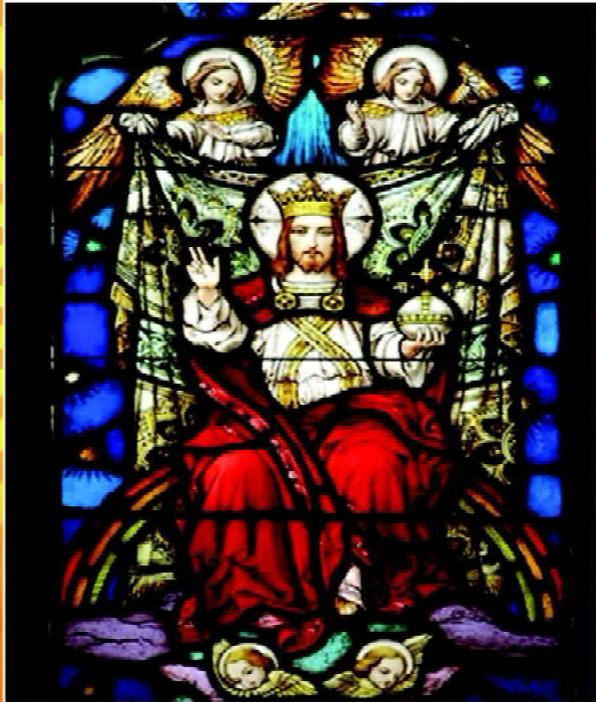


**Solemnity of the  
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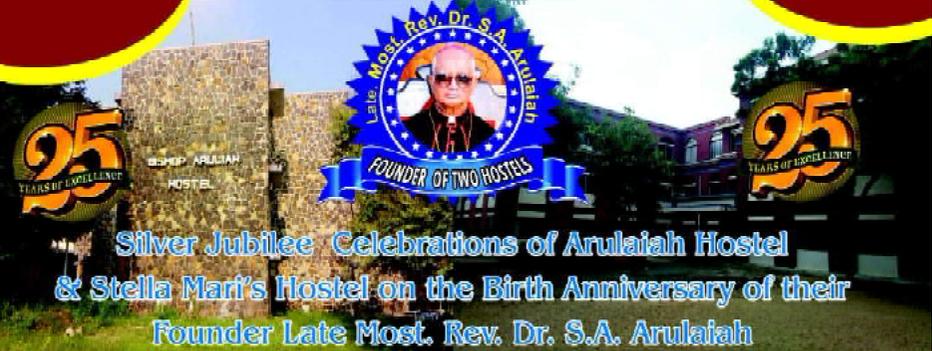
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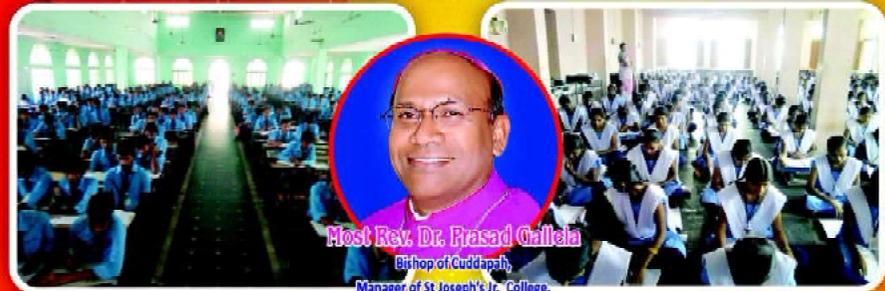
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**Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Arulajiah Hostel  
& Stella Mari's Hostel on the Birth Anniversary of their  
Founder Late Most. Rev. Dr. S.A. Arulajiah**



**Most Rev. Dr. Frasad Gallela**  
Bishop of Cuddapah,  
Manager of St Joseph's Jr. College.



**Rev. Fr. S. Balaswamy Reddy**  
Correspondent of St. Joseph's Jr College,  
& Director of Hostels.



**Rev. Fr. G. Prasanth**  
Asst. Director  
Boys Hostel



**Sr. Jeevana**  
Asst. Director  
Girls Hostel

**This issue is sponsored by  
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Mariapuram, Cuddapah.**

The Management, Principal, Staff & Students of  
St. Joseph's Jr College request the pleasure  
of your company on the auspicious occasion of

SILVER JUBILEE OF BISHOP ARULIAH & STELLA MARIS HOSTELS  
AND PARENTS DAY CELEBRATIONS  
On 16th Novemebr 2017 at 9.00 a.m. at College Compus

**Most Rev. Gallela Prasad D.D.**

Bishop of Cuddapah

Has kindly consented to be the President of the function

**Sri. K. Suresh Babu** Garu

Mayor, Municipal Corporation of Cuddapah  
Has kindly consented to be the chief guest



**Sri. P. Chandra Mouleeswar Reddy** Garu

Municipal Commissioner

Has kindly consented to be the guest of Honour

**Sri. K. Saraswathi** Garu

Deputy Director, Social Welfare Kadapa.

Has kindly consented to be the guest of Honour

**Smt. S. Sugunamma** Garu

Regional Joint Director, Kadapa.

Has kindly consented to be the guest of Honour

**Sri. P. Chandra Mouli** Garu

District Vocational Educational Officer

Has kindly consented to be the special Invitee

**Sri. M. Raghu** Garu

A.E. Ramarajupalli Substation

Has kindly consented to be the special Invitee

**Sri. S. Ravi** Garu

Regional Inspection Officer

Has kindly consented to be the special Invitee

**Sri.K. Bhaskar Reddy** Garu

Inspector of Police, Kadapa Urban

Has kindly consented to be the special Invitee

**Sri. N. Raja Rajeswar Reddy** Garu

Sub Inspector of Police, Taluka Police Station

Has kindly consented to be the special Invitee

**Sri. P. Suresh** Garu

Corporater 47 Division,

Has kindly consented to be the special Invitee

**Rev. Fr. S. Balaswamy Reddy** Garu

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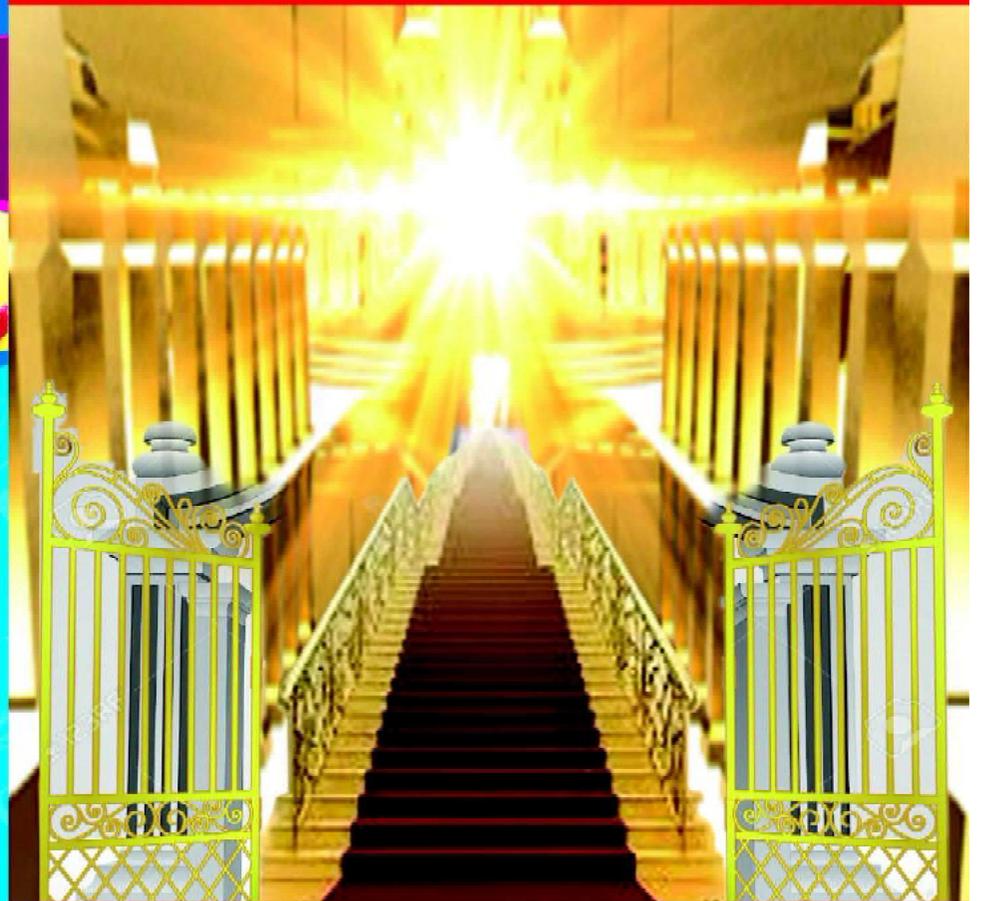
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Boy's Hostel

**St. Jeevana** Garu

Asst Director  
Girl's Hostel

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I  
have told you that I go to prepare a place for you ?

John - 14:2



*We the Church Militant  
Pray to the Church Triumphant  
&  
Pray for the Church Suffering*

**All Saints and All Souls Day**

## ALL SAINTS DAY IS "A CELEBRATION OF HOLINESS"

The saints of the Church have many different qualities, but one thing that unites them all is a sense of joy.



“If there is one thing typical of the saints, it is that they are genuinely happy,” The saints, he said, “found the secret of authentic happiness, which lies deep within the soul and has its source in the love of God. That is why we call the saints blessed.”

He then pointed to the Beatitudes, explaining that they are both the path saints take as well as their final goal: “the Beatitudes are the way of life that the Lord teaches us, so that we can follow in his footsteps.”

In his homily, the Pope said that the celebration of All Saints Day in the Church is “**a celebration of holiness**” seen not so much in great gestures or events, but rather “in daily fidelity to the demands of our baptism.”

This holiness “consists in the love of God and the love of our brothers and sisters. A love that remains faithful to the point of self-renunciation and complete devotion to others,” he said, and pointed to the many sacrifices mothers and fathers make for their children, as an example.

Francis then pointed to the Beatitudes, saying they are the image of Christ and consequently “of each Christian.”

Referring specifically to the Beatitude “Blessed are the Meek,” the Pope said this “spiritual portrait” shows us the abundance of God’s love. Meekness, he said, “is a way of living and acting that draws us close to Jesus and to one another.”

“It enables us to set aside everything that divides and estranges us, and to find ever new ways to advance along the path of unity,” he said, and mentioned St. Mary Hasselblad and St. Bridget of Vadesta as examples of people who “worked to create bonds of unity and fellowship” among Christians.

The saints, he said, “bring about change through meekness of heart. With that meekness, we come to understand the grandeur of God and worship him with sincere hearts.”

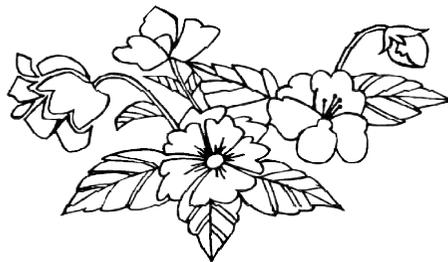
He said the Beatitudes “are in some sense the Christian’s identity card,” because they identify us as followers of Jesus.

“We are called to be blessed, to be followers of Jesus, to confront the troubles and anxieties of our age with the spirit and love of Jesus. Thus we ought to be able to recognize and respond to new situations with fresh spiritual energy.”

Francis closed his homily saying that the saints “spur us on by their lives and their intercession before God,” and stressed that each of us needs one another if we are also to become saints.

“Together let us implore the grace to accept this call with joy and to join in bringing it to fulfillment,” he said, and entrusted to Mary, Queen of All Saints, “our intentions and the dialogue aimed at the full communion of all Christians, so that we may be blessed in our efforts and may attain holiness in unity.”

**Pope- Francis**



**FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR,  
19 NOVEMBER 2017***Let us love, not with words but with deeds*

1. “Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but indeed and in truth” (1 Jn 3:18). These words of the Apostle John voice an imperative that no Christian may disregard. The seriousness with which the “beloved disciple” hands down Jesus’ command to our own day is made even clearer by the contrast between the empty words so frequently on our lips and the concrete deeds against which we are called to measure ourselves. Love has no alibi. Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor. The Son of God’s way of loving is well-known, and John spells it out clearly. It stands on two pillars: God loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:10.19), and he loved us by giving completely of himself, even to laying down his life (cf. 1 Jn 3:16).

Such love cannot go unanswered. Even though offered unconditionally, asking nothing in return, it so sets hearts on fire that all who experience it are led to love back, despite their limitations and sins. Yet this can only happen if we welcome God’s grace, his merciful charity, as fully as possible into our hearts, so that our will and even our emotions are drawn to love both God and neighbour. In this way, the mercy that wells up – as it were – from the heart of the Trinity can shape our lives and bring forth compassion and works of mercy for the benefit of our brothers and sisters in need.

2. “This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him” (Ps 34:6). The Church has always understood the importance of this cry. We possess an outstanding testimony to this in the very first pages of the Acts of the Apostles, where Peter asks that seven men, “full of the Spirit and of wisdom” (6:3), be chosen for the ministry of caring for the poor. This is certainly one of the first signs of the entrance of the Christian community upon the world’s stage: the service of the poor. The earliest community realized that being a disciple of Jesus meant demonstrating fraternity and solidarity, in obedience to the Master’s proclamation that the poor are blessed and heirs to the Kingdom of heaven

“They sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need” (Acts 2:45). In these words, we see clearly expressed the lively concern of the first Christians. The evangelist Luke, who more than any other speaks of mercy, does not exaggerate when he describes the practice of sharing in the early community. On the contrary, his words are addressed to believers in every generation, and thus also to us, in order to sustain our own witness and to encourage our care for those most in need. The same message is conveyed with similar conviction by the Apostle James. In his Letter, he spares no words: “Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor man. Is it not the rich who oppress you, and drag you into court? What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled’, without giving them the things needed for the body; what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead’ (2:5-6.14-17).

3. Yet there have been times when Christians have not fully heeded this appeal, and have assumed a worldly way of thinking. Yet the Holy Spirit has not failed to call them to keep their gaze fixed on what is essential. He has raised up men and women who, in a variety of ways, have devoted their lives to the service of the poor. Over these two thousand years, how many pages of history have been written by Christians who, in utter simplicity and humility, and with generous and creative charity, have served their poorest brothers and sisters!

The most outstanding example is that of Francis of Assisi, followed by many other holy men and women over the centuries. He was not satisfied to embrace lepers and give them alms, but chose to go to Gubbio to stay with them. He saw this meeting as the turning point of his conversion: “When I was in my sins, it seemed a thing too bitter to look on lepers, and the Lord himself led me among them and I showed them mercy. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was changed into sweetness of mind and body” (Text 1-3: FF 110). This testimony shows the transformative power of charity and the Christian way of life.

We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing. This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the flesh of Christ. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely: "If you want to honour the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness" (*Hom. in Matthaëum*, 50.3: PG 58).

We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself.

4. Let us never forget that, for Christ's disciples, poverty is above all a call to follow Jesus in his own poverty. It means walking behind him and beside him, a journey that leads to the beatitude of the Kingdom of heaven (cf. Mt 5:3; Lk 6:20). Poverty means having a humble heart that accepts our creaturely limitations and sinfulness and thus enables us to overcome the temptation to feel omnipotent and immortal. Poverty is an interior attitude that avoids looking upon money, career and luxury as our goal in life and the condition for our happiness. Poverty instead creates the conditions for freely shouldering our personal and social responsibilities, despite our limitations, with trust in God's closeness and the support of his grace. Poverty, understood in this way, is the yardstick that allows us to judge how best to

use material goods and to build relationships that are neither selfish nor possessive (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nos. 25-45).

Let us, then, take as our example Saint Francis and his witness of authentic poverty. Precisely because he kept his gaze fixed on Christ, Francis was able to see and serve him in the poor. If we want to help change history and promote real development, we need to hear the cry of the poor and commit ourselves to ending their marginalization. At the same time, I ask the poor in our cities and our communities not to lose the sense of evangelical poverty that is part of their daily life.

5. We know how hard it is for our contemporary world to see poverty clearly for what it is. Yet in myriad ways poverty challenges us daily, in faces marked by suffering, marginalization, oppression, violence, torture and imprisonment, war, deprivation of freedom and dignity, ignorance and illiteracy, medical emergencies and shortage of work, trafficking and slavery, exile, extreme poverty and forced migration. Poverty has the face of women, men and children exploited by base interests, crushed by the machinations of power and money. What a bitter and endless list we would have to compile were we to add the poverty born of social injustice, moral degeneration, the greed of a chosen few, and generalized indifference!

Tragically, in our own time, even as ostentatious wealth accumulates in the hands of the privileged few, often in connection with illegal activities and the appalling exploitation of human dignity, there is a scandalous growth of poverty in broad sectors of society throughout our world. Faced with this scenario, we cannot remain passive, much less resigned. There is a poverty that stifles the spirit of initiative of so many young people by keeping them from finding work. There is a poverty that dulls the sense of personal responsibility and leaves others to do the work while we go looking for favours. There is a poverty that poisons the wells of participation and allows little room for professionalism; in this way it demeans the merit of those who do work and are productive. To all these forms of poverty we must respond with a new vision of life and society.

All the poor – as Blessed Paul VI loved to say – belong to the Church by “evangelical right” (Address at the Opening of the Second Session of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, 29 September 1963), and require of

us a fundamental option on their behalf. Blessed, therefore, are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no “ifs” or “buts” or “maybes”: they are hands that call down God’s blessing upon their brothers and sisters.

6. At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, I wanted to offer the Church a World Day of the Poor, so that throughout the world Christian communities can become an ever greater sign of Christ’s charity for the least and those most in need. To the World Days instituted by my Predecessors, which are already a tradition in the life of our communities, I wish to add this one, which adds to them an exquisitely evangelical fullness, that is, Jesus’ preferential love for the poor.

I invite the whole Church, and men and women of good will everywhere, to turn their gaze on this day to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. They are our brothers and sisters, created and loved by the one Heavenly Father. This Day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter. At the same time, everyone, independent of religious affiliation, is invited to openness and sharing with the poor through concrete signs of solidarity and fraternity. God created the heavens and the earth for all; yet sadly some have erected barriers, walls and fences, betraying the original gift meant for all humanity, with none excluded.

7. It is my wish that, in the week preceding the World Day of the Poor, which falls this year on 19 November, the Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance. They can invite the poor and volunteers to take part together in the Eucharist on this Sunday, in such a way that there be an even more authentic celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on the following Sunday. The kingship of Christ is most evident on Golgotha, when the Innocent One, nailed to the cross, poor, naked and stripped of everything, incarnates and reveals the fullness of God’s love. Jesus’ complete abandonment to the

Father expresses his utter poverty and reveals the power of the Love that awakens him to new life on the day of the Resurrection.

This Sunday, if there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favourable moment to encounter the God we seek. Following the teaching of Scripture (cf. Gen 18:3-5; Heb 13:2), let us welcome them as honoured guests at our table; they can be teachers who help us live the faith more consistently. With their trust and readiness to receive help, they show us in a quiet and often joyful way, how essential it is to live simply and to abandon ourselves to God's providence.

8. At the heart of all the many concrete initiatives carried out on this day should always be prayer. Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties and the lack of what they need. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he answered in the words with which the poor speak to our one Father, in whom all acknowledge themselves as brothers and sisters. The Our Father is a prayer said in the plural: the bread for which we ask is "ours", and that entails sharing, participation and joint responsibility. In this prayer, all of us recognize our need to overcome every form of selfishness, in order to enter into the joy of mutual acceptance.

9. I ask my brother Bishops, and all priests and deacons who by their vocation have the mission of supporting the poor, together with all consecrated persons and all associations, movements and volunteers everywhere, to help make this World Day of the Poor a tradition that concretely contributes to evangelization in today's world.

This new World Day, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practise in our lives the essence of the Gospel.

## COMMUNICATIONS



## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CUDDAPAH

(Spelling of CUDDAPAH is officially changed to KADAPA)

**MOST REV. DR. PRASAD GALLELA**  
BISHOP OF CUDDAPAH

Bishop's House, Mariapuram,  
KADAPA - 516 003, A.P. INDIA.

October 16, 2017

Dear Rev. Fathers and Sisters,

Greetings of Peace and Joy to you from Bishop Gallela Prasad, Bishop of Cuddapah.

As per the directives of Government of India, all the land documents are to be filed online electronically in the Mandal Office.

At this juncture I appoint Rev. Fr. L. Arogyaraj for the district of Cuddapah and Rev. Fr. I. Anand for the district of Chittoor to be in charge of filing the documents online electronically. Kindly extend your valuable cooperation and assistance.

Thanking you,

With my Prayers and Blessings,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

(+ Most Rev. Prasad Gallela)  
Bishop of Cuddapah

16/10/2017



**1. Annual Retreat for the Clergy**

The Annual Retreat for the Clergy in our Diocese for the year 2017 will be held in two groups in our Pastoral Centre, Kadapa.

**Group-I: from 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017.** The Retreat commences from Monday 06<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2017 at 9:30 am and ends on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2017 with lunch at 1:00 pm. All the Parish Priests included in this group.

**Group-II : from 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. to 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017.** The Retreat commences from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2017 at 9:30 am and ends on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2017 with lunch at 1:00 pm. All the Assistants Parish Priests, Curia, MPSSS, CMSSS, Pastoral Centre and all those who are in charge of the Institutions are included in this group.

**Preacher: Rev. Fr. Irudayaraj Kulandaisamy** from National Suvartha Kendra, Madya Pradesh, will be the Retreat Preacher for both the groups.

Annual Retreat is a Special Occasion for all of us to make a deep reflection on our priesthood and make it fruitful in order to recommit ourselves to Christ and to Our Mother Church.

**N.B.** Kindly take note of the group you belong to and the corresponding dates of retreat. Keep yourself free to participate in the Annual Retreat. Should there be any valid reason for anyone not able to attend the retreat, needs to get prior permission from the Bishop at least one week in advance, before the Retreat starts.

**Time-Table**

06.00 a.m. -	Rising
07.00 a.m. -	Morning Prayers & Meditation
08.00 a.m. -	Breakfast
09.30 a.m. -	1 <sup>st</sup> Talk
10.30 a.m. -	Coffee-Break
11.15 a.m. -	Concelebrated Eucharist
12.30 p.m. -	Lunch
03.30 p.m. -	2 <sup>nd</sup> Talk
04.30 p.m. -	Tea Break
07:00 p.m. -	Evening prayers, Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary
08.00 p.m. -	Supper

**2. LATE BISHOP S.A. ARULIAH'S BIRTH DAY:**

16<sup>th</sup> November is the Birth day of our first beloved Bishop Aruliah. On this day let us remember him in a special way. May our dear Bishop intercede for us and may he guide us through his prayers.

**3. ANNUAL STATISTICS:**

Each diocese should submit its Annual Statistics to Rome. Therefore I request all the Parish Priests to kindly send the Annual Statistics to the Office.

**4. PRAYING FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY :**

November is the month dedicated for the souls in purgatory. So please do encourage our faithful to pray for the reposal souls of their loved ones

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**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

After this I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. they stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders spoke up and said to me, "Who are these wearing white robes, and where did they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you are the one who knows." He said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress, they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9, 13-14.

## OUR SHEPHERD'S ENGAGEMENTS

- 01 to 15- 11-2017      Mission Trip to Europe
- 16-11-2017              9:30 a.m Holy Mass and Silver Jubilee  
Celebration of Bishop Aruliah Boys Hostel,  
Mariapuram.
- 25-11-2017              10:00 a.m Holy Mass at Montfort Congregation  
of St. Gabriel on the occasion of Diamond and  
Silver Jubilee of three Brothers, Kuppam,  
Chittoor Dist.

### **Bishop deposes Rev. Msgr. Ery Marianna, V.G to take up the below mentioned Pastoral programs for the month of November 2017**

- 02-11-2017              Holy Mass at Mariapuram Cathedral Parish  
Cemetery
- 26-11-2017              Holy communion and confirmations on the decennial  
celebration of St. Alphonsa's Church  
at Baireddipalli.

## PASTORAL GLIMPSES OF OUR SHEPHERD OCTOBER- 2017

On 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Prasad Gallela celebrated Funeral Mass for the demise of Rev. Fr. A.T. Lazar a priest of the Diocese of Cuddapah at his home town, Our Lady of Holy Rosary Church, Harobale village, Bangalore. Fr. Lazar was admitted in St. John's Hospital, Bangalore due to his ill health and died in the Hospital on 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. He worked in different parishes of both Kurnool and Kadapa dioceses. He is a good singer and preacher. Where ever he worked, he won the hearts of the people and led them closer to God. It is a great loss to the Diocese of Cuddapah. Bishop expressed his heartfelt condolences and consoled the bereaved family members. He was buried in the cemetery of Parish at Harobale. May his soul Rest In Peace.



On 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Prasad Gallela celebrated Holy Mass and Ordained 14 Deacons, those who are in 4<sup>th</sup> year Theology at St. John's Regional Seminary, Hyderabad. A Deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups or 'orders' of ordained ministers in the Church: Bishops, Presbyters and Deacons. Deacons are ordained as Sacramental signs to the Church and world of Christ, who came to 'serve and not to be served'. The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the Deacon, in virtue of his Sacramental ordination and through his various ministries is to be a servant in the Servant-Church. Bishop appreciates and thanked Rector and Staff for their efforts to form the Seminarians to reach the Altar of God. He also congratulated all the newly ordained Deacons.



**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK**

- I) I appreciate and congratulate all the parish priests and the heads of Institutions who wonderfully and meaningfully conducted various programs and activities to raise funds towards the Mission Sunday Collections. I also request you all to send in your collections by Cheque to the the Diocese Finance office by the end of November 2017
- II) You have all received the LAST WILL forms. Kindly send duly filled forms to my office.
- III) Those who have not yet submitted the bills and vouchers for the payments received from the Diocese office, are requested to submit all the bills by the end of November 2017.

**Financial Administrator**  
**Rev. Fr. Susai Antony**

**NEWS FROM SACRED HEART PASTORAL CENTRE**

- I) Mr. S. William, the B.C.C. Coordinator visiting the parishes in Porumamilla deanery for the month of November. May I request all the parish priests to support him in order to strengthen the Basic Christian Communities in your parishes.
- II) The Jyothirmai Bible exam is conducted on November 5<sup>th</sup> kindly encourage your parishners. I request all the parish priests to send to us the answer sheets to the Pastoral Centre.

**Director of Sacred Heart Pastoral Centre**  
**Rev. Msgr. Ery Marianna**

## NEWS FROM MPSSS

Dear Fathers, Sisters, Brothers...

Prayerful Greetings to you from Fr.L.Arogyaraj, the Director of Multipurpose Social Service Society of Cuddapah Diocese ( The Official Social Work Organ of the Cuddapah Diocese)

### CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMMING IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TRAINING

Name of the Program : Workshop on CT  
 Date : 04-5.10.2017  
 Place : KROSS- Bangalore  
 Number of Participants : 30 Volunteers and Coordinator  
 Organizers : Caritas India –EU Aid Volunteers- EACEA



### VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Name of the Program : Volunteers management training  
 Date : 06 and 07.10.2017  
 Place : KROSS- Bangalore  
 Number of Participants : 24 Directors and Coordinator  
 Organizers : Caritas India



**GOAT REARING PROGRAM**

Name of the Program : Income generation  
 Date : 08.10.2017  
 Place : Vallur Parish  
 Number of beneficiaries : 10  
 Organizers : MPSSS- Rev. Fr. Jala Vijayabhaskar Parish priest – Vallur



**WORKSHOP ON PESTICIDE FOR ORGANIC FARMING**

Name of the Program : UJWAL  
 Date : 12.10.2017  
 Place : Abusabpet Badvel Parish  
 Number of Participants : 50 Farmers  
 Organizers : MPSSS- Government



**BEST SERVICE AWARD TO MPSSS FROM DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND JUDGE**

Name of the Program : District Women & Child Development Agency  
 Date : 14.10.2017  
 Place : Collector Office  
 Number of Participants : 500 people from different NGOs and schools  
 Organizers : Government of India



**MANAGERIAL SKILLS TRAINING**

Name of the Program : Women Empowerment  
 Date : 22.10.2017  
 Place : Amagampalli Parish  
 Number of Beneficiaries : 50  
 Organizers : MPSSS & Rev. Fr. L. Peter Prabhakar  
 Parish Priest – Amagampalli



**SPECTACLES DISTRIBUTION AT B. KODURE PARISH**

Name of the Program : Eye care and Eye Treatment  
 Date : 22.10.2017  
 Place : B. Kodur Parish  
 Number of Beneficiaries : 40  
 Organizers : MPSSS & Rev. Fr. P. Devadas Parish Priest  
 – B. Kodur.



**UNICEF 3 DAY TRAINING**

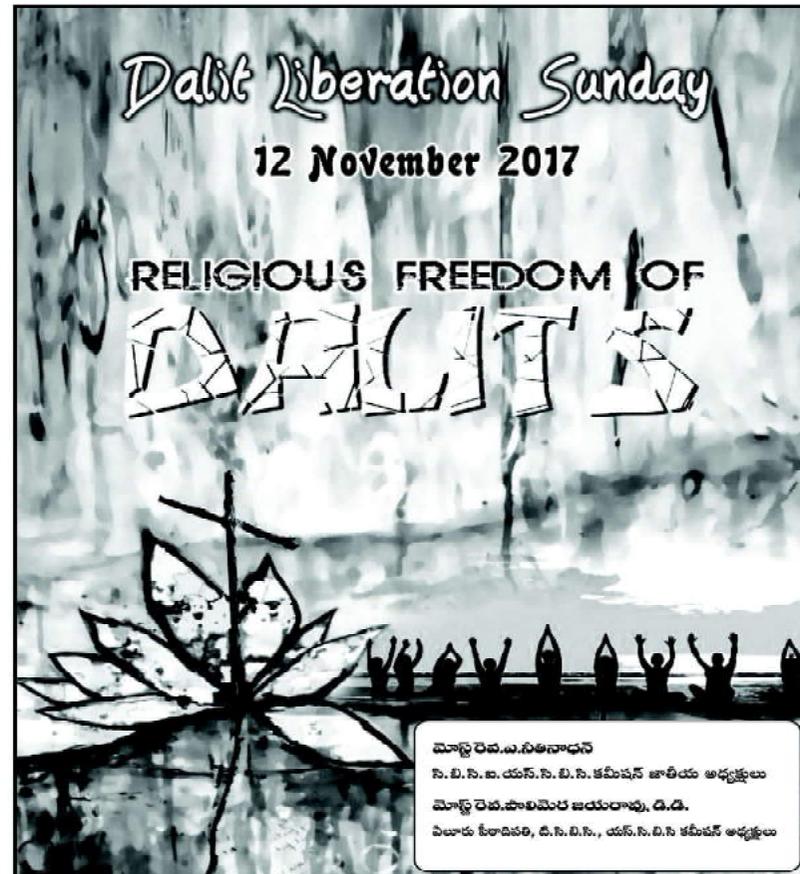
Name of the Program : DRR ( Disaster Risk Reduction)  
 Date : 25-27.10.2017  
 Place : Hederabad  
 Number of Participants : Director and Coordinators  
 Organizers : AP/TS Forum and UNICEF



**The Motto of MPSSS is TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More.**  
We were able to implement various developmental activities for the welfare of the poor in the rural villages of our Diocese with the support of the parish priests, sisters, staff and the volunteers. We acknowledge with gratitude for your continuous support in our good work. The Process of social work and service is always mutual and we invite you again to come to the office with the needs of your parish so that we could plan the activities that really benefit the poor in our care.

Thanking you

**FR. AROGYA RAJ, MSW**  
**DIRECTOR-MPSSS**



**Fr. Tony Neelankavil**  
**New Auxiliary Bishop of Trichur Archdiocese**



Bangalore 1 September 2017 (CCBI): The Synod of the Syro-Malabar Major Archbishopial Church, gathered at Mount St. Thomas, Kerala, having received prior Papal Assent according to CCEO can. 184, canonically elected to the office of Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Trichur, Rev. Fr. Tony Neelankavil, till now Rector of Marymatha Major Seminary, Trichur. The Auxiliary Bishop-Elect has been assigned the Titular See of Masuccaba. This ecclesiastical provision was made public in Rome on Friday, 1st September, 2017.

Rev. Fr. Tony Neelankavil was born on 23rd July, 1967, at Valappad, in the Archeparchy of Trichur. After the school studies, he joined Trichur Minor Seminary in 1984. He had his Philosophy and Theology course from St. Thomas Apostolic Seminary, Vadavathoor (1986-1993). He was ordained Priest on 27th December, 1993. He served as Assistant Parish Priest at Ollur (1994-95) and Palayur (1995). Then he was sent for higher studies in Leuven, Belgium, where he took Licentiate in 1997 and Doctorate in Theology in 2002. He joined as Professor at Marymatha Major Seminary in 2002 and served the Seminary as Animator, Dean of Studies, Lecturer of Systematic Theology, Director of Mary Matha Publications, Spiritual Father, etc. He served the Archeparchy of Trichur as member of Theological Commission, Chaplain of different formation centers and convents, member of Presbyteral Council, etc.

He was the Pro-Vicar of Manjakkunnu (2003-2005) and Priest-in-charge of Nadampadam Station Church (2012-2014). From March 2017 he is the Rector of Marymatha Major Seminary, Trichur. He is also member of the Theology Commission of the Syro-Malabar Church and of the Liturgical Research Centre. He was also member of CBCI Bishops-Theologians Colloquium. He is proficient in Malayalam, English and German.

**TRIBUTE OF LOVE**

A death is not the extinguishing of a light,  
but the putting out of the lamp  
because the dawn has come.  
..... Rabindranath Tagore

Dear brother priests and nuns and the laity, we who mourn at the demise of Rev. Fr. A. T. Lazar must be thankful to the Risen Lord for so many years that we could have him amidst us vigorously serving the Lord. A Hebrew proverb rightly prompts me to say this. Say not in grief: "He is no more", but live in thankfulness that he was.

Rev. Fr. Lazar hails from a traditional Catholic village called Harobele. There are around 700 families in the village out of it are 31 priests and more than 100 Nuns and a bishop. His house is adjacent to the church and convent thus he had very good access to the daily mass and later on that has helped him to enter the seminary. About his village greatly spoken of a truth that the christianity in Karnataka state began in Harobele. The dominican and French missionaries had evangelized his village. Since 108 years a passion play is enacted evry year in this village and father Lazar used to enact himself as an angel and he loved this play very much. He had an unmeasured attachment with his village. He was in different posts in the diocese but he never boasted about his positions nor his highness but he was very simple and very workholic. He was the diocesan secretary and he was very much helpfull to all who approached him. His villagers tell us that he was so kind and very generous to all who sought him for a help. All his brothers except one had gone to seminary and he was a Role-model to them all. He always insisted his own brothers at home to be hard working and never be boastful. His brothers are indebted to him for his fatherly figure in the family. We even know of the students whom he helped for their studies and excellence. Much work and much less talk was his nature. His classmates nevertheless praise him for his simplicity and friendliness. His parishners too will definitely remember him for his simplicity and for his pious nature wherever he worked. As a young seminarian he even made a fastest century in cricket and St. John's Seminary Hyderabad will ever remember him for his record. He was a very intelligent

so much so he used to read and refer with delight a book called VEDANTHA RASAYANAM a deep centered thoughts of Theology.

Now we who grieve his death have an assurance that we never ever be able to get him back here but we will all meet him in heaven with our beloved God and with all the angels and saints. In his memory I leave you with a thought from Buddha who said „Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared. This saying is rightly befitting to his life. May the Lord grant him the eternal rest and console his Family members and all who mourn him. Alleluiah

*Written by*

**Rev. Fr. P. Mahimadas,**  
Parish Priest of Chennur



Date of Birth : 25-06-1962  
Date of Ordination : 25-04-1991  
Date of Death : 14-10-2017

*May His Soul Rest in Peace*

Bishop, Priests, Religious & the faithful of  
Cuddapah Diocese offer heartfelt condolences to the bereaved  
family members & Relatives of **Rev. Fr. A.T. LAZAR**

Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives.

**Most Rev. S. A. Arulaiah**

Rev. Fr. Francis Crumblish MHM

Rev. Fr. C. V. Thomas

Rev. Fr. George Adhikaram

Rev. Fr. Alphonse Antony

Rev. Fr. R. Joseph

Rev. Fr. Joseph Pellany

Rev. Fr. C.S. Ignatius

Rev. Fr. S. Chelladurai

Rev. Fr. Paul Chiramal

Rev. Fr. N. Rayappa

Rev. Fr. Y. J. Francis

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Rev. Fr. John Ottaveedu

Rev. Fr. Nusi Joseph

Rev. Fr. Joseph Thazhath

Rev. Fr. Jacob Nadayam

Rev. Fr. A.P. Sebastian

Rev. Bro. Marianus OFM

Rev. Fr. G. Alphonse

Rev. Fr. Y. Rathnaswamy

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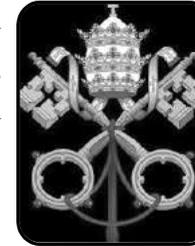


**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**



**CALENDAR CORNER NOVEMBER – 2017****THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER****UNIVERSAL: CHRISTIANS IN ASIA**

**EVANGELIZATION:** That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**BIRTH DAYS: HAPPY BIRTH DAY DEAR FATHERS**

- 04. Rev. Fr. T. Ravindranath Jose
- 08. Rev. Fr. K. Godfrey
- 12. Rev. Fr. A. Ramesh Babu
- 18. Rev. Fr. A. Stanislaus
- 25. Rev. Fr. G. Vijaya Rao
- 26. Rev. Fr. N. Bala Chandra
- 26. Rev. Fr. J. Ravi Raj
- 28. Rev. Fr. S. Paul Prakash
- 29. Rev. Fr. K. David

**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY  
HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU DEAR FATHERS**

- 18. Rev. Fr. G. Prasanth
- 18. Rev. Fr. A. Rajesh
- 18. Rev. Fr. J. Raviraj
- 18. Rev. Fr. Mundlapati Prasad

**EVENTS FOR THIS MONTH: HAPPY FEAST TO YOU ALL**

- 01. All Saints Day**
- 02. All Souls Day**
- 04. St. Charles Borromeo Bp.
- 05. Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 09. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
- 10. St. Leo the Great
- 11. St. Martin of Tours
- 12. Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, **Vocation Sunday**
- 15. St. Albert the Great
- 18. Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul App.
- 19. Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 21. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 22. St. Cecilia
- 25. St. Catherine of Alexandria
- 26. CHRIST THE KING - Solemnity**
- 30. St. Andrew, Ap

