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Hearty Congratulations

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Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala

Bishop of Warangal

on the
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of Episcopal Consecration
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Day of Appoinment as Bishop of Warangal



Episcopal Consecration

70 Years of Fruitful Journey



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May the Lord be Glorified



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Jesus, the Medical Missionary Father Colombo, a Medical Missionary

Complete healing is “salvation.”

“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them.” - Mt 4:23-24



Era of Commercialization of Health Care

In an era of Commercialization of Health care, Catholic health care has been struggling to maintain its identity and mission. Since the 1960s, technological advances in health care have overtaken society’s ability to reflect on and respond to the moral and ethical issues they raise. Catholic health care, caught between the “do’s” implicit in technological advances and the need for market share in order to maintain mission, and the “don’ts” associated with traditional Catholic teaching, needs a leadership model that can guide it into an unclear and uncertain future. Many in Catholic health care would argue that their leadership model is rooted in the “healing ministry of Jesus,” especially in regard to giving a preferential option to the poor, to caring for the un- and under-insured and other vulnerable populations. Changes in the financial field of health care are making that model more difficult to imitate, as there is less “margin” available for “mission.” A different potential leadership model for leaders in Catholic health care today would be to imitate Jesus the Super Specialist Doctor!

Catholic Identity

As a ministry of the Catholic Church, Catholic health care is expected to operate within the tradition of the church and maintain its Catholic identity as it proceeds into the future. Although discussion continues about what “Catholic identity” truly means, Catholic health care needs lay leaders who are prepared to lead the ministry regardless of the discussion’s outcome. While health care easily identifies itself with the healing ministry of Jesus, a more solid grounding for the lay leader is to imitate Jesus’ roles of priest, prophet and king. Fortunately, the source of these ministerial powers lies in the sacramental grace received during our baptism, and, as such, we have been supplied with the grace necessary to live these roles. We need only ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and step out in faith.

Connecting the Gospel and Healthcare

“Jesus answered them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.’” - Lk 5:31-32. Long before the scientific revolution of the last several centuries led to ever-improving medical procedures and more potent medications, the greatest healer of human history walked the earth—our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. There was nothing He couldn’t heal, effortlessly and with no medical

equipment. He could reform a severed ear, heal a man born blind with mud made from spit, cleanse a leper with a simple touch, restoring his flesh so that it was like that of a young child. He could straighten a woman bent over, heal a paralyzed man, even raise a dead girl. There was nothing he could not do, no healing too difficult for His power.

Jesus' miracles validate His claim to be our Saviour, and they pictured physically what He had also come to do spiritually. For Jesus compared His work of salvation from sin to His work of salvation from disease. In Luke 5:31-32, he likened sinners to sick people who need a doctor. Just as He came to restore the bodies from the ravages of sin, so Christ also came to restore the soul. In the balance of Jesus' ministry, we see the Bible's embrace of both kinds of healing. God created us to be both physical and spiritual. Sin has attacked and defiled both our bodies and our souls. Jesus' saving work extends to both realms.

Medical research, College

For this reason, Christians have led the way in medical research and ministry. Christian missionaries established dispensaries and hospitals everywhere they went, and in some countries, Christian hospitals are the oldest and most tangible evidence of the love of Christ for our sin-cursed race. An example of this is the eye hospital at Fatimanagar, Warangal, India. Surrounded by non-Christians, this hospital continues to care for 1000s of patients each year, many of who would go blind if not for the ministry of this Colombo's *Navadrushti*. The gospel is silently proclaimed to these patients, many of whom are eager to know more of a God who cares so much for both body and soul.

Warangal Diocese-FCIMS

Health care and healing ministry is utmost importance for the mission of the diocese of Warangal from the very beginning. We minister to both bodies and souls of our needy neighbours. The Medicare Hospital and the Father Colombo Institute of Medical Sciences is a part of it even in the times of commercialization of health care. Our Medical Services aim at providing a tangible way for the Church to express the comprehensive love of Christ to our general public especially the poorest. One of our favourite parts of this outreach is going around to our villages with health awareness, preventive and curative medicine. The obvious love our church is showing in putting on such a health services of an expensive Medical College breaks down barriers and enables us to share the gospel, even if the people that we're talking to never come to the hospital. At the hospital itself, we are able to minister both the gospel and medical services to folks the Lord blesses us to reach. We do health screening (blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, etc.), with all other specialization and super specialization along with nutrition counselling, and other forms of medical ministry. We do not directly share the gospel with people as India is a secular country but with religious freedom. Medical care is not an attraction for proselytization but *nishkama seva*, selfless service!

Wholistic Medical Services cum Studies

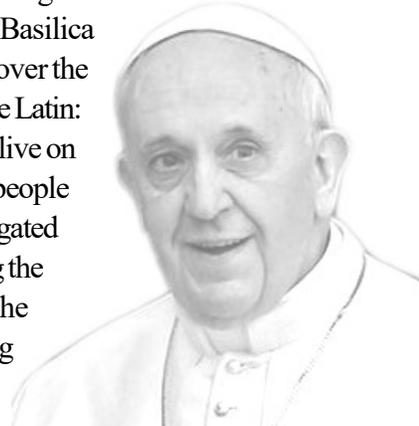
Please pray for our ministry at FCIMS and Medicare Hospital in the campus named "Father Colombo's health City" promote the wholistic healing ministry that Christ wants to have in the lives of the sick and suffering, a healing that will result in sound souls and sound bodies in a sound world, worshipping the Healer, Salvador even in sickness!

II. Holy Father's Intention: For Church Movements and Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own Charisms at the service of needs in the world.

III. Pope at Easter Urbi et Orbi: Christ is truly risen, hope is reborn for all!

Pope Francis gave his traditional “Urbi et Orbi” Easter message on Sunday, appearing from the central loggia of Saint Peter’s Basilica overlooking the Square below where he had just presided over the Easter morning Mass. The Mass and “Urbi et Orbi” (from the Latin: ‘To the city and the world’) message and blessing went out live on broadcasts around the world. Over one hundred thousand people filled the Square and surrounding avenues, which were navigated by the Pope in the pope mobile as he greeted them following the Mass. As usual, the flowers donated by florists from the Netherlands appeared brilliantly under the mild Spring sunshine. Close to thirty thousand flowers adorned the square and the balcony of the loggia, recalling the theme of new life, hope, and joy at Easter.



Bridge to life

In his Easter message, Pope Francis began first by announcing the joyous message of this day when we proclaim that Christ is risen. In Jesus, the passage of humanity from death to life, sin to grace, fear to confidence and desolation to communion has been made, the Pope declared, wishing everyone a Happy Easter. In particular, he greeted the sick, the poor, the elderly and all those suffering that they may experience the passage from affliction to consolation. He called on everyone to remember and rejoice that “the Lord has built us a bridge to life” in defeating death, making it for us “the most important and beautiful day of history.”

“Christ is risen; He is truly risen!”

The Pope explained how the word “truly” in the Easter proclamation underscores that the Lord’s resurrection is a reality, not just wishful thinking. And this means that humanity’s journey has a sure footing in hope and therefore can move forward with confidence in facing the many challenges now and ahead. Recalling the example of the first disciples, witnesses of the resurrection, the Pope described how they all hurried to tell others this good news. Humanity is called today as well “to make haste” to meet Jesus Christ, the goal of our journey and hope of the world. Looking at the urgent efforts needed to resolve conflicts and divisions and pursue paths of peace and fraternity, the Pope praised those who are doing all they can to offer assistance and welcome to people fleeing war and poverty.

Light of Easter on Ukraine and Russia

The Pope prayed for peace for the “beloved Ukrainian people” and that the light of Easter may shine on the people of Russia. May the Lord “comfort the wounded and all who have lost loved

ones due to the war,” he continued, and may prisoners return home and the entire international community strive to end war globally.

Healing the divisions

Remembering the holy city of Jerusalem, the Pope prayed for a resumption of dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians, so that peace may prevail. He prayed for help to Lebanon as it struggles to regain stability and unity. He mentioned Tunisia as well, praying that the young and those suffering from social and economic hardship may not lose hope and find ways to build a future of peace and fraternity.

Peace and reconciliation

The Pope asked for help for Haiti where social and economic hardship still weigh heavily on the people struggling for a way out of their many challenges. May the Lord support peace and reconciliation efforts in Ethiopia and in South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, he recalled. And he prayed for consolation for victims of international terrorism, especially in Burkina Faso, Mali, Mozambique and Nigeria. Pope Francis recalled Christian communities celebrating Easter in Nicaragua and Eritrea, praying for them and for all citizens that they may be able to freely and publicly profess their faith. The Pope then mentioned Myanmar that peace may prevail and enlighten the hearts of leaders so that “deeply-afflicted Rohingya may encounter justice.”

Respect for human dignity

May the Lord give comfort to refugees, deportees, political prisoners and migrants, the Pope prayed, especially the most vulnerable. And may we all help the victims of hunger, drug abuse, human trafficking and all other forms of slavery, he added, as we ask the Lord to inspire the leaders of nations to assure respect for human dignity so these social wounds may be healed.

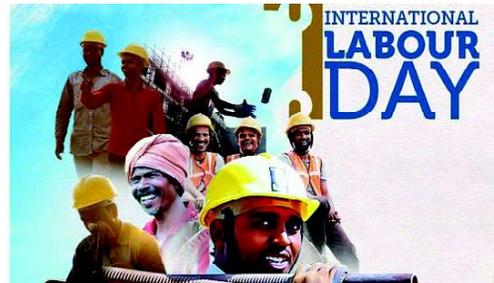
“Brothers, sisters, may we rediscover the enjoyment of the journey, quicken the heartbeat of hope and experience a foretaste of the beauty of heaven! Today, let us summon the energy to advance in goodness towards Goodness itself, which never disappoints. May you, the Lord of life, encourage us on our journey and repeat to us, as you did to the disciples on the evening of Easter: ‘Peace be with you!’”

IV. CCBI- May Day Message-2023

Protect the Rights of Workers who are the Backbone of the Economy and the Society ”We must put human dignity back at the centre and on that pillar build the alternative social structures we need” (Pope Francis)

May 1st, the International Day of Workers is a day which upholds the dignity and labour rights of workers. Dating back to 1886 and born as a result of worldwide struggle of workers for 8 hours working, labour security, work place safety, health, etc, stands as symbol of working class solidarity. The slogan of International Labour Organization for Workers in 2023 is “World Day for Safety and Health at Work”.

The Covid 19 Pandemic has now gone beyond a health crisis to become an economic and Labour market crisis. The Labour today is going through tremendous changes with the advancement of technology and with the introduction of the various types of the digital devices. The Paradigm of work is undergoing drastic changes. Certain companies like Kodak, which have been providing large



number of work is almost waning out. With the introduction of mobile, the STD booths which were very common in the country side have almost disappeared. The emergence of electronic communication medium, post offices which were prominent public institutions in villages are almost becoming irrelevant. Artificial Intelligence has already introduced cars without drivers. The robots are largely displacing human labour. The digital devices introduced in ticket booking, taxi services such as 'Uber' is dislocating large number of work force. 'Airbnb' has emerged as a network of hotels affecting medium type of hotel industry. The latest software programmes such as IBM, Watson. etc, it is predicted, would displace large number of legal practitioners and medical professionals. The digital devices like Paytm, Google pay, etc are making vast changes at the bus, rail, air ticket bookings and all other types of money transactions. Thus the digital economy is transforming the world of work.

The introduction of digital technology and the trade agreements such as Regional Comprehensive Economic partnership (RCEP) and of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to stall subsidies will affect millions of workers in the primary sectors such as agriculture, fisheries etc. In addition to it, it is predicted that large number of unorganized workers such as casual daily wage workers, weavers, artisans, home based workers, rickshaw pullers and street vendors would be put to untold miseries. As Pope Francis puts it, "The market place, by itself, cannot resolve every problem, however much we are asked to believe this dogma of neoliberal faith. Whatever the challenge, this impoverished and repetitive school of thought always offers the same recipes. Neoliberalism simply reproduces itself by resorting to the magic theories of "Spillover" or "Trickle" - the name as the only solution to social problems. There is little appreciation of the fact that the alleged "Spillover" does not resolve inequality that gives rise to new forms of violence threatening that fabric of society. It is imperative to have a proactive economic policy directed at "promoting an economy that favours productive diversity and business creativity and makes it possible for jobs to be created and not cut. Financial Speculation fundamentally aimed at quick profit continues to wreak havoc. Indeed, without internal forms of solidarity and mutual trust, the market cannot completely fulfill its proper economic function. And today this trust has ceased to exist" (Fratelli Tutti - F.T. 168). And hence Pope Francis advocates, "We must put human dignity back at the centre and on that pillar build the alternative social structures we need" (F.T 168).

In the context of drastic changes in the labour market, the primary sectors of economy such as agriculture, fishery, etc are facing challenges. The tendency of rural population in search of job will be on increase. Hence, advocating for the Rights based, safe, orderly and regular migration

policy declared by UN is the need of the time. During Covid 19, the Center and State Governments were groping in darkness to draw clear data of its own citizens. The Labour Ministry of the Government of India on the intervention of the Supreme Court of India has launched a portal e-shram to generate a data base of unorganized workers to ensure safe movements, social and labour entitlements. But today the process is almost at a standstill. At this juncture in collaboration with various partners, the CBCI Office of labour/ Workers India Federation is looking forward to creating a data base of inter-state migrant workers, to organize and form them into Labour Forums which can be used as a means to negotiate for their labour rights and entitlements. As a large fraction of work force who contribute to the nation building has to demand for a Rights based migration policy and law which would ensure institutional frame work such as Nodal Offices, facilitation centers and monitor and facilitate dignity and rights of millions of migrant workers.

So also the agrarian and fishery economy are going through existential crisis with the introduction of new policies, laws and technology. Millions of workers in agricultural and farm sector will lose jobs and workers in the sector will be impoverished and displaced. So also the introduction of new policies such as “Blue Economy” the sea, sea coast and the fishers will be adversely impacted and displaced. The ecological and environmental and the livelihood impacts of the policy needs urgent intervention. The four Labour Codes passed by the Indian parliament will have drastic impact on the informal, domestic and vulnerable sections of workers in the country. Hence one needs to seriously look into the emerging policies and legislations which would have adverse impact on millions of unorganised workers in the country. Promulgation of the Labour Codes are not yet been done. So the Government is requested to revisit the codes and add necessary clauses to protect the interests, well being and social security of the vulnerable workers before promulgating them. Occupational safety, security and health of the labours are becoming a serious concern of International Labour agencies such as ILO, Workers Unions and Labour Associations today. This is the reason why the ILO for the workers day in 2023 is highlighting on the Occupational Safety and Health at Work. It is reported that every year over two million workers die due to unsafe working conditions in the work place. Serious measures may be taken to safeguard occupational safety, health and working conditions of workers.

International workers day is an occasion to express solidarity, ensure dignity and Labour Rights of working class who are the backbone of the economy. Let all the workers unite to protect the hard earned rights which have become real through struggles.

May St. Joseph, the Patron of Workers stand as a strong mediator in the world where workers are growingly treated as tools for corporate agencies to be used and thrown out like the garbage.

Most Rev. Dr. Alex Vadakkumthala, Chairman, CCBI Office for Labour

Most Rev. Dr. Jose Chitopatambi CMI, Vice Chairman, CCBI Office for Labour

V. Why is May, the Month of Mary

The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary came about in the 13th century. Some say because it was created to replace various pagan cults. The actual reason is the fact that this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave

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new life to the world when she gave birth to our saviour Jesus Christ. The link between Mary and the month of May became popular among the members of the Jesuit Order - by 1700 it had a firm hold among their students at the Roman College and a short time later it was publicly celebrated in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the rest of the Church. The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially promoted by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy *Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as one of “other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops”

Devotion to Mary is one an important part of the Catholic identity. As our mother she is an example of a committed “Yes” to the will of God. Because of the devotion to her many people ask her for help in the most difficult moments of their life as any child does with his mother

VI. St. Joseph the Worker – May 1

WORKERS’ DAY

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

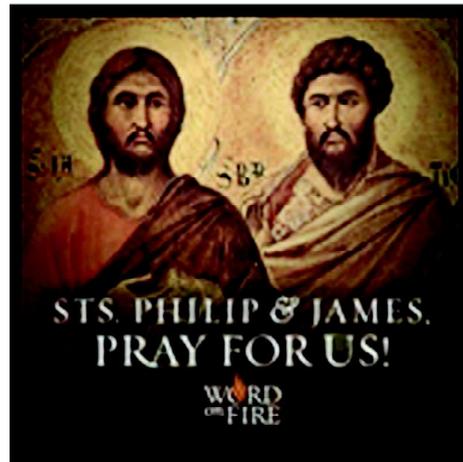


Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

VII. Feast of Philip and James, Apostles – May 3

Philip and James were both apostles, and both served Christ faithfully during the very early days of the Church. Philip seems to have been an enthusiastic person. He was the one who brought his friend Nathanael to Jesus, insisting to Nathanael that he had found the person about whom Moses had written. Some years later it was Philip who made arrangements, with the help of Andrew, to have a group of Greek Gentiles brought to Jesus. Philip the apostle is not to be confused with the deacon Philip of Acts 8, who preached in Samaria and baptized the Ethiopian, although some writers



say that they are the same person. Philip also had a practical, down-to-earth mind. He was the apostle who commented that it would take a considerable amount of money to feed a crowd of more than 5,000 hungry men, women, and children. It was Philip who asked to see the Father when Jesus spoke about him at the Last Supper.

James was the son of Alphaeus and seems to have been born in Caesarea. He is mentioned less frequently in the New Testament than Philip is. Sometimes James is called the Less, which might be a hint that he was a short person or else that he was younger than the other apostle named James. After Jesus' death James continued to preach the Gospel and is believed to have become the first bishop of Jerusalem. Assuming that James and the first bishop of Jerusalem are one and the same person, then he met his death as a martyr in that city about the year a.d. 62. Tradition identifies James as the author of the epistle associated with his name.

VIII. First Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima- May 13

May 13 marks the anniversary of the first of six apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children of Fátima, Portugal. Lucia dos Santos (aged 9) and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto (aged 8 and 6, respectively) were tending sheep in central Portugal in 1917 when they had a vision of a woman surrounded by light who identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. She exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace and, over the course of her six apparitions, gave the children three “secrets.”



She promised a miracle in October, and on the 13th of that month a crowd of perhaps 70,000 people witnessed a “miraculous solar phenomenon,” in which the Sun appeared to fall toward Earth. After initially questioning the authenticity of the children’s visions, the Vatican accepted them as appearances of the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima), and Fátima became the location of one of the greatest Marian shrines in the world, visited by thousands of pilgrims each year. Although Lucia dos Santos would later become a Carmelite nun and live to the age of 97, Francisco and Jacinta Marto died as children as a result of the influenza pandemic of 1918-19. The pious siblings were beatified in 2000 by Pope John Paul II, making them the youngest non-martyred children to be beatified in the history of the Roman Catholic Church. They were canonized as saints by Pope Francis in 2017 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of their visions.

IX. Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle- May 14

Matthias, whose name means “gift of God”, was the disciple chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the Twelve Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles states that he was also one of the 72 disciples whom Jesus sent out to preach the Good News. Matthias was one of two men (the other being St. Joseph Barsabbas) who met the condition set by St. Peter that candidates had been with the Lord since His Baptism, and were “a witness to Christ’s Resurrection” (Acts 1:21-22). He remained with Jesus until His Ascension. After praying first, the apostles chose Matthias by drawing lots. According to various traditions, Matthias preached



in Cappadocia, Jerusalem, the shores of the Caspian Sea (in modern day Georgia) and Ethiopia. He is said to have met his death by crucifixion in Colchis or by stoning in Jerusalem.

According to some traditions, he was martyred by being stoned in Jerusalem, then beheaded. St. Hippolytus of Rome, however, contends that he died of old age. There is evidence cited in some of the early Church Fathers that there was a Gospel according to Matthias in circulation, but it has since been lost and was declared apocryphal by Pope Gelasius. Perhaps more reliable is the early writing of St. Clement of Alexandria, who said Matthias insisted on the importance of mortification. He is invoked for assistance against alcoholism and for support by recovered alcoholics.

X. Mother's Day – May 14

Mother's Day celebrates motherhood and is a day to make an extra-special effort to recognize and appreciate mothers' roles in our lives. Often this day is extended to generations of mothers grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers as well as to mother figures. Mother's Day is always celebrated on the **second**



Sunday in May. A day to honor mothers is as old as human time. Festivals honoring mothers in ancient times were often tied to gods and goddesses. The Phrygians held a festival for Cybele, the Great Mother of the Gods.

The Greeks honored mothers with a festival for the goddess Rhea; the Romans continued the tradition. Even today, an important festival in India, Durga-puja, honors the goddess Durga. During the middle Ages, people would return to their home or “mother” church once a year during the middle of Lent. (Back then, children would often leave to work at the tender age of ten!). Historians theorize it was return to the “mother” church which led to the tradition of children getting the day off to visit their mother and family. Later, this day became Mothering Sunday. Children, mainly daughters who had gone to work as domestic servants, would be given the day off on the fourth Sunday of Lent to return to their mothers and home parish. As they traveled the country lanes, children would pick wildflowers to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift. It also became popular to bake a cake for Mothering Sunday. This probably originated as well out of Lent because Mothering Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday; the fasting rules were relaxed for that day.

XI. The Ascension of the Lord – May 21

World Communication Day

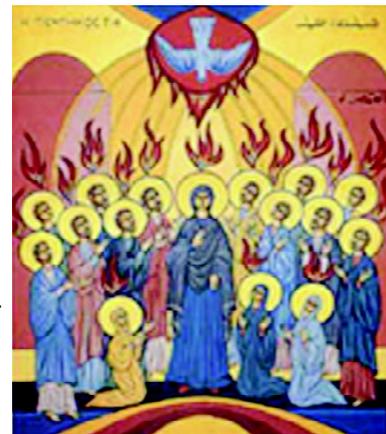
Ascension, in Christian belief, the ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after his Resurrection (Easter being reckoned as the first day). The Feast of the Ascension ranks with Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost in the universality of its observance among Christians. The feast has been celebrated 40 days after Easter in both Eastern and Western Christianity since the 4th century. Prior to that time, the Ascension was commemorated as a part of the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord occurs 40 days after Christ's



resurrection. It is the important, final piece of the paschal mystery, which began with Christ's Passion and death. Because Christ ascended, we, as members of the body of Christ, also look forward to ascending into heaven after our bodily resurrection. On the solemnity, we are also reminded of our evangelizing mission. Before Christ ascends, he gives his disciples final instructions, telling them to await the arrival of the Holy Spirit and then "go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). We will celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. During the days between the Solemnity of the Ascension and the Solemnity of Pentecost, we are called to intense prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This time of prayer comprises a novena, during which we pray that we may receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

XII. Pentecost Sunday-May 28

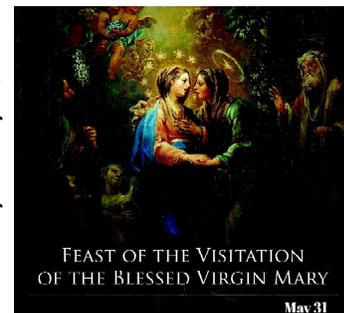
Pentecost, also called Whitsunday, (Pentecost from Greek pentecostē, "50th day"), major festival in the Christian church, celebrated on the Sunday that falls on the 50th day of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2), and it marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot) was primarily a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest, but it was later associated with a remembrance of the Law given by God to Moses on Mount



Sinai. The church's transformation of the Jewish feast to a Christian festival was thus related to the belief that the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus was the first fruits of a new dispensation that fulfilled and succeeded the old dispensation of the Law. When the festival was first celebrated in the Christian church is not known, but it was mentioned in a work from the Eastern Church, the *Epistola Apostolorum*, in the 2nd century. In the 3rd century it was mentioned by Origen, theologian and head of the catechetical school in Alexandria, and by Tertullian, Christian priest and writer of Carthage. In the early church, Christians often referred to the entire 50-day period beginning with Easter as Pentecost. Baptism was administered both at the beginning (Easter) and end (the day of Pentecost) of the Paschal season. Eventually, Pentecost became a more popular time for baptism than Easter in northern Europe, and in England the feast was commonly called White Sunday (Whitsunday) for the special white garments worn by the newly baptized. In The First Prayer Book of Edward VI (1549), the feast was officially called Whitsunday, and this name has continued in Anglican churches. In Catholic and other Western churches, priests often wear red vestments during Pentecost to symbolize the "tongues of fire" that descended on the disciples from the Holy Spirit; members of the congregation also wear red in some traditions, and the altar is commonly dressed in a red frontal cloth.

XIII. Feast of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary- May 31

Visitation, the visit, described in the Gospel According to Luke (1:39–56), made by the Virgin Mary, pregnant with the infant Jesus, to her cousin Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, the pregnant Elizabeth felt the infant St. John the Baptist leap in her womb, which, according to later doctrine, signified that he had become sanctified and cleansed of original sin. Mary then said the Magnificat (q.v.). The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church on May 31. When Luke speaks of Mary, he thinks of the communities of his time which lived dispersed throughout the cities of the Roman Empire and offers them Mary as a model of how they should relate to the Word of God. Once, while hearing Jesus speak about God, a woman in the crowd exclaimed: "Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts that fed You", praising the mother of Jesus. Immediately Jesus answered: "More blessed still are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Lk 11:27-28). Mary is the model of the faithful community which knows how to live and practice the Word of God. In describing the visit of Mary to Elizabeth, he teaches how the communities should act in order to transform the visit of God into service to the brother and sisters.



XIV. Bishop's Schedule for May, 2023

- 01 : Priestly Ordination of Dn. Yeruva Ajith,
Prakashreddipet Village, Subedari Parish
- 02 : Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Begumpet Village, Bell tower
Blessing, First Holy Communion & Confirmations
Dacharam Parish
- 03 : Confirmations & First Holy Communion, 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
Parish Khammam Diocese
- 06 : Centenary Celebrations of Cheriya Village, Cheriya Parish
- 07 : Requiem Mass for Late Fr. Sebastian, Mahabubabad
Parish: Confirmations & First Holy Communion, Blessing
of Sebastian Arch, Bus Shelter, etc.
- 08 : Mariarani Church Feast Celebrations, First Holy Communion
& Confirmations, Ranipuram Parish
Blessing the SCMA Summer Music Crash Course,
Divya Deepthi, Fatimanagar
- 09 : Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Kallepally Village and
Blessing of New Chapel, Kallepally Village, Dacharam Parish
- 10 : Solemnizing Holy Matrimony at Mahabubabad Parish
- 12 : Sacred Heart Chapel Blessing at Kodumuru Village,
Pedagopathi Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 13 : Golden Jubilee of Fatima Matha Church,
Cheruvumadharam Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 14 : am First Holy Communion & Confirmations at
Singabupalam Sujatha Nagar, Khammam Diocese
pm First Holy Communion & Confirmations Pinapaka
Village, M.P Banjara Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 16 : Confirmations & First Holy Communion at
Vangalapally Parish
- 17 : Warangal Office
- 18 : St. Mary's Church Silver Jubilee Celebrations &

- Renovated Church Blessing at Subedari Parish
- 19 : Feast of Varadha Matha at Bayyaram Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 20 : New Church Blessing, Banapuram Parish, Khammam Diocese
- 21 : Vocation Camp, Meeting the Warangal Diocese Seminarians,
St. Xavier Major Seminary, Karunapuram
- 22 : Priestly Ordination of Dn. Kommu Naveen,
Thirumalayapalem Khammam Diocese
- 23 : The Decennial Celebration of the Episcopal Consecration
of Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala as Bishop of Warangal,
Fatima Cathedral, Warangal Diocese
- 24 : Grotto Blessing, Confirmations & First Holy Communion
at Budidempadu Parish
- 25 : Khammam Office
- 26 : Divyavani AGM Meeting, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad
- 27 : am Final Vows of Gabriel Brothers at Fatimanagar
pm Nirmala Matha Church Golden Jubilee Celebrations,
Confirmations & First Holy Communion, Ghanpur Parish
- 28 : Jesus Youth DTP Programme Concluding Mass,
Pastoral Centre, Fatimanagar
- 29 : Silver Jubilee of Sacred Heart Church, Gunturpally
Village (Hrudayanagar) Venkatapuram Parish
- 30 : Grotto Blessing at Brahamanapally Village, Madhira Parish
- 31 : Centenary Celebrations of Addaguduru Village Nalgonda Diocese

June 2023

Mission Works to Europe

XV. Communications

1. RIP: With deep Sorrow, I inform you that Rev. Fr. Pudota Chinnaiah, a very dedicated Priest, aged 63 has reached his eternal abode, due to sudden Cardiac arrest at 9:45 pm on April 21, 2023 at 9:45 pm. It is shocking news to all of us, though his recuperation after three surgeries had been up and down. The diocese of Warangal conveys its deepest Grief and Condolences to all the Priests, the Consecrated, Relatives and the Faithful.

The Funeral Mass and Burial Services of deceased Rev. Fr. P. Chinnaiah were held on the 22nd of April, 2023 at 4.00pm, in Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar. Kindly pray for the departed noble soul and May his Soul rest in Peace.

Note: ALL DIOCESAN PRIESTS ARE TO CELEBRATE THREE MASSES FOR HIM without taking Mass stipend. The same will be offered on our Death!

Bio-Data:

Born: 08-06-1959

Place: ThimmaraoPET

Date of Ordination: 12-03-1986 at Fatimanagar

Parents: Anandaiah & Showramma



Places of Ministry

Karunapuram- Assistant Parish Priest (April 86-June 86), Karimnagar- Assistant Parish Priest (June 86-June 87), Khammam- Assistant Parish Priest (June 87-February 1988), Devagiripatnam- Parish Priest (February 1988-January 1992), Dacharam- Parish Priest (January 1992-June 1992), Narimetta- Parish Priest (June 1992-June 1999), St. Pius X Seminary, Fatimanagar- Rector (June 1999-2001), Ranipuram- Parish Priest (2002-2008), Singaram- Parish Priest (May 2008-2014), Maheshwaram- 2014 (Six Months only), International Ministry to USA (2014-2015), Palakurthy- Parish Priest (2015-2021), Shanthipuram- Parish Priest (2021-Till Date). May his soul Rest in Peace!

Mourning His Unexpected Demise,
+ Udumala Bala
Bishop of Warangal

2. News from the Pastoral Centre

1) As the Director of Pastoral Centre I and Voluntary Animators had visited many parishes during the season of Lent, helped the faithful to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Preaching, Mass and prepared them to celebrate a joyful Easter. We thank all the Parish Priests for inviting our group and encouraging the faithful to grow in faith.

2) Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second and Fourth Saturdays of this month that is on 08th and 22nd of April, 2023. On the second Saturday 15 members and on fourth Saturday 22 members participated for MPC. In these classes spouses explained about marital life and family life. The group shared and expressed their feelings about this MPC programme. It was really fruitful.

3) On 1st of April 2023, Meeting was conducted at Pastoral Centre for the Brothers of Warangal diocese and explained the summer ministry program. Meeting was began with prayer and ended with prayer. I have sent the brothers for summer ministry in order to train them in their pastoral ministry.

4) During Lenten season, Holy Week and On Easter Sunday pastoral centre team more especially animators rendered their services in different parishes as per the need expressed by the Parish Priests. This year the services rendered by all the Animators are really appreciated

Note:

-All the Institutions need to follow Warangal Diocesan Catechism and Moral Values Syllabus for the academic year 2023-2024. Catechism and Moral Value books are available in Pastoral Centre.

- MPC (Marriage Preparation Course) and counseling is organized in every month on second and fourth Saturdays. Please do not bless the marriage without certificates.

- This year 2023 summer Ministry for the Diocesan Brothers is allotted by Fr. G. Kamal, Director of Pastoral Centre with the permission of Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal and in consultation with Seminary Rector Rev. Fr. S. Balashowry. I thank all the Parish Priests for training our own Warangal Diocese Brothers for Pastoral Ministry.

Fr. G. Kamal, Director

3. News from WADES: Silver Jubilee of CJITS

The 13th of April 2023 has marked a great significance for the technical institution of the diocese. CJITS which began in the year 1998 completes 25 years in the service of providing technical education to rural students. CJITS began with the vision of Fr. Colombo, the permission of Bishop Most Rev. Thumma Bala and the co-operation of Consultants, the guidance of governing body members obtained the approval from AICTE New Delhi on 27th Sep 1998. It was permanently affiliated to JNTU Hyderabad clearing all the hurdles CJITS became the first catholic technical institution in India.

The Jubilee year was declared by the Bishop Most Rev Dr. Udumala Bala on 27th October 2023. In view of this Jubilee various events, programmes and seminars were conducted. The mega celebrations of the institute began on a very high note with the grand procession and bike rally as an escort to our Bishop Most Rev Dr. Udumala Bala, celebrating 10 years of announcement as Bishop of Warangal on the same Day. The Jubilant celebration had a fitting start with the blessing of the Statue of Fr. Colombo, the founder of the college and a great missionary. The cultural celebrations which began at 6pm were graced by the presence of Most Rev Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal and the president of our college, Shri Errabelli Dayakar Rao the Minister of Panchayat Raj Department Telangana, Shri Muthi Reddy Yadgiri Reddy, the MLA of Jangaon, Shri. Shiva Lingaiah IAS the District collector of Jangaon, Shri Prafool Patel Additional District collector, Mrs. Jamua the Municipal Chairperson, Prof. N.V. Ramana Rao the director of NIT Warangal, Prof. Manzur Hussain the Registrar of JNTUH, Shri Narayana Reddy the director of St. Peter's Educational Society, Fr. M. Jaya Paul the DM of WADES. The Chief Guest acclaimed the great efforts of the institution in serving the students in particular and the nation as a whole and transforming them into socio-

technical engineers with great character. CJITS has been a sign of excellence achieving innumerable milestones. The saga of Christu Jyothi Institute of Technology & Science for the past 25 years presents 6,251 students graduated out of 7,539 which amounts to 86% success rate. The chief guest also mentioned that the efforts of the college were commendable in providing Alumni spread throughout serving in various sectors holding prominent positions like: the present collector of Medchal, director of BHEL are the alumni of CJITS. The President of the college Most Rev Dr. Udumala Bala spoke that we need to look at the past with gratitude, look at the present with passion and future with hope and encouraged the family of CJITS reach further heights in the years to come.

The Jubilee Celebrations of the day created magic in the air and smiling memories all around with the presence of the guests, cultural programmes of the students, special appreciation to the staff completing 25 years of service in the institute, prize of the students for the various competitions conducted and academic excellence. The mesmerising decorations, the colourful illuminations, the meaningful performances have captivated the guests. The priests, sisters, religious, parents, well-wishers who have attended the event witnessed the marvels of CJITS. The management of CJITS is grateful to all the people who have extended their support and contributed to the success of the Jubilee Celebrations and the functioning of the institution.

Fr. T. Augustine Reddy, Director-CJITS

4. NEWS from LODI MSSS:

News from LODI MSSS: Do good for others, it will come back in unexpected ways

I. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalized rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming & N R M in Kodakandla Mandal :

1. Constructed 330 stone gullies in farmer's agricultural lands in 82 acres of 82 farmers in 8 project villages to control the soil erosion and increase the soil moisture retention capacity. 2. Constructed 60 rock fill dams in 6 villages over the small streams and 30 farmers will be benefited with recharge of ground water and 10 acres of land will be enhanced with irrigation sources. 3. Renovated 1 Feeder channel in 1 project village and 25 farmers were benefited with increase of irrigation and recharge of bore wells. 4. Constructed 1 check dam in 1 village on a big stream and 30 farmers will be benefited with recharge of ground water and enhanced irrigation from bore wells and wells. 5. Renovated 4 small ponds in 4 project villages are renovated by clearance of jungle on the bund and strengthened the bund and 100 farmers were benefitted with the increase of irrigation sources.

II. Nutritious Food kits to the HIV Children and children & families: We have distributed food kits consisting of food materials – Rice, Dhall, Green Grams, Jaggary, Soaps, Wheat powder, Gold drop oil, Kabuli Channa and etc to 150 children on 6th April 2023. There was a good news coverage as the program was done in view of World Health Day (7th April)

III. Nutritious Food kits and supply of wheel chairs to Physically challenged Children at Gudur Mandal and Mahabubabad Mandal & Dist: We have distributed food kits

consisting of food materials including 5 varieties of Millets to 35 physically challenged children at Gudur Mandal headquarters and to 40 Mahabubabad, district headquarters. Four children were supported with wheel chairs based on their dire need.

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director, Lodi MSSS.

5. Warangal Diocesan Vocation Camp – 2023:

“I consecrated and appointed you a prophet to the nations” (Jer 1:5)

I am happy to inform you that the Vocation Camp is arranged at St. Pius X Inter Diocesan Minor Seminary, Karunapuram from May 20th to 21st, 2023.

All Parish Priests working in the diocese of Warangal are requested to announce in the parishes/villages and **encourage young boys who have appeared and passed S.S.C, Inter 2nd year and above studies, to attend in the Vocation Camp on May 20th Saturday 10 am to 21st Sunday 4 pm in St. Pius X Minor Seminary, Karunapuram.**

Attending the Vocation is mandatory to recruit to the seminary studies in our diocese and no ex-seminarians are taken!

Please send the promising candidates with the following:

1. Letter from the Parish Priest along with Baptism certificate
2. Parents' Marriage Certificate
3. Holy Bible, Telugu,
4. Bed Sheets and Toilette things
5. Pen and Note Book

Fr. S. Balashowry, Vocation Director, Warangal Diocese

6. News from Mahabubabad Parish

1. Good Friday services in Mahabubabad: Meditation and enactment of Stations of the Cross has began in the Parish Church of Mahabubabad at 9 am and we proceeded to Yesu Gutta by foot reached to the top hill by 12 pm. We felt the spiritual journey is from Jerusalem to Mount Calvary. The enactment is very heart touching. Lot of unbelievers witnessed the enactment of Fourteen Stations of the Cross on the Road. His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal joined in the way of the Cross and he preached in the centre of Shanigapuram when in Bishop highlighted the Sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ made to save us. And on the Yesu Gutta we have the Good Friday Services with the minimum refreshments all departed.

2. Blessing and Inauguration of Bus Shelter and Drinking Water Tank: On the Good Friday i.e April 7, 2023 as we are marching from Mahabubabad to Yesu Gutta at the foot of Yesu Gutta, a Bus Shelter and Drinking Water tank is laid with the instructions and financial help of His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal. For the inauguration of the Bus Shelter and Drinking Water Tank along with our Bishop, MLC Thakkellapalli Ravindar Rao and other officials participated in it. The people are happy because of shelter at the Bus Stand.

3. Blessing and inauguration of roof at the Cross of Yesu Gutta: When we reached at the foot of the Cross on Yesu Gutta the roof of 1200 sft is blessed and Inaugurated by Your

Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala. The platform has become the place of worship at the foot of the Cross. People are coming, Praying and offering the coconuts. Kindly continue to pray of the Mission of Mahabubabad.

- Fr. Simon, Mahabubabad

7. News from SCMA

Dear Rev. Fathers / Sisters / Brothers,

Greetings to You All from St.Cecilia Music Academy, Warangal Diocese.

I am Happy to Share with you all about the Good news to all the Youth / Music Lovers and Learners of Our Diocese..

Here is a great Opportunity to you all with the Immense Support, Guidance and Profound Blessings of His Lordship Most.Rev Dr.Udumala Bala,Bishop of Warangal. We are going to begin the Summer Music Crash Course / Classes for the first time likewise “Kaladarshini” in the Month of May.

Kindly Announce in your respective Parishes and Sub-stations too.... encouraging the interested Candidates to Attend Music Course / Classes.

We also Urge and request you to send atleast 1 person from each Parish in order to make the Mass a sacred one with Divine Music every Sunday in their Respective Churches....

Fr. Surender. N

Director & Core Committee SCMA, Warangal Diocese



The poster for SCMA's 1st Summer Music Course features a green header with the SCMA logo and a portrait of Fr. Nameendia Surender. Below the header, four musical instruments are displayed: a Key Board, Rhythm Pads, a Tabla, and a Vocal instrument. The course dates are listed as From: 8-5-2023 to 7-6-2023, Monday to Saturday, with timings from 8 am to 10 am every day. The venue is Divya Deepthi Bhavan, Fathimanagar. Fees are 3000/- for dayscholars and 7000/- for boarding and lodging. A note states that the institution will not provide instruments, and students must bring their own. The poster also includes contact information for the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Convener, along with the Director's name and contact details.

SCMA
Institute of Music
Fathimanagar, Warangal Diocese
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Fee once paid will not be refunded.

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Rev.Fr.Nameendia Surender
Director SCMA Warangal
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8. Congratulations to Rev. Fr. Ramancha Sharath Kumar and Welcome into the Presbyterium of the Diocese of Warangal:

I, Bishop of Warangal Diocese happy to introduce and congratulate the new Priest Rev. Fr. Ramancha Sharath Kumar for the Diocese of Warangal.

Date of Birth: 28 – 07 – 1995

Place: Unikicherla

Parents: Late Ramancha Cheralu-Shoba

Ecclesiastical Studies: Bachelorate in Theology (BTh), Hyderabad

Date of Ordination: 28-04-2023 at Unikicherla

Motto: Dare to enter into the Darkness to bring another into the light of Christ

We wish him fruitful ministry in all his life long assignments/appointments.



Birthdays in May

Celebrate your birthday today. Celebrate being Happy every day.

Fr. Gangarapu Suresh	02-05-1984
Fr. Yeruva Papi Reddy	04-05-1968
Fr. Kasu Showreddy	05-05-1963
Fr. Gali Rayappa	06-05-1960
Fr. Narisetty Sampath	09-05-1987
Fr. Rachumalla Inna	10-05-1964
Fr. Gade Prakash	14-05-1969
Fr. Golamari Rayappa	25-05-1967

Priestly Ordinations

Rev. Fr. B. Chinnappa	01-05-1990
Rev. Fr. M. Anand	02-05-1994
Rev. Fr. D. Joseph	03-05-1990
Rev. Fr. R. Thomas	03-05-1990
Rev. Fr. P. Raja	04-05-1990
Rev. Fr. Gade Prashanth	05-05-2014
Rev. Fr. Gade Chinnappa	07-05-2014
Rev. Fr. Y. Sathish	08-05-2014
Rev. Fr. P. John Paul	09-05-1994
Rev. Fr. Y. Bala	12-05-1994
Rev. Fr. G. Sudhakar	16-05-1994

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Transfers – 2023
Effective by May 28, 2023

Name	Parish/Institution
1. Fr. G. Bala Martin	Helping at St. Peter's Parish HKN, in addition to Current Assignments
2. Fr. D. Vijayapaul	Director, Christu Jyothi Institute of Technology and Sciences
3. Fr. S. Inna Reddy	Director, Lodi MSSS Centre
4. Fr. T. Augustine	Director, Father Colombo Institute of Medical Sciences
5. Fr. Pentareddy Raja	Parish Priest, Palakurthy
6. Fr. Golamari Rayappa -	Parish Priest, Waddepally
7. Fr. Eadara Vijay	Parish Priest of Husnabad & Head Master, St. Joseph's H. School, Husnabad
8. Fr. Gade Prashanth	Parish Priest, Dacharam
9. Fr. Thumma Santhosh	Head Master, St. Alphonse High School & Director of Hostel, Karimnagar
10. Fr. T. Sharan Teja	Parish Priest, Shantipuram (Jammikunta is suppressed as a Parish and is a Substation of Shantipuram) in addition to the present assignment
11. Fr. M. Shravan	Parish Priest of Pasara
12. Fr. Anukiran	Director, Divyavani & Youth Centre
13. Fr. Tharun (Aug 2023)	Parish Priest, Ghanpur
14. Fr. Basani Mathias	St. Pius & St. Xavier's Seminaries as Formator & Sp. Director
15. Fr. K. Balaraju MF	Parish Priest, Yellapur
16. Fr. Dyjo MCBS	Parish Priest, Ranipuram
17. Fr. Madanu Raja Ratnam	HGN, Priest-Incharge of Maripeda
18. Fr. Thalari Amrutharao	HGN, Rayapatnam
19. Fr. A. Bala	Spiritual Renewal
20. Fr. P. Suresh	Spiritual Renewal
21. Fr. K. Vijay Kumar	Sick Leave
22. Fr. P. Prakash	Sick Leave

With Blessings

+ Udumala Bala
Bishop, Diocese of Warangal



Fatimanagar
April 30, 2023

First Inter - Diocesan Schools Sports Competitions



Banjara Mission

Appointment as Apostolic Administrator of Khammam Diocese



Meeting the Government officials

Chairman of FABC - OC



As Chairman of CCBI - VSCR



First ICSE Curriculum International School



Chairman of TCBC - DVSC



Uniting all Christian Denominations



Help in Corona Pandemic



USA Mission



Warangal Clergy Recollection & Chrism Mass, Fatimanagar



Good Friday & Celebration of Passion of Christ Shanigapuram, Mahabubabad,



Easter Sunday Blessing of Shayamatha Shrine, Dharmasagar Reservoir Hill –Top



Confirmations & First Holy Communion, Lourdunagar Guduru



Silver Jubilee Celebrations of CJITS, Colombonagar, Jangaon



Funeral Mass & Burrial Services of Fr. P. Chinnaiah

