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**Our Bishop Most Rev. Udumala Bala on Mission Co-operation programme and Birthday Celebration in USA**



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### GO GREEN AND BE EVER GREEN

The Earth is a Holy Ground and the world is a Home for all people. God created it and saw it 'good' and indeed made it 'very good' with the creation of Humans. God created it 'green' with the vegetation of various plants and trees. He even carpeted it with lush green grass. The creation loudly proclaims and the land reflects that God is green. Perhaps that is one of the reasons that our eyes like green environment. One of the colors that our sight requires is green. The Greenery attracts and pulls down the blessings of rains from the Heavens.

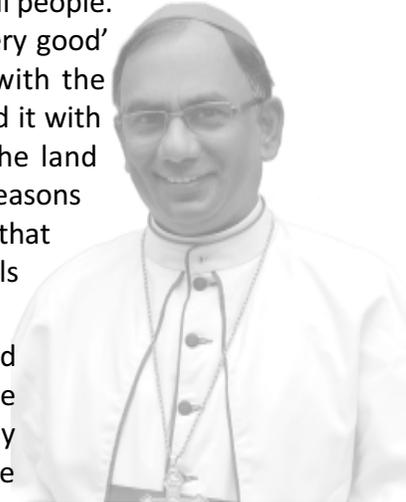
God not only created the earth green but also trusted Humans and entrusted it 'to till and take care'. We may use it for man's need but not for man's greed. Unfortunately we know its condition today. Therefore there is a grave need and most societies realize the need for plantation.

The state government of Telangana called for a Green Week with 'Harita Vikasa' project. Let us join our hands and feet by plantation of trees and plants in the campuses of our Churches, Institutions, streets cum avenues and even Cemeteries. The Catholic Church should be in the forefront in this project by the Clergy and the Consecrated swinging into action and inspiring the faithful and the Students to go green and be evergreen!

As I travel through the length and width of the United States of America with the Project of making the Souls and Lives of our Faithful "Green", I am wonder-struck with the sense of Greenery this nation has. It might be God's gift too but the minds and hearts of the people too have become green. Though we all like rainbow colors with different flower plants, green would be single-most color that every plant would have. We may take pride in our 'walled and gated' campuses but greater joy would be in having 'green campuses'!

The struggle for a green world is getting more intense and the issues of the environment are part of mainstream discussions. At the same time there is growing resistance for necessary action. With our rivers polluted, the garbage filing up, the usage of plastic poisoning the earth, the air becoming more toxic to breathe, we should fasten our belts and swing into protection of environment. The rich counties like US may have the luxury of money to arrest pollution, but our affordable means is planation.

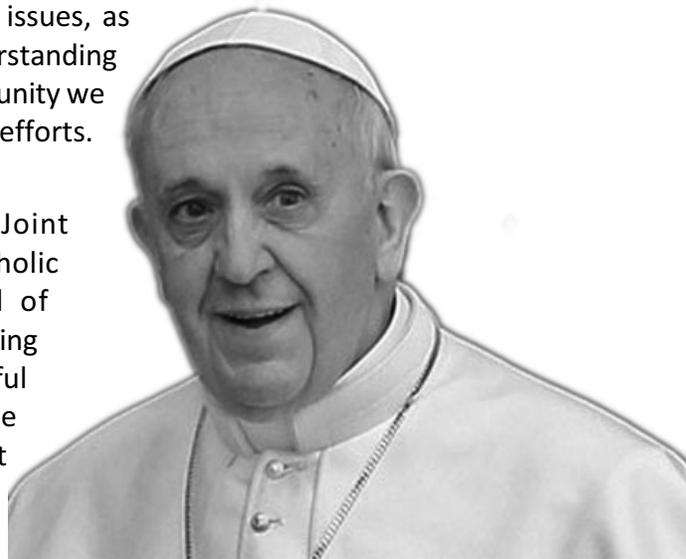
The Holy Father, in his recent Encyclical 'Laudato Si' = 'On the care for our Common Home' strongly underlined the World is meant for Home of All People. The Mother earth cries out to Humans because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods God gave us. We became Lords and masters instead of being 'Stewards'. He addresses all people wishing to enter into dialogue about 'Our Common Home' underlining that any and all development should respect God's Plan, Purpose of Creation. Let us make melody and sing the canticle of St. Francis of Assisi 'Praise to you O Lord through our Sister and Mother EARTH!



## I. POPE'S MESSAGE ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOINT WORKING GROUP BETWEEN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE WCC

"Disagreements on various subjects – in particular anthropological, ethical and social issues, as well as issues related to the understanding of the nature and conditions of the unity we seek – demand further sustained efforts. Our dialogue must continue!"

The fiftieth anniversary of the Joint Working Group between the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches is an occasion of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the meaningful ecumenical relationship which we enjoy today. So too, it is a moment to thank the Lord for all that the ecumenical movement has achieved since its beginning over



one hundred years ago, inspired by a longing for the unity which Christ intended for his body, the Church, and by an emerging sense of sorrow for the scandal of division between Christians.

Since its inauguration in 1965, the Joint Working Group has fostered the necessary conditions for a greater common witness of the Catholic Church and the Churches and Ecclesial Communities of the World Council of Churches. Reflecting on these past fifty years, we should be encouraged by the collaboration which the Joint Working Group has promoted, not only in ecumenical issues, but also in the areas of interreligious dialogue, peace and social justice, and works of charity and humanitarian aid. The Joint Working Group should not be an inward-looking forum. Rather, it must become ever more a “think-tank”, open to all the opportunities and challenges facing the Churches today in their mission of accompanying suffering humanity on the path to the Kingdom, by imbuing society and culture with Gospel truths and values.

In my Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I noted that realities are more important than ideas (cf. no. 233). The Joint Working Group must be oriented to addressing the real concerns of the Churches throughout the world. In this way, it will be better suited to proposing collaborative steps that not only draw the Churches closer together, but also ensure that they offer an effective diakonia suited to the people’s needs.

In fulfilling this task, the Joint Working Group distinguishes itself by its own character and aims. The nine reports produced thus far bear witness to the growing understanding and appreciation of the bonds of brotherhood and reconciliation which, in the context of the changing landscape of Christianity in the modern world, sustain Christians in their common witness and evangelizing mission. We must recognize, though, that in spite of the many

ecumenical achievements of the past half century, Christian mission and witness still suffer due to our divisions. Disagreements on various subjects – in particular anthropological, ethical and social issues, as well as issues related to the understanding of the nature and conditions of the unity we seek – demand further sustained efforts. Our dialogue must continue! I encourage the Joint Working Group to further its discussion on crucial ecumenical issues and, at the same time, to promote ways for Christians to testify together to the real, though imperfect, communion shared by all the baptized. May we always trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to assist and guide our journey, often in new and sometimes unexpected ways.

This anniversary similarly is an opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who, these past fifty years, have tirelessly served the cause of Christian unity and advanced the joyful proclamation of the Gospel (cf. Mt 28:18-20). Let us join together in imploring our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, to grant us the gift of full visible unity among all Christians, so that the Church will ever more be a sign of hope to the world and an instrument of reconciliation for all peoples.

By Staff Reporter

Vatican City State, June 23, 2015 (ZENIT.org)

## II. SAINT THOMAS

SAINT THOMAS was one of the fishermen on the Lake of Galilee whom our Lord called to be His Apostle. By nature slow to believe, too apt to see difficulties, and to look at the dark side of things, he had a most sympathetic, loving, and courageous heart. Once when Jesus spoke of the mansions in His Father's house, St. Thomas, in his simplicity, asked : "Lord, we know not whither Thou goest, and how can we know the way ?" When Jesus turned to go toward Bethany to the grave of Lazarus, the desponding Apostle at once feared the worst for, his beloved Lord, yet cried out bravely to the rest : "Let us also go and die with Him." After the Resurrection, incredulity again prevailed, and whilst the wounds of the crucifixion were imprinted vividly on his affectionate mind, he would not credit the report that Christ had indeed risen. But at the actual sight of the pierced hands and side, and the gentle rebuke of his Saviour, unbelief was gone forever; and his faith and ours has ever triumphed in the joyous utterance into which he broke: "My Lord and my God !"

REFLECTION. ---Cast away all disquieting doubts, and learn to triumph over old weaknesses as St. Thomas did, who "by his ignorance hath instructed the ignorant, and by his incredulity hath served for the faith of all ages."



### III. VATICAN UNVEILS LOGO, PRAYER, DETAILS OF HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Holy Year of Mercy will be an opportunity to encourage Christians to meet people's "real needs" with concrete assistance, to experience a "true pilgrimage" on foot, and to send "missionaries of mercy" throughout the world to forgive even the most serious of sins, said Archbishop Rino Fisichella.

The yearlong extraordinary jubilee also will include several individual jubilee days, such as for the Roman Curia, catechists, teenagers and prisoners, said the president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization, the office organizing events for the Holy Year of Mercy.

The motto, "Merciful Like the Father," Archbishop Fisichella said, "serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure."

Pope Francis announced in March his intention to proclaim a holy year as a way for the church to "make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy."

One way the pope wants to show "the church's maternal solicitude" is to send out "missionaries of mercy" -- that is, specially selected priests who have been granted "the authority to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See," the pope wrote in "Misericordiae Vultus," ("The Face of Mercy"), the document officially proclaiming the Holy Year.

The priests will also have to "be patient" and have "an understanding of human fragility," the archbishop said. Bishops can recommend to the council priests from their own dioceses to serve as missionaries of mercy, he said, and priests themselves can submit their request to serve, he said. When a priest volunteers, however, the council will confer with his bishop to make sure he would be "suitable for this ministry" and has the bishop's approval to serve temporarily as a missionary of mercy, he said. The archbishop emphasized the importance of living the Holy Year as "a true pilgrimage" with the proper elements of prayer and sacrifice.

A jubilee for "workers and volunteers of mercy" will be celebrated on Blessed Mother Teresa of Kolkata's feast day Sept. 5 and a jubilee for prisoners will be celebrated Nov. 6. The Vatican is asking bishops and priests around the world to conduct "similar symbolic gestures of communion with Pope Francis" and his vision of reaching out to those on the margins. "As a concrete sign of the pope's charitable love," he said, "effective measures will be taken to meet real needs in the world that will express mercy through tangible assistance."

At the news conference, the council distributed copies in several languages of the Holy Year prayer and logo, which features Jesus -- the Good Shepherd -- taking "upon his shoulders the lost soul, demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption," the archbishop said.

The image shows one of Jesus' eyes merged with the man's to show how "Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ."

By Carol Glatz



## IV. YOU CAN'T SERVE GOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

You love entertainment. On-demand streaming, live television, video-sharing websites, and social media are all at your fingertips. Your ability to access entertainment swiftly and effortlessly has encroached on every aspect of your life. Research recently revealed that you're tempted to check Facebook every thirty-one seconds. Are your friends boring you with dull conversation? Grab your iPhone. Is your wife annoying you? Turn on your television. Is your professor uninteresting? Sign into Facebook. Entertainment is your means of escape from the inconveniences of life into a comfortable world of fantasy. And your means of escape has made you a slave.

**Confessions of a Slave:** If I'm honest, I've had an unbridled love for frivolous entertainment — over the years I've used it primarily as a means of escape. Entertainment was used to distract me from the guilt of sin, friction in relationships, or anxiety about work. It became what daily prayer and Bible reading should have been — a safe haven to retreat for rest and comfort. I failed to recognize that my never-ending pursuit to be entertained had turned me into a slave. My love for my new master was subtly causing contempt towards God and reticence in my duty to delight in him.

**A Tale of Two Masters:** In Matthew 6:24, Jesus reveals that when we gravitate towards entertainment as a means of comfort, we're moving further and further away from our Creator. The notion of two masters is, in fact, a fictitious tale. It's impossible to have more than one. Jesus exposes an insightful reality: Love for one will cause hatred toward the other. If we devote inordinate amounts of time, money, and affection to anything, including entertainment, we will despise whatever draws us away. We've all been faced with the choice between spending time in prayer and God's word or spending time with entertainment. At the crux of these crossroads, the all-satisfying gift of Jesus is pit against the temporal promises of entertainment. Whichever road is chosen increases hatred for the path denied. When we choose the broad path to careless entertainment, seeds of contempt are planted for Christ. Likewise, when we choose the narrow road to Jesus, seeds of hatred are planted, not only for mindless entertainment, but all of our indwelling sin. This path reveals that endless entertainment is a cruel master that seeks to devour our true joy and lead us away from Christ, our source.

**The Cruel Master :** Entertainment over-promises but under-delivers. It is unable to satisfy what our hearts truly long for. We want rest. We want comfort. But entertainment can only offer a temporary fix. As soon as we wake up from hours of binging on Netflix or scrolling through social media, our problems remain, still waiting to be confronted. And we're faced with the truth that all we've done is put off the inevitable. Endless entertainment is a cruel master that seeks to devour our true joy and lead us away from Christ. Tweet Chasing joy in entertainment is like "chasing the dragon." The term is a slang phrase, which refers to the continuous pursuit of an ultimate high previously obtained at the initial use of drugs.

For example, a drug user tries heroin for the first time and has an amazing experience. But when he returns to the drug, he can't get that same experience. Instead, the experience

gets weaker, so the user takes more and stronger heroin to reach that same feeling. As he “chases the dragon” the user’s body decays inside and out. This decay usually manifests itself in extreme itching, unwanted weight loss, slurred speech, kidney or liver disease, and more. Addiction to entertainment is similar. The physical and health effects may not be as striking as heroin, but the spiritual effects are costly. We chase mindless entertainment hoping for relief for our souls, but instead all it really can promise is death. It distracts us from the highest and ultimate good with a mirage of happiness and comfort.

**Jesus Is the Good Master :** In Matthew 11:28–30, Jesus invites all who labor and are burdened to come to him, promising to provide rest for our weary souls. This promise is not empty. In the gospel, he fulfills his promise by taking up our burden on the cross for our rest and joy in him.

I have never walked away disappointed when I’ve pursued my joy in God through prayer and Bible reading, reminded myself of his promises in the gospel, repented of my sin, and cried out to God for comfort. Were all of my problems solved? No. But my joy was restored, and my soul had feasted on his promises. Likewise, every time I’ve used entertainment as a means of relief for my soul, I was left wanting and unsatisfied. Even still, when I find myself at that proverbial crossroad between communion with Christ and frivolous entertainment, I’m tempted to say yes to entertainment and no to God. As we walk through life, we will be tempted to continue to engage entertainment carelessly and ignore our bondage. Some will continue to live like slaves, binging on entertainment and neglecting spiritual nourishment. But you don’t have to live in bondage.

The gospel supplies the power to say yes to God and no to endless entertainment. Here we uncover the beauty of our wonderful master and realize that Jesus is better. In communion with him, we experience lasting joy that entertainment can only promise but never provide. The next time you find yourself at this familiar crossroad, cling to Jesus. Remember that he alone is your highest good. He died and rose so that we can experience communion with him, which provides the supreme joy that an escape to entertainment simply cannot compete with.

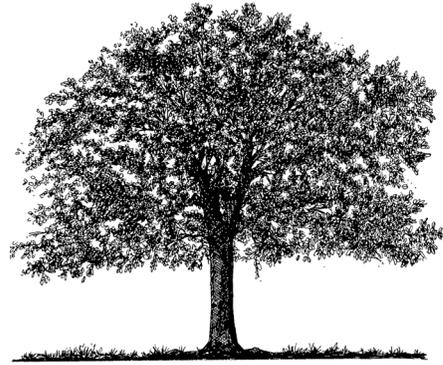
By Phillip Holmes

## **V. TEN REASONS : LIVING TREES ARE VALUABLE**

The trees around us are extremely important and have always been necessary for improving the human condition - both during its life and after harvest. It is not a stretch to believe that without trees we humans would not exist on this beautiful planet. In fact, some claim can be made that our mother's and father's ancestors climbed trees - another debate for another site.

So, trees are essential to life as we know it and are the ground troops making up an environmental frontline. Our existing forests and the trees we plant work in tandem to make a better world. At the very beginning of our human experience, trees were considered sacred and honorable: oaks were worshiped by the European Druids, redwoods a part of American Indian ritual, baobabs a part of African tribal life, to the Chinese the ginkgo link

and monkey puzzles to the Chilean Pehuénche. Romans and scholars during the middle Ages venerated trees in their literature. The modern human community has other, more practical reasons to admire and honor trees. Here is a short list of reasons trees are necessary for improving our worldly condition.



**1. Trees Produce Oxygen :** Let's face it; we could not exist as we do if there were no trees. A mature leafy tree produces as much oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year. What many people don't realize is the forest also acts as a giant filter that cleans the air we breathe. Ads Machines for nurseries the fastest way to dig out trees Let's plant new trees everyday Start a Nursery School.

**2. Trees Clean the Soil :** The term phytoremediation is a fancy word for the absorption of dangerous chemicals and other pollutants that have entered the soil. Trees can either store harmful pollutants or actually change the pollutant into less harmful forms. Trees filter sewage and farm chemicals, reduce the effects of animal wastes, clean roadside spills and clean water runoff into streams.

**3. Trees Control Noise Pollution :** Trees muffle urban noise almost as effectively as stone walls. Trees, planted at strategic points in a neighborhood or around your house, can abate major noises from freeways and airports.

**4. Trees Slow Storm Water Runoff :** Flash flooding can be dramatically reduced by a forest or by planting trees. One Colorado blue spruce, either planted or growing wild, can intercept more than 1000 gallons of water annually when fully grown. Underground water-holding aquifers are recharged with this slowing down of water runoff.

**5. Trees Are Carbon Sinks :** To produce its food, a tree absorbs and locks away carbon dioxide in the wood, roots and leaves. Carbon dioxide is a global warming suspect. A forest is a carbon storage area or a "sink" that can lock up as much carbon as it produces. This locking-up process "stores" carbon as wood and not as an available "greenhouse" gas.

**6. Trees Clean the Air :** Trees help cleanse the air by intercepting airborne particles, reducing heat, and absorbing such pollutants as carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. Trees remove this air pollution by lowering air temperature, through respiration, and by retaining particulates.

**7. Trees Shade and Cool :** Shade resulting in cooling is what a tree is best known for. Shade from trees reduces the need for air conditioning in summer. In winter, trees break the force of winter winds, lowering heating costs. Studies have shown that parts of cities without cooling shade from trees can literally be "heat islands" with temperatures as much as 12 degrees Fahrenheit higher than surrounding areas.

**8. Trees Act as Windbreaks :** During windy and cold seasons, trees located on the windward side act as windbreaks. A windbreak can lower home heating bills up to 30%

and have a significant effect on reducing snow drifts. A reduction in wind can also reduce the drying effect on soil and vegetation behind the windbreak and help keep precious topsoil in place.

**9. Trees Fight Soil Erosion :** Erosion control has always started with tree and grass planting projects. Tree roots bind the soil and their leaves break the force of wind and rain on soil. Trees fight soil erosion, conserve rainwater and reduce water runoff and sediment deposit after storms.

**10. Trees Increase Property Values :** Real estate values increase when trees beautify a property or neighborhood. Trees can increase the property value of your home by 15% or more.

By Steve Nix

## **VI. INFORMATIONS**

### **1. Binated / Trinated Masses**

All the Priests are requested to submit the number of the Binated and Trinated masses for the last six months i.e. January to June, 2015 to Rev. Fr. Singareddy Inna Reddy, Procurator, before the end of July, 2015.

### **2. Monthly Recollection for the Clergy on deanery level**

Deans are requested to arrange the monthly recollection for priests on their deanery level in the 2nd week of July, 2015. All the Priests are requested and expected to attend the deanery level recollection.

### **3. Monthly Recollection for Clergy on 13th August 2015**

Monthly Recollection for Clergy at Diocesan level is arranged on 13th August 2015, starting on the previous day at 8.45 pm.

### **4. Annual Retreat for Clergy**

All the Priests are requested to take note of the Annual Retreat for the Clergy from 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at the Bishop's House.

### **5. Our Bishop will be back in the Diocese on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015, after Mission Co-operation Programme in USA.**

## **6. GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA STATE**

### **Minorities Welfare Department**

#### **Telangana State Christian (Minorities) Finance Corporation**

TSCMFC - Government has issued orders - Introduction of a new scheme of "Overseas Study Scheme for Minorities" for pursuing Higher Studies in Post graduate Courses in Foreign Universities from the year 2015-16 - Reg.

G.O.Ms. No. 24, Minorities Welfare Development (Estt.I) Department, Dated : 19-05-2015  
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to pursue Higher Studies in Post Graduate Courses in Foreign Universities from the year 2015-16.

In view of the above you are requested to kindly make an announcement in all the Churches and in all the institutions under your administrative control, about the scheme so that many eligible Christian Minority Students can avail the Financial Assistance provided by the Telangana State.

**ORDER :**

1. The State Government is keenly interested in the social, educational and economic development and welfare of Minorities in the Telangana State and accordingly Government have made substantial allocations for providing Scholarships to Minority Students on a saturation basis and this initiative over the years has encouraged of large number of Minority Students to complete professional courses and other Graduate Course.
2. There are huge opportunities and challenges in India and abroad in respect of education and jobs and students from the Minority community are often handicapped because of their extreme backwardness and poverty and inability to access the benefit of pursuing education abroad to better their lives.
3. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to introduce a new scheme of "Overseas Study Scheme for Minorities" for the benefit of the students belonging to Minority community and the following guidelines are issued accordingly:-

**Guidelines for the scheme :**

Financial Assistance under this Scheme for studies abroad will be sanctioned to 500 minority students / graduates per year to pursue Post Graduate / Doctoral studies abroad subject to the following guidelines :-

- Minority students whose family income is less than Rs. 2.00 lakhs per annum from all sources are eligible. Total income from all sources of the employed candidates or his / her parents / guardians, shall not exceed Rs. 2.00 lakhs per annum. In case of employees, salary certificate from the employer is a must. In all cases the Income Certificate must be obtained through MEE SEVA. A copy of the latest Tax Assessment as well as the latest monthly salary slip from the employer is also required to be enclosed with the application.
- The Maximum age under the scheme shall not exceed 30 years as on 1st July of the year of advertisement.
- **Qualifications :**  
(1) For post Graduate Course : 60% marks or equivalent grade in foundation Degree in Engineering / Management / Pure Sciences / Agriculture Sciences / Medicine and Nursing / Social Sciences / Humanities.

(2) For Ph.d. Courses : 60% marks or equivalent grade in P.G. course in Engineering / Management / Pure Sciences / Agriculture Sciences / Medicine / Social Sciences / Humanities.

- One Child in a family one time Award : Not more than one child of the same parents / guardians will be eligible and to this effect a self - certification will be required from the candidate. The awardee cannot be considered for the second or subsequent times as the individual can be awarded only once in a life time.
- Countries eligible under the Scheme: USA, UK, Australia, Canda, and Singapore.
- **Mandatory Requirements :**
  - (i) He / She should have a valid TOEFL / IELTS & GRE / GMAT;
  - (ii) He / She should have obtained admission in an accredited Foreign University.
  - (iii) He / She should possess a valid Passport ;
  - (iv) The candidates are required to make their own efforts in seeking admission in accredited University / Institution abroad;
  - (v) The selected candidate has to join the concerned university within one year of communication of selection. On expiry of this specified period of time, the award will be automatically cancelled and come to an end. No request for extension of time for availing the award is permissible under the scheme.
  - (vi) The candidate shall not change the course of study or research for which the scholarship has been sanctioned.
  - (vii) It will be the responsibility of the candidate to obtain the appropriate visa for a country wherein one intends to study further under award from the scheme and the Visa issuing authorities may kindly see that only such type of visa be issued which only permits the candidate to pursue specified course abroad and thereafter the candidate returns to India;
  - (viii) The applications should be complete in all respects and should be accompanied by all relevant documents. The applications, incomplete in any respect, are liable to be rejected.

**Procedure for Selections :**

- (i) Notification shall be published in leading dailies calling for applications and wide publicity will be given in University Campuses and in e-PASS portal in August / September and in January / February of the year;
- (ii) All such students desirous of applying for financial assistance for studies abroad shall apply online from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> September and again from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> February of the year.

- (iii) 33% the awards shall be earmarked for Women candidates (if adequate number of eligible women candidates are not available then male candidates may be selected against this 33%).
- (iv) The registration shall be made under the scheme online;
- (v) The student shall submit the following documents:**
- (a) Caste Certificate from Mee Seva;
  - (b) Income Certificate from Mee Seva;
  - (c) Date of Birth Certificate;
  - (d) Aadhaar Card;
  - (e) E-pass ID Number;
  - (f) Residential / Nativity Certificates;
  - (g) Passport copy;
  - (h) Mark sheet from SSC / Inter / Graduate / PG Level;
  - (i) GRE / GMAT or equivalent qualifying exam / test score card;
  - (j) TOEFL / IELTS score card;
  - (k) Admission offer letter from Foreign University (1-20, letter of Admission or equivalent);
  - (l) Copy of the latest Tax Assessment is to be enclosed;
  - (m) Copy of Bank Pass Book of Nationalised Bank;
  - (n) Photo to be scanned and uploaded;
- (vi) Selection Committee : The Selection shall be conducted by a State Level Screening Committee constituted by Government with the following members. The Bio-data of the candidates who applied online shall be made available to the Committee.

Principal / Special Secretary, Minorities Welfare Dept.,	Chairman
Principal Secretary, S.C.D. Dept.,	Member
Vice Chancellor, JNTU	Member
Commissioner, Technical Education	Member
Director, Minorities Welfare	Member

Scholarship amount :

- (a) Fees : Fees shall be payable in Two instalments as follows:
- Instalment-I : An amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs shall be payable to the students upon production of the landing permit / I-94 Card (Immigration Card);
- Instalment-II : An amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs shall be payable to the students upon production of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester results.

- (b) Sanction proceedings mentioning that Rs. 10.00 lakhs is sanctioned to the individual towards fees and living expenses by way of a grant subject to his / her joining the course, shall be issued to the candidates selected by the Selection Committee. The sanction proceedings can be made use of by the candidates for obtaining a Visa from the respective Embassy.
- (c) Education Loan : The student shall be eligible for an educational loan of Rs. 5.00 lakhs from any Nationalised Bank at prevailing rates of interest.
- (d) Earning from Research / Teaching Assistance-ship: The awardees are permitted to supplement their prescribed allowances by undertaking Research / Teaching Assistantship.

**Utilisation Certificate :**

Utilisation Certificate shall be obtained from the student with due endorsement of concerned University Authorities for record purpose under the scheme;

4. An amount of Rs. 25.00 Crores has been provided in the B.E. 2014-15 under Head of Account "2225-80-800-11-SH (40) - 340" towards the scheme of 'Overseas Study Scheme for Minorities" and the expenditure under this Scheme shall be debited to the following Head of Account -

"2225-Welfare of SCs, STS and OBCS

80-General

800 - Other Expenditure

GH 11 - State Normal Plan

SH (40) - Overseas Study Scheme of Minorities

340 - Scholarships and Stipends.

5. This order will come into force with immediate effect.
6. The Director, Minorities Welfare, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action accordingly.
7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (EBS.III) Department vide their U.O.No. 1970/83/A1/EBS.III/15, dated 05.03.2015.

## **VII. CATHOLIC NEWS AROUND INDIA**

### **I . Sister Nirmala, former head of Missionaries of Charity, dies in India**

Kolkata, India, Jun 23, 2015 / 11:30 am (CNA/EWTN News).- Catholics around the world are mourning the death of Sister Nirmala Joshi, who passed away Tuesday. Sr. Nirmala had succeeded Blessed Teresa of Calcutta as superior general of the Missionaries of Charity, serving in that capacity from 1997 to 2009.

Sr. Nirmala, who was 81, had suffered ill health for some years, and was hospitalized and then brought home a few days ago, dying at a Missionaries of Charity home in Kolkata in the early hours of June 23.

“Archbishop Thomas D’Souza of Calcutta, who had visited Sr. Nirmala a fortnight ago when she had regained consciousness, has expressed his deep sadness and grief at her death, saying, 'she was a great soul.’ He praised her work, noting that “she never talked about herself; she was more about how to support peace, to be helpful to the poor ... she had a deep union with Jesus and she was a gentle apostle of peace until the end.” Sr. Nirmala was born in 1934 in Ranchi, capital of what is now India's Jharkhand state, to a Hindu brahmin family from Nepal who were serving the British during colonial rule. Her given name was Kusum, meaning “flower,” and she was the eldest sibling among eight girls and two boys. Her early education was at Christian schools. She was inspired by Mother Teresa's humanitarian work, and was baptized. She later entered the Missionaries of Charity and took the name Nirmala, meaning “purity” in Sanskrit. She completed a master's degree in political science, and studied law as well. In the 1970s, she became head of the congregation's contemplative wing.

Sr. Nirmala was elected as superior general of the congregation just a few months before Mother Teresa's death in 1997, and pursued the founder's cause for beatification. During the Missionaries of Charity's general chapter in 2009 she declined to remain head of the congregation, given her health issues. She was succeeded by Sr. Mary Prema Pierick, who remains superior general. The Indian government has recognized her work for the poor and for peace, granting her the Padma Vibhushan, the nation's second highest civilian award, in 2009. Tributes and messages have started to flood social media praising her service to the poor. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was quick to tweet, "Sister Nirmala's life was devoted to service, caring for the poor & underprivileged. Saddened by her demise. May her soul rest in peace." The opposition Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted: "Extremely saddened at the passing away of Sister Nirmala. She carried forward Mother Teresa's work with quiet dedication & dignity. She will be missed by the countless whose lives she touched." The West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee stated, “Saddened at the passing away of Sister Nirmala, who headed the Missionaries of Charity after Mother Teresa. Kolkata and the world will miss her.”

By Antonio Anup Gonsalves

**2. India extends crackdown to Catholic charity:** NEW DELHI: India has placed the Catholic charity Caritas on a government watch list, an official and news reports said Tuesday, in a growing crackdown on foreign organizations operating in the country.

A Home Ministry official told AFP Caritas had violated India's foreign funding laws by financing groups that were working "against the country." He said Caritas had been placed on a list of organizations needing prior government approval to receive or distribute funds in India, a move also reported by the Indian Express daily. "There was clear violation of foreign funding law," said the official, who asked not to be named, citing funding for

groups which protested against a nuclear plant in the southern state of Tamil Nadu. The right-wing government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a massive crackdown on non-governmental organisations, cancelling the foreign funding licences of nearly 9,000 charities in recent months. It has also frozen the domestic and international bank accounts of Greenpeace India, although the domestic accounts were recently unfrozen on the orders of a court.

In April it placed the Ford Foundation, an American charitable organization, on the same watch list as Caritas, saying it was funding groups which acted against the national interest. No one at Caritas India was immediately available for comment. The group has been operating in India for more than 50 years and works on health, education and poverty-related issues. Modi's nationalist government, in power since last year, views foreign-backed aid organisations with suspicion. The prime minister has criticized what he calls "five-star activists" and a government intelligence report last year reportedly said they were working with foreign powers to undermine India's economic growth.

: by Agence France Presse

#### **4. Kerala: Bishop accuses Hindu outfit of love jihad by abducting Catholic girls from Christian faith**

A Catholic bishop in Kerala on Saturday said Christian girls were being “abducted by love jihad” which, he claimed, was being carried out by Hindu outfit Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana (SNDP) Yogam.

Addressing a meeting of a diocese organisation, Idukki Bishop Mathew Anikuzhikkattil said, “Inter-caste marriages would destroy Christian essence and style. Our girls are being abducted by love jihad... secret aims of the SNDP Yogam. We should be vigilant against this.”

“When a girl who lived with her parents till the age of 18, who studied at Sunday school about Christian faith till 12<sup>th</sup> class, who had grown up in our faith and tradition, walks away with a Muslim or an auto driver or an SNDP man, that shows the deficiency in our faith and teachings,” said the Bishop, who is the chairman of the Kerala Catholic Bishops’ Council for Family Commission.

He said the girls who go for inter-caste marriages were abandoning the Christian faith. He added that though the government was in favour of inter-caste marriage, those who are faithful to Christianity should oppose it.

While launching the website, <http://www.syromalabarmatrimony.org>, Bishop Jose Porunnedam, who is in-charge of the internet mission, said the trend of Catholic men and women finding life partners from other communities is on the rise. The website is meant to curb the practice.

: Written by Shaju Philip, Thiruvananthapuram

### **3. India : Prime Minister Modi has failed pledge to protect Christians**

India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, has failed to keep his promise on action to protect Christians under increasing threat from extremist violence - according to one of the country's most respected Cardinals. Speaking to Aid to the Church in Need, Cardinal Telesphore Toppo, Archbishop of Ranchi, highlighted the need for government action to protect Christians and vulnerable religious minorities in India amid a rise in attacks by Hindu radicals. Of the government, he said: "They have not come out to protect and defend. The Prime Minister has only once spoken in defense of the constitution and he promised to protect the Christians and other minorities. But that was only a promise."

The safety of Christians and other religious minorities is theoretically guaranteed in the constitution under Article 25 (1) which states that "subject to public order, morality and health and to the other provisions of this part, all persons are equally entitled to freedom of conscience and the right freely to profess, practice and propagate religion."

But in practice, Christians continue to remain targets of religious discrimination by Hindu extremists and are offered little protection by their government. When asked whether he believed the Prime Minister had kept his promise, the Cardinal replied: "No. Only openly has he spoken in Delhi. Then he said he stands by the constitution and that he would uphold the rights of the minorities."

But the Cardinal added that Mr Modi's speech gave some "assurance" of the government's commitment to tackling violence and other extremism against Christians. Reports, including the latest US Commission on International Religious Freedom released in late April, have described a marked rise in anti-Christian violence, and last month there were up to five incidents in one week. Human rights observers suggest extremist Hindus have become bolder in their anti-Christian rhetoric and violence with the rise of Mr Modi who they apparently perceive as being sympathetic to their religious views. Cardinal Toppo stressed that violence by radical Hindu organizations and the emerging 'homecoming' movement remained a major threat to Christians. The public ceremonies, also referred to as ghar wapsi, aim to re-convert religious minorities to Hinduism through forced conversions in an attempt to create a Hindu nation. Since coming to power in May 2014, Hindu nationalist Prime Minister Narendra Modi has remained silent on the issue. Responding to reports of increased violence and localized attacks by Hindu extremists, the Archbishop stressed that the unification of the Church was key to the survival of Christianity in India. Calling for solidarity amongst Christians worldwide, he said: "I believe that the Church has played an important role, directly or indirectly in keeping India united. Yes, because, although we are of different culture, different language and different parts of India, still we belong to one Catholic Church."

He added "We want solidarity in every respect. Our Church is one. In the same way that there is only one world, it is the same that the Catholic Church is one everywhere."

Cardinal Telesphore Toppo

## 5. Bishops distressed over sex attack on Catholic nun

New Delhi, June 22, 2015: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India has condemned the sexual assault on a Catholic nun in a mission center in Raipur and sought adequate security for Christians in social service.

The bishops are "deeply distressed to learn of the sad news" of attack on a 47-year old nun belonging to the Salesian Missionaries of Mary Immaculate, said Conference secretary general Bishop Albert D'Souza.

The nun, a qualified nurse, was in the Nursing Home together with two other girls. She was found early morning, gagged and tied to the bed after being brutally attacked and molested, the bishop's statement said.

Reports quoting police said two masked men entered the nun's room Friday night in search of cash and valuables and assaulted her after they failed to find their booty.

The nun lived with three aides at the infirmary and provided primary treatment to children and those who suffer minor injuries.

The survivor was initially taken to Government Ambedkar Hospital attached to Medical College, but she shifted to district hospital after media followed the survivor.

It said the CBCI "views these attacks on the nuns very seriously" and urges the federal and state governments "to act speedily to book the culprits involved in this heinous crime."

It also wanted the government to "provide adequate security and protection to the Christian Missionaries whose selfless service to the poor has been widely acclaimed by the Indian public in general."

"Such incidents of violence on minorities and especially women, tarnishes the image of our country in the international community, besides posing serious questions as to how far the minorities are safe and secure today in India," the statement said.

- press release

## *Birthday Babies in July*

Rev. Fr. Namindla Surendar	05-07-1980
Rev. Fr. Thanugundla Jerome	10-07-1961
Rev. Fr. Golamari Sudhakar	10-07-1966
Rev. Fr. Singareddy Inna Reddy	14-07-1972
Rev. Fr. Boyapati Leeno	16-07-1950
Rev. Fr. Basani Kishore	16-07-1979
Rev. Fr. Allam Vincent	17-07-1964
Rev.Fr. Dodda Raja	26-07-1959



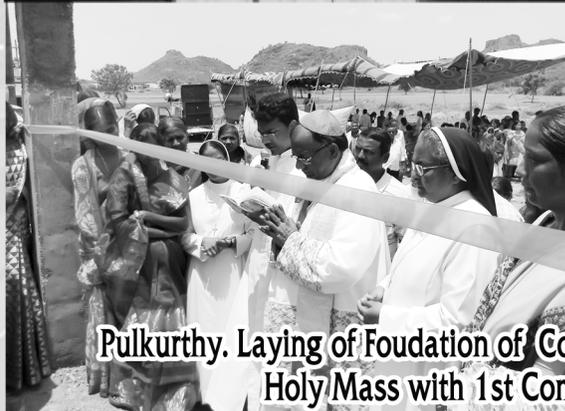
**Children's camp & Confirmations, Ghanpur Deanery at Jeevadhara, Rampur**



**Warangal Christian Leaders' Meet, Pastoral Centre, Fathimanagar**



**Holy Mass: Elevation of the "Missionaries of the Poor" to Pontifical Right, Fatimanagar**



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