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*Quinquennial visit ad limina*

# Ad limina visit to Vatican



### I. La Voce del Pastor da Vaticano

**From the Holy See of Vatican in the Eternal City of Rome in the affectionate country of Italia, I, on ad limina visit, greet you all the Faithful, Consecrated and the Clergy of the Diocese of historical Warangal.** I conveyed our filial Wishes of Love and Loyalty to the Catholic Faith and to the Pope, the Universal shepherd of the Catholic Church. In response he had joyfully imparted his Paternal Pontifical Apostolic Blessings to the Diocese of Warangal and its Faithful. May his Pontificate flourish in leading the Church and guiding the world in God's Ways especially in these days of crisis of Faith and Morals!



#### Understanding of ad limina Visit

Quinquennial visit ad limina, more fully ad limina apostolorum or simply an ad limina visit means the commitment of residential diocesan bishops and certain prelates with territorial jurisdiction (such as territorial abbots), of visiting the thresholds of the tombs of the Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul, and of meeting the Holy Father to brief on the state of their dioceses or prelatures. It is a formal trip usually made together by all bishops from a single region or Catholic bishops' conference to discuss with the Pope issues specific to their ecclesiastical regions. It is separate from other trips a bishop might make to the Vatican, such as to attend a synod. The ad limina visit happens every five years, or quinquennially. Limina is the accusative plural of the Latin language noun limen, meaning literally "a threshold; the head-piece or foot-piece of a doorway," and in a transferred sense, "a house, dwelling, or abode." The Latin preposition ad means "to, toward, at." I hope the meaning is clear!

#### Brief History

In 1585 Pope Sixtus V issued the constitution *Romanus Pontifex*, which set forth the norm for visits ad limina. On December 31, 1909, Pope Pius X stated in a Decree for the Consistorial Congregation that a bishop needs to present the relationship of his diocese to the Pope once every five years, starting in 1911. The current requirements for the ad limina visit are the subject of canon 399–400 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law and canon 208 of the 1990 Code of Canons for the Eastern Churches. In the later organization

of the Roman Empire, the increasingly subdivided provinces were administratively associated in a larger unit, the diocese (Latin *dioecesis*, from the Greek term *διοικησις*, meaning "administration").

After Christianity was given legal status in 313, the Churches began to organize themselves into dioceses based on provinces, not on the larger regional imperial districts. The dioceses were often smaller than the provinces. Modern usage of 'diocese' tends to refer to the sphere of a bishop's jurisdiction. This usage had itself been evolving from the much earlier *parochia* ("parish"), dating from the increasingly formalized Christian authority structure in the 4th century. As of January 2019, in the Catholic Church there are 2,886 regular dioceses: 1 Papal see, 645 archdioceses, including 9 patriarchates, 4 major archdioceses, 555 metropolitan archdioceses, 77 single archdioceses and 2,240 dioceses in the world. In the Eastern rites in communion with the Pope, the equivalent unit is called an eparchy.

### **Distinct Purpose: Pastoral Ministry of Pope and Bishops**

The visit “ad limina Apostolorum” by all the Bishops who, in communion with the Apostolic See, preside in charity and in service over particular Churches in every part of the world, has a very definite purpose: that is, the strengthening of their own responsibility as successors of the Apostles and of their hierarchical communion with the Successor of Peter. The point of reference is a visit to the tombs of St. Peter and Paul, pastors and pillars of the Roman Church.

**The “ad limina” visit is an important moment in the exercise of the Holy Father’s pastoral ministry :** In fact, on such a visit, the Supreme Pastor receives the Pastors of the particular Churches and discusses with them questions concerning their ecclesial mission. The “ad limina” visit cannot be understood simply as an administrative and juridical act, consisting of certain ritual and juridical obligations and protocol that must be fulfilled. In the canonical legislation (C.I.C., can. 400) prescribing the visit, the two basic purposes for it are clearly stated:

- a. to venerate the tombs of the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul;
- b. to meet with the Successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome.

### **Consolidation of the Unity of the Church**

The veneration of the “laurels” of the Apostles Peter and Paul and pilgrimages to their tombs have been practised from earliest Christian times. These practices have retained their deep spiritual meaning and their significance for ecclesial communion. It is precisely for this reason that these practices were institutionalized for the bishops. Indeed, both the pilgrimages and the veneration express the unity of the Church, founded by the Lord on the Apostles and built upon blessed Peter, their head, with Jesus Christ Himself as the chief cornerstone together with His “Gospel” of salvation for all men.

The meeting with the Successor of Peter, the primary guardian of the deposit of truth handed down from the Apostles, serves to consolidate their unity in the same faith, hope and charity. It also allows the immense heritage of spiritual and moral values that the whole Church, in communion with the Bishop of Rome, has spread throughout the world to be better known and appreciated. The forms and the frequency of the meeting with the Pope can vary, and indeed, have varied throughout the centuries. The essential meaning, however, has always remained the same.

### **Biblical and Theological Foundations**

The fifteen-day visit of Paul with Peter (cf. Galatians 1:18) was a meeting that provided help for their respective ministries. In an analogous way, the visit of the bishops, Vicars and Ambassadors of Christ in the particular Churches entrusted to them, with the Successor of Peter, “the Vicar of Christ and visible head of the entire Church” (LG 18), also brings a richness of experience to the Petrine ministry and its service of illuminating the serious problems of the Church and the world as these problems are perceived in their various features within different places, times and cultures. The world today is tending towards ever greater unification; the Church too knows itself to be a “sign and instrument of intimate Union with God and of the unity of the human race” (LG 1). It thus seems indispensable to promote and foster constant communication between the particular Churches and the Apostolic See by an exchange of information and a mutual sharing of pastoral concerns about problems, experiences and sufferings as well as orientations and plans for working and living.

## **II. Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019**

Pope Francis announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*.

Theme of Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 “**Baptized and Sent** : The Church of Christ on Mission in the World” is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Mission Month.

Awakening the awareness of the *missio ad gentes*, and reinvigorating the sense of responsibility for proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm, are themes that combine the pastoral concern of Pope Benedict XV in his Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, published 100 years ago, with the missionary vitality expressed by Pope Francis in his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: “Missionary action is the paradigm of every work of the Church.” (EG 15)



## **Logo of Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019**

The logo of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 is a missionary cross where the primary colors refer to the five continents. The Cross is the instrument and direct sign of communion between God and man for the universality of our mission, and through its vibrant colors, a sign of victory and resurrection. The world is transparent because the action of evangelization has no barriers or boundaries, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Christian charity and the world transfigured in the Spirit overcome distances and open the horizon of our minds and hearts. The words Baptized and Sent next to the image indicate the two characteristics of every Christian: baptism and proclamation.

### **Colors of Logo of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019**

The primary colors of the Cross are referred to the five continents:

- Red for America,
- Green for Africa,
- White for Europe,
- Yellow for Asia and
- Blue for Oceania.

The red recalls the blood of the American martyrs, seeds for a new life in the Christian faith. Green is the color of life and symbolizes growth, fruitfulness, youth and vitality. It is also the color of hope, one of the three theological virtues. White is the symbol of joy, the beginning of a new life in Christ: this is the challenge that the old Europe is facing, so that it may be able to regain the evangelizing strength from which it was generated thanks to so many churches and saints. Yellow is the color of light, which nourishes itself with light by invoking the true Light. Blue is the color symbolizing the water of life that quenches our thirst and restores us along the path to God. It is the color of heaven, a sign of God's dwelling with us.

### **Prayer for the Extraordinary Missionary Month OCTOBER 2019**

Heavenly Father,  
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ  
rose from the dead,  
he commissioned his followers  
to “go and make disciples of all nations”  
and you remind us that through our Baptism  
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.  
Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
to be courageous and zealous

in bearing witness to the Gospel,  
so that the mission entrusted to the Church,  
which is still very far from completion,  
may find new and efficacious expressions  
that bring life and light to the world.  
Help us make it possible for all peoples  
to experience the saving love  
and mercy of Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Kindly find below the rationale and suggestions for preparation and celebration of this very important missionary initiative of the Universal Church.

### **1. Rationale of EMM**

- i. Centenary of Maximum Illud - missionary Apostolic Letter of Pope Benedict XV in 1919 that emphasizes the missionary mandate, *missio ad gentes*, missionary leadership, missionary formation, local missionaries and new missionary methods with new missionary enthusiasm.
- ii. Need for missionary enthusiasm in the Church today.
- iii. To strengthen all the four wings of the Pontifical Mission Organizations INDIA.

### **2. Theme of EMM**

**Theme :** Baptised and Sent - THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION IN THE WORLD.

### **3. Four Dimensions**

- i. Personal Encounter with Risen Christ - essentially to be renewed in all the baptized in and through
  - The Word of God.
  - Eucharist and Sacraments.
  - Presence of Christ.
  - Prayer (personal and communitarian).
  - In silence and solitude or contemplation.
- ii. Testimony of the encounter experience - to be shared with all through
  - Holiness of life.
  - Witnessing.
  - Missionaries who have worked in India.

- Missionary methods and movements in India.
- Sharing personal encounter experience.
- Proclaiming the love of Jesus, experienced.

iii. Missionary Formation for all the baptized - systematically to be provided with its Biblical, Theological, Liturgical and Catechetical dimensions for

- Empowering the laity for evangelization.
- Supplementing all levels of seminary formation with missionary emphasis.
- On-going formation of priests and religious with missionary enthusiasm.
- Engaging laity in the direct mission.

iv. Missionary Charity - missionary outreaches and exposures with services, contributing personnel and funds for mission towards *missio ad gentes*

- Christ Encounter experience to be initiated and regularly deepened.
- All the categories and groups in the Church to be given missionary animation.
- Intercession for Evangelization to be initiated.
- Fulltime Lay Missionaries to be encouraged.
- Helping the Baptised to be familiar with the Word of God.
- Regular Missionary outreaches (village visits, family visits, where Christ is not known) by every group in the Church.

#### **4. Logo and its Meaning**

i. The logo of the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 depicts a missionary cross whose traditional colours recall the five continents. The Cross embraces the world and connects peoples, in communication between people with the universal Church and as a link, it creates real bonds between peoples.

ii. The Cross is the instrument and the efficacious sign of the communion between God and humanity for the universality of our mission. The Cross is luminous, full of colour, a sign of victory and resurrection.

iii. The world is transparent, because our action of evangelization has no barriers or boundaries; it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The Cross embraces every person of this world, and thanks to the Cross we are united, connected, and open to communion for mission. Christian charity and the world transfigured in the Spirit overcome distances and open the gaze of our mind and heart. It is the love of Jesus that knows no limits and boundaries.

iv. The words baptised and sent, which accompany the image, indicate the two characteristic and inalienable elements of every Christian. From the Cross flows baptism for the salvation of the world to which we are sent to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.

v. The colours of the Cross are those traditionally attributed to the five continents: red for America, green for Africa, white for Europe, yellow for Asia, and blue for Oceania. Each colour has a symbolic meaning that makes the connection between the continents possible through their peoples, in the communion of God with humanity.

### **5. Suggestions - to prepare for the EMM**

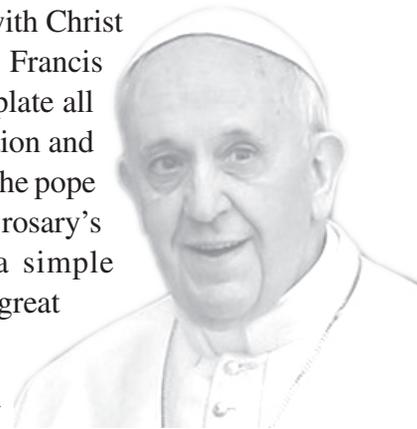
- Motivating Intercessory Prayer groups to pray for a meaningful celebration of EMM.
- Prayer card and a small poster for use during prayer in the families.
- Plan with diocesan PMO and Commission for Proclamation and Evangelization with missionary key.
- Pastoral letter of Bishops to the Priests, religious and faithful.

### **6. Suggestions - to celebrate 31days of EMM**

- Organize a Diocesan celebration / inaugural for the Opening of the Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019.
- Celebrate the Most Holy Eucharist at the Diocesan level on World Mission Sunday.
- Propose that small groups of people or families gather in each other's houses to pray the Holy Rosary for the missionary work of the Church.
- Promote a pilgrimage to a Marian Shrine or to that of a missionary saint or martyr.
- Propose a public activity by which young people are involved in proclaiming the Gospel.
- Organizing Mission preaching.
- Strengthening the four wings of Pontifical Mission Organizations INDIA.
- Special Celebration of Mission Sunday.
- Four Sunday Liturgical Celebrations focussing on Evangelization.
- Deciding to support the Missionaries especially Lay Missionaries or Missionary formation centres.
- Starting of the Missionary Movements: Children Missionaries, Young Missionaries, Couple Missionaries, Fulltime Lay voluntary Missionaries.
- Four Weeks and Four Sundays with Four Themes for Liturgy and other missionary activities (PERSONAL ENCOUNTER, TESTIMONY, MISSIONARY FORMATION AND MISSIONARY CHARITY).

### III. Rosary Prayer unites life with Christ says Pope Francis

Christians who pray the rosary unite their own lives with Christ by meditating on his life, ministry and death, Pope Francis said. “This simple prayer, in fact, helps us to contemplate all that God in his love has done for us and for our salvation and helps us understand that our life is united to Christ’s,” the pope said. The pope said that the artistic depiction of the rosary’s mysteries “lays before our eyes the beauty of a simple contemplative prayer” that is “accessible to everyone, great and small.



“I, too, often recite the rosary in front of a mosaic : a small mosaic of Our Lady with the child where Mary seems to be in the center when in reality she, using her hands, becomes a kind of ladder through which Jesus can descend in our midst,” the pope said. Through the prayer of the rosary, he continued, Mary brings Christians closer to Jesus and the meditation of the mysteries of Christ’s life is “also our life because we walk with the Lord.” Pope Francis said the prayer of the rosary allows “God to enter into our time, to welcome and transfigure” not only the “struggles, wounds and fears but also the joys, the gifts and loved ones” in one’s life. “Use this powerful instrument, which is the prayer of the holy rosary, often so that it may bring peace to hearts, and families to the church and to the world,” the pope said.

### IV. Prayer of Rosary: Why Catholics Pray?

Catholics pray the rosary because it’s a powerful prayer to God, through His mother, Mary. Praying the rosary has been a tradition in the Church for a long time. It’s a bit fuzzy who made it more formal; some say it was St. Dominic and others say it wasn’t. What really matters is that this prayer is super powerful. Throughout Church history, many popes and saints have highly recommended that we pray the rosary. St. Louis de Montfort said, ‘When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is more meritorious than any other prayer.’ The rosary begins with the recitation of the Apostle’s Creed, an Our Father, three Hail Mary’s and a Glory Be. Then there are five decades which each begin and end with an Our Father and Glory Be, and have ten Hail Mary’s in between. When you pray the rosary, you meditate on the events in Jesus’ life.

There are the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries. In various apparitions, Mary has appeared holding a rosary and has asked that we continue to pray this prayer. She always leads us to her Son, and presents our needs before Him. Prayer is about developing our relationship with God, and loving Him more, so it makes sense to get to know Him through the events of the life of Christ that we meditate on during the rosary.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: 'Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina* or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him' (CCC 2708). Rosaries are not just decorations. Battles have been won because people prayed the rosary! There have been hearts converted, and impossible intentions answered too. Your life can only be blessed if you start praying the rosary.

### **V. Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus (October 1)**

"Only" a young saint, since she died when she was just 24; the saint of simplicity and love; the saint of trusting abandonment to God's will. These are the qualities that make Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus so dear to the hearts of today's young people, as the large number of them who came to Paris attested, and as the Pope said when he announced the imminent proclamation of Theresa of Lisieux as a Doctor of the Church: The message of St Theresa, a holy young woman so present in our times, is of particular interest to you, young people. In the school of the Gospel she indicates to you the path of Christian maturity. She calls you to an infinite generosity; she invites you to remain in the heart of the Church as disciples and ardent witnesses of Christ's charity.



John Paul II's decision surprises, however, for a very special reason: the contrast between Theresa's holiness and that of the other Doctors of the Church whom she joins. Throughout the centuries the Church has given the title of Doctor to only 32 of her children, to stress their holiness of life and orthodoxy, but above all their great theological wisdom generally confirmed by monumental works. Thirty men and only two women, until now, one of whom, the Carmelite (like St Theresa of Lisieux) Teresa of Avila, a great reformer and prolific writer. Well: before these examples, the wisdom of the young woman whom the Pope points out today as an example for young people, stands out even more: the author of only three books, written by hand on school exercise books, at the request of her superiors, to all practical purposes not destined for publication; and yet, as soon as they were known, they immediately became real best-sellers. The summary of the spiritual experience of a soul that still attracts attention. The miracle of Saint Theresa.

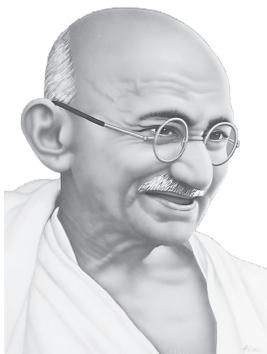
## VI. Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels (October 2)

The Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels is a memorial of the Catholic Church officially observed on 2 October. In some places, the feast is observed on the first Sunday in September with the permission of the Congregation for Divine Worship. Catholics set up altars in honor of guardian angels as early as the 4th Century, and local celebrations of a feast in honor of guardian angels go back to the 11th Century. The feast is also observed by some Anglo-Catholics within the Anglican Communion and most churches of the Continuing Anglican movement.....



On October 2, 1795, Pius VI granted a partial indulgence for making the Devotions to our Guardian Angels and Patron Saints, as well as a plenary indulgence on the actual feast day to those who make the devotion twice a day for an entire year. The Devotion reads: "O Angel of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the supernal clemency, enlightens, protect, defend, and govern me. Amen." John XXIII wrote a Meditation for the Feast of the Guardian Angels, which reads, in part: "We must remember how admirable was the intention of divine Providence in entrusting to the angels the mission of watching over all mankind, and over individual human beings, lest they should fall victims to the grave dangers which they encounter."

## VII. Gandhi Jayanti (October 2)



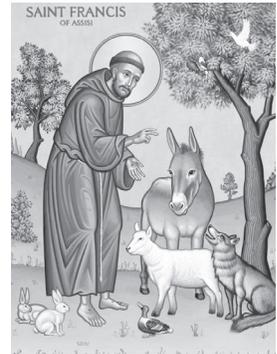
Gandhi Jayanti is a national holiday in India celebrated on 2nd October. This day is celebrated in the honor of the birthday of the Father of the nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi or Bapuji. Internationally this day is celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence as Gandhiji was the preacher of non-violence. He is a symbol of peace and truth. Gandhiji was born on 2nd October 1869, in Porbunder, a small town in Gujarat. He studied law in U.K and practiced law in South Africa.

In his autobiography "My experiments with Truth" Gandhiji described his childhood and teen age years, his marriage with Kasturba at the age of 13 and a sheer dedication for his mother land. He has set an example of simple living and high thinking. He was against the addictions like smoking, drinking and non-vegetarianism. Gandhiji was a pioneer of truth and non-violence. He started the 'Satyagraha' (non-violence) movement for the Indian freedom struggle. He played a very significant role in achieving

independence for India from British rule. He proved to the world that freedom can be achieved through the path of total non-violence. All the organizations throughout the country remain closed on this day. Special event is organized at Raj Ghat, New Delhi where Gandhiji was cremated. People do prayers, pay homage and sing Gandhiji's favorite song "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram, Patit Pavan Sita Ram.". "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

### **VIII. Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4)**

Saint Francis of Assisi (Italian: San Francesco d'Assisi, Latin: Sanctus Franciscus Assisiensis), born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone, informally named as Francesco was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of Saint Clare, the Third Order of Saint Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history.



Pope Gregory IX canonized Francis on 16 July 1228. Along with Saint Catherine of Siena, he was designated Patron saint of Italy.

He later became associated with patronage of animals and the natural environment, and it became customary for Catholic and Anglican churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of 4 October..... In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas live nativity scene. According to Christian tradition, in 1224 he received the stigmata during the apparition of Seraphic angels in a religious ecstasy, which would make him the second person in Christian tradition after St. Paul (Galatians 6:17) to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died during the evening hours of 3 October 1226, while listening to a reading he had requested of Psalm 142

### **IX. Our Lady of Rosary (October 7)**

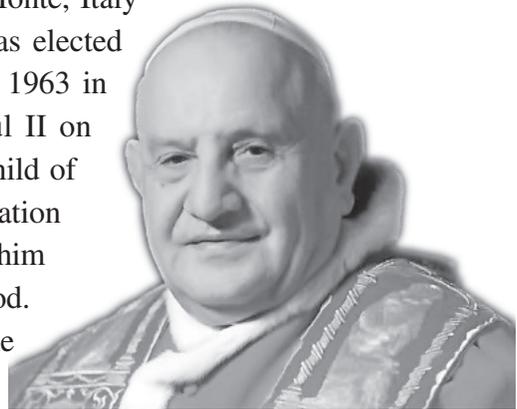
Our Lady of the Rosary feast was instituted by Pope St. Pius V in thanksgiving for the great naval victory over the Turks at the battle of Lepanto on this day in the year 1570, a favor due to the recitation of the Rosary. This victory saved Europe from being overrun by the forces of Islam. Lepanto, perhaps the most complete victory ever gained over the Ottoman Empire, on October 7, 1571, is commemorated by the invocation "Help of Christians," inserted in the Litany of Loretto. At Belgrade the Turks were defeated on the Feast of Our Lady ad Nives in 1716. A second victory gained that year on the Octave of the Assumption determined Pope



Clement XI to command the Feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal Church. Leo XIII added the invocation "Queen of the most Holy Rosary, pray for us," to the Litany of Loretto. The Feast is in reality a great festival of thanksgiving for the signal and countless benefits bestowed on Christendom through the Rosary of our blessed Queen. In modern times successive popes have urged the faithful to pray the Rosary. It is a form of contemplative prayer, mental and vocal prayer, which brings down God's blessing on the Church. It is a biblically inspired prayer which is centered on meditation on the salvific mysteries of Christ in union with Mary, who was so closely associated with her Son in his redeeming activity.

### **X. St. John XXIII (October 11)**

Born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli at Sotto il Monte, Italy on 25 November 1881, Pope John XXIII was elected Pope on October 28, 1958. He died June 3, 1963 in Rome and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 3, 2000. Angelo was the fourth child of 14, born to pious parents. His religious education was entrusted to his godfather, who instilled in him a deep love and admiration of the mystery of God. He entered the minor seminary in 1892 at the age of 11, became a Secular Franciscan in 1896 and in 1901 he entered the Pontifical Roman



Seminary. On being ordained in 1904, he was appointed secretary to the bishop of Bergamo and taught in the seminary. His great friends among the saints during this formative period were St. Charles Borromeo and St. Francis de Sales, two outstanding intellectuals and also formidable pastors.

He served as a military chaplain during the First World War, served as spiritual director of a seminary, and in 1921 served as the Italian president of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In 1925 Pius XI made him a bishop and sent him to Bulgaria as the Apostolic Visitor. For his Episcopal motto he chose Oboedientia et Pax. In 1935 he was assigned to Turkey and Greece where he ministered to the Catholic population and engaged in dialogue with Orthodox Christianity and with Islam.

During the Second World War he used his diplomatic means to save as many Jews as he could by obtaining safe passage for them. He was created cardinal and Patriarch of Venice in 1953 and was a much loved pastor, dedicating himself completely to the well being of his flock.

Elected Pope on the death of Pope Pius XII, he was an example of a ‘pastoral’ Pope, a good shepherd who cared deeply for his sheep. He manifested this concern in his social encyclicals, especially *Pacem in Terris*, “On peace in the World.” His greatest act as Pope however was undoubtedly the inspiration to convoke the Second Vatican Council, which he opened on October 11, 1962. Pope John’s spirit of humble simplicity, profound goodness, and deep life of prayer radiated in all that he did, and inspired people to affectionately call him “Good Pope John.” He was canonized by Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square on April 27, 2014, alongside the man who beatified him, Pope St. John Paul II.

### **XI. St. Luke (October 18)**

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “our beloved physician.” His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul’s second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke’s unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

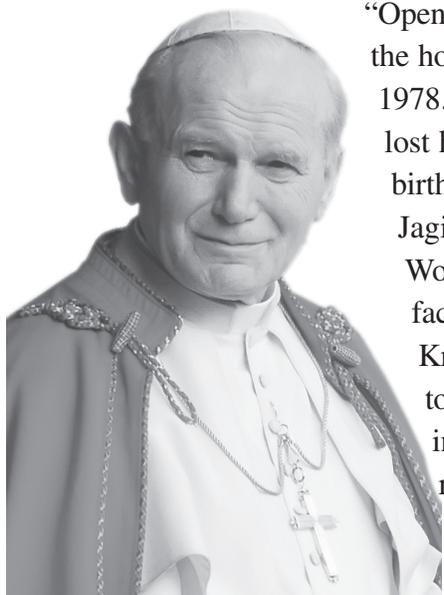
- 1) The Gospel of Mercy
- 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
- 3) The Gospel of the Poor
- 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
- 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
- 6) The Gospel of Joy



## XII. Mission Sunday Celebrations (October 20)

**Prayer for Missionaries :** Lord Jesus Christ, watch over your missionaries – priests, religious, and lay people – who leave everything to give testimony to your word and your love. In difficult moments, sustain their energies, comfort their hearts, and crown their work with spiritual achievements. Let the adorable image of you crucified on the Cross, which accompanies them throughout life, speak to them of heroism, generosity, love and peace. Amen.

## XIII. Saint John Paul II (October 22)



“Open wide the doors to Christ,” urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978. Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol’s promising academic career at Krakow’s Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an “underground” seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology. Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Soon Fr. Wojtyla earned a doctorate in philosophy and began teaching that subject at Poland’s University of Lublin.

Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong! Bishop Wojtyla attended all four sessions of Vatican II and contributed especially to its Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. Appointed as archbishop of Kraków in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later. Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations. John Paul II promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, especially the 1986 Day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi. He visited Rome’s main synagogue and the Western Wall in Jerusalem; he also established diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel. He improved Catholic-Muslim relations, and in 2001 visited a mosque in Damascus, Syria. The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul’s ministry, was marked by special

celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy.

“Christ is the center of the universe and of human history” was the opening line of John Paul II’s 1979 encyclical, *Redeemer of the Human Race*. In 1995, he described himself to the United Nations General Assembly as “a witness to hope.” His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the Solidarity movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. John Paul II began World Youth Day and traveled to several countries for those celebrations. He very much wanted to visit China and the Soviet Union, but the governments in those countries prevented that. One of the well remembered photos of John Paul II’s pontificate was his one-on-one conversation in 1983, with Mehmet Ali Agca, who had attempted to assassinate him two years earlier. In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson’s disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities. Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014

#### **XIV. Sts. Simon & Jude (October 28)**

St. Simon is represented in art with a saw, the instrument of his martyrdom. St. Jude's square points him out as an architect of the house of God. St. Paul called himself by this name; and St. Jude, by his Catholic Epistle, has also a special right to be reckoned among our Lord's principal workmen. But our apostle had nobility, far surpassing all earthly titles: being nephew, by his father Cleophas or Alpheus, to St. Joseph, and legal cousin to the Man-God, Jude was one of those called by their compatriots the brethren



of the carpenter's Son. We may gather from St. John's Gospel another precious detail concerning him. In the admirable discourse at the close of the last Supper, our Lord said: "He that loveth Me, shall be loved of My Father: and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him." Then Jude asked Him: "Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself to us, and not to the world?" And he received from Jesus this reply: "If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My word. And the word which you have heard is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me."

## XV. Bishop's Engagements in EMM

- 03 : Return of Bishop
- 04 : am: Office for URGENT Mission Works only  
pm: Holy Matrimony at Cathedral
- 06-11 : Annual Retreat, Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 07 : Feast of Rosary
- 12 : Special Youth Meeting in Year of Youth
- 13 : Mass in Cathedral
- 14 : Office
- 15 : Office
- 16 : 3.30 pm Budget Meeting of CJITS
- 17 : Office
- 18 : am - Lodi EC Meeting  
pm - CJITS Governing Body Meeting
- 20 : MISSION SUNDAY: Mission Banjara
- 21 : Office for the Consecrated
- 22 : Mission Godavari
- 24 : Office for Laity
- 27 : Mission Karimnagar
- 29 : Office
- 31 : Conclusion Month of EMM and Holy Rosary

### **November – 2019**

- 1 : All Saints: Office
- 2 : All Souls, Fatimanagar: Office
- 3-7 : FABC Office for Clergy Meeting at Hin Hua, Thailand
- 7-11 : All Rectors of Major Seminarians Annual Meet at Hyderabad
- 13 : Office

## **XVI. Communications**

**1. October is the Month of Rosary :** As we are aware, the month of October is dedicated to our Lady of Holy Rosary. All Parish Priests and Heads of institutions are requested to observe it devoutly. In all Churches and Chapels the Rosary is recited every day

**2. Annual Retreat :** All the priests are requested to take note of the Annual Retreat for 2019 would begin from evening of **October 6 till noon of October 11, 2019**. Please block the dates in your calendar and attend the retreat without fail, unless other arrangements are made with Bishop's permission.

**3. Mission Sunday Celebrations :** This year mission Sunday is falls on 20th of October, third Sunday of the month. All the parish priests are called to observe Mission Sunday in a Solemn Manner.

- Pray for the mission – extension & for missionaries who are involved in mission – word & proclamation of the word of God courageously.
- Promote genuine vocations for priesthood and religious life.
- Generous offering and contributions on mission Sunday for mission expansion and for missionaries.
- I request all make special efforts for more collection for Mission Sunday. Please send the offerings and contributions of that Sunday to Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Joseph, the Procurator as early as possible.

### **4. News from Lodi MSSS :**

#### **i. Title :** Food Security, Raikal mandal

5 Varieties of Vegetable Seeds distributed to 600 members in 6 villages.

#### **ii. Title :** Food Security, Kothaguda mandal

1. Conducted 6 Linkage meetings for the benefit of women and Farmers with Government departments on Government Schemes in 6 villages.

2. 5 Varieties of Vegetable Seeds are distributed to 80 members in 4 villages.

3. Fodder Seeds are distributed to 15 members in 2 villages.

#### **iii. Title :** Sustainability Program, Devarappula mandal

1. Distributed 6 varieties of vegetable seed to 50 farmers in 16 project villages.

2. Distributed 80 plastic drums to 80 farmers to prepare Jeevaamrutham and waste decomposer to promote organic farming methods in 80 acres of land.

3. Loans are given to 26 women members of Rs.440,000 and also loans are given 79 farmers of Rs. 948,000

**iv. Title :** Child Line 1098, Warangal Rural mandal

16 Mandals are covered in the month of September, 2019. Total children rescued is 25. Out of 25, 14 Child labour, 7 children were given shelter, 1 child given counselling because he was punished under emotional abuse, 2 Begging children were rescued and kept in the shelter and 1 child ran away was handed over to parents.

In the month of September, 2019 the total Population covered under 1098 services are 2186.

Total awareness meetings conducted in the field level-1098

• STAKE HOLDERS	:- 07
• AASHA WORKERS	:- 01
• POLICE	:- 02
• BUSTAND Awareness	:- 04
• MARKET Awareness	:- 02
• KISHORA BALIKA	:- 02
• YOUTH MEMBERS	:- 04
• SCHOOLS	:-14
• Press reporters	:- 01
• Anganwadi Teachers	:- 10
• SHG	:- 05
• Auto	:- 02

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TOTAL :- 54

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Total testing calls are 101. Out of 101, 76 outreach testing calls are from Warangal Urban District and 25 calls are from Child Line Zonal Office, Chennai.

**Fr. D. Vijay Paul Reddy, Director**



## **5. News from Mission Banjara**

Lk 1:38. "Here am I, the Servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your Word".

We the Banjara Team going to Villages, and Parishioners, telling about the importance of prayer life, Holy Mass, the Gospel Values, Education and Visiting the Sick. People are happy and so much comforted. We had Tridum, September 5th 6th, and 7th. Fr. Samuel has celebrated 2 days Tridum Masses and on 7th Fr. Thomas Gopu (Jr) has celebrated the Mass and has preached on Birth of Mary and Holiness of Mother Mary. On September 8th, 2019, We have celebrated the great feast of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary in a grand way. Fr Sebastian Reddy from Warangal Diocese has celebrated the Holy Mass at 6:00 pm. Fr. Samuel cpps, has preached on the Vocation of Mother Mary, and the Will of God in the Life of Mother Mary. 150 people came from Mahubabad Parish and Idulapuaapalli substation and from Nellela also. Fr. Sebastian has encouraged the all the faithful to come to shrine for the Mass, Prayer, healings and deliverance services.

This Banjara Mission is great mission started by our Bishop who always encourages and supporting the Mission. Fr. Sebastian Reddy also appreciated our Bishop and our Banjara Team. After the Holy Mass, We have felicitated Fr. Sebastian with Shawl and Garland. The Food was sponsored for all. We finished our feast by 09:00 pm. Fr. Samuel has thanked sincerely our Lordship for prayers and Continuous support. And also thanked Fr. Sebastian Reddy for Celebrating the feast Mass and for his Valuable presence. Fr. Samuel also thanked whole heartedly Fr. Sharavan Kumar (Parish Priest) Br. Kalyan, our Nirmala sisters, CSA community sisters for their support and collaboration.

On the 14th of this September 2019, we had Recollection in our Shrine, for St. John the Baptist Community Sisters (Thorrur). There were 9 members have attended the Recollection. The Recollection started at 09:00 am, and concluded by 01:00 pm. The Main Topic: Jesus Hour: Eschatological Fulfillment. Fr. Samuel has given the talk about the final destination, last things and last Judgment, and Jesus our hope to enter into kingdom of God. After the Talk, Sisters had Good Confession, and then Holy Mass. After the Mass, Fr. Samuel has thanked all the sisters for coming to our Shrine and had fruitful Recollection. The food was provided for all the sisters by Fr. Samuel. I thank sincerely our Bishop Udumala Bala, for valuable prayers, and Continuous Support. I also thank all the Diocese Priests and Sisters for prayers and encouragement Words. Please do pray for our Banjara Team and Mission.

**Fr. Samuel, CPPS**

## **6. News from Jeevadhara Renewal Centre**

"May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved". As we are having Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on every first Friday of the month in Jeevadhara Renewal

Centre, we had a special healing prayer service on 6th of September. Pius XI: Referring to the Heart of Jesus: “Is not the sum of all religion and therefore the pattern of more perfect life, contained in that most auspicious sign and in the form of piety that follows from it”. (Encyclical Letter, “Misericordissimus Redemptor”, 8/5/1928). Fr. Benny SVD preached the word of God and conducted healing service. Nearly 250 people participated in the prayer service. As the devotees come to the centre thought the month, many share their problems and seek for spiritual direction.

We pray for the people and whoever is in need of spiritual or counseling help we are trying our best to help them in whichever way they want. Many devotees who are attending the prayer service are using the confession facility which is available in the centre. Few congregations Nuns are coming to the centre to make their confessions regularly. Two persons gave their witness saying that they got special favors and shared with all that this devotion is particularly helping them to grow in spirituality and they are getting connected to the Sacred Heart of Jesus more closely. Word of God, Praise and worship, healing prayers (healing the sick) and Holy Eucharist celebration are the rich sources to the devotees in Jeevadhara renewal centre and a lot of people are benefitting from counseling in the centre as well. Jeevadhara renewal centre is blessed with passionate preachers and skilled counselors. We have prayer services on every Friday starting from 10:00 am to 2:00pm. Every second Friday of the month we have the word of God celebration, every third Friday of the month we conduct special healing prayers and every fourth Friday of the month we have special prayers for the families in Jeevadhara Renewal Centre. Do visit Jeevadhara Renewal centre and receive special blessings from Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Fr. Ch. Praveen Kumar MSC, Director**

## **7. News from CRI**

### **“Sing Glory to the Cross of Christ Sing Glory”**

A day Recollection for all the religious on began singing Glory to Cross, on 14th September at Divyadeepthi Spiritual Centre. We had prayer by lighting the lamp, conducted by Sr. Innalu and Sr. Sebesti. Then after Sr. Syamala the CRI President welcomed the gathering. Sr. Innalu introduced the resource person Rev. Fr. Praveen Kumar MSC Director of Jeevadhara Renewal Centre, Rampur. He was welcomed by the bouquet of flowers and shawl by Sr. Syamala and Fr. Bala Prasad, Janagam Co-ordinator. The first session taken up by Fr. Praveen. He spoke on the theme; “Disciples of Jesus Christ, Bearers of Reconciliation in Today’s World” he quoted many scriptural quotations. He explained about 4 stages to accept ourselves as we are. 12 steps to be bearers of reconciliation with one self, with community and in our mission. During second session Fr. Praveen Kumar divided us in three groups to discuss about the following

Question; Group-1; Q; which are the specific challenges faced by us in our apostolate?  
Group-2; Q; How do we live openness and interrelated with people from other culture, religion etc..?

Group-3; Q: What is my attitude towards my community? Do I consider it as my family?  
Each group selected one secretary to present the report. It was really helped everyone to realize the will of God. Sr. Syamala informed about the programme in October that the CRI is joining with dioceses to conduct the youth convention on 12th October at Jeevadara. She requested everyone to attend the programme and to encourage the youth. Then we had adoration cum confessions followed by the Holy Mass. After which Sr. Sebastia proposed vote of thanks to everyone. The day ended with fellowship meal.

**Sr. Syamala (SAP) – President**

### **8. Report on Teachers Day Celebrations in Bishop Beretta High School**

“A good teacher is like a candle that spreads the light of the knowledge”

Teachers’ Day, a day dedicated to teachers and their contribution in shaping one’s life was celebrated on 5th September, 2019, in a grand manner. The guest of honour was our senior teacher Mrs. Vasanthi. Rev. Fr. Yaga Reddy, Headmaster, Sr. Sharon, Incharge and Mrs. Vasanthi paid homage to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan by garlanding the portrait.

Rev. Fr. T. Yaga Reddy, H.M addressed the gathering and lauded the staff for their exemplary contribution, sincere efforts and playing a catalytic role in the holistic development of every student. He also mentioned that “Teachers are Ambassadors of peace, love, justice, tolerance, and forgiveness”. Teachers are men and women who give of their time, their energies, their patience, their warmth, their inspiration to make the students better citizens of tomorrow. A teacher is the personification of reality. Teacher is co-worker with God in perfecting man.

A teacher is a spiritual symbol of right conduct. On that day our students honored our teachers for their selfless and dedicated services in the field of Education.

Games like volleyball, throw ball and bomb in the city were conducted for teachers. Self government was organized wherein; students of class 10th participated as student teachers, PETs and Headmaster. Prizes were given for the winners. There was an unusual excitement in the school atmosphere. Many colorful cultural events like dances, skit and songs were performed by students . Students took the blessings of the teachers to lead a successful life. “Teachers can change lives of students with just the right mix of chalk and challenges”.

**Fr. Yaga Reddy, H.M & Correspondent**

## **9. News from Arunodhya Youth Centre**

### **Fatimanagar Deanery Level Youth Meeting**

Fatimanagar Deanery level youth meeting was held on 2nd September 2019 at Assisinagar Parish under the Guidance of Dean, Rev. Fr. S. Bala Showry and the Parish Priest Fr. Mathias. Youth from various parishes of this deanery participated. Talks were given by Fr. S. Bala Showry, Fr. G. Kamal, Mr. Murali and Fr. G. Thomas concerned to youth and followed by Lunch. After Lunch, Bible Quiz was conducted by the Assistant Parish Priest and Fr. Ravi and prizes were distributed to the winners.

I sincerely thank our Bishop for his encouragement and support. I also thank Fatimnagar Dean, Fr. S. Bala Showry, for giving homily in the mass, Fr. Kamal for celebrating Holy Mass and Fr. Mathias, Parish Priest for organizing this program in his Parish, and all the Fathers of Fatimanagar deanery for sending the Youth.

**Fr. Gopu Thomas, Director**

## **10. News from the Pastoral Centre**

1) As the Director of Pastoral Centre I had visited many parishes in view of new evangelization (Navyasuvartikarana) in the month of September. The parishes I visited are 1. Kazipet, 2. Yakashilanagar, 3. Chopadandi, 4. Wedapalli, 5. St. Peter's Colony Parish and many other parishes

2) Visited Holiland in Karunapuram with the invitation of Sisters and conducted Adoration and celebrated Eucharist for the people coming to the place on 14th September.

3) Pastoral centre animators meeting was conducted on 12th. Resource person was Sr. Alberta. Animators gave their field report. We encouraged animators to go to new villages for mission work and expand the kingdom of God. We ended with Eucharist celebration.

4) Regional Jesus Youth program was conducted on 14th and 15th in pastoral centre by Jesus youth team. Many activities was organized to encourage youth.

5) I went to Chopadandi on 15th with the invitation of Fr. B. Joseph priest in charge of mission station. There were fifty Hindu families gathered for prayer in one catholic family. I was really impressed by the hard work of father and sisters in the mission work. Praise and worship, word of God and prayers was conducted. I encouraged father, Sisters and all those gathered (one catholic family and other Hindus). Response from the Hindu families gathered for prayer was really witnessing. People shared their witness and praise God, fathers and sisters.

6) I gave talk to all Ganagam denary Fathers on 16th with their invitation. I encouraged fathers to depend on God for God's providence. There was lot of sharing about to organize year of youth program in denary level. I personally appreciate hard work of fathers in their responsibilities.

7) Our Bishop has given permission to reprint mokshamargam books. In this view I conducted a meeting on 17th with four parish singer to get feedback for mokshamargam books to reprint. Parishes which attended are Fathimanagar, Dhamasagar, Narmetta, and Wadapalli. Thanks to all the parish priest for responding and sending. Hope we will release new mokshamargam books very soon. Work is in progress.

8) Many more activities are conducted in Pastoral Centre.

**Note :**

1. A time table is prepared for EMM (Extraordinary mission month of October). Please do follow it in your parishes.

a. Please do pray daily after mass for all those who are working for mission. Prayer is published in fathimavani.

b. Organize mission Sunday program in your parish

c. Organize a meeting with all those who are working and all those who are interested in mission work and plan for better mission work in the parish to start new mission or existing mission.

d. Organize a special program in mission station and bring all catholic to that particular mission station to give witness and to help in program.

e. I am ready to help you in this regard. Please do contact me.

2. Diocese level Bible quiz is conducted in the month of November. All those who would like to participate are requested to take cupens from pastoral centre. All the detail about quiz are mentioned in the cupen. I request all the parish priest to encourage faith to participate in bible quiz. For further information please contact me.

**Fr. Gopu Kamal Kumar Reddy, Director**

**11. Masses Remitted in Bishop's House**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>No. Masses</b>	<b>Amount</b>
09-07-2019	Singaram	1,013	1,01,300-00
12-08-2019	Singaram	283	28,300-00
14-08-2019	Parkal Parish	20	2,000-00
07-09-2019	St. Peter's Colony	249	24,900-00
19-09-2019	Singaram	186	18,600-00
20-09-2019	Karunapuram	200	20,000-00

**Fr. K. Joseph, Procurator**

## 12. List of the Seminararians of Warangal - 2019

S.No	Name	Village & Parish	Study
1	Deacon Gopu Prakash Pradeep	Ookal	4th year Theology
2	Gangarapu Anu Kiran	Dharmasagar	3rd year Theology
3	Mettu Sravan	Agapeta- Narmetta	3rd year Theology
4	Kurasapally Joseph Chintu	Fatimanagar	2nd year Theology
5	Yeruva Ajith	Subedari	1st year Theology
6	Ramancha Sharath	Unikicherla	1st year Theology
7	Pentareddy Bala Sanjay	Maripuram- Narmetta	Regency
8	Kotte Sudheer Kumar	Dharmasagar	1st year Philosophy
9	Pendela Umesh Chandra	Athmakur	1st year Philosophy
10	Gangarapu Stephen	Dharmasagar	1st year Philosophy
11	Basani Bala Dheeraj	Bandampally- Manugonda	1st year Philosophy
12	Bochu Amarender	Parkal	1st year Philosophy
13	Gangarapu Sravan Kumar	Dharmasagar	1st year Philosophy
14	Singareddy Anurag	Venkatapur- Ookal	1st year Philosophy
15	Beerreddy Anurag	Mallakapally	Spiritual Orientation
16	Kotte Aravind	Dharmasagar	Spiritual Orientation
17	Gade Chohen Xavier	Fatimanagar	B Tech. 1st year
18	Golamari Ravi Teja	Ookal	Inter 2nd year
19	Thumma Joseph Vishal	Ranipuram	Inter 2nd year
20	Yeruva Sathvik Reddy	Fatimanagar	Inter 2nd year
21	Asarapu Akhil	Chagal- Ghanpur	Inter 1st year
22	Dasari Ashwanth Kumar	ThimmaraoPET	Inter 1st year
23	Gade Bala Abhishek Reddy	Begumpet-Dacharam	Inter 1st year
24	Bhukya Anil Kumar	Eedulapusapally-Mahabubad	Orientation
25	Bochu Deekshith	Battupally- Cathedral parish	Orientation
26	Mekala Bala Shobith	Huzurabad- Shanthinagar	Orientation
27	Thumma Bala Saketh	Subedari	Orientation

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

### *Birthday Babies in October*

Fr. Kommareddy Vijaya Kumar	06-10-1955
Fr. Pentareddy Kiran Kumar	08-10-1977
Fr. Gade Prashanth	08-10-1987
Fr. Gopu Thomas (Jr)	10-10-1981
Fr. Singareddy Prabhakar	10-10-1982
Fr. Varghese Kariyil	11-10-1931
Fr. Bellamkonda Joseph Praveen	25-10-1983
Fr. Yeruva Inna	28-10-1961
Fr. Pentareddy Raja	29-10-1961



# Mission works in Europe



## Ad limina visit to Vatican

