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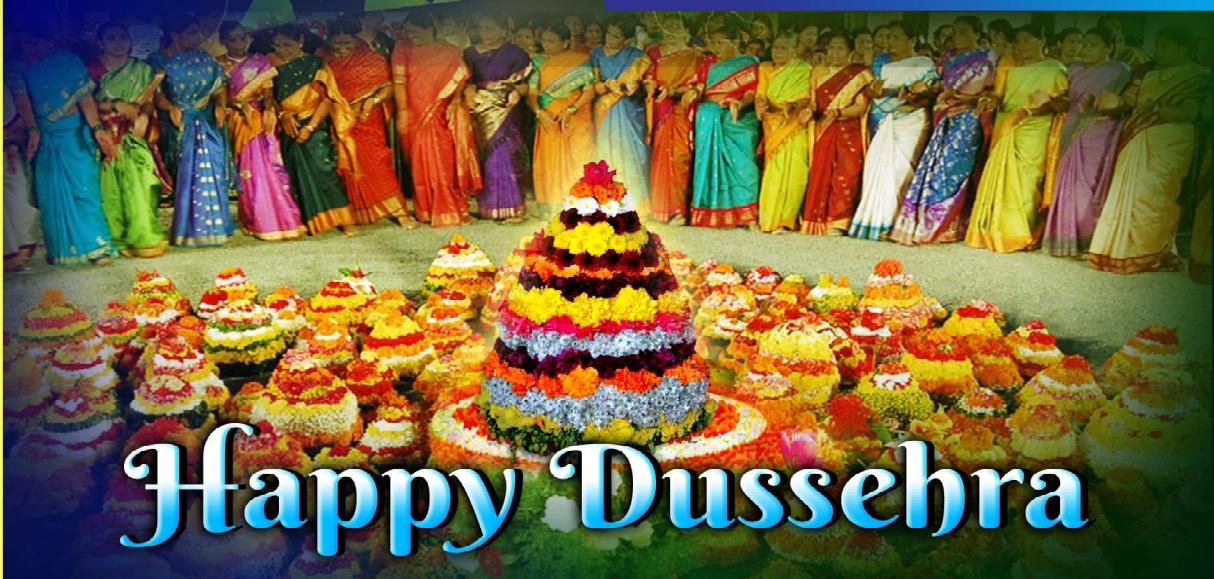
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96th World Mission Sunday

"Hearts on fire,
feet on the move".
Luke 24:13-35

22nd October 2023





Fr. Colombo PIME Death Anniversary, Karunapuram



New Presbytery Blessing at Naidupet Parish

Arogya Matha Feast Celebrations and First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Palvancha Parish



Khammam North Parish Golden Jubilee

JMJ convent Blessing at Karunagiri



Arogya Matha Feast Celebrations and Confirmations at Ballepalli Parish



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The Church that does not Evangelize is not a Church! INDIA, Most Challenging Land

No ordinary will for Mission is sufficient for Evangelization in India! Church exists by Missions, the Church that does not evangelize is not a Church at All! A Strong but true statement! “Hearts on Fire -by the Word of God- and Feet on Move” -by the Eucharist- (Lk 24:13-35) is the thrust of the Holy Father’s Message for World Mission Sunday to be celebrated on October 22, 2023. We are, on the one hand are Indian citizens with Indian Passport and on the other hand, heavenly citizens with Catholic Passport of faith! As Indians we care for our country and as Catholics, we care to proclaim the Good news of Jesus! Most of us have good will but this challenging task makes us withdraw ourselves into comfort zones. Many times, we are by ourselves with accountability to none. Yes, it is true that no other country in the world has such a diverse and complex society with thousands of different communities, all separated by caste, language, religion and the like. Actually, each of these communities needs a separate program of proclaiming and making disciples of Jesus. The complexity of our country is coupled by the religious fanaticism that had risen its terribly poisonous head from the last decade onwards and upwards. We could also add our ‘indifference or lukewarmness’ to continue the status quo situation of evangelization. All these realities in India make the greatest challenge to evangelization that the Catholic Church faces today. This Mission-Month should provide insight to our Catholic eyes, ignite our hope and provide multiple resources in bringing the Good News of Jesus especially to the people Telangana!



Jesus is the Messenger and the Message

The Thrust of Evangelization is “Jesus is the Messenger and the Message”. Jesus is the amazing and indescribable LOVE of GOD, Word made Flesh! Through His life, passion and death on the Cross, thereby becoming the Sacrificial GOAT for the remission of the Sins of the World evangelized the Universe! This Goodnews is the kernel of Evangelization, which is at the HEART of the Church, indeed, the HEART itself! By becoming flesh (Jn 1:14), he began the God’s Mission, which is the Commission of Jesus for His Followers. So began, Jesus accomplished it by shedding his blood offering Himself as a ransom for our redemption. Thus, Jesus is the first Messenger and the Message itself!

First to Evangelize Ourselves and only then Others

The month of October reminds what we are supposed to do all the days of the year! All the followers of Jesus are urged of the Mandate of Jesus, the Proclamation of the Goodnews to all People and all Peoples of the whole world, indeed, to the whole creation! (Mk 16: 15, Mt 28:18). All Catholics, irrespective of whether they are Bishops or Priests or Consecrated, if they are true followers of Jesus, are not merely requested but mandated. Church’s Documents *Evangeli Nuntiandi* of St. Paul VI 1975, and *Evangelii Gaudium* of Pope Francis 2013 highlight that the clergy, notwithstanding their power and position, to evangelize themselves and then to go forth to evangelize others. The current Pope reminds that the Church is the Community of “Missionary Disciples” and pushes us that we should give priority to the people on peripheries and on the margins. In addition, he underlines that we are permanently in a state of Mission and we are ongoing missionaries!

Evangelization as Conversation,not Confrontation

In India evangelisation has developed a bad reputation amongst those who are the object of evangelisation. To some, those outside the Church, evangelization impressions forcible, manipulating, aggressive, enticing, bad-mannered and so on. To those inside the Church too, evangelization had become uncomfortable, tough, theologically uncertain, and impolite. The challenge today is to recover and rediscover the original understanding of evangelization and only by this way, will we actively engage in the ministry of Evangelization! One more reason for the misgiving on doing evangelization is that the old structures and methods have become outmoded for the current hard times. ‘Evangelization has to be carried out as a conversation not confrontation’, to be relational, not impersonal. To carry out an effective evangelization the Church has to adopt proper methods and strategies. However, methods are always secondary. They are merely a way to make known the good news. If one method complicates or confuses, then we can pick another method!

Man-Power Vs Men of Prayer

The majority of the people in India are Hindus but they are divided into many cultural, linguistic and ethnic groups in this context we need to look for the keys that would unlock the hearts of these peoples and work our suitable strategies. The real problem is the lack missionary awareness and involvement on the part of many Christians. Hence the priests and church leaders must recognize the priority of missions in the life of the Church and commit themselves to making the Churches missionary minded. Mission Sunday’s drive is “Prayer is fundamental to Proclamation” and then to concentrate on the current means and methods. It is not the numbers that matter but the way of Jesus. Sending tens of thousands of “missionaries” to “convert” people from any other religion to join the Christian church is simply not a workable, desirable or biblical plan. Even if the man-power could be sent, it would create such a tremendous societal and political backlash that any workers sent would likely be expelled from the country and greater persecution of the existing believers would result. Our work is to bring the blessings of the gospel to every family and community so that it is welcomed as good news for that community. This is the only possible way India can be reached with the gospel!?

Advancing Evangelization through Persecution in India?

In the context of ‘Fire of persecution spreading in India’, it looks like God gave Satan permission: “Do what you want to those believers in India” (Cf Job 1:12). We know that in history that the Church has grown, not just in spite of persecution but because of persecution. All through the history till date, bold witnesses continue to see the gospel advance, even in the face of serious persecution. Jesus told His disciples, “I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves” (Mt. 10:16). God is calling his Church in India for spiritual renewal and reconciliation toward a major thrust in the evangelization of India. The Indian freedom struggle was not a mere political exercise. Its task was to form human community for the realization of religious freedom, social justice and economic uplifting based on secular India. Church in India should move forward for the furtherance of the gospel in this Mera Bharath mahan hai land. Church needs to play a key role in the task of realizing the dream of Independence through evangelisation. The enduring persecution bakes Christians to be the food for Indians to realize the Dharma Rajya in Indian terms and Daiva Rajya in Christian terms!

Dussehra Festival Wishes!

II. Holy Father's Intention: for the Synod

We Pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

III. Pope's Message for Mission Day 2023: More than ever today the world needs the Good News of peace

Theme “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move” St. Luke (24:13-35)

Pope Francis releases his message for World Mission Day 2023 and urges the faithful to join in bringing the Gospel to today's broken world following the example of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. Looking ahead to the World Mission Day to be observed this year on 29 October, Pope Francis is calling on all Christians to join together in contributing to missionary efforts with their personal witness of the Gospel, heeding the example of the Disciples on the road to Emmaus.

The World Mission Day is observed every year on the last Sunday of October, and in 2023 will be focused on the theme “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”, inspired by the story of the first appearance of Jesus to two of His Disciples, after His crucifixion and the discovery of the empty tomb, in the Gospel of Luke (24:13-35).



In his message for the occurrence released on Wednesday, Pope Francis dwells on three images in the Gospel episode, which he says “reflect the journey of all missionary disciples”.

The Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples with His Word

The first one is that of their bewilderment after the crucifixion, changing into their “hearts burning” after they met the mysterious Wayfarer explaining to them what was said in the Scriptures about Him. This story - Pope Francis writes -reminds us that the Risen Lord remains close to his missionary disciples, particularly when they feel “disoriented, discouraged, fearful of the mystery of iniquity that surrounds them”, and that with His Word He transforms us, so that we can proclaim His mystery of Salvation. Hence the importance in Christian life, says Pope Francis, of knowing the Scripture, “even more so for the preaching of Christ and his Gospel”.

“Let us always be willing to let ourselves be accompanied by the Risen Lord as he explains to us the meaning of the Scriptures. May he make our hearts burn within us; may he enlighten and transform us, so that we can proclaim his mystery of salvation to the world with the power and wisdom that come from his Spirit.”

Remaining in communion with Jesus through the Eucharist

The second image recalled in the message is that of the disciples “opening their eyes” when Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, brakes it and gives it to them. “Here – the Pope notes - we can recognize an essential reality of our faith: Christ, who breaks the bread, now becomes the bread broken, shared with the disciples and consumed by them.” “Every missionary disciple is called to become, like Jesus and in Him, through the working of the Holy Spirit, one who breaks the bread and one who is broken bread for the world.”

“In order to bear fruit - he continues - we must remain united to Jesus “through daily prayer, particularly in Eucharistic adoration, as we remain in silence in the presence of the Lord, who remains with us in the Blessed Sacrament”. “By lovingly cultivating this communion with Christ, the missionary disciple can become a mystic in action. May our hearts always yearn for the company of Jesus, echoing the ardent plea of the two disciples of Emmaus, especially in the evening hours: “Stay with us, Lord!”

The joy of telling others about the Risen Christ

The third image recalled by Pope Francis is that of the disciples setting out on the way, “with the joy of telling others about the Risen Christ”. “This setting out in haste to share with others the joy of meeting the Lord – the Pope notes - demonstrates that the joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the whole life of those who meet Jesus. One cannot truly encounter the Risen Jesus without being set on fire with enthusiasm to tell everyone about Him”, he stresses.

Our broken world needs the Good News of peace and salvation in Christ

Hence the duty of every Christian to announce the Gospel to our broken world “without excluding anyone, not as one who imposes a new obligation, but as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet”. “The image of “feet setting out” reminds us once more of the perennial validity of the missio ad gentes, the mission entrusted to the Church by the risen Lord to evangelize all individuals and peoples, even to the ends of the earth. Today more than ever, our human family, wounded by so many situations of injustice, so many divisions and wars, is in need of the Good News of peace and salvation in Christ.”

An ever closer missionary cooperation

Bringing his message to a close, Pope Francis points out that all of us “can contribute to this missionary movement with our prayers and activities, with material offerings and the offering of our sufferings, and with our personal witness”. This calls for “an ever closer missionary cooperation” on the part of all members of the Church at every level, which - he says - is “an essential goal of the synodal journey that the Church has undertaken, guided by the key words: communion, participation, mission”.

Let us set out to make other hearts burn with the word of God, to open the eyes of others to Jesus in the Eucharist, and to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation that God, in Christ, has bestowed upon all humanity”, the message concludes.

IV. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus (Oct. 1-Sunday)

“Only” a young saint, since she died when she was just 24; the saint of Simplicity and love; the saint of trusting abandonment to God’s will. These are the qualities that make Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus so dear to the hearts of today’s young people, as the large number of them who came to Paris attested, and as the Pope said when he announced the imminent proclamation of Theresa of Lisieux as a Doctor of the Church: The message of St Theresa, a holy young woman so present in our times, is of particular interest to you, young people. In the school of the Gospel she indicates to you the path of Christian maturity. She calls you to an infinite generosity; she invites you to remain in the heart of the Church as disciples and ardent witnesses of Christ’s charity. John Paul II’s decision surprises, however, for a very special reason: the contrast between Theresa’s holiness and that of the other Doctors of the Church whom she joins. Throughout the centuries the Church has given the title of Doctor to only 32 of her children, to stress their holiness of life and orthodoxy, but above all their great theological wisdom generally confirmed by monumental works. Thirty men and only two women, until now, one of whom, the Carmelite (like St Theresa of Lisieux) Teresa of Avila, a great reformer and prolific writer. Well: before these examples, the wisdom of the young woman whom the Pope points out today as an example for young people, stands out even more: the author of only three books, written by hand on school exercise books, at the request of her superiors, to all practical purposes not destined for publication; and yet, as soon as they were known, they immediately became real best-sellers. The summary of the spiritual experience of a soul that still attracts attention. The miracle of Saint Theresa.



V. Feast of the Guardian Angels (Oct. 2)

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death. The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus’ words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: “See that



you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.” Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day. A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar. Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God’s enduring love and providential care extended to each person day in and day out.

VI. Gandhi Jayanti 2022 (Oct. 2)

Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on 2nd October every year to mark the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, who was famously known as Mahatma Gandhi. Father of the Nation, as he was called, led India’s freedom movement along with many other national leaders against the British rule in India. His method of non-violence inspired many civil rights movements across the world. To celebrate his contribution to the nation, 2nd October is celebrated every year as a national holiday. The day is also celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence by the United Nations.



VII. Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4)

St. Francis has won the love and the admiration of so many generations, by living the Gospel and presenting poverty, chastity and obedience with the purity and strength of a radical, loving and personal witness. His “universal brotherhood” is expressed in his love for his “brothers” – men and women, rich and poor, sick and healthy, faithful and sinners, believer and unbelievers, for animals and all nature - and reveals to us a soul in which God is undivided, a soul nourished by the truths of the Catholic faith and abandoned completely to Christ. His lifestyle inspired by the Gospel, his commitment to imitating Christ, his message of an authentic being who knew how to reach peace with God, with himself, with others, and with creation is still relevant for today’s people. The central message of St Francis was to lead the Christians of his time and of successive generations the desire of Gospel lived “sine glossa”, in an authentic manner, fully and sincerely, convinced that it is only to the one who strives to live integrally that he reveals his perfect happiness. Love of Francis for God becomes the source of the love for his brothers and all of creation. Love for all creatures is a reflection of Francis’ love for the

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VIII. Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct. 7)

Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to its present form—with the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion. The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Be's remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.



IX. St. Teresa of Avila (Oct 15-Sunday)



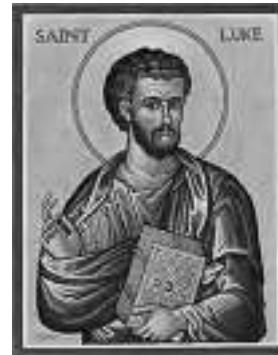
St. Teresa of Avila lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent. The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer. As a woman,

Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person

wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God

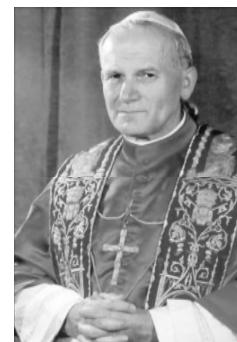
X. Feast of St. Luke (Oct. 18)

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “our beloved physician.” His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D. Luke appears in during Paul’s second journey, remains at Philippi for several year until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesar. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. Luke’s unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles: 1) The Gospel of Mercy 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation 3) The Gospel of the Poor 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit 6) The Gospel of Joy.



XI. St. John Paul II (Oct. 22-Sunday)

“Open wide the doors to Christ,” urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978. Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his Mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol’s promising academic career at Krakow’s Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an “underground” seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later. Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the



first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations. John Paul II promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, especially the 1986 Day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi. He visited Rome's main synagogue and the Western Wall in Jerusalem; he also established diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel. He improved Catholic-Muslim relations, and in 2001 visited a mosque in Damascus, Syria. The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul's ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy.

XII. Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude (Oct. 28)

However meagre in details is the history of these glorious apostles, 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 prays 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 love 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." The churches of St. Peter in Rome and Saint-Sernin at Toulouse dispute the honor of possessing the greater part of their holy remains.

XIII. Bishop's Schedule in October, 2023

- 01: Blessing & Inauguration of St. Teresa of Child Jesus Church, Lachannagudem Village
Vemsur Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 02: St. Francis of Assisi Church Annual Feast and Confirmations at Ramanagutta Parish
- 03: FCIMS Steering Committee Meeting
- 04-05: Seminar of the Telugu Catholic Theologians Forum, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
- 07: Feast of Our Lady of Rosary
- 09: Warangal Office
- 10-11: Khammam Office
- 14: Blessing & Inauguration of St. Francis De Sales Church, Korutla Parish
- 15-20: Annual Retreat at Bishop's House, Fatimanager, Warangal
- 22-27: Annual Retreat at Khammam Bishop's House, Naidupet, Khammam
- 21: FCT Children Camp at Jeevadhara, Rampur
- 28: FCT College Students Seminar at Jeevadhara, Rampur
- 29: am Blessing of St. Anthony's Mantapam at Mahabubabad Parish
pm FABC Virtual Meeting
- 30: Dedication of Fatima Matha Church, Raghunadapalem, Khammam Diocese
- 31: Concluding of Month of Rosary

November 2023

- 01: All Saints' Solemnity
- 02: All Souls' Day: am Khammam & pm Warangal
- 03: Warangal Office
- 06 Khammam Office
- 08: Orientation Seminar organised by TCBC Commission for Liturgy at
St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur

XIV. Communications

1. Transfers & Appointments

1. Rev. Fr. T. Augustine is relieved from the office as the Director of FCIMS and appointed as the Parish Priest of Nirmala Matha Church, Ghanpur Parish with the effect on or before 15th of August 2023. He continues as Dean of Jangaon Deanery.
2. Rev. Fr. T. Tharun has returned from Germany in the month of August, 2023 after serving in the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart, Germany. I thank him for his services towards the Universal Church especially for establishing Mother Teresa School in Choppadandi and St. Mary's School in Peddapalli from the Parish where he served. Fr. T. Tharun is appointed as the Director-Incharge of FCIMS with effect of September 1st, 2023.
3. As per the request Regional Superior of Rev. Fr. Ramesh Babu, SDM, he is relieved from the office as the Assistant Director of Christu Jyothi Boy's Hostel, Jangaon.
4. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Ajith is relieved as assistant Priest at Shanthipuram Parish and St. Thomas High Schools, Jammikunta and appointed as the Assistant Director at Christu Jyothi Boy's Hostel, Jangaon with the effect on or before 5th of October, 2023.
5. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kiran, the Principal of Vidya Jyothi Degree College and Fr. Thumma Sharan Teja, the Principal and Correspondent of St. Thomas High School, Jammikunta have been appointed as the Governing Body Members of WADES in the Place of Fr. T. Augustine, who moved on transfer to a Pastoral assignment. I place on record the invaluable services of Fr. T. Augustine and best wishes to the new governing body members.

**+ Udamala Bala
Bishop of Warangal**

2. World Mission Sunday:

Our Holy Father's message for the World Mission Day 2023 invites us to reflect on the importance of mission, drawing lessons from the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The theme for this year's celebration is HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE (cf. Lk 24:13-35). Pope Francis is calling us once again to renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world, by meditating on (i) hearts burned within, (ii) eyes were opened, and (iii) feet set out: In missionary activity, the word of God illuminates and transforms hearts; Jesus in the Eucharist is the source and summit of the mission; and our feet set out on the way, with the joy of telling others about the Risen Christ. I request your kind self for a more meaningful and creative celebration of this common event in our parishes and institutions, to enkindle the spirit of mission in all of us. Kindly remind our brothers and sisters on the commitment towards Missionary Charity through prayers and generous contribution to the Solidarity Fund, as is required for Proclamation in the young and new Churches.

At this juncture, may I request your good self to pray for the international PMS for their financial support towards our diocesan pastoral needs and projects. This year mission Sunday is falls on 22nd of October, Fourth Sunday of the month. The Mission Sunday 2022 materials, as well as Missionary Childhood 2023 materials were dispatched as required by the Diocese. Please collect them from the Pastoral Centre!

+ Udu^mala Bala
Bishop of Warangal

3. October is the Month of Rosary: As we are aware that the month of October is dedicated to our Lady of Holy Rosary. All Parish Priests and Heads of institutions are requested to observe it devoutly and make sure that in all Churches and Chapels the Rosary is recited every day.

4. Annual Clergy Retreat: All the Priests are requested to take note of the Annual Retreat 2023. The Retreat is from October 15-20, 2023 at Bishop's House, Fatimanagar and from 22-27 October at Bishop's House, Khammam. **Special offer this year is**, the Priests of Warangal and of Khammam can choose any one of the two retreats of Khammam or Warangal. Those Priests from Warangal who wish to attend the Retreat at Khammam are requested to inform the Procurator of Khammam by 15th of October. Likewise, if Khammam Priests, who wish to attend the retreat at Warangal are requested to inform Procurator of Warangal Diocese by 12th of October. Please block your dates in your calendar and attend any one retreat without fail, unless other arrangements are made with Bishop's permission.

5. NEWS from Lodi MSSS: “There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone’s life.” – Mary Rose McGeady

I. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalized rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in Kodakandla Mandal. **Achievements in September:** 80 farmers were provided with sprayer pumps, neem oil, growth promoter to promote natural farming methods and to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients. 50 farmers were provided with Neem powder to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients.

II. Title of the Project: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Marginalized Communities of 20 villages of Raikal Mandal of Jagityal district.

Activities done: We have Distributed Organic Farming material like Neem oil, Neem powder, Pheromone traps, and Yellow sticks to 112 Farmers in 20 villages.

III. Revolving Fund Loans:

- During the month of September, 2023, 214 beneficiaries of 7 villages were supported with the loan of Rs. 44,05,000/-.
- 2623 members of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangam of 65 villages of 28 parishes were supported with the loan of Rs. 1,14,90,000/-

IV. Ujjwala – Phase III

On 29th August, 2023, we have conducted training program on Promotion of appropriate agronomic practices. in this program Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director LMSSS addressed on importance of organic farming methods. Mr. Hussain, the resource person demonstrated on “Jeevamrutham” preparation and explained how it will be useful to increase the soil fertility, resulting in gaining more product in agriculture. Then fruits plants and vegetable seeds were distributed to 150 selected families in 9 target villages of Gudur mandal, Mahabubabad District. The staff of Ujjwala III, along with farmers had exposure visit to Deccan Development Society in Zaheerabad. They learned about millet cultivation, soil testing, preparation of different manures preparation and control measures of pest and disease in millets growth etc.

V. CABA Project

- 1) Nutrition support was given to 150 HIV infected / affected children on 28th August-2023.
- 2) 15 family members were counselled by ART Treatment and Education.
- 3) CLHA /CAA Support group meeting was conducted on HIV awareness, Social media and gender equality.

Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director, Lodi MSSS

6. News from the Pastoral Centre:

1 Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday and Fourth Saturday i.e. on 09th and 23rd of September 2023. On 23rd sixteen members attended for MPC. The group shared and expressed their feelings about this MPC program. Team guided and suggested the program and the program went on well.

2. TCC (Telugu Catholic Council) meeting was held at St. John’s Regional Seminar, Ramanthapur, HYD on 14th Sep. TCC members of Warangal Diocese participated in this program.

3. Charismatic Team from Pastoral Center had organized special Word of God, Adoration, Healing service and Mass in Reddipuram Parish on 17th and Mallakpally Parish on 24th. Rev. Fr. B. Chinnapareddy Parish Priest of Reddipuram and Rev. Fr. D. Prashanth Parish Priest of Mallakpally had taken special interest in inviting us and organizing this program in their parish. Special thanks to PC Charismatic team N. Praneel and team.

4. Voluntary Animators meeting was held on 06th Sep. All those who are interested in Evangelization, Re-Evangelization and New evangelization took part in this meeting to train up for evangelization in the parishes to help the parish priests in evangelization.

Note

1. Mission Sunday for this year is on 22nd October 2023 that is Fourth Sunday of the Month. Please do collect Mission Sunday covers from Pastoral centre. If any please do contact me.

Fr. G. Kamal, Director, Pastoral Centre

7. News from FCT:

1. Deanery Level Children Camp: I would like to inform you that FCT office will conduct one-day camp for the children from 4th class to 10th class in your respective deaneries to give inputs to them on the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and the Confession and on the Holy Bible which would help them in their faith formation. I have requested the deans to fix a convenient

date and place for the children's camp in your deanery. The dean will give you the information. Kindly tell our children to revise the penny catechism (పెనీకేచ్ సంక్లిష్టం) for school children before they come for the camp, because there will be an oral exam. I request you to conduct catechism exam for the children from 1st class to 3rd class in your parishes. I also inform you that for this year too, the PIME scholarship office in Milan has not given any new scholarships.

2. One Day Seminar for College Students: Fatima Charitable Trust will conduct one day seminar for the **Intermediate, Polytechnic Diploma, ITI and Degree students** to help them in their faith formation. This seminar is together for boys and girls. Kindly tell them to read the book-let **Viswasa Bodhini** and come for the seminar. Seminar starts at 9 A.M, Late comers will not be allowed. For those students who cannot attend this seminar for grave reasons, FCT will conduct one-day seminar in January 2024.

Date : 28-10-2023 (Saturday)

Venue : Jeevadhara Prayer Center – Rampur

Time : 9 A.M to 4 P.M

Registration fee : 50/-

Requirement : Holy Bible, **Viswasa Bodhini** book-let & Pen (In the past, some students have bought this book, others can buy it, now.) Tell the Students to read the Gospel of St. Mathew because there will be a small test on it during seminar.

NB: I have already sent you the Letter with the above mentioned information by post.

Fr. G. Bala Martin, FCT Director

8. News from WADES: Teacher's day celebrations at St. Anthony's High School, Karimnagar: "A good teacher is like a candle –it consumes itself to light the way for others".

It's a great pleasure for me to share about teacher's day celebration, which was celebrated in St. Anthony's High School, LMD Colony on September 5th 2023. We had invited Fr. Yeruva Sathish (the former student) as the chief guest and Fr. Gade Prashanth as guest of honor. Our senior staff welcomed guests with bouquet and honored them with shawl. The program began with garlanding the portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The principal delivered message on Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and explained the significance of teacher's day. Teacher's day is a special occasion to express gratitude and appreciation for the educators who play a vital role in shaping students lives. The Chief Guest in his message shared about the contribution of teachers in the development of society. He further mentioned that the relationship between the teachers and students should be healthy forever. Some of our students acted as teachers and had taken classes. Guests and the teachers were welcomed with flowers and gifts by the students. We had colorful cultural programme by students. School



Pupil Leader (SPL) spoke about the importance of the day. The students also arranged some fun games for the teachers to entertain them. All the teachers enjoyed and appreciated the program. The chief guest honored winners with medals and the Guest of honor honored non-teaching staff with gifts. The program ended with National Anthem. After the program, management shared their love and joy with all the staff by providing them a delicious meal.

Fr. G Ranjith, H. M & Correspondent

9. News from Youth Centre

1. Arunodaya Youth Centre team had conducted youth animation Program in Paidipally Village of Ekashila Parish on the 3rd of September, 2023. The team emphasized on the theme “the role of the Youth in the Church and Self-discipline.” 30 members attended this program. The Parish Youth have enrolled their names to Arunodaya Youth Centre. Thanks to Fr. Jerome for his support and encouragement towards the Youth Ministry.s



2. We have also conducted one day Youth Animation Program in Assisi Parish on 10th of September. We have taken Faith Formation and Career Guidance as the theme for this program. Jesus Youth have taken first session and they emphasized on the theme Faith Formation. Second session was animated by Arunodaya Youth Centre team and emphasized on Career Guidance. 40 members attended for this animation program. We also encouraged them to play vital role in their Church and to lead an exemplary live. My sincere thanks to Fr. Jwaness, OFM. Cap the Parish Priest who gave us opportunity to meet the Parish youth and to conduct one day Youth Animation Program.

3. With the Blessings and encouragement of His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Udamala Bala, Bishop of Warangal I attend the Leadership Training Program which was conducted by TCBC Commission for Youth on 20th and 21st of September, 2023 at Srikakulam. It was a great experience and I have learned many new things on Leadership of the youth and their role in the Church. I also had the privilege of giving a short talk on Leadership. My Sincere thanks to His Lordship.



4. Arunodaya Youth Centre team had conducted youth animation Program in Vangaphad Village of Reddipuram Parish on 24th of September, 2023. The team emphasized on the theme “the role of the Youth in the Church and on Leadership.” 30 members attended this program. The Parish Youth have enrolled their names to Arunodaya Youth

Centre. We have also conducted elections and appointed Youth Body of Vangapahad Village. Thanks to Fr. Basani Chinnappa for his support and encouragement towards the Youth Ministry.

5. One day seminar was conducted in Arunodaya Youth Centre on 30-09-2023 on the theme, the Impact of Social Media on Youth from 10:00am to 4:00pm. His Lordship Most Rev Dr Uduvala Bala Bishop of Warangal is the Chief Guest of this seminar. Mr. Anvesh was guest of honour, and Mr. Sridhar surineni and Mr. Prashanth Kumar were the Resource Person for this seminar.“The guests and resource Persons stressed on pro and cons of social media and how to use the social media to construct the self. 175 members attended this seminar. I thank His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala for his encouragement.



Fr. G. Anukiran, Diocesan Youth Director

10. News from Divyavani: Once again I would like to remind you that we have started **recording the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet** in the Parishes to telecast in Divyavani Channel. Therefore those would like to have the shooting in your respective Parishes, kindly contact me.

NB: We request you to support Divyavani financially as Divya Vani is running on its daily bread basis. You can support on Monthly and Annual Basis. I request the Parish Priests to encourage the faithful to support Divyavani.

Fr. G. Anukiran, Zonal Director-DVSC

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. Bellamkonda Joseph Praveen	25-10-1983
Fr. Yeruva Inna	28-10-1961
Fr. Pentareddy Raja	29-10-1961



Feast Of St. Mother Teresa, Public Honouring of Mother Teresa at Fatima Nagar Junction



Assisi Sisters Golden and Silver Jubilee celebrations, Fatima Nagar



White Coat Ceremony at FCIMS



Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Fusco's High school, Wardhannapet



First Profession of MOP Brothers at Fatima Nagar



Silver Jubilee at Penuballi Parish



New Chapel Blessing at Vallapuram Village of Mudigonda Parish



FABC Meeting at Bangkok



Seminar at Arunodaya Youth Centre, Fatima Nagar



