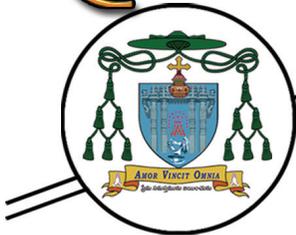


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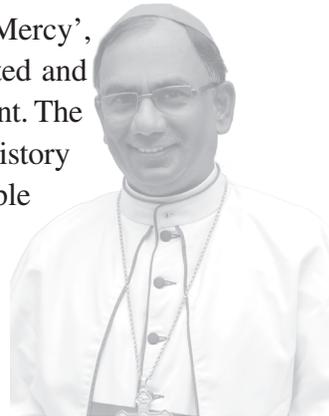
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Certainty of God's Mercy

The Pope Francis, labelled as 'Pope of Mercy', reiterates his call for mercy to be celebrated and experienced in a serious way during this Lent. The mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people Israel. In true love story (Hos. chs 1-2), God plays the role of the betrayed father and husband, while Israel plays the unfaithful child and bride. These familial images show to what extent God wishes to bind himself to his people. The story of God's love culminates in the incarnation of God's Son, who Himself is the "mercy incarnate". As the Son of God, he is the Bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride, visible in the eternal wedding feast (Rev. Ch 19). The Bible does simply reaffirm that God is merciful, but clearly indicates that his children must be merciful "Be merciful as the Heavenly father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).

**Mercy, Pope's Pastoral Approach**

Mercy is central to Pope Francis' self identity. It is the buzz word of Pope Francis' pastoral approach. We believe not only in receiving God's Mercy but also showing Mercy. It is real, not only in theology or theory but also in praxis. Lent is a season of special grace for deepening one's faith and for one's conversion. The Holy Father appeals to strengthen our faith through acts of Mercy, spiritual and corporeal, helping the body and soul of the needy. We need to recognize our own need for God's mercy, communicated through His words and deeds. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our suffering brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited, etc. In the spiritual works of mercy i.e. counsel, instruction,

forgiveness, admonishment and prayer, we touch more directly our own sinfulness. Therefore, we need to rediscover the traditional works of mercy, which seemed to have been forgotten by the preachers and practitioners! They are very simple, concrete, direct, alive, daily, easy and accessible to all ways of living.

Mercy and Justice, Contradictory or Complementary?

We might have the temptation to focus exclusively on justice forgetting that it is only the first, although necessary and indispensable step. 'The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more' Pope stated. They are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love. In many biblical passages, "justice is understood as the full observance of the Law and the behaviour of every good Israelite in conformity with God's commandments." But such a vision has led to legalism by distorting the original meaning of justice and obscuring its profound value. Quoting Jesus' response "Go and learn the meaning of I desire mercy not sacrifice" Pope says, "Jesus is bent on revealing the great gift of mercy that searches out sinners and offers them pardon and salvation."

Signs and Symbols of Jubilee Years

Jubilee year calls for the use of means, signs and symbols which help the faithful to lead them to a more profound relationship with Christ. Three main signs have been traditionally used for Jubilees: i. Pilgrimage, ii. The Holy Door, and iii. The indulgence

i. A pilgrimage is an ancient symbol of Christian life. We proceed from a mystery, and we are on our way towards the same mystery, God. Along our journey we are accompanied and illuminated by Christ, the way. The pilgrim is not a vagabond because he is aware of his destination and neither is he a solitary person because he is a member of a pilgrim people. He has no permanent home in this world and he carries only what is necessary for journey.

ii. The Holy Door in the Basilicas or Churches represents the pilgrim's destination. The church is a sign of the House of God, who as Father welcomes all his children. Through Christ and the power of the Spirit, and in the company of Mary, we are walking towards Him. With the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, and the doors of Churches throughout the world, the door "will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope." There are still places in the world where doors are not locked, but there are also many where reinforced doors have become normal. The door must certainly protect, but not reject. The Church is the door to the house of the Lord but she is not the owner!

iii. Indulgence "is one of constitutive elements of the Jubilee. The indulgence discloses the fullness of the Father's mercy who offers everyone his love, expressed primarily in the forgiveness of sin". Normally God the Father grants his pardon through the Sacrament of Reconciliation", but "reconciliation with God does not mean that there are no enduring consequence of sin from which we must be purified. It is precisely in this context that the indulgence becomes important, since it is an expression of the total gift of mercy from God. With the indulgence, the repentant sinner receives a remission of the temporal punishment due for the sins already forgiven as regards the fault" (IM9).

Favourable Time for Mercy, Divine and Human

This year's Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday, when the Church will send out "Missionaries of Mercy" i.e. priests with the faculties to pardon sins in cases reserved for the Holy See, as part of the Jubilee Year. Mary is the image of the Church's evangelization, and the star of New Evangelization. After receiving the "Good News" from the angel Gabriel, Mary proclaims the Magnificat in which she "prophetically sings of the mercy whereby God chose her". We look for Mary's intercession for each Christian is called to experience at first hand and let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion!

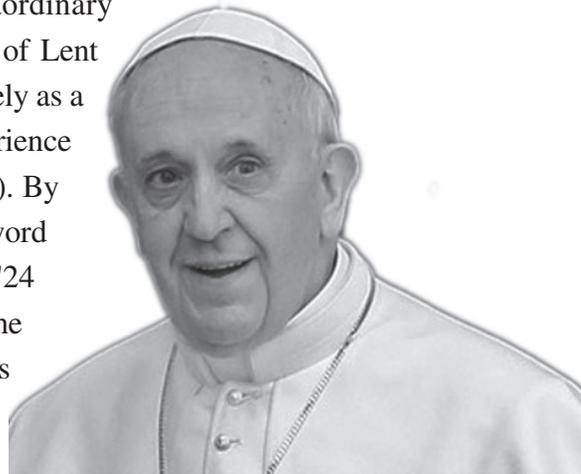
I. MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2016

"I desire mercy, and not sacrifice" (Mt. 9:13).

The works of mercy on the road of the Jubilee

1. Mary, the image of a Church which evangelizes because she is evangelized

In the Bull of Indication of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I asked that "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative "24 Hours for the Lord", I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God's word, especially his prophetic word. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each



Christian is called to experience at first hand. For this reason, during the season of Lent I will send out Missionaries of Mercy as a concrete sign to everyone of God's closeness and forgiveness.

After receiving the Good News told to her by the Archangel Gabriel, Mary, in her Magnificat, prophetically signs of the mercy whereby God chose her. The Virgin of Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph, thus becomes the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes, for she was, and continues to be, evangelized by the Holy Spirit, who made her virginal womb fruitful. In the prophetic tradition, mercy is strictly related - even on the etymological level - to the maternal womb (*rahamim*) and to a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness (*hesed*) shown within marriage and family relationships.

2. God's covenant with humanity : a history of mercy

The mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people Israel. God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion, especially at those tragic moments when infidelity ruptures the bond of the covenant, which then needs to be ratified more firmly in justice and truth. Here is a true love story, in which God plays the role of the betrayed

father and husband, while Israel plays the unfaithful child and bride. These domestic images - as in the case of Hosea (cf. Hos 1-2) - show to what extent God wishes to bind himself to his people.

This love story culminates in the incarnation of God's Son. In Christ, the Father pours forth his boundless mercy even to making him "mercy incarnate" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 8). As a man, Jesus of Nazareth is a true son of Israel; he embodies that perfect hearing required of every Jew by the Shema, which today too is the heart of God's covenant with Israel: "hear, O Israel : The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Dt 6:4-5). As the Son of God, he is the Bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride, to whom he is bound by an unconditional love which becomes visible in the eternal wedding feast.

This is the very heart of the apostolic kerygma, in which divine mercy holds a central and fundamental place. It is "the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 36), that first proclamation which "we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment" (*ibid.*, 164). Mercy "expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 21), thus restoring his relationship with him. In Jesus crucified, God shows his desire to draw near to sinners, however far they may have strayed from him. In this way he hopes to soften the hardened heart of his Bride.

3. The Works of Mercy

God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged. For this reason, I expressed my hope that "the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; this will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty, and to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy" (*ibid.*,

15). For in the poor, the flesh of Christ "becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled.... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us" (ibid.). It is the unprecedented and scandalous mystery of the extension in time of the suffering of the Innocent Lamb, the burning bush of gratuitous love. Before this love, we can, like Moses, take off our sandals (cf. Ex 3:5), especially when the poor are our brothers or sisters in Christ who are suffering for their faith.

In the light of this love, which is strong as death (cf. song 8:6), the real poor are revealed as those who refuse to see themselves as such. They consider themselves rich, but they are actually the poorest of the poor. This is because they are slaves to sin, which leads them to use wealth and power not for the service of God and others, but to stifle within their hearts the profound sense that they too are only poor beggars. The greater their power and wealth, the more this blindness and deception can grow. It can even reach the point of being blind to Lazarus begging at their doorstep (cf. Lk 16:20-21). Lazarus, the poor man, is a figure of Christ, who through the poor pleads for our conversion. As such, he represents the possibility of conversion which God offers us and which we may well fail to see. Such blindness is often accompanied by the proud illusion of our own omnipotence, which reflects in a sinister way the diabolical "you will be like God" (Gen 3:5) which is the root of all sin. This illusion can likewise take social and political forms, as shown by the totalitarian systems of the twentieth century, and, in our own day, by the ideologies of monopolizing thought and technoscience, which would make God irrelevant and reduce man to raw material to be exploited. This illusion can also be seen in the sinful structures linked to a model of false development based on the idolatry of money, which leads to lack of concern for the fate of the poor on the part of wealthier individuals and societies; they close their doors, refusing even to see the poor.

For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favourable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practising the works of mercy. In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy - counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer - we touch more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need. By taking this path, the "proud", the "powerful" and the "wealthy" spoken of in the Magnificat can also be embraced and underservedly loved by the crucified Lord who died and rose for them. This love alone

is the answer to that yearning for infinite happiness and love that we think we can satisfy with the idols of knowledge, power and riches. Yet the danger always remains that by a constant refusal to open the doors of their hearts to Christ who knocks on them in the poor, the proud, rich and powerful will end up condemning themselves and plunging into the eternal abyss of solitude which is Hell. The pointed words of Abraham apply to them and to all of us; "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them" (Lk 16:29). Such attentive listening will best prepare us to celebrate the final victory over sin and death of the Bridegroom, now risen, who desires to purify his Betrothed in expectation of his coming.

Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favourable a time for conversion! We ask this through the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, who, encountering the greatness of God's mercy freely bestowed upon her, was the first to acknowledge her lowliness (cf. Lk 1:48) and to call herself the Lord's humble servant (cf. Lk 1:38).

From the Vatican, 4 October 2015

II. LENT AND FASTING

Lent and fasting seem to go together naturally in some Christian churches, while others consider this form of self-denial a personal, private matter. It's easy to find examples of fasting in both the Old and New Testaments. In Old Testament times, fasting was observed to express grief. Starting in the New Testament, fasting took on a different meaning, as



a way to focus on God and prayer. Such a focus was Jesus Christ's intent during his 40-day fast in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-2). In preparation for his public ministry, Jesus intensified his prayer with the addition of fasting. Today, many Christian churches associate Lent with Moses' 40 days on the mountain with God, the 40-year journey of the Israelites in the desert, and Christ's 40-day period of fasting and temptation. Lent is a period of somber self-examination and penitence in preparation for Easter.

Lent and Fasting in the Catholic Church

The Roman Catholic Church has a long tradition of fasting and Lent. Unlike most other Christian churches, the Catholic Church has specific regulations for its members covering Lenten fasting. Not only do Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but they

also abstain from meat on those days and all the Fridays during Lent. Fasting does not mean complete denial of food, however. On fast days, Catholics are allowed to eat one full meal and two smaller meals which, together, do not constitute a full meal. Young children, the elderly, and persons whose health would be affected are exempt from fasting regulations. Fasting is associated with prayer and alms giving as spiritual disciplines to take a person's attachment away from the world and focus it on God and Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

III. MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY FEBRUARY 14, 2016

Theme : LIVE FAITHFULLY SHARE JOYFULLY

Preparation :

- Prepare the children before celebrating the actual day with a weeklong activity. Arrange for prayer days, novenas, missionary rosaries and competitions.
- Give sufficient publicity to the theme of the Holy Childhood Day Celebration – “LIVE FAITHFULLY SHARE JOYFULLY”.
- Explain to the children about the situation of the children worldwide and of the children in socio-economically poor countries.
- Plan to visit any needy persons in the parish – Hospitals, home for the aged, children’s homes etc.
- Prepare children for the Eucharistic celebration with appropriate readings and hymns(involvement of the children is very important).
- Prepare well for the procession in the beginning of the Eucharist.
- Animators should remind children to come with the gifts or dumb-boxes which they will offer on the Missionary Childhood Day. Make the children offer their gifts or savings of the year at the offertory in a procession.
- Let the children formulate the prayers of the faithful in their own language.
- You may conduct competitions for singing on “hymns on mission”; Elocution on “I am called to be a saint” and Quiz competition on Religious Congregation(s) in my parish, their founder, charism, history etc.
- Distribute ‘dumb boxes’ to children to sacrifice part of their pocket money for missions throughout the next year.

1. Spirit and activities of Holy Childhood Association (HCA)

a. Foundation of Society for Missionary Childhood

“When the foundation (of faith) is strong, the house is strong” – Bp. Charles de Forbin Jansen

The first half of the 19th century could be called a missionary springtime for the Church in Europe. Thousands of messengers of the Gospel left the Old Continent for faraway lands. French missionaries distinguished themselves by their number and their courage, drawing fresh spiritual enthusiasm from the Charism of the newly established ‘Ad Gentes’ congregations. At home, the faithful accompanied the missionaries with their constant prayer and financial support, working actively with the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a wonderful way of feeling fully involved in the Church’s work of evangelization. As these small groups grew in works of charity, they began to draw attention of the whole of Europe.

In 1843 Charles de Forbin-Janson, Bishop of Nancy, France, established the Association of the Holy Childhood (Association de la Sainte Enfance). Popes and other ecclesiastical dignitaries approved the association and recommended it to the Catholic faithful. The Holy Childhood Associations promoted the concept of making children ‘little missionaries’.

Many parishes throughout Europe formed units of groups among children. This developed in them a sense of love for the poor and the needy children. They began to sacrifice their extra expenses on entertainment, outing, snacks etc., thus saving money for this great purpose. Gradually these associations of ‘children helping children’ gained support from parents and elders far & wide with a mission orientation.

Pope Pius IX, by a brief of 18 July 1856, raised it to the rank of a canonical institution, gave it a Cardinal Protector, and requested all bishops to introduce it in their dioceses. Pope Leo XIII, in the encyclical letter *Sancta Dei civitas* (3 December 1890), blessed it and recommended it again to the bishops. The slogan of Holy Childhood Association is ‘Children Helping Children’.

b. Aims of Holy Childhood Association

- Deepening one’s faith
- Living it faithfully
- Sharing it joyfully

It is a direct vocation to young boys & girls to spread the Good News and become missionaries for the Lord, in various stages and capacities according to their age and strength. To inculcate in them a deep sense of mission by instruments of prayer, sacrifice and financial aid. As it comes directly under the care of the Pope, it has gained the highest rank in mission work. The Holy Childhood Association teaches: “Try to give even as you receive”.

c. Goal of HCA :

“Children may become good and sharing citizens and wonderful animators, evangelizers and missionaries for Jesus.”

d. Objectives of HCA

- To awaken in the children the awareness of the mission work of the Church.
- To participate in the mission through prayer, sacrifices and offerings. (Children Love Children)
- To share their faith and material means with the children of the neediest Church. (Children Help Children)
- To inculcate in the children esteem and love for missionary vocations.
- To motivate: “Try to give even as you receive”.
- To live faithfully and share joyfully.

e. Benefits of belonging to the Missionary Childhood Association

- The Holy Childhood Association membership brings children to God, makes gentle demands of them, counters selfishness and teaches them to pray in an informal and personal way.
- Their families benefit if they are willing to support and share the faith experience of the children and read the Newsletter (Children Helping Children by the National Office) with them.
- Teachers/Animators benefit spiritually as they endeavour to stimulate the faith and devotion of the children.
- Parishes benefit when the priest and people of the parish support the children in various Holy Childhood Association activities for Advent, Christmas, Lent and the Annual Holy Childhood Association Day (8th February 2015).

- Children in need benefit from the prayers and funds of the Holy Childhood Association.
- The whole Church benefits from the prayers and sacrifices of children. By participating in the Holy Childhood Association, children learn to give voluntarily and this, in turn, prepares them for volunteer action when they are older.

2. HCA is a Pontifical Association

Pontifical means Pope's own association. It is spread in 1064 dioceses of world. HCA funds are distributed to help children in 110 countries throughout the world. 169 dioceses of India have its branches. HCA make children ardent little missionaries today by their generous sharing.

3. What makes the HCA different from other associations?

Holy Childhood Association closely resemble the charitable charism of St. Vincent de Paul, though with one substantial difference: the responsibility of bringing less fortunate children to salvation was entrusted to children rather than to adults.

- The Holy Childhood Association is placed under the protection of the Child Jesus.
- The Blessed Virgin is the first Patroness. The Guardian Angels, St. Joseph, St. Francis Xavier and St. Vincent de Paul are secondary patrons.
- Every baptized child can become a member of the Association.

Promote 'The Mission Rosary' : The Mission Rosary reminds us of the mission effort to spread the Good News of Jesus on every continent of the world. Each decade in the Mission Rosary is a different colour. Each colour represents a different continent of the world.

The Mission Rosary was inaugurated in February, 1951 by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who at that time was the director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States of America. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen said:

“We must pray, not only for ourselves, but for the world. To this end I have designed the World Mission Rosary. Each of the five decades is of a different colour to represent each of the five continents.”

Green represents the forests and grasslands of the continent of Africa.

Red represents the fire of faith that brought the missionaries to the continents of the Americas – North, Central, and South.

White represents the continent of Europe, the seat of the Holy Father, who is the Shepherd of the world.

Blue represents the ocean surrounding the islands of the Pacific, Oceania.

Yellow represents the morning light of the east, the continent of Asia.

“When the World Mission Rosary is completed, one has embraced all continents, all people in prayer.”

IV. MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 24TH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2016

Entrusting Oneself to the Merciful Jesus like Mary:

“Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5)

The twenty-fourth World Day of the Sick offers me an opportunity to draw particularly close to you, dear friends who are ill, and to those who care for you. This year, since the Day of the Sick will be solemnly celebrated in the Holy Land, I wish to propose a meditation on the Gospel account of the wedding feast of Cana (Jn 2: 1-11), where Jesus performed his first miracle through the intervention of his Mother. The theme chosen - Entrusting Oneself to the Merciful Jesus like Mary: “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5) is quite fitting in light of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. The main Eucharistic celebration of the Day will take place on 11 February 2016, the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, in Nazareth itself, where “the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (Jn 1:14).

In Nazareth, Jesus began his salvific mission, applying to himself the words of the Prophet Isaiah, as we are told by the Evangelist Luke: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord” (Lk 4:18-19).

Illness, above all grave illness, always places human existence in crisis and brings with it questions that dig deep. Our first response may at times be one of rebellion: Why has this happened to me? We can feel desperate, thinking that all is lost, that things no longer have meaning. In these situations, faith in God is on the one hand tested, yet at the same time can reveal all of its positive resources. Not because faith makes illness, pain, or the questions which they raise, disappear, but because it offers a key by which

we can discover the deepest meaning of what we are experiencing; a key that helps us to see how illness can be the way to draw nearer to Jesus who walks at our side, weighed down by the Cross. And this key is given to us by Mary, our Mother, who has known this way at first hand.

At the wedding feast of Cana, Mary is the thoughtful woman who sees a serious problem for the spouses: the wine, the symbol of the joy of the feast, has run out. Mary recognizes the difficulty, in some way makes it her own, and acts swiftly and discreetly. She does not simply look on, much less spend time in finding fault, but rather, she turns to Jesus and presents him with the concrete problem: “They have no wine” (Jn 2:3). And when Jesus tells her that it is not yet the time for him to reveal himself (cf. v. 4), she says to the servants: “Do whatever he tells you” (v. 5). Jesus then performs the miracle, turning water into wine, a wine that immediately appears to be the best of the whole celebration. What teaching can we draw from this mystery of the wedding feast of Cana for the World Day of the Sick?

The wedding feast of Cana is an image of the Church: at the centre there is Jesus who in his mercy performs a sign; around him are the disciples, the first fruits of the new community; and beside Jesus and the disciples is Mary, the provident and prayerful Mother. Mary partakes of the joy of ordinary people and helps it to increase; she intercedes with her Son on behalf of the spouses and all the invited guests. Nor does Jesus refuse the request of his Mother. How much hope there is in that event for all of us! We have a Mother with benevolent and watchful eyes, like her Son; a heart that is maternal and full of mercy, like him; hands that want to help, like the hands of Jesus who broke bread for those who were hungry, touched the sick and healed them.

All this fills us with trust and opens our hearts to the grace and mercy of Christ. Mary’s intercession makes us experience the consolation for which the apostle Paul blesses God: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God. For as Christ’s sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow” (2 Cor 1:3-5). Mary is the “comforted” Mother who comforts her children.

At Cana the distinctive features of Jesus and his mission are clearly seen: he comes to the help of those in difficulty and need. Indeed, in the course of his messianic ministry he would heal many people of illnesses, infirmities and evil spirits, give sight to the

blind, make the lame walk, restore health and dignity to lepers, raise the dead, and proclaim the good news to the poor (cf. Lk7:21-22). Mary's request at the wedding feast, suggested by the Holy Spirit to her maternal heart, clearly shows not only Jesus' messianic power but also his mercy.

In Mary's concern we see reflected the tenderness of God. This same tenderness is present in the lives of all those persons who attend the sick and understand their needs, even the most imperceptible ones, because they look upon them with eyes full of love. How many times has a mother at the bedside of her sick child, or a child caring for an elderly parent, or a grandchild concerned for a grandparent, placed his or her prayer in the hands of Our Lady! For our loved ones who suffer because of illness we ask first for their health. Jesus himself showed the presence of the Kingdom of God specifically through his healings: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Mt 11:4-5). But love animated by faith makes us ask for them something greater than physical health: we ask for peace, a serenity in life that comes from the heart and is God's gift, the fruit of the Holy Spirit, a gift which the Father never denies to those who ask him for it with trust.

In the scene of Cana, in addition to Jesus and his Mother, there are the "servants", whom she tells: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn2:5). Naturally, the miracle takes place as the work of Christ; however, he wants to employ human assistance in performing this miracle. He could have made the wine appear directly in the jars.

But he wants to rely upon human cooperation, and so he asks the servants to fill them with water. How wonderful and pleasing to God it is to be servants of others! This more than anything else makes us like Jesus, who "did not come to be served but to serve" (Mk 10:45).

These unnamed people in the Gospel teach us a great deal. Not only do they obey, but they obey generously: they fill the jars to the brim (cf. Jn 2:7). They trust the Mother and carry out immediately and well what they are asked to do, without complaining, without second thoughts. On this World Day of the Sick let us ask Jesus in his mercy, through the intercession of Mary, his Mother and ours, to grant to all of us this same readiness to be serve those in need, and, in particular, our infirm brothers and sisters. At times this service can be tiring and burdensome, yet we are certain that the Lord will surely turn our human efforts into something divine.

We too can be hands, arms and hearts which help God to perform his miracles, so often hidden. We too, whether healthy or sick, can offer up our toil and sufferings like the water which filled the jars at the wedding feast of Cana and was turned into the finest wine. By quietly helping those who suffer, as in illness itself, we take our daily cross upon our shoulders and follow the Master (cf. Lk 9:23). Even though the experience of suffering will always remain a mystery, Jesus helps us to reveal its meaning. If we can learn to obey the words of Mary, who says: “Do whatever he tells you”, Jesus will always change the water of our lives into precious wine. Thus this World Day of the Sick, solemnly celebrated in the Holy Land, will help fulfil the hope which I expressed in the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy: ‘I trust that this Jubilee year celebrating the mercy of God will foster an encounter with [Judaism and Islam] and with other noble religious traditions; may it open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; may it eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination’ (Misericordiae Vultus, 23).

Every hospital and nursing home can be a visible sign and setting in which to promote the culture of encounter and peace, where the experience of illness and suffering, along with professional and fraternal assistance, helps to overcome every limitation and division. For this we are set an example by the two Religious Sisters who were canonized last May: Saint Marie-Alphonsine Danil Ghattas and Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified Baouardy, both daughters of the Holy Land. The first was a witness to meekness and unity, who bore clear witness to the importance of being responsible for one another other, living in service to one another. The second, a humble and illiterate woman, was docile to the Holy Spirit and became an instrument of encounter with the Muslim world.

To all those who assist the sick and the suffering I express my confident hope that they will draw inspiration from Mary, the Mother of Mercy. “May the sweetness of her countenance watch over us in this Holy Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God’s tenderness” (ibid., 24), allow it to dwell in our hearts and express it in our actions! Let us entrust to the Virgin Mary our trials and tribulations, together with our joys and consolations. Let us beg her to turn her eyes of mercy towards us, especially in times of pain, and make us worthy of beholding, today and always, the merciful face of her Son Jesus! With this prayer for all of you, I send my Apostolic Blessing. (Pope Francis, Vatican, 15 September 2015 on the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows)

V. CORPORAL WORKS AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Catholic Church has traditionally encouraged her children to understand the practice of merciful love by dividing the works of mercy into two kinds: corporal (that is, bodily) and spiritual.



The Corporal Works of Mercy : The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs". They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

(1) Feed the hungry : There are many people in this world who go without food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

(2) Give drink to the thirsty : Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource.

(3) Give Alms to the Poor : Donate money to organizations that have the ability to provide support and services for those in need. Do research and find organizations that put people in need first, rather than profit.

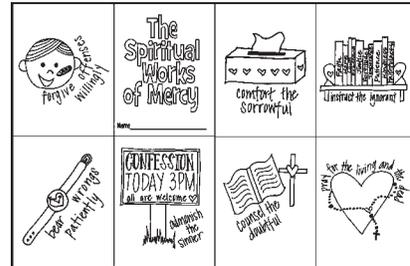
(4) Shelter the homeless : There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face.

(5) Visit those in prison : People in prison are still people, made in the image and likeness of God. No matter what someone has done, they deserve the opportunity to hear the Word of God and find the Truth of the message of Christ.

(6) Comfort the sick : Those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided. In spite of their illness, these individuals still have much to offer to those who take the time to visit and comfort them.

(7) Bury the dead : Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy : The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs"



1. Counselling the doubtful : Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way.

2. Instructing the Ignorant : Learn about our faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs. There is always something more to discover about our faith.

3. Admonishing the Sinner : Do not judge, but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely with Christ.

4. Comforting the sorrowful : Be open to listening and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren't sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference.

5. Forgiving Injuries : Forgiving others is difficult at times because we do not have God's limitless mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God

6. Bearing wrongs patiently : Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit.

7. Praying for the living and the dead : Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care.

VI. WHAT SHOULD I DO FOR LENT ? TEN TIPS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every year Catholics try to answer the age old question : What should I do for Lent? Well, who better to pick for as your Lenten spiritual director than Pope Francis ? He has some great ideas for us !

1. Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil : "[Lent] is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us" - General Audience, March 5, 2014.

2. Do something that hurts : "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to heap and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt" - Lenten Message, 2014.

3. Don't remain indifferent : "Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation" - Lenten Message, 2015.

4. Pray : Make our hearts like yours ! : "During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: 'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum' : Make our hearts like yours (litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference" - Lenten Message, 2015.

5. Take part in the sacraments : "Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ" - Lenten Message, 2015.

6. Prayer : "In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste

his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering" - Homily, March 5, 2014.

7. Fasting : "We must be careful not to practice a formal fast, or one which in truth 'satisfies' us because it makes us feel good about ourselves. Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him" - Homily, March 5, 2014.

8. Almsgiving : "Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others" - Homily, March 5, 2014.

9. Help the Poor : "In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing" - Lenten Message, 2014.

10. Evangelize : "The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness" - Lenten Message, 2014.

You probably won't be able to take huge steps forward in all of these areas. Instead, pick a couple that stand out to you and try to find practical ways to grow in your love of God and your love of your neighbour.

- Prophetic Voice.



VII. BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2016

01. Mon : Concluding the Year of Consecrated Life, Nellore
02. Tue : Episcopal Ordination of Msgr. Joseph Rajarao, Vijayawada
03. Wed : Office
4. Thu 9.00 am : Office
5.30 pm : Flag Hoisting at Infant Jesus Shrine Feast, Emjala, Hyd
5. Fri : Visitation, St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad
6. Sat 10.00 am : Blessing of St. Mary's Convent, Bacchannapet
05.30 pm : Mount Carmel School Annual Day, Jagityal
7. Sun 07.30 am : Holy Mass with Confirmations at Fathima Cathedral
8. Mon 10.00 pm : Our Lady of Lourdes Feast & Mass with Confirmations at Karimnagar Parish
9. Tue 09.00 am : Bala Vikasa Silver Jubilee Celebration, L.B. Stadium, Hyd
06.00 pm : Our Lady of Lourdes Mass at Gunadala, Vijayawada
10. Wed : Ash Wednesday, Mass in Cathedral
11. Thu : Office
12. Fri : Office for Concentrated
15. Mon 4.00 pm : Divyavani T. V Channel Board of directors meeting, Hyd
- 16 - 18 : TCBC Annual Meeting, Hyd
17. Wed : St. John's Regional Seminary Golden Jubilee, Hyderabad
19. Fri : Office
20. Sat 10.30am : Gudur Village Feast
- 22 - 24 : Classes at St. John's Seminary Hyderabad
26. Fri : Office
27. Sat : Office for Laity
29. Mon : Thanksgiving Mass at Retirement, Jangoan

March - 2016

01. Tue 10.00 am : Divine Mercy Cathedral Blessing, Khammam
- 02 - 10 : CBCI Meeting, Bengaluru

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Solemnity of Our Lady of Fatima our Patroness on 11 - 13 March

The diocese celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lady of Fatima in a special way as "Thirunalla" for 3 days i.e., 11, 12 & 13 of March, 2016 from this year onwards.

On the 11th, we observe it as Marriage Renewal Day. We would like to invite all married couples especially those who complete their 25 and 50 years (Silver & Golden) of Married life and honor them with renewal of the Promises of marriage. It would be a day long Bible - Prayer convention, keeping in mind the Synod on Family.

On the 12th, forenoon it would be Healing preaching and counselling / confession Day, keeping in mind the Jubilee year of Mercy. In the evening we have the usual procession with Our Lady of Fatima followed by Mass and cultural programme.

On 13th, we have the Pontifical High Mass at 9.00 am preceded by a Mass in English at 7.00 am. A more detailed programme would be sent through brochures to all Parishes in due course of time. All Parish Priests and Heads of institutions are requested to announce it in their respective centres and encourage the people to participate in 3 day "Thirunalla" with faith and devotion.

2. Health and Healing Week

Health and Healing week for this year is from the 4th to the 11th February, 2016. Parish priests and Heads of the institutions are requested to observe and celebrate health and healing week with compassion towards the sick and suffering.

3. World Day of the Sick

Every year the Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick on the 11th of February, on the feast day of our Lady of Lourdes. I request all the Priests to observe it meaningfully.

4. Holy Childhood Day

This year the Holy Childhood day falls on the 14th of February. Parish Priests and Heads of Institutions are requested to observe the day and make a special collection and send it to the diocesan office by the end of the month. Kindly animate catholic children in Schools & Hostels with special preaching, prayer & contribution. Let them thank the Holy Childhood office for all help and learn to help the Poorest Children. They should be guided to conduct activities & raise funds for poorer children than they are.

5. Deanery Level Monthly Recollection in February, 2016

Deans are requested to kindly arrange deanery level recollection for the clergy in the 2nd week of February, 2016.

6. Monthly Recollection and Chrism Mass on March 17, 2016 :

The Monthly Recollection for the Clergy on diocesan level and Chrism Mass are arranged at Bishop's House, on the March 17, 2016.

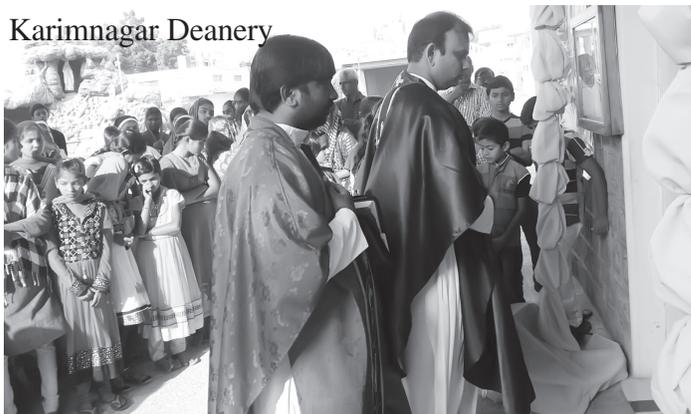
VIII. INFORMATIONS

1. Mercy Jubilee Doors Opened at different Churches :

I am spiritually elated to inform you all that the churches mentioned below provide a rare opportunity to acquire the Mercy Jubilee Indulgences by Passing through the Jubilee Doors and reciting the required appropriate prayers (not Magical Please) : 1) Cathedral Church, 2) Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Karimnagar), Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Ookal), Nirmalamatha Church (Ghanpur), and Infant Jesus Shrine Church (Karunapuram).

Ghanpur Deanery : With the convocation to dedicate this year as the Jubilee year of mercy and with the blessings of His Excellency Bishop Dr. Udumala Bala, we had the inaugural ceremony of opening the door of Mercy in the deanery of Ghanpur on 30th Dec. 2015 at 11 am. Fr. P. Prakash, the dean of Ghanpur presided over the holy Mass and Fr. D. Joseph, the director of Pastoral center preached the homily on Divine Mercy. Many Priests and Religious of our deanery were present along with their faithful from substations. Many faithful from main and substations of Ghanpur participated in the Mass, which was concluded with the praying of Divine mercy chaplet.

- Fr. N. Surender & Fr. S. Isac



**Opening the
Mercy Door at
Lourdu Matha Church
Karimnagar
on December 20, 2015**

Ookal deanery : On 1st January 2016 midnight, during the holy Eucharist we opened the holy door in Ookal – Mariapuram. We followed the procedure according to the instruction given. Fr. Naveen, the parish priest, Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Lodi director and Fr. A. Bala, principal of Vidya Jyothi Degree college, Ghanpur participated. Before the Eucharist all the faithful assembled in front of the church and prayer was led by Fr. D.Vijayapaul. Then all the people entered the church with singing the hymns

It was a great occasion for all the faithful to participate in it. We explained the meaning, reasons, aim and the Pope's intention to have this mercy door to be opened. At the end of the mass all the people together recited the mercy prayer. Fr. G. Naveen, parish priest thanked all the faithful and the priests who attended the service.

- Fr. Allam Inna

2. The Closing Ceremony of the Year of Consecrated Life

Closing the year of Consecrated life was celebrated by the CRI- Unit of Warangal Diocese on 26th January 2016 under the guidance and leadership of Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, the Bishop of Warangal Diocese. The theme of the celebration is "Awakened to Evangelize". With immense joy and gratitude the clergy, religious and the people of God took part in the special celebration of the conclusion of the year of consecrated life.

Rev.Fr. Y. Joji SDB enlightened the group with his thoughts to lead a life which will radiate God's love to the people around.He also reminded us to play the active role to speak louder about the faith and God whom we believe. Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala our Bishop celebrated the Holy Eucharist along with the priests and broke the word of God which penetrated in to the hearts of people.He congratulated and encouraged the consecrated priests and religious for their sacrifice of life. He reminded the gathering how the pioneers of Warangal Diocese trusted God in their endeavours in laying the foundation.With grateful hearts the gathering paid homage for all the departed pioneers. He spoke about the consecrated life elaborately before and after Vatican-II and brought out how the various popes awakened the consecrated life in the church by their encyclicals.

Our Lordship recognized the services rendered by the consecrated people and felicitated on this special occasion. Colourful cultural programmes were presented to make the day blissful and joyful. We wined up gratefully remembering the past to live the present passionately and to embrace the future with hope.

3. యువ జర్నలిస్టులను తయారుచేస్తున్న అమృతవాణి

సమాజ అభివృద్ధికై యువ జర్నలిస్టులను తయారు చేస్తున్న అమృతవాణి సమాచార మాధ్యమ శిక్షణ సంస్థ (ఏఐయంసి) సేవలు ఎంతో ఉన్నతమైనవని వరంగల్ మేత్రాణులు మహా ఘన డాక్టర్ ఉడుమల బాల కొనియాడారు. స్టేషన్ ఘన్పూర్లోని విద్యాజ్యోతి డిగ్రీ & పి.జి. కళాశాలలో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన కార్యక్రమంలో ముఖ్య అతిథిగా పాల్గొన్న బిషప్ డాక్టర్ ఉడుమల బాల శిక్షణను పూర్తిచేసిన కరీంనగర్, వరంగల్ జిల్లాలకు చెందిన 28 మంది డిగ్రీ విద్యార్థులలో 22 మందికి ఉత్తీర్ణత పత్రాలు అందించిన అనంతరం మాట్లాడారు. జర్నలిజం సేవాపరమైన పవిత్ర వృత్తి అని అభివర్ణిస్తూ, రాసే భాష సరళంగా ఉండి అందరికీ అర్థం కావాలన్నారు. సమాజంలో నిజానిజాల నిగ్గు తేల్చాలంటే జర్నలిస్టులు నీతి నిజాయితీ కలిగి పనిచేయాలని, సత్యాన్ని న్యాయాన్ని బతికించాలని, ప్రేమను పంచాలని కోరారు. ఇంత మంచి శిక్షణను అందిస్తున్న అమృతవాణి డైరెక్టర్ ఫాదర్ ఉడుమల బాల శౌరిని అభినందించారు.

అనంతరం అమృతవాణి డైరెక్టర్ ఫాదర్ ఉడుమల బాలశౌరి మాట్లాడుతూ జర్నలిస్టులుగా పని చేయడానికి, మెరుగైన ఉపాధిని పొందడానికి ఆసక్తిగల విద్యార్థులకు ఏఐయంసి ఉచితంగా శిక్షణ ఇస్తుందన్నారు. మాస్ కమ్యూనికేషన్ పరిచయం, న్యూస్ రిపోర్టింగ్, టి.వి. రిపోర్టింగ్, ఎడిటింగ్ విభాగాలకు సంబంధించి రూపొందించిన ప్రత్యేక సిలబస్ తో శిక్షణ ఇస్తున్నామన్నారు. ప్రముఖ జర్నలిజం కళావాలలో ప్రవేశం పొందుటకు ఈ శిక్షణ ఉపయోగపడుతుందని, స్కాలర్షిప్ పొందే అవకాశం కూడా ఉందని చెప్పారు.

వరంగల్ పీఠం కమ్యూనికేషన్ డైరెక్టర్ ఫాదర్ బాసాని కిషోర్ నిర్వహణలో హైద్రాబాద్ కు చెందిన సీనియర్ పాత్రికేయులు, అధ్యాపకులు సుధాకర్ రెడ్డి, కృష్ణసాయిరాం, ప్రొఫెసర్ రాజు రాం తదితరులు శిక్షణనివ్వగా ఫాదర్ అంబటి బాల ఉచిత వసతిని కల్పించారు. అమృత వాణి సమాచార మాధ్యమ శిక్షణ కో-ఆర్డినేటర్ పైని పాల్గొన్నారు.



4. Two days Spark 2016 of Christu Jyothi Institute of Technology and Sciences

Two days spark 2016 of Christu Jyothi Institute of Technology and Science, Jangaon, a grand finale and student - centered activity was organized by cjits management. A colourful start with the inaugural function was addressed by Sri. Keshav Naidu, DIG of prisons Warangal



and K. Indrasen reddy associate governor of rotary club along with father Y. Papireddy the Director of CJITS, Dr. J.B.V. Subramnyam and Mr. Pranay convenor of Spark 2016. The Chief Guest in his message exhorted the youth of the college to march forward with "VISION - ACTIVITY" to climb the ladder of success with perseverance and dilligent hard-work along with efforts to excel in extracurricular activities too, to bring out all that is latent. The guest of honour called upon the youth force, a huge potential of the nation, to leave no stone unturned in undertaking any task that embraces the opportunities.

The day went for "face fresco" scary house "gaavo filmy solo", "Colour flash", "melody zone", "word puzzle", "terrain sculpture" and many other acitivities, the campus was abuzz with battle of bands and other western music to put in succinctly, two day event amazed and ended" with the riot of colors in the kaleidoscope of events".

Director Fr. Y. Papireddy and Principal J.B. V. Subramanyam of the college profusely thanked every one of the college associated with event, particularly convenor Mr. Pranay, core committee members Dr. Venu, and others.

అరుణోదయ యువతా కేంద్రం క్రీడలు మరియు సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమాలు

క్రీడల మరియు ఆటల ఫోటోలు: 13 జనవరి 2016 బుధవారం రోజున ఉదయం 09:30 ని.లకు బిషప్ బెరెట్టా స్కూల్ గ్రౌండ్ నందు అరుణోదయ యువతా క్రీడలు మరియు సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమాలలో భాగంగా ముందుగా యవతీ యువకులు రిజిస్ట్రేషన్ చేయించుకొని కార్డ్స్ తీసుకున్నారు. ఆ తర్వాత అరుణోదయ యువతా వైస్ ప్రెసిడెంట్ మదాసి ప్రభాసిని స్వాగతపలుకులు పలికి ముఖ్య అతిథులుగా విచ్చేసినటువంటి రెవ.ఫా.విజయ్ కుమార్, మెడికల్ డైరెక్టర్ గారిని, రెవ.ఫా.నాగోతు వినోద్ కుమార్ అరుణోదయ యువతా డైరెక్టర్ గారిని, రెవ.ఫా.జేసు బెనెటిక్ గారిని మరియు అరుణోదయ యువతా ప్రెసిడెంట్ మారపల్లి ప్రశాంత్ గారిని వేదికపైకి ఆహ్వానించారు.

రెవ.ఫా.విజయ్ కుమార్ గారు పతాకావిష్కరణ చేసినారు. రెవ.ఫా.విజయ్ కుమార్, రెవ. ఫా. నాగోతు వినోద్ కుమార్ గారు క్రీడాజ్యోతి వెలిగించి క్రీడల కార్యదర్శి రంజిత్ చేతులకు అందించగా గ్రౌండ్ చుట్టు ఉన్న వివిధ గ్రామాల యువతా ప్రెసిడెంట్స్ కు క్రీడాజ్యోతి కాగడ అందించారు. రిజీనల్ యువతా ప్రతినిధి తాటికొండ పవిత్ర క్రీడల నియమనిబంధనలు చదివి వినిపించారు. రెవ. ఫా. నాగోతు వినోద్ కుమార్ గారు క్రీడలు వాలీబాల్, కబడ్డీ, ఖోఖో, త్రోబాల్, మ్యూజికల్ చైర్, రన్నింగ్, లాంగ్ జంప్, షాట్ పుట్, హై జంప్ మరియు క్రికెట్ వివరాలు తెలుపుతూ ముందుగా వాలీబాల్ క్రీడతో ప్రారంభించారు. సాయంత్రం 05:30 గంటల వరకు క్రీడలు మరియు ఆటల పోటీలు జరిగాయి.

సాంస్కృతిక మేళ:

సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమాలలో గెలుపొందిన వారికి రెవ. ఫా. యస్. బాలశౌరి, రెవ. ఫా. నాగోతు వినోద్ కుమార్ గారు బహుమతులు ప్రదానం చేసినారు. సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమాలకు అతిథులుగా, న్యాయనిర్ణేతలుగా మరియు పి.టి. సార్లుగా వ్యవహరించినటువంటి రెవ. ఫా. యస్. బాలశౌరి, రెవ.ఫా. వై. తామస్ కిరణ్, నాగోతు బాలస్వామి, టీచర్ నిర్మల, పి.టి. సార్లు సదానందం, బాలశౌరయ్య గార్లను డైరెక్టర్ శాలువాలతో, జ్ఞాపికలతో సత్కరించారు.

ప్రాంతీయ కఠోలిక యువతా అధ్యక్షులుగా గబ్బెట సాగర్

ప్రాంతీయ కఠోలిక యువతా 61వ కమిటీ సమావేశం జనవరి 9,10-2016 తేదీలలో హైద్రాబాద్, BIRDY, Don Bosco నందు నిర్వహించగా మన ఓరుగల్లు మేత్రాసన యువతా డైరెక్టర్ ఫా. నాగోతు వినోద్ కుమార్ మరియు యువతా ప్రతినిధులు పాల్గొన్నారు. 10 జనవరి 2016 రోజు ప్రాంతీయ కఠోలిక యువతా ఎన్నికలు నిర్వహించగా, మన మేత్రాసనం నుండి గబ్బెట సాగర్ రిజీనల్ యువతా అధ్యక్షులుగా ఎన్నికైనారు. గబ్బెట సాగర్ గతంలో అరుణోదయ యువతా కేంద్రంలో కోశాధికారిగా మరియు ఫాతిమా కెటెడ్రల్ దేవాలయంనందు యువతా అధ్యక్షులుగా సేవలను అందించారు. తన సేవలకుగాను రిజీనల్ యువతా అవార్డు గతంలో పొందినారు. అధ్యక్షునిగా ఎన్నికైనందుకుగాను యువతను ఉత్సాహపరుస్తున్న ఓరుగల్లు మేత్రాసన పీఠాధిపతులు మేత్రాసన యువతా చైర్మన్ శ్రీశ్రీశ్రీ ఘనం, ఉడుమల బాల గారికి, ఏలూర్ మేత్రాసన పీఠాధిపతులు, ప్రాంతీయ యువతా చైర్మన్ శ్రీశ్రీశ్రీ ఘనం, జయరావు పొలిమెర గారికి, యువతా డైరెక్టర్ ఫా. నాగోతు వినోద్ కుమార్ గారికి గబ్బెట సాగర్ కృతజ్ఞతలు తెలిపారు.

డైరెక్టర్ మరియు కమిటీ సభ్యులు

అరుణోదయ యువత కేంద్రం, ఫాతిమాసగర్
వరంగల్ మేత్రాసనం



మనంగా లోడే జూబ్లీ వేడుకలు

సిదార్థనగర్, న్యూఢిల్లీ: లోడి సంస్థ వంద సంవత్సరాల జూబ్లీ వేడుకలు గురువారం రాత్రి మనంగా జరిగాయి. వరంగల్ మేత్రాసన కేంద్రాలకీ వీరూపిణి, లోడి సంస్థ అధ్యక్షుడు డి.వి. ముల బాల సేవలలో సంస్థ డైరెక్టర్ విజయ పాల్ రెడ్డి అధ్యక్షతన జరిగిన కార్యక్రమాలకు వరంగల్ పశ్చిమ ఎమ్మెల్యే రామం చిన యేటాస్మిత్ ముఖ్యఅతిథిగా హాజరయ్యారు. ముందుగా బాలవిహారం సంస్థ వ్యవస్థాపకురాలు బాలతెరిసా, మతగురువుల అంతయ్య, సెలీస్టెని, గోపు బాలరెడ్డిని జ్యోతి వెలిగించి కార్యక్రమాన్ని ఆరంభించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా డి.వి.వి.రెడ్డి

పాఠశాల విద్యార్థులు లోడి సంస్థ కార్యక్రమాలు, చరిత్రపై రూపొందించిన న్యూత్న రూపకాన్ని ప్రదర్శించారు. రామం చిన యేటాస్మిత్ మాట్లాడుతూ ప్రభుత్వం తోపాటు సంస్థల సంస్థల సేవలు కూడా ప్రజలకు అవసరముంటాయని తెలిపారు. తాను హైదరాబాద్ నుంచి ప్రచారాన్ని వదిలి ఈ కార్యక్రమానికి రావడానికి కారణం వీరు చేస్తున్న సేవా కార్యక్రమాలను తెలుసుకోవడానికేనని పేర్కొన్నారు. వీరు చేసే చెరువుల పూడి కఠిత పనులు తమ ప్రభుత్వం చేపట్టించని గుర్తుచేశారు.



ఎమ్మెల్యే చినయేటాస్మిత్ను సన్మానిస్తున్న వరంగల్ మేత్రాసన కేంద్రాలకీ వీరూపిణి ఉడుముల బాల, లోడి సంస్థ డైరెక్టర్ విజయపాల్ రెడ్డి



న్యూత్నం చేస్తున్న విద్యార్థినులు

మంచి పనులు చేసే లోడి సంస్థ ఎప్పటికీ ప్రజల్లో నిలిచి ఉంటుందని అన్నారు. ఉడుముల బాల మాట్లాడుతూ అనాడు కొలంబో అనే మతగురువు ఇచ్చిన లోడి సంస్థను స్థాపించి ప్రజలకు ఎంతో మేలు చేశారని అన్నారు. లోడి సంస్థ చేస్తున్న సేవలకు కారితోస్ ఇండియా సహకారం ఇవ్వడం అనందించడం విషయం అన్నారు. డేవిడ్ రూపొందించిన లోడి డాక్యుమెంటరీ సీడిని ఈ సందర్భంగా ఉడుముల బాల విడుదల చేశారు. తర్వాత 21 మంది విఠకువులకు ఆర్థిక సహాయం అందించారు. సంస్థలో సేవలు చేసిన డిసాజా, హరిదాసు, జెరోమ్, రీనో, బాల రెడ్డి వర్గీస్ పెంటారెడ్డి, బాస్కర్, సురేష్ ఎం.ఎస్ రెడ్డిలను సన్మానించారు.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY - 2016

Universal : Care for Creation
That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelization : Asia
That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.



MASSES REMITTED AT BISHOP'S HOUSE

01-12-2015	Christu Jyothi Ashram	98 Masses
07-12-2015	Venkatapuram Parish	75 Masses
	Manugonda Parish	100 Masses
28-12-2015	Christu Jyothi Ashram	95 Masses
04-01-2016	Manugonda Parish	100 Masses
20-01-2016	Kanchanapalli Parish	150 Masses
26-01-2016	Thimmarapet Parish	201 Masses
27-01-2016	Christu Jyothi Ashram	109 Masses

Ordination Anniversary

Rev. Fr. Boyapati Leeno	07-02-1980
Rev. Fr. Udumala Bala	20-02-1979

Birthday Babies in February

Rev. Fr. Idara Abraham	04-02-1941
Rev. Fr. Golamari Bala Martin	08-02-1967
Rev. Fr. Singareddy Balashowreddy	14-02-1959
Rev. Fr. Arlagadda Prakash	14-02-1941
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnappa	15-02-1949
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Joji	15-02-1956
Rev. Fr. Basani Prakash	20-02-1957
Rev. Fr. Devarapu Sudhakar	26-02-1973

Lodi Golden Jubilee Celebrations : THANKSGIVING MASS AND SOCIAL FUNCTION, FATIMANAGAR.



Jangaon Area CRI Celebrations of Year of Consecrated Life





Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us

*We wish Hearty Congratulations to his Lordship,
Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal
on the Occasion of his 36th Priestly Ordination Anniversary
Feb 20th, 2016.*

*With Love and Prayers
Priests, Consecrated and faithful of the Diocese of Warangal.*

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