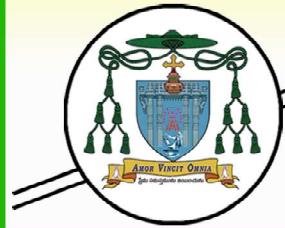


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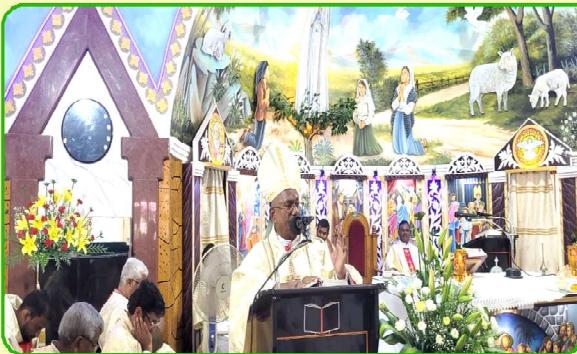
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Happy Feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary





Warangal Diocese Clergy Day St. Francis Xavier's Major Seminary, Karunapuram



Golden Jubilee of FMM Sisters at Assunta Bhavan, Subedari



National Youth Sunday Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar

**Girl Child Day Vs Kolkata Ghastly Rape-Murder
Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**

With shockwaves across India, the Buzz talk of the General Public in the last month is about the horrifying rape and murder of a young doctorat Kolkata's R.G Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9, 2024. The gruesome act triggered outrage across India revealing persistent failure of Indian ethos itself!

Despite strict legislative measures and growing awareness, the incidence of violence against women continues to be alarmingly high in India.



From domestic violence and sexual assault to dowry-related crimes

along with women trafficking, women in India face a wide spectrum of threats to their *safety, dignity and well-being*. Crimes Against Women are 'Gender inequality, female foeticide, Acid attacks, Sexual Harassment at Work, Child Marriage, Dowry-System, Domestic Violence, trafficking, Rape/ gang rape, kidnapping and abduction attack with intent to outrage modesty, cruelty by husband or relatives, etc.

The roots of this persistent problem lie deep within India's complex social fabric, where patriarchal norms, economic disparities, and cultural practices often intersect to perpetuate gender-based violence. While urban areas have seen increased reporting and awareness, rural areas still wrestle with underreporting due to social stigma and lack of access to support systems. Addressing this complex problem requires not only enforcing existing laws more effectively but also adopting a many-sided approach that includes community engagement, heightened support systems, and comprehensive data analysis to create a safer and more equitable environment for women. In protecting women, is humanity failing, or is it due to patriarchal mentality or even the law itself failing Women?

Hail Mary, A Girl Child

God, in His infinite wisdom created human persons male and female with equal dignity and with complimentary gifts and responsibilities (Gen 1: 27). Though we do not have the exact date and place of Birth of Mary, we celebrate her Birth as historic and most joyous birthday event. It is only next to Jesus' birth that both Heaven and Earth celebrate with highest possible rejoicing. In God's sight, male and female are equal but Humans disturbed God's plan and therefore, many societies treat female as second or no class beings, suppressing them in many heinous ways. With patriarchal mind-set, many times men treat women brutally and even diabolically from birth and even conception to death. In God's sight girl child is very precious and therefore, from the beginning the Catholic Church gives equal respect to any child born, even conceived. Because of the horrifying treatment of women, the Church set apart, the Birthday of Mary as "Girl-Child Day". Every time a horrendous violent crime is committed on a woman, millions of humane and compassionate Indians are deeply disturbed by such criminality and make a hue and cry against it and demand for justice. This kind of justice was pointed out by the Church long ago and even established the Girl Child Day in order to conscientize the public and go beyond punishing the culprits and paying lumpsum money to the victim. But a deeper change of mind towards the dignity, freedom and equality of the

female gender is to be acknowledge and followed. The following Challenges are to be addressed to wipe out Crimes Against Women!

Challenges In India

Despite great Indian values about woman as equal to God, We have a poor value system:

- **Patriarchal Societal Values** that view women as subordinate contribute to a culture of violence that undermine women's autonomy.
- **Gender inequality & Cultural Attitudes:** Disparities from conception to death especially in **education, employment opportunities, etc.**
- **Exploitation at Workplace:** Despite the enactment of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013, India continues to wrestle with many cases.
- **Social Stigma and Victim Blaming:** Victim-blaming attitudes discourage women from reporting crimes.
- **Lack of Education and Awareness:** Limited education about **women's rights and legal protections** can leave women unprotected.
- **Economic Dependency:** Women, economically dependent on male family members may find it difficult to escape abusive situations even by husbands.
- **Technological and Cyber Threats:** With the rise of digital platforms, women face new forms of **harassment and abuse online. Cyberbullying, pestering, and sharing of intimate images** are increasingly common issues.
- **Substance Abuse:** Substance abuse is linked to increased violence against women under the influence of **alcohol or drugs.**
- **False Allegation:** Registering **fake rape cases** can seriously undermine the credibility of genuine victims. When people hear about false accusations, they may doubt the truthfulness of real cases.

Legal Measures taken to Enhance Women's Safety

Organizations with over 10 employees to set up **Internal Complaints Committees (ICC).**

Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013: Also known as the **Nirbhaya Act.**

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (**POCSO**)-2012

The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act of 1986.

The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (ITP) of 1956.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao(BBBP): The scheme aims to prevent **gender biased sex selective elimination**, to ensure **survival and protection** of the girl child ensuring **education.**

To Conclude

In the creation of Human persons as male and female and by law in India, women are given equal freedom. But Indian beliefs, traditions, practices deprive it and many crimes behind-curtain take place, even among Christians. May Mary, the Girl Child of God to Humanity, make us realize appreciate Women's autonomy, equality and dignity and Bless All our WOMEN!! With Mahatma Gandhi, let us state: "The day a woman can walk freely on the roads at night, that day we can say that India has achieved independence".

II. Holy Father's General Intention: For the Cry of the Earth

We pray for that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of Victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

III. Pope's Message for September 1: on Environment For the cry of the earth



In a video message accompanying his prayer intention for September, Pope Francis prays that “each of us might listen with our hearts to the cry of the earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and climate change, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.” Considering rising temperatures around the globe, we can say the earth has a “fever”, Pope Francis says in his video-message announcing this month’s prayer intention.

The earth “is sick”, he continues, “just like anyone who’s sick”.”But are we listening to this pain?” he asks. “Do we hear the pain of the millions of victims of environmental catastrophes.”

In his message the Holy Father notes that it is the poor who suffer most from these disasters, pointing especially to those forced to leave their homes due to floods, heat waves, or drought. Our response, he continues, must be comprehensive, involving not only ecological but also “social, economic, and political” action. “We must commit ourselves to the fight against poverty and the protection of nature, changing our personal and community habits.”

“We must commit ourselves to the fight against poverty”, the Pope says, and to “the protection of nature” by making both personal and communal changes”.

Pope Francis’ prayer during the month of September – when the Church observes the “Season of Creation” – is “that each of us might listen with our hearts to the cry of the earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and climate change, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit”.

Pope Francis, he concludes, “invites us to prayer, for only prayer can awaken our an aesthetised hearts”.

IV. Message of Pope Francis on Migrants Day: September 24

Encounter with a Migrant is an Encounter with Christ

In his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis invites us to see migrations as a sign of the times and as a symbol of the Church's pilgrimage throughout history.

"See in the migrants of our time, as in those of every age, a living image of God's people on their way to the eternal homeland," writes Pope Francis in his 2024 Message for the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

The World Day, celebrated annually on 24 September, is a call to believers to show support and closeness to the millions of men, women and children who are forced to leave their homes.

The current global estimate is that there were around 281 million international migrants in the world in 2020, which equates to 3.6 per cent of the global population, and that number continues to rise.

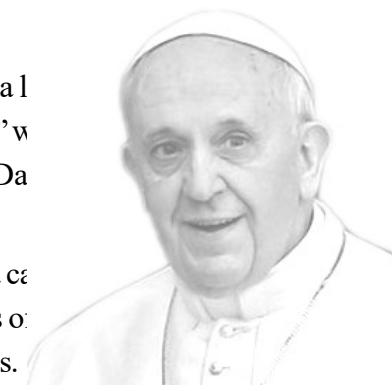
Pointing out that God not only walks with His people, but also within them, the Pope invites us all to walk in a "synodal" way - in the Church and in the world - in order to move forward on our own pilgrimage toward the heavenly homeland.

God walks with his people

The message's title, "God walks with His people," immediately points to the synodal dimension that the Pope constantly invites the Church and the people of God to live every day and in every moment. Recalling the introduction to the synthesis report released at the conclusion of the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality last October, the Pope writes, "Synodality is mainly presented as a joint journey of the People of God" that allows the Church "to rediscover its itinerant nature, as the People of God journeying through history on pilgrimage, 'migrating', we could say, toward the Kingdom of Heaven." Thus, as he so often does, the Pope calls us to recognize the Lord present in the millions of people who are forced to migrate due to conflict, persecution, poverty, and the climate crisis, "as a living image of God's people on their way to the eternal homeland."

Journeys of hope

"Their journeys of hope remind us that 'our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,'" he says. "Their journeys of hope remind us that our citizenship is in heaven." Recalling images of the biblical exodus, he notes it shares many similarities with the plight of migrants: "Like the people of Israel in the time of Moses, migrants often flee from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities



for development. Similar to the Jews in the desert, migrants encounter many obstacles in their path: they are tried by thirst and hunger; they are exhausted by toil and disease; they are tempted by despair.”

And God, he reminds us, “not only walks with His people, but also within them, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this, we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation.” “God not only walks with His people, but also within them.”

From tent to tent

Pope Francis points out that “the fundamental reality of the Exodus, of every exodus, is that God precedes and accompanies His people and all His children in every time and place.” Thus, he adds, “God’s presence in the midst of the people is a certainty of salvation history: “The Lord your God goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake you”. Referring, yet again, to biblical texts, the Holy Father recalls that in the Law that God gave Moses, He provided instructions to build a “tent” as a place of worship that could be moved each time they changed location.

This he says, makes God’s closeness tangible at all times. “The tent is a form of presence especially dear to the Lord,” he said, noting that “during David’s reign, God chose to dwell in a tent, not a temple, so that He could walk with His people, ‘from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling’.

Travelling companion

Many migrants, the Pope continues, “experience God as their travelling companion, guide and anchor of salvation.” He notes they “entrust themselves to Him before setting out and seek Him in times of need. In Him, they find consolation in moments of discouragement.” “How many Bibles, copies of the Gospels, prayer books, and rosaries accompany migrants on their journeys across deserts, rivers, seas, and the borders of every continent!”

An encounter with Christ

Pope Francis reiterates his call to us to open our hearts and doors to our brothers and sisters on the move, reminding us that “the encounter with the migrant, as with every brother and sister in need, is also an encounter with Christ.”

Christ Himself has said so many times, he noted, and the Scriptures are full of references to this reality. Recalling the 2019 Message for the World Day of the Poor, the Pope says: “Every encounter along the way represents an opportunity to meet the Lord; it is an occasion charged with salvation, because Jesus is present in the sister or brother in need of our help. In this sense, the poor save us, because they enable us to encounter the face of the Lord.”

V. Feast of St. Theresa of Calcutta (Sep. 5)

On August 26, 1910, Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia. As a young girl she was very involved in parish activities, and her mother told her many stories of missionaries, who inspired her greatly. In 1928, at age 18, Agnes joined the missionary order of the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin, Ireland. There she was given the name Sister Mary Teresa. As a young Sister in 1929 she traveled to Calcutta (today known as Kolkata), India, to teach at a school for girls. She continued to teach at various schools in India for 20 years. During that time, she was deeply moved by the number of sick and dying people on the streets. On September 10, 1946, while traveling by train to Darjeeling, Sister Mary Teresa experienced a “call within a call.” She felt called to be God’s love in action: to serve the sick and dying, the hungry and homeless. She received permission to leave the Loreto convent. Then she sought medical training and became determined to serve the poorest of the poor. Eventually, she was joined by other women. Some of these women were her former students, and they helped her serve the poor. In 1950 she established an order of religious women called the Missionaries of Charity.

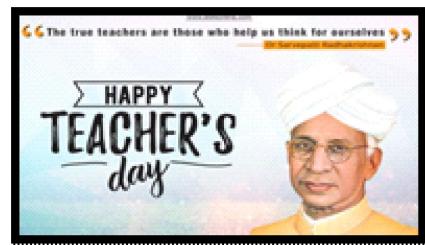


Over time the Missionaries of Charity have built centers throughout the world. In 1979 Mother Teresa, as she was known by then, received the Nobel Peace Prize. She captivated the world as few other people have. Her simple message was: “We are put on earth to do something beautiful for God.” Mother Teresa’s spiritual vitality can be described with these words. “Don’t search for God in faraway lands. He is not there. He is close to you. He is with you. Just keep that lamp burning, and you will always see him.

VI. Teachers' Day (Sep. 5)

EDUCATION FEST (August 29-September 5)

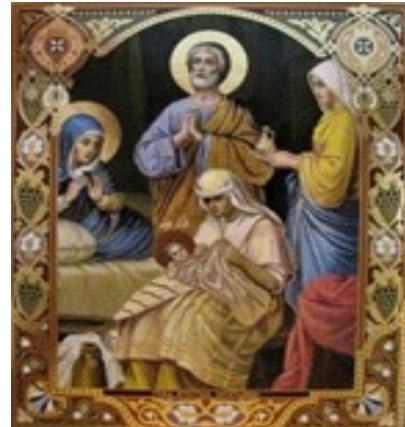
In India, Teacher's Day is celebrated every year on 5th September as a mark of accolade to the part played by the teachers in the society. The Celebrations began 60years ago and therefore, a week of “ଶ୍ରୀ ରାଧାକୃଷ୍ଣନାନୀ ଦେହିତିଥିଲାମାରୁକୁ ପରିଚାଳନା କରିବାରେ” is celebrated. 5th September is the birth anniversary of a great mentor Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, who was a grand advocate of edification, and was the distinguished envoy, academician, and India's President, above all a great Teacher. Teacher's Day is one of the events that is looked up by the students and the teachers in a similar way on this juncture it is the teachers who are praised. On this day, students comprehend how important is the role



of a teacher in a student's life. Teachers should always be respected. Teachers need support and encouragement from the society to sense that their fidelity to scholars is treasured and cherished. In India, on the eve of Teachers Day, the National Awards are given to the Teachers by the President of India on 5th September. The award is given as a public gratitude to praiseworthy teachers working in the primary schools, middle schools and secondary schools. In fact it is a divine responsibility to guide and enlighten. He also said that India should regain the status of 'Vishwaguru' (leader in education) by giving high respect to teachers whom he asked to encourage students to think critically about issues concerning nation.

VII. Feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary: Girl Child Day (Sep. 8)

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.



Reflection: We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world. This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning. Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

VIII. Our Lady of Good Health – (Sep. 8)

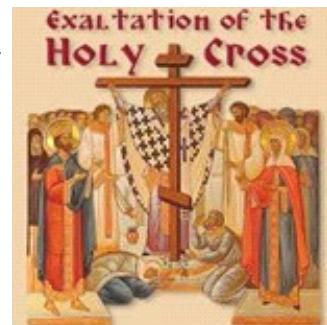
There are three major events associated with Our Lady of Good of Health in Vailankanni. The Virgin Mary is said by tradition to have appeared to a shepherded boy named Tamil Krishnannesti Sankaranaranayam who offered her child milk. She is subsequently said to have appeared to and healed a crippled boy selling buttermilk. A group of Portuguese sailors attribute being saved from a violent storm to her intercession. They constructed a larger chapel at their landing spot in Vailankanni. Around the end of the 16th century, a poor widow and her lame son lived in Vailankanni.



Every day the lame boy used to sit under a banyan tree at a place called ‘Nadu Thittu’ (central mound) and sell buttermilk to the thirsty wayfarers. One day, a very bright light appeared in front of him and from amidst the light, a Lady of peerless grace with a divine Child in her arms, asked the boy for a cup of butter-milk. Then she directed him to go and inform a catholic gentleman at Nagapattinam to put up a Chapel in her name on the spot of her apparition. The boy realized that his legs had become normal upon the word from the Lady. With great joy, he ran to Nagapattinam to carry out the errand. Having been already directed in a vision by Our Lady, the Catholic gentleman, with the support of the people, built a Chapel at ‘Nadu Thittu’ where now stands the present Shrine Basilica. The Lady was called, ‘Our Lady of Good Health’.

IX. Feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sep. 14)

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ’s life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior’s tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus’ head: Then “all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on.” According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.



The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

X. Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sep. 15)

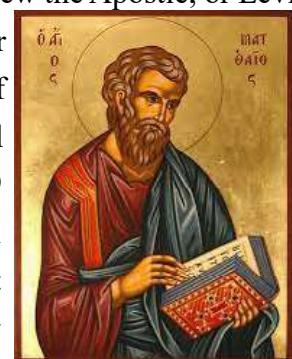
The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows commemorates the seven great sorrows which Mary lived in relation to Her Son, as they are recorded in the Gospels or through Tradition. Today we are invited to reflect on Mary's deep suffering: 1. At the prophecy of Simeon: "You yourself shall be pierced with a sword - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare." (Luke 2:35). 2. At the flight into Egypt; "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt." (Mt 2:13). 3. Having lost the Holy Child at Jerusalem; "You see that your father and I have been searching for you in sorrow." (Luke 2:48). 4.



Meeting Jesus on his way to Calvary; 5. Standing at the foot of the Cross; "Near the cross of Jesus there stood His mother." (John 19:25). 6. Jesus being taken from the Cross; 7. At the burial of Christ. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, there were two feasts devoted to the sorrows of Mary. The first feast was instituted in Cologne in 1413 as expiation for the sins of the iconoclast Hussites. The second is attributed to the Servite order whose principal devotion are the Seven Sorrows. It was instituted in 1668, though the devotion had been in existence since 1239 - five years after the founding of the order.

XI. Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Sep. 21)

St. Matthew, also called St. Matthew the Evangelist, St. Matthew the Apostle, or Levi, (flourished 1st century CE, Palestine; Western feast day September 21, Eastern feast day November 16), one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ and the traditional author of the first Synoptic Gospel (the Gospel According to Matthew). According to Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:14, Matthew was sitting by the customs house in Capernaum, when Jesus called him into his company. Assuming that the identification of Matthew with Levi is correct, Matthew (probably



meaning “Yahweh’s Gift”) would appear to be the Christian name of Levi (called by Mark “Levi the son of Alphaeus”), who had been employed as a tax collector in the service of Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee. Because Levi’s occupation was one that earned distrust and contempt everywhere, the scribes of the Pharisees criticized Jesus on seeing him eat with tax collectors and sinners, whereupon Jesus answered, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Mark 2:15–17). According to Luke 5:29, the aforementioned dinner was given by Levi in his house after his call. The Gospel According to Matthew was certainly written for a Jewish-Christian church in a strongly Jewish environment, but that this Matthew is definitely the Synoptic author is seriously doubted. Tradition notes his ministry in Judaea, after which he supposedly missioned to the East, suggesting Ethiopia and Persia. Legend differs as to the scene of his missions and as to whether he died a natural death or a martyr’s. Matthew’s relics were reputedly discovered in Salerno (Italy) in 1080. His symbol is an angel, and he is a patron saint of tax collectors and accountants.

XII. Feast of the Archangels (Sep. 29)

The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. Michael (Who is like God?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. Gabriel (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, “Hail, full of grace,” is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. Raphael (Medicine of God) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey. Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity. They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.



XIII. Bishop's Schedule for September, 2024

- 01: World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
- 02: Office Day
- 03-05: TCBC Extraordinary Meeting, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
- 06: TCC Meeting at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
- 07: Visit of SDB Regional Superior and Sacred Heart Bother's Superior General
- 08: Velankanni Arogyamatha Feast Celebrations at Diesel Colony Shrine: Girl Child Day
- 09: Office for the Consecrated
- 14: Seminar on Women Abuse Issues: self defense organized by CRI Warangal Unit, Divya Deepthi Bhavan, Fatimanagar
- 16: Office Day
- 18: FABC Office for Clergy Virtual Meeting
- 26: Office Day
- 28: Ongoing Formation for Animators and Catechists Organized by Jyotirmai at Divya Deepthi Bhavan, Fatimanagar

October 2024

- 01: Office Day
- 04: St. Francis of Assisi Feast Celebrations at Assisi Parish
- 05: Holy Matrimony at Gudur Village
- 07-11: Annual Retreat, Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 12: Seminar for FCT College Students at Jeevadhara, Rampur
- 13: FCT Children's Camp at Jeevadhara, Rampur

XIV. Communications

1. Bon Voyage to USA: Rev. Frs. Thumma Ashok and Golamari Joseph were assigned for Ministry in Jackson diocese, Mississippi State, USA and as their documentation is ready, they would be flying on September 4, 2024 to USA.

The Diocese wishes them Good Acclimatization, Fruitful Ministry and Bon Voyage!!

2. Transfer-Adjustments

I. Fr. T. Ashok and Fr. G. Joseph are relieved from their present assignments at Nekkonda School cum Parish and St. Pius and St. Xavier's Major Seminaries at Karunapuram respectively.

II. Rev. Fr. Gopu Suresh-welcome back from Genoa, Italy: We are happy to receive Fr. Gopu Suresh, who is back to the Diocese of Warangal after six years of pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Genoa, Italy. He is appointed as Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Dornakal. We wish him fruitful ministry at Dornakal.

III. Rev. Fr. T. Yaga Reddy has an additional assignment as Incharge Pastor of Theegarajupalli and Father Colombo School at Nekkonda.

IV. Rev. Fr. M. Praveen is assigned to St. Pius and St. Xavier's Seminaries as associate to Rev. Fr. S. Balashowry, the Rector.

NB: All the above Transfer-Adjustments come with effect on September 1, 2024.

NB: Kindly make a special collection on any one of the Sundays in November month for Land Slide Victims of Kerala.

3. Condolences to Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnapareddy, Fr. Yeruva Innareddy & Fr. Yeruva Papireddy:

The Diocese of Warangal was saddened to hear the news of the demise of Mrs. Yeruva Mariamma, the Mother of Rev. Frs. Yeruva Chinnappa, Inna Reddy and Papireddy, aged 93 at 7:15 pm on 09-08-2024 at Agapet after a few days of illness. She had a Holy and Peaceful Death.

The Diocese conveyed heartfelt condolences to Rev Frs. Y. Chinnappa, Y. Inna and Y. Papireddy and to the bereaved family we continue to pray that May her Soul rest in Peace. The Funeral Mass and Burial Services were held in Agapet Village of Narimetta Parish at 3.00 pm on 10th of August 2024. The Holy Eucharist presided by our Bishop Uduamala Bala, concelebrated by Many Priests.

4. World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September 2024: The Holy Father asks us to pray for creation on September 1st. World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation "an opportunity to strengthen the common commitment to safeguard life, respecting the environment and nature". Please organize special prayers for the care on Creation on this important Day.

5. Celebrating the Girl Child Day on 8 September 2024: I request all the Parish Priests to promote the equality of girl child with boy-child. Both are gifts of God. Let us celebrate the Mass and underline gender equality in our homilies. Kindly conduct some prayer services, seminars and competitions for all to conscientize all about the theme of equality of male and female genders.

6. Annual Retreat in October: All the priests are requested to take note of the Annual Retreat for 2024. The Retreat is from October 7-11, 2024 at Bishop's House, Fatimanagar. Please block the dates in your calendar and attend the retreat without fail, unless other arrangements are made with Bishop's permission.

7. Deanery Level Recollection in September: Deans are requested to organize the September monthly recollection on Deanery level in 2nd week of September, 2024. All the priests in the Deanery are expected to attend it.

8. News from CDPI Warangal Unit

In honor of St. John Maria Vianney, the Patron saint for priests, a day of recollection and fun filled day was organized on August 08, 2024, at St. Xavier Major Seminary and Don Bosco Seminary premises, Karunapuram, for the clergy in the diocese. The day began with reflecting on the LIFE OF PRIESTHOOD preached by Rev. Fr. Francis Pasupulaty, followed by Eucharistic adoration and blessing showered through Fatimanagar Deanary.



Sports & games were organized. Competitions were held in groups of denary levels and individuals. Games and sports like, Tug of war, foot ball, volley ball, basket ball, Fast walking, and Slow cycling were organized. Many priest, seniors and juniors, including our bishop participated with great zeal and there was a very good competitive spirit in all the events. It was a great fun filled memorable and a day of relaxation, building bond among Priests.



We the organizing committee of Rev. Fr. Bala Showry Singareddy Rector, St. Xavier's Major Seminary, Rev. Fr. Donthireddy Raja SDB, Rector Don Bosco House, extend our sincere thanks to His Lordship Most Dr. Rev. Udu mala Bala, Bishop of Warangal, for making this day a reality. We also acknowledge the services of all the collaborators. A special word of thank to all the seminarians who helped us in organizing the games and sports and also the domestic staff.

Fr. Thumma Santhosh, President – CDPI Warangal Unit

9. News from Lodi MSSS:

I. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among the Poor and Marginalized rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in 22 villages of Dharmasagar and Velair Mandals of Hanamkonda district. **Donor:** Andheri Hilfe, BMZ, Germany.

1. Training was given to 11 project staff on Community organisation, Committees Formation/strengthening, Staff roles & responsibilities, Project goal, objectives, Outcome and output results, activities, reporting, documentation and monitoring. 2. Trained 500 women on Backyard vegetable gardening at village level, to grow vegetables in backyard and enhance income and vegetable consumption.

II. Title of the Project: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Tribal, Dalit and Backward Class Communities of 23 villages of Akkannapet Mandal of Siddipet district. **Donor:** Manos Unidas, Spain. 1. 264 Farmers gained knowledge on Promotion of multi-cropping and traditional crops and vegetable gardens. 2. Constructed 100 Vermi pits units for 100 farmers and applied the vermi compost in 72 acres of land.

III. Care and Support program for HIV infected / affected children. **Donor:** Diocese of Salzburg, Austria and CHAI, Secunderabad. Distributed Nutrition support to 150 HIV infected / affected children. Conducted free medical camp for HIV infected / affected persons and distributed medicines as per the need.



IV. Title of the Project: Sustainable agriculture based Food Security and Livelihood for 4000 tribal, Dalit & backward communities in Chennaraopet Mandal of Warangal District.

Donor: Italian Bishops' Conference. Distributed 100 Agricultural Sprayer pumps to the farmers in 6 villages of Chennaraopet Mandal. Distributed Neem Oil to 150 farmers and Yellow Sticky Traps to 300 farmers.

V. Capacity building program for Youth: With the support of Indian Social Institute, Bengaluru, Capacity building program was conducted from 23rd to 25th August 2024 for 35 youth at Lodi MSSS with the topic: “Self and Society”. **Methodology followed:** a) Input by Resource Persons b) Personal Reflection c) Group Sharing.

Objectives: i) To explore inner self, which will help the youth to realize their potential and move towards achieving their dreams. ii) To identify the roles of youth as individuals, in their families and in communities to engage in community based activities.

Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director, LODI MSSS

10. News from WADES: Report on WADES Primary School Teachers Meeting

The Training session was convened on 10.08.2024 and began at 10.00 AM with the arrival of Most. Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala, the President of WADES, followed by invocation of God's presence by the hymn of Blessings and Scripture Reading. Rev. Fr. M. Jayapaul, the deputy manager of WADES, welcomed the gathering and shared the importance of learning and developing. The words of Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala, the President of WADES, filled the minds of teachers to be the architects for shaping the tomorrow. Followed by felicitation and Giju Bhai trainees sailed all further.



Play Way Method Learning: During the teachers meeting by Giju Bhai Academy, the focus shifted to the importance of active learning in the classroom. Teachers discussed how engaging students through hands-on activities, group discussions, and problem-solving exercises can significantly enhance understanding and retention. The play-way method of learning emphasizes on how this approach transforms education by making it more engaging and enjoyable for young children. The teachers shared experiences of implementing play-based activities in their classrooms, noting how these activities help children learn concepts naturally through exploration and interaction. The teachers' meeting held by The WADES was highly productive, allowing teachers to share their experiences, address challenges, and collaboratively enhance the training program. The discussions led to actionable steps, including improved classroom strategies and the introduction of additional support resources.

Fr. M. Jayapaul, Manager of WADES

11. News from Divya Vani: 8 Years Young

We have started recording the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Parishes to telecast in Divyavani Channel. Therefore those would like to have the shooting in your respective Parishes kindly contact me.

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

Fr. G. Anukiran, Zonal Director-DVSC

12. Celebrations of National Youth Sunday

We celebrated the National Youth Sunday on 11 Aug 2024 in Fatima Cathedral. Our beloved Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala celebrated the Holy Eucharist, I visited some of the Tricity parishes and encouraged the youth to participate in the National Youth Day Celebrations, many youth came from the Tricity parishes and participated in the Mass, after the Mass, our beloved Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala had a dialogue with the youth and motivated them, some of the youth gave their speeches on values and morals in life, I thank our Bishop for celebrating Mass



for the youth and encouraging them, I congratulated all the youth who participated in the National youth Sunday.

Fr. P. Suresh, Director-Youth Centre

13. News from the Pastoral Centre

Marriage Preparation Course (MPC): Our Marriage Preparation Course is held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, offering engaged couples a blend of spiritual enrichment and practical insights crucial for a thriving marriage. This month, we had the pleasure of hosting 16 enthusiastic participants who actively contributed to and benefited from the sessions facilitated by our esteemed Pastoral Centre leader, Fr. B. Jayaraj OCD and Fr. T. Joseph, the Director of the Youth Centre. The course concluded with the celebration of Holy Mass followed by the presentation of certificates, symbolizing the commencement of their sacramental journey.

Preparations for Jubilee 2025 (Pilgrims of Hope)

1) As we are preparing for the Jubilee Year 2025, themed “Year of Prayer - 2024,” our outreach efforts include visiting parishes on Sundays to deepen the knowledge about the year of jubilee and to foster community faith and spirit. This month, our visits took us to Naimnagar St. Peter’s Parish and Ramnagar Diesel Colony Parish. These gatherings included preaching the Word of God, celebrating the Holy Mass and encouraging the faithful to embark on a spiritual preparation for the forthcoming Jubilee. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr. G. Chinnapareddy and Rev. Fr. M. Jayapaul for their dedicated support and collaboration in this noble endeavor.

2) I attended a training program on Diocesan Contact Person for the Jubilee 2025 focused on the preparations and celebrations for Jubilee 2025 on August 16-17 at NBCLC, Bengaluru, Karnataka. The training program covered the following key topics:

The Significance of Jubilee 2025:

Understanding the historical and spiritual importance of the Jubilee.



- The Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council: Deepening our knowledge of these foundational documents.

- The Year of Prayer: Strategies to foster a spirit of prayer throughout the Jubilee year.

- Diocesan Programs for the Jubilee Year: Planning and executing impactful local programs.

It was a fruitful training program in making Jubilee 2025 a memorable and spiritually enriching event for all.

Fr. T. Joseph, Director, Pastoral Centre

14. News from CRI-WARANGAL UNIT:

When we turn the pages of a newspaper, we come across many headlines reporting cases of sexual assault, molestation, sexual harassment, rapes, trafficking, ill treatment of women in houses, violence against women in remote areas etc. The crime comes amidst heightened concerns about sexual violence in India. It seems that criminals are no longer afraid of the law. It is also evident that cities in India can no longer claim to be safe for the growing number of working women. We must have remedial or curative measures such as fast track courts especially dedicated to deal only with these offences and crimes. These can be made responsible to clear the cases on day to day basis with fair trial as its core principle. The law should be strong enough so that nobody could ever imagine of doing such things. It is time for the government to undertake drastic measures to put an end to crime against women.

As religious, the present concerns of the society prompt us to educate and teach the women to defend oneself from such kinds of threat. Complying with the Government rules let us think what is our role in safe guarding the women existence. In broader sense how can we contribute for a clean society. Based on the prime concerns of the Society CRI unit Warangal Diocese is organizing a one day seminar. We request all the religious to be a part of it and be open to respond to the current situations of the Society.

Program Guide

Date: 14-09-2024 (2nd Saturday), Time: 9.00 am to 2.00pm

Venue: Divya Deepthi Bhavan, Fatimanagar

Facilitator: An expert team of JMJ sisters, Vizag

Holy Mass by: Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal

Note: We solicit the participation of very many. We request all the superiors to send as many members possible from the community. Encourage the young religious also to be a part of it.

Registration fee: Rs.300/-

**Fr. Raja Ratnam Madanu, President
CRI- Warangal Unit**

15. News from Medicare General Hospital and FCIMS

On the 15th death anniversary of Father Colombo, everyone at Father Colombo Institute of Medical Sciences and Medicare General Hospital fondly remembered his dream, his remarkable work, and his tireless efforts to establish Hospital and a Medical college and appreciated Our Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala's dedication to realizing Father Colombo's vision, transforming it into reality by founding Hospital, medical college, nursing college and College for Allied health sciences and further developing the campus into a comprehensive Health City. The program saw the participation of Fr. Tharun





Reddy, Director of FCIMS, Fr. Chinnappa Reddy, Director of Medicare General Hospital, Fr. G. Bala Martin, Dr. Mahender Reddy, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Nazia, the Administrative Officer, Sr. Pushpa Administrator of MGH, Sr. Antony Lourdu Mary vice principal of FCCN, Sr. Pushpaleela And hospital Doctors along with staff and students.

Fr. G. Chinnappa Reddy, Director of MGH

16. Inauguration of the new gate, arch for calvary and Guanellian Day Care Centre

On 25th August 2024 the inauguration of the New Gate, Arch for Calvary and Guanella Day Care Centre for Persons with Disability took place in Mahabubabad, Warangal Diocese.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala, the Bishop of Warangal Diocese, who blessed and opened the Fatima Venue Gate, Arch and inaugurated the Day Care Centre for persons with disabilities. The event commenced with a welcome address by Fr. Simon who highlighted the importance of the New Gate. Fr. Joseph Peter welcomed our Lordship to bless and inaugurate the Guanella Day Care Centre. During the keynote speech Fr. Francis the Province Treasure, expressed deep appreciation for the initiative and emphasized the need for more such centers across the country. "This Centre represents a significant step forward in our commitment to providing comprehensive care and support for persons with special needs." I thank His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Uduvala Bala, Bishop of Warangal for his encouragement and Support.

Fr. Paul Raj, Sdc-Yesugutta

Birthday Babies in the Month of September

Rev. Fr. Gopu Kamal Kumar	02-09-1982
Rev. Fr. Thumma Kiran	16-09-1977
Rev. Fr. Duggimpudi Prashanth	16-09-1977
Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen Reddy	29-09-1971
Rev. Fr. Narisetti Balaswamy	29-09-1969

Priestly Ordinations in the month of September

Rev. Fr. Gangarapu Anukiran	14-09-2021
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Necrology: R.I.P

Rev. Fr. Avito Pottukukam, Ofm Cap.	19-09-2004
Rev. Fr. Goa Showraiah	21-09-2010
Rev. Fr. Kasu Rayappa	04-09-2011
Rev. Fr. Luigi Delisaandri, PIME	30-09-2011
Rev. Fr. Gopu Chinnappa Reddy	23-09-2020
Rev Fr. Yeruva Joji Reddy	17-09-2021

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

WARANGAL DIOCESE
BISHOP'S HOUSE, FATIMANAGAR, WARANGAL – 506 004

	June	July	August
Appannapet Parish	1200.00	1550.00	1100.00
Assisinagar Parish			
Atmakur Parish	600.00		
Bachannapet			
Balapala Parish			
Cherial Parish			
Dacharam Parish	736.00		
Devagiripatnam Parish			
Dharmasagar Parish	1800.00	1452.00	2143.00
Diesel Colony Parish		2220.00	2400.00
Dornakal Parish	1647.00	2643.00	2461.00
Ekasilanagar Parish	3120.00	2658.00	1360.00
Elkathurthy Parish	1522.00	1622.00	1733.00
Eppagudem Mission	500.00		
Fatimanagar Parish	13500.00	12,500.00	14000.00
Ghanpur Parish	2066.00	1926.00	
Godavarikhani Parish			
Hasanparthy Parish	645.00	675.00	480.00
Husnabad Parish	140-00	120.00	130.00
Jagitial Parish	587.00	600.00	650.00
Jangaon Parish	3715.00	4045.00	4800.00
Jammikunta Parish			
Kadavendi Parish	850.00	800.00	450.00
Kamalapuram Parish			

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

WARANGDAL DIOCESE
BISHOP'S HOUSE, FATIMANAGAR, WARANGAL – 506 004

Kanchanapally Parish	1800.00	1825.00	1815.00
Karimnagar Parish	2000.00	4000.00	4000.00
Karunapuram Parish	2000.00	2500.00	1000.00
Kazipet Parish	2200.00	3644.00	3379.00
Kesamudram Parish			
Korutla Parish			
Kumarpally Parish	800.00	700.00	
Madhapuram Parish	100.00	100.00	100.00
Mahabubabad Parish	320.00	317.00	
Malkapur Parish	700.00	550.00	440.00
Mallakapally Parish	500.00	450.00	550.00
Manugonda Parish	830.00		610.00
Manthani Parish			
Maripeda Parish			
Mariapuram -Don Bosco Parish	700.00	1200.00	750.00
Narmetta Parish	910.00	1100.00	1584.00
Narsampet Parish	180.00	220.00	
Nellikuduru Parish			
Mariapuram-Ookal Parish			
Palakurthy Parish	250.00	350.00	300.00
Palavelpula Parish	850.00		
Pallagutta Parish	230.00		
Parkal Parish	350.00	350.00	
Pasara Parish	280.00		324.00

Pulukurthy Parish	200.00	250.00	
Rampur Parish	500.00	520.00	500.00
Ranipuram Parish	572.00	570.00	
Reddypalem Parish	1212.00	1024.00	1245.00
Reddypuram Parish	700.00	920.00	950.00
Sagaram Parish	1300.00	1250.00	1050.00
St. Peter's Colony Parish			
Shanthinagar Parish, Vemulawada			
Shanthinagar Parish			
Singaram Parish	2200.00	2050.00	2550.00
Subedari Parish	6000.00	4750.00	6600.00
Thigarajupally Parish	670.00	900.00	660.00
Thimmaraopet Parish	2500.00	2000.00	2100.00
Thorrur Parish	582.00	570.00	
Unikicherla Parish	1121.00	900.00	723.00
Veleru Parish	920.00	655.00	723.00
Venkatapuram Parish	470.00		
Waddepally Parish			
Wardhannapet Parish			
Bheemaram Village	1000.00	1000.00	
Kothi Rampur	500.00	600.00	600.00



Feast of St. Pius X Inter-Diocesan Minor Seminary, Karunapuram



Blessing of Day Care Centre at Mahabubabad Parish



Blessing of Jos Alukkas Jewellery Shop, Hanmakonda



Requiem Mass for Yeruva Mariamma, Mother of Rev. Frs. Yeruva Chinnappareddy, Innareddy & Papireddy



Visit of FCT, MET & VKS friends from Italy



Teacher's Training Program at Fatimanagar



Death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Augusto Colombo, PIME at Karunapuram

