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# Mission Banjara Christmas Celebrations



Christmas Saragala Sandadi, Dharmasagar



Blessing of Aksharabyasa Maryatha Grotto at Assinagar Parish.



Clergy Christmas Recollection



St. Francis Xavier Seminary, Feast Mass at Karunapuram



### With New Year Wishes Go to Joseph

‘Go to Joseph and do what he tells you’ are the words from Genesis 41:55, which Pharaoh told the Egyptians, who were hungry and cried for bread to him. The current Holy Father Francis tells all of us to ‘go to St. Joseph’ of the New Testament to foster and feed the Church and the world. We can draw great similarity between the ‘two Josephs’, who had frightening experiences as young men around the age of 18! The first was sold by his blood brothers as a slave but providentially became second only to Pharaoh to save the whole country of Egypt and his brothers as well. Joseph of the New Testament was struck by God at the time of marriage who made him second only to Mary, the Mother of the saviour. Pharaoh entrusted everything to Joseph making him the Viceroy of Egypt. God entrusted the most precious treasures of Mary and Jesus to the care of Joseph !



### Singular Dignity of Joseph

Many Popes wrote on uniqueness of St. Joseph. Firstly, Pope Leo XIII’s Encyclical ‘Quamquam Pluries’ in 1789 proclaiming the Patron of the Universal Church. Secondly, John Paul II’s Apostolic Exhortation ‘Redemptoris Custos’ (Custodian of the Redeemer) at the centenary of the above encyclical and the Current Pope Francis on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary ‘Patris Corde’ (with a Father’s Heart), declaring ‘Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020. The word ‘Joseph’ having originated in Hebrew ‘Yosef’ through Greek and Latin, the implies ‘God will add’. Joseph’s name is often rendered as “Increaser” or “Doubler,” I offer some reflections on his character basing on an article of Francis Peffley on each letter of his name JOSEPH.

### J = Just Man

Bible calls Joseph ‘just man’ (Mt 1: 19). It means he was a holy, honest, righteous virtuous man. He is the greatest Saint after the Blessed Mother. Some Doctors of the Church state that the grace given to Joseph was unique to be closest to his virginal spouse and Jesus! Thomas Aquinas says that God gives grace proportionate to one’s state of life. For example a husband, a Father, a priest, a Consecrated person, etc. St. John Paul highlights this point in his exhortation ‘the Guardian of the Redeemer’.

### O = Obedient Person

Joseph was truly obedient to the will of God in his life. It was an obedience of Faith, when the angel told in a dream ‘Have no fear to take Mary as your wife’ (Mt 1:16, Lk 1:27), who was found pregnant after he was engaged to her but before they came together, he readily obeyed! Similarly, when Herod was planning to kill the child, Joseph got and immediately began his flight to Egypt (Mt 2:14), the first Joseph’s land, which saved the Family of Jacob! He never questioned divine will, even when Mary was pregnant

more than eight months to leave Nazareth and go to Bethlehem, to fulfil the prophecy of Micah 5:2.

### **S = Silent Man**

As well known, there are no recorded words of St. Joseph in the Bible. But the words of the Viceroy Joseph could be applied to St. Joseph, whose silence presence during the childhood of Jesus obvious. Even his death was wrapped in silence since we do not find any account of when he died and where he was buried. His deep silence was his strength for interior life. It helped him to be a man of silent prayer to know and live as per God's will. We are in a world of noise and more noise and therefore, we need to turn to him to be interiorly silent with peace and joy of Mary and Jesus. He was a silent worker too, never complained to care and provide food, clothing and shelter for Mary and Jesus. Are we persons of words and empty words only or contemplatives in action?

### **E = Example**

Imagine the kind of a Man God wanted to raise His only begotten Son. God chose Joseph not only to care for but also to be model to His Son! Thus Joseph as the world's greatest Father, was a model for Jesus in his silence, words and actions. He taught Jesus how to walk, work by making doors, chairs, tables and ploughs, whose metaphor Jesus used in his teachings. Joseph home-schooled Jesus, like in Corona times, Home becoming a school and Parents becoming educators! Jesus has the wisdom of beatific vision but Joseph gave experiential knowledge, and developing Jesus in age and maturity and thereby moulding Jesus manhood! Even in human mannerisms, Jesus must have learnt from Joseph. As a loving Husband and affectionate Dad, Joseph was superb!

### **P = Patron**

St. Joseph is the foster father of Jesus and of ours too as Patron of the Universal Church. Everything he did for Jesus, does for the Church travelling in stormy waters because the Church is the mystical Body of Christ Himself. The Blessed Virgin Mother is the Mother of the Church and Joseph is its Foster father and guardian. However, he is especially Patron of Husbands, Fathers and Workers to work righteously and sweat to till the ground and keep it. He is the patron for a happy death, which means dying in the hands of Mary and Jesus. Let's pray for a holy life and happy death.

### **H = Husband**

In God's plan of salvation, Joseph was a loving husband, kind, considerate, affectionate and self-sacrificing. Mary was holier than him because she was the Immaculate Conception. He worked with as together they could achieve more, especially in bringing up Jesus, from a human point of view. Thus more than what an individual can achieve, he collaborated with God and Mary and accomplished much more by being and doing together for the Holy Family. That is our ultimate vocation too in life. Especially husbands should focus on Joseph and learn from him the Blessings and responsibilities of Husbands.

**St. Joseph, We Hail Thee and Come to You!!!**

## **II. Holy Father's Intension: Intension for Evangelization - Human fraternity**

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other Religions, Praying for one another, open to all

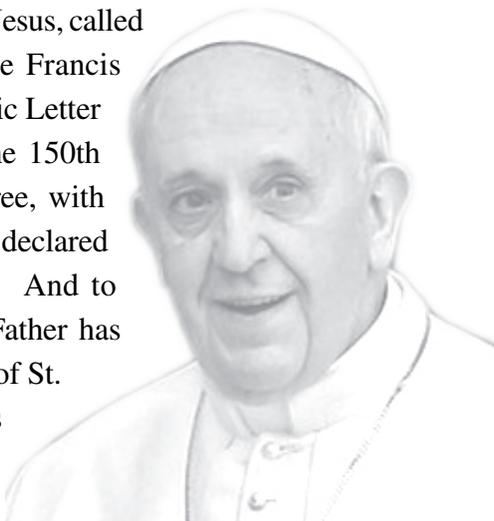
## **III. "With a Father's Heart", Pope Francis announces Jubilee Year in honor of St. Joseph**

"With a Father's Heart: this is how Joseph loved Jesus, called in all four Gospels 'the son of Joseph'." Pope Francis begins with these incisive words in his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, published on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the *Quemadmodum Deus* decree, with which on December 8, 1870, Blessed Pius IX declared Saint Joseph Patron of the Catholic Church. And to worthily celebrate the anniversary, the Holy Father has also announced a special jubilee year in honor of St.

Joseph. In the letter *Patris Corde* the Pope shares "some personal reflections on the extraordinary figure" of Saint Joseph, reflections that the pandemic has motivated even more to sharing.

The crisis generated by Covid-19 has, in fact, highlighted that our lives are woven and supported by ordinary people - usually forgotten - who do not appear in the headlines of newspapers and magazines or on various stages, but who, without a doubt, are writing the decisive events of our history today. People like St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

Subsequently, the Pope lists the many peculiar traits that make the Spouse of the Virgin Mary a model of father for humanity: "a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.... The world needs fathers," the Pontiff asserts again, and this is the reason for this special reference by the Pope to the figure of St. Joseph, " a father realizes that "he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied," a father who always knew that that Child was not his, but simply been entrusted to his care.



In a certain sense, concludes Pope Francis, we are all always in the condition of Joseph: a shadow of the one heavenly Father, who “causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous” (Mt 5, 45); and a shadow following the Son. In support of the letter *Patris Corde*, the Holy Father also promulgated a decree to grant the gift of special indulgences on the occasion of the Year of St. Joseph (8 December 2020-2021) to all the faithful who will recite any legitimately approved prayer or act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, especially on the recurrences of March 19 and May 1, on the Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on St. Joseph's Sunday (according to the Byzantine tradition), on the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, day dedicated to the memory of the Saint according to the Latin tradition.

#### **IV. Themes for Reflection and Prayers for Each Month of the Year of St. Joseph**

1. Joseph the Just Man
2. Joseph, the Dreamer
3. Joseph, the Listener
4. Joseph the Obedient
5. Joseph, the Visionary
6. Joseph, the Husband
7. Joseph, the Father
8. Joseph, Family Man
9. Joseph, the Worker
10. Joseph, the Educator
11. Joseph, the Silent Man
12. Joseph, Man of Prayer
13. Joseph, the Model
14. Joseph, the Migrant
15. Joseph, Patron of Happy Death

## V. Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, hear us,  
Christ, graciously hear us.  
God, the Father in heaven,  
*have mercy on us.*  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*have mercy on us.*  
God the Holy Spirit,  
*have mercy on us.*  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
*have mercy on us.*  
Holy Mary, *pray for us.*  
Saint Joseph, *pray for us*

### *[Titles of St. Joseph]*

Renowned offspring of David,  
Light of Patriarchs,  
Spouse of the Mother of God,  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,  
Foster-father of the Son of God,  
Diligent protector of Christ,  
Head of the Holy Family,

### *[Virtues of St. Joseph]*

Joseph most just,  
Joseph most chaste,  
Joseph most prudent,  
Joseph, most courageous,  
Joseph most obedient,  
Joseph, most faithful,  
Joseph, mirror of patience,  
Joseph, lover of poverty,

### *[Patronages of St. Joseph]*

Model of workers,  
Glory of home life,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Pillar of family life,  
Comfort of the afflicted,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of evil spirits,  
Protector of Holy Church,  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
***Spare us, O Lord.***

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
***Graciously hear us, O Lord.***  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
***Have mercy on us.***

The Lord made him master of his house,  
And set him over all his possessions.

### ***Let us pray:***

O God, according to your wonderful plan  
you chose Blessed Joseph  
to be the husband of Mary,  
the Mother of your Son.  
Grant that,  
by having him as our advocate in heaven,  
we may always experience  
his protection on earth.  
We ask it in the name of Jesus, the Lord.  
***Amen***

## VI. యోసేపు సంవత్సర వ్రార్థన - వరంగల్లు పీఠం

రక్షకుడైన యోసేక్రీస్తు సంరక్షకుడైన యోసేపుగారా! వందనం.

ధన్య కన్యమరియ భర్తయైన యోసేపుగారా! అభివందనం.

దేవుని చిత్తాన్ని కలల ద్వారా తెలిసికొన్న విశ్వాస వీరుడా! స్తోత్రం.

మరియను భార్యగా, యోసేను కుమారునిగా స్వీకరించిన నీతిమంతుడా! స్తుతి స్తోత్రం.

బాలయోసే, మరియలను పోషించి, కుటుంబ విలువలను నేర్పిన మహాత్ముడా! నమస్కారం.

కష్టపడి శ్రమించి, పని యొక్క ఘనతను తెలిపిన కార్మికుడా! జోహార్లు నీకు.

అనేక అపదల నుండి బాలయోసేను కాపాడిన అనురాగ తండ్రి! వినయాంజలులు నీకు!

పనిలో-ప్రార్థనలో, ధ్యానములో-విధేయతలో నీవలె నడుచు భాగ్యమీయవా.

కార్మిక-కర్షకులకు, వలస-పీడితులకు కావల్సిన వరాలను ప్రసాదించండి.

పుణ్యజీవితం జీవించి, ధన్యమరణం పొందు అనుగ్రహం దయచేయండి.

యోసే-మరియల సాయంతో, నీవు మాకివ్వలేని వరాలు లేవని నమ్ముచున్నాము.

నీకు అంకితమైన ఈ ప్రత్యేక సంవత్సరములో కథోలిక శ్రీసభను కాచి కాపాడండి.

భారత దేశాన్ని, వరంగల్లు పీఠమండలాన్ని, మా.... (విచారణ/గ్రామ పేరు) ను సకల కీడులనుండి సంరక్షించండి.

మమ్ము దేవుని బాటలో నడిపించండి. క్రీస్తు సువార్తకు బలమైన సాక్షులుగా మలచండి.

త్రియేక దేవునితో, మరియమాతతో పరలోకంలో నిన్ను దర్శించు భాగ్యం ప్రసాదించండి. ఆమెన్.

**పితకు, పుత్రునికి, పవిత్రాత్మునికి మహిమ కలుగును గాక!**

**అదిలో వలె ఇప్పుడు ఎప్పుడు కలుగును గాక! ఆమెన్.**

## VII. Permission to Priests to Celebrate up to four Masses

The Decree from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments granting priests permission to celebrate up to four Masses on Christmas Day, in order to facilitate participation of the faithful at the Sacred Liturgy. The concession is also granted for 1 January, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God and for Epiphany. "In view of the situation brought about by the worldwide spread of the pandemic," the decree reads, "by virtue of the faculties conceded to this Congregation by the Holy Father Francis, and due to the persistence of the general contagion of the so-called Covid-19 virus, we willingly grant to the local Ordinary" permission to allow priests resident in their dioceses to celebrate four Masses on certain days during the Christmas season. This year only, permission is granted to say extra Masses on the following days: Christmas Day (25 December); the Solemnity of Mary the Most Holy Mother of God (1 January); and Epiphany (6 January). The concession is granted "whenever [the Ordinary] deems it necessary for the benefit of the faithful."

## VIII. The Sunday of the Word of God

The Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy: “As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness”. This Sunday, therefore, presents an ideal opportunity to reread some of the Church’s documents and especially the Praenotanda of the Ordo Lectionum Missae, which present a synthesis of the theological, ritual and pastoral principles surrounding the word of God proclaimed at Mass, but which is also valid in every other liturgical celebration (Sacraments, Sacramental’s, Liturgy of the Hours).

1. Through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to his people and Christ himself proclaims his Gospel; Christ is the centre and fullness of all Scripture, both the Old and New Testaments. Listening to the Gospel, the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, is characterised by a special veneration, expressed not only by gestures and acclamations, but by the Book of the Gospels itself.<sup>8</sup> One of the ritual possibilities suitable for this Sunday could be the entrance procession with the Book of the Gospels or simply placing the Book of the Gospels on the altar.

2. The arrangement of the biblical readings laid down by the Church in the Lectionary opens the way to understanding the entirety of God's word. It is therefore necessary to respect the readings indicated, without replacing or removing them, and using only versions of the Bible approved for liturgical use. The proclamation of the texts of the Lectionary constitutes a bond of unity between all the faithful who hear them. An understanding of the structure and purpose of the Liturgy of the Word helps the assembly to receive God’s saving word.

3. The singing of the Responsorial Psalm, which is the response of the Church at prayer, is recommended; <sup>14</sup> the psalmist’s function in every community, therefore, should be enhanced.

4. In the homily, beginning with the biblical readings, the mysteries of faith and the norms of the Christian life are explained throughout the liturgical year. “Pastors are primarily responsible for explaining Sacred Scripture and helping everyone to understand

it. Since it is the people's book, those called to be ministers of the word must feel an urgent need to make it accessible to their community". 17 Bishops, priests and deacons must develop a commitment to carry out this ministry with special dedication, making use of the means proposed by the Church.

5. Particular importance is attached to silence which, by favouring meditation, allows the word of God to be received inwardly by the listener.

6. The Church has always paid particular attention to those who proclaim the word of God in the assembly: priests, deacons and readers. This ministry requires specific interior and exterior preparation, familiarity with the text to be proclaimed and the necessary practice in the way of proclaiming it clearly, avoiding all improvisation. It is possible to preface the readings with appropriate and short introductions.

7. Because of the importance of the word of God, the Church invites us to pay special attention to the ambo from which it is proclaimed. It is not a functional piece of furniture, but a place that is in keeping with the dignity of the word of God, in correspondence with the altar: in fact, we speak of the table of God's word and the table of the Body of Christ, referring both to the ambo and especially to the altar. The ambo is reserved for the readings, the singing of the Responsorial Psalm and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet); the homily and the intentions of the universal prayer can be delivered from it, while it is less appropriate to use it for commentaries, announcements or for directing singing.

8. The books containing the readings from Sacred Scripture stir up in those who hear a veneration for the mystery of God speaking to his people.<sup>25</sup> For this reason, we ask that care be taken to ensure that these books are of a high quality and used properly. It is never appropriate to resort to leaflets, photocopies and other pastoral aids as a substitute for liturgical books.

9. In the run up to or in the days following the Sunday of the Word of God it is fitting to promote formation meetings in order to highlight the importance of Sacred Scripture in liturgical celebrations; it can be an opportunity to learn more about how the Church at prayer reads the Sacred Scriptures with continuous, semi-continuous and typological readings and to explain the criteria for the liturgical distribution of the various biblical books in the course of the year and its seasons, as well as what the structure is of the Sunday and weekday cycles of the readings for Mass.

10. The Sunday of the Word of God is also a fitting occasion to deepen the link between Sacred Scripture and the Liturgy of the Hours, the praying of the Psalms and Canticles of the Office, as well as the biblical readings. This can be done by promoting the community celebration of Lauds and Vespers. Among the many Saints, all of whom witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Saint Jerome can be proposed as an example

because of the great love he had for the word of God. As Pope Francis has recalled, he was a “tireless [...] scholar, translator and exegete. [He had a] profound knowledge of the Scriptures, [and] zeal for making their teaching known. [...] In his attentive listening to the Scriptures, Jerome came to know himself and to find the face of God and of his brothers and sisters. He was also confirmed in his attraction to community life”. The purpose of this Note is to help reawaken, in the light of the Sunday of the Word of God, an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God. “God’s word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life”. From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments,

**Robert Card. Sarah, Prefect**

### **IX. Note on the Morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines**

The question of the use of vaccines, in general, is often at the center of controversy in the forum of public opinion. In recent months, this Congregation has received several requests for guidance regarding the use of vaccines against the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19, which, in the course of research and production, employed cell lines drawn from tissue obtained from two abortions that occurred in the last century. At the same time, diverse and sometimes conflicting pronouncements in the mass media by bishops, Catholic associations, and experts have raised questions about the morality of the use of these vaccines. There is already an important pronouncement of the Pontifical Academy for Life on this issue, entitled “Moral reflections on vaccines prepared from cells derived from aborted human fetuses” (5 June 2005). Further, this Congregation expressed itself on the matter with the Instruction *Dignitas Personae* (September 8, 2008, cf. nn. 34 and 35). In 2017, the Pontifical Academy for Life returned to the topic with a Note. These documents already offer some general directive criteria. Since the first vaccines against Covid-19 are already available for distribution and administration in various countries, this Congregation desires to offer some indications for clarification of this matter. We do not intend to judge the safety and efficacy of these vaccines, although ethically relevant and necessary, as this evaluation is the responsibility of biomedical researchers and drug agencies. Here, our objective is only to consider the moral aspects of the use of the vaccines against Covid-19 that have been developed from cell lines derived from tissues obtained from two fetuses that were not spontaneously aborted.

1. As the Instruction *Dignitas Personae* states, in cases where cells from aborted fetuses are employed to create cell lines for use in scientific research, “there exist differing degrees of responsibility” of cooperation in evil. For example, “in organizations where cell lines of illicit origin are being utilized, the responsibility of those who make the decision to use them is not the same as that of those who have no voice in such a decision”.

2. In this sense, when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available (e.g. in countries where vaccines without ethical problems are not made available to physicians and patients, or where their distribution is more difficult due to special storage and transport conditions, or when various types of vaccines are distributed in the same country but health authorities do not allow citizens to choose the vaccine with which to be inoculated) it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.

3. The fundamental reason for considering the use of these vaccines morally licit is that the kind of cooperation in evil (passive material cooperation) in the procured abortion from which these cell lines originate is, on the part of those making use of the resulting vaccines, remote. The moral duty to avoid such passive material cooperation is not obligatory if there is a grave danger, such as the otherwise uncontrollable spread of a serious pathological agent--in this case, the pandemic spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19. It must therefore be considered that, in such a case, all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive. It should be emphasized, however, that the morally licit use of these types of vaccines, in the particular conditions that make it so, does in itself constitute a legitimation, even indirect, of the practice of abortion, and necessarily assumes the opposition to this practice by those who make use of these vaccines.

4. In fact, the licit use of such vaccines does not and should not in any way imply that there is a moral endorsement of the use of cell lines proceeding from aborted fetuses. Both pharmaceutical companies and governmental health agencies are therefore encouraged to produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines that do not create problems of conscience for either health care providers or the people to be vaccinated.

5. At the same time, practical reason makes evident that vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary. In any case, from the ethical point of view, the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good. In the absence of other

means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed. Those who, however, for reasons of conscience, refuse vaccines produced with cell lines from aborted fetuses, must do their utmost to avoid, by other prophylactic means and appropriate behavior, becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent. In particular, they must avoid any risk to the health of those who cannot be vaccinated for medical or other reasons, and who are the most vulnerable.

6. Finally, there is also a moral imperative for the pharmaceutical industry, governments and international organizations to ensure that vaccines, which are effective and safe from a medical point of view, as well as ethically acceptable, are also accessible to the poorest countries in a manner that is not costly for them. The lack of access to vaccines, otherwise, would become another sign of discrimination and injustice that condemns poor countries to continue living in health, economic and social poverty.

**Luis F. Card. Ladaria, S.I. Prefect**

## **X. Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Jan 1)**

Our Christmas Octave would not be complete without paying special attention to the glorious Mother of God! Mary, the mother of Jesus, the mother of the Savior of the World, is properly called the “Mother of God.” It is worth reflecting upon this powerful title of our Blessed Mother. And it’s important to understand that this title says just as much about Jesus as it does about His Blessed Mother. In calling Mary the “Mother of God,” we especially acknowledge one fact of human life. A mother is not just the source of one’s flesh, she is not just the mother of the body of her children, she



is the mother of that person. Being a mother is not just something biological; it is something sacred and holy and is part of the divine order of God’s creation. Jesus was her Child and this Child is God. Therefore, it is proper logic to call Mary the “Mother of God.”

It’s an amazing fact to think about. God has a mother! He has a particular person who carried Him in her womb, nursed Him, raised Him, taught Him, loved Him, was there for Him, and pondered who He was throughout His life. This last fact is especially beautiful to look at. The Gospel passage above says, “And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” And she did this as a caring mother. Her love for Jesus

was as unique as the love of any mother. However, it should be noted that she was a mother in perfection and loved Him with a perfect love, He who was not only her Son, but was also God and was perfect in every way. What does this reveal? It reveals that the motherly love shared between Mary and Jesus was profound, inspiring, mysterious, glorious and truly sacred! Reflect upon the holy and captivating relationship that Mary would have shared with her Divine Son. Try to fathom what this love would have been like. Imagine the deep emotion and passion that would have filled her heart. Imagine the level of unwavering commitment she would have had. Imagine the unbreakable bond that was forged as a result of her love. What a beautiful celebration this is to conclude this Octave of Christmas Day!

### **XI. Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord (Jan 3)**

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him. These Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.



God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think. A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life. Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin.

Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way. Reflect upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

## **XII. Baptism of the Lord (Jan 10)**

Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist. First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism? First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his



sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth. Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, “baptized” by Him. As He emerged from the waters, “Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question that Jesus was the Son of the Father. As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to you about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

### **XIII. Feast of Conversion of St. Paul (Jan 25)**

As Paul's life was about to take a radically new direction from violent persecutor of the nascent church to apostle of Christ, words from above were heard: "It hurts you to kick against the goads." Ouch. A goad is a kind of cattle prod, a pointed stick used to guide oxen when plowing or to clean mud and clay from the plow share. If it hurts, stop doing it, my mother always said. In Acts 26:14, "goad" is used metaphorically as it often was by the Greek playwrights. Here it refers to Saul's Jewish faith, his fidelity to the tradition of "the prophets and Moses." The voice from Jesus is not saying he is to abandon that past, but to go with where at its best it is leading him and stop resisting.

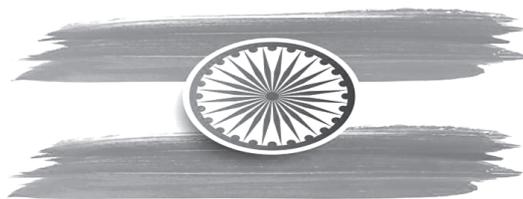


Luke seems to be telling us that the possibility of Saul becoming the single greatest interpreter of Christ to the Gentile world had its roots in his lifelong formation as a faithful Jewish man. We know that his penchant for taking on matters of life in a zealous manner, including his religious life, led to extreme behavior. Yet in his conversion, God's grace took that aberrant personal extremism and redirected it to Christ's service.

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

### **XIV. Republic Day (Jan 26)**

Though India became a free nation on August 15, 1947, it declared itself a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state with the adoption of the Constitution on January 26, 1950. A salute of 21 guns and the unfurling of the Indian National Flag by Dr. Rajendra Prasad heralded the historic birth of the Indian Republic on that day. Thereafter 26th of



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REPUBLIC DAY**

January was decreed a national holiday and was recognized as the Republic Day of India. The Constitution gave the citizens of India the power to choose their own government and paved the way for democracy. Dr. Rajendra Prasad took oath as the first President of India at the Durbar Hall in Government House and this was followed by the Presidential drive along a five-mile route to the Irwin Stadium, where he unfurled the National Flag. National Flag: The National Flag is a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron (kesaria) at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of width of the flag to its length is two to three. In the centre of the white band is a navyblue wheel which represents the chakra. The top saffron colour, indicates the strength and courage of the country. The white middle band indicates peace and truth with Dharma Chakra. The green shows the fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land. Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. Its diameter approximates to the width of the white band and it has 24 spokes. The design of the National Flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India on 22 July 1947. It is really amazing to see the various changes that our National Flag went through since its first inception. It was discovered or recognized during our national struggle for freedom. The evolution of the Indian National Flag sailed through many vicissitudes to arrive at what it is today.

### **XV. Bishop's Engagements in the Month of January, 2021**

- 1 : Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
English New Year Vigil Mass, Cathedral  
Visit to Homes for Handicapped
- 3 : Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord  
Installation of Archbishop Poola Antony, Secunderabad
- 5 : St. Ann's Oncology building & Linear cum CT Scan Machine  
Opening, Fatimanagar
- 6 : Founder's Day Celebrations in FMM Convent, Subedari
- 8 : Holy Matrimony at Kallepally, Dacharam Parish
- 10 : Baptism of the Lord
- 18 : Holy Matrimony of Christopher, Catechist, Fatimanagar
- 19 : Lodi MSSS Executive Committee Meeting
- 24 : New Chapel Blessing at Elukurthy, Dharmasagar Parish
- 26 : Priestly Silver Jubilee at Rentachinthala



**5. Submission of Annual Returns (for January to December, 2020) :** Parish Priests and the Heads of the institutions are requested to submit the annual returns, which are to be sent to Rome in the first quarter of 2021. Please fill in correctly and fully and submit them by January 15, 2021.

**6. Submission of Binated /Trinated Masses :** Maintenance of "Mass Intentions Register". Priests are asked to submit the number of Binated/Trinated Masses to the procurator, by January 15, 2021, for the period from July to December, 2020. Those who neglect the maintaining the Holy Mass Register and non - submission of Binated and Trinated Masses would invite consequent action.

**7. Condolences to Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen Reddy :** The Diocese was saddened to hear the news of the death of Vatti Bala Reddy, the Father of Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen Reddy. He passed away at Hyderabad at the age of 83 at 6:00 pm on December 17, 2020. The Diocese conveys heartfelt condolences to Rev. Fr. V. Albeen Reddy, who is rendering his serving in USA and the bereaved family members and Pray 'May his soul Rest in Peace'. RIP

**8. Feast of St. Francis Xavier in St. Xavier Major Seminary :** It was an immense joy to celebrate Feast of St. Francis Xavier in St. Xavier Major Seminary, Karunapuram on December 3, 2020. The celebration brought additional joy as it is the 21st anniversary of this seminary. His Lordship Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal presided over the Holy Eucharisti and concelebrated by the three of the residing Priests at 11.30 am. The Bishop was welcomed at the gate with a flower bouquet and Kolatam by the seminarians. It was a herculean task both for the Bishop and the seminary management to accommodate seminarians and celebrate this feast amidst this pandemic of COVID-19. But through the benevolence of God and the unceasing prayer of our Patron, all have been protected safe "Laudati Si" was the theme of the celebration. Bishop appreciated the cleanliness and the greenery in the campus and said that he feels as if he is in the Garden of Eden. He insisted that the world is lend to us not just to visit it but to live in it. In his homily his Lordship cited the incidents from the life of St. Francis Xavier and called on the seminarians to foster the zeal for the evangelization and missionary spirit. The liturgy was lively and prayerful. The seminarians felicitated the bishop and the rector as it was their patron saint's feast day. The bishop appreciated the services of Fr. P. Prakash, Fr. Vijay and the Rector. The celebration was concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Rector and the festive meal at 2 pm.

**Fr. S. Balashowry, Rector**

**9. Blessing of Aksharabyasa Marymatha Grotto at Assinagar Parish :** On 6th of December 2020, the blessing of Aksharabyasa Marymatha Grotto and the Eucharist Celebration was solemnized by Most. Rev. Dr. Udumula Bala, the Bishop of Warangal,

at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Assinagar Parish Warangal. The purpose of the grotto was highlighted by Bishop during this celebration i.e to know more about Mary and her life and to create a conducive place to pray the Rosary. Bishop also encouraged the faithful to have Aksharabhasam at Grotto to have knowledge for the children and deep devotion to our Mother and to pray the Rosary every day. To mark this graceful occasion together with Bishop, Fr. Kasu Karunakar, the Provincial of Mary Matha Province, Andhra, Telangana and Odisha, some Priests, many nuns and faithful from the Parish were also present.

**Fr. Francis Pasala Cap, Parish Priest**

**10. WADES General Body Meeting :** A General Body meeting was held on 16-12-2020 in Bishop Beretta HIGH SCHOOL auditorium from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. It was Presided by the President Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Balaand Mr. Narayana Reddy an Educationalist was a special invitee. The members presented assessment reports on the On-line and Off-line classes organised for the last 6 months. It was reported that the attendance of students and cooperation of parents has been very discouraging. Many a other issues like EPF / ESI, teacher status and admissions in to new academic year 2021-2022 were discussed at length. As the Ministry of Education has released the recommendations to Implementation of NEP-202, the members were given a copy of the draft to update oneself and initiate implementation process.

**Greetings :** On behalf of our President and the members, I wish you all a grace filled Christmas and a New year full of hope and blessings. The year 2020 has been a challenging year for the entire world with the spread of Pandemic and it's consequences. It is reported by WHO that 73 million people had been affected by the Virus and more than 1.6 million have succumbed to it. For us in the ministry of education, the regular school life had been interrupted and particularly in Indian with the arrival of NEP 2020, many challenges await us. Christmas always gives us a hope to over come all types of challenges and with great hope in our saviour we look forward to a better year, happening favourable things throughout the NEW YEAR 2021. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR. Thanking you all for the great support.

**Fr. M. JayaPaul, DM- WADES**

**11. Priestly Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Rev. Fr. Prakash :** Fr. Arlagadda Prakash was born on 14-02-1941 at Kethapally, he was ordained on 21-12-1970 at Kethapally, His Places of Ministry are Veravally, NLG (1971-75), Proddutur khm (1975-80), Naidupet (1980-81), Manugonda (1981-86), Fatimanagar (1986-90), Devagiripatnam (1990-94) , Pasara (1994-96), Leave (1996-97), Singaram (1997-2000), Maripeda (2000--), Diesel Colony (5 years), Ekashilanagar (5 years), Shantinagar (3 years & continues). His Priestly Golden Jubilee was celebrated on 17th of December 2020 in Shantingar Parish (Kothulnadumu). I thank for all his services in the Diocese of Warangal.

**12. CRI Warangal Unit Christmas Celebration :** Greetings of Joyful Christmas and Prosperous New Year from CRI Warangal Unit. We are delighted to present to you the NEWS LINE, which marks the significant celebrations of Christmas. This year CRI Warangal unit celebrated Christmas in its own respective zones on 19th of December 2020 by maintaining all the COVID-19 safety precautions. Fatima Nagar, Thorur and Warangal zones had joined together to celebrate Christmas in St. Gabriel's auditorium. Karunapuram and Jangoan zones celebrated Christmas in SDP minor seminary at Vangalapalli. There were good number of religious presented for the celebrations.

120 Religious were presented in Fatima Nagar and 50 Religious in Vangalapalli for the celebrations. We began the program at 9.30 AM by invoking the presence of God with prayer service and lighting of the lamp by Fr. Kasu Marredy (the Parish Priest of Fatima Cathedral), Fr. Vijay Kumar, Sr. Selvi and Bro. Antony. The celebrations at Vangalapalli started with the adoration followed by confessions and Mass. At Fatimanagar, we had Holy Eucharistic celebration. The main celebrant was Rt. Rev. Udumala Bala, the Bishop of Warangal. During the homily he emphasized on following the values of Jesus Christ and be generous towards the poor and needy which ultimately draws all of us to the meaningful celebration of Christmas. He also said that this year is a celebration of joyful Christmas and a Healthy New Year 2021.

**Sr. Selvi FMM, CRI President**

**13. 25 Years of Fatima Helpage Society in Cathedral Campus :** On 13th of December 2020 Fatima Helpage Society celebrated its 25 years of Silver Jubilee in the Presence of Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, the Bishop of Warangal Diocese. This Society was formed by Rev. Fr. T. Jerome, the then Parish Priest of Fatima Cathedral Parish in the year 1996 with the view of helping the poor, the Widows and the Elderly in and around Fatimanagar area. During this celebration, the society also extended helping hand to thirty elderly people by providing clothes, bun & cake. Bishop also extended his generosity and his love for the poor by donating Rs. 25,000/- to the Helpage Society.

**Fr. Kasu Marredy, Parish Priest**

**14. Clergy Christmas Recollection :** "For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all those humble themselves will be exalted" (Lk 18:14b). The Diocese of Warangal arranged a day of Recollection for the Priests and Religious in preparation for Christmas on December 16, 2020 at Bishop Beretta High School, Fatimanagar. We had an input session preached by Rev. Fr. Chinnappa Reddy Basani, Reddipuram Parish Priest. The theme for reflection was Spiritual Renewal and Spiritual Exercises in the lives of priests. He also stressed on being humble in opposition with the Arrogance of Priests in the Priestly Ministry. The complete talk was based on - a Priest needs to be humble, a Priest needs to share his thoughts with others, a Priest needs to question

himself about ones ministry, and a Priest needs to be brief and strategic while dealing with his flock. We also had a briefing on FCRA & IT accounting by Mr. Vamshi, Auditor. Bishop gave pieces of communication and wished Happy Christmas.

**Fr. D. Prashanth**

**15. United Mega Christmas Celebrations :** The 8thTri-City's United Mega Christmas Celebrations were held on 13-12-2020 at 6.00 pm Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar. The Tri-City's United Mega Christmas Celebrations were initiated by Most Rev. Udumala Bala, in the year 2013. On this Occasion Sri Basavaraju Saraiah, MLC, Warangal and Sri Shankar Luke, Vice-Chairman, Government of Telangana State Minorities Commission were the Chief Guests. Most Rev. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal, Rev. Bishop Daniel Kalyanapu, Ecclesia Full Gospel Ministries, Rev. John Markandeya, Alpha-Omega Ministries, Rev. Dr. Isaac, President Tri-City's Christian Fellowship gave their messages on the Birth of Jesus Christ. Priests, Pastors, Sisters, Catholics, Christians of various Denominations and Non Christians participated in the Celebrations. All the Committees members worked hard to make the Celebrations a grand success.

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

**16. Banjara Christmas Celebration :** On 20th of December 2020 the Bajara Christmas Celebration held at Yesu Gutta, Shenigpuram, Mahabubabad. It the part of the Banjara Mission to celebrate Christmas with the people of this Mission place. This year along with Christmas celebration we have celebrated World Differently Abled People's Day. The celebration begun with Our Lady of Divine Mercy's car Procession. Most Rev. Udumala Bala D.D Bishop of Warangal, Blessed the car and led the procession to the top of the mountain and prayed to Our Lady of Divine Mercy then he preside over the Eucharist celebration. This Year Guanellian Fathers have taken incharge of the mission and study the possibility to do the mission for Differently Abled People.

Rev. Fr. Ronad SdC the Provincial Superior of the Divine Providence Province also participated in the function. Along with Guanellian Fathers there were Priests and Religious Brothers and Religious Sisters those who nearby Parishes and Religious communities have joined in the celebration. There were around 65 Differently Abled children and adults with their parents were the special guests for the celebration with help of Lodi. Around 400 people from the nearby Parishes took part in the celebration. After the Holy Eucharistic Celebration there were dances by the children to express the happiness of the Nativity of Our Lord. On the part of Guanellian Father the Christmas gifts and groceries were distributed to the differently Abled People. The celebration came to an end with the words of gratitude by Fr. Joseph Peter SdC who is the in-charge for this mission. There was the distribution of the food for all those who were participated.

**Fr. Joseph Peter SdC, Director**

## **17. Lodi MSSS :**

i. Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalised rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in Kodakandlamandal

A. Organised Linkage meeting with 37 local panchayat members, farmers and government officials at field office Kodakandla and facilitated project objectives and activities Formation of 15 women groups and 15 farmers groups and 16 village development committees in 16 project villages.

ii. Sustainability Program, Devarappulamandal

A. Devarapulla Jana Jeevana FPO purchase and sale of paddy seeds through FPO.

B. 62 farmers prepared Jeevaamrutham and waste decomposer to promote organic farming methods in 62 acres of land.

C. Constructed two sheds for preparation of organic vermi compost and ghanajeevaamrutham in

Chinthabaithanda and Chowdur villages.

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

### **Activities done:**

A.100- Vermi pits constructed for 100 marginalized farmers in 20 villages.

B.88-Stone Gully Plugs were constructed in 6 villages.

C.44 Rock Fill Dams were constructed in 6 villages.

D. Staff exposure program organized for 10 members to Ankapurmodel village.

iv. Christmas celebrations with HIV Children: Christmas Celebrations were arranged for 250 HIV affected and infected children. They were happy to receive the a pair of dress as Christmas gift and food materials of 10 varieties .

v. Covid 19 Relief works in LashkarSingaram: 32 poor widows were supported with basic food items and healthcare kits in Lashkar Singaram village of St. Peter's Parish

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

**18. Silver Jubilee of St. Anthony's Church, Tilaknagar, Kazipet Parish :** History of Catholic Community and Church - In late 1960s two men got married to two Catholic women from two Catholic families from Dharmapuram. They were Kummari Joseph, Sugnana and Kummari Kornelu and Ruthamma. Rev. Fr. Lino Dal Balcon began to take

pastoral care of the two families. After a few years, because of the pastoral work of Fr. Lino Dal Balcon a few more families embraced Catholic faith and during the course of a few more years in 1978 a small piece of land was purchased and a small prayer hut was built. A few years later in the place of the first prayer hut, another chapel with mud brick walls and asbestos sheets was built. Thus the foundation of Catholic Community and Church was done by Fr. Lino Dal Balcon. In 1981 Fr. F. Antonello came to Kazipet as p.p. He continued the work started by Fr. Lino Dal Balcon. He encouraged the faithful of Kazipet community to attend Masses at Tilaknagar. Thus Church was not sufficient to accommodate the people. Therefore he bought another bigger piece of land a few yards away from the original church. The land purchase was done at different times.. in the years 1993, 1994 and 1998. The present church with brick walls and asbestos sheets was built, blessed and inaugurated on Dec 8th, 1995. Bishop Emirutus Most Rev. Alphonsus Beretta, PIME blessed the Church. Fr. Antonello worked very hard to form the people in faith. He encouraged people to come and participate in Masses and other spiritual practices. He used to go by cycle to Tilaknagar from Kzp. He used to call out people in the mikes set on the top of Church to come to church on time addressing them as brother. He taught them to distribute bread/ buns and coffee after the Masses - (a practice from the life of the Saint). People fondly remember how he himself used to make black coffee and give to people. Now there are 40 Catholic families in Tilaknagar. The parish priests / priests who have worked at Kazipet parish after these great PIME missionaries tried to lead the community till the present time.

The Catholic Community desired to celebrate the Silver Jubilee (completion of 25 years of blessing and inauguration of the present St. Anthony's Church, Tilaknagar) of the Church on 8th December, 2020. The Church has been painted for this joyful celebration. On 8th December, 2020 Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala presided over the concelebrated Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist. He gave an encouraging message to the faithful of Tilaknagar and faithful who came from Kazipet, Somidi, Madikonda, Diesel Colony, Fatimanagar. He said to be grateful for the past and recommit for the future. It was a joyful celebration - with the Holy Eucharist, Bishop's message and dinner to all. Special tribute to Rev. Fr. F. Antonello, Rev. Sisters of St. Ann' s Convent, Kazipet, Catechists and the mason who built the Church. The Tilaknagar community involved in all works, arrangements of the celebration. We wish and pray that this celebration helps us to go forward more committed in our journey of faith. Thanks to all who have supported and participated in the celebration.

**Fr. M. Anand, Parish Priest**

**19. Pastoral Centre :** There is a joy in our hearts in the Christmas season; First and foremost we wish you all from the pastoral center Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year 2021.

1. Fr Gopu Kamal the Pastoral Center Director and his team organized the United Christmas Quiz competition at pastoral center. The Quiz competition is on Gospel of St Luke. There were twenty teams participated from various denominations from the tri city. There were only six teams went to finals. This quiz comparison improved the knowledge about Gospel of St Luke. All the participants felt happy about the facilities and all of them were actively participated.

2. Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday and Fourth Saturday i.e. on 12th and 26th of December 2020. On 12th fifty one 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 Fr. D. Prathap and team guided and suggested the program and the program went on well.

3. I visited many Parishes for the Kothakala Panduga Programmes and Advent season prayers, Masses and Confessions in the Parishes with the invitation of Parish Priests.

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

2. For any pastoral needs you can approach Fr. Gopu Kamal, Pastoral Center Director.

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

**20. Christmas Saragala Sandadi 2020, Dharmasagar :** December 17, 2020 was a remarkable day in the annals of Dharmasagar parish because of Christmas Saragala Sandadi, with the inspiration of our Beloved Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala on the feast of St. Cecilia at Fatimanagar. The elders and choir group members took initiative to organize this celebration at Dharmasagar. Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala was the Chief Guest, lighting the lamp he inaugurated Group Carols and group dance competitions. Our bishop appreciated and said this celebration should become an inspiration for others to bring out the hidden talents of our children. He stated that the message of Christmas Eve is being given through Carols and dances easily. More than 1000 people were present for the celebrations along with number of priests, religious and consecrated. Different parishes from and around of Dharmasagar 20 Carols and 20 group dances

were performed. It was a day witness to the love of God, who became human for humanity. Rev. Fr. S. Balashowry, Rev. Fr. R. Thomas and Mr. K. Krishnakar (MIJARK) were the judges for the competitions. St. Cecilia choir group of Dharmasagar won the First prize, Ghanpur (Stn) second prize and Tekulagudem choir won the third prize in group carol singing and were awarded a shield and Rs. 5,000/-, 3,000/- and 1,500/- respectively. Dharmasagar and Nashkal teams won first prize, Thatikayala team of Malkapur Parish won the second prize and Unikicherla team won the third prize in group dance and were awarded a shield and Rs. 5,000/-, 3,000/- and 1,500/- respectively by our beloved Bishop. Fr. R. Thomas, Mr. Kotte Manikyam family, Mr. Polumari Chiranjeevi family, Mr. Polumari Rajaiah family and elders of the Church gave donations for the programme. It started at 7pm continued up to 01am and was recorded by Divya Vani channel and several journalists too were present for the celebrations and the news became very popular.

**Fr. Marapally Praveen, Parish Priest**

**Christmas Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral :** On 24th December 2020 at 10:00pm Christmas celebrations started with Adoration and benediction in order to prepare worthily for receiving the heavenly bliss. After the Adoration at 11:15pm, the Christmas Vigil Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, the Bishop of Warangal Diocese and blessed all the faithful. The Bishop Exhorted all the faithful to be joyful at all times by following the Child Jesus from Cradle to the Cross. On this Auspicious Day, Sri Dasyam Vinay Bhasker garu, MLA of Warangal West & Chief Whip of Telangana State also joined for the Christmas Celebration with his family and extended his Greetings to the gathering. The entire celebration was Live Telecasted in Divyavani TV channel.

**Fr. Kasu Marredy , Parish Priest**

*Birthday Babies in January*

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

# United Mega Christmas Celebrations



Silver Jubilee of St. Anthony's Church, Tilaknagar, Kazipet Parish



25 Year of Fatima Helpage Society in Cathedral Campus



Condolences to Rev. Fr. Vatti Albeen Reddy



CRI Warangal Unit Christmas Celebrations

# Christmas Vigil Mass, Fatimanagar



Priestly Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Rev. Fr. Prakash



Distribution of Christmas Gifts in Bishop's House



# Happy New Year-2021