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## Jericho Prayer for India





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**& Confirmations at Dharmasagar Parish**



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### I. Jericho Prayer March Mera Bharath Mahan Hai

India achieved independence from the British Raj on 15 August 1947 following the Indian independence movement noted for largely peaceful non-violent resistance and civil disobedience led by Gandhi. On January 26, 1950, the Indian constitution took effect, making the Republic of India the most populous democracy in the world. The Indian Constitution protects Religious freedom and in practice the subsequent governments generally respected the religious freedom and fundamental rights. But in recent and current times groups of radicals and religious fundamentalists have been terrorising religious minorities and the marginalized across the country.

The events happening in the country are shocking not only the minorities' but also all people of good-will. With the seeming support of some governments some well organized groups have been carrying out attacks unprecedented in the history of Independent India. Even international organizations of human rights are bewildered at the inhuman atrocities carried on the minorities especially on Christian minorities, who are peace loving and very patriotic.



#### Duty to Pray for Country

It is the bounden duty of Christians to pray for the country and all its rulers for good governance (I Tim 2: 1-3). In the terrifying context of planned attacks and introduction of one culture, one religion of the hegemony of the majority religion, all people of good will should pray for the country to liberate from the clutches of religious radicals and fanatics. As also the general elections are in the offing, the Catholics are being guided by its shepherds to pray earnestly that the evil forces do not take reins of governing power. Jericho March is one such program. We know by experience the power of prayer with trust in the Lord as Small David defeated Mighty Goliath ( ). I urge and invite the people of the diocese of Warangal to pray for this great cause without any affiliation to any political group or party.

#### Meaning of Jericho March

A Jericho March is what some may refer to as a prayer walk by a group or congregation. The purpose is to pray for or against something and ask God to intercede, protect, or change something. For instance, many Jericho Marches have been prayed in many countries against abortion or terrorist activity. Other Jericho Marches have occurred to ask God's protection over our leaders or cities or for revival to come. Still others have taken place around church buildings, asking for protection, blessing, or against worldly influences that attract our teens,

or for almost any specific purpose. It is a test of faith, trust in God to move, and a test of obedience. These marches are patterned after the march on Jericho by Joshua as instructed by the Lord.

### **Jericho March - Joshua 6**

In the book of Joshua chapter 6, we are told of the first "Jericho March." According to the Bible, the Israelites were led by Joshua into the land God promised them. They crossed the Jordan River and were instructed to conquer the land called Canaan. Jericho was the first city to be taken for the Lord. It was a city of false gods. Joshua was instructed to silently march around the walled city once a day for six days straight. Then on the seventh day the Israelites marched around the city seven times with seven priests, placed ahead of the Ark of the Covenant, carrying seven ram's horns. As they marched, the priests were to blow the horns. On the seventh trip around, they were to give one long blast in unison. Upon hearing that long blast, the people were to give a great shout. When they did this, the fortress walls of Jericho fell flat to the ground allowing the Israelites entry to take the city. It must have seemed strange to the Israelites to enter battle by way of a peaceful march. The residents inside Jericho were also surely puzzled by the six days of quiet marches around their city. But on that seventh day, they certainly believed their gods would protect them. However, once again the one true God proved He is mightier than all other false gods.

This Jericho March was the instruction given by God; it was His plan and they succeeded. We may not always see God's logic, but He is faithful when we are obedient to His Word. If a church is petitioning the Lord for a revival, be sure, the Lord will provide. The Lord may call you to Jericho March in behalf of taking back our Mother land from satanic forces or for divine guidance to elect righteous leaders to govern. Have faith that the Lord hears every prayer, which would surely bring down sinful walls to restore His Kingdom.

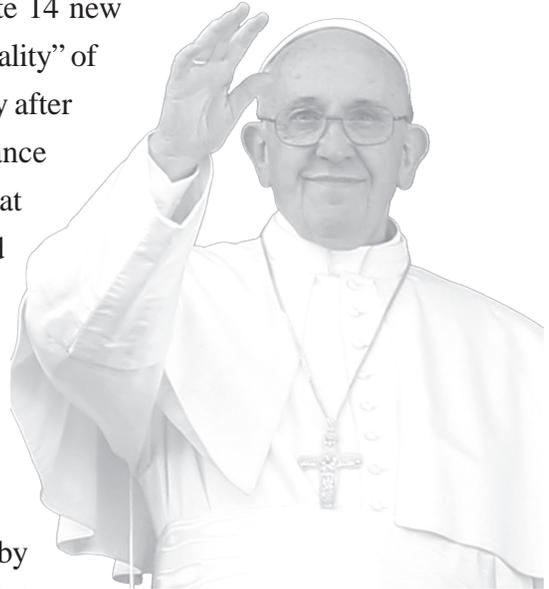
### **Indian nation-wide March: May to November 2018**

The National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services is organizing two programs: one is intercession for India and Jericho March through India this year. Kindly read attentively pages 5-6 of this issue of Fatima Vani. Kindly watch out the program (p 7) for Telangana-Andhra especially for Warangal on June 24-25, 2018 and participate actively promoting big numbers. After this diocesan Event, the Prayer march would go through the parishes /villages of the diocese. There are no political motives behind these programs but as patriotic citizens and committed Catholics, we would like to pray for our country especially in the bewildering and terrifying situation of the country caused by some self interested radical groups destroying the very fabric of secularism of this great country: Sare Jahase Accha!



## II. Pope Francis Announces June 29, Consistory to Create 14 New Cardinals

There will be a consistory June 29 to create 14 new cardinals, each of whom express the “universality” of the Church, Pope Francis announced Sunday after his Regina Coeli address. “Their provenance expresses the universality of the Church that continues to proclaim the merciful love of God to all people on earth,” he said May 20, noting that the new cardinals from the Diocese of Rome also show “the inseparable link between the see of Peter and the particular Churches spread throughout the world.”



“Let us pray for the new cardinals, so that by confirming their adherence to Christ, the Most Merciful and faithful High Priest (see Hebrews 2:17), they will help me in my ministry as Bishop of Rome for the good of the whole faithful People of God,” the pope said.

Among the newly appointed cardinals is His Beatitude Louis Raphael Sako I, the patriarch of Babylon for the Chaldean Catholic Church and the archbishop of Baghdad. Those from the Diocese of Rome and the Holy See who have been named are: Archbishop Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; Archbishop Giovanni Angelo Becciu, substitute of the Secretariat of State; Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, papal almoner; and Archbishop Angelo De Donatis, Rome’s vicar general and archpriest of the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. From around the world are: Archbishop Joseph Coutts of Karachi, Pakistan; Bishop Antonio do Santos Marto of Leiria-Fatima, Portugal; Archbishop Pedro Barreto of Huancayo, Peru; Archbishop Desire Tsarahazana of Tamatave, Madagascar; Archbishop Giuseppe Petrocchi of Aquila, Italy; and Archbishop Thomas Aquino Mango Maeda of Osaka, Japan.

Pope Francis made particular note of three who will be receiving red hats – Archbishop Emeritus Sergio Obeso Rivera of Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico; Prelate Emeritus Toribio Ticono Porco of Corocoro, Bolivia; and Claretian Fr. Aquilina Bocos Merino – who he said “have distinguished themselves for their service to the Church.”

The day of the consistory, the June 29 Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the new cardinals will concelebrate Mass with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica alongside the new metropolitan archbishops named during the previous year, who traditionally receive the pallium from the pope on that day. Most of the newly appointed cardinals are under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave.

### **Names of 14 New Cardinals**

1. Archbishop Emeritus Sergio Obeso Rivera of Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico
2. Prelate Emeritus Toribio Ticono Porco of Corocoro, Bolivia
3. Claretian Fr. Aquilina Bocos Merino
4. Patriarch Louis Raphaël I Sako, Iraqi, Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Babylon and the Head of the Chaldean Catholic Church.
5. Archbishop Luis Francisco Ladaria Ferrer, Spaniard, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.
6. Archbishop Angelo De Donatis, Italian, Vicar General of Rome.
7. Archbishop Giovanni Angelo Becciu, Italian, Substitute of the Vatican's Secretariat of State.
8. Archbishop Konrad Krajewski, Polish, Almoner of the Office of Papal Charities.
9. Archbishop Joseph Coutts, of Karachi, Pakistan.
10. Bishop António Augusto dos Santos Marto, Bishop of Leiria-Fátima, Portugal.
11. Archbishop Pedro Ricardo Barreto Jimeno, Archbishop of Huancayo, Peru.
12. Archbishop Désiré Tsarahazana, Archbishop of Toamasina, Madagascar.
13. Archbishop Giuseppe Petrocchi, Archbishop of L' Aquila, Italy.
14. Archbishop Thomas Aquino Manyo Maeda, Archbishop of Osaka, Japan.

The archbishop emeriti Obeso Rivera and Ticono Porco. Fr. Aquilina Bocos Merino, are over the age of 80.



### **III. Nation-wide Intercession for the Country**

**(From May 2018 to May 2019)**

**&**

**Jericho prayer for India**

**(Ending on 18 November 2018)**

**Organized by the national service Team of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in India**

**Theme : ABBA, BLESS OUR LAND (2 Chronicles 7: 14)**

#### **Introduction**

**St. Paul exhorts us :** “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.” (1Tim 2; 1, 2). The Word of God teaches us clearly that intercession is the responsibility of every believer. The history of the church is replete with examples of men and women, canonized saints and others, who have interceded for their fellow men and brought many blessings to our world. It is considered to be a serious omission to stay unconcerned and not to intercede: “far be it from me that I should sin against the lord by ceasing to pray for you” (1Sam 12: 23).

The Chairman of the National Service Team, Cyril John, during his presentation to the 33rd General Body meeting of the CBCI in Bangalore on 7 February 2018 had apprised that the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in India intends to organize Nation-wide Intercession for the country from May 2018 to May 2019. During a subsequent meeting of leaders of the Charismatic Renewal held in India in 7 regions in such a way that it culminates with PUSH 2018 (National Prophetic Intercessors Meet) for about 4000 participants being planned in Divine Retreat Centre, Muringoor, Kerala from Sunday, 18 to Wednesday, 21 November, 2018. The Jericho Prayer is patterned after the march of Jericho in Joshua chapter 6 led by Joshua as instructed by the Lord.

Nation-wide intercession for the country and Jericho Prayer for India were launched by Bishop Francis Kalist, Bishop of Meerut and Episcopal Advisor to the CCR on 17 March during REVIVE 2018 (Prophetic Intercession Growth Retreat) organized by the national service Team in Jeevan Jyothi Ashram, Delhi from 14 to 18 March, 2018 which was attended by 110 intercessors from across the country. Bishop Francis Kalist and Cyril John met Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay and President of the CBCI regarding this on 28 March 2018 and discussed the details of intercession drive throughout the country.

#### **Nation-wide Intercession for the Country**

A special intercession drive for the country will be organized across the country from May 2018 to May 2019. This will include teachings/retreats on intercession, chain rosary, fasting prayer, perpetual adoration, night vigils and networking of chain intercession. A letter in this regard is being sent to all Bishops and Leaders of the CCR in the country. This will be organized

in each diocese by the Regional/Diocesan Service Team where the Renewal leadership is networked and elsewhere by the dioceses concerned.

### Jericho Prayer for India

Jericho Prayer for India will be organized simultaneously in 7 Regions as follows:

North Zone I – Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh & Delhi

North Zone II – Uttar Pradesh, Uttarkhand & Rajasthan

South - Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

East - West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar & Jharkhand

West - Maharashtra, Goa & Gujarat

Central - Madhya Pradesh & Chhattishgarh

North East - Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland & Sikkim

- The THEME of the Jericho Prayer will be ABBA, BLESS OUR LAND based on 2 Chro 7:14. “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”
- A prayer card with intentions for Jericho Prayer and prayer for the success of Jericho is be got printed in the vernacular by each diocese. A broad format of the prayer card will be circulated.
- Each region is expected to identify 2 persons to accompany the Jericho Prayer to cover the entire region/state.
- A route map touching each diocese under the region will be worked out for the Jericho journey. It is proposed to organize the Jericho Prayer in the Cathedral in each diocese at a convenient time in the evening so that more number of people could participate. It is requested that Priests, religious and lay faithful in the diocese may be invited to the intercession gathering on the designated day. Accordingly, if there are 24 dioceses in a region, it will take 25 days to complete the Jericho journey. The diocese is expected to provide board and lodging to the visiting team (which may consist of 6 to 12 persons) till the time they depart on the next day for the next destination.
- The program of Jericho Prayer at the Cathedral might include a brief input on nation-wide intercession for the nation, Eucharistic Celebration by the Archbishop/Bishop or in his absence by a nominee, Intercession before the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction. This opportunity could also be used for praying for special intention of the diocese as well. A crucifix (minimum 30 inches height) is to be blessed by the Archbishop/Bishop during the Jericho Prayer which will be brought to Divine Retreat Centre for PUSH 2018 in November. At PUSH 2018 all the blessed crosses brought from the diocese would be installed around the intercessory map of India.

• Whereas the Regional Jericho Prayer will be confined to one evening of prayer at the Cathedral, each diocese is expected to organize intercession for the nation in all its parishes either (1) simultaneously on the same evening when the diocesan Jericho Prayer is being held in the Cathedral, (2) by rotation in the parishes prior to the Jericho Prayer in the Cathedral so that it would in one way become culmination of the diocesan intercession, or (3) by rotation from the day following Jericho Prayer held in the Cathedral.

• All dioceses/regions are exhorted to send their intercessors/representatives to participate in PUSH 2018 (National Prophetic Intercessors Gathering) in Divine Retreat Centre, Muringoor, Kerala from Sunday, 18th (4 pm) to Wednesday, 21st (1 pm) November 2018. More than 4,000 intercessors are expected to participate in the gathering. The nation will be dedicated to Jesus through the powerful intercession of Mary at this gathering.

	MONTH	ANDHRA PRADESH AND TELEGANA							
SL. No	June 2018	From	Via	DEPARTURE	To	Distance	Duration	ARRIVAL	ONE DAY RETREAT SCHEDULE
1	Wed 20 /06/18	Bangalore		0500 am	Kurnool	358 Kms	5 Hrs 50 Mnts	0120 pm	
2	Thu 21/06/18	Kurnool		0800 am	Nalagonda	288 Kms	5 Hrs 50 Mnts	0200 pm	
3	Fri 22/06/18	Nalagonda		0800 am	Hyderabad	98 Kms	2 Hrs	1100 am	second Half of that day
4	Fri 22/06/18	Hyderabad		0900 am	Shamshabad	27 Kms	1 Hr	1000 am	first Half of that day
NIGHT HALT AT HYDERABAD DATE 22 /06/18									
5	Sat 23/06/18	Hyderabad		0600 am	Adilabad	305 Kms	5 Hrs 50 Mnts	1200 pm	
6	<b>Sun 24 /06 /18</b>	<b>Adilabad</b>		<b>0600 am</b>	<b>Warangal</b>	<b>263 Kms</b>	<b>5 Hrs 50 Mnts</b>	<b>1200 pm</b>	
7	<b>Mon 25 /06 /18</b>	<b>Warangal</b>		<b>0800 am</b>	<b>Khammam</b>	<b>123 Kms</b>	<b>2 Hrs 50 Mnts</b>	<b>1030 pm</b>	
8	Tue 26/06/18	Khammam	Rajahmundry	0800 am	Visakhapatnam	394 Kms	9 Hrs	0500 pm	
NIGHT HALT AT VISAKHAPATNAM DATE 26/06/18 ( REST DAY )									
9	Wed 27/06/18	Visakhapatnam		0800 am	Srikakulam	116 Kms	2 Hrs 50 mnts	1100 am	
10	Wed 27/06/18	Srikakulam			Visakhapatnam				
NIGHT HALT AT VISAKHAPATNAM DATE 27/06/18 ( AFTER THE PROGRAMME AT SRIKAKULAM )									
11	Thu 28/06/18	Visakhapatnam							Attend Full Day Programme
12	Fri 29/06/18	Visakhapatnam		0600 am	Eluru	291 Kms	5 Hrs 37 Mnts	1200 noon	
13	Sat 30/06/18	Eluru		0800 am	Vijayawada	58 Kms	1 Hr 24 Mnts	1000 am	
14	Sun 01/07/18	Vijayawada		0800 am	Guntur	44 Kms	1 Hr	1000 am	
15	Mon 02/07/18	Guntur		0800 am	Nellor	244 Kms	3 Hrs 43 Mnts	1200 Noon	
16	Tue 03/07/18	Nellor		0800 am	Kadappa	175 Kms	3 Hrs 18Mnts	1130am	
17	Wed 04/07/18	Kadappa	Madanapalli &	0800 am	Bangalore	250 Kms	6 Hrs 12 Mnts	0130 pm	
					Total	3034 Kms			

#### **IV. Feast of Corpus Christi**

The feast of Corpus Christi is more than a reminder that Jesus is indeed the Bread of Life. It is also a celebration of his generous hospitality. When he feeds the multitudes, we see his warm welcome to those who had come to hear him speak about God. In one of Matthew's accounts of the multiplication of the loaves (15: 29 -37), he was up in the hills, but the people toiled up to him and stayed with him. They were drawn to him, attracted by his loving kindness. Their desire for what he had to give, the food of the spirit, was strong and he gave it to them in abundance. And yet, although he knew that they hungered for more than simple bread, he did not ignore their physical needs. He could not bear to see them go away hungry, so he gave them the physical sustenance they also needed. Bread here, as always in the gospels, is a symbol of that spiritual food that appeases the hunger of the soul.



So Jesus' hospitality is wide; it embraces the whole person. He wants them to go away satisfied, physically and spiritually. And they did. They all ate as much as they wanted. Perhaps they said to one another, 'See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation...we exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.' And before this feast on the green hill, he had cured so many of them of their ills. So it was a day to remember. They experienced the compassion of Jesus, going out to meet every kind of human need: physical disability, tiredness, hunger. 'I feel sorry for these people,' he said to his disciples. Corpus Christi is a celebration of the hospitality and compassion of Jesus. It shows us God's tenderness living in Jesus. What a wonderful feast!

#### **V. Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus**

The whole of the month of June, though we don't hear much about it these days, is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Some people, like myself, may have little appreciation of the once-popular statues and pictures of the Sacred Heart which are still to be seen in many churches and some homes, but I believe we would do well to re-discover something of the depth of meaning in this devotion.

Jesus, whom Paul calls the 'image of the unseen God', shows us what God is like. Through the symbol of the heart, Jesus is pointing to the Love of God, telling us that God loves us,



all of us, always. 'For this is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life' (John 3: 16). The heart of Jesus reveals that God is not cold and distant, but has a warm, tender and loving concern for humanity and for all of creation. Love, only Love, is the motive of all that Jesus Christ did and said and suffered.

For Julian of Norwich, who lived long before formal devotion to the Sacred Heart was established in the Church, Love was quite simply the kernel of the Christian message. Her whole theology could be summed up in one line from her book, 'Revelations of Divine Love': "Love was his [Jesus'] meaning". What is original in Julian's approach to the Love of God is its reciprocal nature: not only does God love us, God longs for and rejoices in our love. And so she hears God speaking to the repentant sinner: "My dear darling, I am glad thou art come to me; in all thy woe I have ever been with thee. And now thou seest me in my love and we are oned (united) in bliss."

The actual feast of the Sacred Heart falls on July 1st this year. Through it the Church reminds us once again that God is Love: *Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est* ('Where there is love and loving-kindness, God is present'). Is not this the greatest mystery that poetry and thought and belief have to impart?

## **VI. Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Historically, devotion to the Heart of Mary grew up in parallel, but at a lesser intensity than that of devotion to the Heart of Jesus, only starting to become more prominent during the time of St John Eudes. John Eudes was born in 1601 in Normandy, France. He entered the Congregation of the Oratory of France, founded in 1611 by Cardinal de Berulle and was ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 1625.

St. John brought people to love Christ and the Virgin Mary by speaking tirelessly about their Heart, the sign of the love God shows for us and the communion to which we are called.

To offer them liturgical worship, he composed Masses and Offices in their honor and had the first Feast of the Holy Heart of Mary celebrated on February 8, 1648, at Autun (France,) and the Feast of the Heart of Jesus celebrated on October 20, 1672.



He died on August 19, 1680 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 31, 1925.

Nevertheless, it was not until after the Apparitions at Rue du Bac concerning the "Miraculous Medal" made to Catherine Labouré in 1830, and the establishment of a society dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, at the Church of Our Lady of Victories in Paris in 1836, that this particular devotion became really well known.

Since then devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, has gradually grown more widespread in the Church, particularly since the apparitions at Fatima.

The main difference between the devotions to the hearts of Jesus and Mary is that the one concerned with Jesus emphasizes his divine heart as being full of love for mankind, but with this love for the most part being ignored or rejected, while devotion to Mary's heart is essentially concerned with the love that her heart has for Jesus, for God.

Therefore, it is not an end in itself, so the love of her heart is meant to be a model for the way we should love God. The fact that her heart is immaculate, that is sinless, means that she is the only fully human person who is able to really love God in the way that he should be loved.

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother, the person who was called to share in and co-operate in his redemptive sufferings.

The aim of the devotion is to unite mankind to God through Mary's heart, and this process involves the ideas of consecration and reparation. A person is consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart as a way of being completely devoted to God. This involves a total gift of self, something only ultimately possible with reference to God; but Mary is our intermediary in this process of consecration.

Because of the strong analogy between Jesus and Mary, the consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart is closely linked to the consecration to Jesus' Sacred Heart, although it is subordinate and dependent on it. That is, although the act of consecration is ultimately addressed to God, it is an act that is made through Mary.



## VII. Feast of St. Anthony

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the best-known disciples of St. Francis of Assisi. During his life he was renowned for his preaching and miracles. St. Anthony of Padua was born Fernando Martins de Bulhoes on August 15, 1195 in Portugal. His family was made up of wealthy and powerful nobles. When he was fifteen, he joined the Congregation of Canons Regular of St. Augustine. But to his disappointment, his relatives often visited him and he found no peace and tranquility in religious life. Anthony was allowed to transfer to the Augustinian Abbey of the Holy Cross at Coimbra, where he would become a priest at the age of twenty-five.



While at the Abbey he met five Franciscan friars on their way to Morocco. He liked the friars and admired their zeal. When Anthony heard they were martyred, he begged his superior's permission to join the Franciscan Order. Eventually, he joined the Order and expressed a desire to go to the missions, but that desire did not come to fruition as he would have liked. Illness prevented him from spending much time in Africa. While returning to Portugal, his boat was taken off course and he ended up in Italy. Meeting the friars there, he was sent to Assisi.

Anthony questioned whether he should spend the time in solitude and prayer or preaching and teaching. He asked St. Francis' opinion and was told: "I am pleased that you teach sacred theology to the brothers provided that, as is contained in the Rule, you 'do not extinguish the Spirit of prayer and devotion' during study of this kind." Soon, St. Francis would give Anthony the mission of preaching throughout Italy because of his exceptional gift. It was said that St. Anthony knew all the Gospels by heart and could regularly quote them while speaking. Anthony often had to preach outside because the large crowds he drew were too numerous to fit in a church. Furthermore, he never extinguished the spirit of prayer. Even if he spent the day preaching and hearing confessions, he would spend many hours of the night praying to God.

St. Anthony was able to improve many lives instead of only worrying about his own. At Archbishop Curley, St. Anthony is the patron of our Anthony Program. He is a great example to always do our best even when things can be difficult.

## VIII. Solemnity of Nativity of John the Baptist

The Church celebrates three birthday solemnities– The Nativity of Jesus, the Nativity of Mary and that of John the Baptist. This gives a glimpse of the greatness of the saint whose birthday we celebrate. Little wonder Jesus himself proclaimed of John the Baptist, “I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John” (Luke 7:28). This is true to the name of John whose meaning is “God’s gracious gift.” Ordinarily, gifts when received are celebrated to show appreciation to the giver and the gift itself. If such is the situation for mere human artefacts, how much greater is the worth of a human being? How great was the joy of Zechariah and Elizabeth who at this point receives the gift of a child from God whose nature knows no impossibility? Children, indeed, are God’s gracious gifts to us. As such, the birth of a child initiates a joyful celebration.



Birthday celebrations in our secular world renew the joy of our birth as God’s gracious gifts. On such days, one receives many pleasantries and gifts of value from family and friends, reminders of our worth to them. Today, we gather to celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist. What gifts and pleasantries do we bring to the Creator and Giver of the Gift?

In the first reading, God speaks through Isaiah to us reminding us that we are His precious gifts to the world created by him in love. As such, we have being destined by him for a purpose, or if you like a mission (49:1-6). The Responsorial Psalm sings this beauty of our being wonderfully,

It was you who created my inmost self, and put me together in my mother’s womb; for all these mysteries I thank you: for the wonder of myself, for the wonder of your works (Ps 139:13-14).

The early part of Luke 1 from which today’s gospel episode is taken has it that John already received the Holy Spirit in his mother’s womb for his mission (cf. Luke 1:15). Therefore, his birth and the scenario of the name giving only reveal the significance of God’s power through creation. Today’s feast, therefore, reveals that from the moment of our conception, God already started a great work which reveals more his Omnipotence and Omni-benevolence. This St. Paul speaks of in relation to the mission of John the Baptist in the second reading (Acts 13: 22-26).

## IX. Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul

Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul has been consecrated for us by the martyrdom of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul. It is not some obscure martyrs we are talking about. "Their sound has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the world" (Psalm 19). These martyrs had seen what they proclaimed; they pursued justice by confessing the truth, by dying for the truth.



The blessed Peter, the first of the Apostles, the ardent lover of Christ, who was found worthy to hear, "And I say to you, that you are Peter" (Matthew 16:13-20). He himself, you see, had just said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Christ said to him, "And I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church." Upon this rock I will build the faith you have just confessed. Upon your words, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," I will build my Church; because you are Peter. Peter comes from *petra*, meaning a rock. Peter, "Rocky", from "rock"; not "rock" from "Rocky". Peter comes from the word for a rock in exactly the same way as the name Christian comes from Christ.

Before his passion the Lord Jesus, as you know, chose those disciples of his whom he called apostles. Among these it was only Peter who almost everywhere was given the privilege of representing the whole Church. It was in the person of the whole Church, which he alone represented, that he was privileged to hear, "To you will I give the keys of the kingdom of heaven." After all, it is not just one man that received these keys, but the Church in its unity. So this is the reason for Peter's acknowledged pre-eminence, that he stood for the Church's universality and unity, when he was told, "To you I am entrusting," what has in fact been entrusted to all. To show you that it is the Church which has received the keys of the kingdom of heaven, listen to what the Lord says in another place to all his apostles: "Receive the Holy Spirit; and immediately afterwards, Whose sins you forgive, they will be forgiven them; whose sins you retain, they will be retained" (John 20:22-23).

There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labors, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching.

## X. Bishop's Engagements in the Month of June, 2018

- 01 : Office  
02 : Office  
03 : Corpus Christi : Sahayamatha Lake Hill : Dharmasagar  
04 : Office  
06 : Office for Consecrated  
07 : Blessing and inauguration of St. Mother Teresa School, Choppadandi  
08 : Office  
09 : Blessing of New Building of Millennium School, Hanamkonda  
10 : Holy Mass with 1st Communicants and Confirmations at Reddipalem Parish  
12 : Monthly Recollection for Clergy  
13 : St. Antony's Feast  
14 : Blessing and Inauguration of CBSE School Building, Maheshwaram  
16 : CRI Meeting

17 to August 04 : Mission Collaboration to USA

August 09 : Priests' Day

## XI. Communications

**1. June , Month of Sacred Heart :** As we know, the month of June every year is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Kindly promote this central devotion and organize programs of Love of God revealed through the Sacred of Jesus leading to Divine Mercy devotion.

**2. Monthly Recollection :** Monthly recollection is arranged for the Clergy at Bishop's House on June 12, 2018, starting on previous day at 8:45 pm. all Priests are to attend without fail.

**3. Mission Collaboration :** I will be on Mission collaboration to USA, June 17 – August 4, 2018. Rev. Fr. K. Joseph, the Chancellor will be in charge of Diocese. Kindly pray for me and cooperate with Fr. K. Joseph.

**4. Warangal CRI Unit :** Dear All, hope you all had or are still having a much needed break through it is blistering hot out there. Some of you may be back already working in full swing. This is to inform you well in advance that there will be a general body meeting on June 16, 2018. I request all the superiors and principals to attend the meeting without fail. Please consider this as an important meeting and also kindly pay the subscription fees without fail at the earliest. There will be Holy Mass presided by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala. Looking forward to whole hearted cooperation,

Fr. Joshua, MSC, CRI President

**5. Jeevadhara Renewal Centre :** We are starting nine **first Friday's special prayer services** from June first Friday to February First Friday. As the devotees are increasing and coming forward to give witness on the favors they are receiving in Jeevadhara Renewal Centre, (On the special request of the devotees), we are starting this nine first Friday special prayer services. Three ladies who came regularly for prayer services last year have given their witness that after praying continuously for seven first Fridays to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, they got government Jobs in different sectors. Many other healings are also taking place. Jeevadhara centre has eloquent preachers, professional musicians and singers. Counseling is available to any age group people and confessions are heard regularly. Food is served to the devotees on every first Friday by the donors. Kindly note that every second Friday of every month we have healing services and every fourth Friday of the month we have candle light adoration and special intercessory prayers by the devotees. So please come to Jeevadhara and spread the news about this special arrangement in our Diocese.

Fr. Ch. Praveen Kumar, MSC, Director of Jeevadhara Renewal Centre

**6. Laity Sunday :** Laity Sunday will be celebrated on June 24, 2018. I request you to kindly exhort all the Parish Priests to celebrate the Laity Sunday meaningfully. Fr. Anthony J. Fernandes, Executive Secretary of CCBI Laity Commission will send you some material as Hints for Laity Sunday celebration. Let us affirm our Laity and encourage them to be active participants both in the Church and Society and pray for their welfare.

**7. Welcome to OMI to Balapala Connected to Banajara Mission :** The Oblates of Mary Immaculate volunteered to open a Mission/Parish in the Diocese of Warangal. Very Rev. Fr. Chinnappan, the Provincial of India Region met with the Bishop many times during last 3 years and finally landed at Balapala in Dornakal parish connected to Banajara Mission. Kuravi, a Hindu-Temple town is central place of Evangelization. On May 30, 2018 the Mission-centre was solemnly dedicated to God and was Blessed by Bishiop Udumalal Bala and by the Provincial Chinnappan on May 30, 2018 with a solemn Mass. This centre is established to mark the year of 'Golden Jubilee' of their arrival in India. Fr. Sagayaraj is the Parish Priest of this Parish. We wish them God's Blessings for fruitful Mission '*ad intra and ad extra*'!

**8. Establishment of Four New Parishes :** As per Canons 515-518 **Vangalapally, Jammikunta, Mulkanoor and Balapala** are erected as new Parishes from May, 2018. Vangalapally is looked after by Sons of Divine Providence with Nashkal Sub-Station; Mulkanoor by OFM Caps with 5 Catechuman villages; Jammikunta by the Diocese; and Balapala with Ayndapuram and Nallela Sub Stations. We wish and pray for the faithful and Pastors God's abundant Blessings.

**9. Dedication and Inauguration of New Mission and School at Choppadandi :** The long awaited dream of opening of a mission and a school is being realized from this accademic year 2018-19. The school is named "St. Mother Teresa School". Decided by WADES,

planned by former DM, Fr. Basani and being overseen by the present DM, Fr. Madanu, ground-force of Fr. Thirumalreddy and Fr. Duggimpudi, all set for grand inauguration on June 07, 2018 by Fr. Bellamkonda, our Bishop would be dedicating and inaugurating it. May St. Mother Teresa the Patroness to bless the children, parents, teachers and the management for a fruitful Mission with the apostolate of education in the neglected areas of Karimnagar. Hats off WADES!

**10. Welcome back to Priests for Warangal from Abroad :** We extend a warm welcome back to the diocese of the Warangal Rev. Frs. Yeruva Bala, Pudota Dasaiah, Macharla Naveen and Basani Chinnappa after their fruitful International Pastoral Ministry. We hope they would be able to come back to culture of India, Warangal and serve the local Churches with all their resources. We wish them God's Blessings.

**11. Rev. Y. Chinnappa, New Dean of Mahabubabad :** Thanking Rev. Fr. Manohar who is relieved for International Ministry in USA for his services as Dean of Mahabubabad, I appoint Rev. Fr. Y. Chinnappa, New of Dean with effect from June 1, 2018, with all good wishes for Banjara Mission.

**12. Deanery Recollection reports by each Deanery :** Each Dean is asked to submit a report of each Deanery Recollection with the details of the Priests attended, preacher cum Theme of the talk, discussions of one area of Mission in the Deanery, programs conducted and proposals for Mission. It is mandatory from July 2018 recollection.

**13. Thanks to all Priests and the Consecrated on Transfer and Welcome to all New Priests into the Diocese.**

**Assistance : 2018** 1) Rev. Fr. V. Simon, Cathedral, Fathimanagar; 2) Rev. Fr. V. Kiran, CJITS Hostel, Jangaon; 3) Rev. Fr. Jayaraju, St. Mary's Parish and School, Appannapet; 4) Rev. Fr. Prathap, Nekkonda; 5) Rev. Fr. Chinnambedkar, Francis De Sales Parish and School, Velair, 6) Rev. Fr. Anthaiah, Bishop Beretta Hostel and School, Fathimanagar; 7) Rev. Fr. Prasada Rao, St. John's Parish and School, Kesamudram.

**14. Regency Apostolate**

1. St. Pius X Seminary, Karunapuram - Bro. Ajith
2. St. Francis de Sales Parish, Velair - Bro. Sharath
3. St. Peter, the Apostle Waddepally - Bro. Mary Babu, SCJ.

**Nota Bene :** 1. The priests concerned, under whose care the regents are placed, should look into the formation of the regents in the fields of Catechesis, Evangelization, Biblical Apostolate, Care of the young, Education, Administration, Prayer Meetings, social services with a special focus on their spiritual life.

2. Rev. Fr. Thomas, who is overall formatter of Regents, would arrange a recollection once in 6 weeks or so. Please see that one's regent attends.

3. Regents are to be exposed to all ecclesial and social fields and are to be formed in their responsibility, transparency, accountability along with overcoming hurdles and temptations.

4. Each institution, where the Regent assists should contribute Rs. 1000-00 per month towards expenses for recollection, and the like.
5. The present appointment is for Semester I only. After November, they might be shifted to other places for new exposure and experience.
6. Those institutions, to which no pastoral / catechetical apostolate is attached, should see that the regent gets pastoral exposure at least during week-ends.
7. Kindly treat them with respect but do not hesitate to give paternal corrections and fraternal suggestions.
8. Each Priest has to give on over all report about the Regent about his character and performance.

## **XII. Informations**

### **1. News from Pastoral Centre**

- 1) As the Director of Pastoral centre, I visited the parishes Kazipet, Velair, Singaram, Balanagar and Hasanparthy. I celebrated Holy Eucharist and encouraged the faithful.
- 2) 12th & 13th of May 2018, Marriage preparation course was conducted at pastoral centre by the Diocesan family commission. There were 95 participants participated in this course and prepared for the Holy matrimony. Fr. Kamal, Director of Pastoral Centre, gave talk and celebrated Holy Eucharist on the second day.
- 3) Pastoral centre Animators meeting was held on 16th May 2018.
- 4) 16 to 20th of May 2018 -- Jyothi Nikethan Sisters had their retreat in the centre.
- 5) Warangal Seminarians meeting was held on 28th of May 2018, regarding Summer Ministry.

### **Services Available**

- I thank His Lordship for appointing me as the new director of Pastoral centre. We the priests and religious in the diocese will establish the Kingdom of God in our diocese according to the will of our Father and Bishop.
- I sincerely acknowledge and appreciate the hard work of the previous directors of pastoral centre and continue the good work that you have began. I sincerely ask your prayers and support.
- As the Director of Pastoral centre, I am always available for Faith formation programs in any parish. Please contact me at any time in this regard. Cell number: 8897736960, E-mail: wgl dpastoralcentre@gmail.com.
- Please encourage voluntary animators in each parish for evangelization and refer to me so that I can use their services.

- All the heads of the educational institutions are expected to teach catechism and value education from starting of academic Year. Catechism is mandatory for our catholic students. A strict order by Bishop.
- New catechism and value education books are available at pastoral center for classes 1 to 10. All the schools have to collect from the Centre. It is mandatory from the Bishop.
- Please Order Books as soon as possible

Fr. Gopu Kamal, Director of Pastoral Centre

## 2. News from Lodi MSSS

**1. Project Name :** Community Based Rehabilitation Program for Differently Able Children.

1. Awareness program to Parents and Youngsters on Able Children Education and Health. The program was held at Mahabubad mandal. The total participants are 65 youngsters and parents.

2. The CHAI – LF organized training program to all its partners on DIGITAL OUT REACH ON PHYSIO THERAPY at CHAI training centre at Medchal, Secunderabad.

**11. Project Title :** Nutrition Support to HIV infected orphan and semi orphan children.

We have provided nutrition support to 150 HIV infected orphan and semi orphan children

111. Desiltation program in Nedigonda and Construction & Deepening of Farm Ponds in Devagiripatnam :

In the desiltation program 5800 trips of silt was taken by 60 farmers and 30 farmers were supported for construction and deepening of Percolation tanks with the collaboration and financial assistance from Raitu Vikasa Social Service Society.

## IV. Project Name: Kolping India

1) Organized a sensitization program on open defecation at Station Rampur and 25 women participated and sensitized on this issue.

2) Organized sensitization program on non-communicable diseases at Kota Venkatapur and 42 women participated and gained knowledge.

3) Training program organized on Organic Agricultural practices at Medipally village and 31 participants attended and gained knowledge.

## V. Revolving Fund Loans issued in the month of May 2018

- No. of Villages - 11
- No. of Beneficiaries - 473
- Total Loan Amount - Rs. 93,45,000/-

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director, Lodi MSSS

### **3. News from Youth Centre**

Fr. Anil, the Diocesan Youth Director had visited the Youth of Dharmasagar and Elukurthy and celebrated the MASS. In his interaction with the youth he strengthened them with his talks and Fr. Anil explained the youth “How to coordinate with one another and why is it so important among the Youth Group” by taking examples of parables in Bible.

#### **II Animators and Chaplains Training Programme (ACT)**

Father Chetan Machado, the national executive secretary of Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) has urged youth and chaplains animators to enrich and support to the youth and youth ministry in the country. He was speaking at the concluding day of the second Animators and Chaplains Training programme (ACT-II) organized by the National Youth Commission under the aegis of CCBI supported by Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM) and Young Catholic Students/Young Students’ Movement on May 26.

The 18-26 May programme included a two-day consultation meeting with the ICYM national executive followed by the training programme, which started on May 18 with the inaugural Mass celebrated by Father Stephen Alathara, Deputy Secretary General, CCBI. During his homily, he explained the importance of the training and power youth contain at NBCLC, Bangalore. The training programme continued for the next eight days. Participants were trained based on eight modules: principles and dynamics of youth ministry, youth psychology, youth and media, youth and spirituality, working with youth at risk, youth and life skills, youth and vocational guidance and youth ministry and social consciousness. During the training, participants were divided into six groups. All the groups were involved in various activities like conducting prayer meetings, visiting parishes, group dynamics, recreation and animation.

All the participants were awarded a participation certificate. Thirty eight participants from different parts of the country attended the programme.

Fr. P. Anil, Director of Youth Centre

### **4. News from Banjara Mission**

Happy to inform you that in Mahabubabad parish Nallela substation we have conducted three days camp that is on May 10, 2018 to May 12, 2018. Fr. Shravan inaugurated with Mass and Sr. Manikyam and Sr. Nirmala conducted programs prayer songs, games and distributed prizes for the winners. Sisters prepared children for Holy Communion and confession on May 13, 2018 feast day. Fr. Thomas ministered Holy Communion to the children. Two elders received baptism and Communion. Total 30 members participated in the camp. Sunday with Holy Mass we concluded the camp. Children and elders participated in this camp.

Fr. A. Shravan, the Parish Priest

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for June

The Holy Father's Universal Intention and Evangelization Intention for the Month of June, 2018 to be included at all the Masses on all the Sundays during the Prayer of the Faithful.

**Universal :** "That social network may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences".

### *Birthday Babies in the Month of June*

Celebrate your birthday today. Celebrate being Happy every day.

Rev. Fr. Gangarapu Naveen	05-06-1976
Rev. Fr. Madanu Jaya	07-06-1968
Rev. Fr. Macharla Raju	08-06-1983
Rev. Fr. Pudota Chinnaiah	08-06-1959
Rev. Fr. Dasari Joseph	11-06-1963
Rev. Fr. Reddimasu Thomas	11-06-1963
Rev. Fr. Polumari Suresh	25-06-1981



### *Ordination Anniversary*

Rev. Fr. D. Jaya Prathap 03- 06- 1999

On the occasion of the Ordination Anniversary of our dear father, I wish him hearty congratulations, prayerful wishes and fruitful ministry.



**Chapel Blessing at Ramnagar, Velankanni Parish**



**5th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Our Bishop**



**Renewal of Families & 1st Holy Communions & Confirmations at Dharmapuram, Malakpally Parish**



**Major Seminarians Meet at Karunapuram**



**Inauguration & Blessings of Balapala Mission**





**O most Holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.**