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శిశువులను ప్రార్థన చేయండి, ఆరువేల సంవత్సరాలకు పాపాలను క్షమించండి



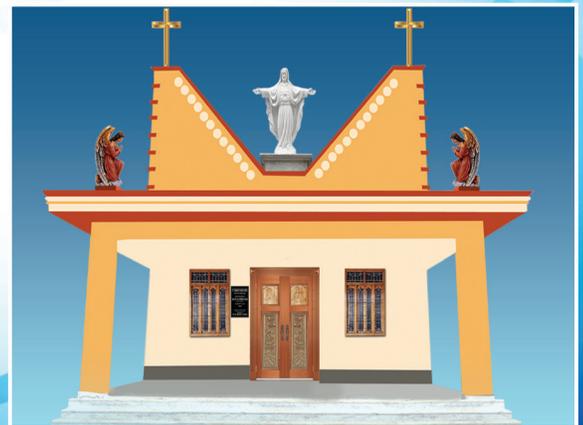
New Year Celebrations, Cathedral



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ఆత్మీయతండ్రి యోసేపు
పరలోకతండ్రి దేవుని భూలోకనీడ, తిరుకుటుంబ రక్షణఓడ

“యోసేపు దగ్గరకు వెళ్ళుడు. ఆయన చెప్పినట్లు చేయుడు” (ఆది. 41:55)

ఏడేండ్ల దుర్భర క్షామకాలంలో ఆకలితో అలమంటిచుచున్న ఐగుప్తు ప్రజలు ఛరోచక్రవర్తి వద్దకు వెళ్ళి ఆహారానికై విలపిస్తూ మొరపెట్టుకున్నారు. దేశ సర్వాధికారిగా నియమింపబడిన ‘2యోసేపు దగ్గరకు వెళ్ళుడు. ఆయన చెప్పినట్లు చేయునట్లు చేయుడు’ (ఆది 41:55) అని ఛరో వారితో చెప్పెను. పోపు ఫ్రాంచీస్ గారు ఈ కొరొనా మాయరోగ దుర్భర సమయంలో ‘పునీత యోసేపు దగ్గరకు వెళ్ళండి’ అని “తండ్రి హృదయంతో” (Paris Corde) అను ప్రేరణాత్మక పత్రంతో ప్రబోధించిన విషయం ఈ పాటికి కఠోలికులందరకు తెలిసే ఉంటుంది. ఈ యిద్దరు యోసేపుల మధ్య అద్భుత పోలిక ఉంది. ఇద్దరూ యుక్తవయసులో ఉన్నప్పుడు వారి జీవితాల్లో కని విని ఎరుగని సంఘటనలు చోటు చేసుకొన్నాయి. పాత నిబంధన యోసేపుని రక్షంపంచుకు పుట్టిన అన్నలే అమ్మివేసారు (ఆది 37:18-36). నూతన నిబంధన యోసేపు మరియు అనే యువతితో ప్రధానం అయి వివాహజీవితం గూర్చి మెరుపు కలలుకంటున్న సమయంలో పిడుగులాంటి వార్త ఆయన కలలన్ని కల్లలు చేసింది (మత్తయి 1:19). అగ్నిపరీక్షలాంటి దైవచిత్తానికి తలొగ్గిన విశ్వాసవీరులైన వారిని, ఒకరిని ఐగుప్తు దేశ సర్వాధికారిగా (ప్రధానమంత్రిగా), మరొకరిని పవిత్ర కుటుంబానికి సంరక్షకునిగా దేవుడు లేవనెత్తుట అత్యద్భుతం కాదా! రాజుల్లో పరోరాజు మాత్రమే యోసేపుకన్నా మిన్న, పునీతుల్లో ఒక్క మరియు మాత్రమే భక్త యోసేపు కన్నా మిన్న!!



నేటి ప్రపంచానికి సినలైన తండ్రులు అత్యవసరం : కరోనా లాంటి అనేక వైరసులతో కొట్టుమిట్టాడుచున్న నేటిలోకానికి “యోసేపులాంటి తండ్రులు అత్యవసరం” అని పోపుగారు ఉద్ఘాటించారు. భక్త యోసేపులో నక్షత్రాల్లా ఎన్నో సుగుణాలు మెరుస్తూ ఆకరిస్తున్నా ఈ వ్యాసంలో ‘యోసేపు ఆత్మీయ తండ్రి’ అను అంశంపై దృష్టి ఉంచుతున్నాను. పుట్టుకతోనే తండ్రిగా పుట్టలేరెవరునూ! కాలక్రమేనా తండ్రులుగా తయారవుతారు. ‘పుట్టుకతోనే నాయకులుగా పుట్టరెవరు, నాయకులుగా రూపొందుతారు’ అను సామెత తండ్రులకు కూడా వర్తిస్తుంది. సాధారణంగా ‘తండ్రి’ పాత్రను ఒక శిశువుకు జీవం పోసిన మూల ఊటకే (Biological) పరిమితం చేస్తాం. కానిఒక బిడ్డను ఈ లోకంలోకి తీసుకరరావడానికి సాధనమైనందు వలన మాత్రమే “తండ్రి” కాలేదు ఒకడు. ఒక శిశువు యొక్క బాగోగులను చూచుకొను వాడే నిజమైన తండ్రి. అలాగే ఒక శిశువు లేక వ్యక్తి (ఉదా: అనాధ) యొక్క యోగక్షేమాల బాధ్యత తీసుకొనే వ్యక్తి ఆ శిశువు తండ్రి అని యొక్క నాన్న సంపూర్ణ అర్థంలో అనుమానం లేకుండా చెప్పవచ్చును. నేటి లోకంలో జీవం పోసిన విత్తనాన్ని ఇచ్చిన తండ్రులు ఎందరో ఉన్నా, చాలా మంది పిల్లలు అనాధలుగానే అలమటిస్తున్నారు. పనిబాధల వత్తిడి, ఉద్యోగ వేట, ఉపాధి సమస్యలు పిల్లల్ని తండ్రులను, భార్యల్ని, భర్తలను వేరు చేయడం చూస్తూనే ఉన్నాం. అందుకే శ్రీసభలో సినలైన తండ్రులు కావాలి. అందుకే గురువులకి ‘తండ్రి’ (Father) అను బిరుదు కూడా అలానే

వచ్చింది. “క్రీస్తునందు మీకు పదివేలమంది గురువులున్నా, మీకు తండ్రి ఒక్కడే. సువార్తను అందించుట వలన క్రీస్తునందు నేను మీకు తండ్రినైతిని” (1కొరి 4:15) అని పౌలు క్రైస్తవులను “నా బిడ్డలారా” అని సంబోధిస్తూ ఆనందించాడు.

పరలోక దేవుని పితృత్వ స్వభావం : మంచును పొదలో దేవుని పేరు “నేను ఉన్నవాడను, యావే (YHWH) (నిర్గమ 3:14) అని స్వయానా దేవుడే తెలుపుకొన్నాడు గదా! ఆ దేవుని కృపలను కనులారా గాంచిన ఇజ్రాయేలు ప్రజలు, ఆ పరమ పవిత్ర దేవుని పేరుకూడ పలుకుటకు అయోగ్యులమని భావించి, ఇతర బిరుదులతో దేవుని సంబోధించారు. వాటన్నింటిలో “ప్రభువు” అను బిరుదు ప్రజాదరమైనది. “తండ్రి” అను బిరుదు కూడా పాత నిబంధనలో చాలా సార్లు కనిపిస్తుంది. చాలా మంది “దేవుడు తండ్రి” అను భావన కొత్త నిబంధనానికే చెందినందని భావిస్తారు. కాని పూర్వనిబంధంలో దేవుడు తండ్రివలె ప్రజలను తనప్రజాగా ఎన్నుకొని పిలిచాడు, పోషించాడు, కాపాడాడు. తనను కాదన్నా కన్న తండ్రివలె చేరదీశాడు. విముక్తి చేశాడు. మచ్చుకుకొనన్ని ఆనవాళ్ళు చూద్దాం : “నిక్కముగా నీవు మాకు తండ్రివి, విమోచకూడవు” (యెష 63:16 “నేను ఇజ్రాయేలు తండ్రిని (యిర్మీ 31:9), “బాలుడైన ఇజ్రాయేలును ఐగుప్తుకు పిలిచితి” (హోష 11:1); “నన్ను తండ్రి అని పిలిచెదరు” (యిర్మీ 3:19; మలా 1:6; 2:10; కీర్త 3:13). వీటిలో ఆత్మ స్వరూపుడైన యావే దేవుడు తండ్రిలా తన ప్రజలను ప్రేమించిన విషయం తేటతెల్లగా బోధపడుతుంది.

తండ్రి దేవుని భూలోకనీడ యోసేపు : యోసేపు కన్న తండ్రిలా యేసుని ప్రేమించాడని “నాలుగు సువార్తలు ఘోషిస్తున్నాయి”. అందువలననే ప్రజలందరు యేసుని ‘యోసేపు కుమారుడని’ సందేహం లేకుండా సంబోధించారు (మత్త 13:53-6, మార్కు 6:3-4, లూకా 4:22, యోహా 5:22). మత్తయి, లూకా సువార్తీకులు యోసేపు ‘ఎలాంటి తండ్రో, దేవుడు తనకు అప్పచెప్పిన మిషన్ని ఎంత నిష్ఠతో నెరవేర్చుడో సుస్పష్టం చేశారు. ప్రతి మనిషికి ఒక తండ్రి ఉండాలి, కన్న తండ్రి ఉంటాడు. కానీ మనిషిగా జన్మించిన దైవ కుమారుడైన యేసు విషయంలో ఒక ప్రత్యేకత ఉంది. కన్నతండ్రిలా యేసుని పెంచిన యోసేపు కన్నతండ్రి కాడు. కానీ అంతకన్నా మిన్నగా మరియుభర్తగా, యేసు ఆత్మీయ తండ్రిలా అత్యుత్తమ పాత్ర నిర్వహించాడు. విశ్వాస వీరుడుగా, యేసును చట్టబద్ధ (Legal) తండ్రిగా ఉండుటకు సాహసించాడు. దేవదూత సూచించిన పశులశాల బాలునికి “యేసు” అన్న పేరు పెట్టాడు (మత్త 1:21). పేరు పెట్టగలహక్కు వారి మధ్యగల “తండ్రి తనయుల” అనుబంధాన్ని ప్రజలు ఆకాలగుర్తించారు. ఏదేనువనంలో సకల జంతుజాలానికి పేర్లు పెట్టు అధికారాన్ని దేవుడుర ఆదాంకు ఇవ్వడంలో కూడ ఈ విషయాన్ని గమనిచంగలం (ఆది 2:19-20). యేసు జన్మించిన ఎనిమిదవ రోజున, నలభైవ రోజున తల్లిదండ్రులైన యోసేపు మరియు యేసుని దేవాలయంలో అర్పించడంలో, పేరు పెట్టటంలో (లూకా 2:22-35), క్రూరుడైన హేరోదు బారి నుండి యేసుని రక్షించుటకు ఐగుప్తుకు ప్రవాసలుగా వెళ్ళుటలో (మత్త 2:13-15), హేరోదు మరణాంతరం పాలస్తీనాకు తిరిగివచ్చి, నజరెత్తురిలో వాసముండుటలో, యేసు పండ్రెండ్ర వయస్సులో అతనిని వెంట తీసుకొని యెరుసలేం దేవాలయానికి పాస్క పండుగకు వెళ్ళటంలో, యేసు తప్పిపోయాడని గ్రహించిన వెనువెంటనే మరియు యోసేపులు తలడ్డిలి యేసు కోసం ఆందోళనతో వెదకటంలో (లూకా 2:41-52), “పరలోక దేవుని పితృత్వానికి ఈ లోకతండ్రి నీడలా, తిరుకుటుంబ ఓడలా “యోసేపులో స్పష్టంగా చూడగలం! కనిపించని పరలోక తండ్రి ప్రేమను యోసేపు మానంలో, పనిలో, ఆచరణలో అద్భుతంగా తేటతెల్లం కావించడం యోసేపుకే చెల్లింది.

మాటలలో కన్నా. మౌనంలో ఆయన తండ్రి దేవుని “మిషన్‌ను ప్రపంచం నివ్వెరపోయాలా నిర్వహించడం అద్వితీయం, అసామాన్యం, అసమానం, అత్యద్భుతం!! న భూతో నభవిష్యత్”!!!

అద్వితీయ ఆత్మీయ తండ్రి : యోసేపు తన మానసిలువు అయిన చట్టబద్ధతండ్రి అంతస్తును కేవలం గృహస్థ ఆశ్రమ సేవలకే గాక, మానవాళి సంపూర్ణ రక్షణ కోసం వెచ్చించాడని భక్త క్రిస్టోస్టమ్, భక్త ఆరప పౌలుగారు నొక్కి వక్కానించారు. తన పితృత్వ అధికారాన్ని. హక్కులను తన ఇంట్లో పెరుగుతూ పరిపక్వం చెందుతున్న (లూకా 2:52) మెస్సియా సేవలో తర్పణంగావించిన మహాత్ముడు ఆయన. ఆది నుండే క్రైస్తవప్రజ దీనిని గుర్తించి. అనేక దేవాలయాలను, మఠ సంస్థలను స్థాపించి భక్తికృత్యాలలో, ప్రార్థనలతో ఆయనను గౌరవించారు. యోసేపు పట్ల భక్తికృత్యాలను పోషించిన వారిలో అవిలాపురి తెరెసాగారు అగ్రగణ్యులు. మార్చి నెలను, ప్రతి బుధవారాన్ని యోసేపు గౌరవార్థం కేటాయించిన వినయం మనకు తెలుసు కదా! బిడ్డలు తల్లిదండ్రుల స్వంత ఆస్తికాదు. వారు దేవుని అపూర్వసంపద, కొంతకాలం వారిని తల్లిదండ్రుల ఆధీనంలో ఉంచుతాడు దేవుడు. ఒక విధంగా అమ్మనాన్నలు పిల్లలను పెంచే కౌలుదారులేగా స్వంత దారులు కారు. పిల్లలకు రెక్కలోచ్చే వయస్సు వచ్చే వరకు, వారికి పోషణ, పెంచుతారు. ఈ విషయం యోసేపులో చాలా స్పష్టంగా కనిపిస్తుంది. అందుకే తన కన్నకొడుకు కాకపోయినా, దేవుని కుమారుడైన యేసుని ఆత్మీయతతో, అనురాగంతో అప్యాయతతలో కన్నతండ్రిలా పెంచిన యోసేపు ఆత్మీయ తండ్రి.

ఆదర్శ తండ్రి : యేసు పలికిన “భూలోకంలో ఎవరిని తండ్రి అని పిలువవద్దు, ఎందుకంటే మీకు ఒక పరలోక తండ్రి ఉన్నాడు (మత్తయి 23:9)” అను వచనంలోని పరమార్థాన్ని గ్రహించుదాం. పాతనిబంధనలో తండ్రి దేవుడు ఎలా ప్రజలను తన బిడ్డలుగా తీర్చిదిద్దినాడో, యోసేపు కూడ యేసుపట్ల అలాగే మెలగాడు. అందుకే ఏసు బోధనల్లో “తండ్రి ప్రేమను గూర్చి చెప్పిన బోధనలు, ముఖ్యంగా ఉపమానాలు బహు అద్భుతంగా ఉన్నాయి. ఉదా: పరలోక ప్రార్థన (మత్త 6:5-15, లూకా 11:1-13), తప్పిపోయిన కుమారుని సామెత (లూకా 15:11-32), తండ్రి నా ఆత్మను చేతిని అప్పగించున్నాను (లూకా 23:46) మొదలైనవి ప్రేరణాత్మకాలు. తాను యేసుకు కన్నతండ్రి కాకపోయినా తన్నుతానే బలియాగంగా, అటు మరియుకు, ఇటు యేసుకు సమర్పించుకోవడం “నభూతో నభవిష్యత్! అందుకే యోసేపు తండ్రి తన నడత ద్వారా నేర్పిన అసమానపాఠాలు యేసు తండ్రిచిత్తాన్ని నెరవేర్చుటలో విశిష్టపాత్ర వహించాయనడంలో రవ్వంత సందేహంకూడ లేదు నాకు. ప్రతి తండ్రి భూలోక జీవితానికి యోసేపు ఆశ్చర్యకర మాదిరి. పరలోక తండ్రి అప్యాయ స్వభావాన్ని ప్రతి భూలోక తండ్రి చూపించగలిగితే జన్మసార్థకమైనట్లే. ప్రతి కన్నతండ్రి, ప్రతిసాకుడు తండ్రి, ప్రతి సంరక్షక తండ్రి, గురువులుగా, పీఠకాపరులుగా, తండ్రి అను బిరుదులున్న తండ్రులకు భక్త యోసేపు ఆదర్శం శిరోధార్యం! నిరాకారదేవుని పితృత్వ స్వభావానికి సకారరూపమిచ్చిన యోసేపు అనన్య సామాన్యుడు. ఆ తండ్రిదేవుని నీడగా, చాయగా, ప్రతిబింబంగా ప్రకాశించిన నీతిమంతుడైన యోసేపు (మత్త 1:19). “మరో నీతిమంతుడైన నోవా” కుటుంబాన్ని ఓడలో ఎక్కించి యావే రక్షణతో జలప్రళయం తర్వాత ఇంద్ర ధనస్సు ఒడంబడికతో నవయుగం ప్రారంభమైంది. అలాగే తిరుకుటుంబ ఓడను కాపాడిన భక్త యోసేపు, నూతన ఒడంబడికతో క్రీస్తు కృపాయుగానికి శ్రీకారం చుట్టాడు. ఆత్మీయతండ్రి యోసేపు అందుకో మా జయహో, జయ జయ జయహో అభినందన సుమమాలలు!...

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II. Holy Father's Intention

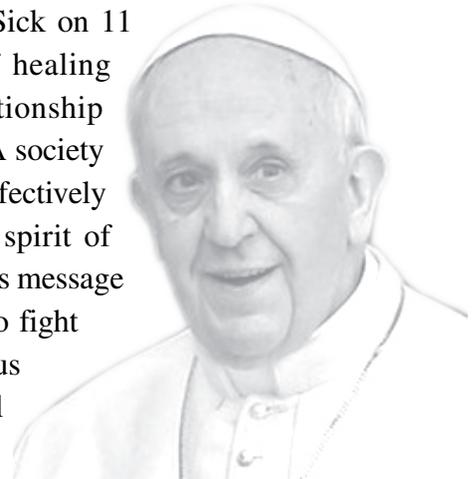
Universal Intention- Violence against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

III. 29th World Day of the Sick

Pope urges “trust-based relationship” in care for the sick

In his message for the 29th World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, Pope Francis urges a path of healing grounded in a trusting and interpersonal relationship between the sick and those who care for them. “A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love.” Pope Francis makes the point in his message for this year's World Day of the Sick. In order to fight hypocrisy and self-idolatry, he says, Jesus asks us to “stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our



own as we seek to serve them,” the Pope says in the message, released by the Vatican on Tuesday. The Catholic Church marks the annual day on 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II on 13 May 1992, the first World Day of the Sick was marked the following year. The theme of this year's observance is, “You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8), which calls for “a trust-based relationship to guide care for the sick”. Pope Francis says that the annual day “is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities.” He expresses his spiritual closeness and the Church's loving concern for those suffering the corona virus pandemic, especially the poor and the marginalized.

Fighting hypocrisy

Drawing attention to the theme of this year's observance, the Pope warns Christians about the danger of “self-idolatry” when our “faith is reduced to empty words and we are unconcerned with the lives and needs of others.” Noting that Jesus criticizes those who “preach but do not practise”, the Pope says “none of us is immune to the grave evil of hypocrisy, which prevents us from flourishing as children of the one Father, called to live universal fraternity.”

Sickness and faith

Sickness, the Pope notes, makes us realize our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It raises the question of life's meaning, which we bring before God in faith, in order to seek a new and deeper direction in our lives. In this regard, the Pope holds out the biblical figure of Job as a model. Abandoned by his wife and friends in his misfortune, he says, Job feels forlorn and misunderstood. Yet, he rejects hypocrisy and chooses the path of honesty towards God and others. The Lord hears Job's cries and confirms that his suffering is not a punishment or a state of separation from God, much less a sign of God's indifference.

Closeness between the “sick” and carers

The Pope says that sickness has many faces. They are the sick, as well as all those who are ignored, excluded and are a prey to social injustices that deny their fundamental rights. The current pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in our healthcare systems and exposed inefficiencies in the care of the sick, with the elderly, weak and vulnerable people not always granted access to care, or in an equitable manner. The pandemic has also highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious. The Holy Father pays them homage, saying they are “a silent multitude of men and women” who “chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family.” “Such closeness,” the Pope remarks, “is a precious balm that provides support and consolation to the sick in their suffering.” As Christians, he says, we experience that closeness as a sign of the love of Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, who draws near with compassion to every man and woman wounded by sin.

Fraternal solidarity and relationship

Pope Francis then speaks about the importance of fraternal solidarity towards our neighbours, which takes a variety of forms. “Serving means caring for the vulnerable of our families, our society, our people.” We are called to set aside our own wishes and desires, the pursuit of power, and look to the faces of the most vulnerable, touching their flesh, sensing their closeness and helping them. For a therapy to be effective, the Pope points out, “it must be relational, as it enables a holistic approach to the patient.” This path of healing grounded in a trusting interpersonal relationship, he emphasizes, can help doctors, nurses, professionals and volunteers in caring for the sick. This relationship between the sick and carers, based on mutual trust and respect, openness and availability, he says, will help to overcome defensive attitudes, respect the dignity of the sick, safeguard the professionalism of healthcare workers and foster a good relationship with the families of patients. Jesus, the Pope concludes, proves this by healing “not by magic but as the result of an encounter, an interpersonal relationship.”

IV. Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2021

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)

Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father’s will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world. In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the “living water” of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter



vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ. Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

1. Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.

In this Lenten season, accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ means, first of all, opening our hearts to God’s word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth... In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 93). Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to “make his dwelling” among us (cf. Jn 14:23). Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet “full of grace and truth” (Jn 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

2. Hope as “living water” enabling us to continue our journey.

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her “living water” (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would “be raised on the third day” (Mt 20:19)... Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love. To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is “making all things new” (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being “prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]” (1 Pet 3:15).

3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion. ‘Social love’ makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone” (Fratelli Tutti, 183). Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44)... “Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society” (Fratelli Tutti, 187). Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

V. Pope Francis has formally changed the law in the Roman Catholic Church, allowing women to administer communion and serve at the altar

But the ordained priesthood will still be the preserve of men, he stressed in the decree. It is official recognition of roles already performed by women in some Catholic services, especially in Western countries. The Pope said women were making a "precious contribution" to the Church. The announcement is expected to force conservative Church leaders to accept greater involvement of women in the liturgy. On the



more reformist wing of the Church, Pope Francis has tried to present a more welcoming image through his rhetoric, the BBC's Mark Lowen reports from Rome. But last year, after a synod to decide whether to allow women to become deacons able to preside over some Church services, the Pope refused to make the change, frustrating some who had hoped for more fundamental reform during his pontificate. The Pope changed a clause in canon law from "lay men" to "lay persons", specifying that they can perform "the ministries of lector and acolyte" in Catholic services. His decree, called a *Spiritus Domini*, was accompanied by a letter explaining "the urgency... to rediscover the co-responsibility of all of the baptised in the Church, and the mission of the laity in a particular way". A lector in the Catholic Church can recite prayers and sacred texts such as psalms during Mass and other services, but gospel readings are done by the priest or deacon. An acolyte assists the priest or deacon at the altar and can distribute the Eucharist - the symbolic bread and wine - during Mass.

**VI. Year of Amoris Laetitia Family from March 19, 2021:
Card. K. Farrell Prefect**

I am writing this letter during a harsh pandemic which is affecting the world, including our communities and Christian families. Nevertheless, it is impressive to witness how faith and love play a vital role in families' daily lives, enabling them to endure big and small hardships without being overwhelmed by despair, even managing to reach out to people who need material and moral support. The family reveals itself as a domestic Church in its ability to remain united and meet the needs of both its own members and others, shedding light on one of the most attractive faces of the Church. The Holy Father recognizes the family's inestimable value, as a gift from God, and intends to promote a special Year dedicated to the family, which will open on 19 March 2021: this date marks the fifth anniversary of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. Starting

from the celebration of this anniversary, the Holy Father will offer the Church the opportunity to reflect upon and delve deeper into the meaningful contents of the Apostolic Exhortation stemming from an intense synodal journey, which is still ongoing within the field of pastoral care. This initiative will be called Year of “Amoris Laetitia Family” and marked by pastoral initiatives and resources shared with ecclesial institutions and families. It will end with the celebration of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome, in June 2022.

The program for the Year is very rich, as you can see in the attached file, which provides general information about it. Please note especially the details regarding the Forum on Amoris Laetitia, gathering those responsible for the pastoral care of families within Episcopal Conferences, and also some suggestions for the pastoral care of families in the coming years (“Walking with families”). I hereby ask you to forward this information to those responsible for the pastoral care of families, within your Episcopal Conference, so they can envisage the implementation of pastoral, spiritual and cultural proposals in parishes and dioceses - along with ecclesial movements, communities, and associations - as well as in universities and schools that acknowledge and promote the value of the Christian family in their educational programs. Our goal is to reach the largest possible number of people and families, to make them aware of the contents of Amoris Laetitia and to proclaim the Gospel of the Family.

VII. Note on Ash Wednesday: Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.



The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

Robert Card. Sarah, Prefect

VIII. NATIONAL WEBINAR OF CDPI FOR ALL PRIESTS

THEME : Pastoral and Theological Implications of the Encyclical “FRATELLI TUTTI”

VIRTUAL PLATFORM : GOOGLE MEET

Dear loving Priests of Warangal

With Greetings from Bishop Udumala Bala and Fr. I. Raymond Joseph, Executive Secretary, the CCBI Commission for VSCR, CCBI CENTRE, BANGALORE, invites all the Diocesan Priests of India to participate in the online seminar on :

Topic : Fratelli Tutti – The Encyclical of Pope Francis

RESOURCE PERSONS :

1) Theological & Spiritual Implications of the Encyclical “Fratelli Tutti”

Fr. John Ponnore, Regional Secretary of CCBI Commission for VSCR, Chhattisgarh

2) Pastoral & Practical Implications of the Encyclical “Fratelli Tutti”

Fr. Roy Lazar, President of CDPI (TN-PY)

Join Google Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/bne-mhqa-ied>

Day : 25 (THURSDAY), FEBRUARY, 2021

Time : 15.30– 17.30

Programme Schedule

15.30 Introductory Prayer – Fr. Deelip Marandi, Treasurer of CDPI (National)

15.35 Welcome Address – Fr. Michael Ani, President of CDPI (National), Jalandhar

15.40 Dynamics of the Session – Fr. Raymond Joseph, Executive Secretary of CCBI Commission for VSCR, Bangalore

15.45 Theological and Spiritual Implications of the Encyclical “FRATELLI TUTTI”

Fr. John Ponnore, Regional Secretary of CCBI Commission for VSCR, Chhattisgarh Region, Raipur

16.00 Interventions of the Participants

16.15 Pastoral and Practical Implications of the Encyclical “FRATELLI TUTTI”

Fr. Roy Lazar, Regional President of CDPI (Tamil Nadu-Pondicherry Region)

17.00 Interventions of the Participants

17.15 Message from the Patron of CDPI, Most Rev. Bp. Udumala Bala, Warangal

17.25 Vote of Thanks – Fr. Philomin Doss, Vice-President of CDPI (National), Pondicherry

Note : The participants are requested to register their names with the Executive Secretary of CCBI Commission for VSCR (Bangalore). The details of the virtual platform will be intimated a few days before the seminar.

Fr. I. Raymond Joseph
Executive Secretary

Most Rev. Bp. Udumala Bala
Patron of CDPI

IX. World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

February 2, 2021

Congratulations and Prayers

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Moral social and Laity's apostolate problems, numerous and often dramatic, are calling as Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life into question.



Whatever, the Vows impel them to keep alive in the world and the way of life which Jesus, the supreme Consecrated One and missionary of the Father for the sake of his Kingdom, embraced and proposed to his disciples (Vita Consecrata, n. 22; cf. Mt 4:18.22; Mk 1:16-20; Lk 5:10:1; Jn 15:16). United to Christ in his consecration to the Father, they never cease to seek his face; we want to stay with him and, like the Samaritan woman of the Gospel, draw through him from the sources of living water, to quench their thirst with his word and rejoice in his presence. We Congratulate all the Consecrated in the Diocese of Warangal and pray to the Lord 'for those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits' by experiencing the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness and witness to Christ in Evangelization and Faith Formation especially in Warangal Diocese.

X. Feast of Presentation of the Lord (Feb 2)

On Feast, we contemplate the Lord Jesus, whom Mary and Joseph bring to the Temple "to present him to the Lord" (Lk 2:22). This Gospel scene reveals the mystery of the Son of the Virgin, the consecrated One of the Father who came into the world to do his will faithfully (cf. Heb 10:5-7). Simeon identifies him as "a light for revelation to



the Gentiles” (Lk 2:32) and announces with prophetic words his supreme offering to God and his final victory (cf. Lk 2:32-35). This is the meeting point of the two Testaments, Old and New. Jesus enters the ancient temple; he who is the new Temple of God: he comes to visit his people, thus bringing to fulfilment obedience to the Law and ushering in the last times of salvation. It is interesting to take a close look at this entrance of the Child Jesus into the solemnity of the temple, in the great comings and goings of many people, busy with their work: priests and Levites taking turns to be on duty, the numerous devout people and pilgrims anxious to encounter the Holy God of Israel.

Yet none of them noticed anything. Jesus was a child like the others, a first-born son of very simple parents. Even the priests proved incapable of recognizing the signs of the new and special presence of the Messiah and Saviour. Alone two elderly people, Simeon and Anna, discover this great newness. Led by the Holy Spirit, in this Child they find the fulfilment of their long waiting and watchfulness. They both contemplate the light of God that comes to illuminate the world and their prophetic gaze is opened to the future in the proclamation of the Messiah: “Lumen ad revelationem gentium!” (Lk 2:32). The prophetic attitude of the two elderly people contains the entire Old Covenant which expresses the joy of the encounter with the Redeemer. Upon seeing the Child, Simeon and Anna understood that he was the Awaited One.

XI. Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feb 11)

“Go and tell the priests that people should come here in procession, and that a chapel should be built here.” This is the message Bernadette received from the “beautiful lady”. For 150 years, pilgrims have never ceased to come to the grotto of Massabielle to hear the message of conversion and hope which is addressed to them. And we can do the same; [come] to the feet of Mary, the Immaculate Virgin, eager to learn from her alongside little Bernadette. “What a great thing it is to possess the Cross! He who possesses it possesses a treasure” (Saint Andrew of Crete, Homily X on the Exaltation of the Cross, PG 97, 1020). God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that men might be saved (cf. Jn 3:16). The Son of God became vulnerable, assuming the condition of a slave, obedient even to death, death on a cross (cf. Phil 2:8). By his Cross we are saved.



The instrument of torture which, on Good Friday, manifested God’s judgment on the world, has become a source of life, pardon, mercy, a sign of reconciliation and peace. “In order to be healed from sin, gaze upon Christ crucified!” said Saint Augustine (Treatise

on Saint John, XII, 11). By raising our eyes towards the Crucified one, we adore him who came to take upon himself the sin of the world and to give us eternal life. And the Church invites us proudly to lift up this glorious Cross so that the world can see the full extent of the love of the Crucified one for all. She invites us to give thanks to God because from a tree which brought death, life has burst out anew. On this wood Jesus reveals to us his sovereign majesty, he reveals to us that he is exalted in glory. Yes, “Come, let us adore him!” In our midst is he who loved us even to giving his life for us, he who invites every human being to draw near to him with trust.

XII. Holy Childhood Sunday (Feb 14)

On the Sunday Feb 14, 2021, day the Church has the following aims:

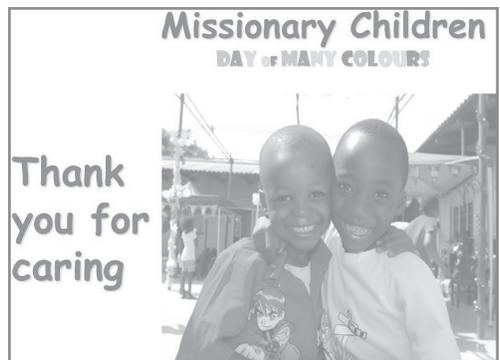
a) To pray for all children in the world so that they should be under the protection and guidance of Child Jesus (hence the name Holy Childhood).

b) To give chance to children to take an active role in the celebration of the Liturgy of the day so that gradually they should live their baptismal obligations.

c) To contribute money through the ordinary offertory of Sunday service or through other well-organized special collections or a Paper Sundays with the aim of increasing the Sunday collection of that day. This collection is for the Universal Missionary Solidarity Fund for the Pontifical Society of Holy Childhood. The money helps to support needy children in the whole world.

d) To demonstrate solidarity with the whole Church and the whole world in helping children who have not heard the Gospel of salvation and helping those who suffering because of various reasons.

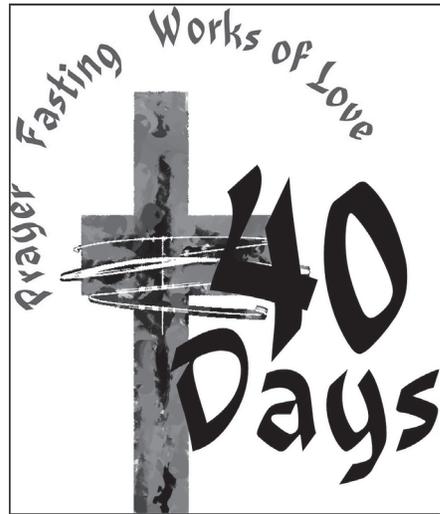
Thus, every Christian, including children themselves, have to come together in prayer and charity to contribute money towards missionary supporting other children and promoting the well being of other children



XIII. Lent: Time for Change (Feb 17)

Few times in the Christian year call us to reflect on transformational change like Lent leading toward Easter. Springtime is lush with rebirth, new beginnings, and new growth. Too often, however, we want to race to the Easter Resurrection without fully embracing

the Lenten process that leads there. Lent reflects the forty days that Jesus wandered in the wilderness — tempted by Satan — in readiness for a ministry destined to end in tragedy. Few of us can relate to the level of sacrifice and commitment that Jesus displayed in his forty days, yet Lent provides us with an opportunity to deepen our spirituality by engaging in regular discipline from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. The wilderness — the desert days of Lent — is the true path toward spiritual transformation. There is a compelling metaphor that helps us embrace the wilderness and prevents us



from racing to Easter. It is the metaphor of the seed. Jesus began his teaching ministry with the parable of the sower (Matthew 13) and referred to seeds and trees, fruit and branches, throughout his ministry. To see the metaphor of Christian growth and spiritual development contained in a seed is to learn valuable lessons about change and transformation. Receive these six lessons from the seed as six weekly devotionals for this Lenten season. Incorporate them into your daily meditations so that they might grow to full bloom in your heart

Three Timeless Practices of Lent : Praying, Fasting. Almsgiving

a) Fasting : Fast from watching television one night each week so that you can spend time on a Lenten practice, such as praying, reading the Bible and serving others. Fast from one movie during Lent and give the money and the time in service to others. Fast from using foul language and put-downs and start affirming the good in other people. Fast from buying new things like clothes, music, magazines, or jewelry and make a donation... Fast from spending money on entertainment and make a donation of time or money that serves others. Fast from holding resentments and start practicing forgiveness. Fast from gossiping or being dishonest and start the practice of always being truthful and honest. Fast from a favorite snack food or drink and set aside the money you would have spent to donate to a special charity. Fast from being angry or upset with people who have hurt or offended you, and pray for the courage to forgive them. Fast from feeling guilty and angry at yourself for things you have done wrong, instead remember God's great love for you.

b) Praying : Pray for a forgiving heart and ask the people you have hurt to forgive you. Participate in Ash Wednesday services with your family. Participate in the Stations of

the Cross during Lent. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Rent the video, *The Prince of Egypt*. Watch the video and read the story of Moses from the Book of Exodus, chapters 2-15. Try to read one chapter each day. Be sure to read the story of the Passover in chapters 12 through 13:22. List three blessings you have been given. Say a prayer to God, giving thanks for the blessings in your life. Pray for the children and families who are homeless, and think about ways you and your family might help them.

c) Serving/Almsgiving : Show an act of kindness to each family member today. Show an act of kindness to a friend and to someone who is difficult to like. Together with your family, spend time serving others during Lent. Work at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Visit elderly people who are in nursing homes or are shut-ins. Bring food or clothing to the parish or community food pantry, food bank, or homeless shelter. Do someone else's chores one day this week. Donate a new item of children's clothing to the local homeless shelter or clothing center. Go through your closet and find some clothes in good shape to give away to other children who are in need of clothes. Write a letter or create a card for someone who is sick or might be lonely. Buy a can of food to give to a food bank or homeless shelter. Talk with your family about eating one simple meal each week of Lent and putting the money you save in the Operation Rice Bowl box or giving the money to a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

XIV. Feast of See of St. Peter, the Apostle (Jan 22)

Feast of the Chair of Peter celebrates not only the triumph of Christ's grace in the heart and soul of Peter, but his status as the primary pastor and teacher of the Church. The chair is the symbol of his teaching authority, as it is of every bishop. Peter (d. ca. 64) was Jesus' chief apostle whom later Catholic tradition regards as the first pope. Born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee, his original Hebrew name was rendered in Greek as Simon, but Jesus gave him a new name, the Aramaic word for "rock" rendered in Greek as Kephias. The name Peter is a translation of the Aramaic word. Sometimes he is referred to in the New Testament as Simon Peter. Peter was married and remained so even after becoming a



disciple (Mk 1:29-31; 1 Cor 9:5). Our culture is just as hostile and opposed to Jesus as when He first asked the question” “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” (Mt 16:13). As in Jesus’ day, people offer a long list of inadequate and incorrect ideas about Jesus, ranging from “just a good teacher” all the way to “divisive” and “intolerant.” The real question was and continues to be: “Who do you say that I am?” (Mt 16:15). Peter boldly declared, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16). Jesus said that Peter’s accurate confession was a God-given insight and that he was blessed because of his declaration (Mt 16:17). Join Peter in confessing that Jesus is your Savior. Your life will be bolstered and blessed. “O receives Him today who so loved you that He died on the cross for your sin; O believe Him and open your heart’s door; Let the Savior who loves you come in.” Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God (1 Jn 5:1). This is our faith. Only an authentic faith will give us the strength to live out our Christian commitment. As we celebrate the Eucharist, let us pray that our faith, and that of our whole church, may be strengthened.

XV. Bishop’s Engagements in the Month of February, 2021

- 2 : Day of the Consecrated: Mass in Cathedral
- 3 : Divyavani Meeting, Hyderabad
- 9-10 : Priests Get-Together, Namboor, Guntur
- 14 : Holy Childhood Sunday : Special Collection to be sent to Rome
Infant Jesus Feast Holy Mass at Emjala, Hyderabad
- 17 : Lent Begins
- 18 : 9.30 am to 1.00 pm: Clergy Recollection : Physical / Virtual Attendance
3.30-5.30 pm: ARMS Webinar
6.30 pm: Mass in Little Flower Provincialate, Assisi Sisters, Fatimanagar
- 19-20 : Kolkata: Bible Park & Rosary Garden & St. Antony’s Works
- 22-26 : TCBC Meetings, Hyderabad
- 25 : Webinar for Diocesan Priests on “Fratelli Tutti”

March 2021

- 04 : Flag Hoisting: Fatima Tirunalla Novena Begins
- 11-13 : Triduum: Fatima Tirunalla

XVI. Communications

1. Clergy Recollection (Physical & Online): Day of Recollection **Real and also Virtual** is arranged for the clergy at Bishop Beretta High School on February 18, 2021 beginning at 9:30 am and closing with Lunch. All those who cannot Physically come can Participate virtually. The links will be sent at appropriate time. All Priests are requested to attend to celebrate Lent meaningfully. **The Priests that would like to attend physically should register with Fr. Simon through whatsapp or SMS because we have to prepare lunch accordingly.**

2. World Day of the Sick : Every year the Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick on the 11th of February, on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. I request all the parish priests to observe it meaningfully-kindly arrange a Holy Mass, Prayers for Healing and deliverance of evil spirits.

3. Holy Childhood Day : This year the Holy Childhood Day falls on the 14th of February. Parish Priests and Heads of Institutions are requested **to observe the Day and make a special collection and send it to the Diocesan office by the end of the month.** Kindly animate Catholic children with special preaching, prayer and contribution. Let them thank the Holy Childhood office and learn to help the poorest children. They should be guided to conduct activities and raise funds for poorer children than they are. they should become Child-Missionaries.

4. Season of Lent-Ash Wednesday : This year, Ash Wednesday falls on 17th of February, 2021, on which the holy Lenten period begins. All the Parish Priests are requested to make sure that the way of the cross is conducted in all our Parish Churches/ Chapels on every Wednesday and on every Friday during the Lenten season. All the Heads of the Institutions are requested to make sure that Catholic child/ youth participate in the 'Way of the Cross' service in Parish Churches/Chapels. It is a great privilege and responsibility of all of us to promote strong Catholic Faith Formation of all Catholic children/youth/ adults in Parishes and Institutions

Law of Abstinence (keeping away from meat): The Catholics who have completed 14 years of age are to observe the law of abstinence on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent.

Law of Fasting : The law of fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, by all those who have completed 18 years of age and have not yet begun the 60th year of their age. All the Faithful are encouraged to do so more of Fasting of different kinds like watching television, using Smart Phones, No Alcohol Consumption, etc.

5. No Financial Transactions from 15th of March to 3rd of April 2021 : As the financial year 2020 - 2021 will come to a close on 31st of March 2021, there will be no financial transactions in Bishop's House from 15th of March to 3rd April, 2021.

6. Lodi MSSS Reports

1. Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalised rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and N R M in Kodakandlamandal

A. Formed 8 women groups, 10 farmers groups in the project villages.

B. Formed and Organised mandal development committee meeting with 42 committee members from 16 project villages and planned on implementation of project activities.

2. Poverty reduction of poor rural households through protection of natural resources in Devarappulamandal, Jangaon district

A. Loans given to 59 women members of Rs.13,24,000 for income generation program in 4 villages of Devarapula mandal

B. Devarapulla Jana Jeevana FPO purchase and sale of paddy seeds, fertilisers and pesticides.

3. Food Security , Kothagudamandal

Conducted 5 Awareness meetings to 185 farmers on natural farming in 5 villages.

4. Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Marginalized Communities of 20 villages of Raikal Mandal of Jagityal district

A. 180-Women group members were trained on Kitchen garden programs.

B. 125-Women group members were trained on Backyard poultry program.

5. Food Security program for 30 villages of Chilpur Mandal, Jangaon district.

A. Distributed three varieties of traditional seeds like green gram, black gram and red cow peas to 240 farmers in 15 villages.

B. In 15 villages we have distributed five types of vegetable seeds to 1325 farmers and women.

C. We have constructed 30 recharge of dried up open wells for 30 farmers in 15 villages.

6. Covid 19 Relief works: 70 poor widows were supported with basic food items and healthcare kits in Pegadapally village and 20 poor widows in Sammaiahnagar colony, Hanamkonda

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul. Director, Lodi MSSS

7. WADES Reports

The long awaited day at last is very close to open schools physically from Feb 2021. The government of education of Telangana declared that to run schools for 9th class to above higher levels and might possibly give instructions to do the same for 6,7,8 classes well. The heads of education institutions are getting ready preparing the premises and classrooms. They need to observe all precautions and regulations of COVID-19 like sanitisation, wearing mask and social distance. A special room to be set apart for emergency with FIRST AID KIT and continued monitoring of students in the class

rooms to see if there are any symptoms of COVID-19. We wish that all the educational institutions do well with out complications and there may not be any casualties of health issues.

Fr. M. JayaPaul, DM

8. Rampoor Parish Youth Group

Rampur parish is proud to announce that the new youth group has been formed. On 18th of January the new youth group was formed and it is named as Sacred Heart Youth of Rampur Parish. Fr. Gopu Thomas came to address the new group and he explained very clearly about the rules and regulations, and how they have to be supportive to the Parish Priest. The total number of youth is 30. There were three priests present and the Parish Priest Fr. Praveen Kumar MSC concluded with his encouraging words.

Fr. Praveen Kumar MSC

9. Pastoral Centre Reports

1. Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday and Fourth Saturday i.e. on 09th and 23th of January 2021. On 09th twenty eight members attended for MPC. The group shared and expressed their feelings about this MPC program. It was really fruitful. During this Pandemic i.e. COVID-19 situation we are following SMS (Social distancing, Mask, Sanitization) in pastoral center. Rev. Fr.Y Chinnappa Reddy the Director of MPC with the help of MPC team guided and suggested the program and the program went on well.

Note: 1. Marriage preparation course is arranged on 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month.

2. Jyotirmai Sunday falls on 31st January 2021. (Please do Celebrate) Collect prayer cards and pictures from pastoral centre.

3. For any pastoral needs (Lent season/Year of St. Joseph Programs) you can approach Fr. Gopu Kamal, Pastoral Center Director.

Fr. Gopu Kamal Kumar Reddy, Director

10. Warangal Diocese : Year of St. Joseph's Plan-2021

- 8 Dec, 2020 To 8 Dec, 2021
- Theme : With Father's Heart: Patris Corde
- Purpose: Focus on all Faithful with special thrust on Husbands and Daddies in the Diocese of Warangal

Program :

1. Bible Quiz: Before Fatima Thirunalla on "All Josephs in the Bible": OT & NT (Gospel of MT and Genesis)

a. I request all parish priests to conduct Bible Quiz for all substations too in the parish

and select one team from the parish to deanary level Bible Quiz.(we request to conduct before 25th of February)

b. Pastoral Centre Team shall visit six Deanaries and conduct Bible Quiz for all and select only two teams from each deanary for the diocese-level Bible quiz. (First week of March.)

c. Diocese-level Bible Quiz will be conducted before Fatima Thirunalla and prizes will be given away on the stage in place of Catechism prizes as we do every year, since there are no catechism classes held this year.

2. Celebration: Veneration of St. Joseph by visiting Parishes with St. Joseph's Statue

a. Pastoral Centre team would conduct in those parishes which come request (with St. Joseph's statue) and holds parish level spiritual program as per their suggestions and financial contribution. All organization is of the Parish/ Village.

3. A. Deanary level: Deanery level Meeting for all Faithful specially to listen to God's Word and Pray for Husbands/Daddies.

B. Diocesan level: Diocesan level meeting during Fatima Thirunalla on 11th of March in the place of Married Couples' Day with Special Talk and Mass for all Husbands/Daddies.

4. **N.B:** Other suggestions are welcome regarding: "Year of St. Joseph" from Priests and Consecrated especially Deans are most welcome.

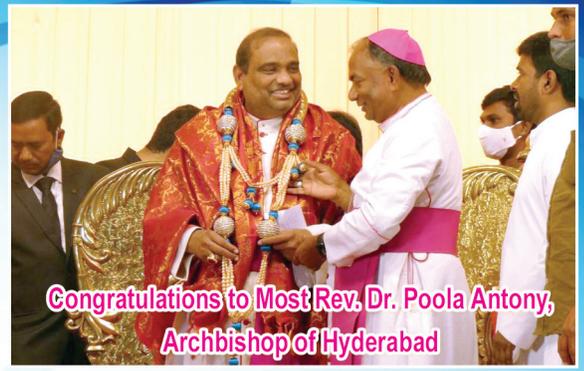
Fr. Gopu Kamal Kumar Reddy, Director

Birthday Babies in February

Rev. Fr. Idara Abraham	04-02-1940
Rev. Fr. Golamari Bala Martin	08-02-1967
Rev. Fr. Nagothu Maria Joseph	08-02-1981
Rev. Fr. Singareddy Balashowreddy	14-02-1959
Rev. Fr. Arlagadda Prakash	14-02-1941
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnappa	15-02-1949
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Joji	15-02-1956
Rev. Fr. Basani Prakash	20-02-1957



Wedding Anniversary Celebrations of Bishop Daniel Kalyanapu (Ecclesia Gospel Ministries)



Congratulations to Most Rev. Dr. Poola Antony, Archbishop of Hyderabad



Blessing of St. Ann's Oncology Building, Fatimanagar



Confirmation in Divya-Deepthi, Fatimanagar



Priestly Silver Jubilee of Fr. Fatima Reddy, Rentachinthal



Meeting with Minister Eerrbelli Dayakar Rao



Holy Matrimony of Christopher, Catechist, Fatimanagar



Holy Matrimony at Kallepally, Dacharam Parish



Let's Walk the way of the Cross focussed on RISEN LORD