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Manipur is Burning



Let's Pray for Peace & Demand for Justice



Confirmations & First Holy Communion at Bowenpally Parish, Archdiocese of Hyderabad



**Condolence to Fr. T. Kiran
RIP: Mrs. T. Veronicamma, Mother Fr. T. Kiran**



Final profession of JMJ Sisters, Hyderabad



Feast of Mount Carmel, Confirmations & First Holy Communion at Palakurthy Parish



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Prayers at Father Colombo's Tomb, Karunapuram & Visit to Father Colombo Memorial School, Nekkonda



St. Ann's Feast Celebrations at St. Ann's Hospital community, FATIMANAGAR

Kapari Vani.....

Manipur is Burning and Many Burning Questions in Our Minds

Christianity Cannot be Eradicated from India

First and foremost, let me assertively state “*Christianity cannot be wiped out of India*” by whosoever or whatsoever means or ways, methods or modes, not even by horrific violence based on ethnicity, race, caste, creed, language, etc., and even by the Christians themselves with internal divisions and rivalries! This is the firmest Belief of the Indian Christians. We are so inseparably united with the cement of love and service on Christ’s foundation and we would sacrifice any differences between the different Churches or denominations and unitedly crush the diabolic forces, which try to attack to ruin or wipe out Christianity from India. On example of such crisis is that even after nearly three months of Gethsemane agony of the people of Manipur, the Government keep tight-lipped, pretending not to have known what’s happening in the State of Manipur!



Violence in Manipur escalates: Threat to Indian Christians

A major crisis sparked in Manipur in the month of May 2023, and continues to escalate, marking serious concern among the Christian churches. Along the terrible violence in the state, several Christian Churches and houses have been burned. Since the violence has taken effect, the Indian army had taken control but shut down the internet, the people of India are still unsure of the extent of what is happening. It is reported that the fighting has been taking place primarily between the Meiteis (who are non-tribal and some are Christians) and the Hill people (who are tribal and predominantly Christian). There have been a number of converts to Christianity also among the Meiteis. *All Indians especially Christians demand the Centre to intervene in the matter of current demonic situation in Manipur to restore Peace and urge Prime Minister to address the issue and break his long silence.* Amid the senseless violent unrest in Manipur, we underline the importance of the **Bible-Bhagavadgita-Koran-like Constitution of India for upholding democracy and secularism in India.** We demand justice not merely for Christians but all the people of this ‘*saare jahase accha*’.

Prayer is the most powerful Means

The first and best means for accomplishing anything, even the crisis of Manipur, Then we move towards request the authorities followed by dialogue. When even these peaceful means do not produce the desired fruit, then we protest and represent but peacefully. If the authorities give a deaf ear, then demand and agitate but peacefully without yielding to violence. Firmly believing in the Best means let me request **for urgent prayer** for the following:

- Pray for Peace to return to the area.
- Pray for Reconciliation on both sides of this conflict.
- Pray not to colour as Religious Issue: On the surface, it is ethnic, then political, but it is turned into religious issue.
- Pray for safety and provision for those who had to flee for their lives.
- Pray for the Indian Army as they were sent in to deal with the violence. Pray for their safety as well as wisdom in such a tense situation.
- Pray for the conversion of the Governments especially Religious fanatics.

Manipur Christians: The Violence Shattered Them

In May 2023, violent clashes between two communities erupted in India's Manipur state, leaving entire villages burned and displacing tens of thousands. Thousands from India's tribal Kuki community have fled their homes. Amid ongoing violence, returning isn't an option. The conflict is two sides of the same coin—religious motivation on one side and political motivation on the other, both intersecting at this point, where it has resulted in large scale violence. The conflict about land and tribal status has been there for many years but for the first time, religious places have been attacked, and this time it is systematic by organized paid gangs who were carrying lists of religious places.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited and a lighted a candle at Delhi's Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral Church on the occasion of Easter in New Delhi on April 9, 2023 but does not lift even a finger to quench the fires of Manipur, which are burning the people alive and stripping the women of their clothes and parading naked those women, who were dragged from the Police Jeep, which was supposed to protect them were handed over the fanatic extremists. What is worse is that they were paraded amidst a mob youngsters and adults watching and mocking them as if they have no mothers and sisters. Such *rakshasa* diabolic mentality was evident in this great country where women are revered and respected as gods! What an Irony?!

Religious Freedom in India

The ongoing conflict is between the state's majority Hindu Meitei community and the Christian Kuki population and has seen the direct targeting of religious symbols, places of worship and refuge. More than 450 churches have been burned or damaged across the state.

Religious freedom in India has declined in recent years, marked by the promotion and enforcement of discriminatory laws and practices that negatively impact the country's minority Muslim, Christian, Sikh, and Adivasis populations. In its 2023 Annual Report, USCIRF recommended that the State Department designate India as a Country of Particular Concern for systematic, ongoing, and planned violations of religious freedom. Christian demonstrators and onlookers complain that the police failed to intervene and protect them during the worst of the attack. Christians from both the Meitei and Kuki groups have been affected, with many facing extreme pressure to renounce their faith and accept Hinduism (Ghar Vapas).

Archbishop Dominic Lumon of Imphal

The local Catholic Church has been shocked by the outburst of ethnic conflict in Manipur state in northeast India. The violence has resulted in an unofficial death toll estimated at 160, the majority of them tribal Christians, and the displacement of nearly 50,000 people along with dozens of churches and other institutions looted and torched. This violence is the worst in the history of Manipur, and Imphal is the capital of Manipur. 'We are worried as it is still simmering in peripheries mountain areas and communication is curtailed. Tension is widespread and there is a sense of desperation, the archbishop added. Majority of the dead are tribal Christians! May the blood shed by them moisten the ground of Christian soil, from where the Sons and daughters of mighty Faith would sprout and bloom into Christians of valour and Glory who would save Manipur and Indeed, India our Motherland. May we stand by the persecuted Manipur, the Jewel of India and the Switzerland of Bharath!

Meera Bharath Mahan Hai!!

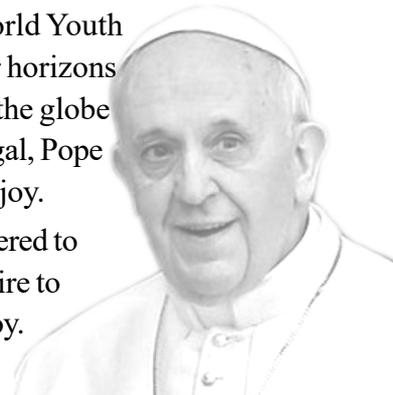
II. Holy Father's General Intention: For World Youth Day

We Pray that the world Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the gospel in their own lives.

III. Message of Pope Francis on WYD 2023: 'Young People Thirst for Horizons'

Pope Francis sends a video message to participants in World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, and urges young people to open their horizons and hearts to other pilgrims. As young people from across the globe prepare to participate in World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, Pope Francis sent them a video message on Friday to express his joy.

The Pope noted that over 400,000 young people have registered to take part in the event on 1-6 August 2023. He said their desire to travel to the Portuguese capital later this year fills him with joy.



Thirst to encounter others

Pope Francis pointed out that some people may think they are traveling as tourists, but said there is likely a deeper reason for their decision.

“Any young person who goes to WYD, goes because, deep down, he or she has the thirst to participate, to share, to tell their experience and receive the experience of others. They are thirsting for horizons.” He added that WYD offers young people the chance to expand those horizons and to “look beyond”. “Don’t put up a wall in front of your life,” he urged them. “Walls close you in; the horizon makes you grow. Always look at the horizon with your eyes, but look, above all, with your heart.”

Breaking down walls, opening horizons

The Pope said WYD brings together people from many walks of life and cultures, and encouraged participants to open their hearts to those they will meet. He thanked them for registering so far in advance, and expressed his hopes that others will follow their example. “May God bless you; may the Virgin take care of you. Pray for me, for I pray for you. And don’t forget: say ‘no’ to walls, and ‘yes’ to horizons.”

Hastening toward WYD

The motto for WYD 2023 is “Mary arose and went with haste”, taken from Luke’s Gospel (1:39). Earlier last year, the World Youth Day Press Office announced 13 patron saints to accompany young people during their journey toward and during the event.

The first WYD took place in 1986 in Rome, and was later held in Buenos Aires (1987), Santiago de Compostela (1989), Czestochowa (1991), Denver (1993), Manila (1995), Paris (1997), Rome (2000), Toronto (2002), Cologne (2005), Sydney (2008), Madrid (2011), Rio de Janeiro (2013), Krakow (2016), and Panama (2019).

IV. National Youth Commission: *National Youth Sunday - 13th August 2023*

National Youth Sunday 2023-Theme: “Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Eph 6:1).

Brothers and Sisters, on August 13th the Church in India celebrates the National Youth Sunday 2023. Like the World Youth Day and Asian Youth Day, the Church in India celebrates this special day for the young people across the country. This year the theme is “Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right” (Eph 6:1).

The new millennium has witnessed and continues to witness much violence. Hardly any day passes that we do not hear the sad news of violent aggression and brutality unleashed against innocent people somewhere around the world. To make matters worse, perpetrators of these acts of violence often try to justify these atrocities by claiming that they are fighting a holy war in God’s name. The holy war to which Christ calls us, therefore, is not a war against people of certain nationalities or cultures, creeds or ideologies, but a war in which we first have to identify the forces for evil in our own persons and in the persons of those who are dear to us (father, son, mother, daughter, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law) and then declare an uncompromising war against these forces. We need to rise and fight against these evil. We need to rise and work in haste without wasting time. The National Youth Sunday theme suggests that, like our heavenly mother we need to wake up from slumber and act now. We need to do it now. During this Eucharist, let us pray for the young people that they may understand the call and answer it positively.

V. Feast of St. John Mary Vianney (August 4) Patron of Priests

On August 4, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. John Vianney, patron of priests. John Vianney, also known as the Holy Curé de Ars, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, near Lyon, France to a family of farmers. He was ordained a priest in 1815 and became curate in Ecully. He was then sent to the remote French community of Ars in 1818 to be a parish priest. Upon his arrival, the priest immediately began praying and working for the conversion of his parishioners. Although he saw himself as unworthy of his mission as pastor, he allowed himself to be consumed by the love of God as he served the people. Vianney slowly helped to revive the community’s faith through both his prayers and the witness of his lifestyle. He gave powerful homilies on the mercy and love of God, and it is said that even staunch sinners were converted upon hearing him. In addition, he restored his church, formed an orphanage, “La Providence,” and cared for the poor. His reputation as a confessor grew rapidly, and pilgrims traveled from all over France to come to him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. John Vianney died on August 4, 1859. The Holy Curé of Ars was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He is the patron of priests. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney’s death, declared the Year for Priests.



VI. Feast of Transfiguration of Jesus Christ (August 6)

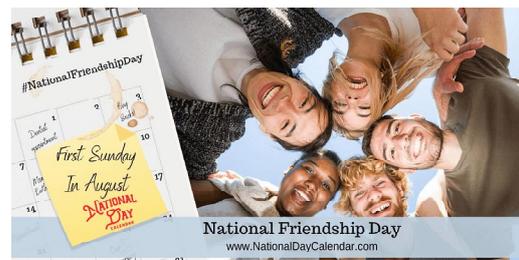
Feast of the Transfiguration, Christian commemoration of the occasion upon which Jesus Christ took three of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on a mountain, where Moses and Elijah appeared and Jesus was transfigured, his face and clothes becoming dazzlingly bright (Mark 9:2–13; Matthew 17:1–13; Luke 9:28–36). The festival celebrates the revelation of the eternal glory of the Second Person of



the Trinity, which was normally veiled during Christ's life on earth. According to tradition, the event took place on Mount Tabor. It is not known when the festival was first celebrated, but it was kept in Jerusalem as early as the 7th century and in most parts of the Byzantine Empire by the 9th century. It was gradually introduced into the Western Church, and its observance was fixed as August 6 by Pope Calixtus III in 1457 as a thank offering for the victory over the Turks at Belgrade on that day in 1456. In 2002 Pope John Paul II updated the meditations of the rosary with five "luminous mysteries," of which the Transfiguration is one. In the Transfiguration Christ enjoyed for a short while that glorified state which was to be permanently His after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The splendor of His inward Divinity and of the Beatific Vision of His soul overflowed on His body, and permeated His garments so that Christ stood before Peter, James, and John in a snow-white brightness. The purpose of the Transfiguration was to encourage and strengthen the Apostles who were depressed by their Master's prediction of His own Passion and Death. The Apostles were made to understand that His redeeming work has two phases: The Cross, and glory—that we shall be glorified with Him only if we first suffer with Him.

VII. National Friendship Day (August 6)

National Friendship Day was originally founded by Hallmark in 1919. It was intended to be a day for people to celebrate their friendship by sending each other cards. However, by 1940 the market had dried up, and eventually, it died out completely. In April 2011, the United Nations officially recognized 30th July as International Friendship Day; although most countries celebrate on the first Sunday of August. On the first Sunday in August, National Friendship Day encourages people across the country and world to connect with friends. Make a new friend or reconnect with an old one. Friendships come in many forms, and we begin developing them when we're very young. Throughout our lives, friendships and their meanings evolve. Our classmates and neighborhood pals explored the world with us. Friendship is one of the most precious things shared between friends in your life. The golden time spent with childhood friends stay as a treasure in our hearts for the whole life. In order to celebrate this precious bond of togetherness, Friendship day is celebrated every year on first Sunday of August month. In India, it will be observed on 7th August this year.



VIII. National Senior Citizens Day (August 08)

You have probably been told many times before that you need to respect your elders. In fact, this is a phrase that most children hear throughout their lives! Well, Senior Citizen Day is all about respecting your elders. It is about honoring those people who have been on this earth longer than we have. Getting old is not easy. You have been independent your whole life, and then you feel this being stripped away from you. It



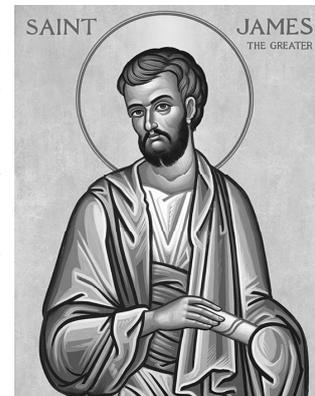
can be very difficult to deal with, and that is why we all need to make sure that we are there for our grandparents and older people in general. That's what this day celebrates, and it's special to be a part of it. After all, seniors bring so much to the world!

IX. National Mourning Day (August 10)

The Commission (Scheduled Caste) Order 1950 was signed on 10th August 1950 by the then President of India which says that "No person who professes a religion other than Hinduism shall be deemed to be a member of the Scheduled Caste" which was later amended to include Sikhs (1956) and Buddhists (1990) in the Scheduled Caste net. Civil Writ Petition 180/2004 in the Honorable Supreme Court of India praying the deletion of Para 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Caste) Order 1950 is still pending for the past 14 years in which the CBCI and NCCI have also impleaded. The case had been referred to a higher bench and still it has not been constituted. Thus Constitutional Rights for Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims are denied based on religion for the past 69 Years. To express our dissatisfaction about this "Constitution Scheduled Caste Order 1950 Para 3 which is "unconstitutional and it is a black letter written outside the Constitution introduced through the back door by an executive order" Hence I, request you all to observe 'Day of Mourning' on August 10th in our diocese in all possible ways. Kindly co-operate with the SC-ST commission. By this action we can show support and solidarity to the suffering Christians of Scheduled Caste Origin. We pray and continue to agitate till the Justice is done to SC Christians!

X. Feast of St. Lawrence- (August 10)

Saint Lawrence, Lawrence also spelled Laurence, (died 258, Rome [Italy]; feast day August 10), one of the most venerated Roman martyrs, celebrated for his Christian valour. He is the patron saint of the poor and of cooks. Lawrence was among the seven deacons of the Roman church serving Pope Sixtus II, whose martyrdom preceded Lawrence's by a few days: they were executed during the persecution under the Roman emperor Valerian. It is said that Lawrence gave the church's treasures to the poor and the sick before his arrest. Although Lawrence was probably beheaded, St. Ambrose of Milan and the Latin poet Prudentius, among others, recorded that he was roasted to death on a gridiron, remarking to



his torturers at one point, “I am cooked on that side; turn me over, and eat.” Many conversions to Christianity throughout Rome reportedly followed Lawrence’s death, including those of several senators witnessing his execution. The Basilica of San Lorenzo Fuori le Mura (St. Lawrence Outside the Walls), Rome, was built over his burial place. He is named in the canon of the Roman mass.

XI. St. Maximilian Kolbe – (August 14)

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland in 1894 and at about the age of 10 had a vision of the Virgin Mary. She offered him a white crown and a red crown, representing purity and martyrdom. He chose both, a foreshadowing of his life to come. In 1910, he joined the Conventual Franciscan Order. He was sent to study in Rome where founded the M.I. on October 16, 1917. Ordained a priest in 1918, Father Maximilian returned to Poland and began his untiring missionary activity, starting a monthly magazine and establishing two evangelization centers dedicated to the Immaculate Virgin: Niepokalanów, the “City of the Immaculata,” in Poland, and Mugenzai no Sono in Japan, and envisioned missionary centers worldwide. To better “win the world for Christ through the Immaculata,” the friars utilized the most modern techniques. St. Maximilian used short-wave radio and planned to build a motion picture studio. In 1939, during WWII, at Niepokalanów he welcomed thousands of refugees, especially Jews. In 1941, St. Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis and taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp. There he offered his life for another prisoner and was condemned to slow death in a starvation bunker. He died on August 14, 1941, with an injection of carbolic acid. Pope John Paul II canonized him as a Saint and Martyr of Charity on October 10, 1982. St. Maximilian Kolbe is considered a patron of journalists, families, prisoners, the pro-life movement, the chemically addicted and those with eating disorders.



XII. Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (August 15)

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was already being celebrated on 15 August in the 5th century. It bore the sense of Our Lady’s “Birth into heaven”, or in the Byzantine tradition, her “Dormition”. The feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the middle of the 7th century. It was not until 1 November 1950, that Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of Mary’s assumption body and soul into heaven. In the Apostles’ Creed, we profess our faith in the “Resurrection of the body” and in “life everlasting”. This is the ultimate goal and meaning of our life’s journey. This promise of faith is already accomplished in Mary, who is the “sign of sure hope and comfort” (Preface). It is a privilege granted to Mary, and closely connected to her being the Mother of Jesus. Since death and the corruption of the human body are consequences of sin, it was not right that the Virgin Mary – who is free from sin – should be affected by this natural law. Hence the mystery of her “Dormition” or “Assumption into heaven”. The fact that Mary has already been assumed into heaven is a reason to celebrate, to rejoice, to hope in the “already and the not yet”. One of God’s creatures – Mary – is already in heaven. With her, and like her, we too, who are God’s creatures, will one day be there too.



XIII. 76th Independence Day of India (August 15)

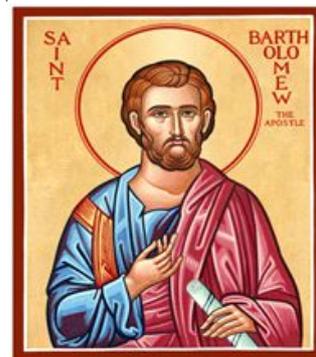
Every year India celebrates 15th of August as Independence Day. This day is significant for the Indian. After the slavery of years, India got independence on the same day from British rule, 15 August 1947. This day has been declared as a gazetted holiday Throughout India to honor the great sacrifice of our countrymen. India is a country with a rich cultural heritage and it is the world's largest democracy. The citizens here are committed to taking the country to higher heights. As soon as



the tricolor wakes up in the sky, every citizen promises to work hard to increase the glory of the country and takes a firm resolve to make India a nation that is always firm for human values. For any country, the effect of history on its future journey is obvious. Because of this, the present generation should aware of the ancestor's sacrifice. Be respectful towards them. This day is very important for the current generation. So that they can take the lessons from history so as a citizen of the country we should not repeat the old mistakes. The importance of August 15 has increased even in our lives. The country is facing many challenges within and outside boundaries. Social, political and religious stability in the country is constantly under threat. It is now the responsibility of today's youth to realize the spirit of that magical night of 1947 and move on to the path shown by freedom fighters.

XIV. St. Bartholomew, the Apostle (August 24)

Saint Bartholomew, (flourished 1st century AD—died unknown date, traditionally Albanopolis, Armenia; Western feast day Aug 24; date varies in Eastern churches), one of the Twelve Apostles. Apart from the mentions of him in four of the Apostle lists (Mark 3:18, Matt. 10:3, Luke 6:14, and Acts 1:13), nothing is known asout him from the New Testament. Bartholomew is a Family name meaning “son of [Hebrew: *bar*] Tolmai, or Talmai,” so he may have had another personal name. For that reason and because he was always associated with St. Philip the Apostle in the Gospel lists, a 9th-century tradition identified him



with Nathanael, who, according to John 1:43–51, was called with Philip by Jesus. Upon seeing Nathanael, Jesus said, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” This identification sought to explain how the otherwise unknown Bartholomew could be mentioned in the Apostle lists, while Nathanael, whose call is explicitly described by John, does not figure in them. His full name would then be Nathanael bar Tolmai.. The apostle is said to have been martyred by flaying and beheading at the command of the Armenian king Astyages. His relics were supposedly taken to the Church of St. Bartholomew-in-the-Tiber, Rome.

XV. The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord, John the Baptist (August 29)

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The “voice crying in the desert” did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of



selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11). Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: “The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus” (John 1:35-37). It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John’s life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God’s grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation.

XVI. Rakhi: The Thread of Love (August 30)

The bonding between a brother and a sister is simply unique and is beyond description in words. The relationship between siblings is extraordinary and is given importance in every part of the world. However, when it comes to India, the relationship becomes all the more important as there is a festival called “Raksha Bandhan” dedicated for the sibling love. Rakhi is basically a sacred thread of



protection embellished with the love and affection of a sister for her brother. This day is also known as Raksha Bandhan and celebrated on the full moon day of the Hindu month of Shrawana in India. This frail of thread of Rakhi is considered as stronger than iron chains as it binds the most beautiful relationship in an inseparable bond of love and trust. Rakhi festival also has a social significance because it underlines the notion that everybody should live in harmonious with each other. In India, festivals are the celebration of togetherness, of being one of the families. Raksha Bandhan is one such festival that is all about affection, fraternity and sublime sentiments. It is also known as Raksha Bandhan which means a ‘bond of protection’. This is an occasion to flourish love, care, affection and sacred feeling of brotherhood.

Dedication & Inauguration of FCIMS on 22-07-2023

Reception at the Airport



Reception at Bishop's House



Car & Bike Procession towards FCIMS



Welcoming the Nuncio, Cardinals & other Bishops with Kolatam, Tribal & Folk Dances



Welcoming by Medicare Hospital & FCIMS Directors



Blessing & Inauguration of FCIMS by Most Rev. Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio



Honoring Fr. Augusto Colombo PIME



**Blessing of the Foundation for
BSC Nursing College by
His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias**



**Blessing the Foundation for
Paramedical College by
His Eminence Felipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao**



Digital opening of FCIMS



Blessing of Different Departments of FCIMS



Eucharistic Celebration
Celebrant: Most Rev. Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio
Homilist: H.E. Oswald Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay
Introduction to the Holy Eucharist: H.E. Felipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao, Archbishop of Goa & Daman
Words of Welcome in Telugu by Bishop Most Rev. Udamala Bala





Felicitation Program



Holy Mass at Fatima Cathedral on 23-07-2023



XVII. Bishop's Schedule for August, 2023

- 01: Warangal Office
- 02: Khammam Office
- 03: am Khammam Clergy Day with Requiem Mass for late Fr. Charles Anthony followed by Priests Sharing & Caring-Fun & Play
pm Chapel Blessing at Thallada Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 04: Feast of St. John Maria Vianney: Warangal Clergy Day at St. Francis Xavier Major Seminary, Karunapuram
- 07: Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Blessing at Diddupudi Village, Sathupally Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 08: Priestly Ordinations of Deacons M. Vijay Bhaskar, FDP & B. Vijay, FDP at Our Lady of Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar
- 09: Salvatorian General's Visit
- 10: WADES Budget Meeting, Fatimanagar: Fr. Varghese's Ordination Anniversary
- 12: Holy Mass: CRI Warangal Meeting
- 13: National Youth Sunday Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar
- 14: Warangal Office
- 15: Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary & Independence of India
- 21: St. Pius X Feast Celebrations at St. Pius X Minor Seminary, Karunapuram
- 22: Khammam Office
- 23: Warangal Office for Consecrated
- 24: Holy Matrimony at Bandlaguda Parish, Hyderabad
- 28-30: CBCI Communications Meet, New Delhi
- 31: am Fr. Colombo's Death Anniversary Mass at Infant Jesus Shrine, Karunapuram
pm Divyavani TV 7th Anniversary Celebrations, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad

September 2023

- 01: Silver Jubilee of Penuballi Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 02: Assisi Sisters Golden & Silver Jubilee and introducing New Provincial Team
- 07: First Profession of MOP Novices at MOP Formation House, Fatimanagar
- 08: Arogya Matha Feast Celebrations at Palvancha Parish
- 09: Arogya Matha Feast Celebrations and Confirmations at Ballepalli
- 10-15: FABC Meeting at Bangkok

XVIII. Communications

1. Profuse Thanks & Congratulations for the Solemnity & Grandeur Blessing of FCIMS

FCIMS Dedication and Blessing Program on July 22, 2023 was a Classic in every sense of the term in Conducting the entire Program officiated by The 3 giant Personalities of the Church in India i. e, The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, the Archbishop of Bombay, H. Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias and the Patriarch of East n Archbishop of Goa-Daman H. Eminence Filipe Neri Cardinal Ferrao along with our Bishops of TCBC.

It is due to the Planning n Execution of Each Committee set up beginning with Prayer Committee in pleading God for good weather, which it achieved! Great Indeed. I thank profusely All the Incharge Priests with all their Committee members for their precision, time and trouble. The Catholic-Warangal with its Priests, Consecrated and Faithful gave live witness to the world via Live Telecast by Divyavani and physically to our distinguished Guests. The Nuncio n the Cardinals congratulated many times till they left and afterwards too!

The General Convener cum Financial Administrator Fr. K. Joseph, the two Directors, Fr. T. Augustine, Fr. G. Chinnappa and Secretary to Bishop Fr. Anukiran deserve along with the Lay Collaborators deserve special appreciation. Let's continue the same spirit and in Synodality Time, let's prepare our Laity to take the torch to continue the legacy of the Diocese of Warangal.

Long Live Fr. Colombo in the Hearts of the People!

May the Zeal of PIME capture us!

+ Udumala Bala
Bishop, Diocese of Warangal

2. Clergy Day and Monthly Recollection for Clergy on 4th August 2023 at Karunapuram: In View of Celebrating St. John Mary Vianney Day, a monthly Recollection cum Sports & Games for Clergy at Diocesan Level is arranged on 4th August 2023 from 9.00 am at St. Xavier Major & St. Pius X Minor Twin Seminaries, Karunapuram. All the Priests are requested to attend it without fail.

3. Rev. Fr. Varghese 66th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on August 10, 2023: It is a great gift of God. He wishes to Thank God with many of us. Those who can, please join Holy Mass at 11:30am followed by Lunch at Vianney Home, Fatimanagar.



4. Independence Day & Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

As we celebrate our country's Independence day and solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th of August, we thank God for all the blessings He has been showering and continue to pray that our country develops in every sector with a special attention to the poor and the rural areas. We pray that Mary assumed into heaven may protect and promote the unity and prosperity of India.

5. National Youth Sunday: National Youth Sunday will be celebrated on 13th August this year. Kindly celebrate in whatever way possible and send that Sunday's collection to the

Diocesan office, some of it will go to the National Office. May the Youth grow in Faith, Wisdom and Service for the Church and Nation!

6. Dalit Mourning Day: As you know, 10th of August every year is commemorated as PROTEST DAY (earlier called Black Day). It was on this day, the Presidential Order 1950, para 3, denying SC status to Dalit Christians and Muslims was promulgated. On this occasion, we do different activities like Rally, Dharna, Protest Meetings, demonstrating at Dr. Ambedkar Squares and before Collectorates, giving memorandum to District Collectors. These are organized by SC, ST and BC Commissions, NCDC and other Dalit Muslim and Christian groups in different places, in collaboration with other likeminded groups. Kindly take active participation through Prayer and Action!

7. News from the Pastoral Centre

1. CCBI had organized Regional meeting from 18th to 20th of July, 2023 to discuss on CCBI Strategic Planning 2023-2030. It is to revisit and renew our CCBI visions, mission, and its commissions, departments, apostolates goal, objectives and key performance indicators.

2. Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday and Fourth Saturday i.e. on 08th and 22nd of July 2023. On 08th seventeen members attended for MPC.

3. Pastoral Centre Core team members attended a meeting on 1st July to discuss about pastoral centre programs.

4. Charismatic team had conducted prayers and word of God in. Narmetta Parish on 9th, Malkapur Parish on 30th of this month.

5. Fr. Cyril Das Muthangi, invited priests who are interested in Charismatic to strengthen oneself to strengthen spiritually the people of God in the Diocese on 13th of this month..

6. Myself and the team visited some Schools and Parishes in view of catechism.

7. CMF Province of Bangalore, Andhra and Telangana Region (Fr. Martin) had organized Catechist revival meeting at Bhattiprolu in Guntur Diocese from 26th to 28th of July. Pastoral centre team of Warangal Diocese had been invited to conduct this program for CMF Catechist.

8. Catechism teachers meeting was conducted on 29th July at pastoral center, Fatimanagar by Pastoral Centre Catechism team Mr. Rupesh and team. Syllabus for the year 2023-2024 is the main agenda.

Note:

➤ Marriage preparation course and Counseling (MPC) is conducted in pastoral center on every second and fourth Saturday.

➤ Jyothirmai (Regional Pastoral Centre) **Bible Quiz is on 5th November 2023**. All those who would like to participate has to enroll their names before 30th September 2023, and the entrance fee is Rs: 15. Please collect the Quiz enrolment books and information from Pastoral Centre. Kindly announce in the Parishes and institutions and encourage all the faithful to take part in it.

➤ All the Parishes and Educational Institutions are expected to appoint Catechism and Moral Science teacher and **teach Catechism and Value education in Schools, Colleges and Parishes** from starting of academic Year 2023. **Catechism is mandatory for our Catholic Children and Youth.** New catechism and value education **Books are Available at Pastoral Center** for classes 1 to 10.

Fr. G. Kamal, Director

8. NEWS from Lodi MSSS: “There Could be No Definition of a Successful Life that Does Not Include Service to others.”GEORGE H.W. BUSH

I. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalised rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in Kodakandla Mandal.

➤ 50 farmers participated in linkage meeting and mandal agriculture officer attended meeting and discussed on agriculture issues, schemes, crop diseases and pest management. We distributed to 50 farmers 6 varieties of vegetable seeds to enhance income and vegetable consumption.

II. Title of the Project: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Marginalized Communities of 20 villages of Raikal Mandal of Jagityal district. We have completed renovation of two feeder channels in Kummariipalli & Mangthya Naik Thanda villages. We have conducted Linkage meeting for 100 selected farmers on Government schemes for needy families. We have conducted Mandal committee meeting for 40 mandal committee members on village development process.

II. Millets Popularization Drive

➤ On the occasion of International millet year 2023 we have conducted “Millet Popularization drive” on 29.06.2023 at Adhivarampeta Thanda, Seethanagaram Village. Gudur Mandal, Mahabubabad District. We have sensitized the people on the importance of Millets Cultivation and benefits of millets. We have distributed different millets seeds to selected farmers like Foxtail, Pearl, Little Millets, Finger Millets, Brown top and Sorghum.

III. Revolving Fund Loans:

➤ During the month of July, 2023, 306 beneficiaries (Women & Farmers) of 7 villages were supported with the loan of Rs. 61,00,000/-. 2593 members of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangam of 65 villages of 28 Parishes were supported with the loan of Rs. 1,17,60,000/-.

IV. Child Line, Warangal & Bhupalapally

➤ During the month of July 2023, totally 16 children were saved by Child Line staff of LODI: 3 children from child marriages: 3 from human trafficking: 4 children from emotional abuse and 6 children were joined in the school. As part of 1098 services, we have conducted 13 awareness meetings. We have conducted an ‘Empowerment programme’ for two days for the children infected / affected by HIV/AIDS. On 11th & 12th July, the coordinators of

CHAI, along with a donor from Misereor, Germany, visited children under CABA programme and evaluated the programme.

➤ During the month of June and July 2023, 18 children were saved from Child Labour by Child Line staff of LODI; 4 children were supported for education and shelter.

Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director, LODI MSSS

9. Invitation for theologians and Synodal Team Members:

from TCBC Commission for Theology & Doctrine: SEMINAR OF THE TELUGU CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL FORUM: Oct. 4&5, 2023

TCBC Commission for Doctrine & Theology is conducting the 9th Seminar of the Telugu Catholic Theological Forum (TCTF) on **04 & 05, October, 2023** at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad. The theme of the Seminar is **"Telling the Story of Jesus in a Synodal Way in the Context of Telangana and Andhra."** The participation in the Seminar is for Priests/ Sisters who are working in Andhra & Telangana who have done some higher theological studies in theology; at least a Masters in theology (M.Th.) in case of Priests and at least Bachelors in theology (B.Th) in case of sisters.

This Year we wish to invite Lay people with a diploma in theology and the Lay faithful (men and women) who were actively involved in the Project of Synodality in the TCBC Region.

Kindly register yourself via an email with your name, address and contact number with **tcbc.theo@gmail.com**. Please contact Fr. Reddimasu Papaiah, Secretary of the Commission, at the above email address for any further information regarding the Seminar.

Your Suggestions are valuable to us for improvement.

Fr. Reddimasu Papaiah

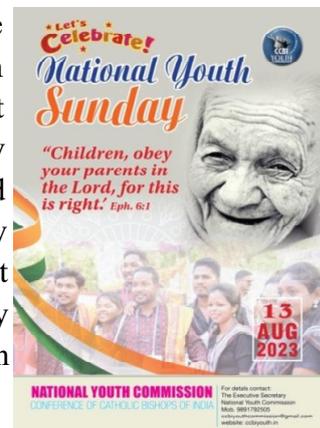
Secretary, TCBC Commission

+Udumala Bala, Chairman

TCBC Commission for Theology & Doctrine

10. News from Youth Centre

1. National Youth Sunday: National Youth Sunday will be celebrated on 13th August this year with the theme "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (Eph 6:1). Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal celebrates the Holy Mass in the Cathedral to pray for the Youth at 7.30 am and followed by programs in the Diocesan level. Parish Priest kindly announce and encourage the Youth to participate in it on August 13, 2023. If it is not possible to come to Fatimanagar, kindly conduct special programs in your respective Parishes for Youth on National Youth Sunday and send the Pictures to me.



2. Arunodaya Youth Centre has conducted plantation program on 9th of July, 2023 in Somidi Village, Kazipet Parish. Village youth as well as the faithful attended this program. During the time of plantation we explained about the importance of trees in our lives & for ecological balance. We also encouraged the youth to take active part in the activities of the Church. Fr. Allam Sravan, the Parish Priest also took part in this program



Fr. Anukiran, Diocesan Youth Director

11. News from WADES: “Once a champion, always a champion” - Ferdinand Marcos

It gives us immense pleasure to announce that St. Paul’s High School, Jangaon is awarded with “THE GOLDEN SCHOOL AWARD” at the NATIONAL LEVEL by Indian Talent Olympiad and further happy to announce that four of our students secured STATE TOPPER AWARDS in INDIAN TALENT OLYMPIAD for the academic session 2022-23. Over 33,175+ schools across India registered and Millions of students took part in these Olympiad exams. In such huge competition, our students secured state topper awards. Certificates won at the Olympiad levels hold immense importance in a child’s life. It is not only a motivating moment for the child, but also for parents, teachers and all their well-wishers at large. The winners were awarded with a memento, medal and a certificate and our school is provided with a latest Tablet for the excellence in Olympiad exams.

Warmest congratulations to all on their tremendous achievement. We wish them even more success in the future.

**Fr. N. Maria Joseph, HM & Correspondent
St. Paul’s High School, Jangaon**

12. News from Divya Vani

1. Divya Vani is hiring new camera men for the Zonal Studios. Therefore kindly announce in the Parishes and encourage the Catholic Cameramen to avail this opportunity. Kindly contact me for further details.

2. Divayani is conducting a "Three day" workshop from 7th August to 9th August 2023 to enhance the quality of the programs. Those who are interested to learn photography are also can avail this opportunity. The workshop will focus on programming and production. The workshop ends on 9th August 2023 at 5.30pm.

NB: Please support Divyavani with sponsorship programs for Telecast!

Fr. Anukiran, DVSC-Zonal Director

13. Hearty Condolences to Fr. T. Kiran: The Diocese of Warangal is saddened to hear the news of the demise of Mrs. Thumma Veronica, the mother of Rev. Fr. Thumma Kiran, aged 72 at 7:00am on 2nd of July 2023 at Suryapet. The Diocese conveys heartfelt condolences to Rev Fr. Thumma Kiran who is serving at Kesamudram as Parish Priest and Correspondent of St. John's High school and to the bereaved family members. The Funeral Mass and Burial Services were held at Holy Family Church, Kadavendi Parish on 3rd of July 2023 at 10:00am. May her noble soul rest in peace!

Birthday Babies in the Month of August

Rev. Fr. S. Shobhan Reddy	03-08-1970
Rev. Fr. A. Vincent	06-08-1963
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Ajith Kumar	07-08-1992
Rev. Fr. S. Mahipaul	09-08-1988
Rev. Fr. Y. Sebastian	11-08-1938
Rev. Fr. A. Inna	15-08-1965
Rev. Fr. T. Sunil	15-08-1977
Rev. Fr. D. Jaya Prathap	15-08-1971
Rev. Fr. P. Dasaiah	15-08-1979
Rev. Fr. T. Santhosh	19-08-1987
Rev. Fr. A. Bala	21-08-1958
Rev. Fr. E. Vijay Kumar	25-08-1985
Rev. Fr. Y. Sathish	26-08-1984
Rev. Fr. T. Manohar	31-08-1972
Rev. Fr. Mettu Sravan	21-08-1991

Priestly Ordinations

Rev. Fr. Kariyil Varghese	10-08-1958
Rev. Fr. Mettu Sravan	16-08-2021

Necrology: R.I.P

Rev. Fr. Augusto Colombo, PIME	31-08-2009
Rev. Fr. Boyapati Leeno	08-08-2016
Rev. Fr. M.P. Joseph	11-08-2020
Rev. Fr. Yeruva Lourdu	24-08-2021

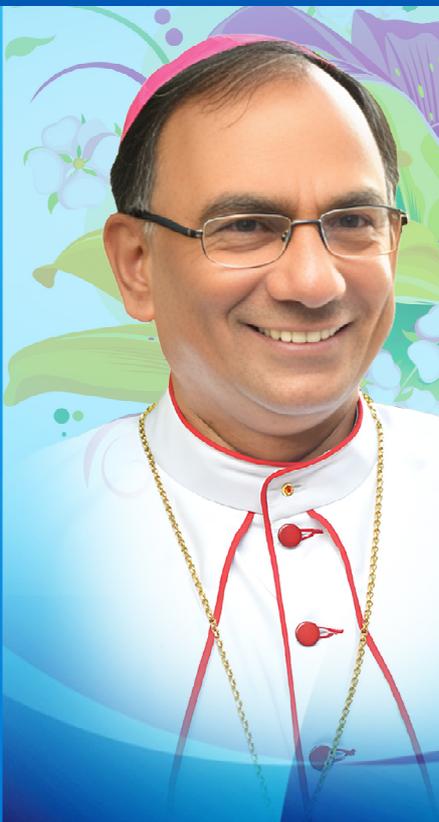
Warangal Christians Peace Rally:

for Peace & Justice in Manipur





**Submission of Demand of
Warangal Christian's to
the Hanumakonda
District collector**



**Hearty Congratulations
Your Excellency**

Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala

**On your First Anniversary as
Apostolic Administrator of
Khammam Diocese**

27-08-2022

