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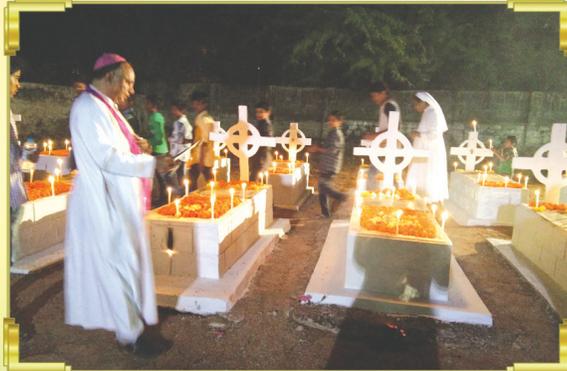
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All Souls Day Celebrations, Fathimanagar



Bishop Visits Pulkurthy Mission Center



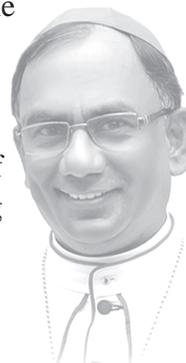
Christ the King Feast Cum Confirmations at Pallagutta Parish



I. Christmas Joy: Reason for Season

Nativity of Jesus, not symbolic but factual

The fact of Christmas is as much a mystery as is a reality! The incarnation should have been more excreting suffering than the passion for Jesus? His passion began with incarnation. His agony could have been more intense on Christmas than on the Cross on Good Friday! But for humans, the Joy at Jesus' Birth is heart of Christmas. The nativity was not a symbolic act like 'ribbon cutting or coconut breaking' at inauguration ceremonies! He cut himself and broke himself and gave to us even to eat and drink! What mystery and what a history and what a real story! Therefore we have in the baby Jesus the reason of the season of



Christmas. It is not Santa Claus nor Christmas tree, nor greeting cards and cakes. God loved us more than enough in sending his only begotten Son. Let us note that He didn't send a committee, He didn't write a book nor did He send a substitute! No, when God got ready to save the world, he sent the best that he had, his one and only Son. And in sending Jesus, he was really sending himself. This is the amazing and awesome truth of Christmas "Immanuel, God with us" (Is 7:14, Mt 1:23).

Joy, Lasting Joy

If there is a single word that describes what Christmas is all about, it's the little word "joy" (Jesus Offered to You). Several of our favourite carols mention it: "Joy to the world, "O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant," "Shepherds, why this jubilee, why your joyous strains prolong?" "Good Christian men, rejoice, "Joyful all ye nations rise, with th' angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem." I wonder how many of us feel joyful this season. It's not hard to feel joy when we go to church and sing wonderful carols. But it's not always easy to feel joyful in life. Today Joy is a challenge to many and even to the Church! listen to the words of Luke 2: 8-10 and see if we can discover the answer: The angel to the Shepherds "do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. If we are looking for Christmas joy, we can find all we need in this single verse.

The Raw Reality of Jesus Birth

It is astonishing to note that there were no miracles associated with Jesus' Birth. His physical birth was like any other of us through a woman's pangs of shooting pain. Of course nine months earlier, He was conceived by Mary by the Holy Spirit. But some say that In Jesus, God's birth is too fantastic to believe, too legendary to be real!! Some Biblical pundits at a 'Jesus Seminar' voted down Jesus Birth as a "theological fiction", a story made up by the early Church to explain the uniqueness of Jesus. They also

decreed the visit of the wise men a fabrication, the slaughter of the innocents a fiction, and the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt a fanciful allegory drawn from the Moses' story in Exodus. Are you stunned? Do not be afraid 'the three words of Luke, "born this day" (not December 25) affirm the one truth that has always been believed by all Christians everywhere!

Jesus is God's Christ-mass Gift

Two thousand years ago God sent a gift wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Jesus is God's Christmas gift to you. But you will never experience Christmas joy until you personally receive God's gift and you yourself become God's Christmas Gift to others, especially to the poorest! The lasting joy in our lives centers on the choice of our willingness to choose to surrender ourselves to Jesus or not. This is the great gift exchange program of Jn 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" C.S. Lewis called it "The serious business of Heaven." Joy, Christian Joy marks the difference between existence and life. Christmas Joy makes us joyful our enjoyment of God. "Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love ..." St. Teresa of Kolkata. Joy is found by looking at it's letters J.O.Y. - Jesus Offers You the gift of eternal life which brings joy to your hearts and lives. Your part is to accept His gift and then give Him a gift back which is your life. This is the great gift exchange program of John 3:16. Jesus freely gives to us and we in exchange freely give back to Him.

Christmas Survey

What do people believe about the birth of Christ Today? One survey shows that 67% believe that the entire story of Christmas is historically accurate; 24% - believe the story of Christmas is a theological invention. If Jesus had never born, people believed there would be: 63% less charity, 61% - less kindness, 59% less personal happiness, 58% less tolerance, 47% more war!

We are to receive joy and dispense joy at this time of the year. Yet for many today this time of the year brings more joy or more stress. Yes, more Christmas Shopping but more lasting Joy? The Paradox of Our Times Is astonishing taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; We spend more, but have less, We buy more, but enjoy less, We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time.

Joy, JOY and ENJOY CHRISTMAS!

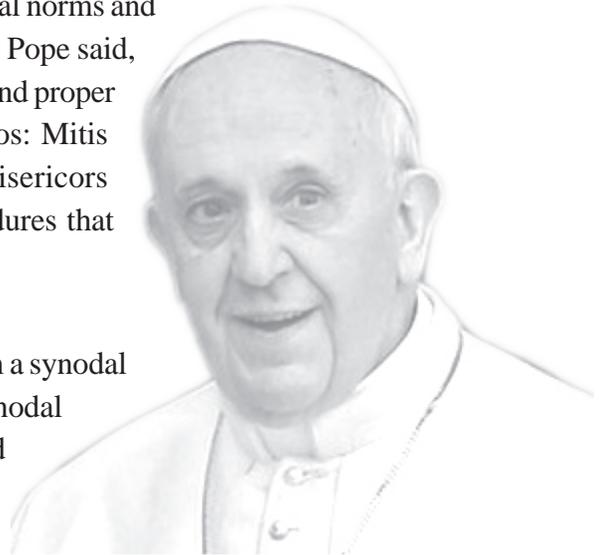
Do you realize that most of our mental images about Christmas come from medieval art and Christmas cards? But amidst all these symbols, sentiments of Babe's birth and electronic and business projections of Santa Claus, let us not lose the biblical account and let our heart beats should be the melodies of SITARAS and VIOLINS of JOY, JOY and ENJOY JESUS BIRTH!

II. Pope: Pastoral Consolation, the Goal of New Matrimonial Norms

Pope Francis focused on new matrimonial norms and Super Rato procedures. In particular the Pope said, “it is necessary to give greater attention and proper analysis to the two recent motu propios: *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* and *Mitis et misericors Iesus*, in order to apply the new procedures that have been established.”

Spirit of the Synod

These two measures, he said arose “from a synodal context, and are the expression of a synodal path.” The Pope explained that the Synod had the purpose of promoting and defending marriage and the Christian family.



Pope Francis also urged those gathered to strive to be missionaries and witnesses of the spirit of the Synod when they return to their communities. He stressed the importance of “pastoral consolation,” which is the goal of the new matrimonial norms. “Let that synodal spirit,” he said, “become the basis of your action in the Church, especially in such a delicate field as marriage and the family.” The Pope told the participants, that they were called “to be close to the loneliness and suffering of the faithful waiting for ecclesial justice and to provide the help needed to regain the peace of their consciences and the will of God on readmission to the Eucharist.”

Role of Diocesan Bishop

During his discourse Pope Francis said he had decided to definitively clarify some of the fundamental aspects of the two recent motu propios, in particular the role of the diocesan bishop.

In a series of points the Holy Father said the diocesan bishop was the natural judge in the new “shorter process.” He added that the shorter process was not simply another option that the Bishop may choose; rather, it is an obligation that comes from his consecration and the mission that has been entrusted to him. The Pope also underlined several fundamental criteria for the shorter process: mercy, in the first place, and closeness and gratuity, which the Holy Father said “are the two pearls the poor need, and which the Church must love above all else.”



III. Ideological Colonization Erases Freedom, Memory

Look what happens to the people of God, "said Pope Francis," every time there is a new dictatorship on Earth that is a cultural or ideological colonization. "Think, the Pope noted, without making names, to what the dictatorships of the last century did in Europe and the indoctrination in schools that have arisen:"

"Freedom is taken away, history, people's memory is deconstructed, and an educational system is imposed on young people. Everyone: Everyone does this. Even with kid gloves on, so: I know a country, a nation that asks for a loan, '(and the answer is) "I will give you the loan, but [in return] you, in your schools, have to teach this, and this, and this,' books that have erased all that God has created and how he has created it. They erase the differences, eliminate history: from today you have to start thinking in this way. Those who do not think like this are cast aside, even persecuted. "This has happened even in Europe, the Pope commented, where "those who opposed genocidal dictatorships were persecuted", were threatened, deprived of freedom, which then corresponds to "another form of torture." And along with freedom, ideological and cultural colonizations also eliminate memory, reducing it to "fables", "lies," old things. " Then, recalling the figure of the Maccabee's mother who exhorts her children to stand up to martyrdom, the Pope emphasized the unique role of women in the custody of memory and historical roots:"Preserving memory: the memory of salvation, the memory of God's people, that memory that strengthened the faith of a people persecuted by this ideological-cultural colonization. Memory is the one thing that helps us triumph over every perverse education system. To remember. Remembering the values, remembering the History, remembering the things we learned. And then, there are Mothers.

The "feminine tenderness" and the "manly courage" of the Maccabees mother who renders the historical roots of the language of the Fathers strong in defense of her children and of the People of God, makes us think, said the Pope that "only the strength of women is capable of resisting cultural colonization. " They are the mothers and women, the guardians of memory, of their native dialect, "able to defend the history of a people," and, moreover, the Pope added, to "convey the faith" which "theologians will be able to explain".

"The people of God continued on by the strength of so many valiant women who have been able to give their children faith, and only they - mothers - can convey faith in a native dialect. Let the Lord always give us grace in the Church to have memory, not to forget the native language of fathers, and to have courageous women. "



IV. Season of Advent

The New Year in the Church begins with the season of Advent — a time to help us prepare for Christmas, when we celebrate the fulfillment of our longing for the Savior with the birth of Jesus. It's the season that lasts about four weeks, beginning four Sundays before Christmas and ends on



Christmas Eve. The Church's Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and lasts for twelve days. So, Advent is a season of anticipation that leads up to Christmas.

Advent Traditions

One of the primary traditions of Advent is the lighting of the Advent wreath. Each candle lit represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The circle of branches of the wreath symbolize the eternal cycle of the seasons while the evergreens and lighted candles signify the persistence of life in the midst of winter.

Advent Candles

The Advent wreath contains 4 candles. All of the candles are purple except the third (which is rose). The symbolic meanings of the candles can vary but they are often:

1. Hope — expectation of what is to come and sometimes prophecy
2. Love — sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle
3. Joy — this rose candle is often called Mary's Candle
4. Peace — it can often be called the Angel's Candle

Colors of Advent

The color of Advent is purple. You'll see purple used quite often in banners around the church or in the vestments of the clergy. Purple is used at Advent as it is at Lent to represent the penitential nature of the season. In fact, Advent used to be known as "little Lent." The color is a symbolic reminder for us to be preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord.

The third Sunday during Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means "rejoice." On that Sunday your priest may wear rose vestments. This color is meant to remind us that Christmas is drawing near.

V. Feast of St. Francis Xavier

Jesus asked, “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a highly promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534 joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.



From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Francis Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India.

Wherever he went, he lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Francis went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa. He and Saint Therese of Lisieux were declared co-patrons of the missions in 1925.



VI. Immaculate Conception of Mary



The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception means that Mary was conceived without original sin or its stain – hence the word “immaculate.” It might be puzzling to realize that the Gospel reading for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the Annunciation celebrating Mary’s conception of Jesus. The key to the connection is the angel’s greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). The phrase "full of grace" sometimes translated “highly favored” or “Gifted Lady” is a translation of a Greek word chosen with great specificity by Luke. The Greek verb and tense used by Luke means that Mary was “full of grace” all of her life. Luke could have used a different word to show that Mary was full of grace only at that particular moment as when he described Stephen “full of grace” only for a moment in Acts 6:8 before he was stoned to death. But Luke insists by his careful choice of words that Mary was full of grace all her life, so indirectly we get a hint of Mary’s Immaculate Conception in the account of the angel Gabriel’s visit to Mary in the Gospel.

The angel Gabriel greeted Mary, “Hail, full of grace!” Normally at that time after greeting someone with “Hail” you would give them their title, so “full of grace” is actually a title or name that the angel Gabriel gives to Mary. And names were very important in that part of the world because your name told something about who you were. So “full of grace” describes Mary’s very being. Mary was full of grace from the first moment of her existence when she was immaculately conceived. In the words of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, “God the Father made a gathering of all the waters and called it the sea; he made a gathering of all graces and called it Mary.”

VII. Memoria of John of the Cross



St John of the Cross, Juan de Yepes, was born at Fontiveros, near Avila, Spain, in 1542. He was the youngest of three sons. His paternal grandparents were successful merchants who rejected his father, Gonzalo, for marrying his mother, Catherine Alvarez, whom they considered below their rank. For love of Catherine, Gonzalo forfeited a rich heritage. Their decision to love each other, with its resulting poverty, left an indelible mark on the young saint. Thus, love and poverty became two inexhaustible sources of strength and inspiration in the religious life of John of the Cross.

Singleness of Heart

He who is in love is said to have his heart stolen or seized by the object of his love, for his heart will go out of self and become fixed on the loved object. Thus his heart or love is not for himself, but for what he loves. Accordingly, the soul can know clearly whether or not she loves God purely. If she loves Him, her heart or love will not be set on herself or her own satisfaction or gain, but upon pleasing God and giving Him honour and glory. In the measure she loves herself that much less she loves God. When God is loved He very readily answers the requests of His lover. Nothing is obtained from God except by love.

VIII. Nativity of the Lord



“God’s sign is the baby in need of help and in poverty. Exactly the same sign has been given to us.... God’s sign is simplicity.... God’s sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby – defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child. He wants nothing other from us than our love, through which we spontaneously learn to enter into his feelings, his

thoughts, and his will – we learn to live with and to practice with him that humility of renunciation that belongs to the very essence of love. God made himself small so that we could understand him, welcome him, and love him.... Christmas has become the Feast of gifts in imitation of God who has given himself to us. Let us allow our heart, our soul, and our mind to be touched by this fact!” (Pope Benedict XVI).

By the love of God, Jesus came to touch and save us, take away our sins by reconciling us with God (1 Jn 3:5). By the love of God, he gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (Jn 3:16). By the love of God, Jesus as our model showed our way, the truth and life by loving one another (Jn 14:6). He is the light in the midst of darkness (Jn 1:5). By the love of God, Jesus makes us partakers of the divine nature, become the son of God (2 Pt 1:4; CCC: 460). The Word of God becomes flesh in Jesus (Jn 1:1-18). This portrays God’s love not distant but draws near to us, giving us the opportunity to become children of God (Gal 3:26).

To become a child of God, let us open ourselves to practice the qualities of: trust, humility, obedience, a forgiving spirit, as well as dependence on the will of God. Instead of seeking

prestige and status, he requires us that we humble ourselves, get rid of our self-given importance which is measured on the basis of worldly values. Rather we are asked to find our true vocation in obedient service of: 1) Light: You can attract people to Christ when you have His light in your life and be light shining in the midst of darkness by sharing your goodness to others of the love of God to the unlovable. 2) Show compassion by touching anger to healing and forgiveness. 3) Be in communion with others especially in the family, and parish community involvement. 4) To make the most of Christmas, focus on Christ by sharing your faith in God who became man in the child Jesus. Merry Christmas!

IX. Bishop's Engagements in the Month of December, 2017

- 01 : Sultanpet Diocese: Tamilnadu, Kerala
- 02 : St. Xavier's Feast Mass at St Xavier's Philosophy Seminary 5:30 p.m.
- 03 : Advent Begins
- 04 : Office
- 05 : Office
- 06 : Office
- 07 : Divya Vani AGM Meet
- 09 : Office
- 10 : Lodi Physically challenged and HIV children Christmas Celebrations
- 11 : Office
- 12 : Warangal Arunodaya Youth Meeting, Elections
- 13 : Divya Vani Christmas Prayer Banquet
- 14 : Christmas Recollection for Clergy
- 15 : a.m. Blessing of St. Ann's School Building of Shanthipuram 10:00 a.m.
: p.m. United Christmas Celebrations
- 16 : CRI Christmas Celebrations
- 17 : Banjara Christmas Celebrations
- 18 : 10:30 a.m. Chapel Blessing at Chagal, Ghanpur Parish
- 22 : Office for Consecrated
- 23 : Office / FCT Christmas at House of Joy

- 24 : Midnight Mass at Cathedral, Fatimanagar
 25 : 10:30 a.m. Christmas Dawn Mass & Marian Grotto Blessing at Unikicherla
 : 5:30 p.m. Samudrala Christmas Day Mass
 26 : Common Christmas TCF. Centenary Baptist Church, Hanamkonda
 29 : Warangal Seminarians meeting: Batch-wise
 30 : Holy Matrimony, Hyderabad
 31 : Holy Family Feast

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- 01 : New Year; Mass at Cathedral & Visit to the specially Challenged
 02 : Office
 04 : Lodi Executive Body Meeting, at 10:00 am
 05 : Office
 07 : Dharavath Thanda Feast Mass, Nellikuduru Parish
 08 : Office
 09 : Priestly Ordination: Reddipuram kundaram, Jangaon Parish

X. Communications

1. Christmas Recollection : In preparation for Christmas, a recollection is arranged for the clergy at Bishop's House on 14th of December, 2017, starting on the previous day at 8:45 p.m. All the Priests are requested to participate in it.

2. 9th Regional Catholic Charismatic Convention : all are welcome to attend. The Regional Charismatic Renewal movement under the leadership of Bishop Mypan Paul invites one and all. Kindly Participate in this convention and grow in the spirit of God to form prayers groups in your respective parishes and villages.

Dates : 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of January 2018

Venue: St. Theresa's High School Grounds at Ongole, Nellore Diocese.

NB: Boarding and Lodging is free for all the participants

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3. www.telugucatholicmatrimony.com

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Rev. Fr. Y. Kiran, Director of Divya Vani, Warangal Zonal.

4. అరుణోదయ యువతాకేంద్రం

పూజ్య విచారణ గురువులకు మరియు గ్రామ యువతా అధ్యక్షులకు, సభ్యులకు అరుణోదయ యువతా కేంద్రం తరుపున క్రిస్టస్ మరియు నూతన సంవత్సర శుభాకాంక్షలు.

విషయం :- పీఠమండలం యువత 10వ సాధారణ ఎన్నికలు, సర్వసభ్య సమావేశం మరియు నూతన కమిటీ ఏర్పాటు గురించి.

అరుణోదయ యువతా కేంద్రము వరంగల్ పీఠంలో ఉన్న యుతీ యువకులను నవీన సమాజంలో మంచి పౌరులుగా తీర్చిదిద్దుతూ, శ్రీసభలో సువార్తా విలువలకు సాక్షులుగా జీవించుటకు నిరంతరం తోడ్పడుతుంది. గత సంవత్సరము యువతా కేంద్రం చేపట్టిన కార్యక్రమాలు విజయవంతంచేయుటకు కృషి చేసినందులకు సభ్యులందరికి కేంద్రం తరుపున హృదయ పూర్వక అభినందనలు తెలియపరుస్తున్నాము.

ఈ సంవత్సరం ఓరుగల్లు పీఠ యువతా కమిటీ సభ్యుల సేవా పదవీ కాలం ముగుస్తున్నది. కావున వారి స్థానంలో మరో రెండు సంవత్సరాలు సేవా పదవి కాలం కొనసాగించుటకు ఎన్నికలను నిర్వహిస్తున్నాము. 10వ సాధారణ ఎన్నికలు డిసెంబర్ 12, 2017న నిర్వహించుటకు యువతా ఎన్నికల కమీషను మరియు కమిటీ సభ్యులు నిర్ణయించారు. కావున ఈ ఎన్నికలలో యువతీ యువకులు ఉత్సహంతో పాల్గొని ఫలవంతము చేయగలరు.

ఫా॥ అనిల్ పాలిమెర, యువతా సారథి / యువత కమిటీ.

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To

The Parish Priests and Heads of
Institutions,
Banjara Mission Area, Warangal
Diocese



Dear Reverends,

Sub : Banjara Christmas Celebration on December 17, 2017

As every year, we are delighted to celebrate Banjara Christmas on December 17, 2017 of the shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Shanigapuram, Mahabubabad Parish. The specialty of this year is the 1st Anniversary of Dedication of Banjara Matha Shrine for the Proclamation of the Gospel to Tribal people.

We invite all other Faithful, Consecrated and Clergy from other areas of the Diocese of Warangal to the Tribal Festival. All Parish Priests and Heads of institutions are requested to encourage them people to participate in this annual Mega Festival of inculturation and incarnation of Christmas into tribal culture.

NB : 1. All institutions of Banjara Mission area would contribute Rs. 10/- per child/student and is to be deposited at the Diocesan Procurator by December 10, 2017.

2. All Vehicles of Institution and Individuals should be kept at the disposal of Parish Priests to transport the pilgrims. All are requested to come in cultural Dresses.

3. Tribal-cultural dances in typical lambada dresses and play lets/skits are welcome.

4. All committees are set-up and the general convener Rev. Fr. Y. Chinnappa will synchronize all preparations.

5. Fr. Shravan and team the general coordinator would direct the ground-level personnel and forces.

6. Donations and Suggestions from anyone and everyone are welcome!

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Bishop, Diocese of Warangal

XI. Informations

1. News from Lodi

Ms. Marjolein Keijsper, Liliance funds, Netherlands, Mr. Vishal program officer, Mr. M.K. Raju, Assistant Program officer from CHAI visited Elkathurthi Blind School, SLF Activities in LODI MSSS on 21st of October 2017. Fr.D.Vijaya Paul, Director and

Mr. S.Satish Reddy, Mr.Nagesh Coordinators, attended Workshop on Post disaster need Assessment and Risk informed planning organized by AP/TS Forum and UNICEF from 25th to 27th October 2017 at Monfort bhavan, Hyderabad. Regional Kolping coordination meeting held at Deepthi bhavan, Fathimanagar, Warangal for 3 diocesan directors, coordinators and monitoring team members from October 30, 31, 2017

రైతులకు విత్తనాల పంపిణీ

దేవరమ్మల రూరల్, (దేవరమ్మల), న్యూస్ టుడే: మారుతున్న కాలానుగుణంగా రైతులు ఆహారాభవన సాయ పోకడలను అందిస్తున్నారని లోడి సంస్థ ప్రతినిధులు అన్నారు. దేవరమ్మలలో సోమవారం జరిగిన కార్యక్రమంలో లోడి సంస్థ డైరెక్టర్ హెదర్ విజయపాల్ రెడ్డి మాట్లాడుతూ రైతులు సొంతమీద సాగును అనుసరించాలన్నారు. రసాయన ఎరువుల వినియోగంతో భూసారం తగ్గతుందన్నారు. మండలంలోని 40 మంది రైతులకు కుప్పి చేసిన కూరగాయల విత్తనాలను పంపిణీ చేశారు. కార్యక్రమంలో సంస్థ టెక్నికల్ డైరెక్టర్ శౌరభి, బోధనాధికారి యాశస్వామి, అంజనేయులు, శేఖర్ తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



విత్తనాలను చూపిస్తున్న రైతులు

Dr Haridas, Program manager, Mr.Nandakumar finance officer, Mr.Newton, state officer from Caritas India visited for Project evaluation of Ujwala project implemented at Gudur village, Palakurthi mandal from 1st, 2nd of November 2017. Fr.D.Vijaya Paul, Director attended Volunteering training program organised by Caritas India at New Delhi from 9th, 10th of November 2017.

Mr. T. Jaya kiran, Mr. Veerababu, Coordinators and 9 field staff and Women leaders from Lodi MSSS attended TOT training on Post disaster need Assessment and Risk informed planning organized by AP/TS Forum, and UNICEF from 15,16th of November 2017 at Jeevan Jyothi, Hyderabad. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul attended seminar on “NGO Management and Leadership” organized by KKID, Coimbatore from 21 to 22nd of November, 2017.

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director, LMSSS.

2. News from WADES

Caring for students

The ever changing educational environment is demanding for off school time parental care on the campuses of schools and colleges today. Good number of rural parents solicit this facility trusting the safe governance of the management. To meet these needs we are running nine hostels 31 under the banner of Warangal Diocese Educational society and two college hostels under Warangal Diocesan Society. These are spread across the diocese. We find lots of joy and fulfillment in accommodating the rural students hailing from all walks of life. The slogan we follow: one roof, one treatment for all, is gathering abundant appreciation from the parents especially those with weaker economy. Fatima Charitable Trust, run by the diocese, has become the backbone for many poor high school Catholic and orphan students.

Beyond fulfilling the basic needs of food and lodge, the hostels are fostering spiritual and moral sustenance to the inmates of all creeds. Most hostels support with free wi-fi facility to students for better learning. The slow learners have special classes.

Our Bishop Dr.Udumala Bala, the directors and their associates deserve rich applause for their commitment to create an atmosphere of home away from home despite many hardships they undergo.

The following table is a brief digest of our diocesan hostels.

Institution/place	Cath.	BAS	Oth	Total	Grand Tot
St.Alphonse, H. Karimnagar	03	36	71	110	
St.Thomas H. Jammikunta	06	0	24	30	
St.Anthony's H., LMD Colony	02	75	63	140	
St.Mary's, H. Sultanabad	09	0	49	58	
Fatima Boys H., Mah.bad	18	02	52	72	
Bishop Beretta H.Fatimanagar	26	0	46	73	
St.George's H. Veleru	21	0	26	47	
Jubilee 2000 H. Jagtial	01	0	79	80	
Sts.Peter & Paul H., Mulugu	0	0	24	24	
Chritu Jyoti Boys H. Colombonagar	20	0	180	200	
Christu Jyoti Vanitha H. Colombonagar	19	0	128	147	981

Cath.=Catholics, Oth.=others, BAS=Best available school/scheme (allotted by the govt.)

In addition to these, many Religious are running hostels especially for those with special needs and orphanages in the diocese of Warangal. The diocese extends sincere appreciation for this noble task.

Fr.Basani Prakash, Deputy Manager, Warangal Diocese Educational Society

3. National News from ARMS : The STATEMENT

XVII Annual General Body Meeting of

The Association of Rectors of Major Seminaries (ARMS), India

PASTORAL CENTRE – BHOPAL, MP 5 - 8 November, 2017

Introduction

This statement of the 17th ARMS Meeting is a fruit of the collective search of seventy-seven participants to understand the relevance and dynamism of spiritual formation, as well as to evolve strategies to implement essential stages for authentic transcendence of the self in the specific context of our country. “Spiritual formation which is the work of

the Holy Spirit will assist the seminarian as he grows in faith, hope and love, to follow Christ ever more closely and to be conformed to him ever more intimately in a continual conversion of heart.” (CPFI 3.2.2.a).



The following of Christ, however, today needs to be seen in the global context of dichotomies.

On the one hand, we experience the unifying factor of globalization, marked by sincere care and concern for the peoples at the peripheries, and on the other, we are pained by the divisions based on nationalistic, communal and caste lines, the inhuman violence and mindless cruelty, and the breathlessness caused by the craving for instant gratification in everything. In this world of contradictions, the priest, through his profound experience of the divine, is called to promote a counterculture against evil trends described as the “Culture of Death” by Pope John Paul II.

1 The Foundation of Spiritual Formation

1.1 Formation is “a sharing in the work of the Father who, through the Spirit, fashions the inner attitudes of the Son in the hearts of young men and women” (Vita Consecrata No. 66). The human formators are only instruments in actualizing the work of the Holy Trinity.

1.2 Moreover, formation takes place against the backdrop of the mystery dimension of the human person. “During the process of formation of the ministerial priesthood, the seminarian is a ‘mystery to himself’ in which two aspects of his humanity, that need to be integrated, are intertwined and exist side by side. On the one hand he is characterized by talents and gifts that have been moulded by grace; on the other he is marked by his limits and frailties.” (RFIS 28).

1.3 The process of integration happens in the three stages of formation, namely, the discipleship stage, the configurative stage and the vocational synthesis stage (Cf. RFIS 51-79), which aims at the transcendence and transformation of the self. “This transformation enables a seminarian to be capable of loving people with the heart which is new, generous and pure-with genuine self-detachment, with full, constant and faithful dedication and at the same time with kind of ‘divine jealousy’ (Cf. 2 Cor. 11:2) and even with the kind of maternal tenderness“ (RFIS 39).

2 The Framework for Spiritual formation

2.1 Spiritual formation is the axis of priestly formation. In order to grasp the deeper significance of spiritual formation, it is necessary to differentiate between spiritual formation and religious practices, though both are inter-related as indicated in Optatam Totius. “Those practices of piety that are commended by the long usage of the Church

should be zealously cultivated; but care should be taken lest the spiritual formation consist in them alone or let it develop only a religious affectation” (OT No. 8).

2.2 Spiritual formation could be viewed and interpreted through a psycho-spiritual framework, which operates on four dimensions of life: first, the physical, the will to pleasure; second, the intellectual, the will to power; third, the affective, the will to love; and the fourth, the spiritual, the will to meaning. The motivating factor in all these four dimensions is happiness.

2.3 In order to facilitate the spiritual formation of the seminarians we operate on four different models: Law-Enforcement Model, Habit-Formation Model, Conscience-Formation Model, and Consciousness-Realization Model. Each of these models has its own advantages and disadvantages. However, it is of paramount importance to focus on the fourth model, and like Jesus, we have to create an environment conducive for seminarians to open up gradually to the stirrings of the Spirit in their hearts.

2.4 Spiritual formation is a journey, a process of integrating the four different dimensions of life. The physical and the intellectual dimensions are based on the principle of accumulation, while the affective and spiritual dimensions are based on the principle of self-emptying. The real spiritual journey begins when we give up all forms of attachment and engage ourselves in a spirit of detachment. This according to St. John of the Cross involves the purification of the faculties of our mind: memory, will, and understanding through the theological virtues of faith, hope and love (Cf. RFIS No. 16).

2.5 The attachment and detachment dynamism could also be seen from the perspective of two movements: the outward and the inward. The outward movement signifies attractions and aversions, while the inward movement signifies getting in touch with the core of one’s being. It is this way of ‘looking within’ that would bring about a wholistic understanding of spirituality (Cf. RFIS 43), and educate the seminarian in ‘the truth of his being’ (RFIS 63).

3 The Follow-up

3.1 In the initial stage of formation, the seminarians have a general tendency for dependence. At this stage, the formators need to recognize, appreciate, and encourage their initiatives, enabling them to move from a dependent to an independent state of mind, thus, facilitating an experience of the joy of formation.

3.2 We should move beyond objectifying philosophy and theology and encourage seminarians to interiorize the spirit and values of Christ contained in the different subjects, through sufficient silence and solitude.

3.3 As seminarians move from an independent to an inter-dependent way of life during the final years of formation, they need to be encouraged and guided to experience the joy of self-sacrifice and self-surrender.

3.4 Programmes could be organized to recognize and heal inner woundedness that seminarians may learn to make choices motivated by 'inner freedom'.

3.5 As an effort to create an ambience of trust and confidentiality, the teaching staff members are not encouraged to be spiritual directors. However, if we do not have sufficient number of resident spiritual guides, competent external spiritual guides, both men and women, need to be arranged.

3.6 At the beginning of the academic year, an orientation on the purpose, method, and scope of spiritual direction could be organized for the seminarians.

3.7 The formators through their commitment, collaboration with each other, and integrity of life could demonstrate that there is a deeper connection between spirituality and meaningfulness of life.

3.8 The formative community could be trained in interior silence through mindfulness and meditation to experience the transition from a fragmented mind to a wholistic mind.

3.9 The spiritual guides of a specific region could constitute a forum to share and discuss their experiences, as well as to evolve models that would enhance the quality of spiritual formation in our seminaries and houses of formation.

Conclusion

Spiritual formation is a journey which involves the entire formative community. This journey demands an integrated approach to formation, as well as, adopting a pedagogical model that "allows the formative community to cooperate with the action of the Holy Spirit, ensuring a proper balance between the different dimensions of formation" (RFIS 92). In this endeavour, we entrust ourselves to the intercession of our Blessed Mother, who through the joy of her 'Fiat' encourages us to experience the "Fullness of Life" (John 10:10).

4. 'దళితుల విమోచన కోసం ప్రార్థిద్దాం'

- ఫాదర్ కె. విజయ్ కుమార్

క్రైస్తవ మతం స్వీకరించిన దళితుల విమోచన కోసం అందరం ప్రార్థించాలని ఫాదర్ కె. విజయ్ కుమార్ పిలుపునిచ్చారు. ఆదివారం ఫాతిమా కథిడ్రల్ చర్చిలో "దళిత విమోచన ఆదివారం" కార్యక్రమంలో భాగంగా ప్రత్యేక సభను నిర్వహించాను. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఫాదర్ కె. విజయ్ కుమార్ మాట్లాడారు. క్రైస్తవ మతాన్ని స్వీకరించిన దళితులకు ప్రభుత్వం రిజర్వేషన్లు వర్తింపజేయడం లేదన్నారు. సిక్కులు, బౌద్ధమతాన్ని స్వీకరించిన దళితులకు రిజర్వేషన్లు కల్పించి, క్రైస్తవ మతం స్వీకరించిన వారికి రిజర్వేషన్లు కల్పించకపోవడం పట్ల పాలకులకు ప్రేరణనిచ్చేలా దేవున్ని అందరం ప్రార్థించాలన్నారు. మనమంతా ఒకే దేహంలోని అంగాలమని, మనలో ఎవరిపట్ల మనం వివక్ష చూపరాదన్నారు. మతం మార్చుకున్న దళితుల పట్ల సంఘంలోను, సమాజంలోను వివక్ష కొనసాగుతుందన్నారు. దీన్ని గ్రహించి భారత

కథోలిక శ్రీసభ పీఠాధిపతులు (CBCI) “దళిత క్రైస్తవుల ఫాచికొరత” విధాన పత్రాన్ని రూపొందించారన్నారు. కుల వివక్షకు గురి చేయడం “సామాజిక పాపం” అన్నారు. దళిత క్రైస్తవ జనంగా భవిష్యత్తు కోసం మనందరం దేవాతిదేవున్ని ప్రార్థించాలన్నారు. అంతకుముందు విచారణ గురువు ఫా|| ఎస్. బాలశౌరి “దళిత విమోచన ఆదివారం” అంటే క్రైస్తవ మతాన్ని స్వీకరించిన దళితుల పట్ల మన సంఘంలో, సమాజంలో జరిగే వివక్ష నుండి విమోచనం కలిగించడమేనన్నారు. ఇది మంచి కార్యక్రమమన్నారు. వివక్ష ప్రదర్శించడమంటే పాపం చేయడమేనన్నారు. ఇలాంటి పాపం మనం ఎన్నటికీ చేయకుండా దళితక్రైస్తవుల విమోచనం కోసం దేవున్ని ప్రార్థించాలని, వారికి బాసటగా నిలువాలన్నారు. పూజ అనంతరం చర్చి ముందు ప్రత్యేకంగా కథోలిక విశ్వాసులందరు ఫోటో సెషన్ లో పాల్గొన్నారు.

5. Gnana Jyothi Bible Quiz Test. -2017 (jyothirmai program) Categoey-ONE

Rank	Name	Village/Institution	Parish	Marks	Amount
1	B.Sarinath	Millannium H.S.	Palivelpula	82	Rs.1000/
2	P.Praneeth	Maria Rani H.S.	Karunapuram	81	Rs. 700/
3	B.Ramya	St.Anne’s H.S.	Kazipet	78	Rs. 500/
4	M.Abhilash	St.Theresa H.S.	ThimmaraoPET	77	Rs. 300/
5	K.Charina	Thilaknagar	Kazipet	70	Rs. 200/
6	E.Avinash	Vangalapally	Vangalapally	65	Rs. 100/
7	M.Dency	St.Joseph H.S.	Kumarapally	65	Rs 100/
8	G.Varshitha	St.Paul’s H.S.	Jangaon	65	Rs. 100/

Category-TWO

1	Y. Ashriths	Miriam boarding	Fathimanagr	83	Rs.1000/
2	A. Soujanya	St.Joseph’s H.S.	Kumarapally	74	Rs. 700/
3	A. Abhinaya	Vanagalapally	Vanagalapally	72	Rs. 500/
4	K. Vinay	Bp.Beretta Hostel	Fatimanagar	71	Rs. 300/
5	Ch. Sada	Maria Rani Boarding	Karunapuarum	70	Rs. 200/
6	M. Amrutha	Hasanparthy	Ellapur	65	Rs. 100/
7	G. Kavya	Vangapad	Reddipuram	64	Rs. 100/
8	Ch. Ishwar Sai	Ellapur	Ellapur	64	Rs. 100/

Category-THREE

1	K. Mounika	JMJ Degree College	Karunapuram	96	Rs.1000/
2	B. Vinay	CJITS	Janagaon	95	Rs. 700/
3	Bro. D. Sunil	VNJ college	Karunapuram	94	Rs. 400/
4	B. Dheeraj	St.Pius M.Seminary	„ „	94	Rs. 400/
5	E. Asha	Pallagutta	Pallaguatta	93	Rs. 200/
6	M. Sushma	Ghanapur	Ghanapur	92	Rs. 100/
7	N. Soujanya	Sadana Ashram	Kumarapally	92	Rs. 100/
8	I. Niranjam	Tekulagudem	Unikicherla	92	Rs. 100/

Congrats to the prize winners and appreciation to all who attempted. I thank all the fathers, brothers and sisters for encouraging our students in the process of faith formation.

NB: Prize money will be distributed in January 2018

Fr. D. Joseph, Director, Pastoral center.

6. News from Youth Centre : Visitation and Strengthening of Youth Groups

The Youth Director Rev.Fr.Anil along with Regional Youth President Sagar and the Diocesan Committee members had visited the Youth of Dharavath Thanda, Rajavaram, Athmakur and Oorugonda on the eve of upcoming Diocesan Youth Elections.Fr. Anil celebrated the Holy Eucharist and addressed the youth. In Athmakur, new committee has been formed. Mr.Sagar & Diocesan Committee briefly explained about the Elections as well as the Programs going on in Arunodaya Youth Center. Most of the youth showed interest in Computer Courses.

DIOCESAN YOUTH ELECTIONS

The 10th Diocesan Level Youth General Elections will be held on 12th December, 2017 and followed by the Eucharistic Celebration by Our Diocesan Youth Chairman, Bishop Udumula Bala. The details are already sent to all the Parish Priests. Please recommend the active youth from your parish to take part in the General Elections. 1 Male and 1 Female can be nominated from each Church. The last Date for submitting the Nominations forms are 5th December.

For more details the youth can visit Arunodaya Youth Center.

Fr. P. Anil, Youth Director.



With Gratitude for the Receipt of Local Mass Intentions

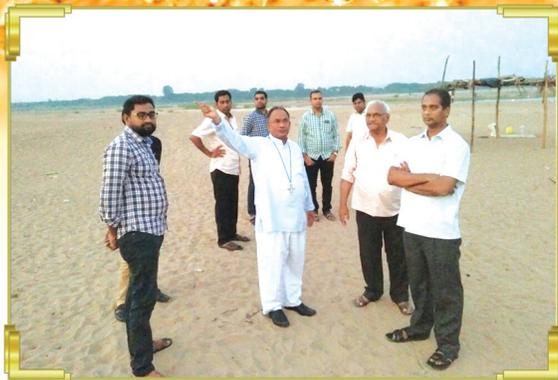
Date	Parish / Institutions	No. of Masses	Amount
03-10-2017	Velankanni Matha Shrine, Diesel Colony Parish	1200	Rs. 1,20,000/-
12-10-2017	8 Incline Colony, Godavarikani Parish	130	Rs. 13000/-
12-10-2017	Godavarikani Parish	293	Rs. 29,300/-
14-10-2017	Singaram Parish	1779	Rs. 1,87,900/-
16-10-2017	ThimmaraoPET Parish	310	Rs. 31,000/-
08-11-2017	Manugonda Parish	300	Rs. 30,000/-
09-11-2017	Sagaram Parish	190	Rs. 19,000/-
11-11-2017	Fatima Cathedral	300	Rs. 30,000/-
11-11-2017	Kumarpalli Parish	39	Rs. 3,900/-
13-11-2017	Singaram Parish	315	Rs. 31,500/-
13-11-2017	Husnabad Parish	40	Rs. 4,000/-
14-11-2017	Subedari Parish	554	Rs. 55,400/-
15-11-2017	Narmetta Parish	400	Rs. 40,000/-
17-11-2017	Karunapuram Parish	250	Rs. 25,000/-
28-11-2017	Kanchanapally Parish	300	Rs. 30,000/-
30-11-2017	Reddipalem Parish	370	Rs. 30,700/-

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 (Sr)		30-12-1978

Priestly Ordination Anniversary

Fr. I. Abraham		21-12-1967
Fr. B. Mathias		18-12-1970
Fr. G. Chinnappa		21-12-1970
Fr. A. Prakash		29-12-1970



Godavari Mission Launch Cum Recollection for Karimnagar Deanary Priests

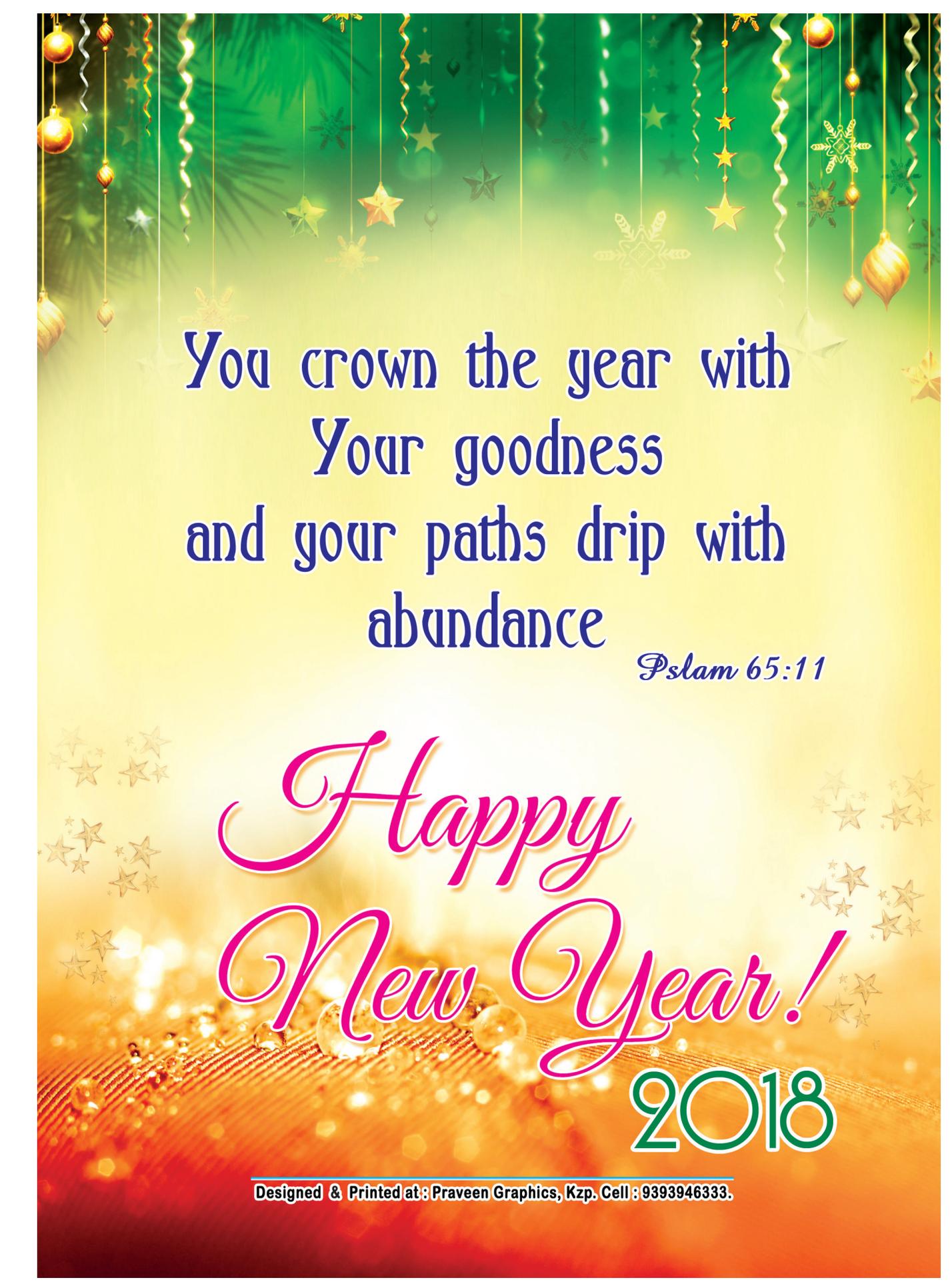


Banjara Mission: Visit Cum Recollection for Mahabubabad Deanary Priests



Bishop Visits St. Pius X Seminary, Karunapuram





You crown the year with
Your goodness
and your paths drip with
abundance

Psalm 65:11

*Happy
New Year!*
2018