

35th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Most Rev. GALI BALI



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We always remember you in our Prayers

With love

Most. Rev. Gali Bali, the Apostolic Administrator
Clergy, Religious & the Faithful



at Arogya Nagar, Kuppam, on Thursday, 21 Nov 2019 at 10:30am

MOST REV. DR. GALI BALI

Apostolic Administrator of Kadapa Diocese

In the gracious presence of

Rev. Mother Catherine Mesa

First Superior General of Arogyamatha Sisters

Rev. Fr. Paul Prakash Saginala

Director of Arogyamatha Sisters

Rev. Fr. James M.

Dean of Palamaner Deanery

Rev. Fr. Peter Pathikattil

Parish Priest, Kuppam

*We look forward to your gracious presence on this
Joyful occasion.*

Yours Sincerely
**Rev. Mother Selvi Rayappan, Councilors
and Arogyamatha Sisters**

Feast Day Mass at Porumamilla



Consecration of the altar in the Holy Mass at Vempalli



Celebration of Mission Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral, Mariapuram.



Blessing of Newly built Auditorium at JMJ Nirmala School, Masapet



Golden Jubilee Mass at JMJ Nirmala School, Masapet



REMEMBER THE BLESSED ON ALL SAINTS' DAY IN PRAYER

Today is All Saints Day, the day commemorating every saint, known and unknown, as per the Catholic tradition.

Although many of the known saints have their own feast day during the year, on November 1 the Catholic Church remembers them all through the Solemnity of All Saints. For the saints that we do not have as much information about, or for those whose feats are still relatively unsung, the day offers an opportunity to commemorate their accomplishments and to pray to them, asking for their intercession.

According to Catholic doctrine, all the world's saints are forever spiritually connected with the world and can intercede on people's behalf because of a shared communion with Jesus Christ. The Catholic Catechism also believes us all to be connected with each other through this shared communion with Christ. A good many saints, from the thousands who have been officially canonized, have been instated as protectors over different aspects of life, such as St. Patrick for the Irish or St. Vitus who acts as the patron saint against oversleeping.

The first evidence of Christians celebrating the saints comes from the second century AD when churches celebrated local saints. Those honored varied by location. As time went on, feast days slowly became more universal, however, with evidence of a general feast day occurring for St Ephrem the Syrian (d. AD 373).

All Saints Day was formally established in 609 AD by Pope Boniface IV, although it was then held on May 13. The pontiff also created All Souls Day which is now held one day after the feast of all saints on November 2.

The date November 1 was eventually chosen in 835 AD by Pope Gregory III, but for some time the Church in Ireland celebrated on April 20 so as to avoid the pagan feast of Samhain, a traditional harvest festival and day associated with the dead from which many modern-day Halloween traditions were taken. Even in Ireland, however, the date was changed to November

1 when it was made a Holy Day of Obligation by Pope Gregory IV in the 9th century.

In Eastern Churches, All Saints Day is marked on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

All Saints Day is the modern name attributed to the day, but it was once known in Old English as “All Hallow’s Day” or “Hallowmas,” making the previous day “All Hallows Eve” or Halloween as it is now more commonly known. “Hallows” is thought to have referred to the saints as they were the “hallowed ones.”

PRAISE OF THE SAINTS

*We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.
We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands
Used as wave offerings across the land.
We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to
come.
Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who
have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints, God.
May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith,
dedication, worship, and love.*

COMMUNICATIONS**1. A Big Thanks to you all:**

With immense joy I sincerely thank all the priests, religious and the faithful of Cuddapah Diocese for your prayers and wishes on the day of My Episcopal Ordination Anniversary. Please do continue to pray for me and for the Diocese.

2. Annual Retreat for Pastoral Clergy:

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Greetings of peace and joy to you in the Lord. I am happy to invite you to make the Annual Retreat from November 10 to 15, 2019. The Retreat will take place at JEEVASUDHA PASTORAL CENTER, VENKAYAPALLI, KURNOOL. All are expected to reach the Pastoral Center by 8:00 PM on Sunday 10th November or latest by 8: 30 AM on Monday 11th November. The Retreat will start at 9: 15 AM on 11th November, 2019.

All the priests engaged in Pastoral Ministry are expected to make the Retreat. If any priest is unable to do so he should obtain permission from the Bishop.

We will provide transport by bus from the Bishop's House, Kadapa to the Pastoral Center, Kurnool and back. The Bus will leave from the Bishop's House at 4:00 PM on Sunday 10th November and the return journey will start at 2:00 PM on Friday 15th November. **We request the Deans to find out from the priests of their deaneries and give us the number of those requiring Bus Transport by Monday 4th November.** It will help us to know the exact number of those travelling by Bus so that we can make arrangements accordingly.

The Preacher of the Retreat is **Rev.Fr. Stanley, SJ** from Delhi. We are expected to make use of the time for personal renewal in priestly life and ministry. Hence, let us keep up silence and create a congenial atmosphere for spiritual reflection and prayer. Kindly bring your bravery and Holy Bible.

The other arrangements regarding the retreat will be communicated to you later on by Rev.Fr. Saginala Paul Prakash, the Chancellor.

Please Note that there will not be any accommodation or meals for drivers of the Priests.

3. Late Bishop S.A. Aruliah's Birthday:

16th 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. May his soul rest in peace.

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 departed souls of their beloved one.

5. New Appointment:

Rev.Fr.N. Arun is appointed as the Parish Priest of Mandanapalli. Wishing you every success and God's blessings at Mandanapalli Parish.

6. Heartfelt Condolences:

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the Members of Congregation of the Society of St. Eugene De Mazenod(SDM) at the loss of Rev. Fr. Gerard Francis, OMI, the Founder and Director General of SDM on 17th of October 2019. May the Lord grant him eternal rest.



**A Brief Report on the *Ad Limina* Visit of Our Bishop's
From 10- 19 September 2019**

The Ad Limina Visit of the Bishops of Andhra and Telangana regions took place this year from 10th – 19th September nearly after 8 years. 55 Latin Bishops from the Ecclesiastical Regions of Tamilnadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala took part in this visit. The Bishops had the opportunity to meet and discuss with various dycasteries in the Vatican on their respective affairs and express the concerns of the particular local churches.

On the 17th of September 2019, the 55 Bishops met the Holy Father in an audience which lasted for nearly 2 hours. Archbishop George Antonysamy presented to the Holy Father the various pastoral concerns and challenges of our Dioceses on behalf of all the member bishops present for the audience. In response to his presentation, the Holy Father also invited the floor for a free and open discussion with him.

A few bishops registered their appreciation to his Petrine ministry and presented their pastoral concerns and challenges to the Holy Father. The Holy Father with paternal concern and care responded to all the queries raised by the bishops present for the audience. At the end, the Holy Father thanked the bishops who were present for the Ad Limina Visit and assured of his love, prayers and apostolic blessing to all the clergy, religious and the faithful in the respective dioceses. The Audience came to an end with the recitation of the Angelus, followed by a short moment of farewell individually from the bishops present for the visit.

**(+Most Rev. Gali Bali)
Apostolic Administrator**

ENGAGEMENTS**November 2019**

- 2nd Saturday 7:30 A.M : Holy Mass for Deceased Priests of the Diocese at Priests' Cemetery, Bishop's House, Mariapuram.
- 5:00P.M : Holy Mass at Cemetery of St. Mary's Cathedral, Mariapuram.
- 3rd Sunday A.M. : Holy Mass for concluding Extraordinary Mission Month at Proddattur
- 7th & 8th : Not Available
- 10th – 15th : Clergy Annual Retreat at Jeevasudha Pastoral Center, Kurnool.
- 17th Sunday A.M : Holy Mass for Children of St. Joseph's Boys Boarding & Fr. Crumblish Girls Boarding, Kadapa
- 20th Wednesday : Not Available
- 21st Thursday A.M. : Blessing of Formation House of Arogyamatha Sisters at Kuppam
- 22nd Friday : Not Available
- 23rd Saturday AM : Silver Jubilee of CMC Sisters Convent at Amagampalli
- 24th Sunday : Bishop travels to Guntur

December 2019

- 1st Sunday : Return of Bishop to Kadapa
- 3rd Tuesday A.M : Diaconate Ordination of Bro.Kaipu Balachandra in the Bishop's House Chapel, Kadapa
- 6th Friday : Not Available
- 8th Sunday A.M. : Holy Mass at Arputhamatha Shrine, Renigunta

**PASTORAL DIARY OF OUR
APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

On 7th October 2019 His Lordship Celebrated the Feast day Mass of Our Lady of Rosary at Porumamilla. His Excellency preached that the recitation of the Rosary, we meditate on the saving mysteries of our Lord's life and the faithful witness of our Blessed Mother. Journeying through the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary, we bring to mind our Lord's Incarnation, His public ministry, His passion and death, and His Resurrection from the dead. Hence, we as modern-day Catholic Christians need to pray the Rosary and live the Rosary. He appreciated Rev.Fr. G.Vijaya Rao, the Dean and Parish Priest, Assistants: Rev.Fr.P.Ravi and Rev.Fr.K.Prabhu Kumar, JMJ Sisters and Charity Sisters and the faithful.

On 13th October 2019 His Lordship consecrated the New Altar in the Holy Mass at Vempalli. His Excellency administrated the sacrament of Baptism. He appreciated Rev.Fr.Pasala Dharmendra the Parish Priest, CMC Sisters and the faithful for their active participation.

On 20th October 2019 His Lordship celebrated the Mission Sunday Holy Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Mariapuram. He explained about the Extraordinary Mission Month and its purpose. His Excellency encouraged the faithful to be generous of their donations. He appreciated and thanked Rev.Fr. Sagili Prakash, the Parish Priest, Assist Rev.Fr. G. Suresh, Sisters and faithful for their hard work to make this event a successful.

On 28th October 2019 His Lordship Celebrated Golden Jubilee Mass at JMJ Nirmala School at Masapet together with Most Rev.M.D.Prakasam, the Bishop of Nellore and Most Rev. Poola Antony, the Bishop of Kurnool. His Excellency inaugurated the newly built Auditorium. He appreciated the Superior of the Community of JMJ Sisters for their systematic organization. He also appreciated Rev.Fr. Saginala Paul Prakash, the Chancellor and Parish Priest of Masapet for his active role in the Holy Mass for the meaningful celebration.

On 29th October 2019 His Lordship attended the Public Function for the Celebration of Golden Jubilee at JMJ Nirmala School at Masapet. He gave

a beautiful message to the students to aim high to reach their goal and ambitions in their lives. His Lordship congratulated the staff and students for their hard work for the success of the event.

On 31st October 2019 His Excellency Celebrated the Holy Mass at Porumamilla on the Occasion of JMJ Founders Day i.e. Fr. Mathias Wolf, SJ. He preached about the life of the founder, who dedicated his whole life for the Mission of Christ. We too must follow in his footsteps to be heralds. His Excellency appreciated JMJ Sisters for their hard work for the fruitful celebration.

NEWS FROM MPSSS

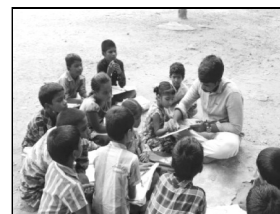
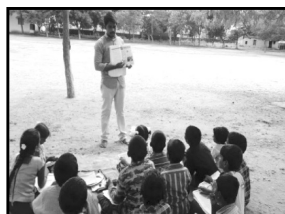
Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers

Greetings and wishes to you in the name of Jesus from Fr. Arogya Raj, the Executive Director of MPSSS. **I together with the team of MPSSS thank you for your collaboration and support.**

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019

TUITION CLASSES FOR THE CHILDREN

Name of the Program : Evening Tuition Classes
Date : 1st October 2019
Place : B. Mattam Parish
Beneficiaries : Children
Organized by : MPSSS and Parish Priest



NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHT

Name of the Program : Meeting with NGOs
 Date : 4th 5th October 2019
 Place : Collector Office
 Participants : All the NGOs of Kadapa District
 Organized by : AP State Commission for Protection of
 Child Rights

**MEDICAL CAMP AT BADVEL TM SCHOOL**

Name of the Program : Medical Camp for the Children
 Date : 9th October 2019
 Place : RCM School - Badvel
 Organized by : MPSSS and School Correspondent

**CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING TO THE COORDINATORS**

Name of the Program : Staff Capacity building Training
 Date : 19th October 2019
 Place : Nandipalli
 Participants : All the coordinators of the program
 Organized by : MPSSS



VITAMIN A SUPPLEMENTS AND DEWORMING TABLETS FOR CHILDREN

Name of the Program : Vitamin A supplements and deworming tablets for children

Date : 21st October 2019

Place : Proddature Slums

Organized by : MPSSS and **Vitamin Angels**



TEAM: TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVE MORE

I together with the staff take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for giving us this opportunity to implement these developmental activities in different parishes and also we appreciate the cooperation of the priests, the sisters, the animators and above all the people. We remain ever grateful to all the benefactors who support our good work for the welfare of the people. We extend an open invitation to all the priests, sisters involved in the ministry of social service to come to the office with the needs of your parish and institutions so that we could plan the activities that really benefit the poor in our care.

FR.L.AROGYARAJ MSW

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR-MPSSS

TCBC COMMISSION FOR YOUTH

TELUGU CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT (TCYM-ICYM Unit)

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October 26, 2019

Your Grace/Excellency,**Sub:** TCBC Youth Commission organizes Regional Executive Committee Elections and Regional Youth Cultural Competitions: - Reg.

Greetings and wishes to you from Most Rev. Dr. Jaya Rao Polimera, Bishop of Eluru & the Chairman for Youth Commission, TCBC.

The present Regional Executive Committee tenure is getting over in the Month of January 2020. The Regional Executive Committee elections are going to be held on 30th November and 1st December 2019 at JAISAL, Vijayarai, Diocese of Eluru. I do appreciate if you could send your youth to participate in Regional elections. Kindly advice your Diocesan Youth Secretary to pay attention towards the upcoming elections as well as the Regional Youth Cultural Competitions.

The Details are as following:**Theme:** "I am the Servant of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk. 1: 38).**Venue:** JAISAL, Vijayarai, Diocese of Eluru.**Date:** 30th November and 1st December 2019.**Cultural Competitions:** Group Dance, Group Singing, Solo Singing, and Elocution.

Looking forward to see your Youth in Regional Elections and Cultural Competitions!

With kind regards,

† Jaya Rao Polimera, D.D.

Bishop of Eluru &
Chairman, Youth Commission, TCBC

- CC to:**
1. Fr. Sagili Praveen Kumar, Regional Youth Secretary, Youth Commission, TCBC.
 2. Fr. John Richard, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Archdiocese of Hyderabad.
 3. Fr. Ch. Mariadas, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Archdiocese of Vishakhapatnam.
 4. Fr. Parise David Raj, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Eluru.
 5. Fr. G. Manohar, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Kadapa.
 6. Fr. Thudum Vijay, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Khammam.
 7. Fr. E. Bala Raj, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Kurnool.
 8. Fr. B. Raju, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Nalgonda.
 9. Fr. Madhichetti Anthony, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Nellore.
 10. Fr. Ch. Jacob, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Srikakulam.
 11. Fr. Chilukoti John Babu, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Vijayawada.
 12. Fr. Gopu Thomas, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Warangal.
 13. Fr. Mahesh, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Adilabad.
 14. Fr. Ch. Abraham, Diocesan Youth Secretary, Diocese of Guntur.

TCBC Diocesan Centres : Adilabad, Eluru, Guntur, Hyderabad, Kadapa, Khammam, Kurnool, Medak, Nalgonda, Nellore, Srikakulam, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Warangal



DICASTERIUM PRO LAICIS, FAMILIA ET VITA

Prot. No. 2019/776

CERTIFICATE

The Department for the Laity, the Family and Life certifies that the General Directorate of the Promoting Group of the Movement for a Better World - International Association of the faithful recognized by Decree of this Dicastery of the Holy See of December 14, 1988 - elected on the occasion of the XVI Cenacle Pastoral care of the association, on September 13, 2019, is as follows:

Don Pablo Radl Nassif - General Manager
Don Prasad Rao Maddela – Vice General Director
Ms. Maria del Mar - Manteca Cano Member
Don Ignacio Gonzalez - Llopis Member
Carlos Antonio SolA - Fonseca Member

In addition, it notifies that on September 14, 2019, the position of Legal Representative for civil purposes, pursuant to art. 9, fifth paragraph, lett. c) of the current Statute of the aforementioned Association, was conferred, for a second term, to Dr. Silvano Santarelli.

In faith,

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P. Alexandre Awi Mello, I.Sch Secretary

Vatican City, 14 October 2019

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DALIT LIBERATION SUNDAY**(10th November 2019)****Resist Caste: “If one suffers all suffer together”. (1Cor 12/26)**

Introducing the reflection:

In the subcontinent of India of great antiquity credited with knowledge and great strides in thinking and flowering of arts and cultures, there live a section of its people who were forcefully and deliberately excluded from all these and are still on the very fringe. Excluded from all the activities of the society for centuries, condemned as polluting, but used as beasts of burden exclusively in menial tasks, they survived years of rejection and devalued existence, not as part of the society but outside the normal society. They were not entitled to engage in any profession of the so called upper castes. They had no space in the normal society.

‘Depressed classes’ was the title given to them by colonial administration. Gandhi called them ‘harijans’ (children of God) a title rejected by them, because it is humiliating due to the convention of ‘devadasi’ sampradaya. Mere change of name without treating the disease was found to be insult and insincerity by the Dalits.

A sizable number from among the Dalits walked out and joined some in Buddhism some in Islam and others in Christianity. But the evil caste practice had to be carried along to these new homes. Today there is caste practice in Christianity, in Islam, in Buddhism and in Sikhism. A recent study by justice Ranganath Commission offers a new solution: namely, separate caste from religion and then the benefits of affirmative action assured by the Constitution can be availed by sects concerned. But the tragedy is that the Indian society by and large is not prepared to reconsider the tradition and practice. Neither does Indian State admit existence of caste practice in the country at forums outside the country.

Relentless efforts in different forms have been going on to eradicate this evil practice from the society in general and from the church in particular. As believing and faith based community the church has already began prayers for this cause, trusting in the Providence and mercy of God who listens to the prayers of his children and rescues them from sufferings. **(Exo 3/9 the cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how**

harshly the Egyptians abuse them). Our cry is heard and a day of prayer is allotted, which is called “Dalit liberation Sunday”.

Dalit liberation Sunday is celebrated every year since 2007 by CBCI in collaboration with the Reformative churches (National Council of Churches in India-NCCI) FROM 2017 onwards with the approval of the CBCI standing committee; we celebrate it on the second Sunday of November. This year we celebrate the Dalit Liberation Sunday on 10th November 2019 with the theme “if one suffers all suffer together” (1 Cor 12/26).

The celebration of Dalit Liberation Sunday is a clarion call to the whole Christian community to renew our faith, and to awaken our consciousness to be the voice of the voiceless and to stand with the vulnerable Dalits in the society. We are united in the same spirit of God to love and treat others with brotherly and sisterly concern. Our constitution gives us the freedom to profess to practice and to propagate one’s religion. But in reality our Dalit sisters and brothers are denied the Scheduled Castes rights just because they convert to Christianity thus denying their religious freedom.

Our Dalit brethren are not only economically poor but politically powerless and socially outcastes. The man-made caste system which remains a social stigma throughout generations has divided us, that we are not able to feel and experience the real presence of God in our lives. God the father created us to be His loving children and to become Christ - like. But in reality we remain strangers to God by discriminating our own fellow members of the mystical body of Christ. The Dalit Christians not only experience discrimination within the Church but also by the State and the society. The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India (CBCI) continues to take necessary steps to eradicate the caste based discrimination that exists in the Church. In this regard a policy for empowering Dalits was released in December 2016 which declares that ‘*Caste discrimination is a grave social sin*’

Dalit Liberation Sunday is an opportunity to give hope, to empower and to uplift the lives of our Dalit brethren. The narrations of Prophet Elijah who was sent to the widow who was starving and the widow whom Jesus praises for her generosity give us the hope that God is on the side of the poor and the marginalized. Let us come together to take part in creating a peaceful and harmonious society to live, love and share together.

On this Dalit Liberation Sunday, let us be united in love to understand the sufferings of the Dalit brethren and show our solidarity. In a special way let’s

pray especially for the Dalit Christians that justice may be done to them by including them in the Scheduled Caste list.

Penitential Rite:

- For the moments we failed to care for the needs of the Dalit sisters and brothers, Lord have mercy.
- For the moments we failed to treat everyone as God's image and likeness, Christ has mercy.
- For the moments we discriminated others in the name of Caste and looked down others, especially the Dalits, Lord have mercy

Opening Prayer:

Ist. Reading: Exodus 3/7-12

2nd Reading: 1stCor12/12-26

Gospel: Lk 4/16-21.

Homily: The homily is taken from the homily of St. John Paul 2nd preached at the mass in Indira Gandhi stadium, New Delhi on 2nd Feb 1986.

You are the body of Christ and individually members of it, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12/26). It is the Church's obligation to work unceasingly to change heart, helping all people to see every human being as child of God, a brother or sister of Christ, and therefore a member of our own family.

We cannot hope to spread this spirit of unity among our brothers and sisters without genuine solidarity among peoples. Like so many places in the world, India is beset by numerous social problems. In some ways, these challenges are exacerbated because of the unequal system of caste division which denies the human dignity of entire groups of people. In this regard, I repeat what I said during my first pastoral visit to your country. "Ignorance and prejudice must be replaced by tolerance and understanding. Indifference and class struggle must be turned into brotherhood and committed service. Discrimination based on race, colour, creed, sex or ethnic origin must be rejected as totally incompatible with human dignity.

I commend the many initiatives that have been implemented by Bishops' Conference and individual churches to fight this injustice. At all times, you must continue to make certain that special attention is given to those belonging to the lowest castes, especially the Dalit. They should never be segregated

from other members of society and church. Any semblance of caste-based prejudice in relations between Christians is a countersign to authentic human, a threat to genuine spirituality and a serious hindrance to the church's mission of evangelization. Therefore, customs or traditions that perpetuate or reinforce caste division should be sensitively reformed so that they may become an expression of solidarity of the whole Christian community. As the Apostle Paul teaches us "If one member suffers, all suffer together"(1Cor 12/26). It is the church's obligation to work unceasingly to change hearts, helping all people to see every human being as a child of God, a brother or sister of Christ, and therefore a member of our own family.

Intercessory Prayers.

To the assembled faithful in the Synagogue you declared with authority that you were authorized by the Father to bring Good News to all, especially to those in multiple forms of captivity. Send down upon your people your spirit to set free those held captive by the beneficiaries, promoters and practitioners of social and economic enslavement. Strike down with your divine power to the practice of in equal practice of caste that excludes God's people from the human community, an anti-human practice that is offensive to your divine plan and degrades your children created in your image and likeness.

Lord set free your people from the bondage of caste practice

Lord, by the touch of your hand the closed eyes of the blind were opened and began to see the marvels of your creation and began to praise and thank you. Millions of our brothers and sisters do not see with their internal eyes the malice and enormity of the sin of caste practice. Rid your church in India, the body of your Beloved Son, nourished by the sacraments, of the evil practice of caste discrimination in the Christian community, so that with the power of practice of truth the Church can help the civil society in its effort to do away with the discriminatory practice.

Lord set..

Lord when the anguish and laments of your people, oppressed and crushed by the task masters in Egypt, reached you, you had compassion on them and send Moses your servant to liberate them. Strengthen the hands and tongues of your servants in India involved in the arduous task of liberating our Dalit brothers and sisters from the many social disabilities and

discriminatory practices. May every one enjoy the true liberty and freedom of the children of the same 'Father in Heaven'

Lord set..

Lord, Israel was taught by your servants the prophets to repent and return to the Covbenantal laws so that your people may be freed of every line of oppression, and enjoys the peace freedom prosperity of the Year of the Lord when everything will be in right order. Rid the Christian community of every form discriminatory practices, especially the social evil of caste among the baptized, so that the Proclamation of the Good News may be authenticated and its growth nourished by the testimony of praxis.

Priest: Merciful Father, Your universal love has special place for the marginalized and the downtrodden in the society. May your loving mercy touch the heart of each one of us to love all equally. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of Perseverance in our struggle for Equal Rights for the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims (It could be said after the communion)

God our loving Father! We thank you for having created us in your own image and likeness.

We pray for the people, who are made untouchables by the society, denied their socio economic and political rights and human dignity. We thank you for all the developmental works done by the Church for their freedom, dignity and excellence and may this progressive work of the Church be continued.

We pray for the removal of the unjust and infamous Constitution Scheduled Caste Order 1950 para 3 which says that "No person who professes a religion other than Hinduism shall be deemed to be a member of the Scheduled Caste," which was later amended to include Sikhs and Buddhists in the Scheduled Caste net, thus denying the religious freedom and reservations to the Dalits in education, employment, electoral constituencies, legal protection and special economic packages.

Almighty God! Be our strength in this longest struggle in getting justice which has been denied from 1950 and to be the prophetic voice of the voiceless section of our society. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Liberator. Amen

Post Communion Prayers

Communion Prayer:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ your salvific words proclaimed in the assembly of worshippers have illumined our minds and strengthened our will. And by the reception of the Body and Blood of your Son in the sacramental form you have nourished our lives. May all your children experience the liberative power of the Good News and the enlivening power of the sacraments and become creative agents of change in the society. May the people of our country be rid of the evil of social exclusion. Strengthened by your word and the sacrament may be helped to unceasingly fight against the practice of caste in the society, especially in the Church your Body. Bless our resolve to serve our brothers and sisters who are victims of the evil of caste practice, so that your household may shine as model and inspiration for all. This grace we ask of you in Christ's name. Amen.

Final Blessing

Priest: Let us go forth and proclaim the Good News of love and justice!

Suggested Action plan:

- Kindly celebrate the liturgy on the theme given and preach on the issues of the Dalits especially the issues of the Dalit Christians and the responsibility of the whole Christian community to address these issues.
- Make effective measures to implement the CBCI Dalit Empowerment policy of the Catholic Church.
- Group discussions and meetings can be held by the Faith sharing groups, youth groups and other organisations of the parishes and institutions to conscientize the Dalits and to sensitize the Christian community on the issues of the Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims and the Dalit policy.
- Cultural programs can be organised to high light the cultural richness of the Dalits.
- Rallies, meetings can be conducted and memoranda can be sent to the Prime Minister and the President of India.
- Special competitions can be held for the children and youth to bring out their talents and to bring out the issues of the Dalit Christians.

In the catechism class the children can make pledge to do away with the practices of untouchability.

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12th October 2019

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE HEIRARCHY

SUBJECT: Sad demise of Most Rev. Dominic Jala, SDB, Archbishop of Shillong

In the light of the Communication received from the Office of the Vicar General, Diocese of Oakland, California, USA and with a deep sense of shock, sadness and immense grief, I inform you of the passing away of Archbishop Dominic Jala, SDB, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Shillong, Meghalaya on 10th October 2019.

Archbishop Dominic Jala died in a fatal car crash with a semi-truck in Colusa County. Along with him were two priests. Fr Matthew Vellankal, Pastor of St Bonaventure Church also passed away in the accident while Fr Joseph Parekkatt who was injured but is now in a stable condition in the hospital.

Archbishop Dominic Jala, SDB was born in Mawlai, Meghalaya on 12th July 1951 and was ordained a priest on 19th November 1977. He was the provincial of the Salesians of Don Bosco, Guwahati province before he was appointed the archbishop of Shillong. He was appointed Archbishop on 22nd December 1999 and consecrated Archbishop on 2nd April 2000. From 15th October 2016 he was appointed as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Nongstoin. He was also the Chairman of the North East India Regional Bishops' Council. He was a priest for 42 years and a Bishop for 19 years.

The funeral details are awaited. We pray that God may grant their souls eternal rest. We also pray for the priests, religious (specially the Salesian Community) and the faithful of the Archdiocese of Shillong that God may grant them strength, solace and comfort in their time of pain, suffering and mourning.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Jervis D'Souza,

Deputy Secretary General, CBCI

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15th October, 2019

TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE HIERARCHY

Sub: Sad demise of Most Rev. Antony Devotta, Bishop Emeritus of Tiruchirappalli.

Your Eminence, Your Beatitude, Your Excellency, Your Grace, Your Lordship,
It is with deep sadness and sorrow we inform you of the passing away of our beloved Bishop Antony Devotta, Bishop Emeritus of Tiruchirappalli, today, 15th October, 2019.

The funeral mass will be at 10.00 a.m. tomorrow, 16th October, 2019, at the Cathedral of Trichy.

Bishop Antony Devotta was born on 30th June, 1943 and was ordained Priest on 27th August, 1971. He was appointed Bishop of Tiruchirappalli on 16th November, 2000 and was ordained Bishop on 28th January, 2001. He retired from the pastoral governance of the Diocese of Tiruchirappalli on 14th July, 2018. He was a Priest for 48 years and a Bishop for 18 years.

Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord and may the light of your face shine upon him.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Jervis D'Souza,

Deputy Secretary General, CBCI



1. Pope Francis' Journey to Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius:

Vatican 10 September 2019: Pope Francis made his 31st Apostolic Journey to Mozambique, Madagascar and Mauritius from 4 to 10 September, 2019. Holy Father arrived Maputo the Capital of Mozambique on Wednesday 4 September, 2019 and accorded with official welcome ceremony at the airport. On Thursday 5 September, 2019 he made courtesy visit to the President Mr. Filipe Nyusi at the “Ponta Vermelha” Palace and met the authorities, civil society and the diplomatic corps at the Palace. The same day Pope attended interreligious meeting with the youth at the Maxaquene Pavillon. He met the bishops, priests, religious, consecrated and seminarians, catechists and animators at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Maputo.

On Friday, 6 September 2019 Pope Made visit to Zimpeto Hospital and celebrated Holy Mass at Zimpeto Stadium. The same day he left to Madagascar and he arrived Antananarivo the capital of Madagascar. On Saturday, 7 September 2019 he made visit to the President at “lavoloha” Presidential Palace and met Mr.Andry Nirina Rajoelina, President of Madagascar. Pope participated prayer at the Monastery of the Discalced Carmelites and met the Bishops of Madagascar at the Andohalo Cathedral. He paid visit to the tomb of the Blessed Victoire Rasoamanarivo.

On Sunday, 8 September 2019 Pope celebrated Holy Mass on the diocesan grounds of Soamandrakizay, Antanarivo. He made visit to the City of Friendship at Akamasoa and met priests, religious, consecrated and seminarians at the College saint Michel. On Monday, 9 September 2019 he arrived Port Louis, the capital of Mauritius. He celebrated Holy Mass at the Monument of Mary Queen of Peace and lunch with the Bishops of CEDOI at the Bishop's House. Pope made a private visit to Pere Laval Shrine, Port Luis. Pope made courtesy visit to the President Mr Barlen Vyapoory at the Presidential Palace.

2. Pope's Letter to Priests: Thank you for your service:

Vatican City 4 August 2019: Pope Francis wants to express his gratitude to the priests who work “in the trenches”, to encourage them in joy and to praise the Lord with Mary. A Letter to “thank” all the priests of the world for having said yes to vocation; to “praise “ with Mary, the “promise of fullness “ that arose in their lives. These are the explicit reasons – with relative

paragraphs- behind the Letter that Pope Francis issued today, the memorial of Saint John Mary Vianney, on the occasion of the 169th anniversary of the death of the saintly Cure of Ars, “proposed by Pius XI as the patron of all priests of the world”.

The Pope wants to comfort all the priests who work “in the trenches”, carry “the burden of day and heat on their shoulders”, are “exposed to countless situations” and above all, after the various allegations of sexual abuse by members of the clergy, ‘our priests feel themselves attacked and blamed for crimes they did not commit.’ Because of this, the Letter, the paragraphs on “Gratitude”, “Encouragement”, and “Praise” are preceded by one on “Pain”: the pain of “victims of abuse of power, conscience and sexual abuse by ordained ministers”, but also on the part of the priests, of “indignation”, and “impotence”, because of the suspicion that also hovers over them, which can generate “doubts, fears and disheartenment”.

3. Pope’s Condolence for India’s Flood victims:

Vatican 12 August 2019 (Vatican News): Pope Francis has expressed his condolence for the victims of the floods and mudslides in southern India following days of torrential monsoon rains. At least 184 people have been killed and more than 400,000 displaced. “Deeply saddened to learn of the tragic loss of life in the monsoons of recent days in Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat, and mindful of all those who have lost homes and livelihood, His Holiness Pope Francis sends his heartfelt condolences to the relatives of the deceased and injured,” Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, wrote in a telegram on behalf of Pope Francis. The Pope “prays for the relief efforts underway, and upon the nation, he willingly invokes the divine blessings of strength and perseverance,” Cardinal Parolin wrote. The situation in Kerala is the worst where the death toll has risen to 76 and about 288,000 have been affected. In Karnataka the death toll has reached 40 and some 582,000 have been evacuated to safer grounds.

4. CHINA: Bishop Ordained under Sino- Holy See Agreement

Vatican 28 August 2019 (Vatican News): The Vatican on Wednesday confirmed the second Episcopal consecration in China under last year’s Provisional Agreement between the Holy See and China. Monsignor Stefano Xu Hongwei was consecrated bishop on 28 August under the Pontifical Mandate. The Provisional Agreement between the Holy See and the People’s

Republic of China, on the appointment of bishops in China, was signed in Beijing on 22 September 2018.

The consecration ceremony of Bishop Xu in the Cathedral of St. Michael in Hanzhong was presided over by Bishop Ma Yinglin of Kunming (Yunnan), the president of the Council of Chinese bishops, Asia News reported. Five other bishops and 80 priests concelebrated the Mass in the presence of around a thousand people. The Diocese of Hanzhong is an old mission of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIME). It has about 30 thousand faithful, served by 30 priests and 11 women religious with 20 thousand faithful

The First Bishop ordained after agreement with the Holy See was Mgr. Antonio Yao Shun, who has been ordained the Bishop after the Agreement with the Holy See as the Bishop of Jining/ wulanchabu, Inner Mongolia(China). He was ordained after received the Papal Mandate on 26th August 2019.”

5. PHILIPPINES: Bishops issue Pastoral Letter on “Climate Emergency”:

Manila 16 July 2019 (Vatican News): The Catholic bishops of the Philippines have released a major pastoral letter on “climate emergency”, urging their communities to ecological conversion, listen to the cry of the Earth and the poor and act together to mitigate the ill effects of climate change. Signed by Archbishop Romulo Valles of Davao, the president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), the pastoral letter, entitled “An urgent call for ecological conversion, hope in the face of climate emergency”, was released on Tuesday. The 9-page document is divided into eight sections, with the first half offering a reflection on the state of the environment, followed by concrete ecological actions. The July 16 pastoral letter is the 8th in a series of environment-related documents that the bishops have released over the past 3 decades, since the publication of the first one in 1988 entitled, “What is Happening to Our Beautiful Land?”

Noting that poverty and environmental degradation are continuing to destroy “Our Common Home” the bishops stress that the cries of the earth and the poor are calling for social justice. “Our preferential option for the poor pushes us to prioritize the most affected ‘poorest of the poor’ who cry to God for justice. It is our moral obligation to respond to their suffering,” the CBCP

says. “Given the high rate of poverty in the Philippines, the need to manage the environment is paramount. Poverty and environmental degradation mutually reinforce each other,” it says. Pope Francis, in his 2015 encyclical “Laudato Si’”, firmly pronounced that climate change is a threat to the world’s poor. The bishops pastoral letter follows their July 6-8 plenary assembly in Manila, which sought to find practical ways to implement the Pope’s call in “Laudato Si’” in the Philippine context. The Vatican had earlier asked Philippine Church leaders about what they have done in response to the challenge set by the pope’s encyclical. The letter outlines the issues facing the country, among them irresponsible mining, the building of dams, and the growing dependence on fossil fuel-based energy, such as coal. Several studies have shown that the Philippines is one of the most vulnerable to climate change. “We must activate climate action on behalf of the voiceless people and the planet,” the bishops say.

6. PHILIPPINES: New College for Interreligious Dialogue Inaugurated:

Zamboanga 9 September 2019 (Agenzia Fides): The “Silsilah” movement for dialogue has launched a new educational institute in the city of Zamboanga, Philippines: the Emmaus College for Theology, which offers a Bachelor’s degree in Theology, with specialization in interreligious dialogue. This is what Fr. Sebastiano D’Ambra, PIME missionary, and founder of Silsilah reported to Fides News Agency, expressing “the joy, satisfaction and the hope that this spirit can infect more and more young Christians and Muslims in the Philippines”. The new College obtained permission to operate from the “Commission for Higher Education” in the Philippines and will start lessons in August 2020, just as the new academic year 2019-2020 will coincide with the special “Year of interreligious dialogue, of ecumenism and of indigenous peoples”, proclaimed by the Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines, which will begin with the Feast of Christ the King, on November 24, 2019.

In fact, the Catholic Church in the Philippines will pay particular attention to interreligious dialogue, ecumenism and indigenous peoples in preparation for 2021, when Christians in the Philippines will recall the 500th anniversary

of the arrival of Christianity in the archipelago. Over the years, the Silsilah Movement has, in particular, helped a group of Catholic teachers to launch first the “Emmaus Community” composed of consecrated laymen and then extended to married people, singles, priests, nuns, seminarians, who formed the Movement for the “Emmaus” Dialogue, active in Mindanao. “In the context of this initiative,” said – explained D’Ambra, “Emmaus College of Theology responds to the need to train a new generation of Catholics willing to embrace any form of vocation in the Church: consecrated laity, religious, priests, married and single, but all with the desire to discover their vocation in life to serve the Church and society. “The College will be a place to train young people, men, and women, to be open to interreligious dialogue by living and promoting the culture of dialogue. The life of prayer and service to the poor will nourish their formation with adequate programs of immersion and services in parishes and other institutions,” adds the PIME Missionary.

Dear Priests and Sisters,

The Asah Jyothi Society for Women Empowerment and Child Welfare, owned by the Society of Christu Jyothi Sisters is taking up the project DDU-GKY a Central Government programme in our Social Service Centre at Mariapuram. This programme includes Tailoring, Basic Computer, and Spoken English for 3 months. At the completion of the course the trainees will be given certificates. It’s a residential programme free of cost.

Eligibility: Age between 18 - 30 years.

Educational qualification: 5th standard and above.

The programme commences on December 1st 2019, and gets completed by February 2020.

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BIRTHDAYS :
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FATHERS

04. Rev.Fr. Talari Ravindranath Jose
12. Rev. Fr. A. Ramesh Babu
18. Rev.Fr. A. Stanislaus
25. Rev.Fr. Godugunuru Vijaya Rao
26. Rev.Fr. Nagipogu Balachandra
26. Rev. Fr. Jampangi Ravi Raj
28. Rev.Fr. Saginala Paul Prakash
29. Rev.Fr. Kandichetla David



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY:
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU DEAR FATHER

18. Rev.Fr. A. Rajesh
18. Rev.Fr. J. Ravi Raj
18. Rev.Fr. M. Vara Prasad
18. Rev.Fr. G. Prashanth

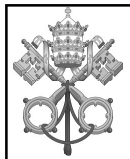
OBITUARY: MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

21st November Rev.Fr.R.Joseph

THE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OF OUR BELOVED BISHOP AND PRIESTS

S. No	Name	Died on
1.	Most. Rev. S.A. Arulaiah (First Bishop of Cuddapah)	31-07-2003
2.	Rev. Fr. Francis Crumblish MHM (Founder of Mariapuram)	12-06-1969
3.	Rev. Fr. C.V. Thomas	10-04-1980
4.	Rev. Fr. George Adhikaram	25-09-1984
5.	Rev. Fr. Alphonse Antony	10-12-1984
6.	Rev. Fr. R. Joseph	21-11-1987
7.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Pellany	29-05-1989
8.	Rev. Fr. C.S. Ignatius	12-02-1990
9.	Rev. Fr. Chelladurai	27-07-1997
10.	Rev. Fr. Paul Chiramal	10-07-1999
11.	Rev. Fr. N. Rayappa	27-01-2003
12.	Rev. Fr. Y. J. Francis	29-01-2003
13.	Rev. Fr. V. Alexius	06-04-2003
14.	Rev. Fr. Augustine Nadayam	19-02-2005
15.	Rev. Fr. John Antheenat	10-07-2006
16.	Rev. Fr. John Ottaveedu	21-08-2006
17.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Thazhath	24-06-2006
18.	Rev. Fr. G. Alphonse	02-01-2007
19.	Rev. Fr. Nusi Joseph	15-10-2010
20.	Rev. Fr. Jacob Nadayam	23-04-2011
21.	Rev. Fr. Rathnaswamy	07-03-2011
22.	Rev. Fr. A. P. Sebastian	16-12-2011
23.	Rev. Fr. John Vazhayil	21-03-2012
24.	Rev. Fr. Thomas Kottaram	12-04-2013
25.	Rev. Fr. K. Clement	04-01-2014
26.	Rev. Fr. Mathew Manikompel	28-04-2015
27.	Rev. Fr. B. Prathap Kumar	11-04-2016
28.	Rev. Fr. P. Clement	31-03-2017
29.	Rev. Fr. C. Chinnappa Reddy	23-09-2017

30. Rev. Fr. A.T. Lazar	14-10-2017
31. Rev.Fr. K. Godfrey	31-01-2018
32. Rev.Fr. V.T. Mathew	22-05-2019
33. Rev.Fr. S. Daniel Dhanaraj	06-07-2019



HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION:

Evangelization: that the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH: HAPPY FEAST TO YOU ALL

01. All Saints, Solemnity
02. All Souls Day
03. 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time: Dalit Liberation Sunday
04. St. Charles Borromeo
09. Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Feast
10. 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
11. St. Martin of Tours
12. St. Josaphat
15. St. Albert the Great
16. St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude
17. 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time: Vocation Sunday
18. The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
21. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Feast
22. St. Cecilia
23. St. Clement I & St. Columban
24. Our Lord Jesus Christ the Universal King, Solemnity
25. St. Catherine of Alexandria
30. St. Andrew, Apostle - Feast