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“తరతరముల వారు నన్ను ధన్యురాలందురు.” లూకా 1:48

Platinum Celebrations of Ragunathapally Village, Kanchanapally Parish



Blessing of Infant Jesus Tower at St. Peter's Parish



Warangal Diocese Women's Commission Seminar, Fatimanagar



Funneral Mass of Basani Lourdamma, Mother of Rev. Fr. Basani Mathais Cap

Lent: Silent Sacrifices in Noisy Digital World

Dirt of Ashes on Our Face

It may seem strange when Catholics go around with dirt on their faces on Ash Wednesday. But it attracts many, both Catholics and non-Catholics. The symbol speaks louder than words as a sacramental reminder. We know there is something more than this material world in which we stumble around every day. As Catholics, our lives shift a bit during the Lenten Season, as is visibly marked on Ash Wednesday with ashes on our foreheads. Forty days of Lent offers us a time to take stock of our lives, question our motivations, examine our relationships and pray more attentively, opening ourselves to God's actions in our lives. The ashes on our face remind us that we are not gods, we will not live forever and this life has a purpose. When we can pause from our crazy technologically bound life, we realize that we need to go deeper, to center ourselves and to commune with God. That is why the Church puts forward Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, the three pillars for a fruitful Lenten Season.



Prayer: Connected to God as to WWW

Lent is like one long retreat. If one has made a silent retreat, he or she knows it is hard to rush from our busy lives to be still, silent and receptive to the Lord. It takes a few days to unwind, to calm the distractions and to become aware of God's presence. It is a time to recognize how God works in our everyday existence and how his grace sustains us through the challenges of life. But we can only do that when we enter into conversation with him. This takes effort and discipline, which is what Lent is about. Prayer requires of us a time to slip away either physically or mentally to a place where there are fewer distractions and life is calmer. Addicted to television or Mobile phone? During this season of Lent to step back to reflect on what is happening in our lives outside of the digital universe.

Digital Fast/ Fast of Eyes

In recent years, fasting from the internet or other forms of technology has become popular. Fasting from technology is encouraged by many religious leaders as the ideal way for individuals to reflect on their daily dependency on technology. Sometimes called taking a "digital Sabbath," He challenges us to be silent to make our needs known to God but more important, to listen to him. As challenging as that is today, we can't really blame only our devices. Being human is to avoid going deeper. We naturally want to remain on the surface because going inward requires effort and we would much rather seek out distractions to avoid the hard stuff of life. Being quiet with the Lord means we must face our hurts, anger, disappointments and fears. But, when we take the courage to bring this before the Lord in silent, trusting prayer our lives change. The heavy burdens are lifted and grace spills over our hearts.

Food Fast Vs. Fast Food

It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on all Fridays. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favourite foods or smoking. Whatever the sacrifice it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. Such practices are not regulated by the Church, but left to individuals. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals. Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, sick persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Almsgiving

Charity is said to better than prayer and fasting. Because it involves prayer and fasting. Almsgiving is a form of prayer because it is "giving to God", and not mere philanthropy. It is a form of fasting because it demands sacrificial giving, not just giving something, but giving up something, giving till it hurts. Jesus presented almsgiving as a necessary part of Christian life. (Mt 6:2-3). He does not say IF you give alms, but WHEN. Like fasting and prayer, almsgiving is non-negotiable. The first Christians knew this and there was no needy person among them ... put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need" (Acts 4:34-35). That was the living embodiment of a basic principle of Catholic social teaching, what tradition calls "the universal destination of goods (CCC 2452).

Silent Sacrifices in Noisy Boastful World

We need to give to God, whom we meet in our neighbour away. Whatever we give, whether it's a tenth or a twentieth or half, is symbolic of the greater giving that defines the Christian life. As God gave himself entirely in and through Christ to us, so we give ourselves entirely to Him. In the Eucharist, He holds nothing back. He gives us His body, blood, soul and divinity, everything He has. That's the giving we need to imitate. Charity begins at home, but charity must not stop there, because for Catholics "home" is universal, and our family is as big as the world. Likewise, Lenten Campaign against Hunger and Disease focusses on the concrete meaning of Lent. Those who experienced hunger and disease would understand better. St. John Paul asked us to see, and be seen by, "the human face of poverty."

Mary of Cana to Calvary – Pentecost till Fatima

May Mother Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, Patroness of the Diocese of Warangal strengthen us with the miraculous wine of Cana to Walk the Talk of tempted and suffered Jesus up to Calvary through the Passion and Death of Jesus for a fruitful Lenten Life!

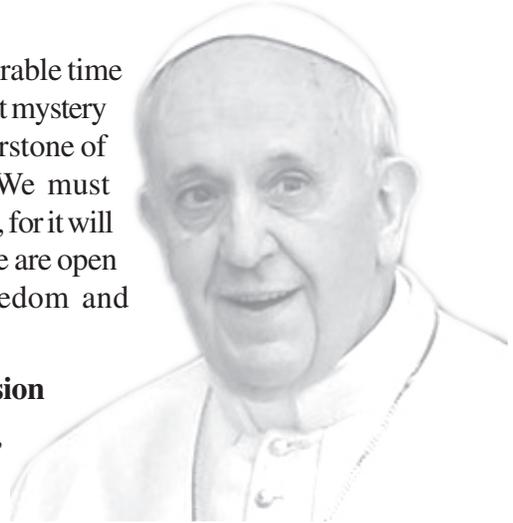
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II. Pope's Message for Lent 2020

“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.



1. The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This kerygma sums up the mystery of a love “so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue” (Christus Vivit, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (Jn 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit: “Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew” (No. 123). Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

2. The urgency of conversion

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God’s mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. Hos 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse's voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

3. God's passionate will to dialogue with his children

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, "turning of God against himself" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. Mt 5:43-48).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who "spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new" (Acts 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

4. A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church's magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

III. CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA

**XXXIV Plenary Assembly, St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences,
Bengaluru, 13-19 February 2020**

Final Statement

Dialogue: The Path to Truth and Charity

Introduction

We, the 192 member Bishops of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India, assembled for our XXXIV Plenary Assembly at St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences, Bengaluru from 13-19 February 2020. Prompted by our fidelity to Jesus Christ and unflinching loyalty to our beloved motherland we reflected, meditated and deliberated on the ever relevant theme, "Dialogue: The Path to Truth and Charity." We also sought to sincerely evaluate the quality of our apostolic ministry and be renewed in the Spirit to be servant leaders of our people after the heart of Christ who came "to serve and not to be served" (Mark 10, 48).

The Church, the community of faith in Jesus Christ, has integral and all-inclusive dialogue at her heart. Indeed dialogue belongs to the very essence of the Christian faith. All through her history the Church has made earnest efforts to engage in dialogue at different levels. As a community of human beings the Church lives in civil society and body politic, continuously inspiring us to be loyal citizens of India. The noteworthy contribution of the Church in the field of education, health care and social transformation has been consistently acknowledged by the people of India.

India: Unity in Diversity

The hallmark of Indian society is its pluralism. From ancient times, India has been a mosaic of many religions, cultures and languages with a strong Indian identity. What unites us is stronger and deeper than what divides us. We are proud of our Constitution that envisions a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic which resolved to secure for all its citizens Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity as enshrined in the Preamble. Justice is spelt out as social, economic and political; Liberty is explained as liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; and Equality is understood as equality of status and opportunity. These Constitutional values form the ethos of Indian identity that promotes Fraternity which leads to the dignity of the individual and unity and integrity of the nation. Every citizen must be ever vigilant against any attempt to undermine the ennobling human vision of the Constitution so that our beloved country ever remains united.

Biblical Foundations

Various streams of thoughts running through the biblical texts enrich our understanding of the necessity of dialogue among peoples and cultures. Dialogue with other religions is integral to

the Biblical Revelation. The different aspects of dialogue in the Bible are rooted in our faith in God as Trinity: God as the Creator of all, the universal presence of God's Spirit, and Jesus as the Saviour of all mankind.

In the Gospels, Jesus' encounters with people reveal that God is the Father of all. The Kingdom of God that Jesus preached embodies the love of God, irrespective of race, sex, colour, class, language and creed. The Good News of Jesus calls upon humanity to establish a society of justice, equality, love, forgiveness and peace. Dialogue begins and grows when we open ourselves to the Lord, and by committing ourselves to his words and deeds, live the mystery of his death and resurrection which paves the path to truth and charity. For example, in the dialogue with the Samaritan woman, Jesus unveils the true horizons of relating with God in truth and spirit. He starts with the dialogue of life and moves to the dialogue of action which is followed by the dialogue of sharing the religious experience, and eventually the dialogue leads to the witnessing of truth.

Church Teachings

The Church encourages believers to respect each other and one another's religious tradition, thus cooperating with one another to promote peace and harmony and work for the common good of all. Pope Francis has urged all people of good will to make every effort to establish peace in society by "inviting all persons who believe in God to unite and work together, so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters... called to express this human fraternity by safeguarding creation and the entire universe, and supporting all persons, especially the poorest and those most in need..." (Document on Human Fraternity, 4th February 2019, Abu Dhabi).

Dialogue is rooted in the very vocation of the Church. Being open to dialogue, calls for being absolutely consistent with one's own religious tradition. Believers enter into each other's depth of life through dialogue.

Dialogue with Cultures and Religions

Every community that lives in India possesses its own cultural identity with its richness, which must be respected at any cost. Attempts to homogenize and impose a mono-cultural pattern pose serious threats to the cultural patrimony of our country. As our Constitution envisions, there cannot be any meaningful dialogue of culture without acknowledging the primacy of human person. People of every culture and religion and those who profess no religion must be esteemed with mutual respect which eventually leads to human fraternity. No culture or religion shall dominate over other cultures and religions. Subduing certain cultures by the dominant culture will destroy the peace and harmony existing in the country. "The enemy of fraternity is an individualism which translates into the desire to affirm oneself and one's own group above

others. Religious behaviour, therefore, needs continually to be purified from the recurrent temptation to judge others as enemies and adversaries.” (Document on Human Fraternity, 4th February 2019, Abu Dhabi).

Dialogue with the Poor, the Dalits and Tribal People

Dialogue with the poor, the Dalits and Tribal people is an urgent priority in the context of India. The Dalits and Tribal people are continually denied their human rights socially. Every step taken in favour of their liberation by eradicating poverty, exploitation, discrimination, and every other form of sinful structures of society is an effective means of dialogue. However, dialogue with the poor shall not be limited only to the works of mercy. The term ‘the Church of the poor’ reflects the constant self-understanding of Christians that the poor stand in the place of Christ, and therefore charity and justice must be an essential and central dimension of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

In this context, we urge the State authorities to take adequate steps to ensure justice to the Dalit Christians and the Tribal people.

Dialogue with Nature

Dialogue with nature is another important aspect. The earth, our common home, which was created to support life and give praise to God, is crying out with pain because human activity is destroying it. All who believe in God and all people of good will have an obligation to protect the ecological equilibrium of the earth, intended by the Creator. Therefore dialogue with nature includes serious steps to mitigate climate change, clean the land and the seas, and start treating all of creation with respect and concern.

Dialogue with the Unborn

Dialogue should not be limited to those who are born; rather the right to life of the unborn must also be taken seriously into account. We believe that the human being is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception, that each and every human life has inherent dignity, and thus must be treated with the respect due to a human person from womb to tomb. The steps to legalise abortion even to the extent of six months must be condemned as a gross injustice which undermines the right to life of the unborn. We appeal to the State authorities that it immediately withdraw the Bill in the Parliament.

Dialogue of Peace

Interreligious dialogue is one of the most pressing needs of our times. There will be no peace among nations without peace among religions. There will be no peace among religions without dialogue among religions. We are alarmed by continuous persecution on a global level endured by innocent people at the hands of fundamentalist and terrorist groups.

Dialogue in India should aim at collaboration in areas such as peace-building, protection of the environment, eradication of poverty and ensuring the human dignity of all, especially of

women and children. Besides, it means that we condemn all wars, violence and terrorism that create insurmountable blocks to dialogue. We pledge ourselves to engage in a process of dialogue for a reconciled society.

A Fervent Appeal

We believe that patriotism is different from narrow and divisive cultural nationalism, which is radically different from Constitutional nationalism. No one has the right to question the patriotism of any Indian citizen on subjective grounds. Authentic patriotism unites us amidst divergences. Patriotism is defined as directing the attention of the citizens to the good of the whole human family, united by the different ties which bind together races, people and nations. “All Christians must be aware of their sense of responsibility and their service of the common good. They must recognize the legitimacy of different opinions with regard to temporal solutions, and respect citizens, who, even as a group, defend their points of view by honest methods” (Church in the Modern World, no. 75).

False nationalistic ideologies that instigate contempt for cultures other than the majoritarian dominant culture are capable of perpetrating atrocities. It is necessary to clarify the essential difference between patriotism and pseudo nationalism. Patriotism builds up the nation while pseudo nationalism destroys the integrity, unity and harmony of the nation. Nationalism, particularly in its most radical and extreme forms, is thus the antithesis of true patriotism.

We appeal to the State authorities to ensure that pseudo nationalism does not continue to give rise to new forms of totalitarianism. Together with the framers of the Constitution, we, the Catholic Bishops of India, affirm that religion shall not be a criterion for determining Indian citizenship. The authorities should come forward with sincere and effective means to erase the sense of fear, anxiety and uncertainty spreading in the country, especially among the religious minorities.

Needless to say that dissent should not be misconstrued as un-patriotism. Democracy cannot be built on monologue. We call upon the State authorities that it is right time to sit around the common table, a place of conversation and of shared hopes. Against the attempts at creating cultural isolation in our beloved country, dialogue will make the elements that are seemingly a barrier or a wall, a bridge of relationship. “Identity and dialogue are not enemies. Our own cultural identity is strengthened and enriched as a result of dialogue with those unlike ourselves. Nor is our authentic identity preserved by an impoverished isolation.” (Pope Francis, *Querida Amazonia*, n. 37).

Conclusion

Dialogue is indeed the path to truth and charity. Let us pray that dialogue grows in every family, at all levels of the Church, among the Christians, among religions and cultures, and among the nations so that God’s Kingdom of reconciliation, justice, peace and love may be established.

Though deeply concerned and anguished with what is happening in our country, we are filled with hope inspired by faith and the innate goodness of all our fellow citizens. We appreciate the majority who uphold the secular values of our nation. We are determined to continue to collaborate in the work of building our great nation, Mother India.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who manifested the exemplary spirit of dialogue through her maternal intercession, guide each one of us on the path of truth and charity!

IV. Diocesan Priests' National Congress - 2020

Final Statement

January 28-31, 2020 at Vailankanni, Tamil Nadu

Diocesan Priests' National Congress convened by the Conference of Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI) was held at the sacred premises of the Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health, at Vailankanni, Tamil Nadu, from 28th to 31st January 2020. Around 750 diocesan priests from 91 dioceses (Latin) in India participated in the congress as delegates. The inaugural Mass was presided over by Oswald Cardinal Gracias, the President of CBCI, and the Archbishop of Bombay. In his homily, Archbishop Anil Couto exhorted the priests to look for ways and means of celebrating joy in priesthood. The theme chosen for the National Congress was THE JOY OF PRIESTHOOD as inspired by the spirit of Pope Francis, who opened his very papal ministry with the Joy of the Gospel. His positive approach to his ministry as well as the challenges faced by the Church in today's context has spread an atmosphere of joy all over.

In his Keynote address, Most Rev. Oswald Cardinal Gracias, insisted upon the need of priests being joyful. Diocesan priest plays a pivotal role in building up the Church universal. Being entrusted to take pastoral care of the souls, following closely the Good Shepherd in his pastoral charity diocesan priest is called to become all things to all! In profound solidarity with the people of God, he shares the joys and sorrows, hopes and anxiety of the people entrusted to his care. The diocesan priest so identifies himself with the problems and issues of the people that he becomes another Christ for them.

In our being together here at the very lap of Our Lady of Health and Mother of Priests, we experienced great joy of the priesthood of Christ as many delegates prayerfully shared their own profoundly joyful moments of priesthood as they struggled in very many unfriendly, inconvenient and even dangerous situations. In all of these lonely and challenging moments of our priestly existence, we, the diocesan priests continue to experience the providence of God, proving every Biblical promise made by the Lord come literally true. Along with our Mother, we sing: our souls magnify the Lord, who makes use of us, his servants in so many manifold

and wonderful ways to build up His Church. Like St Paul, one of his versatile Apostles, we feel proud in the Lord that He utilizes us as collaborators of our Bishops to build up the Church with our ministry of the Word of God and ministry of the Sacraments in the most silent and simple way.

We, as pastors after the mind and heart of the Good Shepherd, experience immense joy in celebrating Christ, his passion and death in the Sacraments. When we celebrate baptism, the great mystery of the Eucharist, the sacrament of reconciliation, the sacrament of anointing of the sick, and the sacrament of matrimony, we experience great joy in the exercise of ministerial priesthood, as these celebrations of the sacraments are building up the Church. Against all odds, we feel enthused and motivated to proclaim Jesus Christ in season and out of season. Listening to the life stories of many of our brother priests, we feel one with St. Paul, who even though experiences lots of hardships, yet is not broken or knocked down (cf. 2 Cor 4:7-10).

We consider ministering to the youth of our time is of grave importance. We need to be better prepared during our formation itself for our pastoral ministry by diocesan priests who had reasonable pastoral and missionary experience. We are aware that in the present day world we need to acquire better communication skills so that we can the Church to grow in communion. In the face of the explosion of the digital communication media, it has become a greater challenge to all of us and especially to our younger clergy to utilize their time and resources more creatively to proclaim Jesus and to build the Reign of God. This digitalized situation challenges all of us to find quality time to be with the Lord and Master so that we find real joy within and to spread the same joy to all who are heavily burdened and tired (cf. Mt 11:28), because it is only the Lord who can refresh us as well as our people.

In our prayerful reflections during these days, we realize that our responsibility as shepherds cannot be confined only to our Catholic community alone, but it goes beyond all boundaries of caste, religion, language and culture to embrace all, especially the poor, the down-trodden and the voiceless as Christ had an all-embracing approach in his life and mission. In doing so, even though we might encounter difficulties and challenges, we are assured of great joy in being shepherds to all in the manifold exigencies of their lives.

Having experienced great joy in the priesthood of Christ and having listened to the sharing of so many faithful stories of priests, as well as having listened to the expectations of lay men and women, youth, religious, educationists and politicians, we realize that we are called to be messengers of joy to the world that is so much in need of it.

At the conclusion of the second National Congress of the Diocesan Priests of Indians, inspired by the Holy Spirit, we resolve and commit ourselves the following:

1. To give quality time to intimacy with Jesus our eternal high priest, for true joy is derived uniquely in the stillness of the heart in prayer.
2. To be like the poor, of the poor, and for the poor and live in solidarity with them in our life style.
3. To take time for ourselves and to update ourselves so as to give better and quality ministry.
4. To find time for cultivating healthy priestly friendships and fraternity.
5. To be creatively involved in different forms of ministry including non-conventional ones so as to serve the integral good of the entire human person.
6. To make ourselves available fully and totally for the service to all sections of people, especially to the people on the peripheries.
7. To have special focus given to the children and youth in our ministry
8. To give due importance to the ministry to the family and to have regular family visits.
9. To acquire communication skills for better communion with all people so as to lead them into communities.
10. To stand with the people always and especially in times of persecutions and trials of all and in particular with the tribals, dalits, fish workers, farmers, and landless labourers.
11. To establish and strengthen the diocesan and regional level CDPI units by having regular meetings.
12. To have more communication among the members of the CDPI through our e-magazine and other means of communication.
13. Overflowing with the joy of priesthood, we resolve to uphold and protect the democratic, sovereign, socialist and secular fabric of our beloved country, India and stand by the values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity.

Conclusion:

At the conclusion of the national congress of our CDPI, like Mother Mary we hasten in joy to serve all our fellow human beings.

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V. Online and Postal Bible Correspondence Course

A program by CCBI Commissioner for Bible

Registration from March 2020

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- To those interested in the Bible
- To the laity involved at various levels in the church and pious associations
- To the priests and religious (men and women) as ongoing formation
- To those in the formation (aspirants, novices, seminarians, juniors, those in preparation or renewal of the vows)

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VI. International Women's Day 2020 campaign theme is # Each for Equal - March 8

An equal world is an enabled world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day. We can actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions, improve situations and celebrate women's achievements. Collectively, each one of us can help create a gender equal world.

So let's build a gender equal world

Equality is not a women's issue, it's a business issue. Gender equality is essential for economies and communities to thrive. A gender equal world can be healthier, wealthier and more harmonious - so what's not great about that? The race is on for the gender equal boardroom, a gender equal government, gender equal media coverage, gender equal workplaces, gender equal sports coverage, more gender equality in health and wealth ... so let's make it happen.

#Each for Equal is about 'Collective Individualism'

The IWD 2020 campaign theme is drawn from a notion of 'Collective Individualism.' We are all parts of a whole. Our individual actions, conversations, behaviors and mindsets can have an impact on our larger society. Collectively, we can make change happen. Collectively, we can each help to create a gender equal world.

Yearlong activity and collaboration

The 2020 #Each for Equal campaign runs all year long. It doesn't end on International Women's Day. The campaign theme provides a unified direction to guide and galvanize continuous collective action, with #Each for Equal activity reinforced and amplified all year.

VII. St. Joseph: Model Husband and Father- March 19

1. A man who obeys God and clings to his wife (Matt 1:24). 2. A man whose vocation is more important than his career (Matt 2:13). 3. A man who protects his family 4. A man of work – (Matt 13:55, 2 Thess 3:10-12) Joseph is a model for manhood. Nothing he ever said was recorded but his life speaks eloquently enough. He is referred to as the Guardian and Patron of the Universal Church. He has these titles for he was guardian, protector and patron of the Church in the earliest stage, when the “Church” was just Jesus, Mary and himself. But since the Church is the mystical Body of Christ, in protecting and providing for Jesus he was doing that for us for we are in Christ as members of his body. Men especially do well to imitate St.

Joseph and invoke his patronage in all their endeavors as Husbands, Fathers and providers.



VIII. Feast of the Annunciation - March 25

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the most important in the Church calendar. First, it celebrates the actual Incarnation of Our Savior the Word made flesh in the womb of His mother, Mary. Second, it is a principal Marian feast. Two other feasts honoring Our Lord's mother, the Assumption (August 15), and the Immaculate Conception (December 8), New Year's Day, January 1, is observed as a Solemnity of Mary.



Many Catholics who are deeply concerned with the defense of the life of unborn children believe that it would be most fitting if the Feast of the Annunciation were also to be accorded this status. The biblical account of the Annunciation is in the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke, which describes the news given to Mary that she was to become the mother of the Incarnation of God, records the "angelic salutation" of Gabriel to Mary, 'Hail, thou who art highly favored. The Lord is with thee.' This is the origin of the repeated "Hail Mary" prayer of the Rosary); and Mary's response to God's will, "Let it be done to me according to thy word." Her exultant hymn, the Magnificat, found in Luke 1:46-55, has been part of the Church's liturgy of the hours, at Vespers (evening prayer), and has been repeated nightly in churches, convents and monasteries for many centuries. The significance of this Christian feast on Western culture is made clear from the fact that New Years Day used to be celebrated on March 25.

IX. Bishop's Engagements in March, 2020

- 1 : Lenten Campaign Launching : Mass in Cathedral
- 2 : Office
- 3-5 : TCBC Meeting at St. John's, Hyderabad
- 4 : Flag Hoisting: Fatima Tirunalla by Fr. K. Joseph, Chancellor
- 6 : Divyavani Board Meeting
- 7 : Office
- 8 : **Sunday Collection for Fatima Thirunalla: Patroness Feast of the Diocese**
ARMS Exco Meeting, Bangalore
- 10 : Office
- 11 : **Fatima Tirunalla: Marriage & Family Day**
- 12 : **Fatima Tirunalla: Sick & Healing Day- Procession with our Lady of Fatima Statue, Eucharistic Adoration, candle lit - Eucharist Procession and Benediction**
- 13 : **Fatima Tirunalla: Solemn Pontifical Feast Mass by Bishop Rayarala : Whole Day Prayers, Blessings and Lowering of Flag with Mass at 5.30 pm by Fr. Sharan Teja**

- 16 : Office
- 19 : Dedication of St. Joseph's Church, Husnabad
- 20 : Office for Consecrated
- 22 : Divyavani Tapokala Pradhana - Divyavani Lenten Prayer, Fatimanagar
- 25 : Blessing of Immaculate Convent, Subedari
- 26 : Office for Laity: Lenten Season Begins - Mass
- 27 : Office

April 2020

- 1 : am: Office
pm: Lenten Retreat for People, Dharmasagar
- 2 : Recollection – Chrism Mass at 5:30 pm
- 3 : Office
- 6 : Office
- 9 : **Maundy Thursday: Mass Collections for Maintenance of Holy See**
- 10 : **Good Friday: am - Mission Banjara
pm - Cathedral
Collection for Maintenance of Holy Land**
- 11 : **Holy Saturday: Run for Jesus**
- 12 : **Easter Sunday: Vigil Mass- Cathedral**

X. Communications

1. Fatima Tirunalla: Kindly announce and encourage your people to participate in Fatima Tirunalla, Silver jubilarians, Sick & Suffering and on 13th in the Pontifical High Mass.

N.B: Please Promote special Collection on Sunday March 8 towards Fatima Tirunalla. May God reward you!

Warangal Diocese Tirunalla of Our Lady of Fatima-2020: Organizing Committees

1. General Convener/s: Fr. S. Balashowry, Fr. Simon, Dn. Prakash

2. Finances : Fr. K. Joseph

3. Liturgy : Fr. S. Inna, Fr. G. Naveen , Fr. M. Praveen, Fr. Simon, Adoration Convent, Sr. Sureka

4. Sacred Music : Fr. N. Surender, Fr. A. Bala, Mr. Praneel, Mr. Lourdu Marredy, Sr. Sangeeta

5. Venue : Fr. G. Thomas, Fr. B. Prakash, T. Mathias Reddy, G. Sagar, Assisi Convent, Arunodhya Youth Committee, Thumma Raju,

- 6. Light, Sound, Illumination :** Fr. Y. Kiran; Fr. D. Vijaypaul, Mr. Johnson; B. Chinnappa
- 7. Decoration :** Fr. G. Kamal, Fr. Bala Martin, Fr. G. Chinnappa Reddy, St. Ann's Hospital, Br. Antony, Mr. Jude, M.O.P, Presentation Convent, Adoration Convent, G. Pramod, Sr. Japamala and Bala Showry
- 8. Drinking Water :** Fr. Y. Inna Reddy, Mr. Rayappa, Mr. Arogya Reddy, Tikku, Fr. Uday (Cherial), Sr. Ansila (Nellikuduru), Sr. Aney (Wardhanpet), M. Ursula; Thumma Innareddy
- 9. Electricity and Sanitation :** Fr. K. Vijay Kumar, Mr. Rajamohanrao, A. Sudhakar, B. Yadagiri
- 10. Renting Spaces :** Fr. V. Simon, Mr. K. Kiran, Mr. T.D Jose, Mr. Inna Reddy, Fatima Convent, Presentation convent, Assisi Convent, Adoration Convent
- 11. Law and Order :** Fr. D. Joseph, Fr. K. Vijay Kumar, Mr. R. Rajamohan Rao, Mr. Rayappa, T. Showreddy
- 12. Mass Offerings :** Fr. T. Jerome; Divya Deepthi Convent; Y. Pavani
- 13. Cultural Program :** Fr. T. Yaga; Fr. G. Thomas; Mrs. Kasu Rani; Mrs. Innasamma; G. Sharadha, Sr. Aruna FMM; Sr. Syamala
- 14. Reception and Accommodation :** Fr. M. Ananad, Dn. Prakash, Regina Mundi Sisters, Gabriel Brothers; T. Anitha
- 15. Food and Accommodation :** Fr. K. Joseph, Fr. Y. Lourdhu, Sr. Alberta; Sr. Shobha, K. Chinnapareddy
- 16. Printing and Banners :** Fr. V. Simon
- 17. Publicity and Media :** Fr. Y. Kiran, Mr. Dayasagar
- 18. Felicitation :** Fr. P. Raja; Fr. K. Marreddy, Mrs. Selina, T. Monicamma
- 19. Discipline and Volunteers :** Fr. G. Ranjith, Fr. G. Thomas, Fr. S. Maipaul, G. Pramod, Lourdummy, Ramakrishna (Kottagattu Singaram), Prabhu Kiran (Athmakur), A. Srikanth (Orugonda), Shanthinagar (Woman), Ramesh (Pulkurthi), Sudhir (Komatipalli), Taya (Mahabubabad), Krupa (Mahabubabad)
- 20. Blessing at Grotto, in Cathedral and Confessions :** Fr. D. Joseph, Fr. G. Kamal, Deans, Fr. Praveen MSC, Nazerethamma, Allam Prakash, MG Prakash, Ramulu
- 21. Announcements :** Fr. D. Prashanth, Sr. Syamala, D. Aruna Bharathi (Fatimanagar), D. Prashanth (Komatipalli)

NB : All committees are requested to make proper **PLASTIC-FREE** arrangements, conducive for **Spiritual Experience with Christian fervor and enthusiasm.**

+ Udumala Bala

Bishop, Diocese of Warangal and
Chairman of Organizing Committee

ఫాతిమా మహాత్మ్యం

తేదీ: 13-03-2020 శుక్రవారం
 ఉా. 6.30 నిలకు ఘా. డి. విజయ కుమార్ చి.పి. గాలవ
 ఆంగ్లంలో దివ్యపూజ
 గాయకబృందం: కాజిపతి విచారణ ఆధ్వర్యంలో

ఉా. 8-45 నిలకు సత్యవేదేశ మరయు వైబాల్ క్విజ్ లలో
 గెలుపొందిన వారికి బహుమతి ప్రధానం

ఉా. 9-00 గం.లకు మహా పూజా ఘా. విజయ కుమార్ చామచాల,
 శ్రీచాచులేం పీఠాధిపతిండ్ సమస్త కృతజ్ఞతాలని
 గాయక బృందం: వరంగల్ పీఠ మండల స్టూడియో

ఉా. 11-00 గం.లకు సుందీ సా. 4-30 ని.ల వరకు
 స్వంత ప్రార్థనలు, దివ్యప్రసాద ఆరాధన ఘా. డి. భాగవద్ గారి బృందం

సా. 5-30 నిలకు (మాదవ పూజ) ఘా. తుమ్మి శేరిన్ కేవ గారిచే
 దివ్యపూజ, పతాక ఆవరోహణ

శ్రీకృష్ణ యాత్రకులకు వసతి ఏర్పాటు

1. గురువులు : జిషన్, హాస్
2. మరకస్యలు : దివ్యదీప్తి భవన్
3. పురుషులు : జిషన్ బెరెట్టా హైస్కూల్ ఆడిటోరియం
4. మహిళలు : ఫాతిమా బాలికల ఉన్నత పాఠశాల ఆడిటోరియం + కెథెడ్రల్ కమ్యూనిటీహాల్

ఫాతిమా మాత మహాత్మ్యం చుభాకాంక్షలు

శ్రీకృష్ణ యాత్రకులకు సహజం

1. బైబులు, పాటల పుస్తకాలు, సి.డి.లు, స్వరూపములు, విక్రయం గుడి ఆలయాల్లో.
2. శ్రీవిష్ణుత్వలు, కొల్లారాయలు గుడి ఆలయలో భంజము.
3. శ్రీవిష్ణుత్వలు, తలంటాయి, కొల్లారాయలు, గృహస్థ మాతృక సమర్పించబడినవి.
4. గుడి ఆలయంలో పూజలు అర్చనలు వారు వేసినవి ఏర్పాటు కలదు.
5. గుడిలో పాప సంకీర్తనలు చేయటం అవకాశం కలదు.
6. కెథెడ్రల్ దేవాలయములో మరయు గృహస్థ వేదమాత స్వరూపంను దర్శించుకొనుటకు భక్తులందరు వరుస క్రమంలో రావలసిందిగా మనవి.
7. గుడి ఆలయము పరిశుభ్రంగా ఉంచుటలో భక్తులందరు సహకరించండి.
8. భక్తుల కాంక్షలపై కెథెడ్రల్ కమ్యూనిటీహాల్, జిషన్ బెరెట్టా హైస్కూల్, ఫాతిమా బాలికల ఉన్నత పాఠశాల నందు గల టాయిలెట్లను వాడుకొనినవిందిగా ప్రత్యేక విజ్ఞప్తి.
9. పరిశుభ్రతలో పనిచేయాలి. పౌరయు పరిశుభ్రతలో అలసరంగాలు పరిశుభ్రముగా ఉంచుకోవలసిందిగా భక్తులకు మనవి.
10. అనుగ్రహనా, అన్నివేళతా, జె.జి. పుస్తకాలను గుర్తుచేసిని మెంజులని మనవి.
11. ఫాతిమా మాత ద్వారా అభ్యుత్థం కలిగిన వరకాలను పొందిన భక్తులు ఆ అభ్యుత్థాలను గుర్తి వ్రాశుకొని దానిని దానిని గుర్తుచేసి తెలుపవలసిందిగా మనవి.
12. మరంతా ఈ మహాత్మ్యంలో పాల్గొని, ప్రేత కాలము, ఫాతిమా మాత ఆశీస్సులను పొందినవారికి కడలి రావలసిందిగా పౌరయు పూర్వకంగా అభ్యుత్థము.

† మహాత్మ్యం ఉరుముల బాల వరంగల్ వీధి కాండ్ పూజా సంగ్రహాలపై చాలావరకు ఉత్తమ దానాలకు సమకాలం



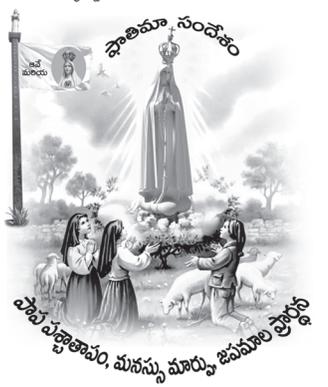
బైబులు పాఠ్య

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దైవ కృపతో, విశ్వాసుల విరాళాలతోనే సాధ్యం!

ఆరవి రండి ప్రార్థించండి సాక్షుమిష్టం

వరంగల్ పీఠం ఫాతిమా మాత ఆరునాళ్ళ మహాత్మ్యం
11, 12, 13 మార్చి 2020 బుధ, గురు, శుక్రవారాలలో
 ఫాతిమా బృహస్పతివాలయం, ఫాతిమానగర్, వరంగల్లు, తెలంగాణ



“ఆరతరముల వారు నన్ను ధన్యులాలందురు.” లూకా 1:48



“దేవ వరప్రసాదం చేసిందిన మరియ! అభినందనం” లూకా 1:28

త్రైవేదిక విశ్వాసులకు, ఫాతిమా మాత భక్తులకు, ఓరుగల్లు ప్రజలందరికీ వ్యాధయపూర్వక ఆహ్వానం

గత 67 సంవత్సరాలకుగానే దేవుని తల్లి మరియమాత మన వరంగల్ పీఠ మరయు ఇతర ప్రాంతముల నుండి దేవుని సహాయం కొరకునే దేవుని ప్రార్థనలకు వారల్పి తన దీవెనలు కలిపిస్తూ ఆరంభించుచున్నది. భారషైవ జీవితాలు జీవించే వారందరిని చేరవీస్తూ అనుభవము అందగాఉంటూ మనల్ని తన కుమారుని వద్దకు నడిపించుచున్నది. తల్లిని గౌరవించని మనిషి మనిషిగా? ఫాతిమా మరియ దేవుని చేత, దేవ దూతల చేత సృష్టించబడి గౌరవించబడింది.

కాబట్టి మన వరంగల్ పీఠ వాలకులైన ఫాతిమా మాత మహాత్మ్యం సంరక్షకుగ దేవుని ప్రార్థించుటకు, మరయు తల్లి సహాయం పొందుటకు ఇదొక చక్కని అవకాశం.

జనమాల ప్రార్థన ద్వారా మన జీవితాలను అభ్యుత్థమయించుకుందాం. మన ఫాతిమా కెథెడ్రల్ దేవుని కలకాలం స్వంతలకు నిలయం, పోషకలోచనం ముందీ కొని వచ్చిన ఫాతిమా మాత స్వరూపము కొలువైన అలయమే మన ఫాతిమా కెథెడ్రల్.

అలాగే నుండి ఈనాటి వరకు ఆ తల్లి ఆర్చు మెరలు అలంకారాలు గోగులను స్వస్థపరుస్తూ మనమీ వేదముల అనుభవం వారిని దీనిస్తూ, విపణులు ఆశీర్వాదిస్తుంది. ప్రార్థనా వాతావరణంలో కనుల వందంగా జరుపుకునే ఫాతిమా మాత తిరునాళ్ళలో పాల్గొని ఆ తల్లి దీవెనలు పొందుటకు అందరినీ జేదీ ఆశ్చర్యం ఆహ్వానం.

నవదిన పూజా కార్యక్రమాలు

- మార్చి 3 నుండి 11 - 2020 వరకు ప్రతి రోజు సా. గం.5.30 ని.లకు జనమాల ప్రార్థన, దైవ వాక్య పఠన, దివ్యపూజ సమర్పణ
- నవదిన ప్రార్థనలు
- 03-03-2020 మంగళవారం పతాకానుష్ఠానం, శ్రీవిష్ణుత్వలతో ప్రదక్షణ దివ్యపూజా బలి - ఘా. చామచాల శ్రీ వి.పి. గాలవ అంశం: మరయు - శ్రీవ్రుకు మూసపులకి ముద్ద వారధి
 - 04-03-2020 బుధవారం దివ్య పూజా బలి - ఘా. డి.పి. చాలావరకు అంశం: మరయు - దయారసముగల తల్లి
 - 05-03-2020 గురువారం దివ్య పూజా బలి - కరుణాపురం డీనలి అంశం: మరయు - దైవ మందనం
 - 06-03-2020 శుక్రవారం దివ్య పూజా బలి - జనగామ డీనలి అంశం: మరయు - మోక్షపు ద్వారం
 - 07-03-2020 శనివారం దివ్య పూజా బలి - మహాబూబాబాద్ డీనలి అంశం: మరయు - స్త్రీదంధలో ధన్యులు
 - 08-03-2020 ఆదివారం దివ్య పూజా బలి - కలింగగర్ డీనలి అంశం: మరయు - కుటుంబాల మాత
 - 09-03-2020 సోమవారం దివ్య పూజా బలి - ఊకల్ డీనలి అంశం: మరయు - మంచి ఆలోచన మాత
 - 10-03-2020 మంగళవారం దివ్య పూజా బలి - ఫాతిమానగర్ డీనలి అంశం: మరయు - సమాధానము యొక్క దాజ్ఞ

త్రైదిన పూజా ప్రార్థనలు

- 11-03-2020 బుధవారం ము.2.00 గం.ల నుండి సా.5.00 గం.ల వరకు వివాహాలకు రజిత, స్వర్ణజుబిలి వేడుకలు, దంపతుల వ్యాధులను నూత్నీకరిం.
- దైవ వాక్య పఠన, ఘా. సి.సి., మంగళగిరి దివ్యపూజా బలి - పూజ్య శ్రీ శ్రీ డా. ఉడుముల బాల గారు సా.5.30 గం.లకు దివ్య పూజా బలి ఘా. అర్జున్ ప్రకాశ్ గారు అంశం: మరయు - పాపాత్ములకు శరణము
- 12-03-2020 గురువారం ఉా.11.00 గం.ల నుండి ము.2.00 గం.ల వరకు దైవవాక్య పఠన, దివ్యాంగులకు, రోగులకు విశ్వాసులకు స్వస్థతా ప్రార్థనలు ఘా. సి.సి., గాలవ సా. 4.30 ని.లకు ఫాతిమా మాతా స్వరూపముతో పురవీధులలో మహా ప్రదక్షణ.
- సా. 6.00 గం.లకు దివ్యప్రసాద ఆరాధన - శ్రీవిష్ణుత్వలతో దివ్యప్రసాద ప్రదక్షణ - దివ్యప్రసాద ఆశీర్వాదం సా. 7.30 గం.ల నుండి రా. 9.00 గం.ల వరకు కెథెడ్రల్ దేవాలయములో స్వస్థతా ప్రార్థనలు ఘా. డి. జోసెఫ్, ఘా. జి. కమల్ మరయు ఘా. ఎన్. సురేందర్ గార్చుచే రా. 8.30 ని.లకు సాంస్కృతిక కార్యక్రమాలు కెథెడ్రల్ ఆలయంలో....

2. No Financial Transactions from 15th of March to 4th of April 2020 : As the financial year 2019 - 2020 will come to close on 31st of March 2020, there will be no financial transactions in Bishop's House from 15th of March to 4th April, 2020.

3. Condolences to Rev. Fr. Basani Mathais Cap : We are very saddened to know that Basani Lourdamma, the mother of Rev. Fr. Basani Mathais Parish Priest of Assisinagar, Warangal, aged 77 has reached her eternal abode at 9.30 am on 6th of February, 2020. The Diocese conveys heartfelt Condolences to Rev. Fr. Basani Mathais. We offer him and the bereaved family our prayers and sympathies at this time of sorrow.

4. Warangal Diocesan Vocation Camp - 2020

“Come, follow Me” Jesus said, “And I will send you out to fish for people” (Mt 4:19)

Sub : Vocation Camp for those who wish to join for the Diocese of Warangal at St. Pius X Inter Diocesan Minor Seminary, Karunapuram from April 15th to 18th noon 2020

All the Parish Priests are requested to encourage boys from your parishes who have appeared/ passed S.S.C, Inter 2nd year and above studies, to participate in the forthcoming Diocesan Vocation camp as per the following :

Dates : April 15th 4pm to 18th noon 2020

Place : St. Xavier Major Seminary, Karunapuram

The Candidates with previous seminary history (ex- Seminarians) are not eligible for admission. All the Parish priests are requested to announce about the Vocation Camp and encourage the young boys to attend the camp.

Interested candidates are to bring along the following things.

1. Letter from the Parish Priest along with Baptism certificate
2. Parents' Marriage Certificate; 3. Holy Bible; 4. Bed linen; 5. Pen and a note book

Note: Vocation camp is mandatory to recruit candidates to our diocese.

Rev. Fr. Thomas Kiran, Vocation Director

5. Annual Day Celebrations at Bishop Beretta high school

Bishop Beretta High School celebrated its Annual Day on 31st Jan - 2020 at 5:30 pm in the school premises as Annual Day forms an integral part of our school activities. It is an occasion of celebration, felicitation, feast and festivity when students present not only their curricular and co-curricular achievements.

The function was presided over by Rev. Fr. M. Jayapaul, Deputy Manager, WADES. Rev. Fr. D. Raja, Rev. Fr. Balashow Reddy, Parish Priest, Fatimanagar, Mr. Vikranth Babu Software Engineer Former Student. Our Head Master Rev. Fr. Yaga Reddy extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and articulated that students have to take a strong decision to fight against evils of society and make their parents, school and society proud.

All the performances were depicted through a blend of music, dance and moral values which enthralled the audience the most riveting performances which draw an unceasing applause was the “Welcome Dance”, “Bahubali” “Syra” “Farmers Dance” “Mummy Remix”, the skit “Merchant of Venice” and the “Soldiers Act”. The show held the audience in awe and left them enchanted as the show culminated the day ended with feeling of inspiration and togetherness and a salute to the soldiers. The day was concluded with National Anthem.

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

6. 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 February 7th First Friday. Fr. Ravindhra SCJ from Eluru, preached the word of God and conducted healing service. Nearly 200 people participated in the prayer service. He preached on the love of God and prayed over people. One woman gave witness saying that she got a boy child and in the prayer service she offered the child on the altar and gave five hundred and bought the child believing that she got the child from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Couple from Hyderabad gave witness saying that their son got Job in Bangalore after attending the prayers in Jeevadhara. Do visit Jeevadhara Renewal centre and receive special blessings from Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Fr. Ch. Praveen Kumar MSC, Director

7. Mission Banjara

We have celebrated the feast of Fathima parish Mahabubabad on 09-02-2020 at 05:30 pm to 08:30 pm first there was procession. The main celebrant was Fr. Suresh from Bangla Parish. Fr. John Paul from Dornakal parish has given the introduction about our lady Fathima apparitions and her powerful intercession. Fr. Sagaya OMI, has preached on the topic about our lady of Fathima, the Mother of God and Mother of Sinful Humanity. He strongly said that Mary is truly a virgin and Holy person. We thank all the fathers from different Parishes and all the Sisters CSA, Satellite Community, K. Samudram and Dornakal Nirmala Sisters for their presence and prayers. We had delicious meals for all the priests and sisters and all the Parishioners. We thank Fr. Shrivam for making all the necessary arrangements. The Banjara Mission team is going everyday visiting the families and sharing the love of God. We had Spiritual activities fasting prayers, Night Vigil, and healing prayers were conducted by Fr. Samuel cpps, in Mother of Mercy Shrine, Yesu Gutta, Mahabubabad. We wish all the fathers and Sisters and laity a fruitful and meaningful Lent 2020.

Fr. Samuel, CPPS

8. Warangal Diocese Women’s Commission Seminar

As for the guidelines of TCBC Commission for women, Warangal diocese took the initiative to have a day’s seminar for the women of the diocese under the leadership of Most Rev. Bishop Udumala Bala. Fr. Bala Showry, the Coordinator of women’s commission in the

diocese organized seminar on 18th February 2020. Nearly 120 women, two from each parish and from Fatima Cathedral parish good number of women were present. All the commission members Frs. Y Lourdu, Gangarapu Suresh and Marepally Praveen were present for the meeting.

The theme of the seminar is “Women – Evangelizers of the Gospel”. Sr. Saritha, JMJ, Secretary of the women’s commission TCBC, gave awareness session on CBCI & CCBI and their efforts to setup women’s commission in 1996. Through this commission they recognized the women’s place in the church, problems faced by them and commission made efforts to improve their status to involve them extensively in the Church and society. She brought to our notice about the working of TCBC women’s commission over the years.

Mrs. Leela Kumari, Social activist, Advocate and the President of Women’s commission of Guntur Diocese spoke convincingly from her vast experience on various issues faced by women encouraged them to play creative and active role in the Church and Society. Fr. Kamal, Director - Pastoral centre and Mr. Sudhakar, Animator spoke on the Spiritual development of the women through BCC and SCC. Fr. Kamal also stressed that women’s role in deepening the faith of the families in the Church through family visits, adopting new villages for evangelization and establishing Legion of Mary society for women and contribute towards their spiritual growth and to lead the Church forward.

Fr. Vijaya Paul, Director – Lodi M SSS explained the various programs taken up by the social service society for the development of women. Sr. Nirmala, Administrator – St. Ann’s Hospital brought awareness on Cancer. Sr. Alberta explained about the equal status of men and women in the Scriptures; Jesus attitude towards women; Theological base on women, Teachings of the Church by different popes; efforts made by CBCI to empower women and establish women’s commission at the national level and proposed specific activities to be followed. 13 members committee was formed through elctions. The program was concluded with Eucharistic celebration and Fr. Bala Showry thanked all those who contributed for the success of the program.

Rev. Fr. Singareddy Bala Showry

9. Diocesan Priests’ National Congress

Theme : JOY OF THE PRIESTHOOD

The National Congress of the Conference of Diocesan Priests of India (CDPI), 2020 conduted by the Clergy Commission of CCBI began with the theme JOY OF THE PRIESTHOOD between the dates January 28 and 31, 2020 at Our Lady of Good Health Shrine, Velankanni, Tamilnadu. The National Congress was inaugurated with the Holy Eucharistic Celebration presided by His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias, together with eight bishops arch bishops with 750 priests from 91 Latin rite dioceses in India. They are representatives of nearly 12000 diocesan priests working in 132 dioceses.

The themes for each day was different, viz., Joy in celebrating our togetherness, Joy of the priesthood in celebrating our togetherness, Joy of the Priesthood in celebrating Christ, Joy of the Priesthood in building the reign of God, Joy of the Priesthood being messengers of joy. Different resources persons were invited to light us up the themes involving the laity, religious, women and youth. They were also talks focusing on extended ministry like, prison, legal and judicial, social, economical, etc., irrespective of their religion and region.

The National Congress was not only for the input of knowledge, it also gave the opportunity to exhibit the cultures of different parts of India. Every evening we had a cultural program staged by different regions.

Our bishop Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala is the Parton for the CDPI. He has encouraged our diocesan priest to participate, expose and upgrade ourselves through this National Congress. Along with the bishop we were 23 priests participated. From the Telugu region we were 65 priests from different dioceses.

We thank our bishop for being with us through out those days of the congress and encouraged us to participate in great numbers. At the end of the day a statement was pronounced by Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Patron CDPI, that we recommit ourselves to be better diocesan priests in sharing the ministry of Christ with the theme of JOY OF THE PRIESTHOOD.

Fr. Prashanth Reddy, President CDPI - Warangal

10. Lodi MSSS

1. Launching of “Sneha Hastam - Cancer prevention and Care Campaign

The Inauguration and Launching Sneha Hastam program was done on February 13, 2020 in Pastoral Center. Rev. Fr. Anthaiah , AP/TS Forum director was the Chief Guest and Fr. D. Vijaya Paul was the President and Rev.Fr. K. Prathap, Director of HASSS and Rev. Sr. Nirmala were the guests of honor. 150 participants - Lodi central and field staff, Federation members and Nursing students were the participants. Fr. Anthiaiah officially launched the program officially and he informed that all the diocesan social service societies in both Telugu speaking states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana will be working for Cancer prevention and care with the support of Caritas India.

2. Sustainability Program, Devarappula Mandal

We have organised Workshop on NGO IDEAS to 10 central coordinators and 27 field staff for two days on 13th, 14th February at Lodi office, Fathimanagar. We have trained on three tools differentiated analysis of well being (DAW), Collective change (CC) and Individual change (IC) are to implement the approach and tools in our projects. We have trained the staff on NGO-IDEAs Toolbox for Participatory Monitoring of Outcomes, Impacts and trained them practically the said three tools. On second day for practical exercise we have taken the staff to two villages of Kodakandala Mandal and done practically the implementation of the tools to assess the situation and problems in the community.

3. Food Security, Chilpur Mandal

In this month we have selected 150 farmers from 15 villages of Chilpur Mandal and constructed 150 vermi compost pits. The farmers were trained to apply Vermi compost and reduce the usage of chemical fertilizers to improve the soil fertility and to get better organic crops.

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul. Director

11. Pastoral Centre

1. As the Director of Pastoral Centre I visited many parishes, Schools and Colleges in the Diocese. I motivated them to form new mission villages and prepare them for Bible quiz and other competitions. The parishes I visited are Ghanpur, Fathimanagar, Kazipet, Mallakapalli, Karimnagar, Wadapalli and many more parishes and schools.

2. Marriage Preparation Course MPC Program was conducted by Rev. Fr. Y. Chinnapareddy and team on 08th and 09th of February at Pastoral Centre.

3. Catechism exam for all the catholic children in school and college was conducted on 9th February, 2020. Thanks to all teachers' heads of the institutions for teaching catechism in school and colleges and conducting exam.

4. A special prayer meeting was conducted in Somidi village Kazipet parish with the invitation of Parish Priest Rev. Fr. M. Anand.

5. Bible quiz and special prayers was conducted in Karimanagar Parish with the invitation of Parish Priest Rev. Fr. R. Thomas. Faithful in Karimnagar.

6. Women Commission Rev. Fr. S. Balashowry and team had conducted a day seminar for all women. Women commission group had given me a time to explain about BCC (Basic Christian community) and SCC (Small Christian community) in the parishes and villages.

7. Two day seminar on BCC (Basic Christian community) and SCC (Small Christian community) was conducted at Jyotirmai centre Hyderabad. From our Diocese three of them had attended this program. We have learned more about BCC and SCC groups in Parishes.

8. Many more activities are conducted in Pastoral Centre and in different Parishes to encourage for mission work and evangelization in the parishes.

Important Information:

- Catechism prizes will be given on Fatima Feast day. Children with their teachers have to be here before time.
- Moksha Margam, Warangal Diocesan Hymnal would be released at the same time.

Fr. Gopu Kamal Kumar Reddy, Director.

12. REVISED COMMISSIONS : DIOCESE OF WARANGAL 2020

- 1. Evangelization / Small Christian Communities & Charismatic renewal**
Fr. G. Kamal
Fr. D. Joseph
Fr. Allam Inna
Fr. A. Prakash
Fr. G. Ranjith
- 2. Catechetics**
Fr. G. Kamal
Fr. A. Vincent
Fr. Y. Bala
Fr. G. Chinnapu Reddy (Jr)
- 3. Family**
Fr. Y. Chinnappa
Fr. Y. Inna
Fr. T. Santhosh
Fr. S. Mahipaul
- 4. Liturgy**
Fr. S. Inna
Fr. A. Bala
Fr. R. Thomas
Fr. G. Naveen
Fr. V. Simon
- 5. Education**
Fr. M. Jaya Paul
Fr. B. Prakash
Fr. R. Inna
Fr. T. Augustine
Fr. T. Joseph
- 6. Bible**
Fr. D. Raja
Fr. P. Prakash
Fr. Basani Chinnappa
Fr. P. Dasaiah
- 7. S.C and S.T**
Fr. K. Vijay Kumar
Fr. T. Jerome
Fr. N. Surender
Fr. G. Prashanth
- 8. Vocations, Seminary, Clergy and Religious**
Fr. D. Prashanth
Fr. Thomas Kiran
Fr. A. Raja
Fr. M. Praveen
- 9. Health**
Fr. Y. Joji
Fr. P. John Paul
Fr. G. Prakash
Fr. S. Prabhakar
- 10. Youth**
Fr. G. Thomas (Jr.)
Fr. M. Naveen
Fr. Kasu Marreddy
Fr. B. J. Praveen
Fr. T. Sheran Teja
- 11. Labour, Justice & Peace**
Fr. D. Vijaya Paul
Fr. G. Bala Martin
Fr. T. Kiran
Fr. E. Vijay
Fr. A. Sravan
- 12. Women**
Fr. S. Bala Showry
Fr. Y. Lourdu
Fr. N. Bala Swamy
Fr. Gangarapu Suresh
- 13. Ecumenism & Dialogue**
Fr. M. Anand
Fr. Gali Rayappa
Fr. G. Rayappa
Fr. T. Ashok
- 14. Social Communication**
Fr. Y. Kiran Kumar
Fr. K. Joseph
Fr. G. Joseph
Fr. D. Prathap
- 15. Laity**
Fr. P. Raja
Fr. P. Chinnaiah
Fr. N. Maria Joseph
Fr. P. Suresh
- 16. Migrants**
Fr. G. Sudhakar
Fr. T. Yaga Reddy
Fr. Kasu Showreddy
Fr. N. Sampath

Effective from March 1, 2020
+ Udumala Bala

13. Youth Fest – St. Xavier Seminary, Karunapuram

Youth Fest was organised at St. Xavier Seminary, Karunapuram. 150 youth from various villages had participated in various competitions like Quiz, Singing and Dance held by the brothers. Fr. Gopu Thomas, Youth Director was invited to give talk on the YOUTH LEADERSHIP QUALITIES and the IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH IN THE CHURCH. Fr. Thomas celebrated the Mass and prizes were distributed to the winners and the runners. Fr. Thomas also thanked Fr. Thomas Kiran, Rector of St. Xavier Seminary and Fr. P. Prakash for organising this program.

Fr. Gopu Thomas, Youth Director

Blessings on the Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnapa	02-03-1977
Rev. Fr. Devarapu Sudhakar	06-03-2000
Rev. Fr. Salibindla Arogyam	06-03-2000
Rev. Fr. Singareddy Shoban	06-03-2000
Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen	06-03-2000
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Joji	09-03-1982
Rev. Fr. Pudota Prakash	12-03-1986
Rev. Fr. Pudota Chinnaiah	12-03-1986
Rev. Fr. Singareddy Balashowry	12-03-1986
Rev. Fr. Rachumalla Inna	12-03-1990
Rev. Fr. Gali Bala Swamy	20-03-1995
Rev. Fr. Pentareddy Baltha Raj	22-03-1995
Rev. Fr. Dodda Raja	26-03-1987
Rev. Fr. Golamari Ranjith Kumar	30-03-2016
Rev. Fr. Salibindla Joseph Mahipaul	31-03-2016

Birthdays in month of March

Rev. Fr. Mekala Anand	02-03-1964
Rev. Msgr. Maramreddy Maria Joseph	07-03-1975
Rev. Fr. Basani Mathias	13-03-1943
Rev. Fr. Thirumalareddy Anthony	20-03-1980
Rev. Fr. Golamari Joseph Reddy	27-03-1987

THE SEVEN (7) UNIVERSAL COLLECTIONS

Which Occasion	Name of the Collection	Purpose	To be sent to
February Second Sunday	Holy Childhood	To help poor children all over the world	PMS Bangalor
Holy Thursday	Maintenance of the Holy See (Can. 1271)	To support the expenses for the maintenance of the Structure of the Holy See	Apostolic Nunciature (for the Secretariat of the State)
Good Friday	Holy Land	To support our brothers and sisters of the Holy Land who are in in difficult situations	Apostolic Nunciature (Congregation for the Oriental Churches)
29 June Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul	Peter's Pence	As a support for the expenses of St. Peter's successor, the Holy Father, in his service to the Universal Church	Apostolic Nunciations Secretariat of the state)
October	Mission Sunday	To support the Evangelization missions all over the world	PMS Bangalore
A+ Christmas	Pro Afris	For the Missions in Africa	Apostolic Nunciature (Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples)
Any Sunday of the Year	St. Peter the Apostle	To support Seminarians and Novices in the Mission countries	PMS Bangalore

Priestly Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Papi Reddy at Agapet, Narmetta Parish



Dedication of New Church at Kasibugga, Assisinagar Parish



CDPI National Congress at Velanikanni



1st Holy Communion and Confirmations at Peddapally



Ash Wednesday Holy Mass, Cathedral