

#### Sin or Corona, Deadliest Virus?

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Lenten season is time of grace for general check-up of our Lives. We are advised to go to medical doctors for general check-up once a year. Sin is the deadliest virus since it affects all humanity and it should be uprooted and eliminated. Before the law of Moses was introduced sin was not imputed but it still existed back to the original sin in the Garden of Eden brought in by Adam the first of all of humanity (Gen 3). In unequivocal terms, Bible tells the wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23). Spiritual death is separation from God being cut off (Eph 2:1–2). Physical death is the death of the body. Spiritual death is death of the soul and spirit meant to go to hell, unless there is repentance, confession, and acceptance of Christ the Saviour.



#### Global Panic of Corona Virus-Covid-19

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the new Corona Virus Outbreak, a global pandemic, which originated in Wuhan, China. As of March 28, it spread to 188 countries, at least 8,648 people have died and there have been more than 407,000 confirmed cases worldwide. The coronavirus family causes illnesses ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. They circulate in animals and some can be transmitted between animals and humans. Several coronaviruses are circulating in animals that have not yet infected humans. The new coronavirus, the 7th known to affect humans, has been named COVID-19. It has become deadly and the whole world is panicked in combating it. All nations and the entire globe itself is united as it at World war III with it, which is the tiniest organism. Humanity is not able to find its roots but fight only with symptoms and its effects. The root cause is the world's indifference towards ethics and recklessness towards God!

#### Sin like Computer Virus

Sin is similar to a spiritual computer virus! As the result of a computer virus, when a computer goes on the blink, one loses everything on the hard drive. For those, who don't know a lot about computers, a virus is a program or set of instructions that a programmer sends out to other computers. These orders are introduced into the computer, and their sole purpose is to perform a malicious act, such as destroying data, giving incorrect commands, and even ruining the entire hard drive, which is brain of the computer. The virus is copied and sent out to many computers, and in a short time hundreds, even thousands of computers are infected. So is Virus of Sin!

#### Sin is Spiritual Virus

A Virus has Symptoms but the Symptoms are not our Identity. Let us think of sin like a parasite or a virus. You have the symptoms of the virus, like a runny nose, cough, high blood pressure, but you are not the virus. The virus is just using your body and infecting it. You are not defined by the virus. Likewise your identity is not in your ability to fight sin, though you should. Christian identity is 100% according to who we are in. Dead in Adam and Alive In Christ! What is the solution? We get a choice each time sin attacks us. We can either obey ITS lusts or choose to walk in the Spirit and obey the NEW desires of our newly created selves. "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh" (Gal 5:16). You are dead to sin, but sin is very much alive. Our soul animates us and makes us unique. When we go to heaven we

won't get new souls or new Spirits. Only the shell will be changed. The flesh is the vehicle sin uses to accuse you and misguide you. From a theological point of view one would be absolutely correct as sin brings sickness and death from bacteria & viruses born from unethical living. For even non-believers cannot deny bad or unethical living will eventually cause sickness, disease, plagues, wars, community violence. Good ethical living -as found in the Bible- never can bring these things. Belief in it as the right way to live makes it impossible. Rejection of it puts one in harm ways of many sicknesses & diseases or even death and also known as "Wide path to destruction" (Mt 7: 13)

#### **Christ is the Sure Cure**

Covid-19 has no cure yet but sin has definite cure. When flu season comes around each year people live in dread of getting this terrible virus, because the flu invades the whole body. Weakness sets in making it difficult to function or even rest. Sin is the most serious thing man will ever deal with. Sin is a spiritual virus that invades our whole being. It makes us morally and spiritually weak. It's a deadly disease that infects every part of us: our body, our mind, our emotions, our relationships, our motives and absolutely everything. We don't have the strength on our own to overcome its power. But when we come to Christ, the Holy Spirit comes and dwells in us. When this happens, any sin that comes in begins to embitter and God's Spirit reveals it to us. The Holy Spirit pulls our souls to get our attention, telling us that we are not right with God. The cause of trouble, the root of all sorrow, the dread of every man lies in this one small word, sin. We all have this terminal disease and it's far worse than the flu or even cancer. It has crippled man's nature and caught in the devil's trap!

#### **Resurrection is Proof**

People don't willingly expose themselves to the flu virus but generally run from it. This is what we should do with sin, flee. Sin is the great blocker, and the blood of Christ is the great cleanser. We don't need to be crippled any longer by the disease of sin because God has provided the cure. "The blood of Jesus Christ ... cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7) and He will give us the power to turn from sin. Resurrection is the proof of this eternal medicament. New Life cleansed us of all viruses and their effects. Yet the Virus might wait for some time because it knows of our sinful addictions, enslavements and passions. No matter how dormant they appear, they will come back to haunt us, if not vigilant!

During this lateen Season, this unprecedented Corona Time, Let's underline to our people regarding Virus of Sin, venial and mortal, repentance and confession with social distance from Satan, and the vaccine of Jesus' death and resurrection. Viruses need a host to survive. They spread rapidly and do a lot of damage to the host, destroying cells and causing diseases, which leads to physical death. Once we commit a sin, if it goes unchecked, it spreads rapidly. It damages our behaviour, destroys relationships and leads to spiritual death. To contemporary humans, who lose the sense of Sin, let us strongly make clear, that a virus is a virus. You can call it something other than what it is, but it does not change what it is or what it can do to you. So too, a sin is a sin. You can call it something other than what it is but it does not change what it is or what it can do to you. Let Covid-19 powerfully remind us to brave individually, to combat collectively and to rejoice in medicine of Jesus' Death and resurrection to have life in abundance, and even taste of eternal life!

#### II. Pope Francis Message for 35th World Youth Day

#### Pope invites Youth to take a risk and change the world

Pope Francis in his message for the 2020 diocesan World Youth Day, invites young people to be missionary disciples and to give their passions and dreams free rein. It's two years until the next World Youth Day, which will take place in the city of Lisbon in 2022 and in that intervening time, Pope Francis is inviting young people to reflect on the themes for the diocesan World Youth Days of 2020 and 2021.

"Young man, I say to you, arise!" is the 2020 theme taken from Luke's Gospel; and 2021 features the biblical text taken from the Acts of the Apostles: "Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen".



#### "Arise" in 2020

Focusing his attention on this year's message, which is divided into five sections, Pope Francis says that for the young person who has lost his or her vitality, dreams, optimism and enthusiasm, there is hope. That hope is in Jesus, who the Pope says, "stands before you as once he stood before the dead son of the widow, and with all the power of His resurrection He urges you: 'Young man, I say to you, arise.'" That passage in the Bible, the Pontiff explains, "tells us how Jesus, upon entering the town of Nain in Galilee, came upon the funeral procession of a young person, the only son of a widowed mother. Jesus, struck by the woman's heartrending grief, miraculously restored her son to life."

#### Pain and death

In the first section of the message, Pope Francis reflects on Jesus' "ability to see pain and death." He points out that Jesus, "in the midst of the crowd, makes out the face of a woman in great pain. His ability to see generates encounter, the source of new life." In today's world the Pope asks, how often do we end up being eyewitnesses of events without ever experiencing them in real time? Sometimes, he adds, "our first reaction is to take a picture with our cell phone, without even bothering to look into the eyes of the persons involved." The Pontiff goes on to say that many young people are "dead' because they feel hopeless." Others, he continues, "waste their lives with superficial things, thinking they are alive while in fact they are dead within". "Negative situations", the Pope emphasizes in the message, "can also be the result of personal failure, whenever something we care about, something we were committed to, no longer seems to be working or giving the desired results." But failures, he underlines, "are part of the life of every human being; sometimes they can also end up being a grace."

#### A compassionate heart

In the second section of the message, "to have compassion", Pope Francis counsels young people not to be robbed of this sensitivity. "If you can learn to weep with those who are weeping", Pope Francis says, "you will find true happiness." "So many of your contemporaries are disadvantaged

and victims of violence and persecution. Let their wounds become your own, and you will be bearers of hope in this world."

#### The closeness of God

To come forward and "touch" is the third section of the message, and the Pope notes how Jesus in the passage from Luke's Gospel stops the funeral procession and demonstrates His closeness. The touch of Jesus, the living One, comments the Pope, communicates life. Pope Francis goes on to says that "if you can feel God's immense love for every living creature – especially our brothers and sisters who experience hunger and thirst, or are sick or naked or imprisoned – then you will be able to draw near to them as He does."

#### The Divine Word gives life meaning

In the penultimate section, Pope Francis writes that "people who are not on a journey never fall; then again, neither do they move forward." "This life is really a new creation, a new birth, not just a form of psychological conditioning", the Pope says. He also stresses that young people need to look deeper than mere fashionable phrases and words. It is Jesus' Word, he says, that has a deeper resonance, because "it goes infinitely deeper. It is a divine and creative Word, which alone can bring the dead to life."

#### An invitation to dream

In the final section entitled "Living the new life as 'risen ones", Pope Francis returns to the Gospel passage which recounts that the young man "began to speak". Those touched and restored to life by Jesus, the Pope says, "immediately speak up and express without hesitation or fear what has happened deep within them: their personality, desires, needs and dreams." Concluding his message, the Pope points out that today, "we are often 'connected' but not communicating. The indiscriminate use of electronic devices can keep us constantly glued to the screen." With this Message, Pope Francis writes, "I would like to join you, young people, in calling for a cultural change, based on Jesus' command to 'arise'. He calls us to embrace a reality that is so much more than virtual." "Arise!" he adds, is also an invitation to "dream", to "take a risk", to be "committed to changing the world, to rekindle your hopes and aspirations, and to contemplate the heavens, the stars and the world around you." The Pope then invites young people to "give their passions and dreams free rein, "and, through them, offer the world, the Church and other young people something beautiful, whether in the realm of the spirit, the arts or society. Make your voices heard."

III. Vatican Message to Jains 2020

#### Christians and Jains: To Promote a culture of conviviality together

Dear Jain Friends,

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue extends its warmest greetings to all of you as you commemorate the 2618th Birth Anniversary of Tirthankar Mahavir on 6 April this year. May the celebrations centered on this feast reinforce the spirit of togetherness among you and fill

your families and communities with peace and joy! Taking forward our cherished tradition of sharing few thoughts with you on a relevant theme on this occasion, this year we wish to reflect on how we, Christians and Jains, can promote together a culture of conviviality for a harmonious coexistence and prosperity of all in the world.

Conviviality is living together with an attitude of sharing life's goods and gifts with one another-joyously and generously. It displays sharing of resources: natural, human, material and spiritual. It is living in agreement but also living with differences, while respecting diversities: ethnic, religious, social and cultural. It is about living in harmony with nature and ensuring equality and justice for all. It is also working together for the common good. In the words of Pope Francis, conviviality is "a sure barometer for measuring the health of relationships" (General Audience, 11 November, 2015) among humans and, between humans and nature. With the rising indifference and insensitivity humans show towards others rendering harmonious co-living difficult even in families and communities, cultivating conviviality becomes a necessity and a responsibility of the entire human family. Tirthankar Mahavir taught, "Have benevolence towards all beings - jīvā and non jīvā" (Tattvārta sūtrā, Lesson 7, Sutra 11). Christianity teaches us, "Love your neighbour as yourself (Holy Bible, Mathew 22: 39); "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry" (Luke 3: 11).

Both our religious traditions call for sparing no effort in building universal and fraternal conviviality everywhere. Along with families, the sanctuaries of life, where respect for the transcendent dignity and diversity of the other, trust, justice, kindness, sharing, cooperation, responsibility, solidarity, compassion for the poor and the needy and care for nature are easily learned and taught, all religious leaders, educational institutions and the mass media need to play a vital role in promoting a culture of conviviality, using all available means. As believers rooted in our own respective religious traditions and as persons with concerns for the welfare of humanity, may we, Christians and Jains, promote gestures and concrete actions of conviviality in our homes and communities and may we, joining hands with people of other faiths and of good will, nurture a culture of conviviality whereby people may live together in peace and harmony, with love and happiness! Wish you all a happy feast of Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Diwas!

# IV. Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments Decree In time of Covid-19

Considering the rapidly evolving situation of the Covid-19 pandemic and taking into account observations which have come from Episcopal Conferences, this Congregation now offers an update to the general indications and suggestions already given to Bishops in the preceding decree of 19 March 2020.

Given that the date of Easter cannot be transferred, in the countries which have been struck by the disease and where restrictions around the assembly and movement of people have been imposed, Bishops and priests may celebrate the rites of Holy Week without the presence of the people and in a suitable place, avoiding concelebration and omitting the sign of peace.

The faithful should be informed of the beginning times of the celebrations so that they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes. Means of live (not recorded) telematic broadcasts can be of help. In any event it remains important to dedicate an adequate time to prayer, giving importance above all to the *Liturgia Horarum*.

The Episcopal Conferences and individual dioceses will see to it that resources are provided to support family and personal prayer.

- 1. **Palm Sunday.** The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem is to be celebrated within sacred buildings; in Cathedral churches the second form given in the Roman Missal is to be adopted; in parish churches and in other places the third form is to be used.
- 2. **The Chrism Mass**. Evaluating the concrete situation in different countries, the Episcopal Conferences will be able to give indications about a possible transfer to another date.
- 3. **Holy Thursday**. The washing of feet, which is already optional, is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper the procession is also omitted and the Blessed Sacrament is to be kept in the tabernacle. On this day the faculty to celebrate Mass in a suitable place, without the presence of the people, is exceptionally granted to all priests.
- 4. **Good Friday**. In the Universal Prayer, Bishops will arrange to have a special intention prepared for those who find themselves in distress, the sick, the dead, (cf. *Missale Romanum*). The adoration of the Cross by kissing it shall be limited solely to the celebrant.
- 5. **The Easter Vigil**: Is to be celebrated only in Cathedral and parish churches. For the "Baptismal Liturgy" only the "Renewal of Baptismal Promises" is maintained (cf. *Missale Romanum*).

Seminaries, houses of clergy, monasteries and religious communities shall follow the indications of this decree.

Expressions of popular piety and processions which enrich the days of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum can be transferred to other suitable days in the year, for example 14 and 15 September, according to the judgement of the Diocesan Bishop.

De mandato Summi Pontificis pro hoc tantum anno 2020.

From the offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 25 March 2020, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

#### V. Church Teachings about Pastoral Services

#### I. Plenary Indulgence

We give here below excerpts from the Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary given to the faithful in the current pandemic and issued on 19th March, 2020:

- 1. Plenary Indulgence is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfill the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.
- 2. Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15: 13), will obtain the same gift of the Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions.
- 3. This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a Plenary Indulgence under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.
- 4. The Church prays for those who find themselves unable to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and of the Viaticum, entrusting each and every one to divine Mercy by virtue of the communion of saints and granting the faithful a Plenary Indulgence on the point of death, provided that they are duly disposed and have recited a few prayers during their lifetime (in this case the Church makes up for the three usual conditions required). For the attainment of this indulgence the use of the crucifix or the cross is recommended (cf. Enchiridion indulgentiarum, no.12).

#### II. Sacrament of Reconciliation

We reproduce below the relevant instructions contained in the Note from the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current pandemic, issued on 19th March, 2020:

- 1. Individual confession is the ordinary way of celebrating this sacrament (cf. can. 960 CIC), while collective absolution, without prior individual confession, cannot be imparted except where there is an imminent danger of death, since there is not enough time to hear the confessions of individual penitents (cf. can. 961, § 1 CIC), or a grave necessity (cf. can. 961, § 1 & 2 CIC), the consideration of which is the responsibility of the Diocesan Bishop, taking into account the criteria agreed upon with the other members of the Episcopal Conference (cf. can. 455, § 2 CIC) and without prejudice to the necessity, for valid absolution, of votum sacramenti on the part of the individual penitent, that is to say, the purpose of confessing serious sins in due time, which at the time could not be confessed (cf. can. 962, § 1 CIC).
- 2. This Apostolic Penitentiary believes that, especially in the places most affected by the pandemic contagion and until the phenomenon recedes, the cases of serious need, mentioned in can. 961, § 2 CIC, will occur.
- 3. Any further specification is delegated by law to Diocesan Bishops, always taking into account the supreme good of the salvation of souls (cf. can. 1752 CIC).
- 4. Should there arise a sudden need to impart sacramental absolution to several faithful together, the priest is obliged to inform the Diocesan Bishop as far as possible or, if he cannot, to inform him as soon as possible (cf. Ordo Paenitentiae, n. 32).
- 5. In the present pandemic emergency, it is therefore up to the Diocesan Bishop to indicate to priests and penitents the prudent attention to be adopted in the individual celebration of sacramental reconciliation, such as the celebration in a ventilated place outside the confessional, the adoption of a suitable distance, the use of protective masks, without prejudice to absolute attention to the safeguarding of the sacramental seal and the necessary discretion.
- 6. Furthermore, it is always up to the Diocesan Bishop to determine, in the territory of his own ecclesiastical circumscription and with regard to the level of pandemic contagion, the cases of grave necessity in which it is lawful to impart collective absolution: for example, at the entrance to hospital wards, where the infected faithful in danger of death are hospitalised, using as far as possible and with the appropriate precautions the means of amplifying the voice so that absolution may be heard.
- 7. Consideration should be given to the need and advisability of setting up, where necessary, in agreement with the health authorities, groups of "extraordinary hospital chaplains", also on a voluntary basis and in compliance with the norms of protection from contagion, to guarantee the necessary spiritual assistance to the sick and dying.
- 8. Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by votum confessionis, that is, by the

firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. CCC, no. 1452).

#### **III. Spiritual Communion**

For a long time it has been a tradition in the Catholic Church that, when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, one makes an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in Sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive Sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

#### IV. Time of Prayer

Prayer is an essential tool for healing and an excellent source of comfort, courage and strength for those who are suffering. In this period of uncertainty, prayer is the one pillar we can hold on to. We should encourage our faithful to pray fervently and ask our Lord to bring healing to those who are afflicted with this illness as well as to provide strength and protection to the medical personnel who are struggling in the frontline and to bless the hordes of officials and volunteers worldwide who are involved in various forms of selfless service. We could urge our faithful to show their solidarity with the suffering through prayer and charity. The faithful could pray the Rosary and intercede through the mediation of our Blessed Mother for the speedy recovery of the people affected and for an end to this pandemic.

#### V. Care of those affected by COVID-19, especially of the Poor

The celebration of the Holy Week should result into effective and lasting action in favour of the poor and the marginalized. The journey of Lent that culminates with Easter forms in us a new person in the Risen Lord. He strengthens us to live like Him, giving ourselves in loving service to others, especially the poor and the needy. There are many brothers and sisters of ours who are affected financially by the long quarantine. They all, without any discrimination, need our generous help. While engaging in this charitable outreach, let us have before us the spirit of fellowship of the early Christians (cf. Acts.2: 42 - 45). In this difficult situation confronting us all, we have to lead from the front. You will certainly agree that, at this moment, we should make the people feel that the Church is always with them, caring for them as a provident mother.

#### VI. Some Prayers that could be recited during this period

#### I. Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

#### II. Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary, Our Blessed Mother (COVID-19)

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. O dear Mother, you know what we need, and we are sure you will provide it to us, so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreatiesof us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

#### III. Prayer of Solidarity (COVID-19)

Almighty and merciful God, who show your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona Virus in various parts of the world. We come before you asking for a quick control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families. We pray for the doctors who are doing research that an effective vaccine to combat the sickness be speedily found. We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Palm Sunday (first known as Pasha) originated in the Jerusalem Church around the late third or early fourth century. Ceremonies consisted of prayers, hymns, and sermons as people moved through the numerous holy sites within the city. At the last site, the place of Jesus' ascension into heaven, the clergy would read the biblical account of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. Then as evening approached, the people would return to the city reciting: "Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord" (Mat 21:9). By the fifth century, the celebration had spread as far as Constantinople. It wasn't until the sixth and seventh centuries that the ritual blessing of the palms was added. A morning procession replaced the evening one and by the eighth century, the Western Church was celebrating "Dominica in Palmis" or "Palm Sunday."

On Holy Thursday, Christians enact the Last Supper, in which the Lord Jesus, on the eve of his Passion and Death, instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the ministerial Priesthood. The traditional English name for this day, Maundy Thursday, comes from the Latin phrase mandatum novum a new command which comes from Jesus' words: "A new

commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (Jn 13: 34). On Maundy Thursday, Jesus established the new commandment of love. During the Mass on Maundy Thursday, Christians remember that Jesus Christ gave his body and blood to them as a remedy for immortality. Therefore, the Eucharist became the source and Summit of Christian life. With the humble and expressive gesture of the washing of the feet, Christians are invited to recall what the Lord Jesus did for his apostles: by washing their feet he concretely proclaimed the primacy of love. He also anticipated the supreme sacrifice of his life which would be consumed the next day on the Calvary.

### VIII. Good Friday – April 10

Good Friday is a day to commemorate the Passion, Cross, and death of Jesus Christ. It's a day of fasting. The liturgy of Good Friday consists of three parts: the liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross and the reception of the Holy Communion. On Good Friday, there is no Mass because Christians keep the somber and mournful atmosphere of the day. The Body of Christ distributed on Good Friday is consecrated on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday, Christians remember the humiliation that Christ Jesus undertook for the entire humanity. By dying on the Cross, Jesus takes the suffering and sin of the entire humanity upon him. The veneration of the Cross recalls to the Christians that Cross of Jesus Christ became a sign of victory on Good Friday. The participation in the Way of Cross helps Christians to associate themselves with the sufferings of Christ.

IX. Holy Saturday - April 11

Holy Saturday is marked by profound silence. The Churches are stripped and no special liturgical celebration is foreseen except the Easter Vigil. Waiting for the great event of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Christians persevere with Mary in praying and meditating. On Holy Saturday, great importance is given to participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, an indispensable way to purify the heart and prepare to celebrate Easter. Saturday of silence, meditation, forgiveness and reconciliation will lead Christians to the Easter Vigil. At the heart of the night, the Paschal candle, the symbol of Jesus Christ in glory, is lit from the new fire. Jesus Christ, the light of humanity, dispels the darkness of heart and mind and illuminates every human being who comes into the World. All the faithful gathered join in procession back to the main sanctuary. The Priest carries the Paschal candle, lifting it three different times and chanting: "Christ our Light". The people respond by singing: "Thanks be to God". All people in the Church light their candles from the Paschal candle and then they process into the sanctuary. Then, the Exultet is sung by the deacon or cantor. It is a hymn of praise to God for the light of the Paschal candle from 4th century, from the time of Saint Ambrose. It is a beautiful song of light and glory.

## X. Solemnity of Easter - April 12

The life of our Lord on earth did not end with the Resurrection. There still remained the important and difficult task of convincing these fearful, doubting apostles of his that he had risen as he said he would. It wasn't easy. It took forty days and many appearances to do this. The

Gospels during this Easter Season have been about these appearances. The important lesson for us in all of these appearances of the Risen Jesus is that the joy and the power of the Resurrection is not to be found in the empty tomb or in the testimony of someone else. It is to be found only in a personal encounter, with the Risen Jesus. The empty tomb did nothing for Mary Magdalene. She thought that the gardener or someone else had taken the body away, and there was only tears, disappointment and sorrow. It was when Mary recognized and embraced the Risen Jesus that she experienced the joy and the power of the Resurrection.

Two disciples were on the road to Emmaus getting out of town. The empty tomb and the fact that some women told them that an angel said he had risen didn't convince them either. Then they had an encounter with the Risen Jesus in the form of a stranger. Finally, they recognize him in the breaking of bread and are so filled with joy that they turn around and hurry back to the city to spread the good news. The empty tomb and the testimony of the others did nothing for the apostles either. They thought that it was all over. They locked themselves in a room for fear that they too would be crucified. Then they encountered the Risen Jesus. "Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you," he said to them. Suddenly, these cowardly apostles are transformed into fearless martyrs who defy the chief priest and are willing to suffer death, "rejoicing to be found worthy to suffer something for the name of Jesus."

XI. Divine Mercy Sunday – April 19 Celebrating God's Merciful Love

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor. In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion. The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

- 1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
- 2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:
- "Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
- 3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

- 4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.
- 5. Conclude by reciting three times:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

### XII. Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist – April 25

St Mark, the evangelist, that we owe, historically speaking, the first of the four Gospels. Some of the distinct features and highlighting aspects of the Gospel of St Mark calls for our attention and reflection. The Gospel of St Mark is the shortest among all the four Gospel accounts. It probably also has the highest tempo, in terms of the language used and the pace at which the whole Gospel account moves. The Gospel of St Mark was possibly addressed originally to the persecuted and suffering Christians, of the early Church. This meant to present Jesus, in the light of how He was able to withstand all pains, pressures and persecutions, in order to remain faithful to the Will of His Father and to the Kingdom Mission.

The Gospel of St Mark is, traditionally, greatly associated with the life of St Peter. Therefore, this Gospel makes a clear attempt at revealing some of the crucial events, feelings and character of Peter. It is an attempt, not to merely glorify Peter's role; rather, it is also an account of how Peter, with all his failures and 'foolishness' was still accepted and molded by Jesus, His patient Master. Just like a lion, the Gospel of Mark brings out powerfully the life and teachings of Jesus, the Mighty Lion of Judah mighty and bold fast and powerful demanding and challenging. The author, St Mark, himself was able to live up to be the witness and shed his blood for sake of the Great Lion of Judah! Let us read this Gospel of St. Mark meditate on it be challenged by it.

#### XIII. Bishop's Schedule in April 2020

1-14 : Total Lock down

16 : Office17 : Office20 : am: Office

21 : a.m: Office for Consecrated

p.m: Lodi Exco Meeting at 3:00 pm

22 : WADES General Body meeting

23 : 9.30 am: Warangal Diocesan Society General Body Meeting, Pastoral Centre

pm: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Bro. Gopu Prakash Pradeep, Ookal Parish

24 : Chapel Blessing at Elukurthy, Dharmasagar Parish

25 : Dedication of Chapel at Mallakapally Colony, Mallakapally Parish

29 : Lodi General Body Meeting

#### Month of May: 2020

1-3 : CCBI Exco Meeting, Bangalore

5 : Office

7 : Office for Consecrated

8 : Office

Golden Jubilee of Balnagar Village, Shantinagar Parish
 Centenary Celebration of Irveni village, Nalgonda Diocese

#### **XIV.** Communications

1. Warangal Diocesan Vocation Camp 2020 is postponed to month of May. Fresh Dates will be communicated later.

Rev. Fr. Thomas Kiran, Vocation Director

#### 2. Fatima Tirunalla Celebrations are Victorious inspite of Covid- 19 Threat

The Diocese of Warangal was delighted in Veneration to Our Lady of Fatima through the Celebrations of Fatima Tirunallu on March 11-13, 2020. The Diocesan Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, the General Convener and Council member were bit tensed whether the Covid-19 will become barrier for the Success of Fatima Tirunalla Clebrations. Faith on the Triune God, unceasingly prayed for the success of Diocese Feast. Aound 25,000 people flocked to Fatima Cathedral Campus on these three days which was a clear proof that Warangal people's faith is alive, active and dynamic!

#### March 03-11, 2020: Novena Prayers and Masses

The Holy Feast began with the hoisting of Marian Flag by Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Joseph, Chancellor of Warangal Diocese on March 3 followed by Novena Prayers and Masses, which lasted for nine days represented by all the deaneries.

#### March 11, 2020: Married Couples and Family Day

The Triduum of Fatima Tirunalla Celebrations began with 'the Day of the Married Couples on the March 11, 2020 with the Service of the Word of God by Rev Fr. Shijo V.C, Holy Mass by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal with the Renewal of Marriage Vows and Felicitating the 48 Couples. Hats off to all married couples and dedicated families.

#### March 12, 2020:

#### a. Specially Challenged People's Day: Healing Day

10.00 am to 2.00 pm: Disabled, Old, sick and suffering gathered for the Service of the Word of God, Healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration cum Blessing followed by a love-meal. 200 participated in this healing prayers.

#### b. Procession with OLF, Eucharistic Adoration and Candle-lit Procession & Benediction:

4.00 pm-8.00 pm: The procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, praying for all Families followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Candle-lit witness cum Eucharistic Benediction was the high light of the day because 3000 lay people gave witness by candle lit in their hands, which was amazing in front of the Cathedral.

#### c. Cultural Programs:

8.00 pm-12.00 am: The Climax of the day was the cultural program. Our Children made the night as bright as the day by their an astonishing performances.

#### March 13, 2020: Pontifical High Mass

8.45 am: Day 3 began with the distribution for prizes for the students who proved their metal in the diocesan exam in catechism

9.00 am: **Pontifical High Mass** presided by Bishop of Srikakulam, Most Rev. Dr. Vijaya Kumar Rayarala. The solemn Mass was attended in great number around 9,000 inspite of Covid-19 threat with faith-devotion. Thousands more visited the cathedral and venerated Our Lady of Fatima praying for their witness. The festival attracts more and more devotees year after year turning into a big *Jatara*, incultured celebrations without superstitious practices. Whole day Blessing of the sick, suffering and needy was held by different teams of priests

#### Blessings & Offering of Prayers, Coconuts, Candles by Devotees

Thousands of Christians and non-Christians visited the shrine of our Lady of Fatima, paid their veneration to the Mother and prayed for their needs, offered gifts, lighted candles and flowers, and had the darshan of the special statue of our Lady of Fatima in the Cathedral waiting in queue for long hours. All the three days, the number of the people who offered prayers and sought Blessings was countless. Thus Our Lady of Fatima attracts people of all creeds, castes, languages and regions and leads them through Repentance, Penance and Prayer to Jesus.

#### Gratitude

The celebrations of 2020 at Warangal were a living proof of the apparitions and miracles of Mother Mary all over the Globe especially at Fatima, Portugal. Thanks to all the Faithful, Clergy and Consecrated represented by various committees. Special thanks to Fr. S. Balashowry, Fr. K. Joseph, and all Committees and all donors of money, time and trouble.

Fr. Simon, Secretary to Bishop

#### 3. Gratitude for OLF Tirunalla

In the context of the Deadly Beast of Covid-19 frightening the entire world and no facility of a meeting for evaluation of the Fatima Triunalla on March 11-13, 2020.

**I thank profoundly**: All who prayed devoutly

All who participated Joyfully

All who labored Committedly

All Committees which organized ably

All Heads of Committee who took extra trouble to execute well

All Fatima Parish, Parish Priest & Assistant with Deacon

All Priest who believe in "Unum Prebyterium"

All Faithful & Non-Christians who contributed & attended

**N.B**: Kindly take time and trouble **to make your observations and suggestions for betterment** of Fatima Tirunalla ORGANIZATION next year.

+ Udumal Bala, Bishop, Warangal Diocese

## **Chief Shepherd's CORONA Communications**

4. Blessing Tri-cities of Warangal, Hanamkonda and Kazipet Through the Eucharistic Lord with SILENT Intercession United in Service with Civil and Police & Health Authorities And also Suspension of Catholic Community Services in Parishes

#### **Purpose**

To Protect from Spread of the Epidemic of Covid-19
To Heal People affected with Corona Virus all over the Globe and
To bring Spiritual Comfort to all the people

To Rev. Fathers, Sisters, Brothers & Faithful Diocese of Warangal

**Dear Very Reverends**,

#### 1. Earnest Appeal for Fervent Intercession

I have an earnest appeal in the context of the Epidemic of Corona Virus forcing the world 'House arrest' and 'shut down' of all community activities. The World Health Organization (WHO), most countries as the Corona Virus had entered most countries, Indian central and State Governments declared a sort of emergency-Alert to fight against the deadly Virus. Every department of Government, NGOs and Voluntary bodies are doing their might to fight against and protect people from its possible attack. It is heartening to see and salute the common oneness of humanity due to this plague.

#### 2. Blessing Tri-cities through Eucharistic Lord with SILENT Intercession

The current 15 days are said to be very critical for the world. As part of our spiritual contribution, on upcoming Sunday i.e. March 22, 2020, I would like to bless the tri-cities of Warangal, Hanamkonda and Kazipet by going around in a mini vehicle with the Eucharistic Lord in SILENT Intercessory Prayer, but without people/ procession/ gathering at any spot. There will neither be sound-system nor loud speakers, nor cause traffic jam, nor for pomp and show! Only Glory to God, Solace to People! Let's hope that the Police permission would not be denied!

#### 3. Preventive Spiritual Measures

As Catholics we have, not only more responsibility but also more privilege to intercede through fervent prayer in **this historical preventive** *Yagna*, *since there is cure for it yet*. We would like to contribute our mite by praying for the world, India and Telangana with Warangal Diocese. We already began praying and making sacrifices. **In Addition I give the following Directives**:

- i. Sunday Community Mass on March 22 & 29 stands suspended in all Parishes and Institutions in the Diocese of Warangal. However, the Priest/s are to celebrate the Holy Mass as per schedule timings but without a community. As Local ordinary, hereby I dispense the Faithful—not Priests- from the obligation to attend the Eucharist on these two Sundays. The Faithful are requested to remain in-doors and fervently pray. If some would challenge or question might be permitted to come into Church but with Mask and in singles and keeping a safe distance of 3-4 feet from one another. If a sound system is available, the Homilist could preach for people to listen from far and near. Even otherwise, the celebrant should/could preach to oneself on Sundays!
- ii. Blessing Parish/ Village with Eucharistic Lord: Since the Faithful are asked not to come to the Lord's House on Sundays, I ask all Pastors to take the Eucharistic Lord to the People, their Houses through their streets for prevention, Healing and Solace. This Sunday would be better, since Catholic faithful might be embarrassed or evacuated for the first time not to have the Holy Mass celebrated with them. For pastoral reasons it could be held on any day but within these 15 days.
- iii. Being Lenten Season, as far as possible, kindly avoid the Services especially the community praying of the Stations of the Cross. Already Poorly honoured St. Joseph's Feast falls during these days. But we know that he would forego anything for good of the People!

BLESSING WITH THE EUCHARISTIC LORD PLACES AND PEOPLE WITH SILENT PLEAS OF INTERCESSION DURING TIMES OF CATSTROHIES AND EPIDEMICS IS ONE OF VERY HOLY CATHOLIC TRADITIONS.

Kindly announce/email/Watts up/sms/website, etc.

In solidarity with the Global Community and Paternally Yours in the Lord

+ Udumala Bala-Bishop, Diocese of Warangal

#### 5. Emergency Message: All India Self-Curfew

I mandate that the Faithful, Consecrated & the Clergy of Catholic Church in Warangal Diocese are to strictly observe the Janatha Curfew (Self isolation/ Quarantine) on Sunday March 22,2020 from 7 am to 9 pm. Kindly **shut all churches and chapels** to avoid even individual Prayer.

As already instructed on March 17, 2020, Holy Masses should be celebrated by priest alone (Without the People and Concelebrants) in all Parish Churches. However, today I ask you to end the Mass before 7 am and impose self-curfew. This applies even for Masses in sub-stations. Let Catechists, Elders & the Faithful are informed about it. Please Peal Church-Bells on 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.55 am to remind people and at 9.00 pm to conclude. Let us strictly observe the call of the Prime Minister to combat the deadly covid-19. Please remain In-doors & Pray. The situation is still alarming. It is said to World War III. People could benefit by watching Holy Masses telecast by Divyavani, Madha EWTN, etc.

+ Udumala Bala Fatimanagar Bishop, Diocese of Warangal March 21, 2020

#### 6. Blessing of the Tri-Cities

- 1. The Blessing of the Tri-cities with the Eucharist Lord is postponed due to Janta Curfew on 22<sup>nd</sup> by me. All those who planned the Eucharistic Blessing for 22<sup>nd</sup> may postpone it as per your discretion.
- 2. Glad Tiding: Our Houses become Domestic Churches and Parents become Preaches to their Children!

+ Udumala Bala Fatimanagar Bishop, Diocese of Warangal March 21, 2020

#### 7. Bishop's Office on Lock Down

- **1.** I **thank you** for strictly following the Ecclesial & Government directives in the context of Coivd-19 especially on March 22, Janata self-Curfew
- **2.** In accordance of the Lock down of Telangana government till March 31, Bishop's Office is shut down except for emergency/essential services, that too **on call** and **in singles**.
- **3. Recollection & Chrism** Mass scheduled for April 2 is postponed till further notification.
- 4. The **situation in India and the world is still alarming**. Kindly observe stringently the ecclesial and the government regulations to control the rapid spread of deadly monster of Covid 19.
- 5. Let's firmly **Trust in God's Providence** and offer Mass & Prayer for His Mercy on Humanity.

6. Let Priests be ready for ONLINE CALLS for ministry for individuals/ Family, Homebound due to state Lock- Down. We belong to **Essential Services Department**. So, be eager to take away the Viruses of SIN from the affected.

+ Udumala Bala Fatimanagar Bishop, Diocese of Warangal March 23, 2020

**8. Heartfelt Condolences to Rev. Fr. Jyotish**: We are very sad to inform you that Mr. Vincent Abraham, the Father of Rev. Fr. Jyotish IMS, superior of Karunalayam, Karunapuram, aged 89 has reached his eternal abode at 5.30 am on 28th of March. The Diocese conveys heartfelt Condolences to Rev. Fr. Jyotish. We offer him and the bereaved family our prayers and sympathies at this time of sorrow.

#### 9. Jeevadhara Renewal Centre

"May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved". As we are having Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on every first Friday of the month in Jeevadhara Renewal Centre, we had a special healing prayer service on March 6<sup>th</sup> First Friday. Fr. Samuel O.F.M Cap from Kammam, preached the word of God and conducted healing service. Nearly 250 people participated in the prayer service. He preached on the importance of Lent season and the need to repent and turn back to God. One lady who was finding difficulty in giving birth in the Hospital asked for prayer support. We prayed continuously for the safe delivery in Jeevadhara and by the grace of God she could give birth and got a boy child. Do visit Jeevadhara Renewal centre and receive special blessings from Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Fr. Ch. Praveen Kumar MSC, Director

#### 10. Youth Fest at Mallakapally Parish

Youth Fest was organised at Mallakapally Parish on March 1, 2020. 75 youth from Mallakapally Parish participated in various competitions like Quiz, Singing, Party Games and Catechism Exam. Fr. Gopu Thomas, Youth Director was invited to give talk on the YOUTH LEADERSHIP QUALITIES and the IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH IN THE CHURCH. Fr. Thomas celebrated the Mass and prizes were distributed to the winners and the runners. Fr. Thomas thanked Fr. D. Prashanth, Parish Priest for organising this program.

Fr. Gopu Thomas, Youth Director

#### **11. WADES**

Parents looking forward to get admissions for their children in our Catholic institutions for the academic year 2020-2021 are requested to submit application form to WADES office by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The Educational committee of the diocese recommends very much that all the Catholic parents educate their children in the Catholic institutions in order to get proper disciple and child Catechesis. Catechism is one of the very imported subjects to be taught at the school level. The diocesan committee and respective school H.Ms take at most care in organizing school catechesis.

Secondly, we are very much sure that you are all aware as far as 50% fee concession is declared by our Bishop Most. Dr. Udumala Bala in concern of the Catholic education. It has been in implementation for last a couple of years. We also request very earnestly all the Parish Priests to pursue the matter and motivate, encourage them to take the admissions in and around the parish wherever a catholic institution is available. As we are almost at the close of the academic year 2019-2021 we wish all the best for the annual examinations and thereafter happy vacation.

# N.B: Kindly each Parish Priest collect the statistics of 50% concession given to catholic children by Catholic institutions in his respective Parish and submit to Bishop

Fr. M. Jaya Paul DM, WADES

#### 12. Lodi MSSS

#### a. Child Line 1098, Warangal Rural Mandal

In this month 16 Mandals were covered. Total cases in March, 2020 is 22. Out of 22 the details are as follows: Child dropouts 4, Physical abuse 2, Child marriages arrested -10, Violation of right to education -4. In this month population covered through 1098 services is 4996. Total awareness meetings conducted in the field level-1098:29. Total testing calls = 139

#### b. Food Security project, Chilpur Mandal

In this month we have organized a training program to farmers on Promotion of multi cropping, traditional crops and vegetable gardens. We have conducted 10 training programs and 324 farmers were attended.

#### c. Launching of Lenten Campaign

Lenten Campaign was launched by Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala at diocesan level on March 1, 2020 -1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent in Fathima Cathedral by officially celebrating the Holy Eucharist. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director of Lodi MSSS concelebrated and preached on the significance of Lent and on Caritas India's theme of "Sustain Life and Sustainability livelihoods".

#### d. Lodi Revolving Fund Loans

No. of Villages - 08
No. of Beneficiaries - 242

• Total Loan Amount - 47,40,000/-

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director

#### 13. Pastoral Centre

1. Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) Program was conducted by Rev. Fr. Y. Chinnapa Reddy and team on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of March at Pastoral Centre. Total number of participants is sixty eight.

- 2. Catechism exam for all the catholic children in school and college was conducted on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. Thanks to all teachers' heads of the institutions for teaching catechism in school and colleges and conducting exam, this is how we teach them faith and make them grow in faith. Catechism Prizes were given by Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala Bishop of Warangal and Most. Rev. Vijay Kumar Bishop of Srikakulam on Fatima feast day before Eucharist celebration. Thanks to everyone.
- 3. Animators meeting were conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> of March to organize programs for the season of Lent.
- 4. Mokshamargam Diocese Hymnal books was released by Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala Bishop of Warangal and Most. Rev. Vijay Kumar Bishop of Srikakulam on Fatima feast day after Eucharistic Celebration. Copies available at Rs. 120/- each!
- 5. Many more activities are conducted in Pastoral Centre and in different Parishes to encourage for mission work and evangelization in the parishes for the season of Lent with the invitation of Parish priest and institution heads.

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

#### 14. Mission Banjara

Eph1:7- In Him we have Redemption through His Blood the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of His grace. We the Banjara Mission Team continuously going to Eight Mission places teaching catechism, Tuitions, action songs, and moral values. We have no objections from the part of the Mission places. In the month of March, the following spiritual activities took place in Mother of Mercy Shrine, Yegutta. Mahubabad district. First Friday Fasting prayer, 06-03-2020. From the parish and our Mission places fifteen people have participated in the prayer and Fr Samuel has celebrated The Holy Mass and conducted The Healing Service.

Our Second Saturday 14-03-2020, we had All Night Prayer from 09:30 pm-01:00 am. Around Twenty people came for the all night prayer. From Peddapalli Parish, from Hyderabad, and from Fathima parish Mahubabad, people have participated and prayed for the Banjara Mission, People who were affected with Corona Virus. Fr. Samuel has celebrated the Mass and conducted the Healing service. I thank Mrs. Manjula Rani and Mrs. Amala for their valuable presence and conducted the praise and worship and beautiful message about the intercessory prayer that is needed for our Catholic Church to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit. I sincerely thank the Nirmala Sisters for their dedication and valuable service. Let us be united in prayer and pray for our Church and our country. For the next month April 2020, we are preparing for the Holy Week especially for Banjara Good Friday celebrations "ALL Alone But FOR ALL PEOPLE"

#### Fr. Samuel CPPS

#### 15. Masses Offerings in Bishop's House: Thanks from Bishop

Date	Parish	No. Masses	Amount
15-10-19	Diesel Colony	1000	1,00,000.00
30-10-19	Husnabad Parish	60	6,000.00

02-11-19	Subedari Parish	688	68,800.00
02-11-19	Shantinagar	161	16,100.00
02-11-19	Sagaram Parish	210	21,000.00
03-11-19	Fatima Cathedral	500	50,000.00
06-11-19	St. Peter's Colony	164	16,400.00
19-11-19	Kanchanpally	350	35,000.00
22-11-19	Singaram Parish	373	37,300.00
25-11-19	Husanabad Parish	60	6,000.00
29-11-19	Karunapuram	230	23,000.00
30-11-19	Kazipet Parish	500	50,000.00
10-01-20	Singaram Parish	220	22,000.00
05-02-20	Fatima Cathedral	300	30,000.00
05-02-20	Shantinagar	46	4,600.00
05-02-20	Kazipet Parish	430	43,000.00
18-02-20	St. Peter's Colony	383	38,300.00
01-02-20	Narmetta Parish	200	20,000.00
10-03-20	Eakashila Parish	18	1,800.00
10-03-20	Reddipuram Parish	232	23,200.00
13-03-20	Fatima Matha Feast	1751	1,75,100.00

Fr. K. Joseph, Procurator

#### 16. Eucharistic Adoration

#### **Intercessory Adoration to destroy Corona Virus**

I earnestly request **EACH PARISH PRIEST** to conduct every month the Eucharistic adoration in the date allotted to your Parish so that everyday of the month and year Eucharistic Adoration is offered for the intension of Diocese, especially during these corona times with "intercessory Adoration". It has been practiced in our diocese but only a few faithful, Priests one continuing. Let not negligence- virus affect own Pastoral life!

#### **Meaning of Adoration: Latria**

We know "Adoration" (Latria) is due to God alone because He alone is worthy of worship as the source and destiny of our being. 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve' is the golden commandment of the Decalogue reaffirmed by Christ (Lk 4: 8). Since God became man in the Person of Jesus Christ, our adoration of Jesus is really the adoration of God in human form. Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is here on earth in the fullness of His Divinity united with the humanity, which He received from Mary. Thus adoration of Him in the Holy Eucharist is latria. This is the highest form of worship we can render to God and the most powerful source of grace we have on earth in our journey to a heavenly eternity.

#### **Types of Adoration**

Eucharistc adoration is not strictly Liturgical but closely related to Holy Mass. "Mysterium Fidei is Pope Paul VI's battle cry to all faithful Catholics, calling us to gather around Christ's Real

Presence in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not something new. It is a centuries-old practice rooted in an essential teaching of Catholic Christianity: Jesus Christ is truly and completely present in the Eucharist. Like many practices of our faith, however, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament developed gradually in different forms like Forty-Hours Devotion, Perpetual Adoration, Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Congresses and the like.

#### **Intercessory Adoration to destroy Corona Virus**

We could worship the Eucharistic Lord in different ways each one separately like, Praise, Thanksgiving, Repenting, interceding, etc. or all together for fifteen minutes each or even some of them only as per the intention and need. I request all parish priests and the Consecrated in their Houses to have one FULL HOUR OF ADORATION TILL THEWORLD COMES OUT OF THE CORONA EPIDEMIC LIKE Abraham pleading for the protection of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18: 16-33) and Christ in His High Priestly Prayer in John 17. May the Holy Spirit aid us in our intercession with sighs too deep for words (Rom 8:26)and Mother Mary accompany us in our tearful pleading like in the Upper room at Pentecost (Acts 1:13ff)!

## **Eucharistic Adoration Time Table throughout Year**

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S.no	Parish	Date (Every Month)
01	Appannapet	01
02	Assisinagar	02
03	Atmakur	03
04	Cherial	40
05	Dacharam	05
06	Devagiripatnam	06
07	Dharmasagar	07
08	Diesel Colony	08
09	Dornakal	09
10	Ekasilanagar	10
11	Elkathurthy	11
12	Fatimanagar	12
13	Ghanpur	13
14	Godavarikhani	14
15	Gudur Samudrala	15
16	Hasanparthy	16
17	Husnabad	17
18	Jagtial	18
19	Janakipuram	19
20	Jangaon	20
21	Jammikunta	21
22	Kadavendi	22
23	Kamalapuram	23
24	Kanchanapally	24

25	Karimnagar	25
26	Karunapuram	26
27	Kazipet	27
28	Kesamudram	28
29	Korutla	29
30	Kumarapally	30
31	Madhapuram	01
32	Mahabubabad	02
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34	Malkapur	03
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35	Manthani	05
36	Manugonda	06
37	Maripeda	07
38	Mariapuram	08
39	Mulkanoor	30
40	Narimetta	29
41	Narsampet	28
42	Nekkonda	27
43	Nellikuduru	26
44	Ookal	25
45	Palakurthy	24
46	Palavelpula	23
47	Pallagutta	22
48	Parkal	21
49	Pasara	20
50	Pulkurthy	19
51	Rampur	18
52	Ranipuram	17
53	Reddipalem	16
54	Reddipuram	15
55	Sagaram	14
56	Saint Peter's Colony	13
57	Shainigaram – Banjara Mission	12
58	Shantinagar	11
59	Shantipuram	10
60	Singaram	09
61	Subedari	08
62	Thimmaraopet	07
63	Thorrur	06
64	Unikicherla	05
65	Veleru	04
66	Venkatapuram	03
67	Waddepally	02
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## **Anniversary of Priestly Ordinations in April**

01. Rev. Fr. D. Vijaypaul	02-04-1992	38. Rev. Fr. Ch. Ravi Joseph	18-04-2006
02. Rev. Fr. Kasu Showreddy	02-04-1992	39. Rev. Fr. Gangarau Suresh	n 19-04-2012
03. Rev. Fr. Basani Prakash	03-04-1983	40. Rev. Fr. K. Marreddy	19-04-2012
04. Rev. Fr. Y. Papi Reddy	03-04-1995	41. Rev. Fr. N. Surender	19-04-2012
05. Rev. Fr. G. Rayappa	04-04-1995	42. Rev. Fr. S. Prabhakar	19-04-2012
06. Rev. Fr. T. Rayappa	06-04-1992	43. Rev. Fr. T. Ashok	19-04-2012
07. Rev. Fr. G. Prakash	07-04-1992	44. Rev. Fr. Y. Kiran Kumar	19-04-2012
08. Rev. Fr. K. Vijay Kumar	08-04-1985	45. Rev. Fr. B. Anthony	20-04-1966
09. Rev. Fr. P. Dasaiah	09-04-2007	46. Rev. Fr. A. Bala	20-04-1993
10. Rev. Fr. E. Vijay Kumar	09-04-2013	47. Rev. Fr. M. Naveen	20-04-2006
11. Rev. Fr. T. Santhosh	09-04-2015	48. Rev. Fr. N. Maria Joseph	20-04-2009
12. Rev. Fr. A. Shravan	10-04-2013	49. Rev. Fr. G. Anand	21-04-2006
13. Rev. Fr. T. Pradeep	10-04-2007	50. Rev. Fr. Basani Kishore	21-04-2008
14. Rev. Fr. D. Prashanth	11-04-2007	51. Rev. Fr. M. P. Joseph	22-04-1963
15. Rev. Fr. P. Papireddy	12-04-1966	52. Rev. Fr. M.M. Joseph	22-04-2001
16. Rev. Fr. Y. Sebastian	12-04-1966	53. Rev. Fr. Sharan Teja	22-04-2019
17. Rev. Fr. S. Innareddy	12-04-1999	54. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Inna	24-04-1989
18. Rev. Fr. M. Raju	12-04-2010	55. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Lourdu	24-04-1989
19. Rev. Fr. P. Suresh	12-04-2010	56. Rev. Fr. N. Bala Swamy	25-04-2002
20. Rev. Fr. G. Kamal	13-04-2010	57. Rev. Fr. Y. Thomas Kirai	n 25-04-2002
21. Rev. Fr. T. Yaga Reddy	13-04-1998	58. Rev. Fr. M. Jaya	25-04-1994
22. Rev. Fr. T. Augustine	13-04-1993	59. Rev. Fr. T. Jerome	25-04-1988
23. Rev. Fr. T. Sunil	13-04-2009	60. Rev. Fr. Polumari Anil	25-04-2011
24. Rev. Fr. G. Joseph	13-04-2015	61. Rev. Fr. K. Joseph	26-04-2011
25. Rev. Fr. G. Thomas	14-04-2008	62. Rev. Fr. B. Joseph Praved	en26-04-2011
26. Rev. Fr. N. Sampath	14-04-2015	63. Rev. Fr. G. Thomas(Jr.)	26-04-2017
27. Rev. Fr. M Praveen	15-04-2008	64. Rev. Fr. G. Bala Martin	27-04-1994
28. Rev. Fr. Gali Rayappa	15-04-1991	65. Rev. Fr. V. Simon	27-04-2018
29. Rev. Fr. G. Naveen	16-04-2008	66. Rev. Fr. A. Raja	27-04-1988
30. Rev. Fr. A. Inna	16-04-1993	67. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Inna	28-04-1988
31. Rev. Fr. T. Anthony	17-04-2008	68. Rev. Fr. T. R. Tharun	28-04-2003
32. Rev. Fr. N. Vinod	18-04-2009	69. Rev. Fr. Allam Vincent	29-04-1994
33. Rev. Fr. T. Joji	18-04-1996	70. Rev. Fr. P. Kiran	30-04-2003
34. Rev. Fr. Gopu Suresh	18-04-2005		
35. Rev. Fr. T. Manohar	18-04-2005	Hearty Congratul	ations!!
36. Rev. Fr. T. Joseph	18-04-2005	April Fools for	Christ
37. Rev. Fr. T. Kiran	18-04-2006	1 pm 1 0015 101	CIII 150.

#### **Birthday Babies in April**

Fr. Salibindla Arogya Reddy	09/04/1972	Fr. Yeruva Lourdu	20/04/1961
Fr. T. Tharunkumar	10/04/1975	Fr. Golamari Ranjith Kumar	20/04/1987
Fr. Nagothu Vinod	10/04/1979	Fr. Allam Shravan	22/04/1985
Fr. Thumma Ashok	12/04/1985	Fr. Marapalli Praveen	24/04/1980
Fr. Pentareddy Johnnaul	14/04/1967		

## 17. Hymn against Corona: Recorded Melody already sent

సాకి: కల్లోల కరోనా సముద్రములో అల్లాడి పోతున్న ప్రపంచ నావను రక్షించు ప్రభో రక్షించు ప్రభు మునిగి పోతున్నాం రక్షించు ప్రభు రక్షించు ప్రభు

**పల్లవి:** కరుణ అలల సంద్రంలో మునిగి పోతున్న మాకు విలాప అగ్నిగుండంలో కాలిపోతున్న మాకు నీవే నీవే [పభు మా నిరీక్షణ నీదే నీదే [పభు మా సంరక్షణ

1 చరణం: కరుణ లేని కరోనా మాయను కనికరించి కట్టడి చేయుమా కళ్ళులేని కబోది బాధను కటాక్షించి చూపునిచ్చితివి కనిపించిన వారి నెల్ల కాటు వేయుచున్న కాల పిశాచిని నలుగ ద్రక్కుమా ప్రభు నలగ ద్రక్కుమా

2 చరణం: పగిలిన గుండెల గాయాల నెల్ల కడుగుము నీ సిలువ రక్తముతో నలిగిన మనసుల వ్యాధుల నెల్ల బాపుము నీ జాలి హృదయముతో విల విల లాడి పోతున్న జనుల కెల్ల శాంతి శుభముల అభయమివ్వమయ్య ప్రభు అభయమివ్వమయ్య

**రచన**: మహా పూజ్య డా॥ ఉడుమల బాల సంగీతం: ప్రసీల్ నల్ల

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