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## I. Extraordinary Mission Month 2019: EMM

"Baptized and Sent : The Church of Christ on Mission in the World"

Immediately after the Global brutal World War II with ruthless slaughter of humans and absurd destruction of villages and cities, the Holy Father Benedict XV with prophetic foresight and pastoral insight loudly proclaimed to the world God's Mission (Missio Dei), Christ's Mission (Missio Christi) and Church's Mission (Missio Ecclesiae), which is mine and yours and OURS UNITEDLY! On the World Mission Day 2017, Pope Francis publicly announced to the whole Church the celebration of an Extraordinary Mission Month of October 2019 (EMM) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Missionary Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud in order to foster greater awareness of the central mission of the Church, especially among the CLERGY. He entrusted the task of raising awareness among the particular local Churches like Warangal, the Clergy and the Consecrated, associations, movements, communities, and other ecclesial bodies. In order to reignite the baptismal awareness of the People of God in relation to the mission of the Church, Pope Francis provided the theme: "Baptized and sent: The Church of Christ on mission in the world". Let us understand point by point in a question and answer format for a meaningful celebration.



### 1. What is the Meaning of the Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM)?

This year Mission Month of October has even greater significance as Pope Francis has announced it as 'Extraordinary Month of Mission' (EMM). The importance of October for the awareness and financial support of mission is already well established, with Mission Sunday falling on its second last Sunday. This year it has even greater importance, with Pope Francis specifically asking us to pray and act so that mission and the Church can strengthen and grow.

### 2. What is the inspiration for The EMM?

Pope Francis announced the month to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud on foreign mission. He describes Maximum Illud as a 'milestone in the evolution of the Church's missionary work'. It repeats the biblical instruction for Catholics to 'go to the ends of the earth and preach the Gospel', while also recognising the importance of training religious people who come from and live in local communities. Maximum Illud highlights the importance in developing local churches and its people to thrive.

### **3. What is the Focus of the EMM?**

To reignite and reenergise our understanding and awareness of overseas mission, Pope Francis has themed the month ‘Baptised and sent: the Church of Christ on mission in the world’. For the preparation and implementation of the month, he has outlined four focus areas:

- i. A personal encounter with Christ living in his Church: in Eucharist, in Word of God.
- ii. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs, and confessors as an expression of the Church.
- iii. Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual, and theological.
- iv. Missionary charity.

### **4. What are the aims of The EMM?**

- i. To encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer.
- ii. To look to and learn from the actions and sacrifices made by missionary Saints, Martyrs and also living missionaries.
- iii. To rediscover and renew our understanding of overseas mission (ad gentes).
- iv. To financially support mission.

### **5. What is OUR role in The EMM?**

The Holy Father wants the EMM to be an opportunity for reflection and prayer by the whole Church. He also wants it to be celebrated by all Catholics. Therefore, all parishes, dioceses, religious congregations, Church organisations are being asked to get behind and support the month by developing events and initiatives to bring the month to life.

To help us, the CCBI working with its international offices provides programs, activities and even materials of EMM. The President Archbishop Filipe Neri of Goa’s detailed circular is reprinted in this issue of Fatima Vani for your reading and action. However, Pope Francis encourages you to live and celebrate this extraordinary month with absolute creativity and freedom. More information (including testimonials, voices from the missions, and a guidebook for dioceses) is available on the Vatican’s official EMM2019 website.

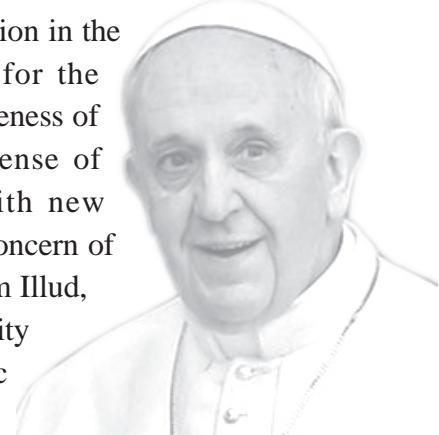
The Diocese of Warangal is already blessed with marathon survey done during the months of April-May, identified people and villages with the teams ready for Evangelization. Thus is a huge step in the right direction along with Mission Banjara, Mission Godavari and Mission Karimnagar! Let each Pastor, Priest, Head of Houses of Consecrated and all with the possible assistance from the pastoral Centre, make the EMM a real celebration of the Mission Ad Genets! We leap into the space, and God will hold us from falling down and breaking ourselves, because it is HIS MISSION!

## **II. The Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019**

Pope Francis announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud.

### **The Theme of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019**

“Baptized and Sent : The Church of Christ on Mission in the World” is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Mission Month. Awakening the awareness of the missio ad gentes, and reinvigorating the sense of responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm, are themes that combine the pastoral concern of Pope Benedict XV in his Apostolic Letter Maximum Illud, published 100 years ago, with the missionary vitality expressed by Pope Francis in his recent Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium: “Missionary action is the paradigm of every work of the Church.” (EG 15)



### **The Logo of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019**

The logo of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 is a missionary cross where the primary colors refer to the five continents. The Cross is the instrument and direct sign of communion between God and man for the universality of our mission, and through its vibrant colors, a sign of victory and resurrection. The world is transparent because the action of evangelization has no barriers or boundaries, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Christian charity and the world transfigured in the Spirit overcome distances and open the horizon of our minds and hearts. The words Baptized and Sent next to the image indicate the two characteristics of every Christian: baptism and proclamation.

### **The Colors of the Logo of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019**

The primary colors of the Cross are referred to the five continents:

- Red for America,
- Green for Africa,
- White for Europe,
- Yellow for Asia and
- Blue for Oceania.



The red recalls the blood of the American martyrs, seeds for a new life in the Christian faith. Green is the color of life and symbolizes growth, fruitfulness, youth and vitality. It is also the color of hope, one of the three theological virtues. White is the symbol of

joy, the beginning of a new life in Christ: this is the challenge that the old Europe is facing, so that it may be able to regain the evangelizing strength from which it was generated thanks to so many churches and saints. Yellow is the color of light, which nourishes itself with light by invoking the true Light. Blue is the color symbolizing the water of life that quenches our thirst and restores us along the path to God. It is the color of heaven, a sign of God's dwelling with us.

### **Prayer for the Extraordinary Missionary Month OCTOBER 2019**

Heavenly Father,  
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ  
rose from the dead,

he commissioned his followers  
to “go and make disciples of all nations”  
and you remind us that through our Baptism  
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
to be courageous and zealous  
in bearing witness to the Gospel,  
so that the mission entrusted to the Church,  
which is still very far from completion,  
may find new and efficacious expressions  
that bring life and light to the world.

Help us make it possible for all peoples  
to experience the saving love  
and mercy of Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Kindly find below the rationale and suggestions for preparation and celebration of this very important missionary initiative of the Universal Church.

#### **1. The Rationale of EMM**

- i. The Centenary of Maximum Illud - Apostolic Letter of Pope Benedict XV in 1919 - that emphasizes the missionary mandate, missio ad gentes, missionary leadership, missionary formation, local missionaries and new missionary methods with new missionary enthusiasm.
- ii. The need for fostering missionary enthusiasm in the Church today.
- iii. The importance of strengthening all the four wings of the Pontifical Missionary Societies.

## **2. The Theme of EMM**

**Theme :** Baptised and Sent - THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION IN THE WORLD.

## **3. Four Dimensions**

- i. Personal Encounter with the Risen Christ - essentially to be promoted in all the baptized in and through:
  - The Word of God;
  - The Eucharist and other Sacraments;
  - The Presence of Christ;
  - Prayer (personal and communitarian);
  - Silence / solitude / contemplation.
- ii. Testimony of the encounter experience - to be shared with all through:
  - Holiness of life;
  - Witnessing;
  - Missionaries working in India;
  - Missionary methods and movements in India.
  - Sharing of personal encounter experiences;
  - Proclamation of the love of Jesus, experienced.
- iii. Missionary Formation for all the baptized - to be provided systematically with its biblical, theological, liturgical and catechetical dimensions, for:
  - Empowering the laity for evangelization;
  - Providing missionary thrust to all levels of seminary formation;
  - Imparting on-going formation to priests and religious with missionary enthusiasm;
  - Engaging laity in direct evangelization.
- iv. Missionary Charity - missionary outreaches and exposures with services, personnel and funds for missio ad gentes.
  - Christ Encounter experience to be initiated and regularly deepened;
  - All the categories and groups in the Church to be given missionary animation;
  - Intercession for Evangelization to be fostered;
  - Fulltime Lay Missionaries to be encouraged;
  - Helping the Baptised to be familiar with the Word of God;
  - Regular Missionary outreaches (village visits, family visits, where Christ is not known) by every group in the Church.

## **4. Logo and its Meaning**

- i. The logo of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 depicts a missionary cross, whose traditional colours recall the five continents. The Cross embraces

- the world and connects people with one another and with the Universal Church, thereby creating real bonds between them;
- ii. The Cross is the instrument and the efficacious sign of the communion between God and humanity for the universality of our mission. The Cross is luminous, full of colour, a sign of victory and resurrection;
  - iii. The world is transparent, because our action of evangelization has no barriers or boundaries; it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The Cross embraces every person of this world; thanks to the Cross, we are united, connected and open to communion for mission. Christian charity and the world transfigured in the Spirit overcome distances and open the gaze of our mind and heart. It is the love of Jesus that knows no limits and boundaries.
  - iv. The words baptised and sent, which accompany the image, indicate the two characteristic and inalienable elements of every Christian. From the Cross flows baptism for the salvation of the world to which we are sent to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.
  - v. The colours of the Cross are those traditionally attributed to the five continents: red for America, green for Africa, white for Europe, yellow for Asia, and blue for Oceania. Each colour has a symbolic meaning that makes the connection between the continents possible through their peoples, in the communion of God with humanity.

## **5. Suggestions - to prepare for the EMM**

- Promoting Intercessory Prayer groups to pray for a meaningful celebration of EMM;
- Preparing a prayer card and a small poster to be used in the families;
- Devising a Plan for Evangelization along with the diocesan PMO and Commission for Proclamation / Evangelization.
- Encouraging Diocesan Bishops to address a Pastoral Letter to the Priests, religious and faithful.

## **6. Suggestions - to celebrate 31days of EMM**

- Organize a diocesan celebration for the Opening of the Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019.
- Have a diocesan level celebration of the Holy Eucharist on World Mission Sunday.
- Propose that small groups of people or families gather in each other's houses to pray the Holy Rosary for the missionary work of the Church.
- Promote a pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine or to that of a missionary saint or martyr.
- Propose a public activity by which young people are involved in proclaiming the Gospel.

- Organize Mission preaching.
- Strengthen the four wings of the Pontifical Mission Organizations in the diocese.
- Organize a special celebration of Mission Sunday.
- Plan out at the four Sunday Liturgies with special focus on Evangelization.
- Take steps to extend support to the Missionaries, especially Lay Missionaries or missionary formation centres.
- Launch Missionary Movements, such as Children Missionaries, Youth Missionaries, Couple Missionaries, Fulltime Lay voluntary Missionaries.
- Organize various missionary activities during the four weeks, keeping in mind the following themes:- Personal Encounter, Testimony, Missionary Formation and Missionary Charity.

### **III. New Norms for the Whole Church against Those Who Abuse or Cover Up**

Pope Francis' Motu proprio, "Vos estis lux mundi", establishes new procedures for reporting abuse and violence, and ensures that Bishops and Religious Superiors are held accountable for their actions. It includes the obligation for clerics and religious to report abuse. Every Diocese must have a system that allows the public to submit reports easily.

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"Vos estis lux mundi". "You are the light of the world... Our Lord Jesus Christ calls every believer to be a shining example of virtue, integrity and holiness". The Gospel of Matthew provides the title and first words of Pope Francis' new Motu proprio dedicated to the fight against sexual abuse committed by clerics and religious, as well as the actions or omissions of Bishops and Religious Superiors that in any way interfere with or fail to investigate abuse. The Pope recalls that "the crimes of sexual abuse offend Our Lord, cause physical, psychological and spiritual damage to the victims and harm the community of the faithful", and mentions the special responsibility of the Successors of the Apostles to prevent these crimes. The document represents another result of the Meeting on the Protection of Minors held in the Vatican in February 2019. It establishes new procedural rules to combat sexual abuse and to ensure that Bishops and Religious Superiors are held accountable for their actions. It establishes universal norms, which apply to the whole Catholic Church.

#### **An "office" for reporting in every diocese**

Among the new indications given is the obligation for every Diocese in the world to set up, by June 2020, "one or more public, stable and easily accessible systems for submission of reports" concerning sexual abuse committed by clerics and religious, the use of child pornography, and cover-ups of the same abuse. The legislation does not specify what

these "systems" consist of, because it leaves operational choices to the Diocese; and these may differ according to various cultures and local conditions. The idea is that anyone who has suffered abuse can have recourse to the local Church, while being assured they will be well received, protected from retaliation, and that their reports will be treated with the utmost seriousness.

### **The obligation to report**

Another new indication concerns the obligation for all clerics, and all men and women religious, to "report promptly" all accusations of abuse of which they become aware, as well as any omissions and cover-ups in the management of cases of abuse, to ecclesiastical authorities. Though this obligation was formerly left up to individual consciences, it now becomes a universally established legal precept. The obligation as such is sanctioned for clerics and religious, but any layperson can, and is encouraged to, use the system to report violence and abuse to the competent ecclesiastical authority.

### **Not only child abuse**

The document covers not only violence and abuse against children and vulnerable adults, but also sexual abuse and violence resulting from an abuse of authority as well. This includes cases of violence against religious by clerics, as well as abuse committed against adult seminarians or novices.

### **Dealing with cover-ups**

One of the most important elements is the identification, as a specific category, of so-called cover-ups, defined as "actions or omissions intended to interfere with or avoid civil investigations or canonical investigations, whether administrative or penal, against a cleric or a religious regarding the delicts" of sexual abuse. This section refers to those who hold positions of particular responsibility in the Church, and who, instead of pursuing abuses committed by others, have hidden them, and have protected alleged offenders instead of protecting the victims.

### **The protection of vulnerable people**

Vos estis lux mundi stresses the importance of protecting minors (anyone under 18) and vulnerable people. The definition of a "vulnerable person" is broadened to include "any person in a state of infirmity, physical or mental deficiency, or deprivation of personal liberty which, in fact, even occasionally, limits their ability to understand or to want to otherwise resist the offense". In this respect, the new Motu proprio echoes recent Vatican legislation (CCXCVII of 26 March 2019).

### **Respecting the laws of states**

The obligation to report to the local Ordinary or Religious Superior does not interfere

with, or change, any other reporting obligation that may exist in respective countries' legislation. In fact, the norms "apply without prejudice to the rights and obligations established in each place by state laws, particularly those concerning any reporting obligations to the competent civil authorities".

### **The protection of victims and those reporting abuse**

The sections dedicated to protecting those who come forward to report abuse are also significant. According to the provisions of the Motu proprio, someone reporting abuse cannot be subjected to "prejudice, retaliation or discrimination" because of what they report. The problem of victims who in the past have been told to keep silent is also addressed: these universal norms provide that "an obligation to keep silent may not be imposed on any person with regard to the contents of his or her report". Obviously, the seal of confession remains absolute and inviolable and is in no way affected by this legislation. Vos estis lux mundi also states that victims and their families must be treated with dignity and respect and must receive appropriate spiritual, medical and psychological assistance.

### **The investigation of bishops**

The Motu proprio regulates the investigation of Bishops, Cardinals, Religious Superiors and all those who lead a Diocese, or another particular Church, in various capacities and even temporarily. The rules apply not only in the case of these persons being investigated for having committed sexual abuse themselves, but also if they are accused of having "covered up", or of failing to pursue abuses of which they were aware, and which it was their duty to address.

### **The role of the Metropolitan**

There are new indications regarding the role of the Metropolitan Archbishop in preliminary investigations: if the accused individual is a Bishop, the Metropolitan receives a mandate from the Holy See to investigate. This strengthens his traditional role in the Church and indicates a desire to make the most of local resources with regard to investigations into Bishops. Every thirty days, the person in charge of the investigation sends the Holy See "a status report on the state of the investigation", which "is to be completed within the term of ninety days" (extensions for "just reasons" are possible). This establishes specific timeframes and requires the Vatican Dicasteries concerned to act promptly.

### **Involvement of the laity**

Citing the Canon Law article that stresses the important contribution of the laity, the norms of the Motu proprio provide that the Metropolitan, in conducting the investigations, can avail himself of the help of "qualified persons", according to "the needs of the

individual case and, in particular, taking into account the cooperation that can be offered by the lay faithful". The Pope has repeatedly stated that the specializations and professional skills of the laity represent an important resource for the Church. The norms now provide that Episcopal Conferences and Dioceses may prepare lists of qualified persons willing to collaborate, but the ultimate responsibility for investigations remains with the Metropolitan.

### **Presumption of innocence**

The principle of presumption of innocence of the person under investigation is reaffirmed. The accused will be informed of the investigation when requested to do so by the competent Dicastery. The accusation must be notified only if formal proceedings are opened. If deemed appropriate, in order to ensure the integrity of the investigation or of the evidence, this notification may be omitted during the preliminary stage.

### **Conclusion of the investigation**

The Motu proprio does not modify the penalties for crimes committed, but it does establish the procedures for reporting and carrying out the preliminary investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Metropolitan (or, in certain cases, the Bishop of the suffragan Diocese with the greatest seniority of appointment) forwards the results to the competent Vatican Dicastery. This completes his contribution. The competent Dicastery then proceeds "in accordance with the law provided for the specific case", acting on the basis of already existing canonical norms. Based on the results of the preliminary investigation, the Holy See can immediately impose preventive and restrictive measures on the person under investigation.

### **Concrete commitment**

With this new juridical instrument, called for by Pope Francis, the Catholic Church takes a further and incisive step in the prevention and fight against abuse, putting the emphasis on concrete actions. As the Pope writes at the beginning of the document: "In order that these phenomena, in all their forms, never happen again, a continuous and profound conversion of hearts is needed, attested by concrete and effective actions that involve everyone in the Church".



## **IV. Christians and Muslims: Promoting Universal Fraternity**

### **Message for the Month of Ramadan and ‘Id Al-Fitr**

Dear Muslim Brothers and Sisters,

The month of Ramadan with its dedication to fasting, prayer and almsgiving, is also a month for strengthening the spiritual bonds we share in Muslim-Christian friendship. I am pleased, therefore, to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful and fruitful celebration of Ramadan. Our religions invite us to “remain rooted in the values of peace; to defend the values of mutual understanding, human fraternity and harmonious coexistence; to re-establish wisdom, justice and love”. We Muslims and Christians are called to open ourselves to others, knowing and recognizing them as brothers and sisters. In this way, we can tear down walls raised out of fear and ignorance and seek together to build bridges of friendship that are fundamental for the good of all humanity. We thus cultivate in our families and in our political, civil and religious institutions, a new way of life where violence is rejected, and the human person respected. We are encouraged, therefore, to continue advancing the culture of dialogue as a means of cooperation and as a method of growing in knowledge of one another. In this context, I recall that Pope Francis, during his visit to Cairo, highlighted three fundamental guidelines for pursuing dialogue and knowledge among people of different religions: “the duty of identity, the courage of otherness and the sincerity of intentions”.

In order to respect diversity, dialogue must seek to promote every person’s right to life, to physical integrity, and to fundamental freedoms, such as freedom of conscience, of thought, of expression and of religion. This includes the freedom to live according to one’s beliefs in both the private and public spheres. In this way, Christians and Muslims – as brothers and sisters – can work together for the common good. It is my wish that the gesture and message of fraternity will find an echo in the hearts of all those holding positions of authority in the areas of social and civil life of the whole human family, and may lead all of us to put into practice not merely an attitude of tolerance but true and peaceful living together. With heartfelt fraternal greetings, renewed esteem for our friendship, and in the name of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, I convey sincere best wishes for a fruitful month of Ramadan and a joyous ‘Id al-Fitr.

From the Vatican, 29 March 2019

Bishop Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot,  
M.C.C.J. Secretary

## V. The Ascension of our Lord

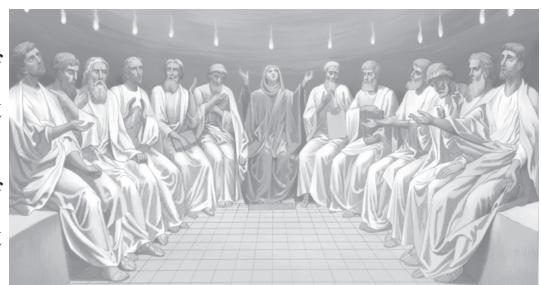
The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ is described in the Acts of the Apostles 1:8-11, and is also noted in Mark 16:19 and Luke 24:50-53. Jesus refers to his Ascension in the Gospel of John when he tells Mary Magdalene, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father, but go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (John 20:17). Before his Ascension, Christ spent forty days teaching the Apostles and disciples about the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). The Lord informed them that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). The Ascension occurred at Bethany on the Mount of Olives (Luke 19:29). Christ's work of redemption has become known as the Paschal Mystery of Christ and was accomplished principally by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Glorious Ascension into Heaven. The Paschal Mystery of Christ constitutes one action for the salvation of mankind, for Jesus "was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25).



His glorious Ascension signified the completion of his time on earth, which is celebrated by the Church forty days after the Resurrection and ten days before the Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us hope by promising that "when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:3)

## VI. Fiery Pentecost?

If you go back and read the Old Testament, you will discover that Pentecost was one of the Jewish feast days. Only they didn't call it Pentecost. That's the Greek name. The Jews called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks. It is mentioned five places in the first five books—in Exodus 23, Exodus 24, Leviticus 16, Numbers 28, and Deuteronomy 16. It was the celebration of the beginning of the early weeks of harvest. In Palestine there were two harvests each year. The early harvest came during the months of May and June; the final harvest came in the Fall. Pentecost was the celebration of the beginning of the early wheat harvest, which meant that Pentecost always fell sometime during the middle of the month of May or sometimes in early June.



There were several festivals, celebrations, or observances that took place before Pentecost. There was Passover, there was Unleavened Bread, and there was the Feast of Firstfruits. The Feast of Firstfruits was the celebration of the beginning of the barley harvest. Here's the way you figured out the date of Pentecost. According to the Old Testament, you would go to the day of the celebration of Firstfruits, and beginning with that day, you would count off 50 days. The fiftieth day would be the Day of Pentecost. So Firstfruits is the beginning of the barley harvest and Pentecost the celebration of the beginning of the wheat harvest. Since it was always 50 days after Firstfruits, and since 50 days equals seven weeks, it always came a "week of weeks" later. Therefore, they either called it the Feast of Harvest or the Feast of Weeks.

# Novena to the Holy Ghost

*"The Church needs her eternal Pentecost; she needs fire in her heart, words on her lips and a glance that is prophetic". - Pope Paul VI*

THE NATIONAL SERVICE TEAM ANNOUNCES WITH GREAT JOY PENTECOST OF THE NATION 2019

- ❖ The NCCRS Pentecost Novena, a project for the whole country is to be held from 31 May to 8 June 2019 ending with Pentecost Vigil and Celebrating Pentecost on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- ❖ This is one answer that the NCCRS offers in response to the desire expressed by both Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI that the Spirituality of Pentecost be spread for a new culture of Pentecost in the Church (JP II- May 2004; Benedict XVI – Sept 2005).
- ❖ The NCCRS launched the 'Pentecost of the Nation' Project, in 2009 consisting of two parts – Operation Upper Room (Novena) and Pentecost Day Celebration. It was widely accepted and promoted with the Novena being translated into fifteen regional languages involving thousands of parishes and individuals.
- ❖ Please share this project information as widely as possible to benefit hundreds more of parishes and thousands more of people. Consider yourself as bridge builders in promoting Pentecost of the Nation from 31 May to 8 June 2019!
- ❖ Experience a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost, 2019!

*Let the whole nation  
be united in praying for a  
New Pentecost in the  
Golden Jubilee year 2019!*



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## VII. Saint Barnabas

Saint Barnabas, original name Joseph The Levite, or Joses The Levite, (flourished 1st century; feast day June 11), Apostolic Father, an important early Christian missionary. Barnabas was a hellenized Jew who joined the Jerusalem church soon after Christ's crucifixion, sold his property, and gave the proceeds to the community (Acts 4:36–37). He was one of the Cypriots who founded (Acts 11:19–20) the church in Antioch, where he preached. After he called Paul from Tarsus as his assistant (Acts 11:25), they undertook joint missionary activity (Acts 13–14) and then went to Jerusalem in 48. Shortly afterward, a serious conflict



separated them, and Barnabas sailed to Cyprus(Acts 15:39). There is no contemporary mention of his subsequent activity, except for a brief reference by Paul a few years later (I Corinthians 9:6). Nothing is known for certain about the time or circumstances of his death. Barnabas' alleged martyrdom and burial in Cyprus are described in the apocryphal Journeys and Martyrdom of Barnabas, a 5th-century forgery. Subsequent church tradition finds Barnabas in Alexandria, Egypt, and ascribes to him the Letter of Barnabas (an exegetical treatise on the use of the Old Testament) or pictures him in Rome and assumes that he wrote the Letters to the Hebrews. Barnabas' reputed tomb, discovered in 488, is near the Monastery of St. Barnabas, in the Cypriot city of Salamis, whose Christian community was founded by Paul and Barnabas.

### VIII. Saint Anthony of Padua

The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of St. Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrifice to serve his Lord Jesus more completely. His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good News.

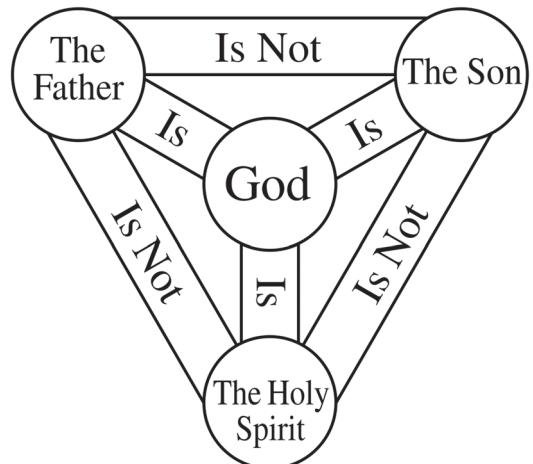
So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks. The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words.



Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars. Soon he was called from that post to preach to the Albigensians in France, using his profound knowledge of Scripture and theology to convert and reassure those who had been misled by their denial of Christ's divinity and of the sacraments. After he led the friars in northern Italy for three years, he made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231 Anthony withdrew to a friary at Camposampiero where he had a sort of treehouse built as a hermitage. There he prayed and prepared for death. On June 13, he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua, where he died after receiving the last sacraments. Anthony was canonized less than a year later and named a Doctor of the Church in 1946.

## IX. Beauty of Trinitarian Understanding?

God, the creator and sustainer of the universe, reveals Himself in the Bible. The Bible clearly tells us there is only one God. "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one" (Deu 6:4). At the same time, time and again we encounter passages in the Bible that show the one God consists of more persons. This is hard for us to understand. We should realize that it is not because of a logical contradiction. But because of our limitations. That the complexity and beauty of God's being surpasses our understanding is not strange. He is God and we are man.



**Plurality in God :** When we take the passages that are talking about a plurality in God together, we see there are actually three persons. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is what we call the Trinity. The term Trinity is not used in the Bible. But the concept is clearly there. It means one God in three persons.

**Old Testament :** There are various verses that distinguish between God the Father and God the Son. A clear example is Psalm 110:1, where David says: "The LORD says to my Lord..." Since David as king did not have any earthly lord, he must refer here to a heavenly Lord who is distinct from the LORD. Jesus confirms this when He claims this verse is about Him. And implies that He is the Son of God (Matthew 22:41-45). In other verses a distinction is made between the Lord and His Spirit. For example, Isaiah 48:16. "And now the Lord GOD has sent me, and His Spirit." It is obvious that someone

cannot be thought of apart from His spirit. Yet a distinction is made. Already in the Old Testament we find verses that point us towards God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. So God the Son did not come into existence with the birth of Jesus Christ. He is eternal, just like the Father and the Spirit. But in Jesus He became flesh.

**New Testament :** The New Testament makes this all much clearer. Many verses teach us about the divinity of God the Father. One example is 1 Corinthians 4:8. "For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things." Many verses teach us about the divinity of God the Son. One example is Titus 2:13: "...the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." Many verses teach us about the divinity of God the Holy Spirit. And one example is 1 Corinthians 6:11: "You were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." In several places in the New Testament the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are mentioned next to each other. In a way that leaves no doubt that they are equal and equally God. These include: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mat 28:19)

**We need all three :** So God reveals himself in the Bible as God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We need them all. God the Father is our creator. God the Son is our saviour. And God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us.

## X. Amazing Corpus Christi

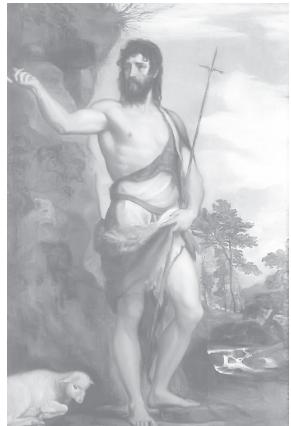
The feast of Corpus Christi is more than a reminder that Jesus is indeed the Bread of Life. It is also a celebration of his generous hospitality. When he feeds the multitudes, we see his warm welcome to those who had come to hear him speak about God. In one of Matthew's accounts of the multiplication of the loaves (15: 29 -37), he was up in the hills, but the people toiled up to him and stayed with him. They were drawn to him, attracted by his loving kindness. Their desire for what he had to give, the food of the spirit, was strong and he gave it to them in abundance. And yet, although he knew that they hungered for more than simple bread, he did not ignore their physical needs. He could not bear to see them go away hungry, so he gave them the physical sustenance they also needed. Bread here, as always in the gospels, is a symbol of that spiritual food that appeases the hunger of the soul. So Jesus' hospitality is wide; it embraces the whole person. He wants them to go away satisfied, physically and spiritually. And they did. They all ate as much as they wanted. Perhaps they said to one another, 'See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation...we exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of



the Lord rests on this mountain.' And before this feast on the green hill, he had cured so many of them of their ills. So it was a day to remember. They experienced the compassion of Jesus, going out to meet every kind of human need: physical disability, tiredness, hunger. 'I feel sorry for these people,' he said to his disciples. Corpus Christi is a celebration of the hospitality and compassion of Jesus. It shows us God's tenderness living in Jesus. What a wonderful feast!

## XI. Astounding Nativity of John The Baptist

The Church celebrates three birthday solemnities— The Nativity of Jesus, the Nativity of Mary and that of John the Baptist. This gives a glimpse of the greatness of the saint whose birthday we celebrate. Little wonder Jesus himself proclaimed of John the Baptist, "I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John" (Luke 7:28). This is true to the name of John whose meaning is "God's gracious gift." Ordinarily, gifts when received are celebrated to show appreciation to the giver and the gift itself. If such is the situation for mere human artefacts, how much greater is the worth of a human being? How great was the joy of Zechariah and Elizabeth who at this point receives the gift of a child from God whose nature knows no impossibility?



Children, indeed, are God's gracious gifts to us. As such, the birth of a child initiates a joyful celebration. Birthday celebrations in our secular world renew the joy of our birth as God's gracious gifts. On such days, one receives many pleasantries and gifts of value from family and friends, reminders of our worth to them. We gather to celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist. What gifts and pleasantries do we bring to the Creator and Giver of the Gift? In the first reading, God speaks through Isaiah to us reminding us that we are His precious gifts to the world created by him in love. As such, we have been destined by him for a purpose, or if you like a mission (49:1-6). The Responsorial Psalm sings this beauty of our being wonderfully, It was you who created my inmost self, and put me together in my mother's womb; for all these mysteries I thank you: for the wonder of myself, for the wonder of your works (Ps 139:13-14). The early part of Luke 1 from which today's gospel episode is taken has it that John already received the Holy Spirit in his mother's womb for his mission (cf. Luke 1:15). Therefore, his birth and the scenario of the name giving only reveal the significance of God's power through creation. Today's feast, therefore, reveals that from the moment of our conception, God already started a great work which reveals more his Omnipotence and Omni-benevolence. This St. Paul speaks of in relation to the mission of John the Baptist in the second reading (Acts 13: 22-26).

## XII. Sweet Sacred Heart of Jesus: Special for June

The whole of the month of June, though we don't hear much about it these days, is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Some people, like myself, may have little appreciation of the once-popular statues and pictures of the Sacred Heart which are still to be seen in many churches and some homes, but I believe we would do well to rediscover something of the depth of meaning in this devotion. Jesus, whom Paul calls the 'image of the unseen God', shows us what God is like. Through the symbol of the heart, Jesus is pointing to the Love of God, telling us that God loves us, all of us, always. 'For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life' (John 3: 16). The heart of Jesus reveals that God is not cold and distant, but has a warm, tender and loving concern for humanity and for all of creation. Love, only Love, is the motive of all that Jesus Christ did and said and suffered. For Julian of Norwich, who lived long before formal devotion to the Sacred Heart was established in the Church, Love was quite simply the kernel of the Christian message. Her whole theology could be summed up in one line from her book, 'Revelations of Divine Love': "Love was his [Jesus'] meaning". What is original in Julian's approach to the Love of God is its reciprocal nature: not only does God love us, God longs for and rejoices in our love. And so she hears God speaking to the repentant sinner: "My dear darling, I am glad thou art come to me; in all thy woe I have ever been with thee. And now thou seest me in my love and we are oned (united) in bliss." The actual feast of the Sacred Heart falls on July 1st this year. Through it the Church reminds us once again that God is Love: Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est ('Where there is love and loving-kindness, God is present'). Is not this the greatest mystery that poetry and thought and belief have to impart?



## XIII. Sts. Peter and Paul: Two Eyes of Church

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul has been consecrated for us by the martyrdom of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul. It is not some obscure martyrs we are talking about. "Their sound has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the world" (Psalm 19). These martyrs had seen what they proclaimed; they pursued justice by confessing the truth, by dying for the truth. The blessed Peter, the first of the Apostles, the ardent lover of Christ, who was found worthy to hear, "And I say to you, that you are Peter" (Matthew 16:13-20). He himself, you see, had just said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Christ said to him, "And I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this

rock I will build my Church." Upon this rock I will build the faith you have just confessed. Upon your words, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," I will build my Church; because you are Peter. Peter comes from petra, meaning a rock. Peter, "Rocky", from "rock"; not "rock" from "Rocky". Peter comes from the word for a rock in exactly the same way as the name Christian comes from Christ. Before his passion the Lord Jesus, as you know, chose those disciples of his whom he called apostles. Among these it was only Peter who almost everywhere was given the privilege of representing the whole Church. It was in the person of the whole Church, which he alone represented, that he was privileged to hear, "To you will I give the keys of the kingdom of heaven." After all, it is not just one man that received these keys, but the Church in its unity. So this is the reason for Peter's acknowledged pre-eminence, that he stood for the Church's universality and unity, when he was told, "To you I am entrusting," what has in fact been entrusted to all. To show you that it is the Church which has received the keys of the kingdom of heaven, listen to what the Lord says in another place to all his apostles: "Receive the Holy Spirit; and immediately afterwards, Whose sins you forgive, they will be forgiven them; whose sins you retain, they will be retained" (John 20:22-23). There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed.



#### **XIV. Bishop's Engagements for the Month of June, 2019**

- 01 : Office
- 03 : Office p.m. FCT General Body Meeting
- 04 : Dedication of Chapel at Pentionpur Village, Singaram Parish
- 05 : Recollection for Clergy: 9.00 am to 1.00 pm
- 07-18 : Pastoral Mission to Switzerland
- 19- : Pastoral Mission to USA

#### **August - 2019**

- 02 : Return
- 04 : Confirmation at Tallaookal, Maripeda Parish
- 05 : Office
- 06 : Office
- 08 : Vianney Day for Clergy

## XV. Communications

**1. June, Month of Sacred Heart :** As well known, the month of June every year is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Kindly promote this central devotion and organize programs of the Love of God revealed through the Sacred of Jesus leading to Divine Mercy devotion.

**2. Monthly Recollection :** Monthly recollection is arranged for the Clergy at Bishop's House on June 5, 2019, starts at 9:00 am. All Priests are to attend without fail.

**3. Mission Collaboration :** I will be on Mission collaboration to Switzerland and USA, from June 7 - August 3, 2019. Rev. Fr. K. Joseph, the Chancellor will be in charge of Diocese. Kindly pray for me and cooperate with Fr. K. Joseph.

**4. Education 50% Concession :**

### Attention of All Parish Priests

As the New Scholastic Year is in front of the Door, I request you to inquire from the Faithful and the Schools and report to me IN WRITING whether the School/s – run both by the Diocese and the Consecrated – had honoured the Policy of the Diocese AND PROVIDED IN DEED the 50% Concession in the tuition fee to all the Catholic Children.



I request you to own the Catholic Children in providing the Religious Catechetical and academic Education with the Love of Jesus towards Children and ensure that in the coming scholastic year, all children get admitted in Catholic Schools and are provided the minimum 50% concession. Kindly Inquire whether the Catholic schools are providing Catechism/ Moral classes to the Children and the YCS and YSM programs are organized by the Heads of schools and colleges!

By Order of + Uduamala Bala  
Bishop, Diocese of Warangal

### 5. Congratulations to BJP and PM Modi

Reverend Fathers, Sisters, Brothers the Catholic Church of Warangal Congratulates the Bharatiya Janata party for its incredible election victory. We pray that the new government works for building up the nation with respect to all states, cultures, religions, languages etc. we assure that we Christians cooperate in building the nation with democracy, freedom of religion, freedom of speech and special care for the marginalized and the poor. We hope for a bright India with peace and prosperity.

## **6. Collections/ Contributions towards Universal/ Local Church Appreciation and Depreciation**

As the Bishop of the local/ particular Church of Warangal, I appreciate all those who feel one with the Church Universal, and the Church Local/ Particular and take time and trouble to animate the Faithful regarding their Responsibility to pray and to contribute for the needs of the Church. Some care for every instruction/ Communication that comes from the Pope and the Bishop and do their best in action.

But some others, give a deaf ear to any earnest appeal or strict policy or law. What to do with such people? If spiritual or moral law does not work with such, canonical/ legal course of action are the only means. I have lists of such persons or institutions and it is the same people who do not care or even after making collections do not forward to the diocese for years! Therefore, for such people, I give a time of two months to pay off all the dues. Otherwise, they would invite disciplinary action from the Bishop.

## **7. Amruthavani.com: Inspire, Connect, Evangelize**

**ALL PARISHES SHOULD CREATE AN ACCOUNT BY ORDER. IT IS MANDATORY BY JULY 1, 2019**

Dear Rev. Parish Priests, Diocese of Warangal. This is the age of Media Communications. There is no disagreement about it. Amruthavani provides Golden Opportunity, FREE OF COST, to open account for every parish. Rev. Fr. P. Mariadas explained and enlightened us during the last Recollection about the urgency of the need of the day and its usefulness.

Specially the youth challenge the Priests with new questions. And we keep aside because we have no answers. We are par spiritually and also technologically. Let's take pains to have the data, activities, reports etc of each parish, answers to challenging questions or to earnest seekers of faith etc through the help of Amruthavani. The cyclostyled matter on creating an account by was given to each and explained. I made a request to open an Account and now I make it mandatory. If anyone had thrown the matter out or sold as old news papers for wrapping snacks.

Kindly contact for help Fr. Mariadass@8500390621, mariadasp@yahoo.com, mariadasp@amruthavani.com or G. Anand @ 9985702076, anand@amruthavani.com or Fr. V. Simon @ 9989720406, simonreddy32@gmail.com.

**Kindly create one's Parish account by July 1, 2019 and I will have time to check from USA with ensuing appreciation or depreciation of the Pastor!**



**A M R U T H A V A N I**  
**Communication Center**

## Warangal Diocese account in amruthavani.com

### A Model for Parishes and Institutions

Steps to be followed to create an Account in Amruthavani.com for your parish

1. Google **amruthavani.com**
2. Click on the “**login & Signup**”
3. Click on **Parish Registration**
4. Details need to be filled: eg

Username (Warangal),  
email id (wgldioabu@gmail.com),  
password (\*\*\*\*\*),  
Confirm Password(\*\*\*\*\*)  
Priest/ Sister/ Laypeople (Select any one)

6. Click on **Letus go**

Now you will be welcomed into the amruthavani web page

Towards the left the 6th option is **MY CHURCHS** Click and fill up the details of your Particular church eg:

Page name: **Warangal Diocesan Society**

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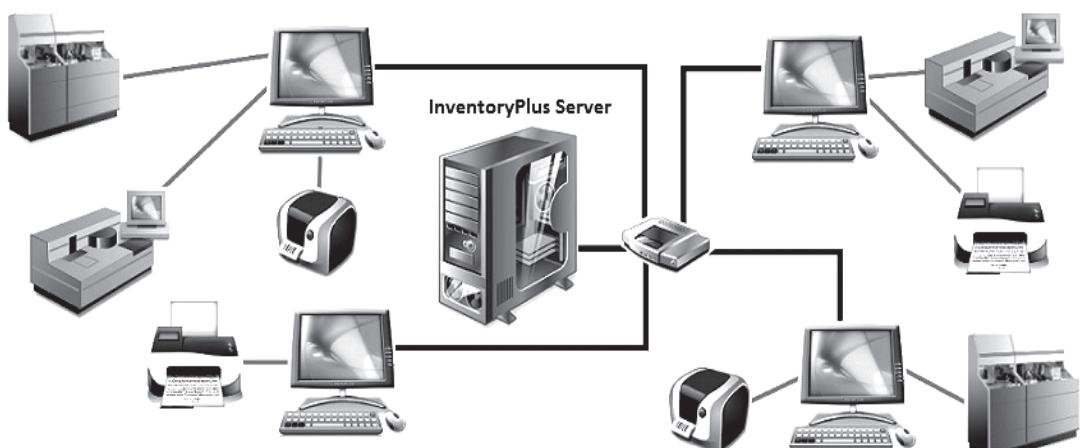
Account will be created and Amruthavani team will agree to it!

And then you can post whatever you want

**Note:** If you are computer illiterate, please approach Fr. Vatti Simon for assistance!  
Please come with your Parish or Institution matter cum pictures!

+ Uduvala Bala

Bishop of Warangal



## **8. Pastoral Centre : Navya Suvartheekarana Program in Warangal Diocese**

1) Based on the reports of the Mission Survey - 2019, with the blessings and permission from our beloved Bishop Most Rev. Dr Uduvala Bala, Pastoral Centre conducted “Navya Suvartheekarana Avagahana Sadassu” (Evangelizers meeting cum training program) on 14th May 2019, 9:00 A.M to 5:00 pm at Pastoral Centre. There were 250 participants from all over the Diocese of Warangal and they are really enthusiastic to spread the Word of God. Program Started with Bible procession from Velangini Grotto to Pastoral Centre Hall and it was led by Fr. Vijay Kumar, Animator Sudhakar and his team members. From 9:30 pm to 12:30 pm, there were discussions on how to initiate the mission work at parish level moderated by Fr. Vijay Kumar, Fr. D. Raja and Fr. Kamal Kumar, Director of Pastoral Centre. Deacon Gopu Prakash shared the Mission Survey result which was done by Warangal Diocese brothers during the Summer Ministry and He proposed 75 new mission villages in the Diocese. After Lunch, We have parish level action plan discussion to reach the proposed villages. Final part of the day, our beloved Bishop blessed the occasion by celebrating Holy Eucharist.

I take this opportunity to thank His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala, Bishop of Warangal for giving necessary permission to conduct this meeting. I personally thank all the participants of the day especially Parish Priests, Fathers, Brothers and Sisters from various Congregations, Catechists, Animators and those who helped me to conduct this meeting.

### **Navya Suvartheekarana Teams**

At parish level discussions on 14th May 2019, some of the parishes has given their mission plan and some are yet to give. The following parishes are interested to spread the word of God in their near villages however it is only with the permission of parish priest.

S. No	Parish Name	Mission Village	Parish Priest	Leader Name	Visiting Day
1	Wadepally (from Beemaram)	Chintagattu, Munipally	Fr. D. Joseph	K. Praveen 9247753198	Sunday
2	Wadepally (from Komatipally)	Komatipally Thanda	Fr. D. Joseph	Ch. Sudeer 8977406697	Sunday
3	Dacharam	Shankarnagar	Fr. Santhosh	K. Amar 9492638742	Sunday
4	Kumarpally	Sammaiahnagar	Fr. D. Raja	B. Elizabeth 9390111101	Sunday

5	St. Peter's Colony	Sammaiahnagar	Fr. K. Vijay Kumar	B. Kumar 9989292144	First Sunday
6	Balapala	Kuravi, Tirlapuram, Chilcode, Kancharla gudem	Fr. Sahayaraj 8309211498	Kukula Venkanna 9951582501	Sunday-6 pm, Sunday-6 pm, Friday-6 pm, Friday-6 pm
7	Ghanpur	Pamunoor, Ragavapur, Mashireddygudem	Fr. Surnder	N. Mallesham 9394716525	Sunday-6:30 pm Wed-6:30 pm Thurs-6:30 pm
8	Mallakpally	Vanamalakanaparthys	Fr.D. Prashanth	K.Sudhakar 9849915777 B.Augustine 8106843950 (Dharmapuram)	Fri-6:30 pm
9	Athmakur	Guddepad	Fr. G. Ranjith	P. Mogili 9652589134 & J. Francis 9000286105	Sat-5:00pm
10	Malkapur	Venkateshwarpally Maddelagudem	Fr. P. Dasaiah	M. Rosi	Mon-6 pm
11	Janakipuram	Rayagudem Gurralakunta Mallirudarla	Fr. Subhash	K.Yadagiri 9676662458	Wed-7:00 pm Thurs-7:00 pm Fri-7:00 pm
12	Narmetta	Eppalagadda Narmetta Town Adavi Keshapuram Narsapoort	Fr. A. Inna	M. Ursula 8919033794	Mon-1 <sup>st</sup> &3 <sup>rd</sup> Wk Thurs-1 <sup>st</sup> &3 <sup>rd</sup> Wk Mon-2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Wk Thu-2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Wk
13	Ekashilanagar	Mustyakapally	Fr. T. Jerome	J. Anandam 955015295	Weekly Twice
14	Dharmasagar	Banajarpally	Fr. M. Praveen	N. Kanthaiah 99124277456	
15	Gudur	Eppagudem Rangaraigudem	Fr. P. Chinnu	B.Chinnappa 9848512405 G. Chinnamma 9989830677	Sat-6:30 pm

16	Mulkanoor	Kothapalli	Fr. Yesu Ravi	Manjula, Uma 9704472963	Sunday
17	Pallipelpula	Gundla Singaran Nagaram	Fr. Barthlomai 9182185254	D.Prakasham 9959875781	Thursday
18	Dornakal	Vennaram Garedepally	Fr. Johnpaul	J. Sathyam 8179809591	
19	Elkathurthy	Somadevarapally	Fr. M. Naveen	K. Rajesh 9000056425	
20	Ookal	Ramnagar	Fr. A. Raja	G. Joji Reddy 8106383196	Wed-6:00 pm
21	Cherial	Vuharam	Fr. Uday Kumar	V. Innamma	
22	Rampur	Ramannagudem	Fr. Praveen 9666480471	M. Amrutha M. Prabhakar 9652968630	Sun-7:00 pm
23	Ranipuram	Vannaram	Fr. G. Prashanth	G. Mary	
24	Assisinagar	Dharmaram Doopakunta	Fr. G. Mathias	Nirmala M. 9676094479	Sun-5:00 pm
25	Pallagutta		Fr. D. Raju	G. John 9843343330	

2) I request all the parish priests to establish and to provide your support for the “**‘Navya Suvartheekarana Teams’**”.

- a) If your parish does not have any mission team, I request kindly form the teams which include Parish Priest, Sisters from Parish, Catechist, Animator and three to four members.
- b) Kindly select the new mission station where evangelization possible.
- c) Kindly select a Leader who animated and leads the team.
- d) Kindly select a visiting day and time so that team members can go for mission.
- e) Finally raise the resources for the expenses from the parish. Please constentize the Faithful regarding Evangelization to non- Christians.

#### **Please note well by order of Bishop :**

- All the heads of the educational institutions are expected to teach catechism and value education from the starting of academic Year 2019-2020. Catechism is mandatory for catholic students. It is a strict order from the Bishop.

- New catechism and value education books are available at pastoral center for classes 1 to 10. All the schools have to buy and collect from the Centre. It is mandatory from the Bishop.

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

## **9. LODI MSSS**

The month of May is irradiated by the light and loves of Mary our Mother. The mother who is “Blessed” by her living and loving presences, guided LodiMSSS to uplift and enlighten the lives of the poor and the poorest.

### **Title of the Project: Food Security, Kothaguda Mandal**

Under the” Italian Bishops Conference” various program Conducted in the month of May. 5 Organic Farming trainings held in 5Villages, 144 farmers were participated the trainings. Conducted 4 Awareness meetings to Women on Income Generation activities, 4 CBO trainings conduced to 108 Members and Constructed 30 Vermi pit units to 30 Members in 4 villages.

### **Title of the Project: Food Security, Raikal Mandal**

Achievements in the month of May-2019.under the K.K.S Donor Agency:

- 150 Beneficiaries received Back yard Poultry chicks in 9 villages.
- 12000 Tractor trips of silt lifted from 4 irrigation tanks to 358 farmers.
- Constructed 2 Check Dams at Raikal Mandal.
- Construction of Grain Yard Shed work in progress at Alur village.

**Revolving Fund Loans :** In 23 villages totally 894 beneficiaries obtained loan amount - Rs. 1,76,70,000/-

**Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangam :** The total amount saved Rs. 4,30,350, from 30 parishes consist of 2866 members belongs to 68 villages and Rs. 87,55,000/-provided as the part of general loan. The IGP LOAN also given to other 91 members.

**Meetings :** Executive Body meeting was held on 9th May and General Body Meeting was held on 30th May, 2019. The meetings enable the society to be more efficient, more transparent and more committed to serve the people .

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

## **10. Jeevadhara Renewal Centre**

“May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere”. As we started Sacred Heart spirituality conventions in Jeevadhara renewal centre, from January onwards the number of devotees are increasing constantly to the centre and receiving many favours from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Nearly 400 devotees attended first Friday prayer service on 3rd of May. The word of God possesses unique power (Hebrews 4:12), and, the word of

God renews your mind, producing a transformed life (Romans 12:2). Fr. Benny SVD preached the word of God and in a special way encouraged the devotees to anchor their faith in the power of God. “The self-sufficiency you lean on should be replaced with Christ-sufficiency (John 15:5). Word of God, Praise and worship, healing prayers (healing the sick) and Holy Eucharist celebration are the rich sources to the devotees in Jeevadhara renewal centre and a lot of people are benefitting from counseling in the centre as well. So many people are filled with the power of God through the word of God and counseling.

Jeevadhara renewal centre is blessed with passionate preachers and skilled counselors. With the special encouragement from Bishop Dr. Udumula Bala, on June first Friday we are going to have a very special prayer service for all the students who are going to start their schooling. In this Aksharabyasam program all the students will write the name of Jesus in rice and receive blessings from the priests to start their academic year of 2019-2020. To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe (Anatole France). Every first Friday prayer service program is telecasted in Divyavani Channel on the third Monday of the month from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm. We have prayer services on every Friday starting from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. Every third Friday of the month we conduct special healing prayers in the centre. Do visit Jeevadhara Renewal centre and receive special blessings from Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

## **11. Youth Centre**

**Regional Youth Retreat - Muthangi :** May 15th to May 18th TCBC YOUTH COMMISSION organized YOUTH RETREAT in collaboration with DIVINE WORD CENTER- MUTHANGI in English & Telugu from 15th May (Wednesday) Evening to 18th May 2019 (Saturday). Fr.Gopu Thomas, Diocesan Youth Director and youth from St.Peter's Colony, Tharalapally, Mahabubabad, Bheemaram, Komatipally and Fatimanagar participated in the same. I thank all the Parish Priests who encouraged the youth to participate in this Retreat.

**Parish level Youth Meeting :** On 6th & 7th of May, there was a meeting conducted by MC sisters in KOTHAGATTU SINGARAM Village for all the Youth of ATMAKUR PARISH. These 2 days DYD Fr.Gopu Thomas offered MASS and spoke How Youth can help the Church by growing in FAITH, SPIRITUALITY and SOCIALLY. Bible Quiz was organized by Sr.Reena Francis and Prizes were distributed for the winners. Rosary, meditating on New Testament, Action Songs and Youth talks were given by MC Sister's, Mr. Raju Sangala-former Diocesan Youth President, Mr. Ramakrishna-Secretary, Arunodaya Youth Centre. Fr.Ranjith, parish priest also took part in this 2 days program and encouraged the Youth.50 youth participated in this program.

**Fr. Gopu Thomas Jr**, Director.

## **12. News from WADES: 10/10 GPA Congratulations and Hope for Better**

SSC Public Examination 2018-2019 Results of the diocesan educational institutions

Name of the School	Place	No. of student Appeared	10 GPA	Above 9 GPA	Pass Result
Bishop Beretta High School	Fatimanagar	171	---	37	95%
Bishop Thumma Bala High School	Bachanapeta	17	---	09	100%
St. Alphone High School	Karimnagar	51	---	28	100%
St. Anthony High School	LMD-Karimnagar	72	02	25	100%
St. Francis High School	Velair	41	---	05	100%
St. John's High School	Kesamudram	46	---	19	100%
St. Joseph's High School	Husnabad	72	---	38	100%
St. Mary's High School	Sulthanabad	80	02	46	100%
St. Paul's High School	Janagaon	125	13	76	100%
St. Thomas High School	Jammikunta	20	01	11	100%

We extend great appreciation to all the headmasters and staff of all the schools of WADES for securing best results in SSC public examinations 2018-2019. Comparatively there is a lot of improvement from last year results. It is heartening to note that most of our schools got 100% results and a good number of students secured 10GPA. We wish to congratulate each of the student, principal and staff for their hard work in preparing and guiding the students towards public examinations.

We also extend a warm welcome to Fr. Ashok the new headmaster of St. Mary's High School, Sultanabad, Fr. G. Suresh, the new headmaster of St. Antony's High School, LMD Colony, Fr. T. Kiran St. John's High School, Kesamudram and place on record the outgoing headmasters Fr. G. Thomas, Fr. D. Prasanth and Fr. T. Sunil for their great services for the last a few years and wish them all the best in their new assignments.

**Fr. M. Jaya Paul, DM**

### **13. News from Mission Banjara: Gradual Showers of Fruits**

With the grace of God, continuous prayer on 20-4-2019, 21 members were baptized in our Fatima parish, Mahabubad. Fr. Gopu Thomas Jr, Fr. Samuel CPPS, have given the baptisms for 21 members Sr. Selvi and Sr. Lucia have prepared the people for baptism and Holy Communion and taught them the prayers. We thank all the Fathers and Sisters.

On 09-05-2019 we have conducted the youth camp in our Fatima parish, Mahabubad. There were 35 boys and girls from the parish and from Banjara mission places (Idulapusapally, Ramsingh Thanda and Amria Thanda). The opening prayer by Fr. Samuel invoked the blessings of God the special team was invited from Hyderabad to conduct the prayer program for one day. The team taught the prayers, songs, dances and parables by using the PowerPoint and the projector. Our Nirmal sisters (Banjara Team) with Fr. Samuel conducted the games and encouraged them to win the prices. Lunch was provided by Fr. Sravan in the hostel. We thank God, and thank all the Fathers, Sisters, children and youth for their cooperation and support.

**Fr. Samuel, CPPS**

### **14. Hats off to Missionaries of Mary Immaculate – Nirmala Sisters**

One of the focus of the Extraordinary Missionary Month is not only remembering the past Missionary saints or martyrs but also the Living Missionaries. In times of foreign Missionaries becoming defunct, I acclaim that the **Nirmala Sisters are the only Congregation**, at least in the Diocese of Warangal, who are Lifting high the Missionary torch going to the peripheries. Very few priests and much less the institutes of the Consecrated fall under this category. Many do some pastoral or catechetical work and wrongly think that they are evangelizing.



For the last three years, Nirmala Sisters obliged a Satellite Community of two nuns and are immersed in the evangelization of the Tribal Banjara People in Mahabubabad area. I could see the fire of giving Christ to the marginalized and the zeal in spite of little progress. The ground is tilled by them and the next stage of seedling is taken up renewing their contract for yet another three years! Rev. Sr. Selvi and Sr. Lucy under the leadership of Sr. Mary George, the Provincial, this almost impossible task is being carried alive! Thanks and Congrats to them and other Congregations should learn from MSI, the Nirmalas!

+Udumala Bala,  
Bishop of Warangal

## *Birthday Babies in the Month of June*

Celebrate your birthday today. Celebrate being Happy every day.

Rev. Fr. Gangarapu Naveen	05-06-1976
Rev. Fr. Madanu Jaya	07-06-1968
Rev. Fr. Macharla Raju	08-06-1983
Rev. Fr. Pudota Chinnaiah	08-06-1959
Rev. Fr. Dasari Joseph	11-06-1963
Rev. Fr. Reddimasu Thomas	11-06-1963
Rev. Fr. Polumari Suresh	25-06-1981



## *Ordination Anniversary*

Rev. Fr. D. Jaya Prathap                    03- 06- 1999

On the occasion of the Ordination Anniversary of our dear father, I wish him hearty congratulations, prayerful wishes and fruitful ministry.

## Laying of Foundation Stone for Stage - Cathedral Campus



Confirmations and Chapel Blessing at Thatikonda - Pallagutta Parish



Navya Suvartheekarana Avagahana Sadassu - Pastoral Centre

## 6th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary Celebrations



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