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Flag Hoisting : Fatima Feast 1st Day of Novena & Press Meet



Honouring the Silver & Golden Jubilerian Married Couples



Grand Marian Procession



Grand Marian Procession



Candle Lit -Eucharist Procession & Benediction



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Pontifical High Mass



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Empty Womb to Empty Tomb *God's Amen for His Promises*

Tragic Suffering with Happy Ending?

Down through the ages, the story of the Birth, Death and Resurrection of Jesus has been celebrated in writing, music, art, sculpture and film besides worship and social customs. That it is “extraordinary”, is clearly a testament to the power the Jesus’ story continues to have in the World!

Every year the Easter Celebration sheds light on its unchanging meaning!

More than any in recent history, Catholics especially the Clergy

must not allow this best opportunity to pass by. This Easter season helps us to see a new enlightening awareness about Christ and His mission, along with the conflicting interpretations of His person and work? The Passion and the Death of Christ has touched the millions of indifferent people in regard to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and its implications for humankind. During this Easter Time, Christians have a responsibility to explain not just the death of their Saviour but also His resurrection. Today’s culture is facing the same questions that human beings have always faced. Christians who will hear our Holy Week and Easter sermons grapple with a guilty conscience of themselves and of the world. With this the case, Easter preaching is dangerous. There is always the temptation to turn the Gospel of the Resurrection into a mere sermon, with the empty tomb as the ‘happy ending’ of a tragic story of Jesus.



Resurrection is Both Good News and Bad News?

The Bible makes clear the resurrection of Jesus is both good news and bad news. The bad news for an unbelieving world system is that ‘the tower of babel like prideful men and women are now subject to the One whom God has proclaimed King of the entire creation’. The Good News for believers is that the empty tomb was the world-shaking “Amen” of God to all the promises He has made as the fulfilment of the Empty Womb bearing Jesus! While preaching the Passion and Easter story, Christians must not do so in a way that makes people **only feel sorry for Jesus**. The subject is not to create pity for Jesus for His sufferings, instead we must herald the triumph of Jesus over the condemnation of the world and the reign of death. We must shake ourselves from the annual awareness of the Easter Feast and shout the truth that a tomb in the ground in Israel is empty. And that’s good news for the death-deserving sinners like us!

Easter Too More and More Secularized

Unfortunately, Easter has, in recent years, become increasingly secularized. Like Christmas, this holiday has been commercially standardized and serves as an occasion for more buying and selling with social celebrations? The films ‘*Karunamayudu*’ and ‘the Passion of the Christ’ should have placed more emphasis on the Resurrection rather than the Passion only. Indeed, Christianity is an Easter Faith that looks beyond the Cross to the Empty Tomb, which is the real focal point of the Christian hope. “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins” (1 Cor 15:17). For the people beset by very many evils, suffering, and sicknesses of hopelessness, we now have an unparalleled opportunity to present Christ as the Resurrected Victor and Doctor!

Taste the Passion for Celebration of Easter with Passion

We live not just because Jesus died, but for Him who lives. Jesus' death provided the direction we need for our lives as 2 Cor 5:15 asserts, 'and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf'. But while some things have changed this Easter season, some will remain the same. Those whose interest in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ goes beyond sensitivity, will gather on Easter Sunday to hear the Good News of a Risen Messiah proclaimed from Holy Scriptures. And, though they may not see Him, their living hope, borne by a risen Lord and illumined by the light of Scripture, will once again abound with 'joy inexpressible and full of glory' (1 Pt 1:8). Once a person has tasted the Passion, he or she will celebrate Easter with far more awareness of what crucifixion did to Jesus. The Passion also helps us to see why, according to Paul, the message of the cross was foolishness to those who are perishing. We would not guess that a crucified man could be the Lord of Glory. Pagans certainly did not do so in Paul's time, and they would not do so now. But the Holy Spirit empowers us to see that the slain Lamb of God is worthy of all power and praise.

Resurrection, Chief Tenet of Catholic Faith

Easter celebrates Jesus' supernatural resurrection from the dead, which is one of the chief tenets of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the Son of God and is cited as proof that God will righteously judge the world. Paul writes that, for those who trust in Jesus's death and resurrection, "death is swallowed up in victory." (1 Cor 15:54) The 1st Epistle of Peter declares that God has given believers "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Pt 1:3-5). Christian theology holds that, through faith in the working of God, those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal salvation, and can hope to be physically resurrected to dwell with him in Heaven.

OT Paschal Meal in Upper Room NT

Easter is linked to Pascha or Passover Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, Sufferings and the Crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the three Synoptic Gospels, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the Upper Room during the Last Supper, he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the bread and cup of wine as HIS BODY, soon to be sacrificed, and HIS BLOOD, soon to be shed. Apostle Paul states, "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor 5:7). This refers to the requirement in Jewish law that Jews eliminate all leavening from their homes in advance of Passover, and to the allegory of Jesus as the Paschal lamb.

Jesus Christ is More Alive Today

Jesus Christ is more alive today 2,000 years after His Crucifixion than He was during His earthly life before He was murdered. Jesus is the most important person in human history. He wants to be the most important person in our lives, have friendship with us, and lead us to the fullness of life in the Kingdom of God. Friendship with Jesus is best found in the fullness of the means of salvation – the doctrine, worship, prayer, and morality, which is only found in the Catholic Church established by Jesus.

Colourful Butterfly Wishes of Easter to All

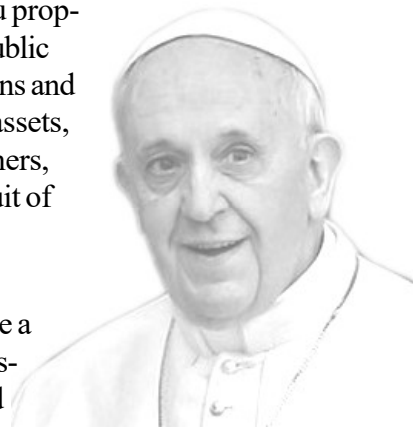
II. Holy Father's Intention: For a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

III. NEW APOSTOLIC LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER: a New Apostolic Letter Motu Proprio, "Il Diritto Nativo" (The native right) The goods of the Holy See have a universal destination"

Pope Francis has published a new Apostolic Letter motu proprio, "Il diritto nativo" ("The native right"), clarifying the public ecclesiastical nature of assets acquired by curial institutions and entities linked to the Holy See. They make use of those assets, the Pope writes, "not for their own sakes, as private owners, but, in the name and authority of the Pontiff, for the pursuit of their institutional purposes, the common good, and at the service of the universal Church."

The immovable and movable goods of the Holy See have a "universal destination," writes Pope Francis in a new Apostolic Letter, *Il diritto nativo*, signed on 20 February and published on Thursday. In the document - which was issued "motu proprio," or on the Pope's own initiative - the Holy Father reiterates that the institutions and entities that have acquired such goods or are otherwise responsible for them are "trustees," not "private owners," since they act, and must always act, "in the name and under the authority of the Pope." In the motu proprio, which refers to canons 1254 and 1255 of the Code of Canon Law, the Pope clarifies the ecclesiastical public nature of the goods acquired by curial institutions and entities linked to the Holy See.



The Mission of the Church

"The native right, independent of the civil power, of the Holy See to acquire temporal goods is one of the instruments which, with the support of the faithful, prudent administration, and appropriate controls, ensure that the Apostolic See can operate in history, in time and places for the purposes proper to the Church and with the independence that is necessary for the fulfilment of its mission," the papal document reads.

In the Name and Authority of the Pontiff

"The universal destination of the Holy See's assets confers upon them an ecclesiastical public nature," the text continues. "The entities of the Holy See acquire and use them, not for themselves, like a private proprietor, but, in the name and authority of the Roman Pontiff, for the pursuit of their institutional purposes, which are likewise public; and therefore for the common good and at the service of the universal Church." In other words, entities and institutions that have acquired these goods, registered for the sake of compliance with civil regulations, must administer them "with the prudence that the management of the common good requires and according to the rules and competences that the Holy See has given itself." These include,

most recently, the Apostolic Constitution *Praedicate evangelium* and, earlier, the “long road” of economic and administrative reforms, in the wake of which Thursday’s provisions are also part.

The Public Nature of Goods

The *Motu Proprio*, therefore, does not change competencies or dictate new rules, but reaffirms a fundamental principle regarding the public nature of goods and the role of curial institutions and related entities: “All goods, movable and immovable, including liquid assets and securities, which have been or will be acquired, in whatever manner, by curial institutions and entities connected to the Holy See, are ecclesiastical public goods and as such are owned, in title or other real right, by the Holy See as a whole and belonging therefore, independently of the civil power, to its unitary, indivisible and sovereign patrimony,” the first paragraph of the *motu proprio* affirms. Therefore, “no institution or entity can claim private and exclusive ownership or title to the goods of the Holy See, as they have always acted and must always act in the name of, on behalf of, and for the purposes of the Holy See as a whole, understood as a unitary moral person, only representing it where required and permitted in civil law.”

Pursuit of the Common Good

This principle is intended to be a guide for the action of the Holy See as a whole, and recalls everyone to the pursuit of the common good and the responsibility that the administration of ecclesiastical public affairs entails, recalling the purpose of the temporal goods of the Holy See, which are public goods of the Church indissolubly destined for the pursuit of its ends and not only those of the individual entity to which they are entrusted.

Il diritto nativo also makes it clear that “nothing changes” for the patrimony of instrumental juridical persons, that is, foundations and entities that refer to the Holy See registered in the list of the Statute of the Council for the Economy and that have their headquarters in Vatican City State. A *motu proprio* of 5 December 2022 had already clarified that their assets also belong to the Holy See.

IV. Apostolic Letter *Motu Proprio* Issued by the Supreme Pontiff Francis “VOS ESTIS LUX MUNDI- You are the light of the world. (Mt 5:14)”

Pope confirms ‘Vos estis lux mundi’ procedures against abuse

Pope Francis promulgates an updated version of the Church’s norms to prevent and counter sexual abuse against minors and vulnerable adults, harmonizing various legislative reforms introduced since 2019 and extending the norms to cover lay leaders of international associations of the faithful recognized by the Holy See.

Following nearly four years of experimentation and extensive consultation with bishops and the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia, Pope Francis has definitively promulgated procedures to prevent and counter sexual abuse within the Catholic Church.

The updated version of the *motu proprio* *Vos estis lux mundi* was published on Saturday, and enters into force on 30 April. It replaces the previous version published in May 2019, and confirms the Church’s desire to continue to combat crimes of sexual abuse.

Leaders of lay associations

The most significant change introduced in the new version of the normative text concerns the provisions in “Title II” which lay out the responsibilities of bishops, religious superiors, and clerics in charge of a particular Church or Prelature. The updated text specifies that “the lay faithful who are or have been moderators of international associations of the faithful recognized or created by the Apostolic See [are responsible] for acts committed” while they were in office.

Various other modifications were introduced to harmonize the procedural text against abuse with other normative reforms introduced between 2019 and the present. These include the revision of the *motu proprio Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela* (norms amended in 2021), changes made to Book VI of the Code of Canon Law (2021 reform), and the new Constitution on the Roman Curia *Praedicate Evangelium* (promulgated in 2022).

Vulnerable adults and abuse reporting

One notable modification regards the inclusion of “vulnerable” adults in the normative text. The previous version referred to “sexual acts with a minor or a vulnerable person”. However, the updated text speaks of “a crime against the Sixth Commandment of the Decalogue committed with a minor, or with a person who habitually has an imperfect use of reason, or with a vulnerable adult.” Another change concerns the protection of the person who submits a report of alleged abuse. Whereas the earlier text stated that no constraint of silence may be imposed on the person who reports alleged abuse, this protection has now been extended to “the person who claims to have been offended and those who were witnesses.”

Additionally, the text strengthens calls to safeguard “the legitimate protection of the good name and privacy of all persons involved,” as well as the presumption of innocence for those who are under investigation during the period in which determinations of responsibility are underway. The updated version of *Vos estis lux mundi* also specifies that dioceses and eparchies must operate an “organisation or office” (the earlier version spoke in general about a “stable system”) which is easily accessible to the public in order to receive reports of cases of abuse. It also clarifies that the task of proceeding with the investigation lies under the responsibility of the bishop or Ordinary of the place where the reported events allegedly took place.

Abuse of authority

The procedures introduced in 2019 set out precise guidelines on how to deal with reports of abuse and ensure that bishops and religious superiors—who now including lay people with responsibility for international associations—are held accountable and are obliged through a universally-established legal precept to report abuse of which they have become aware. The document includes, and continues to include, not only abuse and violence against children and vulnerable adults, but also covers sexual violence and harassment resulting from the abuse of authority.

Therefore, the obligation to report also includes cases of violence against religious women by clerics, as well as cases of harassment of adult seminarians or novices.

V. MESSAGE FOR MAHAVIR JANMA KALYANAK DIWAS-2023

DICASTERY FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Christians and Jains: In solidarity with suffering humanity

Dear Jain Friends,

The Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue - known until recently as the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue - offers you its warmest greetings as you celebrate the 2621st anniversary of the birth of Shree Vardhaman Mahavir on 4 April of this year. May this festive commemoration bring happiness and peace to your hearts and homes, and bless your families and communities with a spirit of unity and solidarity!

No one can deny that the cry of the poor, the suffering and the oppressed is heard in every corner of the world today. The suffering of so many people as a result of hunger, disease, wars, disasters both natural and manmade, acts of terrorism and extremism, intolerance and hatred, discrimination and marginalization, at times even in the name of religion, is a source of grave concern to everyone. To make matters worse, an alarmingly large number of individuals and groups in our society is growing inured to the sufferings of others; sadly, their numbers are daily increasing across the globe. These situations obviously sadden and dismay us, yet at the same time, they summon all those who are concerned for the welfare of our one human family to join in offering a practical response. Amid these complex and difficult situations, we consider it helpful to share with you some thoughts on the need for Christians and Jains alike to stand in solidarity with suffering humanity and be both a sign of hope and a source of help.

‘Solidarity’, as Saint John Paul II pointed out, is an authentic moral virtue. It is not a feeling of vague compassion for the misfortunes of others, but rather a firm and persevering determination to commit ourselves to the good of all (cf. Encyclical Letter *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 1987, No. 38). In the case of the poor, this means “sharing the little we have with those who have nothing, so that no one will go without.” (Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of the Poor, 2022). It is also a question of justice (cf. Pope Francis, General Audience, 2 September 2020) for those who suffer from injustices of every kind. Whatever the form it takes, solidarity is a noble act, stemming from a sense of responsibility towards our suffering brothers and sisters. To foster solidarity today, the present economic system needs to be transformed, collectively and creatively, into one which is, in the words of Pope Francis, “more attentive to ethical principles” and whose activity is aimed solely at “the service of the human being, not just of the few, but of all, especially the poor” (cf. Pope Francis, Address to Entrepreneurs, 17 October, 2022).

Building a spirit of solidarity with the suffering and those in need should be promoted across all sections of society by raising awareness of our responsibility, as individuals and societies, towards each of our brothers and sisters. Greater sensitivity to the sufferings of others and increased efforts to better their condition will not only strengthen social friendship and human fellowship, but will also help to transmit the spirit of solidarity from the present generation to those yet to come. If cultivated at every level of society, the harvest of solidarity will become truly “global”, and serve to alleviate, if not eliminate, the sufferings of a great number of people.

The family is the first school of solidarity. There the values of love and compassion, togetherness and sharing, generosity and solidarity, care and concern, especially for the weak and the suffering, are learned and practised, thanks to the example set by parents and elders.

Communications and social media also have a major role to play in helping inculcate these values among people of all ages and generations. Educational institutions provide many opportunities for sowing the seeds of solidarity among their students, not only by academic instruction, but also through practical forms of training. Religions and religious leaders are called to take every favourable occasion and to use every means at their disposal to encourage their followers to sow the seeds and reap the fruits of solidarity, transcending all differences and divisions.

As believers grounded in our own respective religious beliefs and convictions, solidarity has always been a core value for us. As men and women with a shared sense of our humanity and responsibility, may we, Christians and Jains, individually and collectively, join hands with people of other religious traditions, and all persons of good will, in striving to mitigate, as best as we can, the sufferings of our brothers and sisters. May we stand with them and for them, and thereby play our own small part in promoting human solidarity, social responsibility and genuine fraternity.

We wish you all a happy feast of Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Diwas!

Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ, Prefect
Msgr. Indunil Kodithuwakku J. Kankanamalage, Secretary

VI. MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH OF RAMADAN AND ‘ID AL-FITR
DICASTERY FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Dear Muslim brothers and sisters,

The month of Ramadan is important for you, but also for your friends, neighbours and fellow believers of other religions, in particular Christians. Existing friendships are reinforced and others are built, paving the way for more peaceful, harmonious and joyful coexistence. This corresponds to the divine will for our communities, and indeed for all the members and communities of the one human family.

We are aware, dear friends, that peaceful and friendly coexistence faces many challenges and threats: extremism, radicalism, polemics, disputes, and religiously motivated violence. The threats are fueled by a culture of hate. We need, then, to find the most appropriate ways of countering and overcoming such a culture, enhancing instead, enhancing love and friendship, in particular between Muslims and Christians, due to the bonds that unite us. This is why we deemed it opportune to share some thoughts with you in this regard, hoping to receive yours as well.

All begins with our attitude towards each other, in particular when there are differences between us in religion, ethnicity, culture, language, or politics. Differences can be perceived as a threat, but everyone has the right to his or her specific identity with its diverse components, yet without ignoring or forgetting what we have in common: “One is the community of all peoples, one their origin, for God made the whole human race to live over the face of the earth. One also is their final goal, God. His providence, His manifestations of goodness, His saving design extend to all men, until that time when the elect will be united in the Holy City, the city ablaze with the glory of God, where the nations will walk in His light” (Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, *Nostra Aetate*, 28 October 1965, n. 1).

Negative attitudes and behaviours towards those who are different from us are unfortunately numerous: suspicion, fear, rivalry, discrimination, exclusion, persecution, polemics, insults, and backbiting, to name a few. Social media platforms are common spaces for such harmful behaviours, perverting their role from being means for communication and friendship to being instruments for enmity and fighting. In this regard, Pope Francis has said: “Even as individuals maintain their comfortable consumerist isolation, they can choose a form of constant and febrile bonding that encourages remarkable hostility, insults, abuse, defamation and verbal violence destructive of others, and this with a lack of restraint that could not exist in physical contact without tearing us all apart. Social aggression has found unparalleled room for expansion through computers and mobile devices” (Fratelli Tutti, 3 October 2020, n. 44).

The opposites of the above-mentioned negative behaviours, are respect, goodness, charity, friendship, mutual care for all, forgiveness, cooperation for the common good, help to all those who are in any kind of need and care for the environment, in order to keep our “common home” a safe and pleasant place where we can live together in peace and joy. We cannot prevent and counter the culture of hatred and, instead promote a culture of love and friendship, without a sound education for future generations in all the spaces where they are formed: in the family, at school, in places of worship, and on social media.

A world where justice, peace, fraternity and prosperity reign pleases the Almighty and brings joy, calling, therefore, our sincere and shared engagement. Dear Muslim brothers and sisters, may you enjoy the Almighty’s abundant blessings during Ramadan and celebrate ‘Id al-Fitr in the joy resulting from fidelity and love for the Almighty and all persons you live with or meet.

Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ, Prefect
Msgr. Indunil Kodithuwakku J. Kankanamalage, Secretary

VII. Paschal Triduum

The Latin word Triduum means a period of three days. The Easter Triduum unfolds the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. It is the culmination of all liturgical celebrations during the year. During the Easter Triduum, Christians commemorate the central events of their Salvation. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday with the Easter Vigil run through the essential core of Christian faith: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. By participating in the Easter Triduum, Christians want to awaken in them the living memory of the sufferings that the Jesus Christ endured for them. They prepare their hearts to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. For Christians, Easter is the biggest day in the liturgical year.



On **Holy Thursday**, Christians enact the Last Supper, in which the Lord Jesus, on the eve of his Passion and Death, instituted the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the ministerial Priesthood. The traditional English name for this day, Maundy Thursday, comes from the Latin phrase *mandatum novum* – a new command – which comes from Jesus’ words

: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another” (Jn 13: 34). On Maundy Thursday, Jesus established the new commandment of love. During the Mass on Maundy Thursday, Christians remember that Jesus Christ gave his body and blood to them as a remedy for immortality. Therefore, the Eucharist became the source and Summit of Christian life. With the humble and expressive gesture of the washing of the feet, Christians are invited to recall what the Lord Jesus did for his apostles: by washing their feet he concretely proclaimed the primacy of love. He also anticipated the supreme sacrifice of his life which would be consumed the next day on the Calvary.

Good Friday is a day to commemorate the Passion, Cross, and death of Jesus Christ. It's a day of fasting. The liturgy of Good Friday consists of three parts: the liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross and the reception of the Holy Communion. On Good Friday, there is no Mass because Christians keep the somber and mournful atmosphere of the day. The Body of Christ distributed on Good Friday is consecrated on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday, Christians remember the humiliation that Christ Jesus undertook for the entire humanity. By dying on the Cross, Jesus takes the suffering and sin of the entire humanity upon him. The veneration of the Cross recalls to the Christians that Cross of Jesus Christ became a sign of victory on Good Friday. The participation in the Way of Cross helps Christians to associate themselves with the sufferings of Christ.

Holy Saturday is marked by profound silence. The Churches are stripped and no special liturgical celebration is foreseen except the Easter Vigil. Waiting for the great event of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Christians persevere with Mary in praying and meditating. On Holy Saturday, great importance is given to participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, an indispensable way to purify the heart and prepare to celebrate Easter. Saturday of silence, meditation, forgiveness and reconciliation will lead Christians to the Easter Vigil. At the heart of the night, the Paschal candle, the symbol of Jesus Christ in glory, is lit from the new fire. Jesus Christ, the light of humanity, dispels the darkness of heart and mind and illuminates every human being who comes into the World. All the faithful gathered join in procession back to the main sanctuary. The Priest carries the Paschal candle, lifting it three different times and chanting: “Christ our Light”. The people respond by singing: “Thanks be to God”. All people in the Church light their candles from the Paschal candle and then they process into the sanctuary. Then, the Exultet is sung by the deacon or cantor. It is a hymn of praise to God for the light of the Paschal candle from 4th century, from the time of Saint Ambrose. It is a beautiful song of light and glory: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, Radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!... May the Morning Star which never sets Find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, Who came back from the dead, And shed his peaceful light on all mankind, Your Son, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

The Easter Vigil affirms that Christ is truly Risen and death has no power over Him. By his death he has conquered evil forever and has given to all humans the very life of God. The

Bible readings during the celebration give an overview of salvation history and God's interventions into time and space from the time of Creation till today. From the ancient time, the Easter Vigil was also the celebration for adult converts to be baptized and enter the Church. The catechumens received the Sacrament of Baptism and all faithful renewed their baptismal promises.

Easter Sunday is a day of joy and celebration. Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The time of fasting and penance is over! Christians sing Alleluia to glorify God for all marvelous things that happen in their life. They fill their life from the life of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Thousands of pilgrims come to the Churches during the Easter Triduum to participate in different celebrations. They come from different walks of life. Rich and poor, healthy and sick, big and small, belonging to different cultures and backgrounds, people come to participate in the Divine Mystery of Jesus Christ.

VIII. Solemnity of Easter- April 09

The life of our Lord on earth did not end with the Resurrection. There still remained the important and difficult task of convincing these fearful, doubting apostles of his that he had risen as he said he would. It wasn't easy. It took forty days and many appearances to do this. The Gospels during this Easter Season have been about these appearances. The important lesson for us in all of these appearances of the Risen Jesus is that the joy and the power of the Resurrection is not to be found in the empty tomb or in the testimony of someone else. It is to be found only in a personal encounter, with the Risen Jesus. The empty tomb did nothing for Mary Magdalene. She thought that the gardener or someone else had taken the body away, and there was only tears, disappointment and sorrow. It was when Mary recognized and embraced the Risen Jesus that she experienced the joy and the power of the Resurrection.



Two disciples were on the road to Emmaus getting out of town. The empty tomb and the fact that some women told them that an angel said he had risen didn't convince them either. Then they had an encounter with the Risen Jesus in the form of a stranger. Finally, they recognize him in the breaking of bread and are so filled with joy that they turn around and hurry back to the city to spread the good news. The empty tomb and the testimony of the others did nothing for the apostles either. They thought that it was all over. They locked themselves in a room for fear that they too would be crucified. Then they encountered the Risen Jesus. "Peace be with you. As the father has sent me, so I send you," he said to them. Suddenly, these cowardly apostles are transformed into fearless martyrs who defy the chief priest and are willing to suffer death, "rejoicing to be found worthy to suffer something for the name of Jesus."

IX. Divine Mercy Sunday (April 16)

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor. In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion. When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.



X. Feast of St. Mark (April 25)

St. Mark, the author of the second Gospel, was the son of Mary whose house at Jerusalem was the meeting place of Christians. He was baptized and instructed by St. Peter. In about the year 42 A.D. he came to Rome with the Prince of the Apostles. There at the request of the faithful he wrote his Gospel about the year 50 A.D. His Gospel is a record of St. Peter's preaching about Our Lord and pays special attention to the head of the Apostles. The Gospel was written for Roman Gentile converts. It rarely quotes the Old Testament, and is careful to explain Jewish customs, rites and words. It excels in portraying the emotions and affections of both Christ and His hearers. St. Mark preached in Egypt, especially in Alexandria and was martyred there by the heathen. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is the Feast of St. Mark, and the Major Rogation Day. While no longer required after Vatican II, Rogation Days can still be observed by the faithful. Fasting and penance were required, and there were special liturgy and litanies for this day. Patron: Against impenitence; attorneys; barristers; captives; Egypt; glaziers; imprisoned people; insect bites; lions; notaries; prisoners; scrofulous diseases; stained glass workers; struma; Diocese of Venice, Florida; Venice, Italy.



XI. Bishop's Engagements in April, 2023

April, 2023

01	:	Warangal Office
02	:	Holy Week: Palm Sunday-Passion Sunday
04	:	Warangal Clergy Recollection & Chrism Mass, Fatimanagr
05	:	Khammam Office
06	:	Maundy Thursday: Karunagiri Cathedral, Khammam
07	:	Good Friday: am Shanigapuram, Mahabubabad & pm Celebration of Passion of Christ, Fatimanagar Good Friday Collections are towards the Maintenance of the Holy Land
08	:	Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil: Fatimanagar
09	:	Easter Sunday: Blessing of Shayamatha Shrine at Dharmasagar Reservoir Hill –Top, Warangal Diocese
10	:	Confirmations & First Holy Communion, Lourdunagar Guduru
13	:	Silver Jubilee Celebrations of CJITS, Colombonagar, Jangaon Appointment of Fr. Udumala Bala, as Bishop of Warangal
14	:	am Silver Jubilee of Fr. Johannes. Wyra II Parish, pm Silver Jubilee of Br. Stephen, Ramakrishnapuram Parish
16	:	Sacred Heart Church Decennial Celebrations and Blessing of New Grotto, Vellampally Village, Parkal Parish
17	:	Warangal Office
18	:	Priestly Ordination of Deacon Namindla Naresh CSC, Elkathurthy Parish
19	:	Blessing of St. Ann's Convent, Shathipuram Parish, Warangal Diocese
20	:	New Chapel Blessing at Vallapuram Village, Mudigonda Parish, Khammam Diocese
21	:	New Church Blessing at Reddigudem Village, Thallada Parish, Khammam Diocese
22	:	Silver Jubilee of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Thimmaraopet Parish, Khammam Diocese
23	:	First Holy Communion & Confirmations at Madhira Parish, Khammam Diocese
26	:	Mary Matha Shrine Decennial Celebrations, Paleru Parish, Khammam Diocese
27	:	Khammam Office
28	:	Preistly Ordination of Dn. Ramancha Sharath, Unikicherla Parish
30	:	Blessing of New Church at Pulkurthy Parish, Warangal Diocese

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| 01 | : | Priestly Ordination of Dn. Yeruva Ajith, Prakashreddipet Village, Subedari Parish |
| 02 | : | Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Begumpet Village, Dacharam Parish |
| 03 | : | Confirmations & First Holy Communion at Peddakorukondi, Khammam Diocese |
| 04 | : | Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker Celebrations, First Holy Communion & Confirmations, Wyra I Parish, Khammam Diocese |
| 05 | : | Feast Celebrations of St. Mary's Church, Proddutur, Khammam Diocese |
| 06 | : | Centenary Celebrations of Cheriya Village, Cheriya Parish |
| 07 | : | Requiem Mass for Late Fr. Sebastian, Mahabubabad Parish, Blessing of Sebastian Arch, Bus Shelter, etc |
| 08 | : | Mariarani Parish Church Feast Celebrations, First Holy Communion & Confirmations, Ranipuram Parish |
| 09 | : | Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Kallepally Village and Blessing of New Chapel, Kallepally Village, Dacharam Parish |
| 12 | : | Sacred Heart Chapel Blessing at Kodumuru Village, Pedagogathi Parish, Khammam Diocese |
| 13 | : | Golden Jubilee of Fatima Matha Church, Cheruvumadharam Parish, Khammam Diocese |

XII. Communications

1. Chrism Mass with Renewal of Priestly Promises and Recollection

Chrism Mass preceded by Clergy Recollection is on April 4, 2023. The Recollection begins at 9:30 am with a talk and another talk at 3:30pm and concludes with Chrism Mass which begins at 5:30 pm in Fatima Cathedral. All the Clergy are expected to come and participate in Chrism Mass along with the Religious and the Faithful. Parish Priests are requested to announce the same in the parishes especially in Tri-cities and encourage the faithful to attend the Chrism Mass.

2. Gratitude for OLF Feast: by Chief Shepherd

I am overwhelmed with the Preparation, Celebration and Participation in the Solemnity of Our Lady of Fatima 2023 as thousands participated in festive Mass very liturgically! Thousands and Thousands more attended various programs, Prayed for Blessings and Honored Mother Fatima Mary with devotion and Piety!

The Diocese of Warangal was delighted in Veneration to Our Lady of Fatima through the Celebrations of Fatima Thirunallu on March 11, 12&13, 2023. Thousands of people flocked

to Fatima Cathedral Campus on these three days which was a clear proof that Warangal people's Faith is alive, active and dynamic!

Therefore, I thank One and All, who prayed devoutly, participated Joyfully, labored Committedly, Fr. K. Marreddy, General Co-Ordinator, Parish Council, All Committees and Youth, which organized Very Committedly and orderly, all Heads of Committees who took extra trouble to execute well, All the Media for the Coverage, All Faithful and Non-Christians who contributed and attended.

Hats off to our dynamic Priests, Collaborative Consecrated and Fervant Laity!

+ Udumala Bala,
Bishop, Warangal Diocese

3. Fatima Feast Celebrations: Report

The Diocese of Warangal was delighted in Veneration to Our Lady of Fatima through the Celebrations of Fatima Feast on March 11-13, 2023. The Diocesan Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, the General Convener and Council member were behind the very solemn Celebration of Feast. Unceasing prayers and deep Faith on the Triune God were the weapons used for the success of Diocese Feast. Thousands of people flocked to Fatima Cathedral Campus on these days which was a clear proof that Warangal people's Faith is alive, active and dynamic!



March 03-11, 2023: Novena Prayers and Masses- The Holy Feast began with the hoisting of Marian Flag by Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal Diocese on March 3rd followed by Novena Prayers and Mass, which lasted for nine days represented by all the deaneries. On March 11th i.e. the final day of Novena married couple who are celebrating silver; Ruby & Golden jubilees of marital life were invited. His Lordship honored them and they renewed their Marital promises.

March 12, 2023: *Theru* was decorated with glittering illumination:

Holy Mass, Procession with OLF, Eucharistic Adoration and Candle-lit Procession & Benediction: 4.00 pm-8.00 pm: Before the Procession Holy Mass is Celebrated by His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, after which the procession began with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, praying for all Families followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Candle-lit witness cum Eucharistic Benediction was the Crux of the day because 5000 lay people gave witness by candle lit in their hands, which was amazing and the ambience was prayerful & devotional as we see at Lourdes.

Cultural Programs: 9.30 pm–12.00 am: The Climax of the day was the cultural program. Our Children made the night as bright as the day by their amazing performances.

Pontifical High Mass: 9.00 am: Pontifical High Mass presided Most Rev. Prince Anthony, Bishop of Adilabad. The solemn Mass was attended in great number with faith-devotion. Thousands more visited the Cathedral and venerated Our Lady of Fatima praying for their witness. The festival attracts more and more devotees year after year turning into a big Jatara, incultured celebrations without superstitious practices. Whole day Blessing of the sick, suffering and needy was held by different teams of Priests.

Soul Elevating Choir: Pontifical Eucharist was solemn, harmonious and melodious because of the Solemn Soul Elevation Choir: Pontifical Eucharist was the solemn, harmonious and melody unison of the choir lead by Fr. N. Surender, Director of Cecilia Music Academy.

Blessings & Offering of Prayers, Coconuts, Candles by Devotees : Thousands of Christians and non-Christians visited the shrine of our Lady of Fatima, paid their veneration to the Mother and prayed for their needs, offered gifts, lighted candles and flowers, and had the *Darshan* of the special statue of our Lady of Fatima in the Cathedral waiting in queue for long hours. All Three days, the number of the people who offered prayers and sought Blessings was countless. Thus Our Lady of Fatima attracts people of all creeds, castes, languages and regions and leads them through Repentance, Penance and Prayer to Jesus.

Gratitude: The celebrations of 2023 at Warangal were a living proof of the apparitions and Miracles of Mother Mary all over the Globe especially at Fatima, Portugal. Thanks to all the Faithful, Clergy and Consecrated represented by various committees. Special thanks to all Committees and all donors of money, time and trouble. Special thanks to Divyavani for live telecast and also recorded telecast.

Fr. Anukiran, Secretary to Bishop

4. News from WADES: Graduation Ceremony at BBHS, Fatimanagar

Nelson Mandela said, “Remember to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead.” Celebrating milestones provide good memories that one can keep forever and build on in the years to come in the story of life and get the strength to face the challenges in the future. The Graduation Day for the pre-primary and SSC students of Bishop Beretta High School reverberated these words as it was an exciting milestone and the first step towards their future. The ceremony, organized for the first time, was a unique opportunity to felicitate the outgoing SSC batch and tiny tots with graduation caps and certificates on 11th March 2023.

The Chief Guest of the day Most.Rev.Dr. Udumala Bala Bishop of Warangal and Apostolic administrator of Khammam, & Chairman of WADES Guest of honor Rev.Fr. M.Jaya Paul Deputy Manager of Warangal diocesan educational Schools & Colleges and the Head Master & Correspondent Rev Fr.D.Jaya Prathap Reddy encouraged the students as they embarked on their journey towards knowledge and education. Their efforts were appreciated

and the hard work of the teachers and the supporting staff was also acknowledged to make this event a grand success by adding few meaningful cultural programmes. The appreciative parents, well wishers and audience welcomed the young smiling faces with rapturous applause. It was concluded by National Anthem.

Rev. Fr. D. Jaya Prathap Reddy, H. M. & Correspondent

5. News from the Pastoral Centre

1. I am very much happy to bring to your notice about Diocese level Bible quiz and Catechism competitions for Parishes and Schools which was conducted on 07-03-2023. It was joyful and enriching to see the competitive spirit of participants. Two groups (who stood first and second place in deanery level competition) have been selected from each deanery and there were 12 groups participated in the Bible quiz and Catechism consisting of 6-7 members. Book of Exodus and Gospel according St. John were given as the portion for the competition. There were 8 rounds of competition namely general round, reference round, picture round...etc. By God's grace everything went on well. Prizes were distributed on Fatima Feast. Our dearly beloved Bishop Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal, inaugurated the programme and gave his valuable speech and suggestions.

2. Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Fourth Saturday that is on March 25, 2023. On this day 25 members participated for MPC. Different spokes persons talked about how to deal in marital life and family life impressed the group. The group shared and expressed their feelings about this MPC programme. It was really fruitful. Rev. Fr. Y Chinnappa Reddy the Director of MPC and team guided and suggested the program and the program went on well.

3. Pastoral centre team had visited many parishes during the season of Lent and conducted Lenten prayer meetings, Celebrated Holy Eucharist, encouraged the faithful and motivated them to grow in faith in celebrating Paschal Mystery of Christ.

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

Fr. G. Kamal, Director-Pastoral Centre

6. News from Lodi MSSS: "Kindness always comes back" K. Tolnoe

1. Project Title: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Marginalized Communities of 20 villages of Raikal Mandal of Jagityal district. Mr. Vijay Khanna- KKS Monitoring Officer visited to Raikal mandal. He has visited 4 villages of Vastapur, Odde Lingapur, Raikal & Ayodya villages and discussed with the beneficiaries of backyard poultry, vermi pits, feeder channel, irrigation pond, check dams, kitchen garden, organic farming and done the impact study in participatory methods. He was happy to see

that the project activities are done well and the farmers and women groups expressed gratitude to KKS , BMZ and Lodi MSSS.

2 Distribution of Hearing Machines to 30 Children: On 14.03.2023 Lodi MSSS conducted a special program and distributed Hearing Aid machines at Mahabubabad. Mr. Somashaker Asst. Program officer CHAI and Fr.D.Vijaya Paul Reddy Director LMSSS addressed and handed over the hearing aids to 30 hearing impaired children with Support of CHAI and V.Guard

3.Caritas India U3 Team members from LODI MSSS attended the state level millet conclave on 10.03.2023 at the National Academy of Agriculture Research Management (NAARM) in Hyderabad. It was organised by the NABARD regional Office in Hyderabad in collaboration of State associate. This event was filled with learning understanding sharing technical session, and a lot to take away for the U3 team members.

4. Health and Hygiene Program :Construction of Individual Toilets for 300 Families is going on different parishes and villages , with the kind support of Save A Family Plan India, which is a great support to the families.

5. Child Line, Warangal Dist: During this month of March, 27 children were saved through different activities including 17 child marriages. On the occasion of International Women's Day on 8th March, several awareness camps were conducted and District level coordination meeting with Government Doctors and Officials.

6. Child Line Bhupalapalli Dist: Forty children were saved in Bhupalapally district during the month of March under various activities and 30 awareness meetings were conducted for different stake holders.

7. Executive Body Meeting : The Executive Body of Lodi MSSS met on 6th March , under the leadership of Most.Rev.Dr. Udumala Bala, President of Lodi MSSS and reviewed the activities taken up by Lodi MSSS.

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Lodi MSSS

7. Sabbatical Program at Jnana Deepa, Pune

Jnana Deepa Institute is organizing a two and a half month "Sabbatical Program" entitled **Towards Building Resilience**. This Sabbatical Program is from August 1, 2023 to October 16, 2023- aims at providing religious, priests and nuns the space to replenish their psycho-spiritual resources, along with updating their theology and spending time in contemplation and prayer. Kindly spread the word among those who will profit from this experience.

Dr. Gorge Cordeiro SJ
Cell No. 9769910991

Blessings on the Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

01. Rev. Fr. D. Vijay Paul	02-04-1992	36. Rev. Fr. Thatikonda Joseph	18-04-2005
02. Rev. Fr. Kasu Showreddy	02-04-1992	37. Rev. Fr. T. Kiran	18-04-2006
03. Rev. Fr. Basani Prakash	03-04-1983	38. Rev. Fr. Ch. Ravi Joseph	18-04-2006
04. Rev. Fr. Y. Papi Reddy	03-04-1995	39. Rev. Fr. Gangarau Suresh	19-04-2012
05. Rev. Fr. G. Rayappa	04-04-1995	40. Rev. Fr. K. Marreddy	19-04-2012
06. Rev. Fr. T. Rayappa	06-04-1992	41. Rev. Fr. N. Surender	19-04-2012
07. Rev. Fr. G. Prakash	07-04-1992	42. Rev. Fr. S. Prabhakar	19-04-2012
08. Rev. Fr. K. Vijay Kumar	08-04-1985	43. Rev. Fr. T. Ashok	19-04-2012
09. Rev. Fr. P. Dasaiah	09-04-2007	44. Rev. Fr. Y. Kiran Kumar	19-04-2012
10. Rev. Fr. E. Vijay Kumar	09-04-2013	45. Rev. Fr. B. Anthony	20-04-1966
11. Rev. Fr. T. Santhosh	09-04-2015	46. Rev. Fr. A. Bala	20-04-1993
12. Rev. Fr. A. Shravan	10-04-2013	47. Rev. Fr. M. Naveen Kumar	20-04-2006
13. Rev. Fr. T. Pradeep	10-04-2007	48. Rev. Fr. N. Maria Joseph	20-04-2009
14. Rev. Fr. D. Prashanth	11-04-2007	49. Rev. Fr. G. Anand	21-04-2006
15. Rev. Fr. P. Papireddy	12-04-1966	50. Rev. Fr. Basani Kishore	21-04-2008
16. Rev. Fr. Y. Sebastian	12-04-1966	51. Rev. Fr. M. P. Joseph	22-04-1963
17. Rev. Fr. S. Innareddy	12-04-1999	52. Rev. Msgr. M.M. Joseph	22-04-2001
18. Rev. Fr. M. Raju	12-04-2010	53. Rev. Fr. Sharan Teja	22-04-2019
19. Rev. Fr. P. Suresh	12-04-2010	54. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Inna	24-04-1989
20. Rev. Fr. G. Kamal	13-04-2010	55. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Lourdu	24-04-1989
21. Rev. Fr. T. Yaga Reddy	13-04-1998	56. Rev. Fr. N. Bala Swamy	25-04-2002
22. Rev. Fr. T. Augustine	13-04-1993	57. Rev. Fr. Y. Thomas Kiran	25-04-2002
23. Rev. Fr. T. Sunil	13-04-2009	58. Rev. Fr. M. Jaya	25-04-1994
24. Rev. Fr. G. Joseph	13-04-2015	59. Rev. Fr. T. Jerome	25-04-1988
25. Rev. Fr. G. Thomas	14-04-2008	60. Rev. Fr. Polumari Anil	25-04-2011
26. Rev. Fr. N. Sampath	14-04-2015	61. Rev. Fr. K. Joseph	26-04-2011
27. Rev. Fr. M. Praveen	15-04-2008	62. Rev. Fr. B. Joseph Praveen	26-04-2011
28. Rev. Fr. Gali Rayappa	15-04-1991	63. Rev. Fr. Gopu Thomas(Jr.)	26-04-2017
29. Rev. Fr. G. Naveen	16-04-2008	64. Rev. Fr. G. Bala Martin	27-04-1994
30. Rev. Fr. A. Inna	16-04-1993	65. Rev. Fr. V. Simon	27-04-2018
31. Rev. Fr. T. Anthony	17-04-2008	66. Rev. Fr. A. Raja	27-04-1988
32. Rev. Fr. N. Vinod	18-04-2009	67. Rev. Fr. Yeruva Inna	28-04-1988
33. Rev. Fr. T. Joji	18-04-1996	68. Rev. Fr. T. R. Tharun	28-04-2003
34. Rev. Fr. Gopu Suresh	18-04-2005	69. Rev. Fr. Allam Vincent	29-04-1994
35. Rev. Fr. T. Manohar	18-04-2005	70. Rev. Fr. P. Kiran	30-04-2003

Congrats & Prayers on Anniversary of Birthdays in Month of April

Fr. Salibindla Arogya Reddy	09/04/1972
Fr. Thirumalareddy Tharunkumar	10/04/1975
Fr. Nagothu Vinod Kumar	10/04/1979
Fr. Thumma Ashok	12/04/1985
Fr. Pentareddy Johnpaul	14/04/1967
Fr. Yeruva Lourdu	20/04/1961
Fr. Golamari Ranjith Kumar	20/04/1987
Fr. Allam Shravan	22/04/1985
Fr. Marapalli Praveen	24/04/1980
Fr. Thumma Sharan Teja	29/04/1992



Karunagiri Feast, Khammam Diocese



Warangal CRI & Diocese Clergy Lenten Joint Recollection at Jeevadhara Centre, Rampur



Thanksgiving Mass on Silver Jubilee Celebration of CJITS at Colombonagar, Jangaon



Graduation Ceremony at St. Alphonse High School, Karimnagar



Graduation Ceremony at Bishop Beretta School, Fatimanagar



Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass & Blessing of Renovated Grotto & New Presbytery Blessing, Kazipet Parish



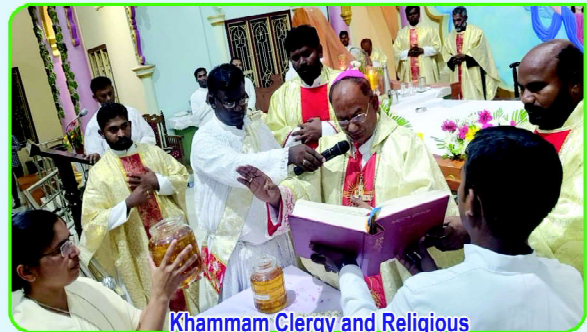
St. Joseph's Feast Celebrations at Husnabad Parish



Confirmation & First Holy Communion at Paidipally Village, Ekasilanagar Parish



Pastoral Renewal Seminar for Pastoral Clergy of Khammam



Khammam Clergy and Religious
Recollection & Chrism Mass, Khammam Diocese



TCBC Ordinary Meeting at Ramanthapur, Hyderabad.



Visit to St. Anthony's High School, LMD Colony, Karimnagar



TPCP Event at FCIMS Auditorium, Warangal.



Blessing of Foundation Stone for Community Hall at Bheemaram Village, Waddepally Parish,



