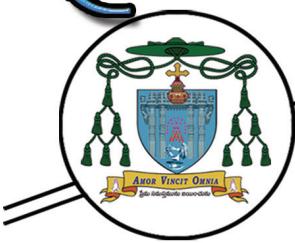


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## **మహాపూజ్యతీ ఉడుమల బాల కాపలీ ! వర్ణల్ల!!**

ముచ్చటగా మూడు వసంతాలు ప్రధాన కాపలత్త సేవలు ముగించుకొని నాల్గవ  
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జరుపుకుంటున్న శుభ తరుణంలో...

**వరంగల్ గురువీరం అంణంచు ఆజ్ఞనందన ఆత్మియ సుమాంజలులు...**

ఓరుగల్లు గురువీరానికి మూడవ పీరాధిపతిగా అధిష్టించి, మురిపెముతో మునుపెన్చెదూ లేని కొంగ్రొత్త ఆధ్యాత్మిక పుంతలను త్రోకిస్తూ, దైవ మానవ ప్రేమ సాగరంలో ఉపేత్తున ఎగసిపడు కెరటంలూ దైవ వర ప్రసాదాల అభిషేకాలంకృతమై మంచి కాపరి క్రీస్తుని వర్షస్సును, సుమాత్మకను ప్రదర్శించుచున్న మహాపూజ్యతీతీతీ ఉడుమల బాలతండ్రిగారా!

❖ విశ్వాలీసభ ఆధ్యాత్మిక జ్ఞాన సముపోర్చన మీ సౌంతం

విశ్వ తీసభ పై మీకుగల అవగాహనం మీ ప్రాపీణ్యం

స్తానిక తీసభలో విశ్వాలీసభ సౌబగులను రంగరించి నడిపే మీ దార్శనికత అపూర్వం వరంగల్ గురు పీరంలో మీరు చేసిన, చేస్తున్న పరిచర్యల ఔన్నత్యం వర్ణనాతీతం.

❖ విద్యావైద్య రంగాలలో మీరు వెన్నుదన్నగా నిలచి ఇస్తున్న ప్రోత్సాహం గురువీరాన్ని సముగ్ర అభిఖ్యాతి పథంలో నడుప ఆవిష్కరించిన సత్పుంగ్ సమావేశాలు, దైవరాజ్య నిర్వాణం, సువిశేష వ్యాప్తికి మీరు నిర్వహించిన నవ్య సువార్తకరణ సదస్సులు, కుల, వర్గ, పేద ధనిక తారతమ్య రహితంగా అందరికీ ఆత్మ రక్షణ అవసరమనే ప్రారంభించిన సరికొత్త గ్రామాల్లో సువార్త ప్రచారాలు;

❖ బంజారా ప్రజలు ఆధ్యాత్మిక, సామాజిక అభ్యున్నతికి అలుపెరుగని సేవలు చేస్తూ మీరు చేపట్టిన బంజారా ప్రార్థన కార్యక్రమాలు,

❖ కథోలికులను, కథోలికేతరులను ఒకే కాపరి ఒకే మంద వేదిక మీదికి మీరు నడిపించి రూపు దిద్దిన ఐక్య క్రైస్తవ క్రీస్తున్, ఈష్టర్ వేదుకల ఆత్మియ బంధాలు

❖ ఫాతిమామాత విజ్ఞాపనల మహిమను క్రైస్తవులు, క్రైస్తవేతరులు గ్రహించి, నమ్మి ప్రార్థించ ప్రారంభించిన ఫాతిమామాత తిరునాళ్ళ,

❖ యువతీ యువకుల జీవితాల్లో మీరు నింపిన ఆత్మ స్థేర్యపు ప్రసంగాలు డీనరి స్థాయిల్లో క్రీస్తు శ్రమల పాదయాత్రల ద్వారా విశ్వసుల విశ్వసాన్ని మేల్గొల్పిన పాదయాత్రల సాక్ష్యాలు,

ఈలా ఎన్నెన్నే ఆధ్యాత్మిక, సామాజిక, విజ్ఞాన, సేవా రంగాలలో ముందుకు సాగిపోతూ, దేవుని ఆత్మ బలంతో ఫాతిమామాత ప్రసన్నతతో గురువుల అండదండలతో, మరవాసుల సహకారంతో విశాసుల విజ్ఞాపనలతో ఇంకా స్తానిక, ప్రాంతీయ, జాతీయ, అంతర్జాతీయ స్థాయిల్లో తీసభలో ఆత్మస్థుత స్థానాన్ని అధిరోహించాలని ఆశిస్తూ, ఆకాంక్షిస్తూ ఈ శుభ తరుణంలో ఆభినందిస్తూ...

- వరంగల్లు పీరం

## CONFERENCE OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS OF INDIA

### Patron's Address at St. Joseph Vaz Centre, Goa

Proud to be Diocesan Priests at the Service of  
'Sare Jahase Acchha'

"You are Peter, and on this Rock I will build my  
Church" (Mt 16: 18)

Your Excellency Salvatore Pennacchio,  
Apostolic Nuncio to India, Your Grace Filipe  
Neri Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa and Daman,  
with the title of 'Patriarch of the East Indies',  
the member Bishops of the CCBI Commission for VSCR, Bishop Francis Serrao of Shimoga,  
and Bishop Lourdunatha Daniel of Nasik, other Most Rev. Archbishops and Bishops, specially  
the Regional Chairmen Bishops of the CCBI Commission for VSCR, who are ex-officio  
Patrons of their Respective Regional CDPI, the Office bearers of the CDPI, namely the  
President, Vice President, Secretary and Joint Secretary cum Treasurer, very Rev. Monsignori  
and very dear Fathers from all over this great country of India, specially the Regional Presidents  
of CDPI and Deputy Secretaries, and my dear Lay Faithful,



#### 1. Affectionate Welcome

As the Patron of the Conference of Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI), I feel deeply honored to greet each of you and extend you all a very cordial welcome to this historic National meeting of the CDPI. It is the 14th National Conference of CDPI being held at St. Joseph Vaz Retreat Centre, Old Goa. We are thrilled to be here and so are profusely grateful to the Archbishop and the CDPI Western. This meeting is not just the ordinary annual Meeting but an extraordinary one, by name the extended National Council Meeting, or even 'Diocesan Priests Congress'. The reason being, every year the CCBI Commission holds an annual national meeting with one representative from each diocese. But this year, and once in 5 years as per Statutes (10.3.3), we invite 5 priests per diocese for the purpose of more representation in order to share, reflect and learn for a fruitful outcome.

#### 2. Catholic Church in India

The Catholic Church in India is part of the Universal Catholic Church under the leadership of the Pope Francis. I am very delighted to highlight, that the theme chosen for the meeting is the person of Holy Father himself, who is really making incredible impact on the Church and the society with the message of Christ. There are over 20 million Catholics in India, which represents circa 1.55% of the total population and I am pleased to note that the Catholic Church is the largest Christian church in India. Therefore, hats to all priests, nuns, brothers and the laity for

the work of Evangelization to our brothers and sisters in India. There are 168 dioceses in India and of these, 131 are of the Latin Rite Church, 29 of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church and 8 of Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. Despite the small percentage of Catholics, India has the second largest Catholic population in Asia after the Philippines, due to India's huge population.

### **3. Golden Year of Nunciature in India**

The Holy See's representative to the government of India and to the Church in India is the Apostolic Nuncio to India. The diplomatic mission was established in 1881 and was raised to a full Apostolic Nunciature by Pope Paul VI in 1967. We are blessed with the gracious presence of His Excellency Our Apostolic Nuncio, who is a very popular Nuncio, who has travelled to most of the dioceses, always has a cheerful face and a contagious smile!

### **4. Goa, Land of Saints and Sands**

Christianity reached India in AD 52 through Thomas the Apostle. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Quilon or Kollam is the first Catholic diocese in India, erected on 9 August 1329. In the late 15th century Portuguese missionaries came and introduced the Latin Rite Church in India. In 1557, Goa was made an independent archbishopric, and the whole of the East came under the jurisdiction of Goa and its boundaries extended to almost half of the world: from the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa, to Burma, China and Japan in East Asia. We are blessed to come to this Holy Land of St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph Vaz, Gonzalo Garcia and many other missionaries!

### **5. Conference of Catholic Bishops of India**

The Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) is a National Episcopal Body of the Latin Catholic Bishops of the country. It was established on April 22, 1988 and has 12 Commissions assist the dioceses in the mission of the Church. One of its important commissions is the Commission for Vocations, Seminaries, Clergy and Religious. And Under its auspices, the Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India was born in 2001.

### **6. Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India**

The Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India is a fraternal association of diocesan priests. Vatican II and the Code of Canon Law emphasized the need for association, duly recognized by the competent authority among secular clergy (PO 8 & CIC 278). The CDPI was established by the Bishops of the Latin Rite as an organization for the diocesan priests who are incardinated into their respective dioceses. The purpose of the CDPI was to assist the diocesan priests in India to foster a deeper understanding of their priesthood, whereby they would appreciate and perform their priestly ministry even more effectively. Its objectives are of three fold as stated in No. 5 of the Statues, permanently approved in 2008:

**i. Bonding :** It is building up unity among the priests of the diocese and between the Bishop and priests so as to help priests to play a constructive role in building the community of priests

based on the Holy Orders (Directory on Ministry and Life of Priests 7), thereby to contribute to the building of the People of God.

**ii. Forming :** Promotion of the on-going formation of diocesan priests as per their own specific spirituality and the signs of the times. It is a requirement of priests' own faithfulness to Christ and also an act of love for the people at whose service he is placed (*Pastores Dabo Vobis* 70).

**iii. Net-Working :** It is aimed at providing a forum for mutual help in carrying out one's pastoral duties specially in the context growing demands of the faithful. Since no priest can on his own accomplish his mission in a satisfactory way, CDPI is all the more necessary (*Presbyterorum Ordinis* 7). The total number of diocesan priests: 9,301? (Religious Priests: 6,765).

## **7. Sentire Cum Ecclesia**

Keeping in mind the above objectives, this Meeting of Extended National Council becomes all the more important to share, reflect and learn by participating actively so that we could walk with the Church (*sentire cum ecclesia*) headed by the servant of servants, the Holy Father Francis. Thereby we can assist all priests to discover the uniqueness of the spirituality of Diocesan priests, provide a road-map for the life and ministry befitting the clerical state. The past 15 year history of the CDPI vouches to the fact that this association is growing steadily being docile to according to the mind of the Church and is making a constructive contribution to the diocesan priests of India.

## **8. Listen to the Voice of Diocesan Clergy**

I would like specially to greet the regional Patron of the Western Region Bishop Dabre, The Goa Diocesan Clergy In-charge, Regional Secretary, with the many priests formed into different committees, who took time and trouble to make all the laborious and elaborate arrangements to make this meeting possible. A very special Greeting of gratitude goes to Archbishop Filipe Neri Ferrao, the Archbishop for the hosting this historic Meet of the august body of Diocesan Priests and my dear Fr. Raymond Joseph, the Executive Director of the Commission for VSCR. To all of you for taking time and trouble to attend this important meeting, even by putting your busy pastoral schedule and workload aside, I most cordially thank and welcome you once again. My dear Fathers, there is a tremendous need to listen to, not only to the resource persons but also to your own voices about your priestly life and ministry with its ups and downs and the need to experience one' another's company, fraternal support, solidarity and unity of the *Unum Presbyterium*.

**+ Uduamala Bala, Patron, CDPI**  
April 6, 2016

## I. MAY DAY MESSAGE - 2016

### 'A Call for Revolution of Tenderness' in the Mercy Year of Jubilee'

#### Introduction

**A Call for Revolution :** At the very outset I want to wish you all, the blessings of the feast of St. Joseph the Worker and a very happy May Day 2016. Celebration of May Day this year is all the more important as the universal Church celebrates the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Mercy is the very foundation of the life of the Church. The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love. The Church "has an endless desire to show mercy" (EG 24). Perhaps we have long forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy. Mercy is the par excellence of being just to our ailing brethren. Mercy and Justice are the powerful stamps of divine nature in our souls. Mercy induces us to do the acts of compassion. Justice compels us to be fair and reasonable so that everyone shares equal dignity as the children of God. The Bible has placed emphasis on both Mercy and Justice. The prophet Micah summarizes God's design. "He has told you, oh man, what is good and what the Lord requires of you - that you love mercy and do justice and walk humbly with your God". (Micah 6, 8)



#### Mercy and Justice

'Justice' and 'Mercy' are not mutually exclusive. 'Justice' is exactly what one has a right for whereas 'Mercy' is receiving more than one is entitled to. Therefore approach of the Church is not taking sides between 'Justice' and 'Mercy'. Insistence on Justice is not a merciless attitude. Rather it does not mean that in order to be merciful we shall not insist on justice and truth. According to Thomas Aquinas 'the aim of justice is the common good'. "Mercy is the compassion of our hearts when considering the misery of another person" (St. Augustine). St. Thomas has put mercy and justice into the closest connection possible to each other. "Justice without mercy is cruel and mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution." Therefore one is, so to say, 'just' means to be 'merciful' as well.

#### Charity, Justice & Sacrifice

Mercy is not a mere sense or feeling of compassion. One is merciful means as St. Thomas puts it "moves us to do what we can do to help the other". Then being merciful one strives to do some acts to avert the misery of others; which means 'mercy' induces acts of charity as the very nature of it. Justice implies the order of things God intended when created the world and the restitution of it in God's plan. Since all miseries ultimately caused by the disturbance of order and this in turn caused by infringement of justice, where acts of charity and restitution of

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justice could be correlated and forms two sides of the same coin. St. Augustine in City of God states that Mercy and Justice are intertwining realities and we cannot have one without the other. He also mentions 'Mercy' is also sacrifice. Pope Benedict XVI in Caritas in Veritate states that 'Mercy' is a figure of Charity and it surpasses Justice in a consummating way. He says, Charity "demands justice," but it also "transcends justice and completes it in the logic of giving and forgiving." (No.6). Pope Francis's social encyclical Laudato Si exalts the logic of giving, of generosity and gratuitousness, as the basis for the Church's social doctrine. As Blessed Mother Teresa teaches us, "Give, but give until it hurts". Saint Augustine puts the point precisely: true sacrifice is given in "works of mercy shown to ourselves or to our neighbours, done with reference to God" (City of God).

### **Labour Justice in the year of Mercy**

'The Seventh Commandment forbids unjustly taking away or keeping the goods of one's neighbour and harming him in any way with respect to his goods. It commands justice and charity in the care of earthly goods and the fruits of men's labour' (Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 2401). Moreover the Year of Mercy compels us to demand for Justice for the sake of the poor. "True mercy, the mercy God gives to us and teaches us, demands justice, it demands that the poor find the way to be poor no longer," Pope Francis told Jesuit Refugee Services on Sept. 10, 2013. "It asks us, the church," he continued, "it asks the institutions - to ensure that no one ever again stand in need of a soup kitchen, of makeshift-lodgings, of a service of legal assistance in order to have his legitimate right recognized to live and to work, to be fully a person. "The final statement of 32nd plenary Assembly of Catholic Bishop's Conference of India states, 'In this Year of mercy, in communion with the Universal Church, let us be channels of God's mercy to one and all, especially the poor, the deprived, the sick and suffering and thus, making our contribution to our beloved nation (No.1). That we endeavour recognizing the dignity of labour by providing just wages and social security (No. 4.3).

### **Just Wages & Care of Domestic Workers**

In a recent interview Pope Francis termed the Year of Mercy as the call for the revolution of tenderness. If we are open to this revolution of tenderness, the Pope says, we ourselves will become more tolerant, more patient and more tender, learning not to treat people as objects. The Pope gives the example of an employer who lays off his workers over the summer so that he doesn't have to pay the extra pension or social security costs of a full time worker. If we are able to put ourselves in that other person's shoes, the Pope says, then things change and we stop thinking about the money in our own pockets (Interview to 'Credere' on 2/12/2015). In this context of the call to the 'revolution of tenderness' the Catholic Church in India ought to endeavour to respond to the call of the workers in India to set right the unjust labour situations in our country. 'Charity begins at home, but should not end there'. Bishops and the leaders of the Church should seriously look at the conditions of the workers in the Bishop's Houses,

presbyteries, convents, schools, hospitals and institutions. Justice must be the primary concern backed by mercy and charity when it comes to pay just wages, grant holidays, rest and facilities to our domestic workers. Respect all our workers with human dignity and see the face of Jesus in all of them. Make sure they are enrolled in the social security schemes and old age pensions and health care. Make sure no child is employed in our institutions. Pay special concern to migrant workers who are working on construction sites, brick kilns farms and fields as agricultural labour, fisheries, domestic workers etc. The CBCI Office for Labour has recently brought out a Human Recourse Guide for all the dioceses and institutions to help them out to comply with the directives of the Church concerning the care of the domestic workers within the church institutions.

### **Social Security of the Unorganised Workers**

Social security of the unorganised workers is a great concern of the Catholic Church in India quite many years now. It has been in the forefront in the struggle for the unorganized workers for a comprehensive social justice via social security legislation with many of the like minded organisation in the field. It has now emerged as a big campaign for NON DISCRIMINATORY, NON-TARGETED UNIVERSAL SOCIAL SECURITY for people living and working in India. Being part of this campaign and its own way CBCI office for Labour / Workers India Federation has contributed significantly to pass the legislation of 'Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2008'.

Unorganised workers comprising 94 per cent of India's 465 million workers do not have formal work contracts (NSSO 2009-10). NCEUS (2007) found that 79 per cent of unorganised workers in India belong to the poorest category of people, working without social security and in miserable and unhygienic conditions. Social security for unorganised workers in India is not provided via a coherent, universal system. Rather, it takes the form of a large number of individual schemes which have been introduced piecemeal, in many cases with one particular contingency or target group in mind. In addition, the schemes are administered and operated by a range of different government departments. Typically there is also a legal and operational division of authority over each scheme between national, regional and local government. In some cases, responsibility for public service delivery is entrusted to private or semi-government agencies. All these factors have contributed to a fragmented social security system in India.

In order to facilitate the unorganised workers to join the schemes of the Government, CBCI Office for Labour encouraged the different diocesan partners to establish worker's facilitation centres. CBCI Office for Labour through its official organisation 'Worker's India Federation' initiated Mazdoor Surksha Yojana (MSY) in collaboration with Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority of India. The change of government at the centre has significantly challenged the whole fabric of the scheme limiting it to the population below 40 years of age which means many unorganised workers left out of the preview of the pension scheme. The

government has very scantily regard for this sector and the welfare of the unorganised workers in spite of the significant contribution of this sector to the national exchequer of the Government. The budget proclamation of the government in favour of the poor is merely an eyewash and it turn contribute to the bosom of the rich. Therefore the Church's Regional Bishop's Councils have to intensity her struggle for the cause of the unorganised workers in every level of her interventions.

### **Empowerment of the Unorganised Workers**

The empowerment of the workers has to begin within the Church by being a 'New way of being the Church'. The Christian workers have to empower themselves by being fully involved themselves in the life and the sacraments of the Church. Their association with the Church will empower and encourage them to consecrate themselves towards other workers who are suffering and commit in their mission of building a just and sustainable world for workers. The sacraments in a very special way help him/her to encounter the sufferings of workers as the suffering of Jesus Christ at Calvary. A Christian worker whether as professional, business man, self employed worker or manual labourer should fulfil his/her vocation by joining a Christian labour movement active within the church in the dioceses, regions and CBCI levels. We have Workers India Federation (WIF) at the national level active since 2010 to conglomerate all the activities of the Church for workers in India. It is the duty of all the leaders of the Church to encourage the laity participation in the Christian labour movements.

### **Conclusion**

The extra ordinary jubilee 'Year of Mercy' pronounced by Pope Francis is an occasion for all those related to labour ministry of the Catholic Church to reflect intensely on the issues of the poor workers of this country. For a Christian, work is more than a way to make a living. It forms part of continuing participation of human being in the creation of God. If the dignity of work is to be protected the basic rights of workers must be protected, that is, the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organisation and joining of unions, to private property, social security and to economic initiatives. May St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church and the workers help us to move forward in all our efforts to safeguard and protect the rights of the workers India.

## **II. MAY IS MARY'S MONTH: THE SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION FOR MARIAN DEVOTION**

Today is May 1st, and the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. May 1st also inaugurates the Month of Mary. The memorial of St. Joseph almost seems fitting as we begin a month dedicated to Mary because we remember how St. Joseph provided for the Holy Family as a carpenter. To celebrate St. Joseph is to celebrate his role as the husband of Mary and Foster Father of Jesus.

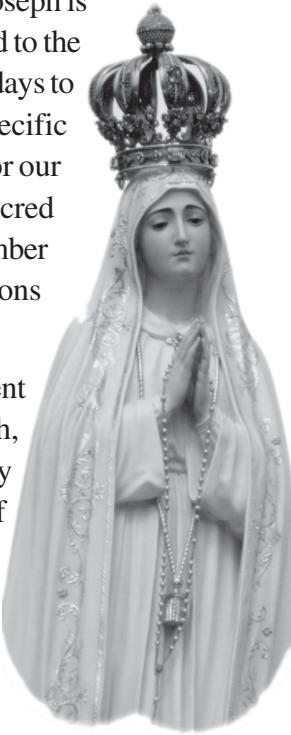
As a Church, we like to dedicate days, months, and years to specific causes and intentions. On Wednesdays in the Extraordinary Form a votive Mass of St. Joseph is typically offered. Thursdays have been honored as a day dedicated to the Eucharist and priesthood; Fridays to our Lord's passion, and Saturdays to Our Lady. And our popes in the past decade have called for specific yearlong celebrations of the rosary, the Eucharist, St. Paul, and for our current year, a Year of Faith. June has been dedicated to the Sacred Heart, July to the Precious Blood, October to the rosary, and November to the Holy Souls. Suffice it to say, our Church loves her devotions which serve as an aid to her Faithfull's spiritual lives.

The Catholic faithful observe Mary's month through many different devotions, customs, and traditions. Over the course of this month, this mini-series, A Primer on Marian Devotion, will explore the many facets Marian devotion. In today's reflection, through the lens of scripture, I'd like to address the following question: Why be devoted to Mary?

**Scriptural Support:** Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is deeply rooted in scripture. We can look to three examples: Elizabeth, Mary herself, and Jesus. After hearing the announcement of the Angel Gabriel, "Hail Mary, full of grace" and the ensuing dialogue which revealed Elizabeth was pregnant with child, Mary went in haste to the home of Elizabeth and Zachariah. After Mary's greeting to Elizabeth, John the Baptist leaped in her womb for joy, causing Elizabeth to proclaim, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth went on to acknowledge Mary as the mother of the Lord. In the gospels, Elizabeth becomes the first to sing the praises of the Virgin Mary.

After Elizabeth proclaimed her praise of Mary, Mary went on to prophesy about future generations of Marian devotion in her Magnificent. The New American Bible translates the phrase, "behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed." In recounting her praise of God's goodness to her and all of Israel, Mary understood that future generations would call her blessed because she was going to be the Mother of Jesus, the son of God.

The third example that we can draw upon from the scriptures is the example of Jesus himself. As a son, He would have been obedient to His mother because he had received his human nature from her. The Decalogue, (the Ten Commandments), exhorts us to honor our father and mother; Jesus was subject to this commandment. By honoring His mother on earth, Jesus gave honor to His father in heaven. And Jesus himself, while hanging from the cross in John's gospel, entrusted Mary to John, and John to Mary. By this very act, Mary became the mother of all believers.



Moreover, St. Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, writes: “I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me” (2:20). In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul says, “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.” If we want Christ to live His life in us and through us, if we want to be imitators of Christ, we must have a filial love for the Virgin Mary. Luke 2:51 tells us that Jesus “went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.” Jesus was subject to Mary and Joseph. In imitation of Christ, we then turn to His Mother for intercession.

In the synoptic gospels, Jesus also addressed a specific question: Who are my mother and brothers? To which he responded “Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother” (Cf. Mk 3:31-35; Mt 12:46-50; Lk 8:19-21). Similarly, in Paul’s letter to the Ephesians 1:5 he describes our status as adopted children of God: “He destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will.” Through Christ, we have become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters. As a family, we need a Father (God) and a mother, (Mary). In addition to Mary as our mother, we have a mother in the Church; as the adage goes, what can be said of Mary, can also be said of the Church.

Conclusion: Devotion to Mary should be natural for us as we look to her as a mother. When we honor Mary, we honor Christ. As a Mother, she cares for her children and makes intercession for them. She asks the Father to bestow blessing upon them, which in turn has earned her the reward of being a mediatrix or distributrix of grace. God has accorded many privileges to Mary which has been made known through the teaching authority of the Church. She was preserved from the stain of original sin and was assumed body and soul into Heaven where she now reigns as Queen with her Son.

During the month of May, the children of Mary will flock to her intercession. Since May is Mary’s month, people may take up the practice of the daily rosary, add a few extra Marian prayers like the Memorare or the Litany of Loreto to their daily repertoire, crown an image of Mary with flowers, or make a Marian pilgrimage. Over the course of this month I will explain the many ways we can be devoted to Mary. As the children of Mary, our Marian devotion are the ways in which we tell Mary we love her. During this month, let us give Mary our love. Ave Maria!

### **III. FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker.

“Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God,” Pope John Paul II had once said.

There is very little about the life of Joseph in Scripture but still, we know that he was the chaste husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, a carpenter and a man who was not wealthy. We also know that he came from the royal lineage of King David.

We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice.



#### IV. FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS -MAY 24

The tradition of this avocation goes back to 1571, when the whole of Christendom was saved by Mary Help of Christians when Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary. The great battle of Lepanto occurred on October 7<sup>th</sup> 1571. For this reason this date has been chosen as the feast of the Holy Rosary. In 1573 Pope Pius V instituted the feast in thanksgiving for the decisive victory of Christianity over Islamism.

Near the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Emperor Leopold I of Austria took refuge in the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Pasau, when 200,000 Ottoman Turks besieged the capital city of Vienna, but a great victory occurred thanks to Mary Help of Christians: on September 8th, Feast of Our Lady's Birthday, plans were drawn for the battle. On September 12, Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, Vienna was finally freed through the intercession of Mary Help of Christians. All Europe had joined with the Emperor crying out "Mary, Help!" and praying the Holy rosary.



In 1809, Napoleon's men entered the Vatican, arrested Pius VII and brought him in chains to Grenoble, and eventually Fontainbleau. His imprisonment lasted five years. The Holy Father vowed to God that, if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honor of Mary. Military reverses forced Napoleon to release the Pope, and on May 24<sup>th</sup> 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later, the Pope decreed that the feast of Mary Help of Christians, be kept on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May.

St. John Bosco (1815 - 1888) was a dynamic priest who founded the Salesian Order in the XIX century in Italy. His many prophetic dreams, beginning at age nine, guided his ministry and gave insights on future events.

On May 14, 1862, Don Bosco dreamed about the battles the Church would face in the latter days. In his dream, the Pope of those days anchors the 'ship' of the Church between two pillars, one with a statue of Mary (Auxilium Christianorum or 'Help of Christians') and the other with a large Eucharistic Host

St. John Bosco wrote about his congregation, the Salesians: "The principal objective is to promote veneration of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to Mary Help of Christians. This title seems to please the august Queen of Heaven very much." The Salesian Sisters of St John Bosco or Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, are the sister order of the Salesians of Don Bosco.

St. John Bosco, himself, on June 9 1868, dedicated to Our Lady Help of Christians, the mother church of his congregation at Turin (Italy). The Salesian Fathers and their Sisters have carried the devotion to their numerous establishments.

## **V. STATEMENT OF THE XIV NATIONAL MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE DIOCESAN PRIESTS OF INDIA**

**5 eve. – 8 noon APRIL, 2016**

St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old Goa

We, the 235 members of Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI), under the patronage of the CCBI, gathered from 62 dioceses of our beloved country at St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old Goa from 5 eve. to 8 noon April, 2016, year of the extraordinary jubilee of Mercy, awed by the spirit of evangelization that blossomed in this very sacred place of both St. Francis Xavier and St. Joseph Vaz, have studied, reflected and prayed together under the guidance of our patron His Excellency Most. Rev. UduvalaBala together with 11 other bishops, on the theme: Priest as Minister of God Mirrored in the Person of Pope Francis. As the fruit of the deliberations at the four day-conference, we find Pope Francis an exemplary model to us pastors.

His Holiness Pope Francis is a special gift chosen and given by the Holy Spirit to the Church to lead her courageously yet with love and mercy in this difficult time of her history. Pope Francis has shown to the Church the servant model of his leadership. This is humble, joyful and merciful service. His earnest desire to have a Church of the poor for the poor originates from the depth of his being that is drenched in the spirit of his Master Jesus. Pope Francis has also emerged as a pastor par-excellence after the heart of the Good Shepherd Jesus. His communication springs forth from his heart where he meets our Lord Jesus every day when he spends long and intense hours in prayer. This brings about a special quality of his profound communication: genuineness, which is noted and appreciated even by the people of other

faiths. In the short span of three years of his pontificate, Pope Francis has emerged as a powerful icon of mercy to a world that is torn apart by indifference, individualism, inhuman poverty and imbalanced development that serves only the rich and powerful.

Every Christian is one who is empowered by Christ whom one meets in the celebration of the sacraments and is guided by the light of faith. It is the light of faith that can lead a Christian to be a witness of the Joy of the Risen Lord. Christian is one who rejoices always and in every situation. “Rejoice in the Lord always. I say it again: rejoice” (Phil 4:4). Priests are called to radiate the joy of the Gospel in their lives and ministry. The Pope exhorts the priests to be genuine shepherds, who have the smell of the sheep for effective and fruitful ministry. The pedagogy of homily includes interpretation of people’s lives in the light of the Word. Effective homily can only be given by those priests who know their sheep. Like St. Francis of Assisi, his patron, Pope Francis treats nature as God’s creation and his own brothers and sisters. The Pope envisages an integral approach to ecology in the service of the Kingdom of God seeking to establish peace, justice, equality and thus promoting the common good of our universe. In her mission, the Church sees Pope Francis as a ray of hope for families, religious minorities, refugees, homeless people and the least.

**Hence we, the diocesan priests, resolve to:**

1. Be another Christ in order to give Christ to others.
2. Be in close communion with the Lord through regular personal prayer.
3. Be contemplatives of the Word before we proclaim.
4. Be nourished by the sacrament to nourish others.
5. Be joyful ministers of the Gospel.
6. Be the “Human Face of the Divine Mercy” by being merciful to all whom we meet.
7. Be friends to the poor, the homeless, the refugees, strangers, and the least.
8. Be defenders of the human dignity and rights of the Dalits and Tribals.
9. Be instruments of peace and unity making constant efforts to avoid divisions based on caste, class, language and region.
10. Be an understanding and compassionate pastor to the families by making regular pastoral visits and accompanying them in their struggles.
11. Be agents and facilitators of unity and fraternity among the clergy and the people
12. Be care-takers and promoters of “our common home” especially by forming green teams at the parish and school level.
13. Be witnesses to the simplicity of the Gospel by adopting a simple life style.
14. Be faith formators, constantly accompanying the faithful by instructing them in faith through catechesis at the parish as well as school levels

by Rev. Fr. Derek Fernandez, Rev. Fr. John Crasta and Rev. Fr. John Ponnore

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## **VI. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR MAY, 2016**

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| 01. Sun | 10.00 am | : Feast of Vana Chinnappa & Blessing of Renovated Church, Prakashreddypet, Subedari Parish                  |
|         | 04.15 pm | : Celebration of 175 years of St. Mary's Basilica, Sec'bad  |
| 02. Mon | 09.30 am | : Blessing of Renovated Presentation of the Lord Church & Silver Jubilee Celebration at Shanthipuram Parish |
| 03. Tue |          | : Office  |
| 04. Wed |          | : Office for Consecrated  |
| 05. Thu |          | : Office  |
| 06. Fri |          | : Blessing of Renovated Church of St. Anthony, Ruby Jubilee, Singaram Parish                                |
| 07. Sat |          | : Office  |
|         | 3.30 pm  | : CJITS Governing Body Meet, Jangaon  |
| 09. Mon | 9.30 am  | : Silver Jubilee of Sacred Heart Church, Kallepally, Dacharam   |
| 10. Tue | 9.00 am  | : Kolkonda Feast Mass, Palakurthy Parish  |
| 11. Wed | 9.30 am  | : Blessing of St. Joseph's Renovated Church, Himmathnagar, Sagaram Parish                                   |
| 12. Thu | 9.30 am  | : Silver Jubilee of St. Joseph's Church, Begumpet, Dacharam Parish  |
| 13. Fri |          | : 1st Apparition of O.L. of Fatima, Centenary Year beginning  |
| 14 - 22 |          | : Summer Recess   |
| 23. Mon |          | : Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Most Rev. Uduvala Balaji  |
|         | 6.15 am  | : Mass at Cathedral and Office  |
| 25. Wed |          | : Office for Laity  |
| 26. Thu | 9.30 am  | : Holy Matrimony at Narimetta Parish  |
| 27. Fri | 9.30 am  | : Holy Matrimony of Alwanpally, Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda Diocese  |
| 28. Sat | 7.00 am  | : Mass & Meeting of Major Seminarians Individually  |
| 30. Mon |          | : Office  |
| 31. Tue | 5.00 pm  | : Holy Mass, Blessing of Adoration chapel & Closing of May devotion, Cathedral Parish                       |

## **June, 2016**

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| 01. Wed             | : Office   |
| 02. Thu             | : St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad  |
| 03. Fri             | : Office   |
| 06. Mon    9.30 am  | : Holy Mass & Inaugural function at Viswajyothi Don Bosco College, Philosaphate, Karunapuram |
| 07. Tue             | : Office for Consecrated   |
| 08. Wed    10.00 am | : Divyavani T.V Channel Meeting, Secunderabad  |
| 09. Thu             | : Recollection for Diocesan Clergy   |
| 10. Fri             | : CRI Recollection for Consecrated   |

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. Thanks to Priests who are on Transfer :** I thank all priests who are on transfer for their dedicated ministries and valuable services. I wish them the blessing of the Risen Lord in their new assignments.
- 2. Diocesan Recollection on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 :** Monthly Recollection for the clergy is arranged at Bishop's House on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

### **3. Welcome back to Fr. Thumma Kiran**

We welcome Rev. Thumma Kiran back to the Diocese after his 2 years of service in Salzburg Archdiocese in Austria. We wish him God's Blessings for his Ministry in the Diocese.

### **4. Notification**

Rev. Fr. Jesuprathap Narishetti's incardination : Herewith, I communicate to you Rev. Fr. Jesuprathap Narishetti of the Diocese of Warangal has been incardinated into the Diocese of Charleston in USA according to Conons 260, 267 & 269. He has been serving in the same Diocese since 2 years. I thank for his services to the Diocese of Warangal and wish him God's Blessings for his Ministry in Charleston. Warangal loss is Charleston gain. I hope he would continue to help the Diocese of Warangal through all ways and Means.

### **5. Congratulations to Deacon Gopu Thomas**

We congratulate our new Deacon, Gopu Thomas. He was ordained Deacon on 28<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016 by Most Rev. Uduvala Bala, Bishop of Warangal at St. Sacred Heart Church, Kotavenkatapuram, Ookal parish.

## **VIII. INFORMATIONS**

### **1. From WADES Office**

The vision of our shepherd Most Rev. Dr.Udumala Bala to make Catholics become part of the local Warangal Catholic Mission the following resolution was made by the Warangal Diocese Educational Society (WADES). It is resolved that all the High Schools run by WADES should give 50% concession to all the Catholic high school students in Tuition fee. FCT scholarship arranged by the diocese will be considered as part of this concession. All the Heads of the schools under WADES and the parish priests are requested to make note of this and avail this opportunity.

DECO office has allotted seats for admission (2016-17) in various Catholic Schools. The same information was posted to all the concerned schools and the parish priests. If anybody has not received post they could contact me (98494 0056).

Fr. Basani Prakash  
Deputy Manager WADES.

### **2. News from Workers India Federation**

‘A call for Revolution of Tenderness’ in the Jubilee Year of Mercy’

The significance of 2016, the ‘Year of Mercy’ as announced by Pope Francis is an occasion for all those realted to Catholic Church to reflect their compassion and commitments on the issues of the poor workers, especially unorganized domestic and migrant workers of this country.

Work is an integral part of human sustenance and every worker is our companion, brothers or ourselves. On Commemoration of the May Day 2016, the CBCI office for Labour put forward the message “A call for Revolution of Tenderness” in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The basic human rights like fair wages, organizational rights, and rights for Private property, Social security and justice and few among them.

May the St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church and the workers help us in all our efforts to safeguard and protect the rights of the workers.

Commitments and Compassion to do something for the poor workers is necessitated on this day .

Fr. Jaison Vasassery  
Secretary, CBCI Commission for Labour

### **3. CONFERENCE OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS OF INDIA (CDPI)**

What is CDPI? Conference of the Diocesan Priests of India

The Purpose? The main purpose of the CDPI is to help diocesan priests in the country to foster a deeper understanding of their priesthood, whereby they will appreciate and perform

their priestly ministry in a more effective way. Furthermore, it is to promote a spirit of collegiality among priests and to have deeper collaboration between priests and bishops in the country.

Our Participation in recent CDPI held at Goa: We, 7 priests from the diocese of Warangal, namely, Fr. A. Raja, Fr.G. Praksh, Fr. Y. Thomas Kiran, Fr. T. Pradeep, Fr. G. Thomas, Fr. M. Raju and Fr. B. Kishore along with Our bishop, the National chairman of CDPI participated in recent National conference of CDPI held at Goa from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2016 at St. Joseph Vaz Spiritual Renewal Centre, Old Goa.

There were 235 Diocesan Priests of India, who participated from 62 dioceses of country and had a fruitful discussions and deliberations. The theme of the conference is “PRIEST AS MINISTER OF GOD MIRRORED IN THE PERSON OF POPE FRANCIS”. As the fruit of the deliberations at the conference, we find Pope Francis an exemplary model to us pastors.

Fr. Y. Thomas Kiran

**4. From FCT scholarship office:** We conducted one-day seminar for Intermediate and Degree students on 18<sup>th</sup> April for girls and 19<sup>th</sup> April for boys at Jeevadhara Prayer Center, Rampur. 740 students participated in this seminar. Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala came and interacted with the students and spoke to them on the Divine Mercy as we are in the JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY. Fr. S. Prabhkar and Fr. N. Surender spoke on the role of the youth in the Church and in the society and how to live the Christian values taking the examples of the devout youth from the Bible. Fr. P. Prakash explained about the Christian doctrine. Fr. T. Jerome dealt with the challenges that the Youth face in the society. All the students participated actively and were happy about the seminar. Fr. G. Bala Martin, the director of FCT thanked Bishop Udumala Bala and the fathers for their presence and inspiring talks.

- Fr. G. Bala Martin, Director of FCT

## 5. Vocation camp 2016

Vocation: A Calling from God

God calls each of us to a particular vocation in life. The Catholic Church defines both particular vocations as three states of life: single, married, religious, and also a general vocation of all baptized believers. In any of these states of life God calls us to build up society in a manner that reflects the love of God.

Keeping this in mind and to promote good vocations to our diocese, a Four day Vocation camp is organized at St. Xavier Major Seminary, Karunapuram from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016. There were altogether 10 candidates participated from only 5 parishes. The Vocation

camp was started at 4pm on 17<sup>th</sup> and concluded on 21st of April 2016. All the candidates who participated in the camp were happy and they were inspired by different talks given by Fr. P. Prakash, Fr. G. Kamal, Fr. N. Surender, Fr. M. Anand and Fr. Thomas Kiran. All the talks were based on the sacred scripture and their personal sharing. On the second day of Vocation camp Most. Rev. Uduvala Bala, our bishop celebrated Holy Mass and prayed for the candidates, that they may discern their vocation well.

There were also some seminarians who accompanied them by sharing their experience, teaching hymns and other songs. Finally the vocation camp was concluded on 21<sup>st</sup> at 9 am after the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Kiran, the Rector of St. Xavier Major seminary and the Vocation director of the Diocese.

## **6. INNER HEALING RETREAT FOR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS AT DIVINE WORD CENTRE, MUTHANGI, HYDERABAD**

Date: Monday 16 May, 6:00 PM to Saturday 21 May 9:00 AM

Preacher: Rev. Fr. Benny SVD and Team

Registration: On or before 10 May 2016

Registration Fee: Rs. 1200/- per head towards Food, Accommodation (twin sharing room), Water, Retreat Material, Resource Personnel and so on

Contact Nos. : 8331001777 / 9618544544

Email: dwcmuthangi1992@gmail.com

### **MMTS Trains**

1. Take an MMTS train from Secunderabad or Hyderabad to Lingampally
2. Take a Bus from Lingampally to Patancheru.
3. Take an Auto from Patancheru to Divine Word Centre, Muthangi (Popularly known as Muthangi Church)

### **BusFrom Hyderabad (Koti)**

1. Take Bus nos. 217, 218, 218C, 218D, 222, 222A, 225, 225D to Patancheru.
2. Take an Auto from Patancheru to Divine Word Centre, Muthangi (Popularly known as Muthangi Church)From Secunderabad
1. Take Bus no. 219, 226, 226E, 226J to Patancheru. Some 219 buses go upto Isnapur. You can get down at Muthangi Church.
2. Take an Auto from Patancheru to Divine Word Centre, Muthangi (Popularly known as Muthangi Church)

This special retreat will help us to discover our own internal dynamisms, blocks and areas of inner wounds; to live in peace with oneself, others and with God.

**- Fr. C V Benny SVD, Director, DWC**

## **7. Blessing and inauguration of St. Joseph Church at Singaram**

Don Bosco Mission Mariapuram 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The catholic community of Singaram had a great desire: to have a church in their village. On every Wednesday when they came for mass they prayed to God for a church and their prayers were answered by God through the intercession of St. Joseph. On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 our Bishop Most Rev. Uduvala Bala blessed and inaugurated the Church at Singaram. At Ten O'clock The catholic community of Singaram received our Bishop at the entrance of the Village with garlands, flowers and with accompaniment of Dappu. When reaching the Church Bishop blessed the Church and opened the doors of the Church for the Faithful. After that the Alter, crucifix and statues were blessed. The Holy mass started with entrance dance. The church was full. Apart from the Catholics, Christians from other denominations and some Hindus too came for the blessing and for the mass. Bishop gave a beautiful Homily based on the theme "My Temple shall be called House of prayer for the people of all nations"

**8. News from Lodi MSSS :** Desiltation of traditional irrigation tanks: During the month of April 2016, the desiltation program was carried out in 5 traditional irrigation tanks of Kadavendi, Kolkonda, PeddaMaddur, Rambojigudem and Devarappula villages with the support of the village development committees and farmers. We have arranged the excavating machines from the project fund for the removal of the silt and the farmers paid Rs.10/- for each tractor load of silt as local contribution and the land owners have beared the expenses of transportation of silt to their agricultural fields from the irrigation tanks. By applying silt in the fields the soil fertility and soil moisture and yield will increase. By removing the silt, the tanks would be deepened and water storage will increase. The village development committee members, local volunteers, village surpanch,'s and the project staff have supervised the entire work and recorded the activities. 20,000 tractor loads (trips) of tank silt was applied in 965 acres of agriculture land of 510 small and marginal farmers in 5 villages.

**Soil testing :** During the month of Soil testing was conducted with the soil testing kits in Devaruppula field office. We have prepared farmers to collect samples for soil testing in their agricultural field to know the existing soil nutrients in the 20 project villages. The field supervisors and volunteers are doing soil testing to find deficiency in the soil of nine parameters like PH, Organic carbon, nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus, zinc, sulphur, boron, calcareous, iron in each soil sample given by the farmers. The field supervisors - after testing the soil – helped the farmers what to do and how to in their fields basing on the deficiency found in their soil. It was observed that the low, medium and high content of nutrients are found in the field. A report will be served to each farmer to take up further action in agriculture activities.

## **9. St. John's Medical College, Bangalore**

**Good News :** 10 seats will be reserved for Dalit Christians, 10 seats for Tribal Christians and 20 seats for the nuns working in rural areas.

<http://stjohnsadmissions.in/mbbs.html>

MBBS Entrance Test 2016-17

Applications are invited for admission to MBBS Degree Courses for the Academic Year 2016-17.

Applications will be available from 02-03-2016

Total Seats – 150

The ENTRANCE TEST will be conducted ONLINE on 22-05-2016 (Sunday) in several cities across the country.toto

### **Important Dates**

MBBS 2016

March 02, 2016 – Applications Available Online

- April 30, 2016 – Last date for Submitting Application Forms Online
- May 09 to 21, 2016 – Issue of Hall Ticket Online
- May 22, 2016 – Entrance Test (at various Centres across India)
- June 20, 2016 – Announcement of 1st Interview List
- July 04 to 7, 2016 – Interview for 1st List Candidates
- July 12, 2016 – Announcement of 2nd Interview List
- July 25 to 30, 2016 – Interview for 2nd List Candidates
- August 03, 2016 – Announcement of Final Results
- August 08 to 12, 2016 – Admissions
- August 22, 2016 – Classes begin

### **For Queries please contact :**

Email: sjmc.admission@stjohns.in

Online MBBS Application Form Toll-Free Helpline: 1800-209-0215

(Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm Only)

Eligibility for Admission

### **1. Qualifying Examinations**

#### **A candidate seeking admission to first MBBS course:**

shall have passed two year Pre University examination conducted by Department of Pre-University Education, Karnataka State, with English as one of the subjects and Physics, Chemistry and Biology as optional subjects. The candidate shall have passed subjects of English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology individually also. OR

Shall have passed any other examination conducted by Boards/Councils/Intermediate examination established by State Governments / Central Government and recognised as equivalent to two year Pre University examination by the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences / Association of Indian Universities (AIU), with English as one of the subjects and Physics, Chemistry and Biology as optional subjects and the candidate shall have passed subjects of English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology individually. OR

1. Shall have passed Intermediate examination in Science of an Indian University / Board / Council or other recognised examining bodies with Physics, Chemistry and Biology, which shall include a practical test in these subjects and also English as compulsory subject. The candidate shall have passed subjects of English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology individually. OR

2. Shall have passed first year of the three year degree course of a recognised University with Physics, Chemistry and Biology including a practical test in these subjects provided the examination is an ‘University Examination’ and the candidate shall have passed subjects of English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology individually in the pre university or other examinations mentioned in the clauses above. OR

3. Shall have passed B.Sc. Examination of an Indian University, provided that he/she has passed the B.Sc. examination with not less than two of the following subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Biology (Botany, Zoology) provided the candidate has passed subjects of English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology individually in the qualifying examinations mentioned in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii).

**Note :** As per the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences Circular No. RGUHS/AC2-ADM/Misc-2/2005-06 dated 20-10-2005, the 10+2 Examination conducted by the CBSE Delhi, AHSEC Guwahati, Assam etc., the candidates who have opted Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths subjects at the said Examination and failed in any one subject is declared as PASS by the respective Boards. But the University decides to admit candidates to various Health Science courses who have passed individually in optional/core subjects of the qualifying (10+2) examination and the results are declared pass.

Candidates who have passed “Physical Science” instead of Physics and Chemistry as two separate subjects are not eligible for admission to MBBS course as per Medical Council of India Regulations vide letter MCI-37(2)/2001/Med.922 dated 14.02.2001 and RGUHS letter U A/ELY-115/1998-2000 dated 22-05-2001.

## **2. Marks**

The selection of students to medical colleges shall be based on merit provided that:

- In case of admission on the basis of qualifying examination, a candidate for admission to MBBS course must have passed individually in the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English and must have obtained not less than 50% marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology in the qualifying examination. In respect of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Category I, the marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together in qualifying examination be not less than 40% instead of 50% as

above. The SC/ST candidates of outside Karnataka are not entitled for the relaxation in the minimum percentage required for admission as per the Notification No. RGUHS/ACA2-ADM/MISC/2002- 03 dated 24/01/2003.

- In case of admission on the basis of competitive entrance examination, a candidate must have passed individually in the subjects of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and English and must have obtained not less than 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together at the qualifying examination and in addition must have come in the merit list prepared as a result of such competitive entrance examination by securing not less than 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together in the competitive examination. In respect of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes or Category I, the marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry and Biology taken together in qualifying examination and competitive entrance examination be not less than 40% instead of 50% as stated above (vide amendment to MCI Regulations, 1997, notified in Gazette of Government of India dated 29.05.1999).

### **3. Age :**

The candidate should have completed 17 years of age on or before 31st day of December of the year of admission.

### **4. Non eligible Candidates :**

Application will be rejected in the following cases:

1. Who have made more than two attempts to pass the Two year PUC or Equivalent Examination
2. Who have not passed in English and obtained 50% marks in Physics, Chemistry & Biology in aggregate in the 2 year PUC or Equivalent Examination (For SC & ST of Karnataka State only 40%).
3. Religious sisters who have not completed one year of community life after their first Profession, i.e., as on the day of commencement of class.

**4. APPLICATION PROCESS :** Application forms for the MBBS Entrance Exam 2016 will be available ONLINE ONLY at <http://admissions.stjohns.in> from 2nd March 2016. The last date for online application submission is 30th April 2016, 11:59 pm. Beyond the deadline no application will be accepted. Applications can be submitted only one time, and you cannot re-submit your application form again.

**APPLICATION FEE:** •For Indians Rs. 2,000/- •For NRI's & Foreigners Rs.7,500/-

**5. PAYMENT MODE :** 1. The application fee can be paid by online payment mode only 2. You can use a Credit Card, Debit Card or Net Banking for making the payment online. 3. Please ensure that you get a confirmation for the amount paid online. This will be provided to you online once your transaction has been successfully completed. 4. When using a credit card/debit card/Net banking, if the transaction is not successful, please perform the following steps: i. Check with your bank to see if the amount was debited. ii. If the amount has been debited, please contact Local Bank Branch office of your Bank to follow-up

**6. SELECTION PROCESS** Step-1. All India Computer Based Entrance Test. Entrance Test conducted in multiple centres across the country on 22-05-2016 will consist of multiple choice questions in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Step-2. Based on entrance test scores, a certain number of candidates will be shortlisted for interviews category-wise. Interviews will be conducted in two batches. Interview will assess the candidate's aptitude, values, proficiency in English and, for community quota students, Catholic teachings. Final selection of the candidates in the designated categories will be based on inter se MERIT, that is, the cumulative score obtained in the Entrance Test (80%) and the Interview (20%). Candidates are expected to attend the interview at their own expense and to make their own arrangements for stay. No candidate is permitted to stay with any staff member or student of the college, on Campus, during interviews.

**7. DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS** The 150 MBBS Seats will be distributed as follows:

1. All India open merit - 30 seats
2. Institutional staff quota - 10 seats
3. Community quota (Roman Catholics) - 108seats (Of these, 20 seats are reserved for religious sisters, and 30 seats are reserved for socially and economically backward classes)
4. Govt. of India (Nominee) - 1 seat
5. Differently abled - 1 seat • Out of total candidates selected at least 50% will be women, and 33% of Karnataka domicile. • Selection will be on merit basis within the designated categories. • No seats are reserved for students of foreign nationality. Their applications

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**Pope's Intention for the Month of May**

**Universal : Respect for Women**

That in every country of the world, women may be honoured and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

**Evangelization : Holy Rosary**

That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.



**HEARTY CONDOLENCES**

We express our heart-felt condolences to Rev. Fr. Nagothu Maria Joseph and his family members on the demise of his Mother Mrs. Nagothu Lourdamma on 09-04-2016 at Thimmaraopet Parish. Many priests and religious participated in the Funeral Mass. We pray that the Lord may grant her eternal rest. May her soul rest in peace!

## *Priestly Ordination*

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Rev. Fr. B. Chinnappa   | 01-05-1990 |
| Rev. Fr. M. Anand       | 02-05-1994 |
| Rev. Fr. D. Joseph      | 03-05-1990 |
| Rev. Fr. R. Thomas      | 03-05-1990 |
| Rev. Fr. P. Raja        | 04-05-1990 |
| Rev. Fr. Gade Prashanth | 05-05-2014 |
| Rev. Fr. Gade Chinnappa | 07-05-2014 |
| Rev. Fr. Y. Satish      | 08-05-2014 |
| Rev. Fr. P. John Paul   | 09-05-1994 |
| Rev. Fr. Y. Bala        | 12-05-1994 |
| Rev. Fr. G. Sudhakar    | 16-05-1994 |

## *Birthdays in May*

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Fr. Gangarpu Suresh   | 02-05-1984 |
| Fr. Yeruva Papi Reddy | 04-05-1968 |
| Fr. Kasu Showreddy    | 05-05-1963 |
| Fr. Gali Rayappa      | 06-05-1960 |
| Fr. Narisetty Sampath | 09-05-1987 |
| Fr. Rachumalla Inna   | 10-05-1964 |
| Fr. Gade Prakash      | 14-05-1969 |
| Fr. Golamari Rayappa  | 25-05-1967 |

### **JOKES CORNOR**

1. Doctor: You're obese.

Patient: Whoa, for that I definitely want a second opinion.

Doctor: You're quite ugly, too.

2. Today I went to a barber's shop for a shave. The barber asked me to put a small wooden ball in my mouth so he could get a closer shave around my cheeks.

I asked: "But what if I swallow the ball?"

He replied: "No problem sir, you just bring it back tomorrow like everybody else."

### Blessing of Chapal at Singaram Village, Mariapuram Parish



### Blessing of Marian Grotto, Shayampet, Ookal Parish



### Warangal Diocesan Society General Body Meeting, Pastoral Centre



### Vocation Camp



### Seminar for Inter & Degree Students



### Lodi General Body Meeting at Pastoral Centre





*Hearty Congratulations Dear His Lordship  
Most Rev. UDUMALA BALA*  
*we the priests, consecrated and people of God  
wish you as you celebrate your Episcopal Ordination  
Anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup> May*

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