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THE SEASON OF LENT



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New Year Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar



New Year Celebrations at Mother Teresa Convent, Assisi Parish, Kasibugga



Lamp Lighting ceremony at FCCN, Fatimanagar



Silver Jubilee of Presentation High School, Cherial



Millenium School Annual Day Celebrations, Mucherla



Silver Jubilee of St. Joseph's High School, Husnabad



CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN WORLDWIDE

Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS)

Pontifical Mission Societies have been the official missionary arm of the church charged with the work of evangelization and charitable works throughout the world established in 1922. Its work also provides mission awareness and supported by generous benefactors, raises funds for the poorest mission Churches of the Catholic Church.



Vision: “ensuring that the diocese participates actively in the propagation of Christ’s mission of evangelization through prayer and sacrifice”.

Mission: “Promotion of Jesus Christ evangelizing mission on earth through the four pontifical missionary societies.

Functions and Activities:

- Directing and coordinating missionary formation and cooperation through formative programs aimed at information, celebrating and solidary, aware that missionary activity is a matter for all Christians (redemptoris missio ii)
- By ensuring that the papal vision of the PMS is actualize in the diocese
- Promoting the October celebration of World Mission Sunday (2nd but last Sunday in October) through various media.
- Work in relation to the activities of the PMS (Propagation of Faith (POF), Holy Childhood Association (HCA) St. Peter the Apostle (SPA), and Pontifical Union of Priest and Religious (PMU) in the diocese.

Holy Childhood Association

The Month of February reminds us ‘the Holy Childhood Day’ which aims to focus on Children, who are a precious gift of God to Humanity. Every child is to be welcomed into the world both by the parents and the society. Children are to be born, not made! They are to be born out of the loving embrace of a married hetero-sexual couple and not out of laboratories. That is the catholic Ethic regarding biotechnological production of babies! Once conceived, from its first moment it is precious and it a human person. It is not some material but a person with his/her rights! Once born Child, Care and Protection and their religious and secular education, their talents and contribution to the society, etc. are to be ensured. The Holy Childhood Association was founded in France in 1843 by Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson. It’s celebration every year aims at encouraging all children to be aware of the needs of children living in mission diocese through the world. Bishop Charles always had a keen interest in the missions. He was a great preacher and travelled throughout France preaching the Gospel. He

received letters from missionaries in China requesting his financial help to save starving and abandoned babies. He did not know how to raise these funds so he met with Pauline Jaricot, who had already begun her work to raise funds for mission dioceses. She advised him that no one could understand the needs of children better than children themselves. She gave him the idea to start a children's charity.

1st Missionary Children in France

In 1843 Bishop Charles called upon the children of France to help save the children of China. He asked them to become Missionary Children, helping to spread the Good News. He asked them to say a Hail Mary every day and give a small coin every month to help feed the Chinese children. Their motto was "Children helping Children". The French children took up this great work and from then on, the work of missionary children has spread across the world. Today it is in around 130 countries and helps make Jesus known to children all over the world. Under its banner "Children helping Children", funds raised through schools are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources. Children in communities, orphanages, homes for the disabled, refugees, and those living on the streets are assisted by the generosity of children, who wish to make the love of Jesus known everywhere. Today, it is an organization dedicated to fostering children's awareness of the missionary nature of the Church. With children in more than 130 countries participating the motto of the association has been updated as: children evangelizing, children praying for the children, children helping children worldwide.

Never Too Little To Help!

The Diocesan and parish Committees for the Holy Childhood Association (HCA) should be established to foster to become aware of the call of Children to bear witness to their faith. The purpose of the HCA is to encourage all children to be aware of the needs of children living in mission dioceses through the world. Their motto is 'Children helping Children'. Children are not too little to care about others. The Holy Childhood Association (HCA) is how Catholic Children like you can help other children around the world. The HCA helps children in many countries. Episcopal Conferences, Individual Bishops, Rectors of Seminaries and University Professors, Priests and Deacons, Parents, Directors of religious Education, Catechists, Teachers, etc should foster all PMS branches but especially Holy Childhood Association. Many of our Seminaries, Schools, Hostels, Orphanages, etc. have been supported by Holy Childhood Association, St. Peter the Apostle and our Missions by Propaganda Fide and most of the Priests, Consecrated s and Lay faithful in India specially in Warangal diocese benefitted from it. As return gift, I thank ALL those, who promote Holy Childhood Association so that our children can learn and hear about the importance of the Missions in the World! Let us be aware of the POPSA Act cum Nirbhaya Law and protect children from all dangers and help them to grow as Children, God wants!!

II. Holy Father's Intention: for the Terminally Ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

III. Message of the Holy Father: 32nd World Day of the Sick Pope's World Day of Sick message: Heal relationships to heal the ill

Pope Francis releases his message for the 32nd World Day of the Sick, and calls for a 'therapeutic covenant' between people who are ill and their caregivers, family members, and God. "It is not good that man should be alone—Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships," is the theme of Pope Francis' message for the 2024 commemoration of the World Day of the Sick, held on 11 February.

In his message, released on Saturday, the Pope explores the fundamental importance and healing power of our relationships with others and with God. Drawing on God's words about Adam in the Biblical Book of Genesis, he notes that God's first thought for the first man was that he should be in communion and relationship with other beings.

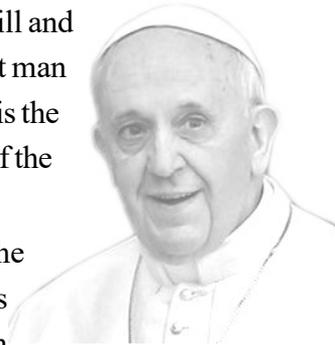
"Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfillment through a network of relationships, friendships and love, both given and received," says the Pope. "We were created to be together, not alone." This relational aspect of humanity, he adds, retains its importance even in moments of vulnerability, illness, and insecurity, which are often caused by the onset of a serious illness.

Therapeutic covenant

Pope Francis points out that the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing wars have isolated many people. Yet, he says, even countries living in peace and enjoying greater resources have a large number of people who face solitude and even abandonment due to old age and sickness. Our "throwaway cultures" exalt productivity and individualism at the cost of those unable to produce an economic gain. Politicians, says the Pope, are thus tempted to water down the "fundamental right to health and access to healthcare" by turning healthcare into a mere "provision of services" and wounding the dignity of the human person. The Holy Father calls for healthcare systems to be accompanied "by a 'therapeutic covenant' between physicians, patients, and family members."

God's project of communion for humanity

Returning to God's words—"It is not good for man to be alone"—Pope Francis says human sin wounds a person by severing their relationships "with God, with themselves, with others, with creation" and going against the "profound meaning of God's project for humanity." "Such



isolation causes us to miss the meaning of our lives,” he says. “It takes away the joy of love and makes us experience an oppressive sense of being alone at all the crucial passages of life.” The Pope therefore invites everyone to offer compassionate and loving closeness to those who are ill, following the example of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). “To care for the sick thus means above all to care for their relationships, all of them: with God, with others—family members, friends, healthcare workers—with creation and with themselves.”

Healing wounds of solitude and isolation

Each of us, says the Pope, came into the world because our parents welcomed us, and we were each “made for love” and are called to communion and fraternity. The best therapy for those who are ill, he adds, is to offer them our love and communion, despite the pace of our own frenetic lives. “To those of you who experience illness, whether temporary or chronic, I would say this: Do not be ashamed of your longing for closeness and tenderness!” says the Pope. “Do not conceal it, and never think that you are a burden on others.” In conclusion, the Holy Father invites Christians to draw inspiration from Jesus’ compassion-filled gaze through prayer and the Eucharist, so as to “heal the wounds of solitude and isolation.” “The sick, the vulnerable, and the poor are at the heart of the Church,” concludes Pope Francis. “They must also be at the heart of our human concern and pastoral attention.”

IV. News from CCBI: Liturgy - World Marriage Day – February 11, 2024

Introduction: Today is the 6th Sunday of the liturgical year. We celebrate World Marriage Day, to proclaim the value of Marriage, as permanent, faithful and fruitful bond, not just to spouses and children, but all families, the Church, and the whole world. Pope Francis says - Marriage is a “Call to the Joy of Love... And Joy of the Church.

We invite all married couples to come forward and sit together in the front rows. All couples celebrating their silver or golden jubilees this year, please come and occupy the first rows.

Readings:

1st Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46 “He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31—11:1 “Avoid giving offense . . . , Try to please”

Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45 “A leper came to Jesus . . . he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean’”

Homily Hints:

In Jewish society, people affected by leprosy were ostracized because they were considered “ritually unclean.” They became “untouchables” according to Mosaic Law.

No Jewish rabbi at the time of Jesus would permit a person affected by leprosy to come near him for fear of defilement. Jesus also is a rabbi, but his approach is completely different. When he is approached by the sick with leprosy, Jesus stretches out his hand, touches him and heals him. Jesus is not worried about contamination or ritual defilement. For him, a diseased person is more important and recognizes his human dignity.

Touch is a deep way of communication. We allow only our loved ones to physically touch us and reciprocate loving gestures of touch. Married people should be comfortable with the touch of their spouse, and it should communicate love, intimacy and togetherness. Spouses should be able to communicate deeply through their bodies and experience God's love and deep joy.

Some spouses have experienced physical abuse, and are wounded; this prevents them from experiencing joy, and they are anxious about touching and being touched. Spouses often shut each other out in a marriage relationship not allowing the other to touch them for fear of being wounded again. There are others who emotionally and physically neglect their spouses and/or are violent with them. Only the Lord can bring healing and wholeness.

In the second reading, St Paul writing to the Corinthians says, a married person is to be considerate to his/her spouse and not seek one's own good, but the good of the other. It is the spouses' caring and tender behaviour that can bring healing and wellness in marriage. It is the duty of each spouse to take care and heal one another to experience God's joyful grace and love.

On this World Marriage Day, as married spouses, you are invited to strive to better your relationship and make your families happy, healthy and holy. May the Holy Family of Nazareth become your model today and always, knowing that "the joy of the family is the joy of the Church" (Pope Francis)

(Recommended: to renew the Marriage Vows)

Prayers for the Faithful:

Celebrant: Loving and merciful father, on this World Marriage Day, shower your blessings upon us and guide and protect us, especially all married couples, their children, friends and relatives as we place before you, our petitions. Our response will be:

Response: Loving Father, listen to our prayer.

1. For the leaders of the Church, that God may continually purify their hearts, inspiring them to respond joyfully to God's call. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For National and local leaders, that they may always remain united and promote peace and justice to their peoples. Let us pray to the Lord.

3. For married couples, that they may love each other beyond words through their actions to salute the beauty of their joys, sacrifice and togetherness in their daily married life. Let us pray to the Lord...

4. For couples, whose marriages are under threat. May they keep the lines of communication open to settle disputes, truly empathize and forgive each other to experience great joy. Let us pray to the Lord...

5. For all the prayers we hold in our hearts (pause). Let us pray to the Lord...

Celebrant: Father, in spite of our unworthiness, you call us to follow you. As you hear our prayers make us faithful to follow the vocation you have called us to live. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Couples' Thanksgiving Prayer: (after Post-Communion prayer)

Father, we thank you for binding us together, through your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Please remind us to share each day of the love you have implanted in our hearts for each other. We ask that you be the center and anchor of our marriage. Guide us and bless us. Help us to love beyond words with our actions, as you have loved us, with our gentleness, patience, passion and humility. Amen.

V. World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life (February 2, 2024)

Congratulations and Prayers

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated



life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Moral social and Laity's apostolate problems, numerous and often dramatic, are calling as Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life into question.

Whatever, the Vows impel them to keep alive in the world and the way of life which Jesus, the supreme Consecrated One and missionary of the Father for the sake of his Kingdom, embraced and proposed to his disciples & quote; (Vita Consecrata, n. 22; cf. Mt 4:18.22; Mk 1:16-20; Lk 5:10:1; Jn 15:16). United to Christ in his consecration to the Father, they never cease to seek his face; we want to stay with him and, like the Samaritan woman of the Gospel, draw

through him from the sources of living water, to quench their thirst with his word and rejoice in his presence.

We Congratulate all the Consecrated in the Diocese of Warangal and pray to the Lord ‘for those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits’ by experiencing the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness and witness to Christ in Evangelization and Faith Formation especially in Warangal Diocese.

VI. Feast of Presentation of the Lord (February 2)

On Feast, we contemplate the Lord Jesus, whom Mary and Joseph bring to the Temple “to present him to the Lord” (Lk 2:22). This Gospel scene reveals the mystery of the Son of the Virgin, the consecrated One of the Father who came into the world to do his will faithfully (cf. Heb 10:5-7). Simeon identifies him as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles” (Lk 2:32) and announces with prophetic words his supreme offering to God and his final victory (cf. Lk 2:32-35). This is the meeting point of the two Testaments, Old and New. Jesus enters the ancient temple; he who is the new Temple of God: he comes to visit his people, thus bringing to fulfillment obedience to the Law and ushering in the last times of salvation. It is interesting to take a close look at this entrance of the Child Jesus into the solemnity of the temple, in the great comings and goings of many people, busy with their work: priests and Levites taking turns to be on duty, the numerous devout people and pilgrims anxious to encounter the Holy God of Israel.



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

VII. Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)

World day of Sick

Today the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a 14-year-old French peasant girl, St. Bernadette Soubirous. The first appearance was on Feb. 11, and she would meet with Bernadette a total of 18 times through July 16 of that year. On Feb. 11, Bernadette went to gather firewood with her sister and a friend. She saw light coming from a rosebush at a grotto near the river, and in that light, a woman in a white dress appeared, holding a rosary. The woman made the sign of the Cross, so Bernadette knelt, took out her own rosary, and began to pray. After a four-year investigation, the bishop declared the apparitions to be real, and worth believing. In 1866, Bernadette left Lourdes to join a religious order, where she served until her death in 1879. A basilica was built and consecrated at the grotto at Lourdes.



VIII. Holy Childhood Sunday (February 11)

On the Sunday Feb. 11, 2024, day the Church has the following aims:

a) To pray for all children in the world so that they should be under the protection and guidance of Christ Child Jesus (hence the name Holy Childhood).
sb) To give chance to children to take an active role in the celebration of the Liturgy of the day so that gradually they should live their baptismal obligations.



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

d) To demonstrate solidarity with the whole Church and the whole world in helping children who have not heard the Gospel of salvation and helping those who are suffering because of various reasons. Thus, every Christian, including children themselves, have to come together in prayer and charity to contribute money towards missionary supporting other children and promoting the well being of other children

IX. Lent: Time for Transformation (February 14)

Few times in the Christian year call us to reflect on transformational change like Lent leading toward Easter. Springtime is lush with rebirth, new beginnings, and new growth. Too often, however, we want to race to the Easter Resurrection without fully embracing the Lenten process that leads there. Lent reflects the forty days that Jesus wandered in the wilderness — tempted by Satan — in



readiness for a ministry destined to end in tragedy. Few of us can relate to the level of sacrifice and commitment that Jesus displayed in his forty days, yet Lent provides us with an opportunity to deepen our spirituality by engaging in regular discipline from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. The wilderness — the desert days of Lent — is the true path toward spiritual transformation. There is a compelling metaphor that helps us embrace the wilderness and prevents us from racing to Easter. It is the metaphor of the seed. Jesus began his teaching ministry with the parable of the sower (Matthew 13) and referred to seeds and trees, fruit and branches, throughout his ministry. To see the metaphor of Christian growth and spiritual development contained in a seed is to learn valuable lessons about change and transformation. Receive these six lessons from the seed as six weekly devotionals for this Lenten season. Incorporate them into your daily meditations so that they might grow to full bloom in your heart.

Three Timeless Practices of Lent: Praying, Fasting, Almsgiving

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

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

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

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

X. Feast of St. Peter's Chair (February 22)

This feast brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon the Apostle, and renew our assent to the Magisterium of the Roman Pontiff, extended both to truths which are solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, and to all the acts of the ordinary Magisterium.



The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome has been celebrated from the early days of the Christian era on 18 January, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, on 22 February. At each place a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of the chairs is referred to about 600 by an Abbot Johannes who had been commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great to collect in oil from the lamps which burned at the graves of the Roman martyrs.

XI. Bishop's Engagements in the Month of February, 2024

- 01-07: CBCI Meeting at Bangalore
- 08: Fatima Thirunalla Preparatory Meeting, Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 09: Warangal Office
- 10: am Golden Jubilee Celebrations of CSA Sisters at Kumarapally
- 11: Centenary Celebrations of Gunadala Lourdh Matha, Vijayawada Diocese
- 12: am New Chapel Blessing at Pushpanagar, Shanthipuram, Vemulawada Parish
pm Holy Matrimony at Tirumalghiry, Hyderabad
- 13: Priestly Ordination of Deacon M. Sandeep, MSFS at Cheemalakonduru Village,
Veeravelly Parish, Nalgonda Diocese
- 14: Ash Wednesday: Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar
- 17: Khammam Office
- 19-24: FABC office for Clergy Meeting, Bangkok, Thailand
- 26-28: Moral Theology Classes at St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur

March 2024

- 01: Khammam Office
- 02: Karunagiri Feast, Khammam Diocese
- 03: Flag Hoisting: Fatima Tirunalla Novena Begining
- 5-7: TCBC Ordinary Meetings, Ramanthapur
- 8: Warangal Office
- 11: Triduum: Silver & Golden Jubilarians Marriage Renewal Day
- 12: Healing Day: Preaching & Healing Services
- 13: Solemnity of Fatima Tirunallu, Diocese's Patroness Solemnity

XII. Communications

1. Season of Lent-Ash Wednesday: This year, Ash Wednesday falls on the 14th of February, 2024, on which the holy Lenten period begins. All the Parish Priests are requested to make sure that the **way of the cross is conducted in all our Parish Churches/ Chapels** on every Wednesday and on every Friday during the Lenten season. All the Heads of the Institutions are requested to make sure that Catholic child/ youth participate in the ‘Way of the Cross’ service in Parish Churches/Chapels. It is a great privilege and responsibility of all of us to promote strong Catholic Faith Formation of all Catholic children/youth/ adults in Parishes and Institutions

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

Law of Fasting: The law of fasting is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, by all those who have completed 18 years of age and have not yet begun the 60th year** of their age. All the Faithful are encouraged to do so more of Fasting of different kinds like watching television, using Smart Phones, Alcohol Consumption and criticizing others etc. Meditate always on the Passion of Christ.

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

3. Holy Childhood Day: This year the Holy Childhood Day falls on the 11th of February. Parish Priests and Heads of Institutions are requested to observe the Day and make a special collection and send it to the Diocesan office by the end of the month. Kindly **animate Catholic children with special preaching, prayer and contribution.** Let them thank the Holy Childhood office and learn to help the poorest children. They should be guided to conduct activities and raise funds for poorer children and should become Child-Missionaries. **Please instruct children to be & become Child-Missionaries.**

4. No Financial Transactions from 15th of March to 3rd of April 2024: As the financial year 2023-2024 will come to a close on 31st of March 2024, there will be no financial transactions in Procurator’s House from 15th of March to 3rd of April, 2024.

5. News from Lodi MSSS: “Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. PROJECT TITLE: Sustainable Livelihood Based Food Security program for the Tribal and Dalit Communities of 16 villages of Tharigoppula Mandal of Jangaon district.

Achievements in this reporting period: i. Promotion of Organic Inputs: 184 Marginalized farmers were given Neem oil, Pheromone Traps, yellow sticks and farmers are practicing organic methods in 72 acres of land in 16 project Villages. ii. Promotion of Backyard poultry: 440 units of backyard poultry were given to 440 Women in 16 villages with the aim of improved nutrients in their daily food and to increase their family income. and by using these eggs, improved nutrients in their daily food. iii. Construction of 2 check dams: Constructed 2 check dams in 2 villages and 62 farmers were benefited with increase of irrigation sources to 124 acres of land through recharge of bore wells and open wells.

2. CABA PROJECT: i. As part of CABA program, peer group meeting was conducted in Mahabubabad field area. 21 children participated in the programme. ii. CLHA home visit regularly takes place in Warangal, Hanumakonda, Mahabubabad, Jangaon, and Mulugu districts. Purpose of this visit is to give counseling for health, ART adherence, nutrition purpose for children living with HIV Aids and to guide their caretakers.

3. UJJWALA - PHASE III

With the direction and support of Caritas India and Misereor, on 10th January 2024, we have conducted an additional project activity - “Seed Farm festival” at Kommulavancha village, Gudur mandal in Mahabubabad District. Farmers from five villages actively participated in this program and received different seeds like Maize, Green gram, Black rice, and vegetable seeds for the 2nd crop.

4. REVOLVING FUND LOANS: i. During the month of January, 2024, 170 beneficiaries of 5 villages were supported with the loan of Rs. 33,60,000/-. ii. 2630 members of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangham of 65 villages of 28 parishes were supported with the loan of Rs. 1,10,80,000/-.

Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director, Lodi MSSS

6. News from Arunodaya Youth Centre:

Arunodaya Youth Centre has conducted youth animation program in Peddarampur and Chinnarampur villages of Rampur Parish on 14th of January, 2024. In Peddarampur 50 members and in Chinna Rampur 30 had attended the animation program. We spoke about the role of youth in the Church and about the programs of Youth centre. We insisted them to take active participation in the



Church activities and also told them to utilize the opportunities given by Arunodaya youth Centre. Thanks to Fr. George and Fr. Anil for the opportunity and encouragement.

Fr. Anukiran, Director

7. NEWS from FCT: One Day Seminar

On 14th January, FCT conducted one-day seminar for higher education students in Jeevadhara Prayer Centre at Rampur from 9am to 4pm. It started with praise and worship. Then Fr. P. Prakash explained to them about the Holy Eucharist and the confession. At 10:30am Fr. G. Prakash give them inputs on the Holy Bible. Then Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. G. Thomas spoke about the process of conversion and renewal. He also shared with



them how to handle and cope with the stress and struggles in studies and in life. Finally the meeting was conducted with the Eucharist Adoration by Fr. G. Prakash. Then FCT director thanked resource persons and Fr. George and Fr. Anil of Jeevadhara Prayer centre.

Fr. G. Bala Martin, Director-FCT

8. NEWS from WADES: Silver Jubilee Celebrations of St. Joseph's High School

St. Joseph's High School, Husnabad celebrated its 25 years of academic excellence, Silver Jubilee Celebrations on January 12th, 2024 amidst great splendor, zeal and resplendence. Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal and Manager WADES was the President for the celebrations. The other Guests of Honor were Rev. Fr. M. Jaya Paul, Deputy Manager, WADES, Rev. Fr. R. Thomas Dean of Karimnagar, Sri. Thagireddy Desi Reddy sir MEO Husnabad, Smt. Akula Rajitha Municipal Chairperson, Husnabad, Smt. Ileni Anitha Reddy, Municipal Vice chairperson, Husnabad, Smt. Konkati Nalini devir Madam our first ward Councillor and the Former Principals of St. Joseph's High School.



In remembrance of silver Jubilee beautiful Arch was constructed at the entrance gate which was blessed and inaugurated by his Excellency Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala. The school invited all the fathers, sisters, parents, alumni, and well-wishers for the celebrations. The school campus was beautifully decorated and ignited with lights. The program started at 05:30pm with guard of Honor and followed by lighting the diyas by the President and Guests. The cultural program began with the welcome dance. The kindergarten students performed the beautiful dances then after. The various theme dances like save environment, use of mobile phones, and Chandrayan were performed by the primary students which captured the attention of the audience. The guests were felicitated with shawl and memento. President Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala in his speech congratulated the school for the tremendous growth and success that it has achieved since its foundation. He also urged the students to aspire for

excellence in their future endeavors. After the speeches by the guests cultural programs were performed by the high school students. Various tribal dances of different states were performed by the high school students. Apart from all the foot-tapping dances presented by the kindergarten, primary and high school students the real icing on the celebratory cake was the Ballet on Bhaktha Prahladha which was enacted by the students on 06 stages was the highlight of the event which made all the audience wonderstruck.

The silver jubilee celebrations concluded with a vote of thanks and a grand finale national integration dance performance on 06 stages. Overall the Silver Jubilee celebration of St. Joseph's High School was a grand success and was much appreciated by Guests, parents and well-wishers.

Fr. E. Vijay Kumar Reddy, H.M & Correspondent

9. News from the Pastoral Centre:

1. As the Director of Pastoral Centre with the team I had visited many parishes, Schools and Colleges in the Diocese. As I visited them celebrated Holy Eucharist and encouraged the faithful and motivated them to form new mission villages and prepare them for Bible quiz and other competitions.

2. Catechism and Bible quiz competitions was conducted in all Deaneries. Thanks to all Deans, Parish priests, sisters and all teachers. Special thanks Pastoral Centre team.

3. With the permission of our Bishop Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala I attended a seminar on Proclamation and evangelization at Jyotirmai Centre, Hyderabad, on 18th Jan, 2024.

4. Marriage Preparation Course and Counseling was conducted on Second Saturday i.e. on 13th and 27th of Jan 2024. On 13th Fifteen members attended for MPC. The group shared and expressed their feelings about this MPC program. It was really fruitful. Rev. Fr. Y Chinnappa Reddy the Director of MPC with the help of team guided and suggested the program and the program went on well.

5. Jyotirmai Sunday was celebrated on 28th Feb, 2024 in Parishes to promote evangelization in the Parishes. Jyotirmai means Regional Pastoral Centre. Praying and Support the spiritual activities of the Telangana and Andhra Region.

Information

- Diocese Level Catechism Children Quiz Finals on 18th Feb, 10:00 am, 2024, at Pastoral Centre.
- Diocese Level Bible Quiz Finals on 25th Feb, 10:00 am, 2024, at Pastoral Centre.
- Catechism and Bible Quiz prizes will be given on Fatima Feast day. Children with their teachers have to be here before time.

**Fr. G. Kamal, Director
Pastoral Centre**

10. News from Fiat Mission

Fiat mission is organizing for Priestly & Religious Aspirants “Aspirants’ Scriptura: Memorize the Scripture”. This competition is conducted by fiat mission to encourage aspirants to memorize the Bible Verses. This competitions entering into its seventh year. Many of you may have participated in this competition last year. Please encourage the students in your formation house to participate house to participate in this competition and to learn the Bible Verses by-heart. The rules and regulations regarding the competition are given below. Motivating the Formees of our formation houses to Participate in Aspirants’ Scriptura, will bestow God’s blessings on them

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Fiat Mission is Organizing for Priestly & Religious Aspirants
Aspirants' Scriptura
MEMORIZE THE SCRIPTURE
Submitting date March 2024

- » Anybody undergoing seminary/religious formation can participate in Aspirants' Scriptura.
- » The purpose of the contest is to help the aspirants to memorize the Bible verses.
- » The contestants can write the memorized verses in any language under the supervision of their Rector/ Formation in charge on a convenient date fixed by them.
- » Intimate Fiat Mission in advance the place, time and number of participants.
- » The written verses attested by the Rector/Formation in Charge should reach Fiatmission before 2024 March 20.
- » The verses should have correct reference i.e. book, chapter and verse number.
- » The participants writing 150 verses correctly are entitled for a consolation prize of ₹ 500 and a certificate.
- » If there are 5 or more participants from a particular center completing 150 or more verses correctly the winner from that center will get a special prize of ₹2000.
- » If there are 25 or more participants from a particular center completing 150 or more verses, the contestants securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd position will be awarded ₹ 2000, ₹ 1500, and ₹ 1000 respectively. Those centers will be awarded with special mementos.
- » The overall first 3 winners of the contest will be given ₹ 20000, ₹ 10000, ₹ 5000 respectively.
- » The verses memorized should not be passage wise. And contestants writing verses continuously from a single passage will be disqualified. The verses learned should facilitate prayer and preaching.
- » If no contestant completes 150 verses from a center, anybody who complete minimum 75 verses from a centre with atleast 10 contestants will be given a consolation prize.
- » The participants who secure higher prizes are not eligible for any other lower prizes.

Hope this will enable the aspirants to get deep rooted in Word and help them to meditate the Word more deeply, eventually making them effective preachers of the Word. Thanking you and invoking God's blessings for your generosity

Yours faithfully in our Lord,
Baiju Jose (Coordinator, Aspirants' Scriptura, 8606953035)
(Kindly exhibit this on your notice board.)

Best wishes for Birthday Babies in February

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| Rev. Fr. Idara Abraham | 04-02-1940 |
| Rev. Fr. Golamari Bala Martin | 08-02-1967 |
| Rev. Fr. Nagothu Maria Joseph | 08-02-1981 |
| Rev. Fr. Singareddy Bala showreddy | 14-02-1959 |
| Rev. Fr. Arlagadda Prakash | 14-02-1941 |
| Rev. Fr. Yeruva Chinnappa | 15-02-1949 |
| Rev. Fr. Basani Prakash | 20-02-1957 |
| Rev. Fr. Gopu Prakash Pradeep | 25-02-1986 |



Centenary Celebrations of Rayannakunta Village, Mariapuram Parish



St. Ann's Convent Blessing at ThimmaraoPET



Sacred Heart Church Feast, Blessing of Dwaja Stabam and Velankani Matha Statue



Kaleshwaram Mission Visit



Blessing & Inauguration of Fatima Hospital at Fatimanagar



Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Fr. Singareddy Inna Reddy at Sagaram Parish





Visit of Fr. Colombo's Near and Dear from COMO, Italy



St. Thomas High School Annual Day Celebrations, Jammikunta



Priestly Ordination of Br. Jose Mangheshkar, MSFS at ThimmaraoPET



St. Francis de Sales Church Feast, First Holy Communion and Confirmations at Veleru Parish



Silver Jubilee Celebrations of St. Paul's High School, Jangaon



