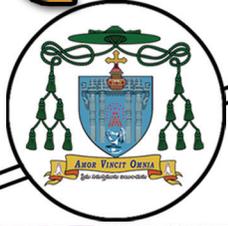


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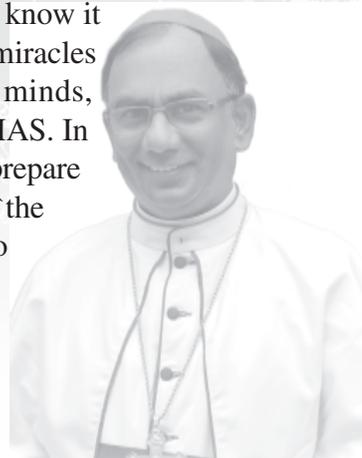
**MEGA CELEBRATION OF SAINT MOTHER TERESA,  
Public Garden, Hanamkonda  
& FAITH WALK**

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**Kapari Vani .....**

## **CHRISTMAS PERVADES PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE INCREDIBLE MIRACLE**

Christmas is an incredible miracle of God's Love! We all know it but it is not enough to know it as one of the greatest past miracles of God. We need to experience it in our hearts and minds, happening HERE and NOW, THIS YEAR AT CHRISTMAS. In order to so experience, the Season of Advent facilitates to prepare ourselves for a miraculous experience. Advent is called 'the run-up to Christmas' and it heralds the approach to Christmas. The Birth Jesus had taken place historically over 2000 years ago, and as is clear from our Advent Liturgy, we also look forward to the Second Coming of Christ. It is more clear from the hymn 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'. The past and the future are connected by the NOW of Christmas 2016! 'Looking forward to the birth of Jesus' is only a manner of speaking. And what we now look forward to is Christmas, our annual celebration of that event.



### **Present Coming**

We, as mortal humans with a limited span of life, cannot go back in time. But the celebration of Christmas takes us back in time, back in history to the earthly Birth of Christ. Thus at Advent we look back to the birth of Christ and we look forward to our yearly celebration of his birth at Christmas. Further we look still further forward to his coming again, when he will judge the living and the dead. But to put it just like that is to forget that emphatic NOW. If in Advent, all we do is to look back to Christ's earthly life and forward to his coming again, our present life seems to occupy a sort of interval when nothing much happens. Something decisive happened in history, something decisive will happen beyond history, but nothing decisive happens now?

### **Past, Future and Present United in Christmas**

Christ came to visit us 2000 years ago and, we believe, will come again. But meanwhile we are, it seems, left with nothing but remembrance and anticipation, as if in the long interval between the two, Christ was altogether absent. Our Liturgical prayers and hymns underline the aspect of 'NOW' is the high time to wake up from sleep'. This double emphasis in the Gospels is, then, the central message of Advent. On the one hand there is the story of our redemption set in the past, and a story of judgement to be realized in the future. We are looking back in time and looking forward in time to consummation beyond time. We are thus made aware week by week of our place in a great cosmic drama of redemption which gives meaning to every moment of our lives. Time is very important in the life of us, who live in between the two comings. Let us see the moment of time Christ was born!

## **Miracle of Time in Our Lives**

With all the busy Christmas preparations, we might not experience the miracle of time of Christ's Birth as the incredible verse of Galatians 4: 4 underlines 'when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a Woman'. He came at the right moment and we live in the right moment. Nothing in the world is by chance but by choice of God. Therefore Christ's Birth and our Birth too are not by chance. If we do not see that way, we might miss the miracle of Christmas 2016 as most missed the miracle of Nativity of Jesus in Bethlehem too! Jesus Birth was part of God's plan established before the foundation of the world. Most may go through Advent and Christmas with busy activity without ever experiencing the miracle of Christmas. The Good news is that God comes at the right time and we are happy to meet Christ, not Santa Claus! God not only came at just right time but he continues to come to each of us at just the right time. And just when we needed him most he is there. Today many people look for miracles. When do we need miracles? When you have no more options and no more resources, you are in a position to receive a miracle from God. He has promised to come at just the right time and provide just what you need for the moment. Therefore recognize this year's Christmas truly a miracle in your life and do not postpone!

## **400 Years of Silence - Miracle of "Messenger is Message"**

God has been speaking throughout history to reveal Himself to us. He wants us to know Him, to love Him, to worship Him. Prior to the coming of Christ, there had been 400 years of silence. Since the prophet Malachi last uttered his messages from God, there had been no prophets until John the Baptist arrived. God's revelations in the Old Testament were fragmentary, occasional, and progressive, because no single one of them contained the whole truth. They could not adequately capture the full picture of God's nature. God had been speaking, but people weren't getting the message. They didn't understand God's heart. They didn't understand God's plan. Too many claimed to be speaking for God but they only misrepresented Him to others. Confusion, not understanding, resulted. Hebrews 1:1-2 says 'long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets but in these last days he has spoken to us by a SON...' How wonderful 'Jesus is the Messenger and Message'! Christmas is the greatest Message and Messenger ever proclaimed 'God with us'!

*Wish You All  
'A Holy Christmas 2016 and a Healthy New Year 2017'*

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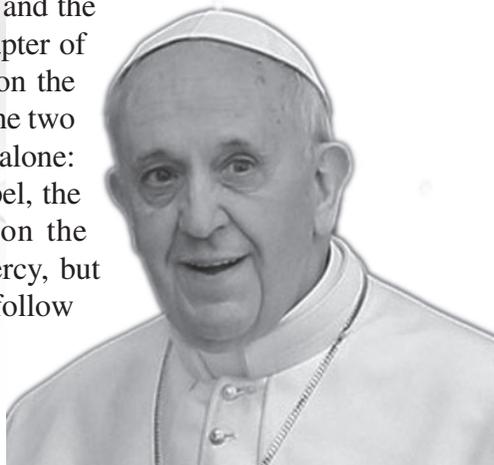


## POPE'S VANI...

### I. APOSTOLIC LETTER: MISERICORDIA ET MISERA OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS

#### “Mercy and Misery”

The title refers to the encounter between Jesus and the woman caught in adultery, from the eighth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John. In his commentary on the Gospel, St Augustine said of that encounter, “The two of them” – Jesus and the woman – “remained alone: mercy with misery.” The teaching of this Gospel, the Pope said, “serves not only to throw light on the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, but also to point out the path that we are called to follow in the future.”



In light of the “great graces of mercy” we have received during the Jubilee, our first response is to give thanks to the Lord for His gifts. But in going forward, we must also continue to celebrate mercy, especially in the liturgical celebrations of the Church, including in the Sacrifice of the Mass, and in the other Sacraments, especially in Reconciliation and in Anointing of the Sick, the two “sacraments of healing.” Pope Francis proposed a number of ideas to continue the celebration of mercy, including an annual day dedicated to making the Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. He also called on the faithful to restore the Sacrament of Reconciliation to a “central place in Christian life.”

The Holy Father also extended a number of initiatives already begun in the Holy Year, asking the Missionaries of Mercy to continue their ministry, and extending indefinitely the faculties of priests of the Society of St Pius X to hear confessions and grant absolution. Pope Francis also extended the faculties of all priests to absolve the sin of procured abortion. “I want to insist as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin,” the Pope said, “because it puts an end to an innocent life.” But, he continued, “I can and I must state that there is no sin that God’s mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father.”

Though the Jubilee is closed, Pope Francis said, “the door of mercy of our heart continues to remain wide open.” He called on the faithful to continue to practice new works of mercy, and to find new ways to give expression to the traditional works. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy, he said, “continue in our own day to be proof of mercy’s immense positive influence as a social value.” In this vein, the Pope said the Church must continue to be vigilant and offer solidarity in the face of attacks on human dignity. “This is the time of mercy,” the Pope concluded. “It is the time of mercy because no sinner can ever tire of asking forgiveness, and all can feel the welcoming embrace of the Father.

## II. POPE ALLOWS ALL PRIESTS TO ABSOLVE "GRAVE SIN" OF ABORTION

Saying nothing is beyond the reach of God's mercy, Pope Francis told Catholics worldwide he is allowing all priests to absolve the faithful of abortion — women and health workers alike even while stressing that it is a grave sin in the eyes of the church to "end an innocent life." In an Apostolic Letter made public Monday, Francis said he was extending indefinitely the special permission he had granted to all rank-and-file priests during the just ended Holy Year of Mercy.

"There is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled" with God, the pope wrote in the 10-page letter, signed Sunday, the day the Holy Year ended. But, he added: "I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life." Because the Roman Catholic Church holds abortion to be such a serious sin, absolution had long been a matter for a bishop, who could either hear the woman's confession himself or delegate it to a priest considered an expert in such situations, a potentially intimidating scenario for many of the faithful. In his letter, the pope appeared to acknowledge that. "Lest any obstacle arise between the request for reconciliation and God's forgiveness," he wrote, "I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion."

A top Vatican official, Monsignor Rino Fisichella, told a news conference at the Vatican on Monday that the pope's words applied to all those who were involved in an abortion — "from the women to the nurse to the doctor and whoever supports this procedure." "The sin of abortion is inclusive. Thus forgiveness for the sin of abortion is all-inclusive and extends to all those who are participants in this sin," Fisichella said. The pope is "absolutely not" lessening the gravity of the sin of abortion, Fisichella added in comments to Sky TG24.

Still, the head of an Italian anti-abortion group expressed concern that some priests might trivialize the sin of abortion. Gian Luigi Gigli, president of the Movement for Life, said women or health care workers who confess to abortion should be given penance in the form of volunteer work at the group's centers that work to prevent abortion. By permitting all priests to absolve the sin of abortion, Francis was further applying his vision of a merciful church called to minister to the problems of its flock, reflecting concerns he became familiar with while archbishop of Buenos Aires in his native Argentina. Last year, he wrote that some women who had abortions felt they had no choice but to make "this agonizing and painful decision."

In his Apostolic Letter, Francis called on every priest to "be a guide, support and comfort to penitents on this journey of special reconciliation.". Carter Snead, director of the Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, noted that priests hearing the confessions of those involved in abortion had already been "a longstanding practice in the United States and several other countries."

In his letter on abortion, Francis made plain that there can be no ambiguity in laying out moral principles, even while stressing the church's merciful side. Addressing priests, Francis wrote: "I ask you to be welcoming to all, witnesses of fatherly love whatever the gravity of the sin involved, attentive in helping penitents to reflect on the evil they have done, clear in presenting moral principles, willing to walk patiently beside the faithful on their penitential journey, farsighted in discerning individual cases and generous in dispensing God's forgiveness."

"Mercy cannot become a mere parenthesis in the life of the church; it constitutes her very existence," Francis wrote. Four cardinals, including archconservative U.S. Cardinal Raymond Burke, recently criticized Francis for his statements on another hotbed issue in the church, whether divorced Catholics who remarry can receive Communion. Burke and the others expressed fear that Francis was causing "confusion" by saying the matter could be left to the discernment of local priests. Church teaching holds such Catholics are adulterers living in sin, and thus shouldn't receive Communion.

While the pope's approach to forgiveness for abortion could distress Catholics holding a more rigid application of church teaching, Francis also reached out to traditionalists in his letter. Faithful attending churches officiated by priests of an ultra-conservative breakaway group, the Fraternity of St. Pius X, can "validly and licitly receive the sacramental absolution of their sins," the pope wrote. Francis had previously granted that permission only for the period of the Holy Year. Francis also expressed hope that these breakaway priests would strive to work for full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

### **III. JESUS'S TOMB OPENED FOR FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES**

Jerusalem Preservation experts have opened for the first time in at least two centuries what Christians believe is Jesus's tomb inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Some of the historic work was witnessed by AFP photographer Gali Tibbon who captured images of the site believed to contain the rock upon which Jesus was laid in around 33 AD as it was uncovered as part of ongoing restoration at the site. A marble slab covering the site, among the holiest in Christianity, was pulled back for three days as part of both restoration work and archaeological analysis, experts on the scene told AFP.



It was the first time the marble had been removed since at least 1810, when the last restoration work took place following a fire, and possibly earlier, said Father Samuel Aghoyan, the church's Armenian superior. A painting of Jesus can be seen in the narrow

area above where the marble slab was removed. Debris and material was found beneath the marble and was being further studied, Aghoyan said. "It is moving in a sense, something we've been talking about so many centuries," Aghoyan told AFP. National Geographic has been documenting the restoration work which is being carried out by a team of Greek specialists. It reported that "the exposure of the burial bed is giving researchers an unprecedented opportunity to study the original surface of what is considered the most sacred site in Christianity".

## **IV. CHRISTMAS**

### **THE CONJOINING OF GOD AND MAN IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST**

The event of Christmas in theological terminology is referred to as the "incarnation," which means "in the flesh." God was enfleshed in humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, born as a baby in Bethlehem. The apostle John begins his gospel narrative, not with details of the physical birth of Jesus, but with the theological explanation that God, the Word (John 1:1), "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). "The Word was manifested" (I John 2:1,2), "revealed in the flesh" (I Tim. 3:16), and the importance of such was explained by John when he wrote in his epistle that anyone "who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God" (I John 4:2,3).



The One who "existed in the form of God" was "made in the likeness of men, and found in appearance as a man" (Phil. 2:7,8). He "partook of flesh and blood" (Heb. 2:14), and "dwelt (literally "tabernacled" by setting up His physical tent) among men" (John 1:14).

A contemporary theological discussion of the Christological conjunction of God and man in Jesus Christ centers on the incarnational statement of John that "the Word became flesh" (John 1:14). How are we to interpret the word "flesh"? Does this mean that Jesus assumed the human physicality and tangibility of an individual human being in a physical body? Or can this be interpreted inclusively to imply that the divine Word assumed humanity at large, even to the extent that He subsumed humanity into Himself? If the latter interpretation is accepted, and the statement "the Word became flesh" is understood to mean that "God became man", this raises additional questions. Does this impinge upon the immutability of God by indicated that God became something He was not

before, i.e. humanity? Is the nature of God thus changed? Is it legitimate, therefore, to refer to "the humanity of God"? In such an eternal union of God and man, is Jesus forever human? If so, does the eternal humanity of Jesus indwell the humanity of the Christian? Does the inclusive divine assumption of humanity necessarily imply the inclusive universalism of Christ's efficacy? Such questions should make us cautious of an overly inclusive interpretation that changes the Biblical statement of "the Word became flesh" into "God became man."

## V. ST. XAVIER

India is a land of countless festivals, in stride with the cycle of the seasons. These proceed with sowings and harvesting and around them have grown legends, most of them portraying the victory of good over evil. These fairs and festivals confer color and gaiety to life of the Indians. Some festivals and fasts are specific protocols of religion which aims towards communication with the Almighty. The Indian calendar is marked by superfluity of such big and small occasions. Some festivals are mainly of religious nature, and others are related more to, change of season and harvesting. They have a retentive past and many have gone through major alterations. The vivacity of the people is reflected in the colorful liveliness of the fairs and festivals. Processions, prayers, new attires, dance, music etc. are essentials related to any of such celebration. Though, the fervor for some of the festivals also seems to be disappearing, yet they are capable of bringing about a change in the lifestyle of the people.



Time for celebrating the Feast of St. Francis Xavier: The Feast of St. Francis Xavier in Goa begins each year from 21<sup>st</sup> November and continues up to 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Certainly there can be no better time to plan your trip to Goa. It gives you the superb opportunity to be a part of a religious festival and fair and also be witness to the extravagant carnival.

Description of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier in Goa: St. Francis Xavier, referred to as "Goencho Saib" (Lord of Goa) by Goans, is the Patron Saint of Goa. The Feast of St. Francis Xavier is a feast held every year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December - the day he was buried - after nine days of prayer, called the Novena. The Feast of St. Francis Xavier hosts a variety of ceremonies to honor the Saint's death. It has gained more importance this year due to the 16th Solemn Exposition of holy remnants of the Saint from November 21 to January 2. The silver chest containing the relics of the Saint is kept at the Cathedral for the veneration and kissing of devotees since November 21.

The whole set-up is changed overnight during the yearly novenas and Feast of St. Francis Xavier. Pilgrims come together on the Born Jesus Basilica from far-away Kerala and Tamil Nadu, from neighboring Karnataka and Maharashtra, as well as from the most distant corners of the Peninsula, and even from distant countries.

## VI. THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ANTICIPATES CHRIST'S REDEMPTION OF ALL MANKIND

Another misconception people have is that Mary's Immaculate Conception was necessary to ensure that Original Sin would not be passed on to Christ. This has never been a part of the teaching on the Immaculate Conception; rather, the Immaculate Conception represents Christ's saving grace operating in Mary in anticipation of His redemption of man and in God's foreknowledge of Mary's acceptance of His Will for her.

In other words, the Immaculate Conception was not a precondition for Christ's act of redemption but the result of that act. It is the concrete expression of God's love for Mary, who gave herself fully, completely, and without hesitation to His service.



## VII. COMMUNICATIONS

**1. Profuse Gratitude :** I thank all Parish Priests and Heads of Institutions for the excellent Collaboration extended for the wonderful celebration of the twin events of today, Nov 12, 2016. It was sea of Catholic faithful like over flowing of like milk with white T-Shirt, and Caps / Scarfs on the streets of Warangal- Hanmakonda- Kazipet. It was an incredible show of faith in the Mercy of God with great love for the Angle of Mercy, St. Mother Teresa. I am sure that both Catholics and non-Catholics alike witnessed to the mercy of God and the message of Mercy Jubilee powerfully proclaimed to the tri-cities, indeed to the nine districts of the Diocese Warangal. Please be assured that but for your cooperation it would have not been possible. Hats off to one and all! Let's continue to be the same in future too.

**1. A VERY HOLY CHRISTMAS – 2016 :** On the occasion of the Birth of Jesus on 25<sup>th</sup> of December - 2016, I wish all the Priests, Religious, Faithful and other Brothers & Sisters, a Very Happy and Holy Christmas. May the Baby Jesus bless all of us abundantly.

**2. CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION FOR THE CLERGY :** The Christmas Recollection for the Clergy on diocesan level is arranged at Bishop's House, on the December 16, 2016 beginning with United Christmas Celebrations at Public Gardens on 15<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm. We shall require mass on 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 a.m. for all departed Priests.

**3. ANNUAL RETURNS FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 2016 :** All Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions are requested to start preparing Annual Returns from January to December, 2016, which are to be sent to Rome in the First Quarter of 2017. Forms of Annual Returns will be sent to by post. Please fill them correctly & completely and send them latest by 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 Secretary to Bishop.

**4. UNITED MEGA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT PUBLIC GARDENS, HANAMKONDA :** This year too a Grand united ecumenical Christmas celebrations will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> of December at Public Gardens, Hanamkonda at 6.00 p.m. The initiative is again taken by the Catholic Bishop of Warangal, Most Rev. Udumala Bala. There is a very good response seen in its preparatory meeting from the other Protestant and Pentecostal denominations. Last year it had become the talk of the tri-cities. An ecumenical worship is an essential agenda of the program. Prior to the Day, Competitions in group singing, choreography, Essay writing, Bible quiz would be held and the winners would be awarded. The participating Churches stage various spiritual and educational cultural program during the celebrations. Let's be Proud that Catholic Church as the Mother is uniting all the followers of Christ!

## **VIII. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 2016**

- Nov 28 to Dec 3** : To Colombo, Srilanka for General Body Meeting of Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference
- 03 Sat 5.30pm : Blessing of St. Xavier's Mantapam, Showrinagar, Fathimanagar Parish
- 04 Sun 10.00am : Chapel Blessing and Mass with 1<sup>st</sup> Communions & Confirmation at Keshwapuram, Fruit of Mission Karimnagar
- 05 Mon 5.30pm : United Christmas Preparatory Meeting
- 06 Tue : Office
- 07 Wed : Office
- 10 Sat 11.30am : Banjara Christmas Preparatory Meeting, Mahabubabad  
4.00pm : Golden Jubilee Celebration of Nirmala High School, Dornakal
- 11 Sun 11.00am : Christmas Celebrations of Lodi with Specially Challenged

- 5.00pm : Balayesu Church Feast: Mass with Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Valbapur, Shantipuram Parish
- 12 Mon 5.30pm : Celebration of the Canonization of Alfonso Maria Fusco Founder of Sisters of St. John the Baptist, Thorrur
- 13 Tue : Office
- 14 Wed 10.30am : Divyavani Board Meeting, Hyderabad
- 15 Thu 5.30pm : United Mega Christmas at Public Gardens, HNK : All Priests Invited
- 16 Fri : Christmas Recollection  
6.30am : Requiem Mass for Priests Preceded by Lauds at Bishop Beretta Hostel
- 17 Sat 11.30am : CRI Recollection cum Christmas Celebration, Mass
- 18 Sun 10.00am : Banjara Christmas: Inauguration of Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Banjaramatha, Shanigapuram village, Mahabubabad Parish
- 20 Tue : Office for Laity
- 22 Thu : Office for Consecrated  
7.00pm : Christmas Celebration at St. Gabriel's, Fatimanagar
- 23 Fri : Office
- 24 Sat 10.30pm : Solemnity of Christ Birth : Midnight Mass at Cathedral, Fatimanagar
- 25 Sun 06.00pm : Christmas Mass at Samudrala village, Ghanpur Parish
- 27 Tue 11.30am : Silver Jubilee of two sisters, at St. Martholoma Nivas, Kesamudram
- 28 Fri : Warangal Diocesan Seminarians Meet, St. Xavier's Seminary Karunapuram
- 31 Sat 10.00am : Holy Matrimony, Fatimanagar  
10.30pm : Midnight Mass at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar

### January 2017

- 1 Sun 11.00am : New Year Mass at Bheemaram, Waddepally Parish
- 3 Tue : Office  
3.30pm : Lodi Exco – Meeting
- 5 Thu : Office



**INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF WARANGAL FIRST INTER-DIOCESAN SCHOOLS SPORTS MEET AT BISHOP BERETTA SCHOOL, Fatimanagar, Warangal**



**WARANGAL FIRST INTER-DIOCESAN SCHOOLS  
SPORTS MEET AT BISHOP BERETTA SCHOOL  
Fatimanagar, Warangal**



**CLOSING CEREMONY OF INTER DIOCESAN SPORTS MEET AT BISHOP BERETTA SCHOOL**



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- థెరిస్సా ఆశయాలును ఆదర్శంగా తీసుకోవాలి..
- రాజ్యాసభ సభ్యుడు కెప్టెన్ లక్ష్మీకాంతారావు

కాతీసిట/బాలనముద్రం, సెంటంట్ 12: ప్రపంచంలోని ప్రజలందరూ సెయింట్ మదర్ థెరిస్సా ఆశయాలును ఆదర్శంగా తీసుకోవాలి. వరంగల్ మేత్రాసన పీఠాధిపతి బిషప్ డాక్టర్ ఉదయ బాల సూచించారు. కాతీసిట పట్టణంలోని పాతిమా బేరెడ్డల్ చర్చి ఆవరణలో మదర్ థెరిస్సాకు పునీకపట్టు బహూకరణలో భాగంగా నిర్వహించిన కార్యక్రమంలో మహావేదంకల మంగిపు కార్యక్రమం శనివారం జరిగింది. వరంగల్లోని పబ్లిక్ గార్డెన్ నుంచి క్రైస్తవులు ర్యాలీగా పాతిమా చర్చికి చేరుకున్నారు. ఆనంతరం సభాప్రాంగణంలో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన మదర్ థెరిస్సా చిత్రపటానికి పూలమాలలు వేసి, దివ్యలలితాను బిషప్ డాక్టర్ ఉదయ బాల సమర్పించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ ప్రతి ఒక్కరూ ఏను ప్రభువు బోధించిన ప్రేమ, కరుణతో జీవించాలన్నారు. మదర్ థెరిస్సా వేదంబు చూపిన ప్రేమ, కరుణతో ఆవిరు ప్రపంచంలో ఆదర్శమైన గర్భిణిని లభించిందన్నారు. మానవ సేవయే మానవ సేవగా జీవిస్తూ గడిపిన మదర్ థెరిస్సా చరిత్రను ఆమె ప్రాతినిధ్యం వహించే స్వయం సేవకారిణి, ఆంధ్రం పోస్ట్ మదర్ థెరిస్సాకు పునీక



మాట్లాడుతున్న కెప్టెన్ లక్ష్మీకాంతారావు

క పట్టణాన్ని బహూకరించారన్నారు. మదర్ ఆశయాలు ఆనందంగా ప్రజలకు ప్రేమ చూపాలని ఆయన తెలిపారు. దివ్యకార్యక్రమం జూబిలీ మంగిపు ముప్పాడ యాత్రలో పాల్గొన్న కథోలిక విశ్వాసులను ఆయన ఆభీనం చేశారు. ఏను ప్రభువు చూపిన ప్రేమ, కరుణను ప్రజలకు చూపాలని ఆయన తెలిపారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో పాతిమా చర్చి విధాన గురువు పాదర్ బిషాంబు, పాదర్ జె రోమ్, పాదర్ ప్రకాష్, పాదర్ విజయకుమార్, పాదర్ కాటికొండ కోనమ్, పాదర్ సిద్ధార్థ్, కథిక్ దారులతో పాటు పది జిల్లాల నుంచి విచ్చేసిన కథోలిక విశ్వాసులు పాల్గొన్నారు.

**గొప్ప మానవతా మూర్తి..**

మనమల్లోని గొప్పతనాన్ని వెలికితీసిన మానవతా మూర్తి మదర్ థెరిస్సా ఆ నిరాసభ్య సభ్యుడు కెప్టెన్ లక్ష్మీకాంతారావు అన్నారు. హనుకొండ పబ్లిక్ గార్డెన్లో శనివారం సెయింట్ మదర్ థెరిస్సాకు పునీక

వేదంబులు నిర్వహించారు. ముందుగా మదర్ థెరిస్సా చిత్రపటానికి పూలమాలలు వేసి నివాళులర్పించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి ముఖ్య అతిథిగా హాజరైన లక్ష్మీకాంతారావు మాట్లాడుతూ వందమందికి సేవ చేయడం కోసం జీవించిన ఒకరిని సహాయం చేస్తూ జీవించిన బిషప్ గొప్ప మానవతా మూర్తి అన్నారు. మదర్ థెరిస్సా ఆ నిరాసభ్యులు ఆమె జీవితాన్ని మదర్ థెరిస్సాకు పునీక

పాదర్ జె రోమ్, పాదర్ ప్రకాష్, డాక్టర్ విశ్వనాథం సెయింట్ పీటర్ నారాయణరావు, డాక్టర్ జన్య ప్రకాష్, కాంగ్రెస్ నేత గంగారావు అమ్మకరావు, పాదర్ విజయకుమార్, పాదర్ సిద్ధార్థ్, కథోలిక విశ్వాసులు పెద్ద సంఖ్యలో పాల్గొన్నారు.



కార్యక్రమంలో పాల్గొన్న కథోలిక భక్తులు



కార్యక్రమంలో పాల్గొన్న కథోలిక భక్తులు

# MEGA CELEBRATION OF SAINT MOTHER TERESA, Public Garden, Hanamkonda & FAITH WALK

## IX. INFORMATIONS

### 1) Commissions in the Diocese

#### 1. Commission for Evangelization and Proclamation

Fr. D. Joseph

Fr. A. Prakash

Fr. G. Joseph

Fr. Allam Inna

Fr. G. Kamal

#### 2. Commission for Catechetical

Fr. M. Jaya Paul

Fr. G. Chinnapu reddy (Jr)

Fr. A. Vincent

Fr. T. Santhosh

#### 3. Commission for Family

Fr. Y. Chinnappa

Fr. Y. Thomas Kiran

Fr. Y. Inna

Fr. Y. Satish

#### 4. Commission for Liturgy

Fr. A. Bala

Fr. G. Balaswamy

Fr. G. Naveen

Fr. S. Inna

Fr. Gopu Suresh

#### 5. Commission for Education

Fr. B. Prakash

Fr. R. Inna

Fr. T. Joseph

Fr. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul

Fr. T. Augustine

#### 6. Commission for Bible

Fr. D. Raja

Fr. M. Raju

Fr. P. Prakash

Fr. T. Ashok

#### 7. Commission for S.C.C

Fr. D. Joseph (Ex-Officio)

Fr. Y. Papi Reddy

Fr. T. Sunil

Fr. M. Anand

Fr. T. Anthony

#### 8. Commission for S.C and S.T

Fr. K. Vijay Kumar

Fr. N. Surender

Fr. T. Jerome

Fr. G. Prashanth

#### 9. Commission for Vocations, Seminary, Clergy and Religion

Fr. A. Raja

Fr. T. Yaga Reddy

Fr. G. Sudhakar

Fr. T. Vijay Manohar

#### 10. Commission for Health

Fr. Y. Joji

Fr. G. Prakash

Fr. P. John Paul

Fr. S. Prabhakar

### 11. Commission for Youth

Fr. T. Pradeep

Fr. B. J. Praveen

Fr. G. Joseph

Fr. N. Vinod

Fr. P. Anil

### 12. Commission for Labour, Justice & Peace

Fr. D. S. Prashanth

Fr. E. Vijay

Fr. G. Bala Martin

Fr. A. Sravan

### 13. Commission for Women

Fr. S. Bala Showry

Fr. Gangarapu Suresh

Fr. Y. Lourdu

Fr. G. Ranjith

### 14. Commission for Ecumenism

Fr. Gali Rayappa

Fr. Golimari Rayappa

Fr. K. Showreddy

Fr. S. Mahipal

### 15. Commission for Social – Communication

Fr. B. Kishore

Fr. K. Joseph

Fr. G. Thomas Reddy

Fr. Y. Kiran Kumar

### 16. Commission for Laity

Fr. P. Raja

Fr. N. Maria Joseph

Fr. P. Suresh

Fr. N. Sampath

## Office bearers of Warangal Diocesan Marriage Tribunal

1.	Judicial Vicar	Rev. Fr. Thomas Kiran Yetukuri, MCL
2.	Judges	Fr. Singareddy Bala Showry Fr. Anthony Swamy SVD Fr. T. Yaga Reddy
3.	Advocates	Fr. Jyotish, IMS Mr. Prasanghi Dr. Prathap Reddy, M.S
4.	Defender of the Bond / Promoter of Justice	Rev. Fr. Thatikonda Joseph, MCL
5.	Notary	Rev. Fr. Yeruva Lourdu Reddy

### 2) POPES INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016

**Universal :** End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization :** Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

### 3) MANOS UNIDAS, SPAIN

MANOS UNIDAS, SPAIN has visited the Warangal Diocese. Fr.D.Vijaya Paul Reddy, Director of Lodi Multipurpose social Service Society has represented the team. They visited Karimnagar and Warangal districts on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. As part of their visit the Lodi Director has taken them to Devnoor village of Dharmasagar Parish and Malkapur village of Mulkapur parish.



### 4) CHURCH LOCATOR APP

Diocese of Warangal released an android application called Church Locator. Locator is an Online Android application for mobile devices to find your nearest Catholic Church in the Warangal Diocese of Telangana, India.

Warangal Diocese is the first Diocese in India to adopt this technology.



"Church Locator" app is an initiative of "CJITS Jesus Youth", data provided by "Warangal Diocese". Technically partnered with "EthicCoders Technologies".

A team of Catholic students from CJITS joined "EthicCoders" company and during their training period, they developed this app for the Diocese.

This app was released on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 by His Grace MOST.REV.DR.UDUMALA BALA at the concluding celebration "Year Of Mercy JUBILEE", which was attended by 15000 people.

This app can be downloaded on android mobile devices and can be used to find Churches in our Diocese. It also includes the timings of the Holy Mass and all the information of the Church we are looking for. It also gives the nearest Church and the direction to reach the Church.

This is a great initiative by the students of our own engineering college CJITS and we are proud to announce that the college is run and managed by the Diocese of Warangal.

### 5) SEMINARIANS OF WARANGAL DIOCESE -2016-17

S.No	Name	Seminary	Study	Village & Parish
1	Vatti Simon	St.Peter's - Bangalore	3rd Year Theology	Bandampally- Manugonda
2	Nalla Sudheer	St.John's - Hyderabad	2nd Year Theology	Laskarsingaram -St.Peter's Colony
3	Thumma Sharan Teja	St.John's - Hyderabad	2nd Year Theology	Nallabelly- Narsampet
4	Gopu Prakash Pradeep	St. Peter's - Bangalore	1st Year Theology	Ookal
5	Kurasapally Joseph Chintu	St. Anthony's School - Karimnagar	Regency	Fatimanagar
6	Mettu Sravan	ChristuJothi Ashram - Karunapuram	Regency	Agapeta- Narimetta
7	Nalla Sudheep Kumar	St. Francis De sales Parish & Boarding- Veleru	Regency	Waddepally
8	Gangarapu Anu Kiran	St. Pius X Minor Seminary Karunapuram	Regency	Dharmasagar
9	Ramancha Sharath	St. Xavier's - Karunapuram	2nd Year Philosophy	Unikicherla
10	Rajarapu Mano	St. Xavier's - Karunapuram	2nd Year Philosophy	Fathimanagar
11	Yeruva Ajith	St. Xavier's - Karunapuram	2nd Year Philosophy	Prakashreddypeta -Subedari
12	Pentareddy Bala Sanjay	St. Xavier's - Karunapuram	1st Year Philosophy	Mariapuram(Addabata)-Narimetta
13	Polimari Sandeep	St. Xavier's - Karunapuram	1st Year Philosophy	Dharmasagar
14	Kotte Sudheer Kumar	St Paul's- Nuzvid	Spiritual Orientation	Dharmasagar
15	Pendela Umesh chandra	St Paul's- Nuzvid	Spiritual Orientation	Athmakur
16	Gangarapu Stephen	St. Pius X Inter Diocesan Minor Seminary	First Year Intermediate (Vidyanketan)	Dharmasagar
17	Beerreddy Anuragh	”	Orientation	Guntur mallakpally-Mallakpally
18	Gade Chohen Xavier	”	Orientation	Fatimanagar
19	Kotte Tharun Kumar	”	Orientation	Dharmasagar

**Fr.Y.Thomas Kiran,**  
Rector

## 6) “Mega Celebration of Mercy Mother St. Teresa cum Mercy Jubilee”

The extraordinary jubilee celebration "The year of Mercy "came to an end on 12th November with large number of faithful people of Warangal diocese gathered at Public Gardens Hanmakonda.

It was a three –day fiesta with mercy walk from all parishes of the diocese praying, singing and dancing on roads.

The 3rd day of celebration began with double fold joy. Around 15000 people all over the Warangal diocese from all the Parishes gathered to celebrate the Mercy year and the sainthood of Mother Theresa. It began with invoking God's blessings" blessed are the merciful for they will receive Mercy "there were few meaningful programs were conducted by the Sisters of charity, other Gabriel school Children. A dance drama enacting the life of St. Mother Teresa was something unique exp of all those who have gathered.

Than the hounrable chief guests were invited, these chief guests were from different religion who spoke well about St.Mother Teresa's dedication and her commitment to the humanitarian all over the world who won the souls for Christ. The program come to an end in the public garden with remarkable symbols by release of 4doves and the rosary balloons in to the air.

Jesus said" be my witness before the people and I will acknowledge them before my father ".The shepherd of Warngal diocese Rev. Bishop.UdumalaBala blessed the Radham of Mercy Jesus cum St Mother Theresa and with a very strong contingent of 15000 people, he himself lead the faithful to March towards Fatima Nagar (padhayathra),with prayers and everyone who took part in it were greatly blessed.

After reaching to Fatima Nagar everyone was refreshed physically with good lunch. Followed by adoration & Eucharistic sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishop concluded the year of Mercy with great number of priests with concelebration the Holy Eucharist. It was a rare type of celebration and the People, Catholic & non Christians experienced the out pouring of Mercy of God.

## 7) WADES Desk

Teaching / Learning Materials play a vital role in Education. Teachers as well as students use these materials that support them in reaching their goal. In this process the support of OEF programme is commendable and is very much appreciated. The games, flash cards, videos etc. help the children to grasp the lesson well. Videos are screened with the help of Projectors. The material is more useful in Mathematics for Primary children. We believe that what we see with our eyes will be remembered more than what we hear.

The Primary Teachers at St. Joseph's High School feel that they are able to attract and motivate the children well towards learning by using the materials supplied by OEF. We are ever grateful to the donors Mr. Joe and their family and Mr. John the coordinator.

Mrs. Rajitha – In-charge Teacher, St. Joseph's H.S., Husnabad.

### **8) St. Alfonso Maria Fusco (1839-1910)**

(Founder of the Congregation of Sisters of St. John the Baptist).

St. Alfonso Maria Fusco was born on 23rd March 1839 as the first of five children of Aniello Fusco and Giuseppina Schiaviona at Angri in Salerno, Italy. Alfonso's birth was attributed to the intercession of the Saint Alphonsus De Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists. He was canonized on 16th October 2016 by Pope Francis.

Fusco was a mild and gentle character who was responsive to the plight of the poor. We can say that in a good heart love grows quickly and grace knows no age. His mother a pious simple woman transmitted to the soul of Alfonso the beautiful Christian virtues such as purity, simplicity of heart and kindness, charity to the poor and needy with a burning love for Jesus and Blessed Mother. At a young age Alfonso felt deep within his heart the call of the Lord. With great joy in November 1850 at the age of eleven he entered the seminary. Before leaving he greets his mother and asks "Mama if you think I am worthy to enter the seminary to be a priest, tell me". His mother replied "Go and be a saint". Alfonso makes these words his own his whole life. While in the seminary he had a dream and he relates "I dreamt of Jesus the Nazarene who said to me, Alfonso you are to found an Institute of sisters which you will name "of the Nazarene" and an orphanage for boys and girls. The ground is ready: you have only to build. As soon as you become a priest you must concern yourself with this" After he was ordained as a priest, he set about to make this dream happen. After facing many obstacle and challenges a young woman called Maddalena Caputo collaborates with his mission to establish the religious institute. On 26th September 1878 along with three women and with the resource of Five Lire and a hovel St. Alfonso began the congregation saying, " Providence is my bank".

St. Fusco was a man of unlimited trust in Divine Providence. His devotion to our Lady of sorrows and the hours he spent before the Blessed Sacrament gave him enormous energy to face the most challenging situations of life. St. Fusco's holy life is an inspiration and insight for everybody. He was a man not only walked in the light of the gospel, but lived the gospel. Being an epitome of simplicity, he was wise and prudent father for his spiritual family which he formed with ardent love for the poor. St. Fusco's divine nature attracted people from all walks of life. Till the last moment of his life on February 6<sup>th</sup> 1910 he committed himself totally to God's will, and he could say "Lord I Thank You,

I have been a useless servant”. My daughters, in heaven I will not forget you and I will always pray for you”. With these words he breathed his last. This is a promise and a blessing that the sisters continue to experience every day.

St. Fusco always believed educating children are like bringing flowers to Jesus. With his vision and apostolic zeal the congregation spread its root over 17 countries involving in education, human promotion, social work, primary health ministry, pastoral and family apostolate, care for the destitute, mentally disabled, care of the elderly and orphans. We recall to mind always the words of our beloved founder “My daughters, what do you think you have come for? To form any kind of family? No, no, you have come to form the family of saints. This is the aim of our lives. To become saints.”

### **9) Warangal Diocesan Inter School Games & Sports Meet - 2016**

“A Sound body keeps sound Health.”

Games and Sports make man physically and mentally sound. Keeping this in view the Warangal Diocese Educational Society had taken decision to come together for Diocesan Inter School Games & Sports Meet - 2016. The first Diocesan Inter School Sports meet began with arrival of enthusiastic and competent students. Hospitality extended by the host school was commendable.

The Mega and grand Diocesan Inter School Games & Sports Meet took place on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, Nov., 2016. The inaugural Ceremony was held on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2016 at 9.30 am. The glittering sports arena of Beretta school scintillated with colours and lighting. A stunning guard of honour was extended to dignitaries as an expression of warm welcome. The Chief Guest Prof. S. Mahender Reddy, Dean, Dept. of Education, Kakatiya University and the President of Warangal Diocese Educational Society, Most Rev. Dr. Udumula Bala presided over the meet and inaugurated First Diocesan tournament by lighting the torch and hosting the sports flag. 11 contingents participated in the Marchpast with colourful accessories and they looked well disciplined soldiers of the nation. The dignitaries gave valuable messages to the participants to inculcate spirit of competition, fraternity and noble values.

“A champion is someone who gets up when he can't” Nearly 800 children took part with the spirit of sportiveness in various Games and Sports. St. John's High School-Kesamudram bagged the overall Championship Thorpe with 80 points. The Head Masters and Correspondents of all the eleven Schools were rightly felicitated on this occasion.

A Grand and spectacular show of Cultural Gala performed by the students of Bishop Beretta High School took the audience to the realm of heavenly joy. T Haritha Haram presented by students was more attractive and add beauty to the grand programme.

I, the convener take this opportunity to thank the Almighty who blessed us throughout this event, and our Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala who encouraged us to organize Games & Sports Meet. I appreciate and thank the organizing committee and all those who helped to make this event successful and colorful.

**Organizing Committee:**

Convener: Rev Fr. T. Yaga Reddy

Secretary: Rev Fr. Kasu Show Reddy

Members: Rev Fr. Basani Prakash

Rev Fr. S Inna Reddy

Rev Fr. Maria Joseph .N

**10) MISISON BANJARA**

For nothing will be impossible with God (Lk:1;37)

It is true that Lord Jesus promises will be fulfilled in those who work with faith. So 30 people received baptisms in Banjara mission on 6th of November. It is the fruit of 2 years labor. Once the plant is planted it bears fruit in due season of God. Thanks to the spiritual force and support of His excellency, Most Rev. Ududmala Bala.

First ever New Banjara mission chapel was blessed and inaugurated by his excellency Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, In Boda thanda, on 27/11/16 of Shanigapuram village in the New district Mahabubabad. nearly 200 people participated in the event. It was historic procession of Banjaras with bishop enthroned on the decorated tractor, banjara ladies dressed in their traditional attire dancing and leading the bishop through the village to church premises. It was a spectacular view indeed. The church was dedicated to Divine Mercy. The bishop admonished the people to have recourse to the Mercy Of God through Jesus in all their situations of life, the Mercy beyond human grasping. Then nearly 500 people enjoyed delicious festive meal provided by the bishop. Thanks to Triune God & Our Lady of Fatima..My special thanks to Fr.Samuel, Fr. Sravan, Fr. Ranjth, Sr. Selvi, Sr.Latha, Sr.Nirmala Jyothi & community, SR. Mamatha, Mrs.Inyasamma,the animators, Boda Hari, Boda Siri, and all who rendered services .

Fr. Dasari Joseph,

Director, Pastoral Centre.

**11) CONFERENCE OF RELIGIOUS OF INDIA, WARANGAL UNIT**

As we are nearing the fag end of 2016, we are sure that all of you are busy preparing for winding up the calendar year 2016 with a fitting celebration of the feast of Nativity and then a few well-deserved holidays. We wish you all a Very Happy and Holy Christmas and a Grace - filled New Year 2017.

It's good that we express our togetherness from time to time as the larger family of the Religious of Warangal Diocese through common celebrations. For this purpose there is no occasion better suited than the Feast of Christmas - the feast that ushers in Joy, Hope and Unity of people of good will.

With this spirit a Christmas gathering is arranged for all the Religious on Saturday 17th December, 2016 at Divya Deepthi Retreat Centre, Fatimanagar. You are requested to participate in it without fail. When you come kindly bring along a Christmas card and a token gift for your Christmas Friend, whose name shall be revealed to you before the programme commences.

There will be some surprise items for and laughter. Your curiosity definitely kills the cat!!! Beside, we will have carol singing and dancing in groups as part of the programme. You may use any of the languages used in India. Attractive prizes and appealing tastes await for you.

### **Particulars of the Celebration**

<b>Theme</b>	:	"Contemplate the Incarnation of Jesus and Respond of the cry of the poor".
<b>Date</b>	:	Saturday, 17th December 2016
<b>Venue</b>	:	Divya Deepthi Retreat Centre, Fatimanagar
<b>Time</b>	:	09.00 a.m. - 04.30 p.m.
<b>Animator</b>	:	Fr. Raju Alex

With every good wish and prayer.

### **CHRISTMAS TIPS**

1. Please don't use the term 'season's greetings' during Christmas.
2. This term is promoted by people who do not want to take the Name of "Christ". We as Christians should not hesitate to say "Christ"mas season.
3. Its wrong to use the term 'X'mas. 'X' means unknown in mathematical terminology. But we as Christians know that it's birthday of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We know him. He is not unknown to us. So let's use the term "Christ"mas properly.
4. Let's not use the image of Santaclause to greet on Christmas. Christmas is birthday of Jesus not of Santa. This is used for the commercial benefits by Non Christians. We ase Christians let's not send greetings with Santa image. Let's send the image of baby Jesus in the Crib or Baby Jesus with Joseph and Mary. Let's not be blind imitators of those who misuse it.

*Bon Voyage to Colombo, Srilanka for General Body Meeting  
on 28 Nov 3 Dec, 2017*



*Hearty Congratulation to our Bishop on  
Being Elected for Office for Clergy of  
Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference.*

### *Birthday Babies in December*

Fr. G. Chinnappa	12-12-1985
Fr. M.P. Joseph	15-12-1926
Fr. G. Balaswamy	19-12-1965
Fr. B. Anthony	23-12-1936
Fr. G. Thomas	30-12-1978





**MEGA CELEBRATION OF SAINT MOTHER TERESA,  
Public Garden, Hanamkonda  
& FAITH WALK**

# CONCLUDING OF MERCY-YEAR JUBILEE WITH MASS



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