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## I. Plain Truth vs. Fake News

People need good news but they are tired of ‘bad news’ flooding and inundating our culture especially in current times. Exposure to bad news puts us in bad form. Too much negativity plays havoc on our spirit. In the past, it was easy to be away from bad news and corrupt culture. Today social media bombards us with breaking news with sensational titles via various ways and means especially through TV Channels and Smart phones. Whether good news or bad news, our mobile phones and tablets are beeped up with breaking news, no matter where we are i.e. whether at a height of 30000 feet high in the air or even on the other side of globe!



Worse still is the spread of 'fake news'. Worst is the news of character assassination through anonymous and abusive letters or pictures. Pope Francis compared them to 'crafty serpent' of the Garden of Eden in Genesis Chapter three. In public sphere, all of us, especially Journalists should make it their mission to seek truth and resist 'sensational and senseless headlines'. We all must denounce especially the fake news as evil. Fake news played on prejudices, should make the social media users sharply aware of false and fake messages or reports.

### First Tragic Fake News

The first fake news dated from the biblical beginning of time, when Eve was tempted to take an apple from the Garden of Eden based on disinformation from the serpent. “You will not certainly die. For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Gen 1:4-5). The strategy of this skilled ‘Father of Lies’ is precisely falsification, that cunning and dangerous form of seduction that worms its way into the heart with fabricated and alluring reasoning/arguments.

Jesus assured us: ‘You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’ (Jn 8:32). We need brave Christians especially priests and the consecrated to demonstrate to the media personnel and other people who spread fake news to rediscover the truth and truth alone. Jesus is the truth and truth is not ‘Something’ but ‘Someone’(Jn 37-38). All Christians especially journalists know and speak truth with works that are truthful and opposed to falsehoods, rhetorical slogans, and sensational headlines. Pope condemned “fake news,” underlining that it’s a “sign of intolerant and hypersensitive attitudes, and leads only to the spread of arrogance and hatred.” He dubbed the “sins of the media: disinformation, slander and defamation”.

## **Fuelled by Social Media**

The disastrous history of human sin, the Pope says in his message, is the first "fake news" and it dates back to the book of Genesis. Currently, the fast digital world helps fuel the spread of "fake news" -- which is the spreading of disinformation on line or in the traditional media. Spreading fake news can serve to advance selfish goals, influence decisions and serve egocentric interests. It is difficult to unmask and eliminate fake news if people interact and read or watch same newspapers or channels rather than listening to differing perspectives and opinions. "Disinformation thus thrives on the absence of healthy confrontation with other sources of information that could effectively challenge prejudices and generate constructive dialogue. Instead, it risks turning people into unwilling accomplices in spreading biased and baseless ideas," the Pope's message said. In his message to World Day of Communications, Pope Appeals to Journalism that seeks the truth is the way to overcome the fake news phenomenon. And hence his dedication of World Day of Communication to "'The truth will set you free'.

## **Fake News Era**

There are praiseworthy efforts being made to create educational programs aimed at helping people to interpret and assess information provided by the media, and teaching people to take an active part in unmasking falsehoods, rather than unintentionally contributing to the spread of disinformation. Pope Francis himself had fallen victim to fake news. First when a fake news site falsely reported the Pope endorsed Hillary Clinton for President. And then again, when another fake news site falsely reported that he endorsed Donald Trump for President. Companies who have helped spread fake news are in the hot seat. Media giants Facebook, Twitter and Google have testified on how their sites were used as tools to disseminate misinformation. With Facebook releasing that up to 150 million Americans have been exposed to content generated on its platform. Many leaders used the term "fake news" to attack journalism, with statements like 'we are living in a fake news era.'

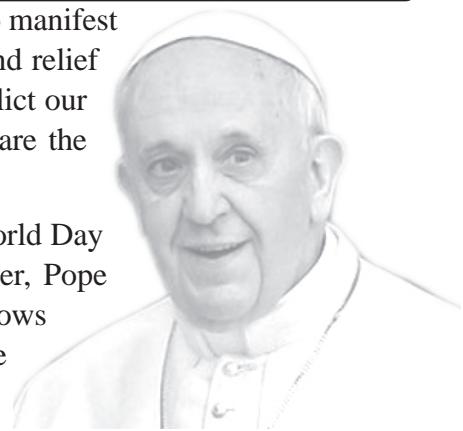
## **Jesus was Target of Public Twist of Truth**

Jesus was the original target of false public twist of truth." There are many ways to silence people especially the young people. There are many ways to anesthetize them, to make them keep quiet, ask nothing and question nothing. All of us especially the youth should not keep quiet at the face of the flooding of fake news and anonymous abusive letters but as followers of Jesus stand and shout from roof tops the Truth of our faith 'that truth will win! Today's generation is getting disappointed as the false and fake news seem to sweep the world, Many means and ways try to sedate the people, to keep them from getting involved, to make their dreams flat and dreary, petty and plaintive. Even if all others keep quiet and are afraid of fake news, let the Catholics cry out that Truth will conquer all and everything, even if truth is crucified and murdered! Satyameva Jayate!

## **II. World Day of the Poor: “A Sign of Neighbourliness and Relief in the Face of the Many Forms of Poverty”**

Pope Francis says Christians are urgently called to manifest their faith by giving “a sign of neighbourliness and relief in the face of the many forms of poverty” that afflict our world, and at the same time honour them “who are the real presence of Jesus in our midst”.

In a message released on Thursday for the 2nd World Day of the Poor, celebrated this year on 18 November, Pope Francis said we live in a world “which praises, follows and imitates those who have power and riches, while at the same time marginalizing the poor and considering them an object of shame.”



### **The Cry of the Poor**

The theme chosen for this year’s message is “This poor man cried and the Lord heard him”. It comes on the heels of the 1st World Day of the Poor which was established by Pope Francis at the conclusion of the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and fixed for the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. Pointing out that the World Day of the Poor “wishes to be a small answer which the whole Church, spread throughout the world, gives to the poor of every type and in every land, the Pope pointed out that “often it is the case that cooperation with other enterprises, moved not by faith but by human solidarity, enable us to give assistance which by ourselves would have been impossible.

### **Christians to Keep in Mind their Proper Role**

He said that by recognizing that in the immense world of poverty our capacity for action is limited, we are pushed to recognize other forms of assistance and solidarity “albeit that we do not neglect our proper role which is to lead everyone to God and holiness”. He also spoke of the need to be humble and put aside all forms of protagonism: “Dialogue among the different forms of experience and humility in giving freely of our collaboration, without seeking the limelight, is an adequate and fully evangelical response which we can all give”.

### **Causes of Contemporary Poverty**

In his message, the Pope also examined the roots of poverty saying it is not brought on by itself, “but is caused by selfishness, pride, greed and injustice”. “These are evils, he said, as old as man himself, but also sins in which the innocents are caught up, leading to consequences on the social level which are dramatic”. He also remarked on what he called a contemporary “phobia” for the poor who are considered not only as destitute, but also as “bearers of insecurity and instability, detached from the habits of daily life and, consequently, to be rejected and kept afar”. On the other hand, Francis continued,

"when we find a way to draw near to the poor, we know that the first place belongs to Him who has opened our eyes and our heart to conversion".

The poor, he stressed, have no need of protagonists, "but of a love which knows how to hide and forget the good which it has done." The Lord, the Pope affirmed, "listens to the poor", He listens to those "who are downtrodden in their dignity and yet have the strength to look up in order to receive light and comfort. He listens to those who are persecuted in the name of a false justice, oppressed by policies unworthy of the name and intimidated by violence."

He commented on how so many of our brothers and sisters today find themselves on paths that lead to forms of precariousness: "The lack of basic means of subsistence, marginalization stemming from a reduced capacity to work owing to ill-health, the various forms of social slavery, notwithstanding the progress made by humankind". The Pope said that the Disciples of Christ are exhorted never to nourish "sentiments of contempt or pietism" towards the poor, but they are called "to honour them, giving them precedence, out of the conviction that they are a real presence of Jesus in our midst".

### **The Cry of the Poor is also a Cry of Hope**

Pope Francis concluded his message pointing out that often it is the poor themselves who undermine our indifference and said that "the cry of the poor is also a cry of hope which manifests the certainty of being liberated".

### **III. Solemnity of All Saints Day**

On November 01st, we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints, which allows us to experience the joy of being part of the great family of God's friends, or as St. Paul writes, "to share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12). The liturgy again presents the expression full of surprise of the Apostle John: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1).



Yes, to be saints means to realize fully what we already are insofar as raised in Christ Jesus to the dignity of adopted sons of God (cf. Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:14-17). With the incarnation of the Son, his death and resurrection, God willed to reconcile with himself the whole of humanity and allow it to share in his own life. He who believes in Christ the Son of God is reborn "from above," is again as though begotten by the work of the Holy Spirit (cf. John 3:1-8). This mystery is acted in the sacrament of baptism, through which Mother Church gives birth to "saints." The new life, received in baptism, is not subjected to corruption nor to the power of death. For one who lives in Christ, death is the passage of the earthly pilgrimage to the

heavenly homeland, where the Father welcomes all his children, "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues," as we read today in the Book of Revelation (7:9). For this reason, it is very significant and appropriate that, after the feast of All Saints, the liturgy makes us celebrate tomorrow the commemoration of all the deceased faithful. The "communion of saints," which we profess in the creed, is a reality that is constituted here, but which will be fully manifested when we see God "as he is" (1 John 3:2).

Dear friends, may the traditional visit of these days to the tombs of our dead be an opportunity to think without fear about the mystery of death and cultivate that incessant vigilance that prepares us to face it with serenity. May we be helped by the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Saints, whom we now address with filial confidence. On this solemnity of All Saints, I cordially greet the English-speaking visitors present. May the example and prayers of the saints guide and sustain us at every stage of our pilgrimages towards the Kingdom of heaven. Upon you and your families I invoke God's blessing of wisdom, joy and peace.

#### **IV. All Souls Day**

Why do Catholic Christians commemorate the dead during the month of November? Abbot Odilo of the great French Abbey of Cluny introduced the festival of All Souls in 998 for members of his own religious order. Later, in the 14th century, All Souls was adopted by Rome for the entire church. It is dedicated to the memory of all the faithful departed. All Saints Day and All Souls Day set the tone for the month of November. All Souls are our family and relatives, our neighbors and friends, our ancestors, that "cloud of witnesses" who accepted the godly realism of their lives, shared it with others already on earth, and continue to do so now before the throne of the Lamb in heaven.



For this reason, they are truly blessed, and give us a reason to hope, to believe, to struggle and to live. The feast of All Souls and the month of November is a source of consolation for each of us. The consoling doctrine of the Communion of Saints allows us to feel ever close to those who have died and gives us much hope in moments of despair and sadness. The holy souls in purgatory see ever more clearly what we intuit from afar. They are already within reach of eternal life, the loving arms of Jesus; but they are not yet closely within his embrace. The sting of death has been removed, but they are still sensing the pain of love which only complete union with Jesus can heal. The healing process is accomplished by the same love which makes the separation momentarily very painful. Our prayers for the faithful departed increase faith and love within us; they draw us to look upon the Son with ever greater longing.

## V. Feast of Lateran Basilica Church

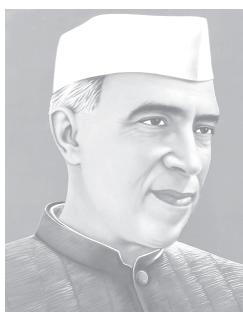
Let us spend our earthly pilgrimage filling our minds with the thoughts of heaven, so that when we finally cross over into eternal life, the images we see may not be foreign, startling or strange. Let us pray that we, too, may be able to say: "My God, I know this place. I am home."

The Universal Church celebrates the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome because it is the head and mother church of all churches in the world. The fact is, that the Basilica of St. John Lateran is the Pope's cathedral because St. John Lateran's Basilica is the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Pope. The first basilica on the site was built in the 4th century when the Roman emperor Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family.



That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the Church where popes were consecrated until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14th century, after which they resided in St. Peter's. The dedication of this Church is a feast for all Roman Catholics because St. John Lateran is the parish church of all Catholics since it is the pope's cathedral. This church is the spiritual home of the people who belong to the Roman Catholic Church. In celebrating the dedication of the Pope's cathedral, we show our unity with the Pope and our love and respect for him, as well as our obedience and faithfulness to the teachings of the Catholic Church. It also shows that we are united with each other in the Universal Church. St. Paul described this unity in the Church in the 2nd reading as God's Temple with the Spirit of God living in us and uniting us.

## VI. Children's Day



Children's Day is India's indigenous festival inasmuch as it is commemorated on the birthday of India's first Prime Minister and freedom fighter, Jawaharlal Nehru. Unfortunately, all observances tend to become rituals over a period of time. No thought is given to the subjects of the celebration except to go through rigmarole in educational institutions where children are a captive audience. None of us care enough to find out statistics of children employed as domestic workers or in tea shops and other forms of labour. It is true that India is a developing country and therefore to compare the development indices of developed countries to ours is not fair. Many families depend on the incomes brought by their adolescent children who are compelled to drop out of

school on account of poverty and take up some kind of work. Article 24 of the Constitution of India prohibits child labour. There are other laws and the Indian Penal Code such as the Juvenile Justice (care and protection) of Children Act-2000, and the Child Labour (Prohibition and Abolition) Act-1986 provide a legal basis to identify, prosecute and stop child labour in India. But there is a huge gap between what the law says and how it is implemented.

## VII. Feast of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

## VIII. Solemnity of Christ the King

Christ the King! Christ is king of our hearts and of our lives. Many of us today no longer think of actual kings but we can still understand the idea of a king. We should think of the struggle in the Old Testament, the Jewish Scriptures, when the Jewish people decided to ask for a king on this earth, rather than just staying with their covenant with God.

Christ the King as a solemnity is about our covenant with God. Perhaps we don't often think that we have a covenant with God. Often we only think of our Jewish ancestors and their covenants with the Lord God. But our Scripture are called the New Testament and they refer to the New Covenant with the Lord God. The point where we made that covenant is our baptism: we were baptized into Christ and into the New Covenant with Him.



The Prophet Ezekiel, speaking in the name of God, tells us” “the sleek and the strong I will destroy.” This is not about God wanting to get rid of some of us. Rather it is the destruction of a person so that the person can be reformed in God’s image. The sleek and the strong live in illusion because the only strength in this life is Jesus the Lord.

So if Christ is our King, then we need to live our Covenant with Him. We need to walk humbly in His ways and to trust in loving others that we ourselves will know God’s love in our lives. This solemnity is not just about looking to God as our King or looking to Christ as our God-King. No, it is about our Covenant with our God and King and a deep commitment to live as He wants us to live: loving all because we love Him.

### **IX. Feast of St. Andrew**



November 30 is the Feast Day of St. Andrew, one of the original twelve disciples of Jesus. Andrew has always been my favorite among Jesus’ first disciples, and this blog is dedicated to St. Andrew.

Andrew was the first evangelist of the Christian faith, for he brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus (John 1:41). As I have been involved, directly or indirectly, in sharing the Good News of Jesus most of my adult life, Andrew has been a model disciple for me. Andrew was not one of the three disciples closest to Jesus – Peter, James and John. He played a background role as his more famous brother became the spokesperson of the early church. Nevertheless, a look back at references to Andrew in the Gospel accounts

reveals that he made key contributions to the story that became the Good News, the Gospel.

- Andrew brought the child to Jesus who had five loaves and two fish which Jesus proceeded to multiply and fed over 5,000 people (John 6).
- As the disciples were walking around the Temple in Jerusalem, Jesus shocked them by prophesying the complete destruction of the Temple. In response, Andrew asked him a question which occasioned Jesus’ teaching about the events which would precede the final coming of the Kingdom of God (Mark 13).
- Shortly before the events leading to Jesus’ crucifixion, some Greeks told Jesus’ disciple Philip, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip told this to Andrew who relayed the message to Jesus. This again led to a significant teaching moment for Jesus: “Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12).

In all these stories Andrew’s role is understated, but it leads to something extremely significant in the Gospel story. I see in them that Andrew epitomizes a couple of essential characteristics of followers of Jesus: attentiveness to the leading of the Holy Spirit and contact with not-yet-followers of Jesus.

## **X. Bishop's Engagements in November, 2018**

- 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 : 25 Years Jubilee of Church and Blessing of Community Hall, Jagityal  
12 : Office  
13 : Visit to Little Flower School, Karunapuram  
14 : Office  
15 : Family Year- Holy Eucharistic Celebration at Parkal  
17 : am. Patron's Feast Mass with Confirmation at Rapakapally,  
Unikecherla Parish and Blessing of Water Plant  
pm. 50 Golden Years of Presence of Presentation Congregation  
in TS-AP, at Cathedral, Fatimanagar  
18 : World Day of the Poor: Dedication of Divine Mercy Chaple  
at Deendayalnagar, Subedari Parish  
19-22 : Pastoral Perspectives FABC-OC Seminar, Pattaya, Thailand  
23 : Year of Family Celebrations, Karunapuram Deanary, Karunapuram  
25 : Christ the King Feast Mass with Communions and  
Confirmations at Janakipuram Parish  
26 : Office for Consecrated  
27 : Office for Laity  
29 : Celebration of 50 Golden Years Capuchins in Telangana-  
Andhra at Assisinagar, Warangal

## **December, 2018**

- 01 : Office  
02 : Advent Begins  
Year of Family Celebrations, Jangaon Deanary  
St. Xavier's Seminary 20th Anniversary Feast Mass at 6:00 pm.  
03 : St. Xavier's Feast Mass and Confirmations at Kothagudem, Khammam  
Diocese  
04 : Divya Vani Board of Directors Meeting  
05 : TCBC Extraordinary Meeting, Hyderabad  
07 : Office

- 08 : Silver Jubilee of St. Ann's High School, Peddapally Parish  
09 : St. Augustine Convent Blessing, Nekkonda

## **XI. Communications**

### **1. Return of the Parish of Manthani to the Diocese**

I am pleased to communicate that the Missionaries of the Precious Blood had returned the parish of Manthani on October 31, 2018 after ten years of services. On behalf of the Diocese I convey our gratitude to the Vicariate Superior Very Rev. Fr. Vara Kumar CppS and the outgoing Pastor Rev. Fr. KishoreCppS for their presence cum Pastoral and other ministries. It is Blessing to the Diocese, since it has great scope for evangelization and it is a major part of Mission Godavari with great significance in the context of the water projects on River Godavari by the Telangana Government. May God bless the Missionaries of Precious Blood abundantly!

**Bhupalapally Attached to Parkal:** As well known, Bhupalapally was created a civil district by the Telangana Government since around two years. For reasons of civil, pastoral and evangelization, along with the distance to travel, Bhupalapally, the so far out-station of Manthani Parish is detached from Manthani and is attached to Parkal Parish with effect from November 1, 2018. We ardently hope to develop the District head-quarters with Catholic presence and institutions of service, so far neglected. May God couple our efforts with His Grace!

### **Appointments**

**1. Rev Fr. Nagothu Vinod:** On behalf of the Diocese of Warangal, Rev. N. Vinod had left to the United States of America to minister in the Parish of Our Lady of Way Side, in the Archdiocese of Chicago from October 1, 2018. We wished him fruitful pastoral ministry. He landed safe and is already in full swing in the ministry of a big parish

**2. Rev. Singareddy Prabhakar** was appointed the Parish Priest of Jammikunta and Correspondent cum Head Master of St. Thomas High School with effect on October 1, 2018. We wish him God's Blessings in Pastoral Ministry as the Pastor of a small flock and the Director of the apostolate of Education in the semi-rural area.

**3. Rev. Fr. Gangarapu Naveen** was appointed as the Parish Priest of Parkal with effect from October 1, 2018. We wish him God's Choicest Blessings for his Ministry of Evangelization and Pastoral ministry in the budding parish with a lot of youth clamouring for guidance and direction in Christian life.

**4. Rev. Fr. Narisetti Balaswamy** was appointed the Parish priest of Manthani with effect from November 1, 2018. We wish him God's Special Blessings from Evangelization and Faith Formation of the Small Flock with the over-flowing graces in the area of lifting water projects of Kaleshwaram, Sundilla, Annaram, etc.

## **2. Appreciation of Participants of the Singing, Aero and Silver Retreats-2019**

Amidst heavy demands of Evangelization, Pastoral, Educational, Social apostolates, the Year 2019 provided three different retreat for our priests. The participation was serious, and the benefit was tremendous.

### **i) Singing Retreat- October 14-19, 2018**

Very Rev. Fr. Iyres Fernandes, Executive Secretary of CCBI Commission for Liturgy was the preacher of the traditional Retreat held at Bishop's House, Fatimanagar from October 14-19. Around 60 priests, mostly younger generation of priests –but also some mid-life crisis priests- attended this retreat. It was an enlightening, inspiring, liturgical learning and singing retreat. The priests benefitted personally and collectively to pray the Liturgy of Hours by singing together. Spiritually deep reflections helped them to renew their commitment, despite their limitations. The celebration of the Eucharist, as per the instruction of the General Missal with clear understanding of what, why and how we celebrate the liturgy, especially the source of and summit of Christian Life, the Holy Eucharist was the unforgettable spiritual highlight of the retreat. May God sustain our priests and Mother Mary assist them in their ministry!

### **ii) Aero-Retreat for Senior Clergy- October 21-27, 2018**

From the start, it was literally an aero-retreat. It was day and night match-like retreat, literally being in aero-area. We were in total trance with experience, unforgettable. It was such a thrilling experience that we were not aware of neither the place nor the day or night time. While the last year a mobile retreat on wheels, this year it was really aero retreat on the way to Sri Lanka via Chennai with whole night vigil retreat without getting tired, not even dozing! The seniors forgot they were aged by complying with the demands of our aero-journey. Whatever, the Retreat began with a very positive note early morning with lauds on 21st with preacher Rev. Fr. Joshua, MSC inspiringly leading us. Daily two reflective aero-talks with a homily in the celebration of everyday Mass.

Sri Lanka, as we know well, is a tiny island nation with lush green mountains, valleys and even plains. It was a green and clean environment with smooth roads. That's the reason, why we felt that we were always in aero-atmosphere. Landing at Colombo with just a two hour air journey from Hyderabad, we moved to Negombo with sandy beaches with about 70% Catholic Area. Proceeding to Kandy was a spiritually elevating experience, to underline the work of Evangelization by the Indian missionary like St Francis Xavier. We understood the reason of strategic location of the famous Pontifical Seminary at Kandy was because St. Joseph Vaz walked and sanctified the place. It is also the place of the famous Buddhist Temple of the tooth of Buddha, donated by an Indian King to the King of Lanka.

The sky-touching experience at Nuwara Eliya with 6000ft high with the terraces of Tea beds was heavenly. It was a learning experience of knowing the different kinds of tea, especially the green tea. It was here the mythical Sita was hidden by Ravana with a

temple built. Tearing the clouds by climbing down to the sea-level Galle with the experience of Tabor of heaven through scenic beautiescountless Water-falls of Lanka to the natural port city of Galle, like Cape Komarin in India was a marathon 8 hour drive, with our prayers, reflections, singing, praying continuously flowing to coral coast of Lanka.The final day was through Colombo to the Cathedral, and the glorious shrine of ‘Our Lady of Lanka’ gave all the elevating experience of spiritual peak-point of our aero retreat. The note-worthy point of all was the youngest-spirit of the Senior most Priests Frs. Y. Sebastain, Fr. A. Prakash and Fr. G. Chinnappa all through the retreat. They even wanted to be there and build three tents, one for Bishop, the 2nd to Fr. Preacher and the third to Fr. Chancellor! The return aero-travel was smooth and prepared to cheerfully walk on the way of the Cross of Priestly life, after the model of the High Priest, Jesus Christ!Aybouwan!

### **iii) Silver Retreat- Bangalore October 2-17, 2018**

Twenty five silver years of priestly life and ministry deserves a through overhauling of a priest. The CCBI Commission for Clergy and Religious, with its Chairman Bishop Udumala Bala recognizes this need and organizes every year a silver jubilee retreat at NBCLC, Bangalore. Five of our priests, A. Vincent, G. Bala martin, M. Jaya Paul, M. Anand, and P. John Paul participated in this soul searching exercise. The preacher was Fr. Wilson, OCD, who scans the soul, spirit and body of the Retreatants, helps the priests to diagnose themselves and go for healing and strengthening their entire selves for service of yet another 25 years, at least. They were very joyful, on their return to explain to the Bishop of their delightfulness, and the inexplicable ecstasy of making a spiritual pilgrimage to Holy Land 10 full days. This too was organized by the CCBI Commission for Clergy and Religious every year to walk, to watch and to touch the land where our Saviour was born, brought up, taught, suffered, died and rose. This was a real and deep turning point of their Retreat cum Pilgrimage to Holy Land. Praise the Lord! They gifted the Bishop with the Wine of Cana, the best of the Wines!

### **3. All Souls Day (2nd of November)**

**a) Celebration of Masses Every Priest is permitted to celebrate three Masses on “All Souls Day”** November 2, accepting stipend only for one Mass in virtue of the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Benedict XV. That is First Mass: One can apply in favor of any person and accept a stipend for the Mass Second Mass: Priests are bound to apply it for the faithful departed. Third Mass: Priests are bound to apply it for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

**b) Plenary indulgence:** (applicable only to the souls in purgatory)

Plenary indulgence is granted to any one of the faithful who devoutly visits the cemetery or who simply prays for the dead on one of the days from 1st to 8th November. On All Souls’ Day (or else with the permission of the Ordinary on Sunday that precedes or follows, or else on All Saints Day) visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father and Creed.

**c) Partial Indulgence** (applicable only to the souls in purgatory): A **partial indulgence is granted to any faithful who:** a) Visits devoutly cemetery or who simply prays mentally for the dead. b) Recites Lauds or Vespers of the office of the Dead or the invocation, "eternal rest grant..."

**2. Deanery Level Recollection in November:** Deans are requested to organize the November month recollection on Deanery level in 2nd week. All Priests are requested to attend and grow in holiness and Priestly Ministry.

**3. Warangal Diocesan 2nd Inter-School Games and Sports Meet:** The sole aim of our Diocesan schools is to provide basic education which aims at education of mind, heart and body. Games and sports make a person physically and mentally sound. Keeping this in view Warangal diocese educational society is going to conduct 2nd inter-school games and sports meet which is to be held on 9th and 10th of November at St. Alphonse High School, Karimnagar. In this sports and games meet, our twelve diocesan schools are going to participate in various games, sports, literary and cultural competitions. Hence WADE S invites you all for this sport meet and encourage our students. Organizing Committee: Convener: Rev. Fr. E. Vijay Kumar; Secretary: Rev. Fr. D. Prashanth Reddy; Members: Rev. Fr. S. Inna Reddy; Rev. Fr. T. Sunil Reddy; Rev. Fr. B. Joseph Praveen

## **XII. Informations**

### **1. News from FCT Scholarship Office**

**1st seminar:** On 14th October one-day seminar for college students - Intermediate, degree and diploma students was conducted in Jeevadhara center at Rampur from 9 a.m to 4.30 p.m. The seminar began with welcoming words and followed by praise and worship by Fr. Praveen. At 9.45 Dr. Muralidhar, the resource person, spoke about the skills which the students need to acquire to get into proper career. At 11.30 our Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Bishop in his sermon spoke about the Synod of Bishops on Youth held in Rome. He said that it is the first time that the Church has called for a synod on Youth as there is the need of the young people for a life of grace. She wants to be close to the **young people in nurturing** their faith as well as helping them discover their vocation – for life. Youth is the treasure of the Church. After the lunch catechetical instructions were given to the students. At 3.30 they had written exam on the booklet Bible-Vishvasa Bodhini. The students expressed that the seminar is useful and inspirational. 1100 students from different parishes took part in the seminar.

**2nd seminar:** On 16th October from 9 a.m to 4.30 p.m., One-day seminar was organized for the Higher education students in Jeevadhara prayer center at Rampur. 500 students attended the seminar. After the introduction and praise and worship, at 9.45 Dr. Muralidhar, the resource person spoke to them about the dignity of labour and to love the work they do and to find out the jobs which they love to do. Our Bishop Most Rev.

Dr. Uduamala Bala presided over the Eucharistic celebration. He reminded them of the sacrifices of the sponsors and their own parents for their own integral growth and to start working with sense of responsibility after their studies. He also told them to uphold their identity, deepen their faith, discover their career or vocation. After the lunch, Biblical and catechetical instructions were given to them by Fr. P. Prakash. At the close of the seminar students did written exam on the book Vishvasa Bodhini. The director thanked our Bishop and all others for their collaboration.

Rev. Fr. G. Bala Martin, Director FCT

## **2. News from the Pastoral Centre**

I had visited parishes during last month and celebrated Holy Eucharist and encouraged the faithful and motivated them to form new mission villages and prepare them for Bible quiz and other competitions. The parishes that I visited are Fathimanagar, Kazipet, Waddapalli, Singaram, Karunapuram (Holiland), St. Peter's colony Parish and different parishes and schools.

1. Vailankanni Matha Grotto was constructed in Pastoral Centre campus and it was blessed by Most.Rev.Dr.Uduamala Bala, Bishop of Warangal on 9th of October, 2018.
2. Catechist Training Program was conducted on 9th October at Pastoral Centre. Jyothirmai Director Fr. Solomon Raj was the main speaker of the program. Fr. Jerome also motivated the Catechist during the program and took a session to them. Most.Rev.Dr.Uduamala Bala, Bishop of Warangal had celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the Catechist of the Diocese and encouraged and motivated them to work more faithfully in the parish. He rightly said that Catechist is the right hands to the Parish Priest.

### **Informations:**

- a) **Jyothirmai Bible Quiz is on 4th November 2018.** Please collect the question papers from Pastoral Centre and conduct the bible quiz in your parishes and institutions. Please send the answer sheets to the Pastoral Centre as the exam is completed. Encourage all the faithful to participate in this Quiz so that their Bible knowledge is improved.
- b) All the heads of the educational institutions are expected to teach Catechism and Value education in Schools from starting of academic Year 2018. Catechism is mandatory for our catholic students.
- c) New catechism and value education Books are Available at Pastoral Center for classes 1 to 10. All the schools have to collect from the Pastoral Centre.

Rev. Fr. Gopu Kamal, Director of Pastoral Centre

## **3. News from Youth Centre**

### **Visiting of Youth Groups**

Fr.Anil, the Diocesan Youth Director had visited the Youth of Bheemaram, Nashkal,

Somidi and celebrated the MASS. In his interaction with the youth he strengthened about the Synod Theme i.e. “Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment”

### **National Youth Conference**

The National Youth Conference was held from 19th to 25th in Delhi, in which 5 of our Diocesan Executive Committee members participated. From 19th to 21st they stayed with the host families in Delhi and on 21st evening they came to the Venue of the Conference. This was the 1st Conference that has happened with various Group Works and Workshops. There were 12 various workshops which youth were more concerned about based on the synodal theme. Youth were asked to choose any 3 (1 each a day) of them based on their zeal to learn. On the last day there was thanksgiving mass followed by Awards ceremony. Mr.Kotte Rupesh from St.Peter’s Colony had received the National Youth Award. Mr.Prashanth (Komatipally), Miss Priseena (Unikicherla), Mr.Ramakrishna (Kothagattu singaram), Mr.Vishal (Bheemaram) and Mr.Johnson (Komatipally), had participated in the Conference from our Diocese.

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

## **4. News from Lodi-MSSS**

### **Title of the Project : NRM program, Devarappula mandal**

As you know that Lodi MSS Society is executing the NRM project at Devarappula mandal for the past 4 years onwards. As part of the project review from the donors of Andheri hilfe bonn, Germany visited the filed from 20th to 22nd October, 2018. A Team of 13 members from Rosi Gollmann Foundation, Bonn, Germany who are collaborators, Donors and Volunteers visited the Lodi MSS Society. On 20th October we had meeting with the Team members by Fr.Vijaya Paul, Director and Project staff and explained about the progress and impact of the Poverty reduction through protection of Natural resources project at Devarapula mandal, Jangaon district.

On 21st October Team members have visited two villages Singarajupalli and Chinhabai thanda and the beneficiaries have welcomed them with traditional dances, Bhatkamma and Rally. In the village meetings the beneficiaries have shared their achievements with the implementation of the project activities. Then we have shown the activities implemented sites, works done and beneficiaries shared about the impact of it. Then took to the field office at Devarapula mandal and shown the photographs, documents and files of works done.

On 22nd October – Team members had meeting with the farmers and women group leaders from project villages and with the Key staff at Divya Deepthi bhavan, Fathimanagar and learnt more about the impact and sustainability of the project.

Rev. Fr. D. Vijay Paul, Director of Lodi-MSSS

## **5. News from Catechetical Commission**

The Regional Catechetical commission meeting was held on 30.10.2018 at Vijayawada-Pastoral centre. The National secretary of the commission and a few directors of different diocese were present for the meeting. The child catechetics and youth catechetics was the center of our discussion and members opined that :

Faith formation is an integral aspect of any Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that parents have the primary responsibility for educating their children in the Catholic faith, not merely schools or parishes. Parents must first take initiative to begin forming their children in the moral and doctrinal teachings of the Church so that they may become virtuous and holy men and women.

Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the ‘first heralds’ for their children. They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the church. A wholesome family life can foster interior disposition that are a genuine preparation for a loving faith and remain a support for it throughout one’s life.” .

When parents understand this holy role that they are the first faith formators of their children, it will help the children to grow and mature their faith. Those children who are given a proper direction in childhood in following Jesus they will be very much involved in the life and the ministry of the Church.

\*“Early catechesis in the family by parents prepares the way for the youth Catechesis”.\* That is why we see those children who are formed in faith by their parents they are actively involved in the activities of a parish and they are willing to be catechized on faith matters. It is easy to get such children motivated for catechetical activities and we pay a lot of attention for those youth who are active, vibrant and cream of a parish.

However we cannot neglect the youth, who are inactive, not interested in the life of the church and far away from the church. It is our duty to make them part of the church and make them active, vibrant and cream of the church. No youth wants to be away from the church but certain circumstances and situations have led them to be so. In such situations we need to attract them to church through different means and ways, so that they feel that they need the church and the church needs them.

Fr.M.Jaya Paul, Director of Catechetical Commission

## **6. News from WADES - 2nd Inter Diocesan Schools Sports and Games Meet- 2018**

Sports have great importance in human life. As matter of fact sports are necessary part of education. Sports are essential for development of body and mind. We cannot do any work if our health is poor. Sports are necessary for improvement of health and physical strength.

Sports and game teach us many essential qualities. Every sport and game has certain rules and regulations. In following them we discipline ourselves. They teach us discipline which is very useful in practical in life. For eg: Sports teach us self control. The qualities developed through sports and games are very useful at every stage of life.

Hence WADES is happy to organising sports and games to all our diocesan schools and welcome all the priests to this great event to be held on Nov.09, & 10-2018 at St. Alphones school, Karimnagar. We solicit your gracious presence to encourage children in this meet.

Fr.M.Jaya Paul, DM

### **Flood Relief Contribution for Kerala**

<b>Individuals/Institutions/Parishes</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Rev. Fr. Varghees	2,000/-
Mr. Gali Pratap Reddy	1,500/-
Sacred Heart High School, Nellikuduru	3,000/-
Nellikuduru Parish	2,000/-
Notre Dame Convent, Assisinagar	5,200/-
St. Antony's Church, Dharmasagar Parish	3,000/-
St. Antony's High School, Dharmasagar	2,500/-
St. Thomas Church, Shanthinagar Parish	22,453/-
Dacharam Parish	6,000/-
Kanchanapalli Parish	12,000/-

### **Youth Sunday Collections**

<b>Parishes</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Thimmaraopet	1,500/-
Appanapet	500/-
Unikicherla	650/-
Dacharam	1,000/-
Devagiripatnam	500/-

## Masses Remitted in Bishop's House

<b>Date</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Masses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
3/09/2018	Manugonda	100	10,000/-
6/09/2018	St. Peter's Colony	60	6,000/-
14/09/2018	Ekashilanagar	12	1,200/-
22/09/2018	Sagaram	60	6,000/-
25/09/2018	Karunapuram	220	22,000/-
26/09/2018	Diesel Colony	1100	1,10,000/-
26/09/2018	Ekashilanagar	40	4,000/-
01/10/2018	Fatimanagar	400	40,000/-
08/10/2018	Waddepally	150	15,000/-



## *Birthday Babies in November*

Fr. Thirumalareddy Augustine	02/11/1963
Fr. Thatikonda Joseph	10/11/1974
Fr. Gopu Chinnappa	11/11/1942
Fr. Vatti Simon	12/11/1988
Fr. Kasu Marreddy	13/11/1982
Fr. Yetukuri Thomas Kiran	21/11/1973
Fr. Pentareddy BalthaRaj	25/11/1965
Fr. Thirumalareddy Rayappa	29/11/1964



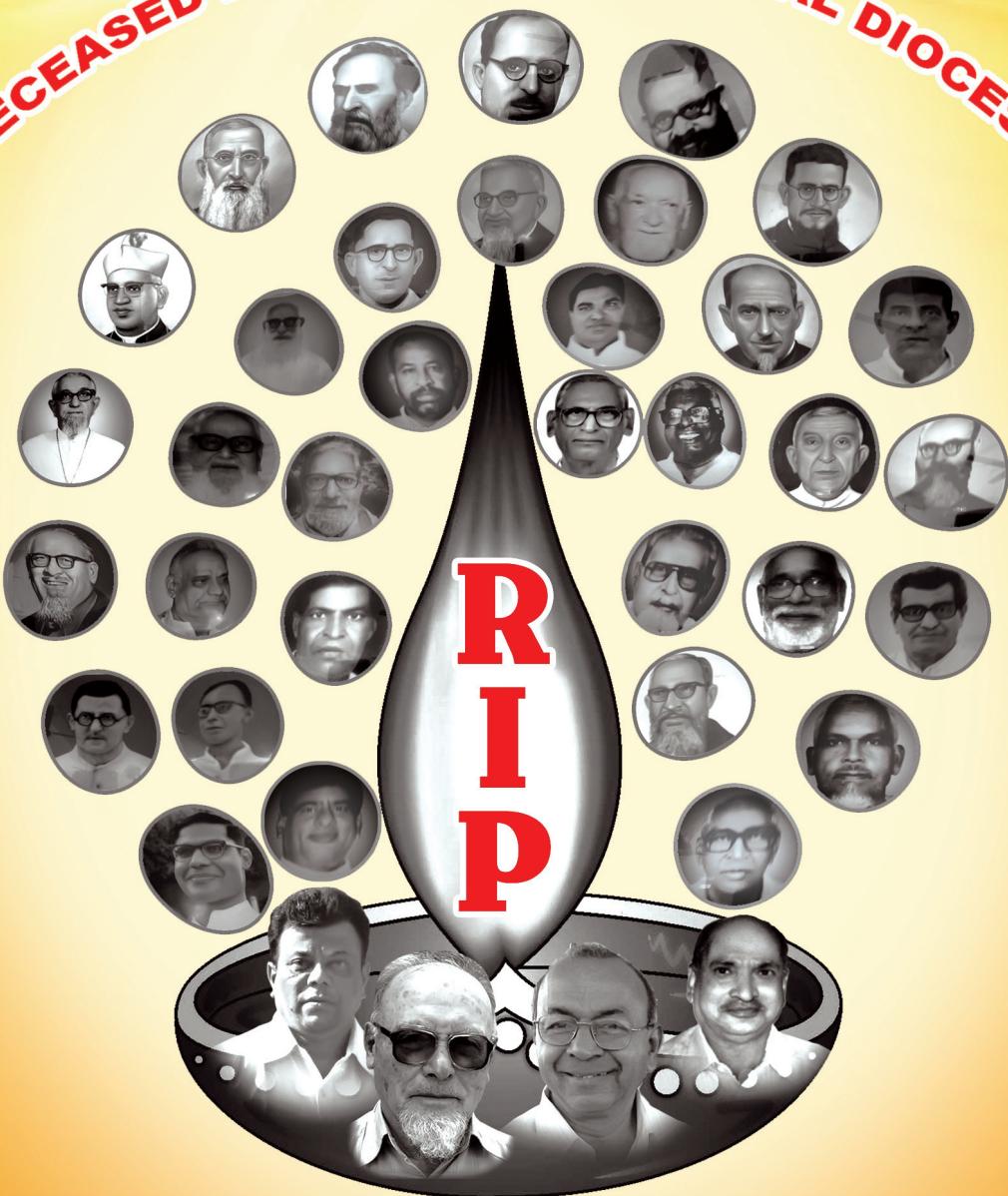
## Final Vows of MMM - Mariarani Sisters at Karunapuram



## Seminor for FCT Higher Education Students at Jeevadhara, Rampur



# **DECEASED PRIESTS OF WARANGAL DIOCESE**



O God, you didst raise your servants, to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ, according to the Order of Melchisedech, giving them the sublime power to offer the Eternal Sacrifice, to bring the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ down upon the altar, and to absolve the sins of men in Thine own Holy Name. We beseech you to reward his faithfulness and to forget his faults, admitting them speedily into your Holy Presence, there to enjoy forever the recompense of his labors. This we ask through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.