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"Helping hands  
are better than  
Praying Lips"

- Mother Teresa

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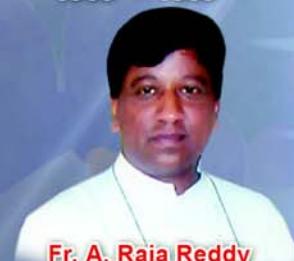
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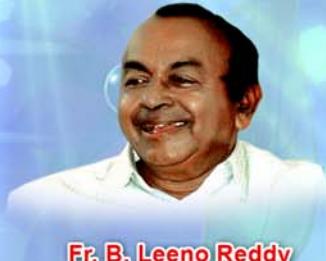
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Jesus is the Clock we go by



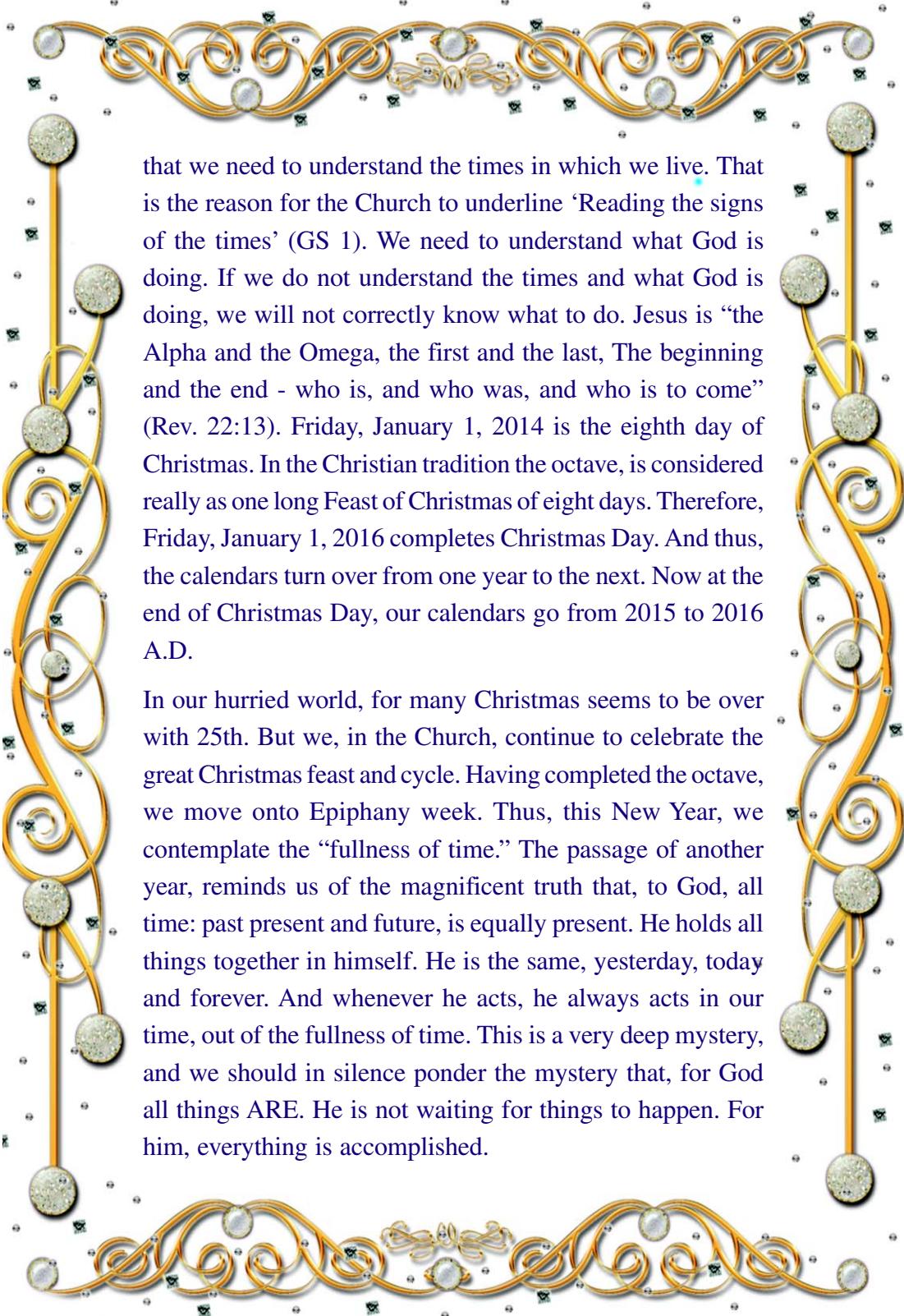
Most people, both in and outside the Church say, "Happy New Year!" And rightfully so, for it is the beginning of the New Year. But most people think of New Years Day in wholly secular terms. Sadly, it is best known for rather grand parties and external celebrations. Yet it is a mistake to see New Year simply as a secular holiday. St. Paul reminds us, in speaking of "the fullness of time," that all time belongs to God, and all the ages.

## Anno Domini = Year of the Lord

It is not simply 'year 2016', it is 'year 2016' A.D (Anno Domini meaning Year of the Lord). Even the most secular and unbelieving of people in the world locate their place in time in relation to Jesus Christ. It is 2016 years since the birth of Christ. Every time we write the date of the top of the letter, or a document, every time we see the date at the top of the newspaper or on our computer screen, that number, 2016, points back to Christ. He is the Lord of history. Jesus sets the date and He is the clock we go by. All time belongs to him.

## Bible on Times & Seasons

The Bible has much to say about 'Times and Seasons'. Matthew 16: 1-3 and 1 Thess. 5:1–6 state that we are expected to recognize and understand times and seasons. Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 with 14 pairs of opposites, offers practical wisdom for every area of life to know the proper time for each. I believe



that we need to understand the times in which we live. That is the reason for the Church to underline ‘Reading the signs of the times’ (GS 1). We need to understand what God is doing. If we do not understand the times and what God is doing, we will not correctly know what to do. Jesus is “the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, The beginning and the end - who is, and who was, and who is to come” (Rev. 22:13). Friday, January 1, 2014 is the eighth day of Christmas. In the Christian tradition the octave, is considered really as one long Feast of Christmas of eight days. Therefore, Friday, January 1, 2016 completes Christmas Day. And thus, the calendars turn over from one year to the next. Now at the end of Christmas Day, our calendars go from 2015 to 2016 A.D.

In our hurried world, for many Christmas seems to be over with 25th. But we, in the Church, continue to celebrate the great Christmas feast and cycle. Having completed the octave, we move onto Epiphany week. Thus, this New Year, we contemplate the “fullness of time.” The passage of another year, reminds us of the magnificent truth that, to God, all time: past present and future, is equally present. He holds all things together in himself. He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. And whenever he acts, he always acts in our time, out of the fullness of time. This is a very deep mystery, and we should in silence ponder the mystery that, for God all things ARE. He is not waiting for things to happen. For him, everything is accomplished.

## **Day of Jesus' Circumcision**

And I already said, New Year's day is still Christmas day, the eighth day of the one long day that we call Christmas Day. Historically, this is also be the day of Christ's circumcision. And for a long period in Church history that was the name given to this feast day, "The Circumcision of the Lord." Somehow this aspect Christ's humanness is clouded, at least in terms of its title. This is the day when Joseph and Mary brought Christ to be circumcised. In this, Jesus as man, but also as God, reverences the Covenant he has made with his people. There is a beautiful truth that God seeks relationship with his people. And in this covenant act of the circumcision is the moving truth that, as the Letter to the Hebrews puts it, Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brothers (Heb 2:11).

## **Holy Name of Jesus**

Another truth about the content of this feast is the most Holy Name of Jesus. For not only was a Jewish boy circumcised on the eighth day, but was also given his name 'Jesus', which means "God saves." And indeed, we use this most Holy Name of Jesus in reverence has saving power. Scripture says of his great and holy name: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, .... (Phil 2: 9-11)

## **Mother of God**

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God replaced the title of the Feast of the Circumcision back in 1970. However, it is the most ancient title for this feast day. We note in the reading that Paul says that God sent forth his Son, born of a woman. Jesus is the eternal Son of the Father; he is God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God. Jesus is God, and since Mary gives birth to Jesus, Mary is the Mother of God. Thus we have a very rich wall-hanging on this New Year's Day. This feast of the Octave of Christmas, this Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord, This Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, this Feast of Mary the Mother of God. And also, we are given this Feast wherein0 the glory of Christ is held before us. Therefore, it is a better way to start the new year not only culturally but also liturgically, reminded of God's incredible love for us, of his rich blessings and promises.

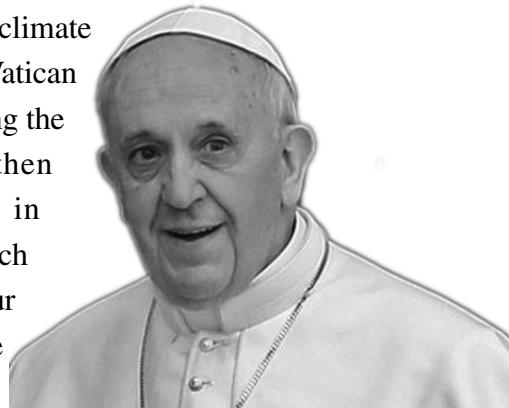
## **Our New Year in His Hands**

This mysterious moment called New Year's Day should make us wonder at what is in store for us and how the year will unfold with blessings or sufferings? Some of us tell the Lord what we would like to achieve in the coming year, and asking him to lend a hand in bringing them to fruition. But the stress of the times makes us impatient and lead to giving them up. Let us wish one another, in this global village of our times, not only a 'Happy New year but also a 'Grace-filled Year' in Anno Domini.

## I. POPE'S VANI

### HOLY FATHER'S MESSAGE FOR THE 49<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY PEACE OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE AND WIN PEACE

He cited several events over the course of the year 2015, including the various initiatives confronting climate change, the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, and the Jubilee of Mercy. Referencing the theme of the message, the Holy Father then highlighted various forms of indifference in society. First, there is indifference to God, which in turn leads to indifference to one's neighbour and subsequently to the environment. Pope Francis also addressed what he referred to as an "indifference to mercy," as seen with the Genesis account of Cain murdering his brother Abel. In contrast, God intervenes, the message reads: "He sees, hears, comes down, and delivers. God does not remain indifferent. He is attentive and He acts."



#### **"Mercy is the heart of God," the Pope writes, and therefore must be the heart of all His children**

Pope Francis said we are called to "compassion, love, mercy and solidarity" in our relationships with one another. He added that "the conversion of our hearts" is needed for us to become "open to others in authentic solidarity." The Pope called for the building of a culture of solidarity and mercy in order to overcome indifference.

This begins with families, which are the "first place where the values of love, fraternity, togetherness and sharing, concern and care for others are lived out and handed on." He spoke also of the role of teachers, and communicators. The Pope added that communicators in particular should be "mindful" of how they obtain and disseminate information, saying their methods should always be "legally and morally admissible."

Pope Francis went on to say that peace is the fruit of a culture of solidarity, mercy, and compassion. It is also a sign of the Jubilee of Mercy, which began 8 Dec, in which all are called to recognize indifference, and "improve the world around us." The Holy Father said these efforts begin with our families, neighbours, and places of employment. They extend to civil society's care for vulnerable persons, such as "prisoners, migrants, the

unemployed, and the infirm." On the subject of migrants, the Pope asked that legislation on migration be reviewed, in a way that facilitates their integration into society, with special attention given to legal residency in order to avoid criminal behaviour.

Pope Francis appealed to national leaders to offer assistance to men and women suffering from lack of work, land, and lodging. The Pope concluded by entrusting the reflections contained in the message to the Blessed Virgin Mary. From Vatican Radio

## II. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



As Catholics, we firmly believe in the incarnation of our Lord: Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Lk 1:26-38 and Mt 1:18-25) Through her, Jesus Christ--second person of the Holy Trinity, one-in-being (consubstantial) with the Father, and true God from true God--entered this world, taking on human flesh and a human soul. Jesus is true God and true man. In His person are united both a divine nature and a human nature.

Mary did not create the divine person of Jesus, who existed with the Father from all eternity. "In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly

became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' (Theotokos)" (CCC, No. 495). As St. John wrote, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen His glory: The glory of an only Son coming from the Father filled with enduring love" (Jn 1:14).

For this reason, sometime in the early history of the Church, our Blessed Mother was given the title "Mother of God." St. John Chrysostom (d. 407), for example, composed in his Eucharistic Prayer for the Mass an anthem in honor of her: "It is truly just to proclaim you blessed, O Mother of God, who are most blessed, all pure and Mother of our God. We magnify you who are more honorable than the Cherubim and incomparably more glorious than the Seraphim. You who, without losing your virginity, gave birth to the Word of God. You who are truly the Mother of God."

However, objection to the title "Mother of God" arose in the fifth century, due to confusion concerning the mystery of the incarnation. Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople (428-

431), incited a major controversy. He stated that Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, a regular human person, period. To this human person was united the person of the Word of God (the divine Jesus). This union of two persons--the human Christ and the divine Word-- was "sublime and unique" but merely accidental. The divine person dwelt in the human person "as in a temple." Following his own reasoning, Nestorius asserted that the human Jesus died on the cross, not the divine Jesus. As such, Mary is not "Mother of God," but simply "Mother of Christ"--the human Jesus. Sound confusing? It is, but the result is the splitting of Christ into two persons and the denial of the incarnation.

St. Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria (d. 440) refuted Nestorius, asserting, "It was not that an ordinary man was born first of the Holy Virgin, on whom afterwards the Word descended; what we say is that, being united with the flesh from the womb, (the Word) has undergone birth in the flesh, making the birth in the flesh His own..." This statement affirms the belief asserted in the first paragraph.

On June 22, 431, the Council of Ephesus convened to settle this argument. The Council declared, "If anyone does not confess that the Emmanuel is truly God and therefore that the holy Virgin is the Mother of God (Theotokos) (since she begot according to the flesh the Word of God made flesh), anathema sit." Therefore, the Council officially recognized that Jesus is one person, with two natures--human and divine--united in a true union. Second, Ephesus affirmed that our Blessed Mother can rightfully be called the Mother of God. Mary is not Mother of God, the Father, or Mother of God, the Holy Spirit; rather, she is Mother of God, the Son--Jesus Christ. The Council of Ephesus declared Nestorius a heretic, and the Emperor Theodosius ordered him deposed and exiled. (Interestingly, a small Nestorian Church still exists in Iraq, Iran and Syria.)

The incarnation is indeed a profound mystery. The Church uses very precise--albeit philosophical--language to prevent confusion and error. Nevertheless, as we celebrate Christmas, we must ponder this great mystery of how our divine Savior entered this world, taking on our human flesh, to free us from sin. We must also ponder and emulate the great example of our Blessed Mother, who said, "I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to Thy word." May we turn to her always as our own Mother, pleading, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen." by Father William Saunders

### III. CONVERSION OF SAUL INTO PAUL

Saint Paul is one of the most important and influential of all the saints. Many of his writings are contained in the Canon of the Bible and have influenced the growth and development of the Church since the first century. St. Paul was originally known as Saul, and he was a Roman citizen and a Pharisee. He even presided over the persecutions of the early Christians and was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.



However, Saul experienced a powerful vision that caused him to convert to Christianity while on the road to Damascus. He was duly baptized and took the name Paul. Paul traveled the world, first to Arabia then back to Damascus. He also visited Jerusalem to see St. Peter, the first pope and pay homage to him. During these travels, he preached ceaselessly, often drawing criticism and ire from those who rebuffed his message. Jews, in particular, hated his preaching as they saw him convert people to Christianity from Judaism.

It is believed that Paul wrote other letters, which were lost even before the Bible was established by the Church. Paul's writings are important because they provide good advice for how Christians should live.

Paul traveled throughout much of Europe, particularly in Macedonia, Greece, and Italy. While preparing for a missionary trip to Spain, he was imprisoned in Caesarea by the Jews for two years. He traveled again, was shipwrecked in Malta, and was imprisoned for another two years for preaching in Rome. Despite these imprisonments, Paul continued to preach.

Paul eventually made his way to Spain, then returned to the East, and finally returned to Rome once again. In 67 AD, Paul was arrested in Rome for a second time and this time he was beheaded under the insane Emperor Nero. According to John Chrysostom, Nero knew Paul personally. Paul is among the most famous, intelligent and influential of the apostles. There are some who argue that he was the leader of the apostles, but this is not supported by the evidence. Instead, he likely preached at the request of St. Peter, who was pope.

His feast day is on June 29 when he is honored with Saint Peter, although he is also honored on other days throughout the year, January 25, for his conversion, February 16, for his shipwreck, and Nov. 18 for the dedication of his Basilica.

#### **IV. REPUBLIC DAY**



Though India became a free nation on August 15, 1947, it declared itself a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state with the adoption of the Constitution on January 26, 1950. A salute of 21 guns and the unfurling of the Indian National Flag by Dr. Rajendra Prasad heralded the historic birth of the Indian Republic on that day. Thereafter 26th of January was decreed a national holiday and was recognised as the Republic Day of India.

The Constitution gave the citizens of India the power to choose their own government and paved the way for democracy. Dr. Rajendra Prasad took oath as the first President of India at the Durbar Hall in Government House and this was followed by the Presidential drive along a five-mile route to the Irwin Stadium, where he unfurled the National Flag.

**National Flag:** The National Flag is a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron (kesaria) at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of width of the flag to its length is two to three. In the centre of the white band is a navy-blue wheel which represents the chakra. The top saffron colour, indicates the strength and courage of the country. The white middle band indicates peace and truth with Dharma Chakra. The green shows the fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land.

Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. Its diameter approximates to the width of the white band and it has 24 spokes. The design of the National Flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India on 22 July 1947. It is really amazing to see the various changes that our National Flag went through since its first inception. It was discovered or recognized during our national struggle for freedom. The evolution of the Indian National Flag sailed through many vicissitudes to arrive at what it is today.

## **V. LODI MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR :1966-2016**

### **SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES**

#### **All about Lodi MSSS – The Beginnings**

A young Priest from Italy, Rev. Fr. Augusto Colombo PIME missionary came to India on pastoral ministry to spread the word of God to the people of Telangana region and was placed as a parish priest in Bayyaram village in Khammam District in the year 1952. Warangal was detached from the ecclesiastical territory of Hyderabad Diocese and it was created diocese on December, 22nd, 1952. Warangal Diocese originally comprised the civil districts of Warangal, Nalgonda, Khammam and Karimnagar and Rev. Fr. Augusto Colombo continued his mission in different parishes and was appalled at what he saw and started to identify the issues in view of their social up-lift: people were disorganized and were deprived of the basic amenities like food, shelter, health and hygiene. He was moved with compassion and committed to help the people to help themselves. With the support of his friends started charity and relief programs, and thus a journey began for social service.

#### **A Registered Body**

A revolutionary breakthrough came, when few people from ‘LODI’ a city in Italy offered financial assistance to a model farm which could be a model for farmers, a place for training and source of income. The land was purchased in Naidupet of Khammam District and as the work was progressing Fr. Augusto Colombo found that there is a need to start social service society and to raise funds for developing the poor, neglected and deprived. With the support of Bishop A. Beretta the first bishop of Warangal, Fr. Colombo registered a society for social development in the diocese on February 1. 1966, naming after first donors city ‘LODI’: the full name of it is: LODI MULTIPURPOSE SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (LMSSS/LODI) as a social wing for Warangal Diocese to serve the poor and needy irrespective of caste and creed. LMSSS has originated in Khammam and latter moved to Warangal.

#### **Aims and goals**

Thus, Lodi Multipurpose Social Service Society (LMSSS/LODI) has become the official social service unit of Catholic Diocese of Warangal, (Diocesan Caritas) located in Warangal town – the district head quarters- in Telangana state in India. The society’s definite goal is: “ERADICATION OF POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION”. Since

its inception it has been working through strains and struggles and reached the 50th ‘Year of Golden’ (1966-2016), establishing credibility, transparency, achieving good reputation in the eyes of the government and donor agencies, leaving an impression in the masses of stakeholders, and winning goodwill all around Warangal and Karimnagar Districts.

### **Approaches and working fields**

LODI started its developmental activities with the “Charitable-mode in the beginning. As the world is changing fast and many approaches in development of the people are being worked and experimented, LODI, attuning to other likeminded institutions adopted suitable ‘approaches’ in the process of its activities towards development. Thus, LODI, from charity mode shifted to food-for-work, community-building, community based organization, leadership oriented approach, result-based approach, right based approach etc., and were adopted the approach to suit to the needs of the particular groups for their sustenance and development. Employing these approaches, LODI has been mobilizing the activities in agriculture development, water-harvesting, watersheds, food-security, women community based organizations, adult education, primary education to the children who are out of school, rehabilitation and education of the HIV infected and affected children and differently abled children etc, including all types of people.

### **Nature and Working area**

L MSSS is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and non-profit organization working with sole motive to uplift the poorest of the poor sections, especially in the rural areas and is promoting and addressing social issues and concerns in Warangal and Karimnagar Districts.

L MSSS’s working area consists of two civil districts: Warangal and Karimnagar. At present it’s working in 1161 villages in Warangal and 891 villages in Karimnagar (total 2052) with different types of projects to attend to the different needs of the people.

### **Some of the Main Activities implemented**

#### **1. Mother and Child Care and Support Program**

L MSSS with the collaboration with “Catholic Relief Services” (CRS) USA, mobilized a program called “Safe Motherhood and Child Survival (SMCS). The aim of the program is to provide nutritious food to mothers and babies to their proper growth. The food commodities provided free



of cost was Bulgur, Vegetable Oil and Corn Soya Blend etc., irrespective of caste and creed. The program reached out to pregnant and lactating mothers, balwadi children, midday meals to school children especially who are in hostels, HIV infected people, orphans, differently abled children etc. The program reached out to around 3, 50,000 children and the adults over the years.

## **2. Natural Resource Management based Agriculture**

LMSSS has 20 years of experience in agriculture based “Natural Resource Management” (NRM) and implemented organic farming towards achieving Food Security to the marginal farmers, aiming at low investment and high production. LMSSS has promoted organic fertilizers and pesticides, soil and water conservation, desiltation program, water harvesting structures, plantation, vegetable gardens, pasture lands, livestock development towards sustainable agriculture for the benefit of small and marginal farmers. These programs were implemented in 15 mandals over the years.



## **3. Watershed and drought proofing Management**

LMSSS has implemented watershed and drought proofing programs since 25 years. It has successfully completed 21 ‘Integrated Watershed Development’ programs covering around 13600 hectares of land in 6 mandals and 45 villages; and drought proof programs in around 20 mandals and 210 villages. This program aims at raising ground water and surface water enhancing through soil and water conservation, water harvesting structures and enhanced irrigation sources. We have also promoted organic farming, social forestation, plantation, horticulture etc.

## **4. Drinking water Projects**

For the last 25 years, LMSSS has provided drinking water projects in rural villages. As there is an acute problem of drinking water in the area, Lodi supported the poor, dalit, tribal and other backward communities with safe drinking water programs by providing drinking water hand pumps-3186, construction to overhead tanks-480, deepening of wells, providing pump sets in schools and hostels-187 promotion of purified mineral water plants-47 and roof top rainwater harvesting systems -110 in around 2450 villages around 80,000 families.

## **5. Women Empowerment programs**

LMSSS is having vast experience since 25 years in women development programs. Women development programs helped rural women to develop and empower in socio-economic and political field. Some of the women groups brought out by Lodi emerged as strong bodies and now they are in good position in delivering goods in day to day life. The program reached to 855 villages belonging to 35 mandals of Warangal and Karimnagar districts, forming 5345 women-self-help groups having around 79,550 women members. Out of these 9 women federations were formed with 1428 self help groups having 24030 women members. Some of these federations are functioning marvelously. The women became a force in the development of their own families and the communities. Some of the women who were timid and not even speak a word publicly attained the courage to contest in the local election and won.



## **6. Community and Institutional care for differently abled children**

LMSSS has experience in working with the differently-abled children and people since 20 years. LMSSS has a strong conviction that each and every human being has inherent worth, dignity, skills and potentials. As LMSSS concerned in the integral development of the community, it takes care of the children and the elders who are impaired in different ways. We are supporting medical rehabilitation, education, equipment support to the physically, visually, mentally and hearing challenged through institutional and community care and support. LMSSS has supported around 4068 differently abled children for education, medical support to the physically, visually, mentally and hearing challenged children.

## **7. Welfare of Women, adolescent girls and Children**

LMSSS is working for the welfare of Women, adolescent girls and Children through Anti-trafficking and Adolescent programs for the past 12 years. We are creating an awareness and educating the women, adolescent girls and Children through formation of adolescent groups and community vigilance groups, capacity building program, sensitization programs, legal literacy program on trafficking issues, child marriages, child labour and vocational training to adolescent girls, rescue and rehabilitation of victims, prevention of girl child migration and child marriages and legal aid support to women, adolescent girls and children in 320 villages of 10 mandals.



## **8. Education and Child-Labour Elimination program**

LMSSS is working since 20 years on child labour elimination programs. We have organized number of programs to ensure all the target children to enjoy their right to childhood and education in our target areas. We have enrolled the identified child labour, dropout and irregular children through our interventions like awareness and capacity building to women, community, youth, parents and education support to poor children. Orphans and needy children are provided with nutritious food through boarding homes. Child labours were released and mainstreamed to formal schools, bridge camps, residential hostels etc. We have worked in 12 mandals in Warangal and Karimnagar districts and protected more than 15000 children from child labour and dropout were enrolled into main stream of education.

## **9. Health, Sanitation and Housing programs**

LMSSS is working since 25 years on health, hygiene and sanitation programs. Lodi seeks to educate individuals and communities on the importance of proper health and sanitation methods. With the help of local PHC doctors and nurses, we offer free check-up for pregnant women and immunizations for children. We have organized eye-camps and conducted cataract operations for the poor rural people. With the support of government health department, Lodi MSSS organized Mobile Medical Unit/clinic to reach out very remote villages of Warangal district. We have organized awareness and capacity building programs on health, hygiene and sanitation program in 35 mandals. We have constructed around 5060 low cost houses for the poor, homeless, needy people and widow women in 320 rural villages and around 4250 low cost toilets in 215 villages in two districts.

## **10. HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support programs**

LMSSS is working since 14 years on HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support programs. The aim is to prevent the HIV/AIDS through awareness building, care and support to infected adults and affected families, prevention from parent to child transmission etc. In HIV/AIDS programs Lodi has provided to around 36000 infected people through medical, nutritional, psychological support, referral services, counseling, livelihood and educational support, CD4 test and ART follow up etc.

Currently we are working on Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission Centres (PPTCTC) program in over 1642 villages in 74 mandals of Warangal and Karimnagar districts, yielding the best results. Lodi is supporting 3 care and support centers for children. Through these care and support centres we are providing medical, nutritional, psychological, education support to the infected adults and children.

## **11. Youth animation and Vocational programs**

Lodi strongly believes that generating collective energy of the youth would result in social transformation. Hence Lodi organizes various programs to bring forth the hidden talents and the potentials of youth.

Therefore the programs are organized for the youth in leadership, personality development, spiritual animation, conflict-management and career guidance. Lodi organizes non-formal courses like driving, computers, type writing, tailoring, embroidery for the benefit of the uneducated youth to provide them livelihood for their life. It has supported to 5480 youth through skill development and vocational trainings since last 25 years.

### **LMSSS – Looking ahead**

Sustain the project results: With the implementation of the above programs, it has brought lot of changes, impact in the lives of the people towards social, economic, health, education, politically and were proudly able to say we have achieved all this with support, guidance and community building by Lodi MSSS. Most of our programs have reached the unreached, remote rural villages to the poor, marginalized people. With these projects our target people have reached the heights of unity, solidarity, able to tackle social issues, enhanced income, livelihoods, agriculture production, income, irrigation sources, drinking water facilities, improvement of health, hygiene, sanitation conditions, reduced stigma, immunity and self esteem among people living with HIV, differently abled children, education status enhanced, children were able to settle in different professions, politically elected in the village and mandal representation. Overall the target people were developed and empowered and achieved self esteem and self sustainability with LODI programs.

### **Self sustenance of federations**

Lodi MSSS strengthen are women programs. Women were organized into self help groups and were federation at mandal and district level in the two districts Warangal and Karimnagar. Now at present 9 women federations are functioning and in this 4 federation were self sustained and have grown with strong leadership, regular loan repayment, involving in community development and were financially self sustained. The impact of federations women were able to participate in social, economic development and were elected in various local government bodies.

### **Self sustenance of Lodi**

Lodi has reached many miles and tones of achievement in the field of social, economic, education, health and politically development of the people in last 50 years. With all its programs in two civil districts Lodi MSSS has got a remarkable recognition and identity among the donors, government officials and target people for its achievements. As the funds are reducing year by year to Lodi, for the past few years Lodi MSSS has well planned its strategy for the self sustenance with the development of commercial complex and LODI agro farm and sustainability of women SHGs and federations. With all this Self sustenance of LODI will be achieved in the coming years which will become capable to reach the most needy, unreached areas with various programs.

God has his own plans, we as human should obey and follow his instructions. Service to the needy people and a just life leads you the heavenly father and his son Jesus Christ.

### **HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY, 2016**

#### **Universal : Interreligious Dialogue**

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

#### **Evangelization : Christian Unity**

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

## **VI. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

### **LODI Multipurpose Social Service Society, making a Difference in the Lives of the Poor and Marginalized, turns GOLD!**

**Love of God through Love of the Poor :** Committing oneself to social service is a highly rewarding vocation. It provides one of the most humane opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others and oneself. Nonetheless, it is a challenging job, and therefore, all social service organizations, human resources, donors, beneficiaries and employees need some inspiration to keep them motivated. “Truly I tell you, whatsoever you do the least of my people, you did it to me” (Mt 25: 40) is one of the foundational motives that drives Christians towards social service. Other intentions based on humanitarian or philanthropical grounds might add to the Christian spirit. For example, Aristotle’s maxim that anyone who has no need of anybody but himself is either a beast or a God would make people to seek and to give help.

**Humans, not independent but interdependent :** How true it is that all humans are not independent but interdependent! Mahatma Gandhi underlined it stating that ‘the best way to find you is to lose yourself in the service of others’. Blessed Mother Teresa had superbly combined both the aspects when she said and lived what she said “At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by ‘I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in’.” In the same pattern, the spirit of the giant personalities, Rev. Augusto Colombo and Bishop Beretta, who founded and funded LODI, will accompany it to go forward through challenging times and uncertain seasons!

**Founder Father Colombo’s Vision :** Most of us aware of the Chinese Proverb “The journey of thousand miles begins with one step”. So too, Lodi multipurpose social service society, the official Diocesan Social Service Society which has entered into the 50th year of its services in February 2015, is recognized by the standard agencies as one of the best diocesan social organization in India. It is a voluntary organization run by the diocese of Warangal working with the poor-class farmers, women, youth, children and differently-abled, mostly in rural areas. Fiftieth year is an opportune occurrence for us to celebrate the golden anniversary of LODI MSSS. On this glorious occasion let me first of all recall the great Soul late Fr. Colombo, who was the founder, the brain, the heart, the legs and the hands of this illustrious organization. Almost single-handedly, of

course, with the spiritual support of Bishop Beretta, steered the small boat of Lodi for a long time. This was possible because he was clear in his mind that his priestly ministry to be a missionary in India implied and even demanded ‘not only loving God by his proclamation of the Gospel but also by loving neighbors especially the poorest through charitable and social services’.

**Holy Father’s Laudato Si :** The recent Encyclical of Pope Francis “Laudato si”, written to all people including non-Christians on this Home of Earth, underlines on how to behave even toward Earth, a living environment for humans, a gift of God who creates life for all people. The encyclical requires everyone to make gestures of friendship toward Earth and pushes those in decision making roles like politicians, lawmakers, businessmen and the government, etc. to identify sustainable development that will socially and economically benefit even the next generation. The Holy Father called all to spread a moral lifestyle, which invests in human development. In reference to action, we are encouraged to take action to reduce violence, selfishness, exploitation and commit themselves to the protection of the weakest.

**Clay Pot into Golden Vessel :** How greatly I wish that we all cultivate this spirit and put into action! The Saintly Bishop Beretta was equally magnanimous in backing and accompanying Fr. Colombo’s endeavors. They began the venture of Lodi as a clay pot, which is now wonderfully transformed into gold! Hats off to them and I thank them very profusely in the name of all the Diocese of Warangal, the clergy, consecrated and the laity especially all the beneficiaries (most of us are part of them) and place the pioneering and adventurous efforts of, specially Fr. Colombo on record. Moving forward, we cannot but remember all the generous donors, noble well-wishers, gracious supporters, committed executive directors, devoted executive and general body, faithful staff, who have tirelessly worked through the 50 years in the cause of the awakening and empowerment of the poor and the marginalized. Fifty Golden years of Service in the works of charity, development, empowerment and in the building of the people is, indeed an amazing accomplishment considering the humble beginnings of the organization.

**Farsighted Presidents :** LMSSS, as a registered society under the Societies Act No. 9 of 1966 is building a just human society by promoting integral development of people mostly in the districts of Warangal and Karimnagar, though, initially it served in Khammam and Nalgonda districts too. It is a Non-Governmental Organization working with sole motive of service to the poor and disadvantaged people of the Warangal Diocese.

His Excellency Late Rev. Bishop Alphonse Beretta, the 1st President of Lodi MSSS from the year 1966 to 1987 has taken initiative towards charitable and welfare activities with the Christian motive of caring for the poor and the deprived in the diocese. His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop Thumma Bala, President of Lodi MSSS from the year 1987 to 2012 had lead the organization for the development of women, children, youth, farmers, poor and marginalized people through various development activities. As the current President from the year 2013, I focus on the challenge of the Empowerment and Sustainability of the services and on enabling the target people gradually move the state of beneficiaries to service-minded givers.

**Foresighted Directors :** Lodi MSSS was initially started by Rev. Fr. A. Colombo in Naidupet, Khammam and later was shifted to Fathimanager, Warangal. Rev. Fr. A. Colombo as Director of Lodi has rendered his service from 1966 to 1989 for 23 years to help the poor, need people of Warangal diocese through various charity and welfare activities like food, housing, health, agriculture, education, drinking water, irrigation facilities etc. On this occasion we sincerely pray for Rev. Fr. A. Colombo who has rendered his life to serve the poor of our diocese. With all his efforts Lodi MSSS has grown up to this stage and today entered into 50th year of service to the society. Taking over the mantle of directing the activities from Fr. Founder, the following Directors deserve our appreciation:

- i. Rev. Fr. Varghese, the Second Director of Lodi rendered his service for one year from 1989-90 and taken up welfare activities, mother and child care development programs for the poor and needy.
- ii. Rev. Fr .S. Balashowry, the 3rd Director worked for 9 years from 1990 to 1999 and taken up welfare and development activities like mother and child care development programs, animation, women empowerment, income generation programs, agriculture development, irrigation development, farmer's cooperatives, education, health, food security programs, drinking water programs and watershed programs.
- iii. Rev. Fr. A. Raja, the forth Director from the year 1999 to 2007 had taken up various programs like integrated rural development and women development programs, women federations, child labour, child trafficking, HIV/AIDS, drinking water programs, watershed programs, food security programs, natural resource management, disabled programs, drought and environment programs, etc.
- iv. Rev. Fr. B. Leeno as the fifth Director rendered his services for 8 years from 2007 to 2015. He has taken up various programs like women empowerment, women federations,

climate change, natural resource management, drought relief, watershed, HIV/AIDS, food security, child labour, empowerment of adolescent girls, differently-abled, drinking water programs, etc. He has declared open the Golden Jubilee year in February 2015 and handed over the baton to his successor. I am sure you would all agree that we thank them with a big round of applause on this memorable occasion.

v. As recent as on July 1, Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul has taken up charge as the 6th Director during this very golden Jubilee year. On this occasion I and we all together wish him to steer the ship of Lodi towards the waters of Diamond Jubilee.

**Net-working with National, International agencies :** LMSSS has been working in two districts of Warangal and Karimnagar undertaking various social developmental works in association with governmental and non-governmental organizations for the past 50 years. The organization implemented number of projects supported by national and international organizations. The organization has good relations and reputation in government agencies and other local NGOs. LMSSS has great recognition at national and international organizations level for its development activities to the poor and needy people. LMSSS in its 50th years of service has gained a lot of experience in the field of agriculture, watershed, food security, child labour elimination, health, HIV/AIDS, women, youth and community development programs and evolved a role-model NGO in the state and even in India.

**Profuse Gratitude :** On this remarkable occasion, I thank all the donors of national and international agencies for their years of support to LODI MSSS for the development of the poor and needy people in the diocese. I cannot afford to forget the beneficiaries, who are at a disadvantaged position in the society. But for their honorable cooperation, Lodi's services would have not been possible. Therefore, today's humanitarian attitude considers them equal partners in the yagna of social service. Thus both help each other as Emerson's axiom resounds "It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that you cannot sincerely try to help another without helping yourself."

I take this opportunity to thank the members of executive body and of general body for their invaluable collaboration and support for the development of LODI MSSS during the last 50 years of service. I take this opportunity to thank the staff for their faithful and dutiful services all through the last 50 golden years and paddling the ship of Lodi towards self-reliance and empowerment of the poor and marginalized through Lodi MSSS activities. Special thanks and appreciation to Mr. P. Show Reddy, who celebrates the Silver Jubilee of his tireless and committed services for Lodi MSSS. I thank all the

beneficiaries and target people who have benefited with various development activities and became self reliant or improved their living and serving standards. Let us reflect on the following saying of Benjamin ‘The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches, but reveal to the beneficiaries their own riches.’

**Blessings for Future :** Although Lodi has served for 50 years, there is a lot to do for the poorest in different dimensions of life. We wish that it tries its best in reaching out to many more unreached people, so that they too become not only sustainable but also resourceful. ‘Lodi has been swimming through the troubled waters of lack of sufficient funds, and in the future it is going get more and more rough and even cyclonic waves threatening to drown. Therefore, Lodi not only teaches its target group to be self-reliant but also it teaches to itself and makes all out efforts towards raising local resources, like building Fathima Complex which has providentially commenced its operations during this very golden year as if it is a Golden Jubilee Memorial! Let us firmly believe in God’s providence, Christ’s Motive and the direction of the Holy Spirit and ‘Do what we can, with what we have, where we are’ since the time is always right to do what is right! Finally wishing Lord’s blessing for a bright future of Lodi in its 50th year and hope that it would move towards the diamond jubilee facing all storms of challenges and risks. May Social service be and become a fulfilling apostolate for all of us! Jai Yesu!

May Mary Our Lady of Fathima, the Star of New Evangelization provide Motherly care for Lodi!

**Most. Rev. Dr. UDUMALA BALA**  
Bishop of Warangal & President of LMSSS

## **VII. GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION WITH DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND HIV CHILDREN**

### **Celebration : 1**

Lodi Multipurpose Social Service Society (LMSSS) is at the service of the most neglected, poor and needy people of Warangal Diocese in both the civil districts of Warangal and Karimnagar, from its inception way back in 1966. The Golden Jubilee celebration of Lodi Multipurpose Social Service Society (LMSSS) itself is an achievement and speaks volume of service done to uplift the people with a definite goal of “ERADICATION OF POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION” and making a difference in the lives.

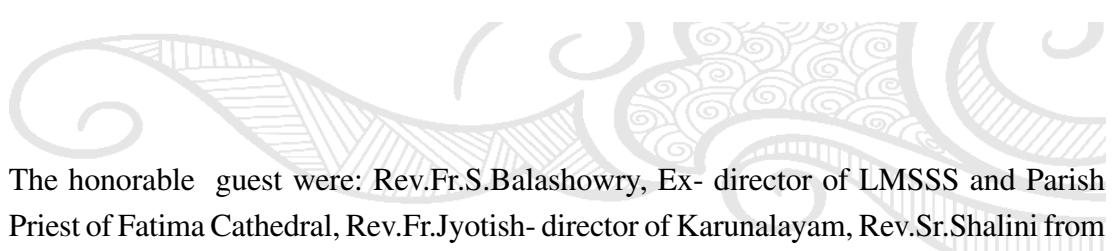
On the occasion of Golden Jubilee year, LMSSS has planned different various programs and celebrations. The celebration is to share the joy of brotherhood to all the people, remembering the words of Jesus “Let the children come to me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” LMSSS planned to begin its jubilee celebration with the most venerable Differently Able children and HIV infected and affected children, the program was held at Lodi campus, Fatimanagar on the 6-12-2015.

Most. Rev. Dr. Udumula. Bala, Bishop of Warangal Diocese and president of LMSSS Declared the Golden Jubilee open and inaugurated the program with a rally from Blessed Mother Theresa circle, Fatimanagar to LODI campus with Differently Able children and HIV infected and affected children.

A program was organized at the LODI campus with 600 children and Heads of the institutions from various institutions and individuals. Most Rev. Dr. Udumula Bala, recalled the great vision and the service of the founder late Rev. Fr. Colombo. Addressed the gathering he expressed his desire that these children of god born with impairments overcome their inabilities and develop their talents and come out successfully to face the challenges in the society. He appreciated talents and skills of the children for their mesmerizing dancing, singing and art of public speaking which he observed in their performances and appreciated the LMSSS and other heads of the institutions for the service rendering to these kind of needy children and also expressed that LODI continues to build confidence and a ray hope in their lives.

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director of LMSSS addressed the gathering expressed his gratitude to all the previous directors for their efforts in lighting a lamp hope and assured that this generous work will be carried forward. He recalled that LODI has done many a programs and great service to the physically challenged and HIV affected children over the decades with the support of the donors and the heads of the institutions and he also hoped that LODI will continue the activities in the future too.

On this occasion the children from Little Flower High School – Karunapuram, Asha Nilayam –Moghicherla, Carmel High School- Elkathuhrthy, Christu Jyothi school-Parkal, Karunalayam- Karunapuram and Asuntha Asha Nilayam – Subedari participated in cultural activities. Children with physically challenged, visually challenged, hearing impaired and mentally retarded participated in the dance programs.



The honorable guest were: Rev.Fr.S.Balashowry, Ex- director of LMSSS and Parish Priest of Fatima Cathedral, Rev.Fr.Jyotish- director of Karunalayam, Rev.Sr.Shalini from Little Flower School, Sr. Teresa from Asha Nilayam Mogilicherla, Sr. Riya from Carmel Convent, Elkathuhrthy, Sr. Annet from Christu Jyothi Bhavan Parkal, Sr. Cicili from Asuntha Asha Nilayam were the guests for the program. LODI central staff participated and made the program grand success.

### Celebration : 2

#### **LMSSS GOLDEN JUBILEE celebration with women federations on 19-01-2016**

The women are the backbone of a family, the church and society. LMSSS promotes mutual aid in a democratic way by creating opportunities to grow economically, socially and learn about gender discrimination and enable women to become self-reliant, sustainable and empowered to respond to women rights, solve domestic violence, women harassments and other related issues in the society.

LMSSS formed the unorganized women into groups and federations and necessary training was given to them for sustaining them way back in 1990 and formed 10 federations at the mandal levels and continue to strengthen them. There are 20000 and above women in different federations are actively functioning. The women groups had been supported through animation, concretization and finance. Mahila Banks were created and they are now leading in the villages.

A special program is planned and arranged only for these women federations' members on January 19th, 2016 to acknowledge our efforts to building these federations. The women federations are one of the great achievements of Lodi over the years. Although many women groups were project based and once the projects closed, they continue their journey through federation with LMSSS.

LMSSS share its golden moments of joy with the women folk, strengthen and recharge itself to march forward developing more and more women to lead a dignified life.

### Celebration : 3

#### **Grand Finale - Lodi MSSS celebrates GOLDEN JUBILEE on 28-01-2016**

“A program is incomplete without a word of thanks”.

LMSSS treats its staff members as family not as an organization employee. There is a saying “The family that’s prays to gather stays together”, the strength of LMSSS is its Qualified, disciplined and service minded dedicated staff having passion for social works and concern for the poor and needy. LMSSS recall all its memories for the past 50 years and invites the representatives of donor agencies, general body members, the executive body members and the central and field staffs, who were and are associated with.

The memorable day in the history of LMSSS beings with invoking God’s blessing with a “Thanks giving Mass at 11am, by the president of LMSSS Rev. Dr. Udumula. Bala, Bishop of Warangal Diocese, and all other priests will concelebrate and pray for all the donor agencies and benefactors and beneficiaries.

A public function at 4.PM at LMSSS campus. To grace the occasion eminent and resourced personnel associated and collaborated with LMSSS along with reputed Government departed heads will be the guests of the day. So be a part of the celebration.

We acknowledge with gratitude the generous support of all the donors for the last 5 decades for their contribution to promote social justice and empower the poor and downtrodden people.

Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul

Director, LMSSS

### **VIII. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY, 2016**

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| 01. Fri | :       | Visit to the Aged, Abandoned & Challenged                           |
| 02. Sat | :       | Office  |
|         | 5.30 pm | : Decennial Celebrations at Carmel Convent School, Palakurthy       |
| 04. Mon | :       | Office  |
| 05. Tue | 5.30 pm | : Founder's Death Anniversary at Kroot Nilayam, Karunapuram         |
| 05 - 08 |         | : Visit of Bishop Baker of Birmingham Diocese, USA                  |
| 06. Wed | :       | Visit to Missions with Bishop Baker                                 |
| 07. Thu | 5.00 pm | : Priestly Ordination of Gali Abhishek ofm cap,<br>at Kanchanapally |

08. Fri		: Office for Consecrated
09. Sat		: Jangaon Area CRI Celebrations of YCL
10. Sun	10.00 am	: Jeevadhara, Higher Education Seminar
	4.00 pm	: Journalism Diploma Course, Handing over Certificates
11. Mon		: Office
12. Tue	9.30 am	: Silver Jubilee of Fr. Sleeva, Panigiri, Nalgonda Diocese
13. Wed	10.00 am	: Silver Jubilee of Fr. G. Chinnappa at Choutuppal, Nalgonda Diocese
14. Thu	10.00 am	: Golden Jubilee Celebration of CSA Sisters at Kumarapally
15. Fri	10.00 am	: Pushphanagar Village Feast, Shanthinagar Parish
16 -17 Sat		: Telangana and Andhra Pradesh Rectors Meet, Karunapuram
16. Sat	5.00 pm	: Diamond & Silver Jubilee Mass at St. Ann's, Fathimanagar
18. Mon		: Office for Laity
19. Tue		: Lodi Golden Jubilee Celebration with Women Federations
20-21		: Inaugural Mass : On going formation for Senior Priests at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad
22-23		: Classes at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad
24. Sun		: Key Note Address : TSAP CRI Closing of Year of Consecrated Life, Vijayawada
25. Mon		: St. Paul's Seminary Annual Day, Nuzvid
26. Tue		: Warangal CRI Closing Day of Year of Consecrated Life
27. Wed		: St. Mary's High School Annual Day, Maheshwaram, Narsampet
28. Thu	11.00 am	: Lodi Golden Jubilee, Celebrations : Thanksgiving Mass, Social Function, Fathimanagar
29. Fri	5.30 pm	: St. John's High School Annual Day, Karimanagar
30. Sat	5.30 pm	: Decennial Celebrations of Notre Dame School, Theegarajpally
31. Sun	6.30 pm	: Don Bosco Feast Mass, Karunapuram

## **February 2016**

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| 01. Mon |           | : Office   |
| 02. Tue |           | : Episcopal Ordination of Msgr. Joseph Rajarao of Vijayawada               |
| 4. Thu  | 5.30 pm   | : Flag Hoisting at Infant Jesus Shrine Feast, Emjala, HYD                  |
| 5. Fri  |           | : Office   |
| 6. Sat  | 10.00 am  | : Blessing of St. Mary's Convent, Bacchannapet                             |
|         | 05.30 pm  | : Mount Carmel School Annual Day, Jagityal                                 |
| 7. Sun  | 07.30 am  | : Holy Mass with Confirmations at Fathima Cathedral                        |
| 8. Mon  | 10.00 pm  | : Our Lady of Lourdes Feast & Mass with Confirmations at Karimnagar Parish |
| 9. Tue  | 06. 00 pm | : Our Lady of Lourdes Mass at Gunadala, Vijayawada                         |
| 10. Wed |           | : Ash Wednesday, Mass in Cathedral   |

## **IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. Mercy New Year, 2016**

On the occasion of entering into the Year, 2016, I wish all the priests, the religious and the faithful a very grace-filled Mercy New Year, 2016. May it bring us true peace, harmony, joy, health and prosperity.

### **2. World day of Peace, in India on 30th of January, 2016**

As every year, the church celebrates the world day of peace on 1<sup>st</sup> of January. In India it is to be celebrated on January 30th, the death anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. The theme, the Holy Father gave for this year is "Fraternity : the Foundation and Pathway to Peace." I request all to take up programs to promote peace in villages and parishes. Catholics need to become promoters of peace everywhere.

### **3. Appeal for contribution towards Victims of Floods in Chennai**

The Diocese of Warangal expresses its solidarity with the people at Tamilnadu & Offer Prayers for the Victims. The need of the Hour is to contribute our mite for Rehabilitation of the suffering people. Please appeal to all towards this humanitarian cause to contribute financially. Please send the funds you mobilized to the Procurator, Bishop's House.

#### **4. Submission of Annual Returns (for January to December, 2015)**

Parish Priests and the Heads of the institutions are requested to submit the annual returns, which are to be sent to Rome in the first quarter of 2016. Please fill in correctly and fully and submit them by 20th of January, 2016.

#### **5. Binated /Trinited Masses : Maintenance of "Mass Intentions Register".**

Priests are requested to submit the list of Binated/Trinited Masses to the procurator, in January 2016, for the period from July to December, 2015. Those who neglect the maintaining the Holy Mass Register and non - submission of Binated and Trinited Masses would invite **consequent action**.

#### **6. Week of Christian Unity & Ecumenism Sunday Mass, January 24, 2016**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed by the Church on January 18 -25, every year. the Ecumenism Sunday occurs during the same week on 24-01-2016. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January. Please organise / conduct appropriate programmes.

**7. Ordos 2016** are available at Bishop's House. All the Clergy, Religious and Heads of the institutions may collect a copy of ORDO @ Rs. 20/- per copy.

#### **8. Year of Mercy Jubilee Banners**

All Parish Churches and Catholic institutions should proclaim the YEAR OF MERCY through Banners, Flexies, etc., Some more Flexies and Prayer Cards are available at Bishop's House. It is unfortunate to see some Priests and the Consecrated are not merciful even during the Jubilee year.

#### **9. Ongoing Formation**

##### **1) St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad**

I am pleased to inform you that our seminary has completed 50 years of its existence in Hyderabad and prepared around 1250 priests and ten Bishops. And also the Seminary has completed 50 years of its elevation as Regional Major Seminary by the Sacra Congregatio de Propaganda Fide, Rome. Marking these two occasions the seminary decided to conduct Seminar as part of on-going formation for the alumni Priests in two batches. This would be a wonderful occasion for the Alumni to get-together in the Lord has bestowed on this seminary.

The dates are 1) January 20 & 21, 2016 for those ordained from 1964 to 2000.

2) January 22 & 28, 2016 for those ordained from 2001 to 2015.

**Note :** The offer is on "first come, first served basis". For each seminar only 15 per diocese would be admitted. For registration and other details, contact Fr. Yerra Kiran before 07-01-2016.

## **2) Counselling Skills for Counsellors**

**Venue :** Satyodayam (Jesuit Retreat Centre), 12-5-33, South Lallaguda, Secunderabad.

**Dates :** 8th - 15th February, 2016 (8 full days). You are expected to arrive on 7th evening.

**Fees :** Rs. 6000/- (Registration fee Rs.1000 which is non-refundable and the fee for the course with boarding and lodging is Rs. 5000/-. Total fee: Rs. 6000/-)

**Contact :** Mobile: 09849954148, 09133255690.

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Fr. M. Kulandai Raj SJ, Coordinator of the Programme.

## **3) Therapeutic Psycho-spirituality**

**Venue :** Satyodayam (Jesuit Retreat Centre), 12-5-33, South Lallaguda, Secunderabad.

**Dates :** 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (8 full days). You are expected to arrive on 2nd evening.

Number of Participants: 20. It is meant only for priests and religious

**Age Limit :** 25 - 55

**Fees :** (Registration fee Rs.1000/- + course fee with food and lodging Rs 6000/- = Total Rs. 7000/-)

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## **10. Invitation for Year of Consecrated Life Final Finale on 26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016**

The Bishop and the CRI Warangal unit invites the clergy and the consecrated for the final closing Mass & Meal on 26<sup>th</sup> at 5.00 p.m at Fatima Cathedral. Please Oblige. The diocese would honor all the consecrated, who served in the diocese of Warangal 20 and more years, even with intervals!

## **11. Universal Church Contributions : Reminder**

This is to remind you about the annual contributions to be made towards different "Universal Church" collections and other contributions. Kindly note the following :

- i. All the diocesan and consecrated colleges / schools in the diocese have to pay annually towards Education Fund: College: Rs. 1500-00, High School: Rs. 1000-00, Upper Primary / Primary School: Rs. 500-00. Besides, you may also raise money and contribute towards Mission Sunday.
- ii. The consecrated Communities of Priests / Brothers / Sisters have to contribute annually towards Mission Sunday and Lenten Campaign.
- iii. Parishes have to make nine collections : Mission Sunday, Lenten Campaign, Holy Childhood, Jyotirmai, St. Peter the Apostle Society, Holy Land, Holy See, Peter's Pence and African mission.
- iv. Hostels / Boardings also need to make Nine collections mentioned in Point iii.

I reminded you to pay these collections in the month of November itself. However I am displeased note that some did not heed the call at all. Once again I ask you to pay your contributions at the earliest, lest you to invite a memo !

Most. Rev. Uduvala Bala,  
Bishop of Warangal.

## **X. INFORMATIONS**

### **1. ఓరుగల్లు పీరం యువత 9వ సాధారణ ఎన్నికలు**

#### **12 డిసెంబర్ - 2015**

ఓరుగల్లు మేతాసన యువతా కమిటీ సభ్యుల పదవి కాలం ముగుస్తున్న తరుణంలో వారి స్థానంలో రెండు సంవత్సరాల పదవి కాలం కొనసాగించుటకుగాను, అరుణ్ దయ యువతా కేంద్రంలో 12 డిసెంబర్ -2015 శనివారం రోజున 9వ సాధారణ ఎన్నికలు నిర్వహించారు.

ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి ముఖ్యాలతిథిగా ఓరుగల్లు పీరం యువతా షైర్పున్ బిషప్ డా. ఉడుముల బాల గారు, రిష్ణల్ యూత్ డైరెక్టర్ ఫా. బాలస్వామి, ఎలక్ష్మి కమీషన్ మెంబర్స్ ఫా. కె. విజయ్కుమార్, ఫా. వై. ధామన్ కిరణ్, ఫా. టి. ప్రదీప్, మేతాసన యువతా కమిటీ సభ్యులు మరియు వివిధ గ్రామాల యువతా ప్రతినిధులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

ఈ సాధారణ ఎన్నికలలో భాగంగా ముందుగా అరుణోదయ యువతా డైరెక్టర్ ఫా. నాగోతు వినోద్ కుమార్ గారు స్వాగత పలుకులు పలుకుతూ అతిధులను, యువతీ యువకులను ఆహ్వానించారు. యూత్ డైరెక్టర్, రిజీసర్ యూత్ డైరెక్టర్ మరియు ఎలక్షన్ కమీషన్ మెంబర్స్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో జ్యేతి ప్రజ్యలన చేశారు. యూత్ సైకటరి తాబీకొండ సురేష్ ఆధ్వర్యంలో వివిధ గ్రామాల నుండి వచ్చిన యువతా ప్రతినిధులు తమ గ్రామ యువజన సంఘంలో చేపట్టిన కార్యక్రమాలు మరియు సాధించిన ప్రగతి నివేదకలను చదివారు. ఫా. ఎన్. సురేందర్ గారు పరిశుద్ధాత్మకితాలు అలపించి యువతీ యువకులను ఆధ్యాత్మికంగా, భక్తిపరంగా బలపరచడం జరిగింది. తర్వాత ఎలక్షన్ కమీషన్ సభ్యుడు ఫా. వై. భామస్ కిరణ్ ఎన్నికన ప్రతినిధులను ప్రకటించారు.

ఓపఫ్ డా॥ ఉడుముల బాల గారు దివ్యబలిపూజను సమర్పించి. నూతనంగా ఎన్నుకోబడిన ప్రతినిధులను అభినందించారు. ఎన్నికన ప్రతినిధులను ఉద్యేశించి ఈ స్వచ్ఛంద సేవాను దైవ విలువుగా భావించి ఏనుక్రిస్తున్నా నమూనగా (*Role Model*) తీసుకొని ఆయన మనస్తత్వమును తమ వ్యక్తగత్త జీవితాల్లో అన్యయించుకుంటు సేవాదృక్పుధంతో బాధ్యతలను చేపట్టాలని హితబోధచేశారు. ఎన్నికన ప్రతినిధులచే డైరెక్టర్ మరియు ఇతర గురువుల ఆధ్వర్యంలో ప్రమాణ స్వీకారం చేయించారు. దివ్యబలిపూజ తదనంతరం అరుణోదయ యువతా కమిటీ (పాత) వారి యొక్క సేవలను గుర్తిస్తూ, వారిని శాల్యాలతో, పూలమాలతో జ్ఞాపికలతో సత్కరించారు. అలాగే కొత్త కమిటీ ప్రతినిధులకు స్వాగతం చెపుతూ ఆహ్వానించారు. తదనంతరం రిజీసర్ యూత్ డైరెక్టర్ ఫా. భాలస్వామి గారిని మరియు ఎలక్షన్ కమిషన్ సభ్యులను సన్మానం చేశారు.

ఆ తర్వాత తాబీకొండ సురేష్ కృతజ్ఞతా వందన సమర్పణతో కార్యక్రమాన్ని ముగించారు.

#### **ఇవ సాధారణ యువత కమిటీ సభ్యుల విపరాలు:**

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| 1. అధ్యక్షుడు            | : మారపాక ప్రశాంత్                               |
| 2. ఉపాధ్యక్షులు          | : 1. మదికొండ కృష్ణం రాజు<br>2. మాదాసి ప్రభాషిని |
| 3. కార్యదర్శి            | : ల్యాదల్ క్రాంతి కుమార్                        |
| 4. సహాయ కార్యదర్శి       | : ఆకులపెల్లి సోని                               |
| 5. కోశాధికారి            | : గుడికందుల శ్రీనాథ్                            |
| 6. సాంస్కృతిక కార్యదర్శి | : సంగాల అశ్విని                                 |
| 7. ఆటల కార్యదర్శి        | : సంగాపురం రంజిట్                               |

నవంబర్ మరియు డిసెంబర్ మాసంలో మేతాసనంలోని వివిధ విచారణలలోని గ్రామ యువతీ యువకులను సందర్శించి, నూతనంగా పులుకుర్తి, రామక్రిష్ణపురం, బౌలికుంట, కొండప్పర్తి, స్టేషన్ ఫున్సపుర్, వంగపహడ్డలో గ్రామాలలో గ్రామ యువతా ఎన్నికలు నిర్వహించాము. ఎలుకుర్తి, సింగారం, చిన్నపెండ్యాల, వెంకటాపురం, జానకిపురం, వంగాలపల్లి మరియు గ్రామ యువతా గ్రూప్స్‌ను సందర్శించి ప్రోత్సహించాము.

20 డిసెంబర్ అస్సిసి విచారణలో సెమి క్రిస్తు వేడుకలకు గాను ముఖ్య అతిథిగా ఎమ్ముల్చే కొండా సురేఖ గారు మరియు అరుణోదయ యువతా కేంద్రం డైరెక్టర్ ఫా. నాగోతు వినోద్ కుమార్ పాల్గొని గారు యువతను ఉద్యేశించి ప్రసంగించారు.

**యూత్ డైరెక్టర్ మరియు కమిటీ సభ్యులు**

## **2. BLESSING OF ST. ALPHONSUS CONVENT**

On 11-12-2015 St.Alphonsus convent was inaugurated by most. Rt.Rev .Dr. Udumula Bala by cutting the ribbon .Bishop was arrived the convent by 10:35 am and took the rest and tea. At 11:00 am our school welcome the bishop with a prayer dance. Then bishop was inaugurated the convent by ribbon cutting and blessed the convent. After the blessing holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rev. Bishop Udumula Bala. After the Eucharist we had felicitation ceremony for the guests. Then after bishop and all other guests went for the lunch. After the lunch Bishop left from the convent.

Superior Sr. Thomas

## **3. Banjara Christmas Celebrations**

The diocese celebrated the mega Banjara Sambaralu at Mahabubabad on 20th of December. It was the second of its kind and the response was incredible with around 2500 people attending it by singing and dancing in their mother tongue. 65 thandas covering 15 parishes of the ST belt in Warangal district was the focus of our attempt to give the joy of Christ's Birth to the mostly scheduled tribes, who are still in the darkness of superstitions, illiteracy, social evils like aborting the female children, young men addicted to local country made alcohol which drinks their lives leaving their young wives as widows and the like.

The Celebrations began with the hoisting of the Christmas flag by the Bishop followed by an opening prayer session with prayer dances at 10. 00 am. Then the proclamation of the Word, preaching and singing made the whole campus of Fathima High School resound with singing. Children from different schools of the region came in colourful costumes and at every interval, they stole the show. The singing was mostly in Lambadi tongue and also the witnesses by the people who believed in Jesus, who made a great difference in their lives, received repeated thunderous applause. There could have been more effective preaching, rather than many dances, though they were the highlight and delight for the audience.

The live Christmas Crib all through the day was the centre of attraction with a powerful message. The technical matters of organization and execution by Frs. D. Joseph, Sudhakar, Sravan, A. Inna, Sebastian, the Veteran, all other priests and nuns from the ST belt was very edifying. I cannot but mention the financial contribution of all those, who were generous. The CSA Sisters of Mahabubabad deserve great appreciation and gratitude for their support and service. The day has to be concluded because it was

about to sun-set, and Fr. Joseph and ST preachers conducted a powerful intercession for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with his gifts especially of healing the great number of people that thronged there. Surprisingly there were many healings and the number of the people who wanted to give witness from the stage was too big to manage. ‘Only then my eyes were fully opened’ to see the great throng of people and their desire for the word of God and His gifts along with the miracles of healing, as happened with Jesus, who had compassion on them (Mk 6:34).

#### **4. CRI- CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Theme: “Be born in us O Incarnate Love, to bear witness to the Word made Flesh”

The CRI of Warangal unit had gathered at Divya Deepthi on 19-12-2015 for recollection and Christmas celebration. Rt. Rev. Dr. Udu mala Bala was the resource person of the day. He gave us a talk on the theme and said that God took the human flesh to redeem the world. He enlightened us on the Jubilee year of mercy, to be merciful like the FATHER and be bearers from merry Christmas to MERCY Christmas. At Christmas the pivotal person is JESUS, therefore without JESUS there is no Christmas and no Christmas without JESUS. Thus, let, JESUS be the centre of our life, who is the “EMMANUEL” (God with us). He offered Christmas Holy Mass for the entire diocese especially for the religious.

Closing celebration of the year of consecrated life: Some of the religious from CRI Warangal unit and diocesan priests had a meeting on 22-12-2015 at Divya Deepthi to discuss and plan for the Closing Year of Consecrated Life at the diocese level. The members decided the following : Closing ceremony on: 26-01-2016 at 5.00 p.m. at Cathedral, Fatima Nagar.

The CRI, Warangal Unit cordially invite all the religious and diocesan clergy to come together to celebrate this mega event of the closing ceremony of the ‘Year of Consecrated Life’. We look forward for your gracious presence.

Executive Members, CRI, Warangal Unit

## *5. Hearty Congratulations to Most Rev. Fr. Joseph Raja Rao Thelegathoti*

The New Bishop of Vijayawada

The Holy Father Francis appointed Bishop of the diocese of Vijayawada (India) Rev. Fr Joseph Raja Rao Thelegathoti, SMM, Provincial of the Montfort Missionaries in Bangalore.

The Rev. Father Joseph Raja Rao Thelegathoti, SMM was born on 8 March 1952 in Peddautapally, in the Diocese of Vijayawada. After studying for a BA at the Andhra Loyola College in Vijayawada, he attended the Minor Seminary of St. Ambrose, Nuzvid. He then studied philosophy at St. Peter's Papal Seminary in Bangalore, as a novice of the Society of Mary - Montfort Missionaries (SMM), and theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Later, he obtained a licentiate in Biblical Theology at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore, and a doctorate in spiritual theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He made his solemn profession in the Society of Mary of the PP. Montfort on 31 January 1980. He was ordained priest on 7 June 1980. His Episcopal ordination is fixed on February 2, 2016.



### *Birthdays in month of January*

Fr. Polumari Anil	01/01/1983
Fr. Gopu Anand	03/01/1978
Fr. Thirumala Reddy Joji	05-01-1970
Fr. Annareddy Raja	08/01/1962
Fr. Duggimpudi Vijayapaul	08/01/1965
Fr. Gopu Suresh	08/01/1977
Fr. Pothireddy Papi Reddy	13/01/1938
Fr. Kommareddy Joseph	26/01/1984



## *6. A Hearty Welcome to Our Deacons*

Extend A warm welcome to our Deacons into the Diocese of Warangal. They completed their theological studies at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad and returned home for Ministry. They are appointed for their diaconal Ministry to preparing themselves for the worthy reception of the Sacred orders to Priesthood in due time.

Name	Appointed Place
1. Golamari Ranjith	Pastoral Centre, Fatimanagar for work of Evangelization
2. Deacon Salibindla Mahipaul	Jeevadhara & Kristu Jyothi Ashrammam, Karunapuram for Mercy Jubilee Activities

*We wish them fruitful diaconal Ministry*

## **7. Promotion of Continuous Eucharistic Adoration in Dioceses**

Explanatory note to help promote continuous Eucharistic adoration in dioceses. In his Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI concretized the perennial teaching of the Church on the centrality of Eucharistic adoration in ecclesial life by a direct appeal addressed to all pastors, bishops, priests, as well as the People of God, for perpetual Eucharistic adoration: "With the Synod Assembly, therefore, I heartily recommend to the Church's pastors and to the People of God the practice of Eucharistic adoration, both individually and in community. (194) Great benefit would ensue from a suitable catechesis explaining the importance of this act of worship, which enables the faithful to experience the liturgical celebration more fully and more fruitfully. Wherever possible, it would be appropriate, especially in densely populated areas, to set aside specific churches or oratories for perpetual adoration. I also recommend that, in their catechetical training, and especially in their preparation



for First Holy Communion, children be taught the meaning and the beauty of spending time with Jesus, and helped to cultivate a sense of awe before his presence in the Eucharist. (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, n. 67)

1. Each diocese appoints a priest who will devote himself full time – as far as possible – to the specific ministry of promoting Eucharistic adoration and coordinating this important service in the diocese. Dedicating himself generously to this ministry, this priest will be able to live this particular dimension of liturgical, theological, spiritual and pastoral life, possibly in a place specifically set aside for this purpose by the bishop himself, where the faithful will benefit from perpetual Eucharistic adoration. Just as there are Marian Shrines, with rectors in charge of that particular ministry and suitable for its specific needs, it is also possible to have "Eucharistic shrines" – with priests in charge of them – which radiate and foster the special love that the Church has for the Holy Eucharist, worthily celebrated and continuously adored. Such ministry within the presbyterate will remind all diocesan priests, as Benedict XVI said, that "the secret of their sanctification lies precisely in the Eucharist.(...) The priest must be first and foremost an adorer who contemplates the Eucharist" (*Angelus*, 18 September 2005);
2. Specific places are to be reserved for continuous Eucharistic adoration. To that end, parish priests, rectors, and chaplains are encouraged to introduce the practice of Eucharistic adoration in their communities, both personally and communally, in a collective effort to enhance prayer life. Let everyone be involved, beginning with children preparing for First Holy Communion;
3. Initiatives directed at local clergy, especially those relating to the continuing formation of priests, should be always permeated by a Eucharistic spirit, specifically devoting a suitable time to the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, so that it may become – together with the Holy Mass – the driving force for each individual and communitarian undertaking;
4. The modalities for Eucharistic adoration in different places may be diverse, according to the circumstances. For example:
  - i. Perpetual Eucharistic adoration throughout the 24 hour day;
  - ii. Extended Eucharistic adoration, beginning in the early hours of the morning and continuing until the evening;
  - iii. Daily Eucharistic adoration during specific hours;

- iv. Eucharistic adoration during one or more days of the week during specific hours;
- v. Eucharistic adoration for special circumstances, such as feast days and anniversaries.

The Congregation for the Clergy expresses its gratitude in advance to those Ordinaries who will become promoters of this project, one that is certain to renew the spirituality of both the clergy and the People of God in their particular Churches.

In order to more closely follow the development of this important appeal of the Holy Father, the individual Ordinaries interested in the initiative are kindly requested to keep this Dicastery informed of developments related to continuous Eucharistic adoration in their dioceses, indicating especially which priests and places are involved in this important apostolate.

### **MARKING THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MERCY JUBILEE**

Dates on which the Eucharistic Adoration would be held all through the Month / the Year in Parishes of the Diocese of Warangal

01. APPANNAPET	1 <sup>st</sup>	of every month
02. ASSISI NAGAR	2nd	"
03. ATMAKUR	3rd	"
04. BACHANNAPET	4th	"
05. CHERIAL	5th	"
06. DACHARAM	6th	"
07. DEVAGIRIPATNAM	7th	"
08. DHARMASAGAR	8th	
09. DIESEL COLONY	9th	"
10. MARIAPURAM	10th	"
11. DORNAKAL	11th	"
12. EKASILA NAGAR	12th	"
13. ELKATURTHY	13th	"
14. FATIMANAGAR	14th	"
15. GHANPUR	15th	"
16. GNANAPURAM	16th	"

17.	GODAVARIKHANI	17th	"
18.	HASANPARTHY	18th	"
19.	HUSNABAD	19th	of every month
20.	JAGITIAL	20th	"
21.	JANGAON	21st	"
22.	JANAKIPURAM	22nd	"
23.	KADAVENDI	23rd	"
24.	KAMALAPURAM	24th	"
25.	KANCHANAPALLI	25th	"
26.	KARIMNAGAR	26th	"
27.	KARUNAPURAM	27th	"
28.	KAZIPET	28th	"
29.	KESAMUDRAM	29th	"
30.	KORUTLA	30th	"
31.	VENKATAPURAM	31st/1st	"
32.	KUMARPALLI	2nd	"
33.	MADHPURAM	3rd	"
34.	MAHABUBABAD	3rd	"
35.	MALKAPUR	2nd	"
36.	MALLAKPALLI	31st/1st	"
37.	MANTHANI	30th	"
38.	MANUGONDA	29th	"
39.	MARIPEDA	28th	"
40.	NARIMETTA	27th	"
41.	NEKKONDA	26th	"
42.	NARSAMPET	25th	"
43.	NELLIKUDURU	24th	"
44.	OOKAL	23rd	"
45.	PALAKURTHI	22nd	"
46.	PALIVELPULA	21st	"

47.	PALLAGUTTA	20th	"
48.	PARKAL	19th	"
49.	PASARA	18th	of every month
50.	RAMPUR	17th	"
51.	RANIPURAM	16th	"
52.	REDDIPALEM	15th	"
53.	REDDIPURAM	14th	"
54.	SAGARAM	13th	"
55.	SAINT PETER'S COLONY	12th	"
56.	SHANTINAGAR	11th	"
57.	SHANTIPURAM	10th	"
58.	SINGARAM	9th	"
59.	SUBEDARI	8th	"
60.	THEEGARAJPALLI	7th	"
61.	THIMMARAOPET	6th	"
62.	THORRUR	5th	"
63.	UNICHICHERLA	4th	"
64.	VELERU	3rd	"
65.	WADDEPALLI	2nd	"
66.	WARDHANNAPET	1st	"

## 8. THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2016

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**Theme :** Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord (cf. 1 Peter 2:9)

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Introduction to the worship

The Latvian writing group suggests that representatives from different churches enter carrying a Bible, a lighted candle (which may be a Paschal or Easter Candle) and a bowl of salt. They further suggest that each of these symbols is provided by a different congregation. The Bible should be placed on the lectern for the readings, and the salt

and candle may be placed either by the lectern, as they are symbols of God's Word, or by the font, as they are signs of our baptismal calling. A basket of small candles should also be set on the sanctuary so that after the homily members of the congregation can light individual candles from the flame carried in at the beginning of the service.

## **9. JUBILEE DOOR OF MERCY OF FATIMA CATHEDRAL-WARANGAL DIOCESE**

Sealing and official Opening

**"Merciful like the Father"**

In preparation for the Jubilee year of Mercy, after explaining the Holy Father's intention, our bishop Uduamala Bala closed the main Door of the Cathedral on November 29th 2015 after the Holy Mass at 7.30 am in the presence of the Faithful.

The Holy Father opened the Door of Mercy in Vatican on December 8th and to mark this event, the bishops all over the world had opened the Jubilee Door/s in designated churches/cathedrals in their respective dioceses. In our diocese, Most Rev.Uduamala Bala, the Bishop of Warangal, celebrated the Holy Mass on 13th December 2015 at 7.30 am., Preceeded by the solemn opening of the Mercy Door.

All the faithful assembled at Grotto to begin the celebration. Our Bishop wore the Cope and explained about the intension of the Holy Father with the reading the Gospel. He also gave a call to clergy and the faithful to experience the God the Father's Mercy. In turn also the faithful were called to do the acts of mercy to others.

As the procession began to the main door of the Cathedral, the choir sang. On reaching the Jubilee door, the bishop made special prayers and unrolled the Jubilee Door Curtain and solemnly opened the mercy Door while the faithful gave a thunderous applause. It was a moment of ecstasy of Mercy to the gathering.

First the celebrants, then the faithful entered the cathedral through the Door of Mercy and took part in the Holy Eucharist. The people experienced the special grace of God entering through this Door.

Every day before the Holy Mass, the people enter the cathedral through this Door of Mercy and recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and experience special blessings and try to reflect like the Moon God's Mercy to others.

Fr.S.Balashowry.

## **10. EXTRAORDINARY MERCY JUBILEE**

Proposed Programs of Celebration with Focus on Reception, Reconciliation, Confession and Proclamation of Mercy, Divine and Human

### **I. Diocesan Level**

1. Pastoral Letter by Bishop around Lent
2. Mercy Jubilee Banners to be on Display in all Parish Churches, Christian Centres and on Chapels with 50 year of History, and even with less history.
3. Leaflets with Biblical References on ‘Mercy’ would be prepared by Fr. Surender.
4. Mercy Jubilee Year prayer must be daily said in all parish Churches – Prayer cards and Flexes are available at Bishop’s House.
5. 3 Charismatic Conventions on Mercy, Compassion, Reconciliation, Forgiveness, Healing, especially in Family Life: Two in Warangal Area and One in Karimanagar area
6. One Convention for the Youth on the same theme with relevant application.
7. Quiz on Divine Mercy on Deanery level to be culminated on the Diocesan level. Matter for quiz would be provided by Fr. D. Joseph, in-charge of the quiz.
8. Parish-wise Daily Eucharistic Adoration as fixed by the Bishop – see Fatima Vani Jan., 2016.
9. Couples Day Convention: On Married and Family Life, Renewal of Marriage Promises, etc.: One in Warangal area and the 2nd in Karimnagar area.
10. Mercy Jubilee Ratham for Requesting Parishes/Sub-stations, etc in Lent- Summer Time: Rev. T. Jerome, the in-Charge would inform of details in due time.
11. Centres of Availability for Counselling and Confession on Call: Our Lady of Fatima Cathedral, Vailankanni Shrine, and Our Lady of Lourdes, Karimanagar Parish Church.
12. Simultaneous 24-Hour Eucharistic Intercessory Adoration in all Parishes and feasible Substations throughout the Diocese: Date would be intimated in due time, possibly on a Holiday in Summer time!
13. Suggested: A Day or Two for Challenged Children and another for the Normal; Old and Sick and Suffering, etc.
14. A Marian Day with focus on Mary, Mother of Mercy

15. Grand Finale: Concluding Day of Mercy Jubilee Year in Fatimanagar: Your suggestions are welcome to conduct like the ‘year of faith’ with pilgrimage to the Cathedral on Foot, Vehicles with Banners, Placards, T-Shirts/ Caps with emblem, etc.

## **II. DEANERY LEVEL**

1. One Day Seminar on significant topic of Mercy: Choice is left to the Deanery.
2. Quiz to be begun on deanery level to bring the finalist to the Diocesan level.
3. Day of Prayer/ Counselling as per age groups such as Youth, Children, Sick, etc.
4. Any other as the Deanery wishes.

## **III. PARISH LEVEL**

1. Daily Recitation of Jubilee Prayer and Divine Mercy Chaplet
2. Corporeal and Spiritual Works of Mercy animating Different Pious and Voluntary Associations
3. On every 1st Friday, a 12-Hour (day or night or both) Eucharistic Adoration in every parish: Intentions for Intercession would be given.
4. Pilgrimages to Mercy-Doors, and other
5. Utilizing the services of Laity, Specially Catechists, Animators, and Pious Associations in organizing and conducting Mercy Prayers and Programs.
6. Any other as the Parish wishes.

## **IV. FOR DIOCESAN CLERGY AND CONSECRATED (TOGETHER)**

1. A Day of Seminar on relevant Topic: Warangal CRI is in charge
2. A Day of Understanding and Reconciliation for Collaboration in respective Vocation and Apostolate.

### **Nota bene:**

1. Kindly involve the laity a great deal in planning, organizing and conducting the Mercy Jubilee Programs.
2. Every Deanery and later every Parish is requested to form a team of Mercy Jubilee including also the members of the Consecrated, catechists and lay Faithful. You may retain the team of the Pastoral Plan, if you so wish.

3. Kindly discuss and plan the program for the Deanery/ Parish from the above or with new activities.
4. Please submit the team and the programs for the deanery/ Parish by 26th January 2016.
5. We need to raise funds for the programs. Kindly be enterprising in your efforts to find donors. All the activities on Deanery and Parish level/s are to be supported by themselves or donors. For the Diocesan level programs, a fund raising cum finance committee would be set up in due course of time.
6. The Coordinator of Mercy Jubilee Year programs is Rev. T. Jerome assisted by Frs. D. Joseph, B. Leeno, N. Surender, Rev. Rev. Sr. Selvi, CRI President, Rev. Alex, CRI Vice-President and with Lay representatives Mr. Joji Reddy, Mr. Sagar and Ms. Mary. You may Contact Fr. Jerome for more details/ suggestions, etc.

Wishing Ourselves a Blessingsful Year of Mercy Jubilee,

+ Uduamala Bala  
Bishop, Warangal Diocese

## **11. UPDATE OF DIVYAVANI TV CHANNEL**

### **లాంచింగ్‌కి సిద్ధమవుతున్న దివ్యవాణి టీవి**

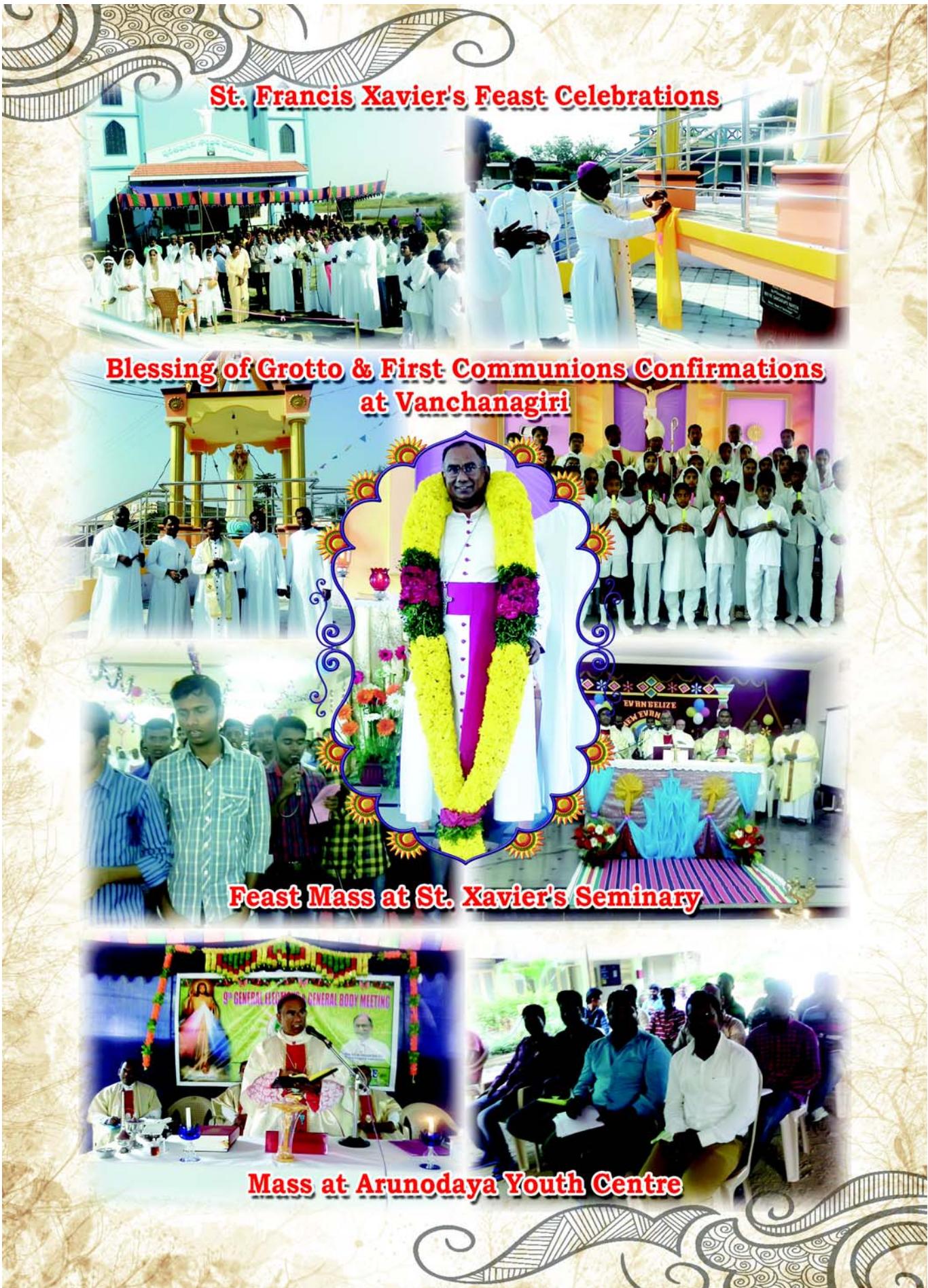
“మాకు ఒక ప్రత్యేక టీవి ఛానల్” ఉండాలన్న కథోలిక తెలుగు విశ్వాసుల సుందర స్వప్నం త్వరలో సాకారం కానుంది. రెండు సంవత్సరాల సుదీర్ఘవర్షాలు. సమాలోచనల తర్వాత తెలుగు కథోలిక పీఠాధిపతుల సమాఖ్య ఈ బాధ్యతను తమ భజస్సుంధాలపై వేసుకోవడమే తరువాయి 19 ఆగష్టు 2014న పచ్చజెండా ఊపి, అమృతవాణికి బాధ్యతలు అప్పగించడంతో దివ్యవాణి టీవి ఛానల్ ఏర్పాట్లు శరవేగంగా మొదలయ్యాయి. ఆ తర్వాత వెనువెంటనే కంపెనీ యూక్టి 2013 ప్రకారం దివ్యవాణి సోపల్ కమ్యూనికేపన్స్‌గా రిజిస్ట్రేషన్ చేయించడం జరిగింది. ఇటీవలే సంస్కృత ఆదాయపు పన్ను మినహాయింపు ఓసం 12ఎ అనుమతి లభించింది. అయితే, దాతలకు విరాళాల పన్ను రాయితీకోసం 80జి స్టేటస్‌కే ముమ్మరంగా ప్రయత్నిస్తున్నాము.

తెలుగు కథోలిక పీఠాధిపతుల సమాఖ్య (TCBC) దివ్యవాణి టీవి ఛానల్ స్థాపనకోసం భక్త యోహన్ ప్రాంతియ గురువిద్యాలయము, రామాంతపూర్ హైదరాబాద్లో కొంత భవన సముదాయాన్ని కేటాయించడం అందరికి తెలిసిన విషయమే. గ్రీన్మార్క్ట్‌తో వివిధ కార్బూక్మాలను రూపొందించుటకు సెట్టు వేసుకునే విధంగా 100x30 వైశాల్యంతో సౌంట్ ప్రాప్, పవర్గ్రైంట్ అధునాతన పద్ధతుల్లో స్టోడియో నిర్మాణాన్ని మూడు నెలలలో పూర్తిచేసి టిసిబిసి పీఠాధిపతుల ఆశీస్సులతో సెప్టెంబర్ 2015లో ప్రారంభించాము. ఆ తర్వాత ఈ భవన సముదాయములోనే దివ్యవాణి వివిధ విభాగాల నిర్వహణకు అనుగుణంగా చిన్న చిన్న మరమ్మత్తులతో దివ్యవాణి కార్బూలయాన్ని తీర్చిదిద్దడం జరిగింది.

ఇప్పటికే ఒక ప్రాడక్షన్ యూనిట్ గత రెండుస్వర నెలలుగా అమృతవాణి కమ్యూనికేషన్ సెంటర్ సికింద్రాబాద్లో అందుబాటులో ఉన్న ప్రాడక్షన్ సెంటర్ను వినియోగించుకుని “దివ్యవాణి టీవీ” కి అవసరమైన కార్బూకమాల ప్రాడక్షన్ను మొదలుపెట్టింది. ఇందులో భాగంగా వివిధ మేత్రాసనాలలో జపమాలలు, దివ్యకారుణ్య జపమాల భక్తిగీతాలు, స్తుతి ప్రార్థనలు, ప్రసంగాలు, దివ్యసత్పసాద ఆరాధనలు, దివ్యసంస్కారాల ప్రాధాన్యత, భక్తి మార్గాలు, నేటి సమాజంలో క్రైస్తవ సాక్ష్యం, స్వాపలంబన దిశగా క్రైస్తవ సంఘాల నిర్మాణం, ఆధ్యాత్మిక విలువల పెంపుదల, దైవరాజ్య స్థాపన మొదలగు అంశాలతో కూడిన దిన మరియు వార ప్రసారాలకు సంబంధించిన సుమారు 50 కార్బూకమాలను చిత్రీకరిస్తున్నాం. ఈ కార్బూకమాలు వివిధ దశలలో ప్రాడక్షన్కు సిద్ధమవుతున్నాయి. 29 నవంబర్ 2015న దివ్యవాణి సిబ్బంది రామాంతపూర్లోని తమ సౌంత కార్యాలయానికి చేరుకుంది. దివ్యవాణి లాంచింగ్ నాటికి మూడు నెలలకు సరిపడా కార్బూకమాలను సిద్ధం చేయడమే లక్ష్యంగా సిబ్బంది తమ విధులను చురుకుగా నిర్వహిస్తున్నారు. డిసెంబర్ నుండి పని ప్రారంభించడానికి ఇప్పటికే రెండో యూనిట్ సిద్ధమైంది. ఇంటింటికి సువార్తా సుగంధాన్ని అందించడమే దివ్యవాణి లక్ష్యం.

**నిధుల సేకరణ :** ఇప్పటి వరకు తెలంగాణ, ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్ రాష్ట్రాలలో అన్ని పీఠాలలో వారాళాల సేకరణ కార్బూకమం దిగ్బొజయంగా కొనసాగుతోంది. పీఠాధిపతులు, విచారణ గురువులు, మరఖాసులు, సామాన్య క్రైస్తవ విశ్వాసులు స్పందిస్తున్న తమ ఆభినందనీయం, పీఠాధిపతులు విశ్వాసులతో కలిసి తమవంతు భాగస్వామ్యంగా రూ. 6 కోట్లు, ప్రాంతీయ మరఖాసుల సభలు రూ. 3 కోట్లు విరాళాలను వాగ్దానం చేసారు. భాషా ప్రాంతాలకు అతీతంగా ఇప్పటికే సుమారు 22 వేల కుటుంబాలు తమ స్వచ్ఛంద విరాళాల ద్వారా దివ్యవాణి టీవీ కుటుంబంలో భాగస్వాములయ్యారు. 50 వేల కుటుంబాలను భాగస్వాములుగా చేయాలనే ఉద్దేశ్యంతో ముందుకు సాగుతున్న ప్రమోషన్ బృందం ఇప్పటి వరకూ 390 పైగా విచారణలలో ప్రమోషన్ సందేలు నిర్వహించారు. డిసెంబర్, జనరి నెలల్లో మేత్రాసన కమ్యూనికేషన్ డైరెక్టర్లల ఆధ్వర్యంలో మరో 200 విచారణలలో ప్రమోషనల్ సందేలు నిర్వహించనున్నారు.

**చివరిగా :** విశ్వవ్యాప్తంగా ఉన్న కథోలిక కుటుంబాలను దివ్యవాణి టీవీ కుటుంబంలో భాగస్తులను చేయాలన్నదే మా అభిలాష. ఇప్పటికే వాగ్దానం చేసిన మొత్తం విరాళాలలో రూ. 4 కోట్లు దివ్యవాణి అకోంటలో జమకావడం సంతోషకరమైన విషయం. ఉదాత్మమైన త్యాగాలతో అందిస్తున్న విరాళాలే ఈ మహాయజ్ఞంలో ముందుకు సాగడానికి మాకు భరోసా. కాబట్టి వాగ్దానం చేసిన విరాళాలు త్వరలో అందజేయాలని దాతలకు ఈ సందర్భంగా మనవి చేస్తున్నాం. శాటిలైట్ కార్బూకమాలు ప్రసారం చేయడానికి మా వంతు మేము సిద్ధంగా ఉన్నాము. అయితే, వివిధ ప్రభుత్వాల అనుమతుల కోసం ప్రయత్నాలు జరుగుతున్నాయి. అని పూర్తి అవ్యాపక తరువాయి “దివ్యవాణి టీవీ” లాంచింగ్ జరుగుతోంది. ఈ మహాయజ్ఞం నిర్వహింగా కొనసాగాలని, వివిధ వనరులు సమయానుకూలంగా సమకూరాలని, ప్రభుత్వ అనుమతులు విఫ్మాలు లేకుండా సకాలంలో అందాలని భక్తి విశ్వాసాలతో అందరూ ప్రార్థించాలని మనవి చేస్తున్నాము.





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Rally with Differently Abled Children



interacting with children



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