. Transfers & Appointments

a. Fr. Devarapu Sudhakar, after a long awaiting, obtained the Green Card Visa to continue his pastoral ministry in the diocese of Madison, where he served earlier. He has been relieved from his current office at Ghanpur on 22nd of January and had flown to USA on January 25th. I place on record his invaluable services in Ghanpur Parish.

b. Fr. Y. Thomas Kiran is appointed as the Incharge Priest of Ghanpur Parish with all faculties of a Parish Priest along with his current assignment as Correspondent & Principle of Vidya Jyothi Degree College, Ghanpur.

3. World Day of the Sick: Every year the Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick on the 11th of February, on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. I request all the parish priests to observe it meaningfully. Kindly arrange a Holy Mass, Prayers for Healing and deliverance of evil spirits.

4. Holy Childhood Day: This year the Holy Childhood Day falls on the 12th of February. Parish Priests and Heads of Institutions are requested to observe the Day and make a special collection and send it to the Diocesan office by the end of the month. Kindly **animate Catholic children with special preaching, prayer and contribution**. Let them thank the Holy Childhood office and learn to help the poorest children. They should be guided to conduct activities and raise funds for poorer children and should become Child-Missionaries. Please instruct children to be and become **child-missionaries**.

5. No Financial Transactions from 15th of March to 3rd of April 2023: As the financial year 2022-23 will come to a close on 31st of March 2023, there will be no financial transactions in Procurator's Office from 15th of March to 3rd of April, 2023.

6. NEWS from Lodi MSSS: "If you ate today, thank a farmer."

Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalized rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming Natural Resource Management in Kodakandla Mandal.1. 50 farmers were provided with plastic drums, cans to promote natural farming for preparation of waste decomposer bacteria, Jeevamrutham methods and to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients. 2.25 Mandal development committee members attended meeting and reviewed

on planning, implementation and monitoring of project activities 3. 60 farmers participated in linkage meeting and district and Mandal agriculture officers attended the meeting and shared and discussed agriculture issues, schemes, crop diseases and pest management. 4.Distributed to 100 farmers 6 varieties of vegetable seeds to enhance income and vegetable consumption.

II. Project Title: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Tribal and Dalit Communities of 16 villages of Tharigoppula Mandal of Jangaon district of Telangana. 1) 220 Farmers have received traditional food crop seeds and cultivated in 46 acres of land in 16 villages. 2) 78 farmers have received Fodder seeds for animal development and increased the quantity of milk in 16 project villages. 3) Constructed 200 Vermi pits units for 200 farmers from 16 villages and prepared and applied the vermi compost in 116 acres of land.

III. Project Title: Livelihood Based Food Security program for the tribal and Dalit communities in Gudur Mandal of Mahabubabad District. 1) Dr. Haridas V R Thematic Lead of caritas India visited LODI MSSS from 16 to 18 January to review the Project. He visited along with the Director Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Seethanagarm village of Gudur Mandal and interacted with Sarpanch, Secretary and Ward Members to assess the Project activities. Later they visited Kommula Vancha and Patimeedhi Thanda and interacted with the farmers to see how the organic farming is going on, as part of the project activities. 2) Mr. NEXON, the finance officer of Caritas India had seen the Account Section to monitor the financial statements of the project. 3) Dr. Haridas has reviewed the Project Activities of 6 months along Mr. Simon, the New State Associate of Caritas India. The Project implementers of HASSS and Adilabad Social Service Society were also present in the process of evaluating the project in three social service societies.

IV. Child Friendly Local Governance (CFLG) : Child Friendly Local Governance Program was launched in Wardhanapeta Mandal. The Program Monitoring Officer Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Madhusudhana Rao, UNICEF visited the field and learned about the program with the village officials. 85 Children and 30 villagers participated in this program.

V. Child Line Programs in Warangal and Bhupalapally Districts: During this month of January, special program “Operation Smile” was conducted in both districts. In Warangal District, 68 children were rescued and given counselling and in Bhupalapally district, 35 children were rescued and given counseling.

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director, Lodi MSSS

7. News from Arunodaya Youth Centre: Courses in Arunodaya Youth

Various training Programs like (1) Computer (Hardware and Software) Training, (2) Motor Training, (3) Tailoring and Embroidery, (4) Beautician Course, (5) Spoken English Classes, etc. are available in Arunodaya Youth Centre. Kindly make use of the opportunity to shine and serve the Society.

Fr.Anukiran, Acting Director

8. NEWS from FCT

On 12th of January FCT office conducted one day seminar for higher education students at Jeevadhara Prayer centre at Rampur. It began with praise and worship session by Fr. G. Kamal, at 10:15 am. Fr. S. Balashowry gave a talk on the sacramental life. Then at 11: 45 am the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. George, VC the director of Jeevadhara Prayer Centre. In his homily Fr. S. Balashowry stressed on the importance and the need of the Holy Eucharist and the confession in the life of the youth which will sustain them to face the challenges and difficulties. At 2:30 pm Fr. G. Anukiran gave them inputs on the holy Bible. He also helped them to learn the Books of the Bible through a song. He spoke to them on the power and need of the word of God. At 4 pm the program was concluded with the proposal of Vote of thanks.

Fr. G Bala Martin, Director-FCT

9. NEWS from WADES: Celebration of Rangoli coupled with Kite Flying

On the occasion of Sankranthi and Pongal festival was celebrated at Saint Mother Theresa school Choppadandi, Karimnagar district. The School organized Rangoli competition for the girls and kite festival for the boys on 12th January 2023. Rangoli is an ancient art and timeless tradition that is followed all over India. The word Rangoli is said to have been derived from the words “rang” and “aavelli” which refers to a row of colours. Kite flying symbolizes India’s free spirit.

Saint Mother Theresa school students enthusiastically celebrated in Rangoli and kite competition. It is a great opportunity for all the students to appreciate and feel pride in one's



own culture. In taking part and celebrating such events enriches and helps the students to develop a sense of unity and harmony among the different cultures and traditions in our country. The chief guest of the function was Mrs& Mr. Sowjanya Vinay Kumar, Chairperson-ZPTC, Karimnagar. She appreciated the efforts of Mother Theresa School for carrying the cultural values embedded in Indian festivals. She was overwhelmed with the skills and talents of aesthetic creativity and innovation exhibited by the children. She requested the school to continue to imbibe such skills and talents amongst the children who are the future of the country. The winners were awarded with the prizes on this occasion. Member of MPTC, representatives of District Social Welfare too graced the occasion and encouraged. The lecturers of the Government junior college were the judges for the competitions. The parents of the children and the children themselves were the highlights of the program. The parents expressed happiness and gratitude for organizing such events in the school which was first of its kind in the school.

Fr. N. Vinod, H.M & Correspondent
St. Mother Teresa School, Choppadandi

10. News from the Pastoral Centre :

1 Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday and Fourth Saturday i.e. on 14th and 28th of Jan 2023. On 14th twenty five members attended for MPC. The group shared and expressed their feelings about this MPC program. Rev. Fr.Y Chinnappa Reddy the Director of MPC and team guided and suggested the program and the program went on well.

2. 22nd and 29th Jan 2023 Denary level Bible quiz was conducted in four Denaries. I specially thank all the Deans and Denary Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and faithful for helping Pastoral Centre team in conducting Bible quiz competitions.

3. Jesus Youth program was conducted at Pastoral Centre by Jesus Youth team from 28th to 30th Jan 2023. Empowerment of today's Youth in the diocese more especially in the parishes.

4. FMM Congregation Sister from Bombay province attended online Pastoral Ministry Course more especially in line with Family Apostolate. A special talk was given by Fr. Kamal, Pastoral Centre.

5. Many more activities are conducted in Pastoral Centre and in different Parishes and institutions to encourage for mission work, evangelization and animations in the parishes and institutions with the invitations of Fathers, Brothers and Sisters.

Pastoral Activities for the Year 2023

Chairman : Most. Rev. Dr. Udu mala Bala
 Spiritual Animator : Rev. Fr. S. Bala Showry
 Co-ordinator : Mr. K. Srujan Kumar
 Mentor : Mr. M. Rayappa
 Parishes Contact Person : Mrs. G. Jyothi

S. No	TEAM	ACTIVITY	PRESIDENT
1.	Prayer Team	Praying for all the Activities	Adoration Sisters & Assisi Sisters
2	Word of God Team (Charismatic Team)	Two Parishes in a Month Charismatic prayers and etc...	Mr. N. Praneel
3	Bible Team	1. Bible quiz for Children and Adults. 2. Bible Training Program	Mr. K. Praveen
4	Catechism Team	1. Catechism Teachers meeting twice in a year 2. Exams Parish and Institution level. (Before Fatima feast)	Mr. K. Rupesh
5	Animators Team	Evangelization training programme twice in a year	Mr. G. John
6.	Catechists Team	Catechists training programme Denary and Diocese level	Mr. S. Christopher
7	Marriage Preparation Team (MPC)	Every second and fourth Saturdays Counseling and classes	Mrs. P. Pushpa Rani
8	Pastoral Centre Team	Arranging and taking care of all the programmes in the Center	Mr. D. Joji

Thanks to our Bishop Most. Rev. Dr. Udu mala Bala, Bishop of Warangal and Apostolic Administrator of Khammam Diocese for encouraging and support in Pastoral Ministry of the diocese. Special thanks to all the Deans, Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Pastoral Centre Team and Faithful for your support as without you all, nothing is possible! Thank you all!

Note :

1. Jyothirmai Sunday have to be celebrated on 29th Jan 2023. Please collect posters and booklets from pastoral Centre.
2. Dear Parish Priests, please prepare Children and others for denary level and Diocese level Bible Quiz competitions. (It's to improve Bible knowledge of our faithful.)

Fr. G. Kamal, Pastoral Director

11. News from Divyavani TV : Divyavani TV Channel is urgently hiring

1. Receptionist
Qualification : Basic computer knowledge, Telugu typing (DTP) in Anuscript
2. HR
Qualification: Fresher, MBA(HR)
3. Office Assistant
Qualification: Graduation, good knowledge in English vocabulary, shorthand, email and mail correspondences
4. Executive Assistant
Qualification: Graduation, prior experience in assisting leadership, good knowledge in English vocabulary, shorthand, email and mail correspondences
5. Studio Assistant
Qualification: 10+2, able to maintain inventories and assisting chief cameraman
6. Lady Singer
Qualification: able to read and write English and Telugu and also sing Catholic hymns
7. Editor
Qualification: Experience in video editing, Knowledge in the following softwares – FCP10 (latest version), Premium Pro
8. Graphic Designer
Qualification: 3D photoshop, after effects, VFX editing, pagemaker, coral draw, cinema- 4D
9. Assistant Graphic Designer
Qualification: Knowledge in photoshop, aftereffects and Anuscript, pagemaker and coral draw
10. Production Designer Assistant (Art Department)
Qualification : Set designing
11. Program Producers (2 vacancies)
Qualification: Planning, coordination, management, casting, directing, basic knowledge of editing, budgets, contracts and overseeing video production.

12. Sound Engineer-cum-Switcher Operator

Qualification: proven experience as sound engineer, technical expert, experience in sound editing and recording equipment(mixing console) and working knowledge in recording software of Protools / Knowledge in switcher operating in latest versions of Protools

Salary: Negotiable

We are looking for dedicated and experienced people to work with us.

- **Fr. U. Bala Showry**

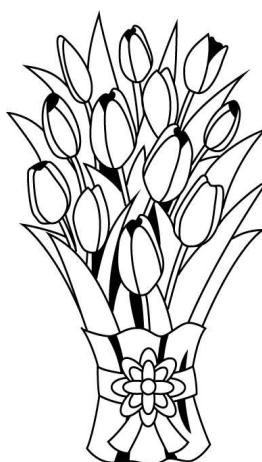
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Best wishes for Birthday Babies in February

Rev. Fr. Idara Abraham	04-02-1940
Rev. Fr. Golamari Bala Martin	08-02-1967
Rev. Fr. Nagothu Maria Joseph	08-02-1981
Rev. Fr. Singareddy Bala showreddy	14-02-1959
Rev. Fr. Arlagadda Prakash	14-02-1941
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnappa	15-02-1949
Rev. Fr. Basani Prakash	20-02-1957
Rev. Fr. Gopu Prakash Pradeep	25-02-1986





Renovated Presbytery Blessing at Ravinuthala Parish



Diddupudi Church Blessing, Wyra II Parish, Khammam Diocese



Decennial Celebrations of Peddagopathi Parish Church & Church Feast, Khammam Diocese



Mallaram Village Church Feast Celebrations, Banapuram Parish, Khammam Diocese



Matrimony at Kathwa, Nalgonda Diocese



St. Paul's Church Feast Celebrations at Nayudupet Parish, Khammam Diocese





CCBI 34 Plenary Assembly, Bangalore



Bala Vikasa PDTC 20th Anniversary Celebrations, Fatimanagar



Youth Meeting at Kristu Jyothi College, Reddigudem



Visit to Sahayamatha Grotto, Dharmasagar



Alumni Silver Gathering of CJITS, Jangaon



Visit of Archbishop of Cape Town, South Africa



Priestly Ordination of Dn. B. Suman, SDB at Kothapally Village, Wardhannapet Parish

