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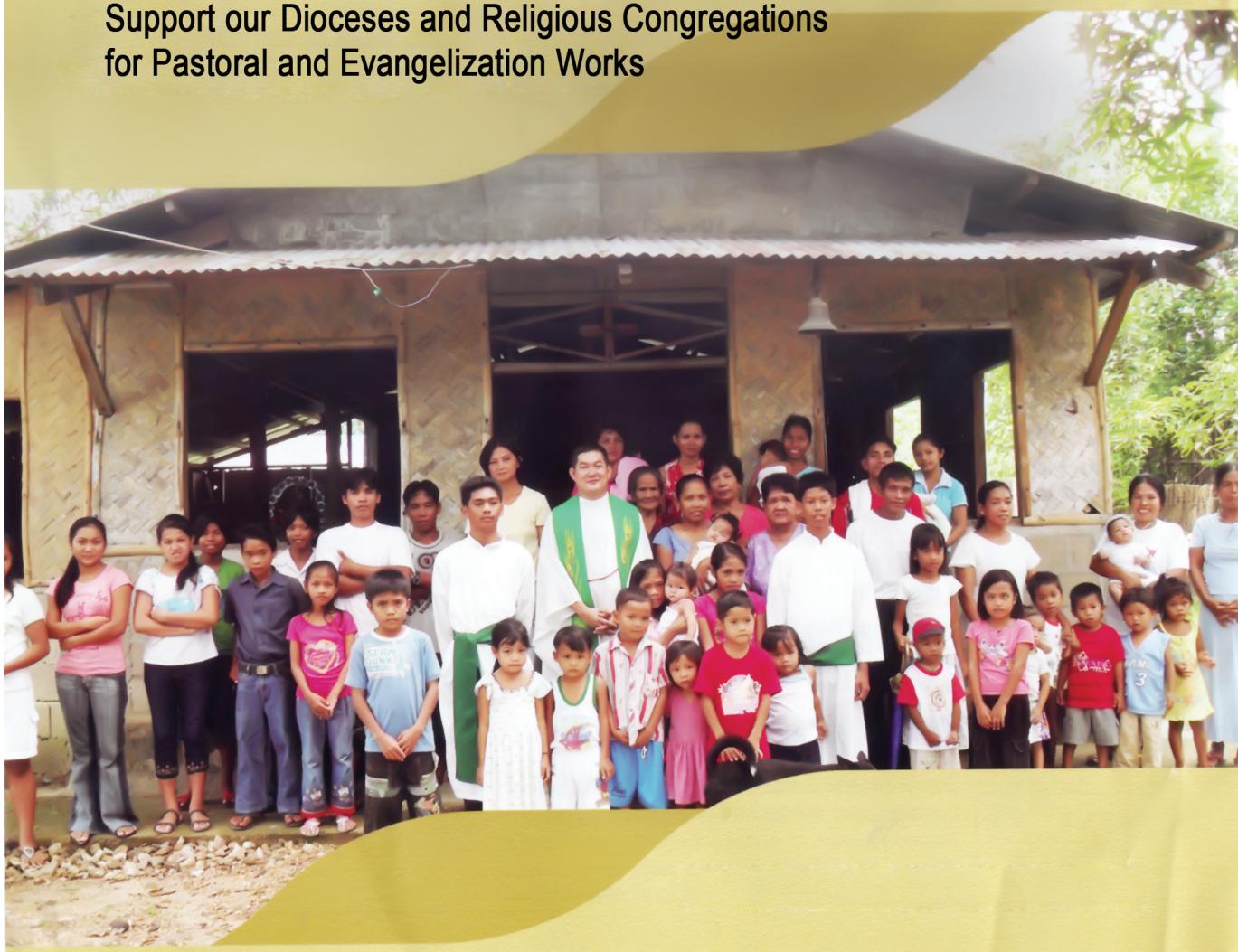
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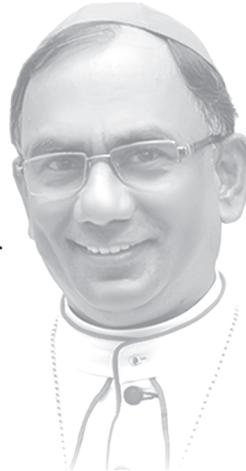
JERICHO PRAYER MARCH

I. Our Attitude is Our Altitude

It determines how high we fly and how deep we swim

Attitude is Power of Heart

One of the greatest discoveries of this generation is that by changing our inner attitudes one could cross even the outer space, and conquer our outer spaces!. Attitude is a special secret power, which works round the clock, affecting even our dreams. Attitude is more important than circumstances, education, money, talents, etc. Attitude is power and ‘Power is energy, vitality, and dynamism’. We know about horse power, muscle power, mental power, spiritual power and the like. The longer we live, the more we realize that attitude is more powerful than intelligence. Heart has more reasoning than the reason. We know well that today it is confirmed by psychoanalysis that EQ is more to do with ourselves than IQ. It is almost gospel truth that what happens to one is only 10% and the remaining 90% is how one responds/ reacts to. Attitude is in our hands and we are charge of it! It depends on us how we handle our attitude.



Little Difference makes a Big Difference

We heard of the maxim ‘10% inspiration and 90% perspiration’. There is only a little difference among people but that little difference makes a big difference, positive or negative, depending on how we unlock our genius of attitude and revolutionize our lives. Jesus attitude towards God and towards the whole world especially towards humans was the master-key to His message. Pope Francis’ attitude is that that makes the whole world rotate around his message in these trying times.

Meaning of Attitude

If the attitude that determines our altitude in life, what is attitude? Attitude is the mental state or position one take regarding one’s life and the world. It means that it’s not what one thinks but how one thinks. One’s attitude forms every event in one’s life, whether one knows it or not. One’s optimism or pessimism flows out and return to it. Life seen as joy and celebration or life seen as disappointment and anger depends on one’s attitude. When other people challenge or external factors frighten one, does one stops moving forward and upward? When programs of Evangelization do not yield the fruits that one expects or pastoral activities do not change the faithful to be vibrant, do we become so get discouraged as to even not to invite Jesus to console and enthuse us? When such temptations knock at our door of attitude, we need to recourse to ‘never give up’ attitude.

Attitude is the Barometer

Some persons make us wonder at the power of their Heart! As Sacred heart of Jesus, they radiate the energy of endless possibilities even in the face of tsunami-like situations. St. Francis of Assisi, St. Teresa of Kolkata, St. John Paul, Bl. Romero to mention but a few. This kind of people are needed in our lives if we wish to see what high we can fly or how deep we can swim even against the current! Most of the time we are surrounded by the fatalistic castist/racist environment of karma, which makes people believe in the harshness of life, which drains out even our soul power. Therefore, the choice is really up to us, if we want to reach the stars or do we want to stay on the ground constantly looking up secretly wishing that we were among the dazzling super stars! A strong, positive and flexible attitude will help elevate you to unimaginable heights.

Negative Attitude Paralyzes

Positive attitude does not solve all our problems or stop them affecting us but it does make our rivals bewildered. It gives clarity if we check the people around us and observe their Barometer of attitude whether it is negative or positive. If the results are negative then one may need to look at one's own attitude and make certain adjustments. Let us remember that our attitude determines our altitude. That's why it is very important to be choosy about with whom we do spend our time with. We should believe that we become what we think about, and who we surround ourselves with every day strongly influences and what we think about or become. A positive attitude is not about displaying a phony smile, a happy face and a lively disposition. It is simply a way of responding to life in a manner that allows us to accept the contradictions, the contrasts of our experiences. A positive attitude enables one to make a difference in the world around because when one is able to see things in a positive light, you help to influence and shape other people's attitude as well.

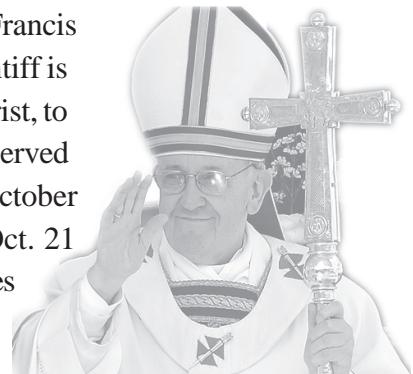
Better to be alone than in Bad Company

God said 'it is not good for man to be alone' (Gen 2:18). It refers not only to marriage but also to social relationships. At certain moments in our lives, we encounter challenging circumstances or people. We can either regard our dilemmas with anger, bitterness or frustration. Or we can look deep within and find the source that is beyond all circumstances and then pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and move forward knowing all things will work in our favour. If on any given day, negative drama surrounds us, hang on to our own positive attitude and don't let other people to drag us down. Let us believe and practice of associating ourselves with men and women of good quality even if it means struggling and suffering for it is better to be alone (not lonely) than sell or part with your self-dignity to cheap people. Positive attitude is very costly and we cannot expect it from cheap people!



II. Pope's message for World Mission Sunday 2018

The Vatican on Saturday released the message of Pope Francis for this year's World Mission Sunday, in which the Pontiff is inviting young men and women who want to follow Christ, to seek, to discover and to persevere in their vocation. Observed by the Catholic Church on the penultimate Sunday of October every year, World Mission Sunday in 2018 falls on Oct. 21 instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1926, the annual day encourages prayers, cooperation and help for missions as well as reminds Christians about the fundamental missionary character of the Church and of every baptized person.



The theme of this year's observance, "Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all," echoes the upcoming synod of bishops, scheduled from October 3-28 in the Vatican, whose theme is "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment."

I am a mission

In the message addressed to all Christians, but especially to young people, the Pope reminds all that "we are not in this world by our own choice," and hence there is "an initiative that precedes us and makes us exist." Each one of us, he says, is called to reflect on the fact that 'I am a mission on this Earth,' which is why we are here in this world. In fact, the Pope says, "every man and woman is a mission." "To be attracted and to be sent are two movements" of the heart that "hold out promise for our future and give direction to our lives."

Gift of self

In his message, the Pope urges young people not to be afraid of Christ and his Church, because, he says, "it is where "we find the treasure that fills life with joy." Speaking from his own experience, he says that through faith he found the sure foundation of his dreams and the strength to realize them. "For those who stand by Jesus," the Pope continues, "evil is an incentive to ever greater love," because "from the cross of Jesus we learn the divine logic of self-sacrifice as a proclamation of the Gospel for the life of the world. The Pope thus invites young people to ask themselves, "What would Christ do if he were in my place?"

Transmitting faith

All Christians by Baptism, the Pope recalls, have received the mission to bring the Gospel to everyone. Young people too are part of that great stream of witnesses, in which elder persons with their wisdom and experience become a witness and encouragement to the young. This way, he says, the mission of the Church bridges the generations bringing about unity.

Infectious love

The heart of the Church's mission, the Pope continues, is the infectiousness of love, where joy and enthusiasm become the expression of a newfound meaning and fulfilment in life. The spread of the faith "by attraction", he says, calls for hearts that are open and expanded by love. This generates encounter, witness and proclamation even in "extreme peripheries" which are indifferent and hostile and to the ends of the earth in 'missio ad gentes'. The Holy Father expresses satisfaction that through numerous ecclesial groups such as parishes, associations, movements, and religious communities, young people find in missionary volunteer work a way of serving the "least" of our brothers and sisters, promoting human dignity and witnessing to the joy of love and of being Christian.

After recalling the contribution of the Pontifical Mission Societies to the human and cultural growth of many populations, the Pope says that who are helped in their personal needs can in turn bear witness to the Gospel in the circumstances of their daily lives.

"No one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are," the Pope says.

III. The Instrumentum Laboris

Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment

Synod Purposes

1. Taking care of young people is not an optional task for the Church, but an integral part of her vocation and mission in history. In just a few words, this is the specific scope of the upcoming Synod: just as our Lord Jesus Christ walked alongside the disciples of Emmaus (cf. Lk 24:13-35), the Church is also urged to accompany all young people, without exception, towards the joy of love. With their presence and their words, young people can help rejuvenate the face of the Church. There is a thematic link between the Message to Young People of the Second Vatican Council (8 December 1965) and the Synod of Young People (3-28 October 2018), something the Holy Father highlighted when he introduced the Pre-synod meeting: The splendid Message to the Young of Vatican Council II comes to mind. It is an invitation to seek new paths and to journey along them boldly and trustfully, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and opening up to the Holy Spirit, to rejuvenate the very countenance of the Church, as we accompany young people in their journey of vocational discernment during this "epoch change".

Discernment Method

2. In discernment, we recognize a way of life, a style, a fundamental attitude and also a working method; it is a path to walk together, whereby we look at the social and cultural dynamics we are steeped in, through the eyes of the disciple. Discernment leads us to recognize

- and become attuned with - the action of the Spirit, in true spiritual obedience. In this way, it becomes openness to new things, courage to move outwards and resistance to the temptation of reducing what is new to what we already know. Discernment is a truly spiritual attitude. Since it is obedience to the Spirit, discernment is listening, first and foremost, that can also become a driver for our actions, the ability to be creatively faithful to the one single mission the Church has always been entrusted with. Hence, discernment becomes a pastoral instrument, that is able to identify livable pathways today's young people can follow, and to provide guidance and suggestions for the mission that are not ready-made, but are the fruit of a journey that enables us to follow the Spirit. A pathway that is structured in this way invites us to open and not to close, to ask questions without suggesting pre-defined answers, to point to alternatives and probe opportunities. In this framework, it is clear that the Synod Assembly itself, next October, needs to be approached with the proper attitudes for a discernment process.

Text Structure

3. The Instrumentum Laboris gathers and summarizes the contributions that were collected during the pre-synodal process in a document that is structured in three parts, which explicitly reflect the structure of the discernment process described in EG 51: recognizing, interpreting, and choosing. Hence, the parts are not independent of one another, but are stages in a single overall process.

Recognizing : The first step is to look and to listen. This requires paying attention to the real situation of today's young people, in the diverse circumstances and contexts they live in. It requires humility, closeness and empathy, in order to get in tune with them, and grasp what their joys and hopes are, their grieves and their anxieties (cf. GS 1). Likewise, we should turn our caring and concerned eyes and ears towards the experience of the ecclesial communities involved with young people around the world. In this first step, we should focus on grasping concrete realities: social sciences provide an essential contribution which, incidentally, is well represented in the sources that are being used, but what they have to say is looked at and re-read in the light of faith and the experience of the Church.

Interpreting : The second step leads us to review what we have recognized, using interpretation and evaluation criteria derived from a faith perspective. The reference framework must be based on the biblical, anthropological and theological categories that are expressed in the **Synod's key words :** youth, vocation, vocational discernment and spiritual accompaniment. Therefore, building an adequate reference framework from the theological, ecclesiological, pedagogical and pastoral standpoint is strategically important: something that can help us avoid hasty judgments, albeit recognizing «that in the Church there legitimately coexist different ways of interpreting many aspects of doctrine and Christian life» (GE 43). This is why we must acquire an open spiritual dynamism.

Choosing. Only in the light of a vocation that has been accepted is it possible to understand what concrete steps the Spirit is calling us to make, and what direction to follow to respond to His call. In this third phase of discernment, we need to examine pastoral approaches and practices, and cultivate the inner freedom that enables us to choose those that better allow us to reach our goals, and discard those that are less effective. Therefore, it is an operational evaluation and a critical analysis, not a judgment on the value or meaning that such approaches might have in other circumstances or times. This step will allow us to identify where reforms are needed, as well as changes to ecclesial and pastoral practices that otherwise might become fossilized.

IV. Communio India Sunday

Sunday, 2 December, 2018 (First Sunday of Advent)

“Love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 13:34)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent which offers us a sense of hope, joy and encouragement as we continue our journey of faith to celebrate the Mystery of the Incarnation. Advent refers not only to the birth of our Lord at his First Coming but also to our hope and expectation of him at his second Coming. This expectation demands from us fidelity to the Gospel by being constantly watchful like the wise virgins (cf. Mt. 25: 1-3) or the ever faithful and wise servant (cf. Mt. 24: 45-51) for the Master’s return.

Incarnation is an intimate expression of God’s unconditional love for us: “God so loved the world, that he gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16). Christ has taught and shown us that Love is the heart of the Gospel. To receive God’s salvation is to be fully taken up in this infinite love of God for us in Jesus Christ.

During this Advent and Christmas season we are called to share God’s love with our fellow brothers and sisters, especially with the poor and the needy, heeding the call of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we have to live our lives of others. This can happen through a conversion of heart that Jesus called us to, at the very beginning of his ministry. He invites us to make a new and determined effort to fulfill our responsibilities as disciples of Christ, in order to live fully the two great commandments, to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves (cf. Mt 22: 36-40).

Pope Francis says : “Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor” (Evangelii Gaudium 2).

Many Christians live in poor and even inhuman conditions, deprived of the basic necessities of life such as drinking water, food, clothing, shelter, education, employment, and a secure future. Those among us whom God has blessed with sufficient material means to meet our needs

have the responsibility to reach out to our poor brothers and sisters and provide them with pastoral assistance, both spiritual and material. There are local Churches in our country struggling to live their Christian faith in the midst of socio-economic backwardness.

A good number of Catholics in India do not have a proper place to worship and celebrate the Holy Eucharist together. Many of our missionaries in rural and remote areas are working with limited facilities. They need financial assistance to build places of worship and other minimum facilities for their communities.

As you are well aware the conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) has been dreaming and discussing for a long time about the possibility of initiating a funding agency on the pattern of Missio in Germany to assist our mission dioceses, which are facing financial difficulties, for their pastoral and evangelical work. This would be a concrete expression of our solidarity with one another in following the example of the early Church that was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

After extensive discussions and deliberations through various meetings, the CCBI has established, Communio India to assist our dioceses and religious congregations working in the missions.

The purposes of Communio India are (1) to build a culture of sharing in order to express solidarity with our needy brothers and sisters in the country. (2) to encourage our faithful to pray and help the missions and the missionaries and to promote missionary vocations. (3) to inspire our lay faithful to work in mission areas as lay missionaries.

It is our responsibility to promote Communio India as a means of evangelization: “The Church on earth is by its very nature missionary since according to the plan of God the Father, it has its origin in the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit” (Ad Gentes, 2). It is the duty of the Church to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon the mission of evangelization marked with the Joy of the Gospel (Cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 1).

It is our earnest desire that Communio India Sunday should be observed faithfully and meaningfully in all our parishes and institutions. Holy Mass ought to be solemnly celebrated and special prayers must be added for the Church’s mission and her missionaries. It should not only be a day of prayer but also a day of awareness to enable us to become missionary disciples. We request you to encourage our missionaries not only through prayers but also through your generous contributions.

We appeal to all the faithful to be generous in sharing their resources to help our brothers and sisters in need in the remote regions of the Indian Church. All our contributions, big or small, would be of great help for the missionary work of the Church in India.

As we open our arms and hearts to celebrate Baby Jesus, at His nativity, we are inspired to open our arms and hearts also to those who are in need of us. Sharing is the most relevant and meaningful way to celebrate God's generous gift of His divine life with us in the manger of Bethlehem.

The Church in India is blessed with numerous, dedicated and committed missionaries. We appreciate and acknowledge their sacrifice and passion for missionary work. We request all of you to continuously pray for our missionaries and the missions. May Jesus the Good Shepherd guide and help us to carry out His work of evangelization through Communio India.

Given on 8 September, 2018; on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

+ Oswald Cardinal Gracias

President, Conference of Catholic Bishops of India and Archbishop of Bombay

V. Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit, and without a sense of self-importance. Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer lengthy and difficult led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy."



From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic, begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking.

On his deathbed, Francis said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, “Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death.” He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior’s permission to have his clothes removed when the last hour came in order that he could expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

VI. Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of “Our Lady of Victory,” the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition. Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate.



In the first of them, 1883's “Supremi Apostolatus Officio,” he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (known in the Latin tradition as the “Sub Tuum Praesidium”), when he wrote, “It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary.”

“This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven,” Pope Leo continued, “has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy … or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies.” Foremost among such “attacks” was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history.

Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary.

VII. Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist

On October 18, Catholics and other Christians around the world will celebrate the feast of St. Luke, the physician and companion of St. Paul whose gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus Christ. St. Luke wrote a greater volume of the New Testament than any other single author, including the earliest history of the Church. Ancient traditions also acknowledge Luke as the founder of Christian iconography, making him a patron of artists as well as doctors and other medical caregivers.

Luke came from the large metropolitan city of Antioch, a part of modern-day Turkey. In Luke's lifetime, his native city emerged as an important center of early Christianity. During the future saint's early years, the city's port had already become a cultural center, renowned for arts and sciences. Historians do not know whether Luke came to Christianity from Judaism or paganism, although there are strong suggestions that Luke was a gentile convert.

Educated as a physician in the Greek-speaking city, Luke was among the most cultured and cosmopolitan members of the early Church. Scholars of archeology and ancient literature have ranked him among the top historians of his time period, besides noting the outstanding Greek prose style and technical accuracy of his accounts of Christ's life and the apostles' missionary journeys.

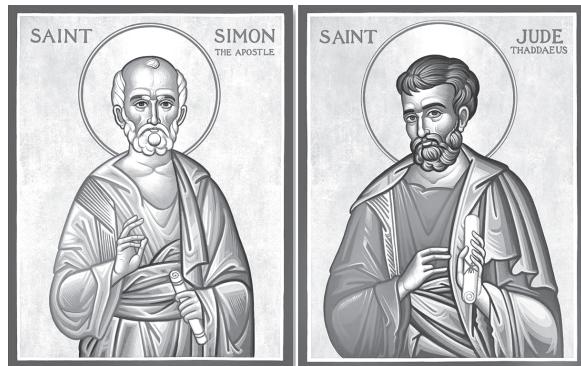
Luke was also among the only companions of Paul who did not abandon him during his final imprisonment and death in Rome. After the martyrdom of St. Paul in the year 67, St. Luke is said to have preached elsewhere throughout the Mediterranean, and possibly died as a martyr. However, even tradition is unclear on this point. Fittingly, the evangelist whose travels and erudition could have filled volumes wrote just enough to proclaim the gospel and apostolic preaching to the world.



VIII. Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude

Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude whose names occur together in the Canon of the Mass and are also celebrated on the same day. Possibly this is because they both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia where it is said they had both been sent, but in actual fact we know nothing for certain about them beyond what is told us of their being called as Apostles in the New Testament. St. Jude is the author of a short Epistle which forms part of the New Testament.

However meagre in details the history of these glorious apostles is, we learn from their brief legend how amply they contributed to this great work of generating sons of God. Without any repose, and even to the shedding of their blood, they "edified the body of Christ"; and the grateful Church thus pray to our Lord today: "O God, through the work of the apostles you have spoken your Word of love, your Son, into our world's deafness. Open our ears to hear; open our hearts to heed; open our will to obey, that we may proclaim the good news with our lives."



St. Simon is represented in art with a saw, the instrument of his martyrdom. St. Jude's square points him out as an architect of the house of God. St. Paul called himself by this name; and St. Jude, by his Catholic Epistle, has also a special right to be reckoned among our Lord's principal workmen. But our apostle had nobility, far surpassing all earthly titles: being nephew, by his father Cleophas or Alpheus, to St. Joseph, and legal cousin to the Man-God, Jude was one of those called by their compatriots the brethren of the carpenter's Son. We may gather from St. John's Gospel another precious detail concerning him. In the admirable discourse at the close of the last Supper, our Lord said: "He that loveth Me, shall be loved of My Father: and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him." Then Jude asked Him: "Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself to us, and not to the world?" And he received from Jesus this reply: "If any one loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My word. And the word which you have heard is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me."

IX. Bishop's Engagements in October, 2018

- 01 : Office
- 02 : Office
- 03-6 : North - East Priests' Association Meeting, Imphal, Manipur
- 07 : Blessing of MMM Convent, Karunapuram
Bharathamitram Sunday: Collection for Bharathamitram
- 08 : Office
- 09 : Office
- 10 : Heralds of Goodnews Major Seminary: Ongoing Formation
- 11 : Office

- 12 : Divya Jyothi Association Meeting, Karunapuram
- 13 : Year of Family Celebrations at Jeevadhara, Rampur
Our Lady of Fatima Feast, Thimmapur, Nalgonda Diocese
- 14 : Mass for College Students, FCT, (Inter and Degree), Rampur
- 14-19 : Clergy Annual Retreat, Fatimanagar
- 16 : Higher Education/ Professional college students, Jeevadhara
- 20 : Final Vows of MMM-Mariarani Sisters at Karunapuram
- 21-27 : Aero-Retreat for Senior Clergy in Sri Lanka
- 28 : Karimnagar Deanery Celebrations of Year of Family, Karimnagar
- 29 : Divya Vani Meeting, Hyderabad
- 30 : CDPI Exco-Meet at Bishop's House, Warangal

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- 01 : All Saints Day: Office
- 02 : All Souls' Day, Fatimanagar : Office
- 03-08 : ARMS General Body Meet, Guwahati-Assam
- 09-10 : Inter-diocesan Games and Sports Meet, Karimnagar
- 11 : Jagityal, 25 Years Jubilee of Church and Blessing of Community Hall

X. Communications

1. Bharathamithram Sunday (07-10-2018)

I am pleased to bring to your knowledge that this year 'Bharathamithram,' Telugu Catholic fortnightly, celebrates its Platinum Jubilee. Telugu Catholic Bishop's Council (TCBC) has decided to make use of this occasion for three purposes. Firstly, to thank God for such a resourceful Magazine for our Region all through these 75 years. Secondly, to promote the magazine to all Catholic families, knowing the fact that even in its 75th year of existence, many Catholics still do not know about it. Thirdly, to raise the financial sustainability of the Magazine, as it struggles to maintain itself financially.

To fulfill these three purposes, following things are to be observed.

- To celebrate Bharathamithram Sunday on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (7th, October 2018) in selected parishes of every diocese of Andhra and Telangana,

- To thank the Lord for the Magazine and for its service to the Telugu-speaking Catholics.
- To encourage our faithful to read Bharathamithram and request every family to subscribe for their spiritual enrichment (Subscription forms will be supplied in advance to all selected parishes for promotions).
- In all selected parishes, the promotions will be done in the manner of Mission Sunday.
- Bharathamithram Donation covers will also be supplied to the Parish Priests of the selected parishes in advance, so that they may be able to distribute them to each family a week before. The covers will be collected on Bharathamithram Sunday and be deposited to the Procurator of the diocese.
- Details of individual donations be given to the Procurator and they will all be published in Bharathamitram.

Selected Parishes in the Diocese of Warangal

1.Warangal, Fathima Cathedral, 2.Warangal-Khagipet, St. Joseph's Church, 3.Narmetta, St. Peter's Church 4.Timmaraopet, St. Peter's Church, 5.Subedari, St. Marys's Church 6.Karimnagar, Lourdumatha Church, 7. Karunapuram, Arogyamatha Church 8. Deisel Colony, Valangani Church 9. Vaddepalli, St. Peter's Church 10.Janagam, St. Paul's Church 11. Godavarigani, Sacred Heart Church 12. Assisinagar, Catholic Church 13. Dharamasagar, St. Anthony's Church 14. Kumarapalli, St. Joseph's Church 15. Mariapuram, donbosco mission 16. Hanumkonda, Infant Jesus Church.

I request the kindness and understanding of all the parish priests and to collaborate in this venture. Please send the collection to be forwarded to Bharathamitram.

2. Annual Retreat : All the priests are requested to take note of the Annual Retreat for 2018 would begin from evening of October 14 till noon of October 19, 2018. Please block the dates in your calendar and attend the retreat without fail, **unless other arrangements are made with Bishop's permission.**

3. Warangal CRI Unit : There will be gathering of religious at the zonal leverl. Dates and venues will be intimated by your zonal coordinators. Those who have not paid the subscription please do so at the earliest.

- Fr. Joshua, MSC



XI. Informations

1. News from the Pastoral Centre

1. As the Director of Pastoral Centre, I had visited the following parishes: St. Peter's Colony (Laskarsingaram), Narmetta, Kazipet, Diesel colony, Singaram, Holyland (Karunapuram) and Mariarani School (Karunapuram). There was good response from the schools and parishes in faith formation.
2. Our Bishop Most. Rev.Dr. Udumala.Bala, Telugu Catholic Council (TCC) members from our Diocese and I had attended a meeting on 3rd September at St.John's Regional Semenary, Hyderabad. The program was how to strengthen the faith of the faithful and for the sustain of the Church in telugu regions.
3. In Pastoral Centre, Regional Jesus Youth Program was conducted on 1st and 2nd of September. Ninety eight youth leaders from different region participated and the feedback was really good. They had lot of experience and input for their life and for the betterment of future generation. Our Bishop Most. Rev.Dr. Udumala.Bala celebrated Holy Eucharist and encouraged Regional Jesus Youth.
4. From 3rd to 6th September Lodi MSSS had organized a program for lay leaders in Pastoral centre.
5. Marriage preparation course (MPC) was conducted in Pastoral Centre on 08th and 09th of September. Fifty one attended MPC. It was successful. MPC experiences was shared by those attended. All are satisfied and happy. All were given the MPC certificates. Motivation classes were organized and Holy Eucharist was celebrated for the MPC group members.
6. As it was informed and published in Fatima Vani about Jericho Prayer March, Jericho Prayer March was organized from Pastoral Centre to Cathedral and in Cathedral two days program was conducted and it was successful. Many Priests, Sisters and faithful from different parishes attend the program and we all prayed for our Country and the Crosses that was brought from parishes and institutions was blessed. Jericho Prayer March was ended with the Eucharist Celebration. Holy Eucharist was celebrated by our Bishop Most. Rev.Dr. Udumala.Bala and he blessed the faithful with the Holy Cross.

Services Available :

- a) As the Director of Pastoral centre, I am always available for Faith formation programs in any parish. Please contact me at any time in this regard. Cell number: 8897736960, E-mail: wglpastoralcentre@gmail.com.
- b) Jyothirmai Bible Quiz is on 4th November 2018. All those who would like to participate as to enroll their names before 30th September 2018, and the entrance fee is Rs: 10. Please

collect the Quiz enrolment books from Pastoral Centre. Please encourage all the faithful to participate in this Quiz so that their Bible knowledge is improved.

c) In Pastoral Centre Mother Teresa stall (Religious articles) was blessed by our Bishop Most. Rev.Dr. Uduvala.Bala. You are welcome to take all the religious articles from Pastoral Centre and improve the standard of liturgical celebration. You are even welcome to order if anything you wanted in your parishes, convents and institutions.

Rev. Fr. Gopu Kamal, Director of Pastoral Centre

2. News from Youth Centre

Jesus Youth meeting was held at Pastoral Centre, on 1st & 2nd September. Our Bishop Dr Uduvala Bala and Our Youth Director Fr.Anil highlighted the role of Jesus Youth. The youth involved in this movement are very Active and Dynamic. Bishop in his words quoted that “Youth are the backbone of the Church. They are the Dream, Cream and stream of the Society. Be the loving and praying hands to support the Youth”. Fr.Anil celebrated the Eucharist and in his homily he said “In order to have a satisfied life, Youth should be connected with Christ with their Skills and Talents. 250 youth participated in this program of 2 days.

Youth Celebrates Mother Teresa Feast

On September 4th the Feast Day of Mother Teresa was celebrated at Missionaries of Charity, Kashibugga by the Youth of Assisinagar, Ekashila and Athmakur Parishes. Peace Rally was organized from Kashibugga Center to the Missionaries of Charity Home. Rev.Fr.Anil waved the Flag and started the Rally. After that there was Eucharistic Celebration. Fr.Anil quoted an example of the power of her message to youth. Once a young person asked her, “Mother, your work for eliminating poverty and suffering is extremely important, but don’t you think it is just a drop in the ocean?” Mother replied, “My son, my work is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean will be less without that drop”. Obviously she wanted to say that all of us should make a contribution to alleviate the sufferings of fellow human beings, however small that effort may be. Fr.Mathias, Fr.Jerome and Fr.Kamal also took part in this Program. Lunch was provided to all the participants.350 Youth participated in this program.

Rev. Fr. P. Anil, Director of Youth Centre

3. News from Lodi MSSS

Project Name: NRM program, Devarappula Mandal

Achievement of the Project Activities: 70 Women were received 8 varieties of vegetable seeds and cultivating kitchen gardens in their house premises. 50 farmers doing traditional seeds distributed 50 acres of land in 20 villages 50 farmers were trained in Preparation of wasted decompose bacteria for organic farming.

Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangam (Federation)

No. of Parishes - 30; No. of Villages - 69; No. of Members - 2868; Total Savings -Rs. 4,30,200/- ; Total Loans given - Rs. 1,12,10,000/-

Project Name : Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security Program for the Communities of 15 Villages of Chilpur Mandal.

Achievement of the Project Activities

68 Farmers were trained on Promotion of multi cropping, traditional crops and vegetable gardens; 68 Women were received 5 varieties of vegetable seeds and cultivating kitchen gardens in their house premises; 70 farmers were sensitized on government schemes and Panchayat raj institutions

Project Name : SLF Program

Achievement of the Project Activities: We have Distributed Aid & appliances and Livelihood Support to needy Children with disabilities and Parents at Mahabubabad District and LinghalaGhanpur Mandal, Jangaon districts.

- We have Sensitized the School children on issues of disable children & Rights of disable children.
- We have Conducted "Grass Roots Comics" program to Children with disabilities and developed 25 Comics at Mahabubabad District.

Rev. Fr. D. Vijaypaul, Director of Lodi MSSS.

4. News from Catechetical commission : The national Catechetical commission was held on 11 to 14 of Sept-2018 at Jalandhar / Punjab. There were about 130 priests participated in the conference from all over the country. It was organised in preparation for the forth coming of 15th ordinary general assembly of the Synod to be held at Rome from 03 to 28 Oct 2018, on the theme : " Young people, faith and Vocational discernment ". It is intended to focus attention on the young face of the church. It is the first time that the church has called for a Synod on Youth. Pope desires that church should be close to the young people in nurturing their faith as well as helping them discern vocation - for life. Realizing this need of the young people for a life of grace, Pope Francis called for a Synod of Bishops on "Young people".

This 15 Synod 2018 is a unique one, that used for the first time a feed back survey from youth all over the world - irrespective of religious affiliation through on line and hosted an inter-National research seminar and Pre-Synod with youth from all races and religious prior to the actual event. This Pre-Synod document has exhorted to reinforce youth Catechesis as a way of renewal of youth in the church, considering "Youth are a big challenge and Catechesis is a challenge to youth".

Hence this synod is - " for, with and of ", the youth. This is so evident in the way preparations have gone so far towards this youth Synod. This National conference was organised to get feed back from the participants regarding Youth Catechesis and to forward the deliberations or proposals of the conference. This conference was a very useful one as we are already introduced to importance of Synod 2018.

As we are at the thresh hold of a historical Synod the Synod of youth, let us pray to the almighty God to descend His spirit upon every one, participating in this Synod. We wish and pray that the young people of the church consider it as a golden opportunity to uphold their identity, deepen their faith and discover their career or vocation, living an authentic life with gospel values.

Fr. M. Jaya Paul, Director - Diocesan Catechetical Commission.

Flood Relief Contribution for Kerala

Individuals / Institutions / Parishes	Amount
Fr. Yeruva Chinnappa Reddy	14,000.00
Carmel Convent, Elkathurthy	5,000.00
Carmel Home for Blind, Elkathurthy	4,000.00
Carmel Convent High School, Elkathurthy	5,000.00
Veleru Parish and St. Francis High School, Veleru	8,133.00
Arogya Matha Church, Karunapuram (All Institutions)	1,89,000.00
Narmetta Parish	25,000.00
St. Peter's Colony Parish	33,500.00
Fatima College of Education, Fatimanagar	12,740.00
Thimmaraopet Parish	44,500.00
Ekashila Nagar Parish	5,300.00
Sacred Heart Convent and High School, Tharalapally	5,000.00
Bishop Beretta High School, Fatimanagar	17,000.00
Gudur Samudrala Mission	20,000.00
Sacred Heart Convent and High School, Godavarikhani	30,000.00
Shanthipuram Parish	5,400.00
Mount Carmel High School, Jagityal	1,00,000.00
Suman Varghese, Jagithyal	2,000.00
St. Paul's Catholic Mission, Jagityal	30,000.00

St. Mary's High School, Sulthanabad	12,000.00
Fr. Thumma Sunil	5,000.00
Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangham, Fatimanagar	50,000.00
Wardhannapet Parish	600.00
Fatima Cathedral Parish, Fatimanagar	60,000.00
Palivelpula Parish	10,500.00
Manugonda Parish	60,000.00
Subedari Parish	41,700.00
Hasanparthi Parish	2,000.00
Fr. G. Chinnappa Reddy, Vianny Home, Fatimanagar	10,000.00
Jangaon Parish	14,000.00
Cherial Parish	5,000.00
Fuscos High School, Wardhannapet	2,000.00
Fr. Golamari Joseph Reddy, Bishops House, Fatimanagar	2,000.00
Fr. Kommareddy Joseph Reddy, Bishops House, Fatimanagar	2,500.00
Atmakur Parish	2,000.00
Elkathurthy Parish	4,550.00
St. Thomas High School, Jammikunta	15,100.00
Jammikunta Parish	1,117.00
Reddipallem Parish	8,000.00
St. Alphones High School, Karimnagar	7,000.00
St. Mary's High School, Maheshwaram	5,000.00
Parkal Parish	2,400.00
Ranipuram Parish	4,000.00
Infant Jesus School, Reddipalem	50,000.00
Fr. Colombo Memorial School, Nekkonda	5,150.00
St. Augustin Mission, Nekkonda	2,000.00
Japamala Mata Church, Theegarajupalli	1,550.00
Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dornakal	2,000.00
Holy Family Church, Kadavendi Parish	2,000.00
Kadavendi Parish	2,000.00
Kazipet Parish	10,000.00

Karimnagara Parish	40,000.00
Husnabad Parish and St. Joseph's High School, Husnabad	71,500.00
Bishop Thumma Bala School, Bachannapet	15,000.00
St. Pauls High School, Jangaon	1,00,041.30
Diesel Colony Parish	3,000.00
Palakurthy Parish	1,500.00
Appannapet Parish	2,000.00
David and Fatima Family, Appannapet	3,000.00
Venkatapuram Parish	1,500.00
Carmel Convent, Palakurthy	25,000.00
Hurdayanadham, Appannapet	2,000.00
Godavarikhani Parish	45,000.00
Fr. I. Abraham, Vianney Home, Fatimanagar	5,000.00
Congregation of Catechist Sisters of St. Ann (11 Convents & Schools)	70,000.00
Ghanpur Parish	3,000.00
Devagiripatnam Parish	8,000.00
St. Theresa High School, Atmakur	45,000.00
Sagaram Parish	10,300.00
Fatima Convent, Ookal	5,000.00
Fr. N. Sampath Kumar	1,000.00
Bala Jyothi E/M School, Unikicherla	8,000.00
Pasra Parish	2000.00
Vangalapally Parish	3,500.00

YOUTH SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Malkapur Parish	700.00
Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar	4,000.00
Jangaon Parish	2,500.00
Atmakur Parish	500.00
Reddipalem Parish	1,000.00
Sts. Peter and Pauls Church, Dornakal	1,000.00
Kadavendi Parish	3,000.00
St. Joseph's Church, Kazipet	2,000.00

St. Peter's Colony Parish	1,000.00
Palakurthy Parish	500.00
Karimnagar Parish	1,000.00
Venkatapuram Parish	400.00
Ghanpur Parish	1,000.00
Karunapuram Parish	2,000.00
Vangalapally Parish	1,000.00

NB : Very Many Thanks for those who contributed. And I expect other Parishes & Institutions to do so. It is already late.

Gratefully yours

+ Udu mala Bala

Birthday Babies in October

Fr. Kommareddy Vijaya Kumar	06-10-1955
Fr. Pentareddy Kiran Kumar	08-10-1977
Fr. Gade Prashanth	08-10-1987
Fr. Gopu Thomas (Jr)	10-10-1981
Fr. Singareddy Prabhakar	10-10-1982
Very Rev. Fr. Varghese Kariyil	11-10-1931
Fr. Vatti Raja	24-10-1958
Fr. Bellamkonda Joseph Praveen	25-10-1983
Fr. Yeruva Inna	28-10-1961
Fr. Pentareddy Raja	29-10-1961



Rev. Fr. Beereddy Prakash	19-10-2008
Bro. Tasca	15-10-1963
Msgr. D. Vismara	23-10-1953

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Mary, Our Lady of Rosary, Pray for Us !

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