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Mary Mother
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Pray for Us!



Happy
Pongal



Happy
Republic Day



Banjara Christmas Celebrations



Christmas Celebrations with Physically Handicapped



Christmas Celebrations at Samudrala Mission



Christmas Midnight Mass: Fatimanagar



మరియ యేసు తల్లా? దేవుని తల్లా?

నూతన సంవత్సర శుభాకాంక్షలు!

మనం యేసు పుట్టుక అష్టమిని జరుపుకుంటూనే, ఈ కొత్త ఆంగ్ల సంవత్సర ఆరంభ రోజున మన దృష్టిని అతని తల్లి మరియ వైపు మళ్ళిస్తున్నాం. దాని ద్వారా మరియపైకంటే యేసుపైనే ఎక్కువ దృష్టిపెడుతున్నాం. ఎందుకంటే యేసు లేకుండా మరియ లేదు. ఆశ్చర్యంగా ఉందా? మరియ లేకుండా యేసు భూలోకంలో జన్మించలేడు కదా! అది నిజమే అయినా యేసు కోసమే దేవుడు మరియను ఎన్నుకొన్నాడు (ఆది 3:15), ఆమెను సిద్ధం చేశాడు. ఓ అద్భుతమైన మానవ కళాఖండంగా, అమలోద్భవిగా మలచాడు. “ఆమె కళంక మానవజాతి ప్రగల్భం” అని ప్రముఖ కవి విలియం వర్డ్స్ వర్డు ప్రస్తుతించాడు. మరియకు చాలా బిరుగులున్నాయి. వాటన్నిటిలో ప్రముఖమైంది. దేవమాత, దేవుని తల్లి అనే బిరుదు యేసు గురించి ఎక్కువగా చెప్తుంది. అందుకే మనం ఈ రోజు కూడా యేసుపై దృష్టి సారించామని చెప్పుచున్నాం. యేసు గురించి “దేవుని తల్లి” అనే బిరుదు ఏమి చెబుతుంది? యేసు యొక్క మానవత్వం మరియు దైవత్వం యేసులో ఐక్యమే ఉన్నాయని అర్థం. “ప్రత్యేక మానవ యేసు” మరియు “ప్రత్యేక దైవిక యేసు” అంటూ వేర్వేరు మానవ స్వభావం మరియు దైవిక స్వభావం కలిగిన ఒక యేసు ఉన్నారా? నిజమైన దేవుడు మరియు నిజమైన మనిషి ఒకే యేసు ఉన్నందున మనం మేరీ మాత “దేవుని తల్లి” అని సంబోధిస్తాం.



ఎఫెసి విశ్వ సమావేశం : ఐదవ శతాబ్దంలో ఈ సమస్య గురించి ఒక అపార్థం ఉంది. ఇది క్రీ.శ. 431లో కౌన్సిల్ ఆఫ్ ఎఫెసస్ అను విశ్వవ్యాప సమావేశానికి దారితీసింది. ఈ విశ్వసమావేశం మరియు దేవుని తల్లి అనే బిరుదు ఇవ్వడం నిజంగా సరైనదని స్పష్టం చేసింది. మానవ స్వభావం మరియు దైవిక స్వభావం కలిగిన యేసు ఆ సమావేశ స్పష్టికరణకు ముందే, మరియు వివరించేటప్పుడు “దేవుని తల్లి” అనే బిరుదు విశ్వాసులే ఉపయోగించారు. మరియు దేవుని తల్లిగా పేరు పెట్టడం సరైనదని కౌన్సిల్ ఆఫ్ ఎఫెసస్ స్పష్టం చేసిన తరువాత, అనేక దేవాలయాలు మరియు అంకితం చేసారు. క్రీ.శ. 432లో, మహా మరియు బసిలికా యొక్క నిర్మాణం రోమ్లోని సెయింట్ మేరీ మేజర్గా ప్రారంభమైంది. ఇది విశ్వాసులకు మరియు మందిరాలన్నిటిలో ప్రపంచంలోనే మొట్ట మొదటిది. ప్రస్తుత ప్రాంభీసు పాపు గారు ఈ మహా దేవాలయాన్ని తరుచుగా సందర్శించడం మనకు తెలిసిందే కదా!

పవిత్ర గ్రంథ ఆనవాళ్ళు : దేవుని తల్లి! పవిత్ర గ్రంథంలో, దేవుని తల్లి అనే బిరుదును పౌలు గలతీయులకు రాసిన లేఖ యొక్క ప్రత్యేకాంశం. అతని తొలి లేఖలలో ఇది ఒకటి. యేసు మోక్షారోహణమైన తరువాత రెండు దశాబ్దాల తరువాత, సువార్తలు వ్రాయడానికి ముందే రాసిన లేఖ ఇది. “దేవుడు తన కుమారుడిని స్త్రీ నుండి జన్మించాడు” అని గలతి 4:4 ప్రకటిస్తుంది. తండ్రి దేవుడు తన కుమారుడైన యేసును ప్రపంచానికి పంపాడు మరియు యేసు స్త్రీ నుండి జన్మించాడు అను సత్యాన్ని ప్రకటిస్తుంది. మరియు ఎలిజబేతమ్మను సందర్శించినప్పుడు లూకా సువార్తలో ఇలా ఉంది. ఎలిజబేతమ్మ కేకలు వేస్తూ, “నా ప్రభువు తల్లి నా దరగ్గరకు రావడం ఎలా జరుగుతుంది?” (లూకా 1:43). ఎలిజబేతమ్మ మేరీని “నా ప్రభువు తల్లి” అని ఆనందంలో ప్రకటించడం. దేవుని తల్లి చెప్పకనే చెప్తుంది కదా!

క్రీస్తుశకం - కొత్త సంవత్సరం 2020 : కొత్త సంవత్సరం “దేవుని తల్లి” పేరిట తెరుచుకుంటుంది. కానీ ఆమెను మనం యేసు తల్లి మాత్రమే కాదు, దేవుని తల్లి అని ఎందుకు అనవచ్చు? మేరీ దేవుని తల్లి అని శ్రీసభ అధికారికంగా ప్రకటించింది. ఈ బిరుదుల్లో దేవుని గురించి మరియు మన గురించి అద్భుతమైన సత్యం ఉంది. మన ప్రభువు మరియులో అవతారమెత్తిన క్షణం నుండి, అతను మానవత్వాన్ని స్వీకరించాడు.

తల్లి అనే పదం “పదార్థానికి” (మాటర్) సంబంధించినది. తన తల్లిలో స్వర్గపు దేవుడు, అనంతమైన దేవుడు తనను తాను చిన్నగా చేసుకున్నాడు, “అతను మనతో ఉండటమే కాదు, మనలాగే ఉండటానికి కూడా పదార్థం అయ్యాడు. ఇది అద్భుతం, గొప్ప కొత్తదనం!” మనిషి ఇక ఒంటరిగా లేడు, ఇక అనాధ కాదు, కానీ ఎప్పటికీ దైవ కుమారుడు. ఈ వింతతో సంవత్సరం ప్రారంభమవుతుంది. ఏకాంతం ముగిసిందని తెలుసుకున్న ఆనందం మనది. మన ప్రియమైన పిల్లలం అని తెలుసుకోవడం, మన బాల్యం మన నుండి ఎన్నడూ తీసివేయలేమను అర్థం, ఆనందం మనది. బలహీనమైన శిశు దేవుడు తన తల్లి చేతుల్లో విశ్రాంతి తీసుకుంటున్నట్లుగా మనమూ ఆమె శిశువులుగా ఆమె ఒడిలో సేదదీర్చుకోవాలి. ఆమె ఒడిలో విద్య నేర్వాలి.

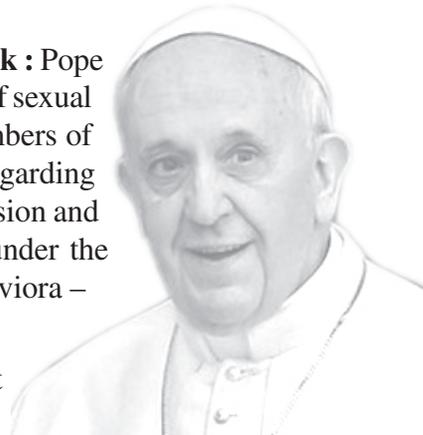
మరియ మౌన ధ్యానం : క్రీస్తు జనన సువార్త దేవుని తల్లి గురించి ఒకే ఒక విషయం చెప్తుంది. మరియు ఈ విషయాలన్నీ తన హృదయంలో ఆలోచిస్తూ ఉంచింది” (లూకా 2:19). ఆమె వాటిని ఉంచింది. ఆమె కేవలం హృదయంలో ఉంచింది. మరియు మాట్లాడడు. క్రీస్టస్ వివరణ మొత్తం ఆమె ఒక్క మాటను కూడా నివేదించలేదు. ఇక్కడ కూడా, తల్లి తన కుమారుడితో ఒకటిపోయింది. యేసు “శిశువు”, “మాట్లాడలేని బాలుడు”. “చాలా కాలం క్రితం అనేక విధాలుగా మాట్లాడిన” దేవుని వాక్కు (హెబ్రీ1:1), ఇప్పుడు “కాలంలో” (గల 4:4) నిశ్శబ్దంగా ఉంది. మౌనంగా ఉన్న దేవుడు స్వయంగా మాటలేని పిల్లవాడు. అతని ఘనత మాటలు లేకుండా ఉంది. అతని ప్రేమ రహస్యం అణకువలో తెలుస్తుంది. ఈ నిశ్శబ్దం మరియు అణకువ అతని రాజ్య భాష. అతని తల్లి తన కొడుకుతో చేరి ఈ విషయాలను మౌనంగా ఉంచుతుంది. వారి మౌనం మన ప్రతిధ్వనించే కేకలకన్నా బలమైనది, ఫలభరితమైనది కదా! మరియు ఈ విషయాలన్నింటినీ తన హృదయంలో ఆలోచిస్తూ ఉందని సువార్త చెబుతుంది. ఆ విషయాలు ఏమిటి? వారు ఆనందాలు మరియు దుఖాలు, ఒక వైపు యేసు జననం, యోసేపు ప్రేమ, గొర్రెల కాపరుల సందర్భన, ఆ ప్రకాశవంతమైన రాత్రి! కానీ మరో వైపు, అనిశ్చిత భవిష్యత్తు, నిరాశ్రయత “ఎందుకంటే వారికి సత్రంలో చోటు లేదు” (లూకా 2:7), ప్రజాతిరస్కరణ నిర్ణయ స్థలంలో యేసుకు జన్మనిష్ఠవలసిన నిరాశ ఒకేసారి మనమును చుట్టుముట్టాయి. ఈ విషయాలన్నీ మరియు హృదయంలో కలగలసాయి. “నీ చిత్తమే జరగనీ” అని మాట ఇచ్చిన ఆమె అన్నిటిని దేవునికి ఇచ్చింది. ఆమె ఆ విషయాలను “ఉంచింది”. మనం మన కష్ట సుఖాలను దైవానికే అప్పగించినప్పుడు మనం వాటిని “ఉంచుకుంటాము”. ప్రతిదాన్ని దేవునితో సంభాషణగా మారుతుంది అని అప్పుడు ధ్యానించుట ద్వారా మనలను తన హృదయంలో ఉంచే దేవుడు, మన జీవితంలో నివసించడానికి వస్తాడు!

మరియ పట్ల భక్తి ప్రపత్తులు : మేరీ పట్ల భక్తి కేవలం ఆధ్యాత్మిక మర్యాద కాదు. ఇది క్రైస్తవ జీవిత అవసరం. తల్లివైపు చూస్తే, అన్ని రకాల పనికిరాని సామానులను వదిలివేయమని, నిజంగా ముఖ్యమైన వాటిని కనుగొనమని అడుగుతుంది. మనిషికి “తల్లి” ఓ అత్యుద్భుత బహుమతి. మరియు తల్లిలా ఓ విశిష్ట బహుమతి, శ్రీ సభకు చాలా విలువైనది, ఒక పురుషుడు హేతుబద్ధంగా ఆలోచిస్తుంటే మరియు తల్లికి తన హృదయంలో విషయాలన్నీ కలిసి ఉంచడం, జీవితాన్ని ఇవ్వడం ఎలాగో తెలుసు. మన విశ్వాసం కేవలం ఒక ఆలోచనో లేదా సిద్ధాంతామో కాదు. కాబట్టి మనందరికి తల్లి హృదయం అవసరం, ఇది దేవుని సున్నితమైన ప్రేమను ఎలా ఉంచుకోవాలో తెలుపుతుంది. మరియుతల్లి దేవమాత ఆమె దేవుని అత్యుత్తమ మానవ సృష్టి, ఈ సంవత్సరం కాపలాగా ఉండి, తన కుమారుని శాంతిని మన హృదయాలకు ప్రపంచానికి భారతదేశానికి తెచ్చు గాక! ప్రియ బిడ్డలుగా ఓ దేవమాత, మా మానవులమాత అని వేనోళ్ళ పొగడుదాం. ఆమె మాతృత్వ బాటలో బాలయేసు వలె ఈ 2020 సంవత్సరమంతా పయనిద్దాం! ఆవే మరియు! జై యేసు!

II. The Pope abolishes “Pontifical Secret” in cases of Sexual Abuse

Pope Francis is now making testimony collected in canonical processes available to legal authorities.

Two documents are destined to make a lasting mark : Pope Francis has abolished the pontifical secret in the case of sexual violence and the abuse of minors committed by members of the clergy. He has also decided to change the norm regarding the crime of child pornography by making the possession and dissemination of pornographic images of children under the age of 18 which fall under the category of delicta graviora – the most grave delicts.



The first and most important document is a Rescript signed by the Cardinal Secretary of State, Pietro Parolin. This Rescript communicates that, last 4 December, the Pope decided to abolish the pontifical secret connected with reporting, trials and decisions regarding the crimes listed in the first article of the recent Motu Proprio Vos estis lux mundi, that is: cases of violence and sexual acts committed under threat or abuse of authority; cases of the sexual abuse of minors or vulnerable persons; cases of child pornography; cases regarding the lack of reporting and the cover-up of the abusers on the part of bishops and superiors general of religious institutes.

The new instruction specifies that such information be “treated in such a way as to ensure its security, integrity and confidentiality” established by the Code of Canon Law to protect the “good name, image and privacy” of those involved. But this “confidentiality”, the instruction also states, does “not prevent the fulfillment of the obligations laid down in all places by civil laws” including the possible obligation to report, and “the execution of enforceable requests of civil judicial authorities”. In addition, those reporting the crime, the victims and witnesses “shall not be bound by any obligation of silence” regarding the facts.

With the second Rescript, also signed by Cardinal Parolin as well as by the Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Luis Ladaria Ferrer, the modification of three articles of the Motu Proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela (published in 2001 and modified in 2010) were made known. It establishes that falling under the most grave delicts reserved for judgment by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith are “the acquisition, possession or distribution by a cleric of pornographic images of minors under the age of eighteen, for purposes of sexual gratification, by whatever means or using whatever technology”. Up until now, the age limit had been established at 14 years.

Finally, in another article of the same Rescript, it is now permitted that, in cases regarding these more grave delicts, any member of the lay faithful holding a doctorate in canon law can perform the role of “Advocate or Procurator”, and no longer only priests.

III. Catholic News Update Asia E Journal

We at Catholic News Update Asia E Journal deem it a privilege and honour to associate with you through this newsletter. We dispatch news updates from Holy Father, Holy See, FABC, Church Organizations, News Agencies, Websites, Bloggers, NGOs, International Organizations, the newsletter reaches hundreds of readers in the Asian continent.

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IV. Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Jan 1)

Our Christmas Octave would not be complete without paying special attention to the glorious Mother of God! Mary, the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Savior of the World, is properly called the “Mother of God.” It is worth reflecting upon this powerful title of our Blessed Mother. And it’s important to understand that this title says just as much about Jesus as it does about His Blessed Mother.

In calling Mary the “Mother of God,” we especially acknowledge one fact of human life. A mother is not just the source of one’s flesh, she is not just the mother of the body of her children, she is the mother of that person. Being a mother is not just something biological; it is something sacred and holy and is part of the divine order of God’s creation. Jesus was her Child and this Child is God. Therefore, it is proper logic to call Mary the “Mother of God.”... The Gospel passage above says, “And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” And she did this as a caring mother. Her love for Jesus was as unique as the love of any mother. However, it should be noted that she was a mother in perfection and loved Him with a perfect love, He who was not only her Son, but was also God and was perfect in every way.



What does this reveal? It reveals that the motherly love shared between Mary and Jesus was profound, inspiring, mysterious, glorious and truly sacred! The mystery of their love is worth reflecting on throughout our lives, keeping it fully alive in our hearts. She is an example for every mother and is also an example for all of us who seek to love others with a pure and holy heart... Imagine the level of unwavering commitment she would have had. Imagine the unbreakable bond that was forged as a result of her love. What a beautiful celebration this is to conclude this Octave of Christmas Day!

V. Epiphany of the Lord (Jan 5)

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.



Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

VI. Baptism of the Lord (Jan 12)

This Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the



Baptist. First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, “baptized” by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, “Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son’s mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

VII. Feast of Conversion of St. Paul (Jan 25)

As Paul’s life was about to take a radically new direction from violent persecutor of the nascent church to apostle of Christ, words from above were heard: “It hurts you to kick against the goads.” Ouch. A goad is a kind of cattle prod, a pointed stick used to guide oxen when plowing or to clean mud and clay from the plowshare. If it hurts, stop doing it, my mother always said.



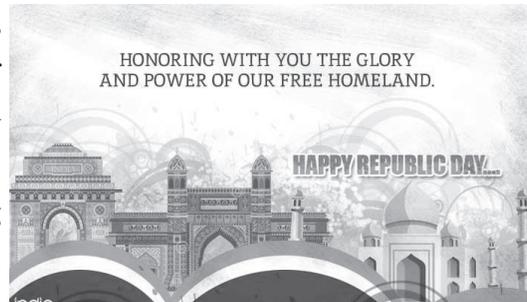
In Acts 26:14, “goad” is used metaphorically as it often was by the Greek playwrights. Here it refers to Saul’s Jewish faith, his fidelity to the tradition of “the prophets and

Moses.” The voice from Jesus is not saying he is to abandon that past, but to go with where at its best it is leading him and stop resisting. Luke seems to be telling us that the possibility of Saul becoming the single greatest interpreter of Christ to the Gentile world had its roots in his lifelong formation as a faithful Jewish man. We know that his penchant for taking on matters of life in a zealous manner, including his religious life, led to extreme behavior. Yet in his conversion, God’s grace took that aberrant personal extremism and redirected it to Christ’s service.

Often conversion is described as an event that takes place in a moment. Over the years, however, my observation of people’s religious experience tells me this is not usually the case. It is more a process and there is always a context. To me conversion is more like falling in love than anything else. It can be experienced as momentous, life-renewing and a complete re-direction of energy, yet it occurs out of one’s own history and all that has led someone to a particular moment of encounter. For Saul it was his Jewish faith tradition which he was resisting in its fullness, and once he stopped kicking against that goad, he was able to embrace it more fully as it came to him in Jesus. In other words, Saul’s journey to becoming St. Paul was not a movement from falsehood to truth, but a transition from truth to truth.

VIII. Republic Day of India – (Jan 26)

The Independent republic of India was officially born on 26th January 1950 after being for nearly 100 years under the British rule.



The ceremonies of 1950 marked the cutting down of the last ties of of India to Britain. The first Indian president got sworn in, is Dr. Rajendra Prasad whose words were as follows: –

“Today, for the first time in our long and chequered history,” he said, “we find the whole of this vast land... brought together under the jurisdiction of one constitution and one union which takes over responsibility for the welfare of more than 320 million men and women who inhabit it.”

The country still fights the crime and violence which has a different design than that of earlier times. Prior to Independence, the crime and violence had the name of British. Now the crime and violence has the name of terrorist, rape, burglary, riots, strikes and the taking of lives of valued citizens. Even after becoming republic, we are not free of the terrorism which is pulling our country from the main stream of countries in the path of development and progress.

Poverty, illiteracy, unemployment are the three major factors which is pulling us back and making people to sort to the bad ways of living life. Still with all these problems, Unity in diversity has been the biggest symbol of our country. I feel that we make our progress in the good direction in the coming days and the feeling of oneness remains in the progressive days of tomorrow.

IX. Bishop's Engagements in January, 2020

- 1 : English New Year Vigil Mass, Cathedral
Mass at Missionaries of Charity, Mother Theresa Home, Kasibugga, Warangal
- 2 : Office
- 3 : Office
- 5 : 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation, Fatimanagar Parish
Blessing of Chapel: New Village Veeraram of Maripeda Parish
- 7 : Office
- 8 : Bishop Thumma Bala's School Mothers' Day, Bachannapet
- 9 : Lodi Exco Meeting
- 10 : St. Ann's High School Sports' Day Celebrations, Kazipet
- 11 : Office
- 12 : Concluding of Warangal Year of Youth, Karunapuram
- 13 : 1st Holy Communion and Confirmations, Atmakur Parish
- 16 : Shoenstatt Fathers: Ordinations to Diaconate, Bangalore
- 17 : Mill Hill Missionaries: Priestly Ordinations at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
- 18 : Office
- 19 : Dedication of Christ the King Chapel at Indranagar, Fatimanagar Parish
- 20-22 : Classes at St. John's Seminary, Hyderabad
- 22 : Meeting with Divyavani Active Priests of Region, TCBC
- 23 : Dedication of Chapel at Kothapally, Wardhanapet Parish
- 24 : Pallotine Church's, TIN Jubilee, Palevelupala: Pastoral Visitation
- 25 : am Diamond Jubilee celebration of Sr. Immaculatha - St. Ann's of Providence, Fatimanagar.
p.m Fatima College of D. Ed & B. Ed Colleges Day
- 28-31 : National Diocesan Priests Congress at Velankanni, Tamil Nadu

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- 1 : Return from CDPI Meet at Velankanni
- 3-5 : St. John's Regional Seminary: Classes
- 6 : Priestly Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Y. Papi Reddy at Agapet, Narmetta Parish
- 7 : Dedication of New Church at Kasibugga and Golden Jubilee of arrival of Capuchins in Warangal
- 8 : Blessing of the Renovated Church at Sts. Peter & Paul, Jangoan
- 9 : Feast Mass with 1st Holy Communion and Confirmations, at Lordumatha Church, Karimnagar Parish
- 10 : Office
- 11 : 75 years Celebrations of Raghunathapally Village & 1st Holy Communion and Confirmations, Raghunathapally Village, Kanchanapally Parish
- 12 : Office
- 13-21 : CBCI General Body Meeting, Bangalore

X. Communications

1. New Year, 2020 : On the occasion of **entering into the English Calendar Year-2020**, I wish all the Priests, the Consecrated and the Faithful a very grace-filled Year. May it bring all over the Globe Peace, harmony, joy, health and prosperity.

2. World Day of Peace : As every year the Church celebrates the World Day of Peace on 1st of January. **In India it is to be celebrated on January 30**, the death anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. Catholics need to become ardent promoters of peace everywhere.

3. Condolences to Rev. Fr. Golamari Martin : We are very sad to inform you that Golamari Chinnappa Reddy, the Father of Rev. Fr. Golamari Martin, aged 85 has reached his eternal abode at 7.40 am on 6th of December 2019. The Diocese conveys heartfelt Condolences to Rev. Fr. Golamari Martin. We offer him and the bereaved family our prayers and sympathies at this time of sorrow.

4. Deanery Level Recollection in January 2020 : Deans are requested to organize the January month recollection on Deanery level in 2nd week. All Priests are requested to attend and grow in holiness and Priestly Ministry.

5. Submission of Annual Returns (January to December, 2019) : Parish Priests and the heads of the institutions are requested to submit the annual returns, which are to be sent to Rome in the first quarter of 2020. **Please fill-in correctly and fully and submit them by 20th of January, 2020.**

6. Week of Christian Unity and Ecumenism Sunday Mass, January 21, 2020 : The week of prayer for Christian Unity is observed by the Church on January 18-25, every year. Kindly pray for the unity in the Church and celebrate on 19th **the official Sunday of Ecumenism with Special Programs.**

7. Welcome to Deacon Gopu Prakash Pradeep in to the Diocese of Warangal : I am happy to welcome our Deacon Bro. Gopu Prakash Pradeep. He hails from Ookal Parish. He just completed his theological Studies in St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore. On December 20, 2019 he came back to the Diocese. I extend a Hearty welcome to him, and he is assigned to Diaconate ministry in Fatima Parish. I wish him God's Blessings for his fruitful Ministry.

8. Banjara Christmas : Mt 1:23 "The Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel". We have celebrated the Banjara Christmas celebrations on 15th December 2019, at Mother of Mercy Shrine, Yesugutta, Shanigapuram, Mahubabad Dt. We have started the Procession with Mother Mary statue from Shanigapuram village centre to Yesugutta climbing up-to Mother Mary Shrine on the Hill. Our Bishop has prayed and blessed the Statue and the people who came from Mahubabad Deanery level and Mission places. The procession was done very solemn reciting the Rosary and singing songs. On the Hill, near Mother Mary statue our Bishop has prayed for all the people of Banjara and sick people, the development of mission area through the intercession of Mother Mary.

The Holy Mass was celebrated by our Lordship Udumala Bala at 11:00am to 01:00pm in ST Language. Our lordship has given the Christmas message about, there is no place for child Jesus to be born in the Hearts of people. Jesus is the Emmanuel, God is with us. We must believe Him and come out from all superstitions, Black Magic, and Satanic powers. No caste, no creed, we are all children of God and God loves everyone. At least one thousand above people have participated in our Banjara Christmas celebrations. After the Holy Mass, Fr. Samuel, conducted the Healing Service, and Witnesses were given by four families that Miracles took place in our Shrine. Later, We had Cultural programmes: Christmas play by Fathima High school M.Bad dance by our Mission children, and dance by St. Colombo High School, Nekkonda.

- Fr. Samuel CPPS

9. 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 December 6th First Friday. Fr. Benny SVD preached the word of God and conducted healing service. Nearly 250 people participated in the prayer service. Jeevadhara women

group felicitated Fr. Benny for his valuable prayer services through the year. There is a lot of improvement in Jeevadhara prayer programs and the number of participants for the prayer service has increased. So many healings have taken place many got jobs and four women were blessed with children who were barren. All who believed in the twelve promises of Sacred Heart of Jesus and attended twelve first Fridays got lot of spiritual benefits. Even few devotees are coming from Hyderabad regularly to attend prayer services in Jeevadhara Renewal Centre. Since many have received special favours from first Friday Sacred Heart Devotion, we are going to start again twelve first Friday prayer services dedicating to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from January onwards. 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.

Few congregations Nuns are coming to the centre to make their confessions regularly. 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 3:00pm. 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

10. Marriage Preparation Course 2020 (MPC) Diocese of Warangal : I warmly and joyfully greet all the Priests, Men & Women Religious and Faithful of the Diocese a Holy and Joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year 2020.

Marriage Preparation Course began in our Diocese December 2017. It was promulgated by our Most Reverend Dr. Udumala Bala in October and November Fatima Vani 2017. The Bishop has made it Mandatory MPC CERTIFICATE for the Clergy and the Religious Priests to bless any Marriage with the guidelines of the Universal Church. Hence the Course began in December 2017.

I am happy and pleased to share with you that the Course is conducted very successfully by the Family Commission said the Bishop several times. I attribute the credit to our Bishop Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala and all the Priests of our Diocese for their wonderful cooperation and support to run the program in a fruitful and successful manner. As on date 3089 youngsters have attended the MPC. I earnestly request all the Priests to continue the same guiding the Youngsters and Cooperate with the Diocesan Mandatory Regulation of the Certificate of Attendance to bless a Catholic Marriage.

In principal the marriage preparation course to be conducted mostly by the Lay People. Hence if you have laity who can handle such courses/talks please let me know.

The Fee for two full days Rs. 300/- and overnight stay Rs. 500/- TWO DAY MPC IS MANDATORY. Any emergencies or NRI cases are always considered. One day course for the local people Rs. 1000 NRI Rs. 2000 to be paid the professor.

In order to facilitate Priests as well as the young people to plan their programs a head in view of the Marriage Preparation Course MPC, the Family Commission in consultation with the Bishop, is publishing the entire MPC Scheduled dates for the Year 2020 January to December. You may place MPC schedules on the Parish Notice Boards and keep a copy on your desk for ready reference. Please remember no Priest is authorised to bless any marriage without the Certificate in the diocese of Warangal.

Marriage Preparation Course Schedule for 2020

January 11 & 12; February 8 & 9; March 14 & 15; April 18 & 19 (3rd week because of Easter); May 9 & 10; June 13 & 14; July no MPC; August 8 & 9; September no MPC; October 10 & 11; November no MPC; December 12 & 13.

NB : MPC Certificate is valid for 3 years. They need to plan at least 6 months ahead.

Timings	9 am to 5 pm
Venue	Pastoral Centre, Fatimanagar
Duration of the Course	Two Days Mandatory (one day attendance not acceptable)
Registration Begins	8 am and closes at 10 am

For any queries and suggestions you are welcome to contact 9392719991/9100445055

Thanking you and soliciting your cooperation I remain.

- Fr. Yeruva Chinnappareddy, Director, Family Commission

11. News form Pastoral Centre : 1. I had visited the following parishes during December and celebrated SemiChristmass, United Christmass and Kothakalapandagalu. Celebrated Holy Eucharist and encouraged the faithful and motivated them to grow in faith in celebrating Christmas and New Year 2020. The parishes that I visited are Wardhanapet, Sultanabad, Pasara, Jagital, Waddapally, Fathimanagar, Athamakur, Mogilicharla, Subadari, Singaram, Rampur, Kazipet and different parishes and schools in the Diocese.

2. Animators' meeting was conducted in pastoral centre on 18th Dec and celebrated Semi-Christmas.

3. CRI Semi-Christmas was conducted by CRI in pastoral centre on 13th Dec. celebrations was really meaningful. There was real Christmas joy, peace and love in CRI Christmas.

4. In view of Christmas, Semi-Christmas and United Christmas was celebrated in many Parishes and Schools.

5. Many Parishes celebrated Kothakalapandagalu in their villages. I visited with their invitation to many villages in their celebration and motivated them and celebrated Eucharist and motivated in fund raising program.

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

12. Arunodhya Youth Centre :

Year of Youth Closing & Banjara Christmas Celebrations at Mahabubabad Deanery : On 15th December, Fr. Thomas, Mr. Sagar and Mr. Prashanth participated in the Procession of Year of Youth Closing and Banjara Christmas Celebrations held at Mahabubabad.

Youth Christmas Celebrations at Thatikayala Village, Malkapur Parish : On 15th December, Fr. Thomas, Mr. Sagar and Mr. Prashanth participated in the Youth Christmas Celebrations held at Thatikayala Village, Malkapur Parish. Fr. Vatti Rayappa, Rector of Don Bosco Philosophate, Karunapuram and his team conducted games and cultural competitions for the Youth and distributed Prizes. Fr. Thomas gave talk on Christmas and Sagar & Prashanth animated the Youth. 70 Youth participated in this program.

United Christmas Celebrations : Fr. Thomas and the Committee members along with the youth of other villages had participated and rendered their services like distributing water, cakes and maintaining discipline at the United Christmas Celebrations held at Our Lady of Fatima Cathedral on 15th December, 2019.

Semi Christmas Celebrations : On 18th December, Semi Christmas Celebrations took place in Youth Center. The Celebrations started with Welcome words, Welcome Dance and Crib Blessing. Later on Fr. B. Prakash, Fr. Kamal, Fr. Ranjith, Fr. Surender, Fr. Thomas and Regional Youth Director Fr. Sagili Praveen celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Fr. Praveen distributed the Memento to the winners at Regional Cultural Competitions. The Celebrations got over with cake cutting and Final Blessings. 60 youth from various villages participated in this program.

United Christmas Youth Rally : Joy & Witness : On 21st December, 50 of our Diocesan youth participated in the Youth Rally. Earlier the rally started with the Prayer by our Bishop Udumala Bala from CBC Church Warangal. Fr. Thomas and National Youth Vice President Mr. Sagar and Mr. Prashanth, our Diocesan Youth President participated in the rally from Warangal to Fatimanagar. The youth participated with lots of enthusiasm by Christmas Carols, Dancing, Preaching Word of God, Cake Cutting at various junctions in tricity. It is really a witnessing youth rally. The rally concluded at Fatima Complex in the presence of Bishop Udumala Bala, Fr. Vijay Paul, Fr. Thomas, Fr. Joseph. K and Fr. Simon.

Visitation of youth groups : The Youth Director Rev. Fr. Thomas had visited the Youth of Assisinagar, Fort Warangal, Lashkar Singaram and Waddepally and celebrated the Holy Eucharist and addressed the youth. Fr. Thomas briefed about their role in this Season of Advent.

- Fr. Gopu Thomas Reddy, Director

13. Lodi MSSS :

1. Sustainability Program of NRM, Devarappula Mandal

1. Organized linkage meeting with agriculture and horticulture department and 35 farmers attended the meeting and discussed on ongoing schemes and FPO.
2. 28 women leaders, book keepers and project staff went to Exposure to Manthini Women Federation and learnt about functioning and activities of Mother Theresa Women federation formed by Lodi and running since 20 years
3. Conducted Feasibility study in 16 village of Kodakandala mandal with external team to study the project village's situation and area feasible for improvement of Natural resources, soil water conservation measures, agriculture and livestock development.

2. Food Security, Chilpur Mandal

1. In 15 project villages 30 recharge dried up open wells were constructed and brought into cultivation 25 acres of land and cultivated different types food grain crops in these 25 acres of land.
2. In 15 project villages, we have conducted 15 village committee meetings and educated on organic farming methods.

3. Kolping Programs

1. Kolping National Level Coordination Meeting held from 05.12.2019 & 06.12.2019 at Chennai, Tamilnadu. All the directors, coordinators and national board members from Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana participated in the meeting. Total 170 members participated in the meeting.
2. Kolping Regional Coordination Meeting held from 13.12.2019 & 14.12.2019 at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. All the coordinators and accountants from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana participated in the meeting. Total 20 members participated in the meeting.
3. Revolving fund loans Rs. 8,60,000/- given to 60 Kolping members of 5 villages.

4. Lodi's Christmas Celebration with HIV/AIDS infected & affected and differently able Children

Semi Christmas celebration with HIV AIDs and Differently able children was organized on 17th December 2019. It's a special and unique program for these children, in which 600 children participated from different parts of the diocese. The cultural programs of these differently abled and HIV children were very much attractive and impressive. 600

children were given a pair of dress each and 170 HIV Children were given Nutritious Food materials. Rt. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala was the chief guest. Various Government officials and Departmental people participated in the celebrations.

- **Rev. Fr. D. Vijaya Paul**, Director

14. Impressive Tri- Cities United Mega Christmas Celebrations

The seventh united Mega Christmas celebrations which was started by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, held at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar on 15th December 2019. Prior to the Programme Competitions were conducted as follows: Singing Completions at Ecclesia Gospel Ministries, Choreography in Bishop Beretta School, Bible Quiz in Pastoral Centre and short sermons in Jerusalem Baptist Church, Hanamkonda. Youth participated with enthusiasm in great number.

On the day of United Mega Christmas Celebration Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala Presided the program, various dignitaries participated from the Protestant Churches. Bishop Daniel Kalyanapu, Ecclesia Gospel Ministries, Bishop John Markandaya, Alpa-omega Churches, Rev. Dr. Issac, President of Warangal Tricities Christian fellowship. Dr. Suheer Babu ZP Chairman Warangal are the main speakers of the Day. All the Speakers in their messages exhorted that Jesus brought Peace, Love, Joy and Divine Presence to the Humanity. A choir with hundred members of youth Conducted by Rev. Fr. Ambati Bala was the highlight of the programme. Many Fathers, Sisters and Pastors and People of Various Christians Denominations participated in the Program. The gathering was more than 2000 people! Glory to Jesus!

- **Fr. K. Vijay Kumar**, General Convener

15. Christmas Celebration in Bishop Thumma Bala High School

This year Christmas was celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm in Bishop Thumma Bala High School Bachannapet. The entire school was filled by the positive libtrations of Christmas the birth of king. The crib was beautifully decorated with bells, star, streamers and angels, the stage was wonderfully arranged. The birth of Lord Jesus and the legend of Santa Claus was enacted. Each class presented most beautifully the concept of Christmas accompanied by dances. We invited Rev. Fr. T. Augustine the director of CJIT as chief guest of the celebrations the guest of Honour was Rev. Fr. Uday Kumar the Parish Priest of Cheriyaal. Their presence added more joy and happiness for the celebration .They too shared the Christmas message.... of sharing love and gifts with others on this great festive time. And also making crib in the heart is the most appropriate point touched us most.

It was an auspicious day for our school where we bore a great witness to many to have the feeling of share and care during this Christmas day celebration. The smiles on the faces of the children when Santa moved around were something that couldn't be missed by anyone. It was indeed true that the warmth of Christmas was felt from the heart and

the actions just proved it right. The Birthday celebration of Jesus was celebrated in the BTBHS where all the students were non Christian but their active participation in the programme made to feel the God with us!

- Fr. T. Joseph (H.M)

16. ఉచిత గ్రహణ మొత్త శస్త్ర చికిత్సలు

ఫౌండేషన్ ఫర్ చిల్డ్రన్ ఇన్ నీడ్ మరియు G.S.R. హాస్పిటల్ వారి ఆధ్వర్యంలో ప్రతినెల ఉచిత గ్రహణమొత్త శస్త్ర చికిత్సలు చేయిస్తున్నాము. గత 30 సంవత్సరాలుగా డాక్టర్ శ్రీనివాస రెడ్డి గోస్త గారు 30 వేలకు పైగా గ్రహణమొత్త శస్త్ర చికిత్సలు చేసి, చిన్నారుల మోములో చిరునవ్వులు చిందించారని తెలుపుటకు సంతోషిస్తున్నాము.

డాక్టర్ శ్రీనివాస రెడ్డి గారు ఫౌండేషన్ ఫర్ చిల్డ్రన్ ఇన్ నీడ్తో కలసి ఉచితంగా ఆపరేషన్లు చేయడానికి ముందుకు రావడం ఎంతో హర్షించదగ్గ విషయం F.C.N. ఆధ్వర్యంలో మార్చి 2016 నుండి ఇప్పటి వరకు 1000 మందికి విజయవంతంగా ఆపరేషన్లు నిర్వహించామని తెలుపుటకు సంతోషిస్తున్నాము.

ఆపరేషన్లకు వచ్చిన చిన్నారులకు, వారి తల్లిదండ్రులకు G.S.R. హాస్పిటల్ వారు ఉచిత వసతి, భోజన సదుపాయాలను కల్పిస్తున్నారు. ఈ హాస్పిటల్ వైద్య బృందం వారికి మా కృతజ్ఞతాభివందనములు. ఈ చికిత్స చేయించుకున్న ప్రతి ఒక్కరికి రాను పోను ప్రయాణ ఖర్చులు ఫౌండేషన్ ఫర్ చిల్డ్రన్ ఇన్ నీడ్ వారు అందిస్తున్నారు. కావున ఈ కరపత్రం చదివిన వారు ఆపరేషన్లను గురించి అందరికి తెలియజేయగలరని మనవి చేయుచున్నాము.

సూచన :

- 1) గ్రహణమొత్తతో పెదవులు చిట్టి వున్న పిల్లలకు ఆపరేషన్ చేయించడానికి కనీస వయస్సు 4 నెలలు వుండవలెను.
- 2) అంగుడు ఆపరేషన్కు 11 నెలల వయస్సు వుండవలెను.

ముఖ్య గమనిక :

ఈ క్రింద తెలిపిన నెంబర్లకు ఫోన్ చేసి మీ పాప / బాబు పేరును నమోదు చేయించుకోగలరు.

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Birthday Babies in January

Fr. Polumari Anil	01/01/1983
Fr. Gopu Anand	03/01/1978
Fr. Thirumala Reddy Joji	05/01/1970
Fr. Annapareddy Raja	08/01/1962
Fr. Duggimpudi Vijayapaul	08/01/1965
Fr. Gopu Suresh	08/01/1977
Fr. Kommareddy Joseph	26/01/1984





Christmas Celebrations With Homeless



TCF 40th Celebrations



CRI Christmas Celebrations



Laying the Foundation Stone for Grotto at St. Mary's Church, Subedari Parish



Jubilee Celebrations at Assisi Provincialate, Fatimanagar



Presentation Congregation Provincial Chapter at Karunapuram



St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Feast Mass at Karunapuram



Warangal Diocese Major Seminarians



Silver Jubilee of St. Francis Xavier Church, Nimmaneepally, Appanapet Parish



Marian Grotto Blessing at Krishnagigudem, Pallagutta Parish

United Mega Christmas Celebrations

